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## Syd Howarth Community Service Award 2021

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Left to right: Jean Rutter, Paul Howarth, Pam Lovelass, Stuart Howarth, Alison Firby, Sharon Franklin

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# Syd Howarth Community Service Award 2021

This year's Syd Howarth Community Service Award once again passed expectations with a plethora of nominations, highlighting so many wonderful Newton Aycliffe residents, who willingly give their time to help others.

Due to the amount and high calibre of nominations received, the Howarth family have decided to increase the prize pool and have added three more prizes worth £100 to each of the winners.

The main prize of £250, certificate and glass award trophy was presented to Pamela Lovelass this week at the Newton Press offices, Blue Bridge Centre.

Pam has been a resident of Newton Aycliffe since the age of 18 and has undergone many occupations including catering at Stephenson Way School, Woodham Comprehensive, St Mary's and Vane Road. Pam took early retirement in her late 40s due to illness. She has been a regular church attendee since 1968, being a Sunday School Teacher and Tawny Owl Brownie Leader.

A course in Chaplaincy at Ushaw Moor saw her placed at the very busy Metro Centre, later becoming Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Chaplain, also completing a three year Living Theology Today course in Durham Diocese.

Pam was drawn to the Nursing and Care homes and after finishing the Authorised Pastoral Ministry course, Safeguarding Courses and Wings of Worship, she began what became the ultimate gifting in visiting the care homes in Newton Aycliffe, taking communion, showing care, sharing love and kindness with the residents. As part of the church choir, Pam would often include sing-along sessions on the visits.

She was branch leader for the Mother's Union for many years watching and aiding in the growth of the organisation locally. Pam led worship on a regular basis and recently completed training to become a Funeral Minister, ministering to people at the most saddest time in their lives, showing compassion and strength, giving comfort and hope.

The winners of the £100 vouchers are Sharon Franklin (Clear & Care for the Community), Alison Firby (Play Café) and Jean Rutter (Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association).

The Howarth family would like to thank all the residents who sent in nominations, helping us to recognise those in our community who do so much for others and congratulate this year's winners.

## An Ode to Syd Howarth

Newton News received the following poem from an anonymous reader, written about our late founder, Syd Howarth.

*Today I thought about a friend, who always found time for you,  
Who helped you out, when you started something new.  
He always supported and encouraged,  
It's a blessing to call him a friend.  
He wrote the news of the day as it was,  
He was always honest and true.  
He loved the town where he lived and cared about the people too,  
He wasn't a snob or at any time rude.  
He did his job with one thing in mind,  
To help everyone he knew.  
He helped the many groups of this town,  
He always gave the best of himself.  
Today I will remember this wonderful man  
And I will honour him forever.  
I would just like to say from my heart, 'Syd, thank you'.*

Anonymous

## Bishop Auckland Civic Society

### The Annual Town Quiz is Back!

Teams of up to 6 people are invited to enter Bishop Auckland Civic Society's Annual Town Quiz in Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Monday, 6th December - 7.00pm for 7.30 prompt start.

Resident quizmaster, the enigmatic Glynn Wales, will again play host in a night of quizzing and a Grand Raffle. All profits raised on the evening will be donated to Woodhouse Close Foodbank and Community Centre.

Entry forms are available from the Town Hall. Payment of £15 per team, to be made by card only. Closing date for entries, Friday, 5th November. Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

## Bonfire Night

School Aycliffe Community Association are proud to present a Bonfire Night event on Friday 5th November 2021 at 6.30pm.

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## Film Show

The Feel Good Film at St. Clare's Church Fellowship Hall, Tuesday at 1pm, follows Welcome Café which begins at 10am with tea/coffee and toast then lunch at noon. All this is free to all, and all are most welcome.

The film on Tuesday 26th October is the 2009 drama 'Enid' which stars Helena Bonham-Carter and Matthew MacFadyen, and explores the life of Enid Blyton, one of the most famous storytellers of all time. For info please ring Ric Hargreaves on 07561 335445.



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### Live Artists

#### SHERATON BAR

Friday 22nd Oct: 'Jess Wilks'

Sunday 24th Oct: 'Angie'

Friday 29th Oct: 'Drew Chapman'

Sunday 31st Oct: 'Jenna Highfield'

#### CONCERT HALL

Saturday 23rd Oct: 'Uncle Gilbert' £2 c/c

Friday 29th Oct: 'Fiona Scott Experience'

Saturday 30th Oct: 'Abba Girls' £5 c/c

#### UPSTAIRS

Saturday 23rd Oct: 'Kris Marko'

Saturday 30th Oct: 'Michelle B'

### Forthcoming Attractions

Saturday 6th Nov: 'Whole Hog' £3 c/c

Saturday 13th Nov: 'Clair Marshall' £5 c/c

Saturday 27th Nov: 'Kick' £5 c/c

Saturday 4th Dec: '3 Steps 2 Venga' £5 c/c



# 'Boxing Clever' for Christmas

In November 2020 Rotarians in Newton Aycliffe were invited by Rotarian Pat Pickersgill to participate in a Reverse Advent Calendar/Box initiative to support families in need.

December each year sees many children/adults open a door on their Advent Calendar and take a gift. The suggestion from Rotarian Pat was that each day in November Rotarians put an item of food into a Reverse Advent Box, reverse because we are 'putting in, not taking out'. The idea was undertaken by all Rotarians, at their own expense. They also invited family and friends to take a box too.

On collection day, in early December 2020, there were well over 80 boxes of food, gifts, toiletries and chocolates. The estimated value of the food given was £3000. The food was distributed to Newton Aycliffe, Shildon and Spennymoor foodbanks. It was gratefully received. Giving the food in December meant that foodbanks were better stocked for the Christmas holidays when there is a greater demand. The project was



such a success that Rotarians, family and friends, again at their own expense, will repeat it this year.

The collection boxes are kindly supplied by Newton Press and the printing of leaflets and stickers for the boxes is done by Rotarian Brian Winwood.

Rotarian Pat invites members of our town to consider following this initiative too which is a great exercise in teaching children that it is better to give than to receive.

If you would like to help, please contact Rotary Newton Aycliffe via our Facebook page or drop off contributions on the morning of 4th December between 11am and 2pm in the car park at The Big Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe DL5 5NU. *Alone we can do a little, together we can do a lot.*

# Garden Guild Resurrection

A number of people are hoping to start up a Garden Guild for the benefit of the residents in the Great Aycliffe area. We are holding a meeting to help gauge the interest and ideas of the local community.

The meeting will be at 7.30pm at Neville Parade Community Centre on Monday 25th October, everyone is welcome.

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# Cabaret Divine

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The show will include cabaret, burlesque, comedy, singing and dancing with special guest, burlesque Caribbean queen 'Ebony Silk'

Tickets are priced at £10 each.

# New Venue

New Friends, New Places have moved to St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe starting from Thursday 28th October, 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

This group started in 2008 and our main objectives are to invite older people to come once a week to meet people with many different interests, have a welcoming cup of tea / coffee, go on coach trips to places of interest, have meals at various venues and in the hall we have armchair aerobics, line dancing and monthly entertainment, which is usually a singer and bingo.

As Christmas is drawing near we will have a special dinner at The Bay Horse, Middridge, 'Tinsel and Turkey' special. If you are not sure about meeting new people you can be picked up from your home around Newton Aycliffe and taken for the first couple of times.

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## Middridge Parish Council

**Brian Hall**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Brian Hall, a true friend and supporter of Middridge.

Pre-1982 Brian and Tommy Bennet were elected councillors on Shildon Town Council, to represent Middridge which then came within the Shildon Parish Boundary. In 1982, with the support of the then Sedgfield District Council, Middridge was encouraged to become a separate Parish. Brian became a member of the steering group along with Tommy Bennet, Anne Clark, Wally Mellors and John Watt who put forward a bid for Middridge to become a separate Parish.

This was successful, and in 1983 Middridge Parish came into being with Brian Hall being elected as one of our five Parish Councillors. He served as Chairman on three separate occasions, 1984-85, 1989-90 and 1993-94. Brian eventually decided to stand down from Middridge Parish Council to concentrate more on Great Aycliffe Town Council. During his time on Middridge Parish Council his experience made him a valued member of the team for many years.

Brian was also involved with the Middridge Village Hall Committee together with myself and other valued members of the community and it was he and his wife Thelma who freely provided the fabric and made up the curtains for the village hall windows, plus, while they had the furnishing business in Aycliffe, he could always be relied upon to provide a prize for the annual Village Fete Raffle. Middridge Parish offers its sincere condolences to the family and wish to remind our residents of the involvement he had in Middridge

## Author Responds



There is a real buzz in the air at Sugar Hill after Year 6 pupils wrote to author Barry Falls. All classes across school started the year doing art work based on his book, 'It's Your World Now'. Year 6 have been writing to the author and had an email reply...

"Wow, thank you so much for getting in touch about the amazing things you and the children at your school have been getting up to! This was a really delightful email for me to get. I'm so pleased to hear that you connected with some of the ideas in 'It's Your World Now!' - it was a very personal story that I wrote for my daughter, and to hear that it means something to you and your students is really amazing. It has been a very strange time for Primary schools (and everyone really) so I'm glad to hear that my work has in some way helped the children of Sugar Hill transition back into classroom life. I'm currently working on the finishing touches to my third book, so this is exactly the kind of positive feedback I need to remind me why it's worth all the late nights!

I would love to pay your school a visit at some stage, although I have to say that being based over here in Northern Ireland I don't often visit the north of England. In lieu of a real-life appearance I will endeavour to write back to the kids who have taken the time to write me those lovely, inspiring letters! Thanks so much again, you really have made my day!"

We then sent him a selection of photographs of our displays which Barry annotated and added to his instagram story. We have since added them to the posts on our school instagram page.

We are delighted Barry has taken time out of his busy schedule to reply to the children and we are hoping that Barry will visit us in school. We would love the opportunity to meet him. In the meantime Year 6 were thrilled and are organising a ZOOM meeting with him.

Literacy Lead Mrs McCormack commented, "Reading is such high profile at Sugar Hill and forging links with authors truly inspires our children to read and write. It's all about raising aspirations and who knows one day a Sugar Hill pupil may well have their work published and be a famous author like Barry".

## Another Evening at St. Michael's

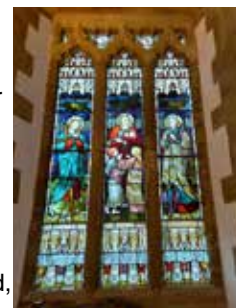
On Sunday 31st October, St. Michael's Church, Heighington will be holding another musical evening where everyone is invited to sing along in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Heighington's very own, and very talented, group of musicians (next time they might even allow photos and names, very shy they are) featuring vocals, guitars, keyboard, and drums will once again be present to guide us through some of your old favourites and some new ones too. Songs of Praise with a difference.

The evening will begin at 5pm with a glass of wine, or cup of tea/coffee, and snack food followed by the music and singing at 6pm.

If singing is not your thing, why not come along 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.

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# Swimmers Back in Action

Six Sedgefield 75 swimmers returned to the Billingham Forum pool last weekend for a competition, this time hosted by the Borough of Stockton Swim Scheme. Named the Winter Swimming Festival and was touted as the last chance to achieve qualifying times for the coming regional championships to be held in Sheffield.

It was a tough competition with almost all the North East's top clubs taking part. The action started on Friday evening with Emma Price slashing over seven seconds from her 400m freestyle personal best winning gold by over six seconds and breaking 600 FINA ranking points for the first time in the process. Saturday morning and Emma took silver in 200m freestyle, then Tom Curran and Filip Wilczynski swam 50m butterfly, Filip taking silver. Charlotte Lee swam 100m breaststroke before Filip & Tom completed 100m backstroke, this time Filip going one better taking gold and Tom improving his best time by more than a second. Last swim of the morning was Emma again with a PB and bronze in 100m individual medley. On to Saturday afternoon and Charlotte was right on her PB in 50m freestyle before Oliver Turnbull set a new 50m breaststroke best. Emma then took back-to-back 4th positions in 200m backstroke and 100m butterfly before Tom and Oliver rounded off the day with good 100m freestyle swims. Back to the pool on Sunday morning and Tom and Filip started things off with 50m backstroke, another PB for Tom and another gold for Filip. Emma took her second gold



with another big PB in 200m breaststroke and followed that up with another PB in 100m backstroke. Oliver and Filip swam the 100m individual medley next, both setting big PB's and another silver for Filip. In the last session, Emma completed the gruelling 400m individual medley with a huge 6 seconds PB earning a silver medal. Charlie McEwan then joined for 50m freestyle, also swimming that were Oliver and Tom, all 3 setting quick times. Charlotte then swam a PB in 50m breaststroke. Filip rounded off the competition with a PB and gold in 200m backstroke and silver in 100m butterfly. All swimmers again supported each other, had a great time and were a credit to the club. The next competition for the club is the first championship competition since Covid the North East region short course championships being held at the international swimming venue Ponds Forge in Sheffield, 4 swimmers having gained some qualifying times.

# Sunderland AFC Supporters

To all branch members, or anyone who would like to join the branch, we are holding our monthly meeting on **Thursday 4th November at the new time of 7.30pm in the Phoenix Club upstairs.** We then hold them every first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the branch you are welcome, membership is £6.00. For more information please contact Chair on 07368 372568.

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# Newton Aycliffe Womens FC

**NA Women 1 v East Durham Ladies 1.**  
After a decent performance last time we wanted more of the same this week. First half was an even game with both teams having opportunities to score, Aycliffe were defending well and every time the defence was breached

Courtney was there to clean up. Then the first big decision of the game, Amber got to the ball ahead of the last defender and was bearing down on goal only to be brought down outside the box, ref blew for a free kick but no card shown? Then just before half time Lottie slides in the box and catches the player and not the ball, second big decision PENALTY! Courtney stood strong, ball was fired straight down the middle and hit the bar, HT 0-0. Second half the opposition started the stronger but between the defence and keeper Newton Aycliffe Women FC were looking comfortable, then the pressure told, a speculative ball forward caught the defence on the back foot leaving their striker in behind, 0-1. Aycliffe fired straight back, a spell of constant pressure paid off, a scramble just outside the box and Katie reacted quickest, took a touch, then finished through a crowd of players into the top corner, 1-1. Final 10 minutes saw chances for both teams to win the game but Aycliffe's keeper, Courtney Wilson, made some fantastic saves to keep Aycliffe in the game, final score 1-1. Very positive from everyone which made the difference, everyone gave 100% against a good technical side that are scoring lots of goals. Well done everyone.

Player of the match today was Courtney, at least 10 saves, all from shots destined for the back of net, top form today and kept Aycliffe in the game. The women compete in the Durham League playing on a Sunday afternoon. They would welcome your support, so why not come along to the OakLeaf on Sunday 24th October, 2.00pm KO v South Moor Ladies.





## Visiting Opera Company

The children in the Infant Department at Byerley Park Primary School welcomed the English Touring Opera Company in to school on Wednesday morning where they were given a wonderful performance of 'Back into the World'. This special commission was created to respond to many of the challenges children have faced during the past year: missing friends, increased anxiety, disruptions to learning, challenges understanding emotions and isolation. The children were taken on an interactive, participatory adventure, making music together, exploring friendship, sharing, teamwork and diversity, and discovering the natural world. The story follows Lexi who comes from Exie. Life in Exie is, by all accounts, perfect but Lexi yearns for adventure. A horrible noise troubles the town of Exie. Lexi sets off on her adventure to save the town and learn more about herself and others along the way. She meets the nonsense-talking Wee-Whys, the wise and wonderful Everywhere, and learns how working together through music can save the day and turn the nasty noise into something beautiful. This is the first time that the children have experienced Opera and they were all engrossed with the performance, which was brilliant.



## Award-Winning Logistics Company Gives its Support to National Lorry Week

Transport compliance and training company, Logico, are delighted to be giving their support to National Lorry Week that takes place from the 25th-31st October. The award-winning company, based in Newton Aycliffe, provide transport compliance services such as external transport manager consulting, representations at public inquiries and driver licence checking. Logico are also the only north east based business to hold DVSA Earned Recognition Auditor status ensuring they are at the forefront of the industry within our region. Their online and classroom accredited training including transport manager CPC qualification, transport manager refresher, first aid and driver CPC courses is also proving highly popular, with the company having trained nearly 500 delegates in 2021. National Lorry Week highlights the vital and often-overlooked role that the logistics industry plays in our lives every day. This year, more than ever, is the time to showcase the huge variety of careers that logistics has to offer and to also ask people to show their appreciation for the sector, after all, nearly everything we buy or use has been moved by a lorry. Logico commercial director, Stephen Gosnay, commented, "National Lorry Week is the perfect time to champion logistics as an innovative, inclusive and sustainable industry, full of amazing opportunities. We know how enjoyable and rewarding working in the logistics sector is, however, campaigns like these are an ideal opportunity for us to share our views and promote the sector as a whole. We will be sharing news, views and much more via our social media channels throughout the week and we encourage people to get involved using the hashtag #NationalLorryWeek."



## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

We start this week at the Cheshire 10K, which took place on Saturday, 16th October 2021, and started and finished at Arley Hall, with the course taking participants around the surrounding rural roads. Albeit running in the colours of his First Claim Club, Second Claim Member Paul Rands completed the race in 43:49, setting himself a new Personal Best (PB) for the distance. As ever, parkrun proved popular with Members on Saturday morning, with 29 Members starting their weekend with a 5K run. The vast majority of Members could be found at Sedgefield parkrun, though the Club was also represented at Cotsford Fields, Hackworth, Hartlepool and York parkruns. Four Members achieved new PB's at Sedgefield parkrun. Sarah Gill completed her run in 25:10, whilst Richard Macfarlane set himself a new best of 26:55. It was great to see Junior Member Trinity Donoghue establishing a new fastest time of 29:19, and Jayne Rudd continued her recent good form, finishing in 32:06. Over at Hartlepool parkrun, Angela Sutheran improved on her previous best time, registering a new best of 22:35 for the event, and David Stothard posted a new best of 26:06 for Cotsford Fields parkrun. On Sunday all the racing action was taking place in Yorkshire. The North York Moors played host to the Turnpike Trot 10K Trail Race and the Rabbit Run 5K Trail Race, hosted by the Hardmoors Race Series. David Stothard took on the 10K race, completing the run in 1:01:58, whilst brother Ian completed the 5K race in 42:57. In Scarborough, several Members took on the Yorkshire Coast 10K, which started at the Spa and took runners along the seafront to the North Bay, before returning back along Marine Drive. First back for the Club was John Surtees in 35:15, and he was followed home by wife, Tracey Surtees, who completed the race in 42:08, and in doing so finished first in her age category (F35). Stuart Joyce was the next Aycliffe runner across the line (44:13), with Trish Kay coming home to claim second spot in her age category (F60) in 51:58. Eve Doe consolidated her recent improvement, finishing in a time of 1:04:46. Richard Tonge posted the longest run of the weekend taking on the Yorkshire Marathon, which started at the University of York, and took in the city centre and country lanes in the Vale of York, before heading back to the University. Richard completed his run in 5:13:24. If you have any queries about the activities of Aycliffe Running Club, please visit our website [www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk), or contact the Club's Secretary, Donna, at [ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com)

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Fancy a bit of a boogie for a good cause? The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group is holding a charity disco at Elm Road Club in Shildon on 13th November, featuring the Boogie Box Disco and Micky Richards playing some great music for dancing or singing along to. Young or old, this is a chance to support an established charity that helps cancer patients throughout Great Aycliffe and beyond. Allison White, who heads up the charity, said: "It promises to be a great night out. Tickets are just £5 and are available via Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group's Facebook page, or you can email me at allisonwhite75@yahoo.co.uk - Even if you can't make it, you can support us by buying raffle tickets, which are on sale now. Either email me to purchase tickets or visit the Facebook page."

A fantastic selection of prizes is on offer, including a free boiler check, a timely prize, given the recent energy price rises. A monthly coffee morning at Chilton Catholic Club, is also raising much needed funds to help transport cancer patients to and from hospital and provide help in so many ways. The next coffee morning is on 27th October, from 10am to 12 noon. The Catholic Club is at Brooklyn Road, Chilton DL17 0PW.

As well as the chance to have a natter over coffee and cakes, you can snap up some early Christmas presents on the Body Shop stall. Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group's next monthly meeting is on 4th November, from 6pm, at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre. Lynn Green, the guest speaker, from Durham County Council, will be offering advice on saving energy in the home - with welcome advice for cancer patients who feel the cold.

The charity is also planning to open its Christmas pop up shop in Aycliffe town centre at the end of November. Look out for details on Facebook.

## Charity worker invited to prestigious Macmillan event

Following a long hiatus, Macmillan Cancer Support is pleased to launch the return of its Macmillan Professionals Conference and Excellence Awards 2021.

Amongst those exclusively invited to this year's event, a dedicated cancer support worker from the Macmillan Joining the Dots service delivered by a partnership of North East charity, the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) and the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT). Paula Spark, a Macmillan Joining the Dots Facilitator for the South Durham area, said: "I am so thrilled to be given the opportunity to connect with other professionals from across the UK to share ideas and learn about future Macmillan Cancer Support."

"The two-day event features specialist workshops such as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on bereavement care. Further sessions will show exciting developments in oncology in the last 24 months including a look at new drugs, treatments and technologies. "It's the first time oncology professionals will get to come together since the start of the pandemic and will no doubt offer a new insight into future cancer care."

Macmillan Joining the Dots is a free service for people aged 18 and over who are affected by cancer, they're also here for friends, carers and relatives too.

Set to take place on Tuesday 2nd November for two days, the event will highlight the fantastic work from Macmillan taking place in the UK and offer plenty of networking opportunities.

Attendees have been given the option to attend the event in person at the Kimpton Clocktower Hotel in Manchester, with the option to also attend sessions virtually.

For future updates, visit [www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre](http://www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre) and PCP's Twitter and Instagram @PioneeringCare

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## Sketch Walks

We met at the School Aycliffe Community Centre car park on a grey and breezy morning and then to the Nature Reserve pond, sketching plants, leaves and the pond itself. The wind got stronger, we moved to a sheltered clearing to sketch a clump of stark trees standing out from dense foliage, then back to the car park. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Bill Lowery on 01325 311225. Beginners welcome.

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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# Water Polo News

Sedgefield Water Polo Club, based in Newton Aycliffe, would like to congratulate Ben Alderson and Ryan-Jay Griffiths (both 16) who have been selected to represent England in the U17 EU Nations tournament being held in Brno, Czech Republic, from 29th-31st October 2021. The boys will be competing against teams from across



Europe in order to gain some valuable experience in the build up towards the 2024 European Championships, with Ben also being selected to captain the team. Due to strict entry restrictions for the Czech Republic, the boys will have limited supporters with them for the duration of the tournament and so all matches will be live streamed with the links on the Sedgefield website. Both of the boys attended Woodham Academy and have trained with the club since a young age; their success shows that hard work and dedication to their sport, alongside a great coaching team, can achieve fantastic results. Good luck to both the boys and the rest of their teammates, as well as a special mention to Dan Barron who has also been selected as part of the England National Squad and will resume training with Ben and Ryan-Jay from November onwards.

The club now offer a beginner session on a Saturday afternoon for those wishing to try this fun and exciting sport. All sessions need to be booked in advance, so please check our website for further info and joining instructions. Contact us: sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com

# Vicki Finn Smith Places at Arnold Fitness Games



On Friday 1st October, Coach at CrossFit All Out, Vicki Finn Smith, travelled down to Birmingham to compete at The Arnold Fitness Games the very next day. This new CrossFit event was part of BodyPower Expo; the UK's largest fitness expo.

Vicki was competing in the individual elite category against 30 other athletes at the age of 37; an outstanding achievement in itself. She battled her way through 4 tough workouts, climbing her way up the leader board to place 5th overall.

"I had a great weekend throwing it down in the Elite Category at the Arnold Fitness Games. I qualified in 14th and surprised myself with a 5th place finish on the day. I'm really happy all the hard work and programming has paid off over the last year. There were fun and challenging workouts on the day, including legless rope climbs, ring muscle ups and handstand walks."

Head Coach, Tez Anderson, said "Vicki is an asset to All Out and has done extremely well in this competition. She remains consistent in putting in the hard work and deserves every success".

To find out more about CrossFit All Out, please call 07788 123321 or visit us at 8 Northfield Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EJ.

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# NAFC Junior Section

**U9's Blacks** hosted South Park Rangers. Against a very physical opposition Aycliffe took the lead, a screamer from Regan. South Park levelled with a penalty. Aycliffe took a deserved lead before half time with Regan scoring again. Second half Aycliffe grew in confidence, working hard all across the pitch, a lovely through ball from Regan put Fletcher clear to finish. Aycliffe continued to dominate and added another from Fin. Outstanding display. MOTM Regan.

**U10's Juniors** travelled to Boro Rangers Madrid. Another great game of football & solid team display. Boro Rangers took the lead early in the second half but Aycliffe responded straight away with a goal from Dom. Both teams created more chances but couldn't convert. MOTM Mason with a solid defensive display.

**U10's Blacks** put in an excellent team performance against Coxhoe. With only 8 available, the boys dug deep and worked as a team! Unfortunately Coxhoe took an early lead but we kept our heads up and soon levelled, with an excellent corner from Rhys. Second half was full of action from both sides. Charlie John quickly put us in front, & 2 more from Rhys. MOTM Charlie & Lucas.

**U10's Whites** played a disciplined Washington PSG team. All game Aycliffe played as a team, never giving up and, for the first time this season, kept a clean sheet as well as coming away with the spoils. Goals from, Jack 2, Oliver and Jonah. MOTM Tyler W, for a strong performance in every position he was asked to play.

**U11's** travelled to Bedale and put on another great display, coming away with a fantastic result. Goal scorers were: Layton x4 Archie x2 Jack. MOTM went to Layton.

**U12's** hosted North Ormesby in a tight game which saw very few chances, HT 0-0, helped by Logan's incredible fingertip save. With only 1 sub available today, Theo came on at half time and a change of formation helped. It was a scrappy game but Callum unselfishly laid the ball off to Oliver to finish. 10 minutes left & Ormesby equalised after an unfortunate own goal, 1-1. With both teams having chances to get the winner, Logan kept us in it & Oliver's header was saved by the Ormesby keeper. FT 1-1, Scorer Oliver, MOTM Logan.

**U13's Whites** headed to South Park Rangers and it was a thriller. Runaway winners the last time they met, we rotated some players. Charlie scoring after 5 minutes with his first ever league goal. SPR equalised 5 minutes later & then took the lead 5 minutes after.

Noah's free kick then came close, striking the bar, then just before HT, Ethan's long range effort made it 2-2 @ HT. Immediately from KO Ethan intercepted a SPR pass and spotting the keeper, off of his line, from just inside the half way line, launched a Beckham like shot which sailed in. 10 minutes left & Ollie's brave header came close to a forth. The game finished 3-2 Aycliffe. MOTM Joshua, a solid commanding performance. Well done lads for never giving up.

**U13's Blacks** hosted Washington Blues, and were by far the better team 1st half, with a good goal from Alex putting us ahead. Second half showed how strong our defence was, as they came out fighting to the bitter end, snatching a last minute equaliser with an unlucky header from us, to make it 1-1 at FT. Great game to watch. We were just unlucky not to finish some chances. Still, a great game all round. MOTM Keaton, well done.

**U14's** lost 2-1 at home against Hartlepool FC. It was a tight game, and they scored with the last kick of the game. Tyler S scored the goal and Harvey was awarded MOTM.

**U15's** played hosts to Seaton Carew today. Despite falling behind on 3 separate occasions the boys kept their heads up and fought right till the final whistle, scoring the winning goal with the last kick of the game. FT 4-3. Scorers: Leighton x2, Tom and Ethan.

**U16's** travelled to face Sunderland Rangers Blues on Saturday and started well, Anthony scoring in the first minute with a well taken strike from outside of the box. Aycliffe were strong throughout the first half, which saw chances to extend the lead with Nicole, Bo, Alex and Archie all going close. The second half was scrappy. Sunderland equalised from a corner, before snatching a win in the closing stages, final score being 2-1 Sunderland. MOTM Alex, Goal Anthony.

**U18's** drew at home to Trimdon 3-3. After 90 mins we were 3-2 up, ref said 1 min added time. They equalised in the 95th minute?! Overall a great team performance, with our second goal being one of the best team goals I've witnessed in many a year. Goals from Dec, Jack and Gregg. MOTM Dec.

## Aycliffe Youth Football News

### Pools Youth 0 - Aycliffe U12

#### Angels Blue 1

Top of the table clash and it was quite a cagey start to the game and we struggled to get on the ball and play for the first ten minutes. Then Pools fired a great strike but Layken got down superbly to make her first of what would many outstanding saves of the day. HT 0-0. Into the second half, and the breakthrough came with around fifteen minutes remaining when Charli slid a ball down the line for Faith to chase, she took it in her stride, beat the defender before delivering an excellent ball finding Evie on the right hand side about ten yards out who calmly slotted home into the bottom corner for what would be the only goal of the game. The girls are one point behind Pools with a game in hand.

Star Players choice: Layken - Coaches choice: Ella.

### Aycliffe U13 Eagles 3 v Shotton Colts Blues 2

First half started with the Eagles on the front foot. A shot deflected from Kaiden found Joel who slotted home. The Eagles doubled their lead with a goal from Harvey. Shotton then scored twice.

HT 2-2. Second half and the boys allowed Shotton back into the game making it difficult for our defence. The Eagles were struggling to find their team mates with their passes and the game could have gone either way. Then a fantastically weighted pass for Hamza to run onto. The keeper came out but Hamza coolly slotted. There were more chances at both ends. MOTM went to Kian.

### Aycliffe U8's Wildcats v Darlington Locomotives

The game was end to end with both teams playing attacking football. Macy, Elizabeth and Ava got the goals today. With Penny, Georgia, Brooke, Erin and Elsie all playing well. Well done girls another good performance.

### Aycliffe U12 Angels Yellows 0 v Washington United 1

The game started with the majority of play in Washington's half. The girls had a half chance through Gwynneth but couldn't quite convert. Although we were dominating, we couldn't play that final pass as their defence were holding their own. On twenty minutes the ball fell for Washington on the right and they went 1-0 up. The second half was a very even affair. We had one final chance to get the draw our play deserved as A'alah played a fine through ball to Amy on the right wing, she shot near post with the GK making a fine save. Player's player Niamh. Coaches player April.

### Billingham 3 v Aycliffe U18 Girls 1

Billingham dominated the first half with several chances and more than a dozen corners, the defence being constantly under pressure but were coping well. Then another corner just before half time rebounds off an Aycliffe defender for an own goal, HT 1-0. Then into the 2nd half every Aycliffe attacking opportunity was cut out before we got near their box. Billingham always looked dangerous in the break and they carved out another two goals. Aycliffe kept pushing on and a surging run, from Kate, gets into the box and she is brought down by a clumsy tackle and Hattie converts the penalty. Aycliffe didn't get anywhere near testing their keeper and Billingham cruised to take the three points.

### Darlington U10 Girls v Aycliffe U10 Wildcats

A glut of goals in this brilliant game against two well matched teams. Half time and it was Darlington just edging it. However, a great fight back and two very late goals from Aycliffe edged the girls a hard earned victory.

#### Other results

Wark Juniors 0 v U14 Falcons 5

Aycliffe U17 Falcons 2 v N&S Ancients 2

U16 Boys 3 v Whitby 2

U15 Eagles 2 v Hardwick 3



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# N.A.F.C. REPORT

**Saturday 16th October**

**Ebac Northern League Division One  
Newton Aycliffe 0 v Sunderland RCA 3**

*Match Report by Andy McFarlane*

Newton Aycliffe's unbeaten run came to an end on Saturday against Sunderland RCA as attention now turns to cup action with two games this week.

Saturday saw a bad day at the office where a win, given results elsewhere, would have put Aycliffe level at the top of the league with a game in hand.

But it wasn't to be as they started slowly against an RCA side who won last time out on the road and they found themselves under the cosh from the get-go.

Colin Stromsoy's side fell behind after 12 minutes when Colquhoun broke clear and slotted past Adam Pickford.

Conceding the early goal gave Aycliffe a little momentum but it was more going from first gear to second rather than hitting fifth. They did have the ball in the RCA net but the assistant had his flag up to deny what would have been a good team goal as Ben Dibb-Fuller was adjudged to have been offside as he turned home a Marc Costello centre.

The home side came out after the break with a little more intent trying to rush play whilst the visitors took every opportunity to kill valuable time as they fought to claw themselves away from the lower echelons of the table.

As is always the risk with applying pressure Aycliffe left themselves open to the counter-attack although the second RCA goal came following an error playing a poor ball back to the keeper which left Pickford in no-mans land as he couldn't reach the ball before Colquhoun, whose exquisite chip, nestled into the home goal.

The counter-attack paid off for the visitors as they netted their third, from a good finish, from Lawrence to seal the points.

Man of the Match was Ethan Wood.

That next game is on 24th October with a trip to AFC Liverpool for a rare Sunday outing in the Buildbase FA Vase.

## Fixtures

**Sun 24 October AFC Liverpool (away)**

**Tue 26 October Ashington (home)**

**Sat 30 October Northallerton (away)**

*Photo by Yvonne Wood: Man of the Match Ethan Wood in action against Sunderland RCA.*



## Parliament Talk

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When we left Westminster for conference recess, a few short weeks ago, I could not have imagined how sad the place would feel when I returned this week. It was devastating enough to hear that James Brokenshire had lost his fight with cancer last week, but the appalling murder of Sir David Amess took this to a whole new level. The whole of Westminster felt in shock on Monday and I anticipate it remaining so for some time as people attempt to process the enormity of what happened last Friday. On Monday I sat in the chamber and listened to the many tributes to Sir David from across the house, they were unanimous in their reflections of a man who was universally liked. Whilst Sir David had been in parliament for close to 40 years, he had never become a minister, he spent his entire time as a backbench MP and was totally committed to his constituents. This did not mean he was not active in parliament as he pursued many causes and delivered real legislative change. There were numerous stories told about his life in politics and I will share just a couple here with you now.

Sir David was a committed Roman Catholic and one story refers to one of his visits to the Vatican. On this occasion, when queuing to meet the Pope, he inadvertently produced from his pocket a boiled sweet at precisely the time that he was in front of the Pope. The result of this was that his boiled sweet was blessed by His Holiness. This boiled sweet became legendary in subsequent meetings between Sir David and constituents. Another example of his sense of humour arose when he was made a Sir. David celebrated this honour by dressing as a knight of old and riding a horse through his constituency, as a committed monarchist he was incredibly proud to have been knighted.

Characters like Sir David and gentlemen like James were key parliamentarians, both James and Sir David will leave a big hole in Westminster as they both reflected the best of us. James progressed to ministerial level and Sir David remained a backbencher, but they were both described by so many as 'nice people' and the more people we can have described as such, the better.

One of the concerns of incidents like the atrocious attack on Sir David is the potential for reactions that impact on our underlying democracy. I absolutely share the concerns being raised about the safety of both my staff and constituents when surgeries take place, but I believe that the opportunity for people to engage directly with their MP is a fundamental tenet of open democracy. I will, of course, look to take prudent safety measures but I will continue to offer access to all constituents. This will be by phone, zoom, teams etc., if residents wish, but I shall also continue to facilitate face to face meetings as well.

Please remember that we have a very precious democratic nation that we all should be proud of and I would encourage everyone to not undermine this by abusing our fellow citizens. The recent trend for abuse of people in public life is something we can all work to address. Whether we are referring to MPs, local Councillors, or indeed key workers like shop workers or those in our NHS; it is imperative that we remember that they are people doing a job to the best of their ability. We see too many examples of these people being abused either physically or on social media. This needs to stop and everyone needs to be less aggressive and more considerate. With particular regard to social media, I am increasingly of the opinion that anonymity for those abusing others is inappropriate. I believe that there needs to be an acceptance by platforms like Facebook and Twitter that they have an obligation to identify and share with the authorities the details of those who choose to use their platforms inappropriately and if they do not, then we should legislate accordingly.

Moving to 'normal' business, this week saw the start of the committee stage line by line review of the Nationality and Borders Bill with sessions scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday, mornings and afternoons, for the next few weeks. This will take up a significant part of my week, but it is an important bill.

Finally, can I continue to encourage all of you to have any Covid booster or Flu jabs you are offered, to keep us all healthy over the coming months.

Stay safe

Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield

## Junior Athletics

### Aycliffe Junior Athlete continues to Shine!

As the winter months draw in, the track season comes to an end and the Cross Country season kicks in. Junior runner Trinity Donoghue U11s has been competing in the Start Fitness North Eastern Harrier league. On 25th September Trinity made her Harrier League debut at Wrekenton, in warm conditions and a new format, she found herself in a strong position towards the end of the race. Locked in a battle with two others she took 13th place out of 52 runners. With a great time of 7 minutes 26 seconds.

Next session was 10th October with the picturesque setting of Druridge Bay on the Northumberland coast. Different conditions this time, but with more experience Trinity showed her maturity by taking nearly 30 seconds off her previous time to achieve new PB of 6 minutes 58 seconds. Again taking 13th place out of a field of 56 runners. Fantastic progression and shows there is more to come from this Diamond!



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# Great Response for Exhibition

Greenfield Arts are delighted to be hosting an innovative and exciting exhibition. 'With or Without' by Elaine Vizor.

The exhibition has evoked a wonderful response from those who have visited The Greenfield Gallery so far. The collection demonstrates different ways of capturing light, with or without a camera, and is in two contrasting parts.

Elaine's cyanotype work showcases the first form of photography and includes a poignant selection of work completed during lockdown. Here are just a few of the many comments so far that have recognised the quality of the collection. "An outstanding exhibition! Had no idea about the forerunner to the camera... exquisite";

"Fascinating, original; Wonderful thought-provoking cyanotypes, very moving..." Elaine has been involved in a creative programme of activities that have been inspired by her artwork and has been sharing her expertise and creativity in workshops. There is also an element of engagement within the exhibition itself as Elaine invites you to share 'what you have missed the most' over recent times, set off by a clever cyanotype installation representing the movers and shakers during coronavirus.

With or Without includes a selection of night photography images and you can join Elaine for an evening walk in November to capture your own 'light in darkness'. The event costs just £5 and will include a short talk from the artist. The exhibition will run until Wednesday 27th October and should not be missed,

to find out more visit our website where you can see more about the programme of activity inspired by Elaine's work and sign up to our monthly newsletter. Visit [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) or email [info@greenfield-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@greenfield-arts.co.uk) to find out more. Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry.

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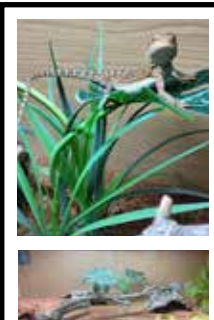
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**Neighbourhood Policing**

By PC Michael Welch



The Response, CID and Neighbourhood Police teams have been dealing with a variety of issues over the last week, here is a very small snapshot of what we have been up to:

**Monday** - Beat team assisted our CID colleagues in executing 3 drugs warrants across Newton Aycliffe. A number of arrests have been made and enquires are ongoing. Two males were arrested after a disturbance in the Cobblers Hall car park. This stemmed from a road rage incident where tempers were lost. A male was arrested in connection with a domestic incident where he made threats towards an ex-partner. This male was charged and kept in custody to go before the court.

**Tuesday** - Officers carried out a joint visit on a local vulnerable male who has been causing issues in the community for some time. Through working with partner agencies, this male has since been taken to hospital for the help he desperately needs. Beat team continued to engage with victims of ASB across the town, particularly in the Western area, to gather evidence to robustly deal with the youths causing issues.

**Wednesday** - A meeting took place with a supplier of mobile CCTV cameras. The beat team are working with County Councillors to fund two mobile CCTV cameras that can be deployed in areas experiencing problems with ASB or if there is a spike of crime in the area. This will be valuable in tackling issues in the community and providing evidence we need to pursue offenders. A further meeting took place with members of the Durham County Council ASB team to address the rise in Anti-Social Behaviour in the Western area of Newton Aycliffe. Through partnership working two Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been served to Under 16s, five Community Protection Notice warnings and 3 Community Protection Notices have been served. This process must take place in order to obtain court orders to stop youths causing issues for the community and breaches of them lead to arrest. Livin are also supporting us in relation to ASB offenders when their tenants cause Anti-Social Behaviour in their areas which breaches tenancy agreements. Repeat offenders risk being evicted. An off-road bike was seized on Garburn Place, Newton Aycliffe for causing ASB in the area. The male rider also failed the attitude test and was also reported for a public order offence.

**Thursday** - Further statements and CCTV was collected to build evidence against ASB offenders across the town.

**Friday** - Male youth was interviewed under caution for 8 breaches of a Criminal Behaviour Order. This male has been entering an area of Newton Aycliffe, which he is prohibited from, by the Court. Working in collaboration with Livin and the Police, youth workers from the Cornforth Partnership were out in the Western area of Newton Aycliffe trying to engage with the kids and divert them away from causing issues in the area. A fixed penalty ticket was issued in Newton Aycliffe town centre by the beat team after a male was identified buying alcohol for underage youths. This male will now have to pay a £90 fine.

**Saturday** - A male youth was interviewed under caution at the police station for causing damage to a motor vehicle on Pease Way, Newton Aycliffe on the 14th October 2021. He was reported from the offence and will appear at court. He was also served with a Community Protection Notice. Further statements were obtained in relation to other youths committing offences in the Western area.

**Sunday** - The team arrested a 14 year old male for various offences across the Western area of town. He was released under investigation with strict bail conditions.

Mike Welch, Police Constable 2696

## Sudoku

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# Greenfield Students Raise Funds and Awareness

Students from Greenfield have been showing they care by raising funds and awareness for good causes. They have recently been supporting #HelloYellow, a charity for Young Minds, which is fighting for children and young people's mental health.

Young people at Greenfield supported the day in many ways, wearing yellow to raise awareness and raising funds by baking and selling cakes and taking part in a range of activities across the school.

"I was very proud of our students, they gave up their own time to raise awareness and worked together to make the day a success, well done everyone!" said Assistant Headteacher, Ms Davis.

Students have recently raised over £300 for charities including Young Minds, If U Care Share and Humankind, a brilliant achievement that highlights the caring nature and community spirit at Greenfield.

Greenfield Community College are committed to supporting students to reach their full potential. The school promotes an inclusive curriculum encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience. If you would like further information visit [www.greenfieldschool.net](http://www.greenfieldschool.net) or contact the school by emailing [contact@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:contact@greenfieldschool.net) or by calling 01325 300378.



# Support Needed

Dear Sir,  
I would like to make a comment on the Poppy Display; (last week's Newton News). I was told about this and discussed it with the late Syd Howarth. I feel that we should maintain this project as a reminder of those service personnel who have lost their lives in all wars. I know Margaret Lee but not everyone in the sewing group. I have not been made aware of the local Councillor but he/she needs to be made aware that this town of Newton Aycliffe is a military town, we have two TA centres. You only need to walk down the Simpature Line to the Nature Reserve the military have been here since and before the second world war. We have several members of our community who are living in the area having served in both Afghanistan and Iraq, plus tours of other trouble spots including Northern Ireland. On a personal note, I would have not been living in Newton Aycliffe if I had not served with the army. I met my future wife while serving. We missed the remembrance parade last year and the poppy appeal. I think we should continue with the poppy project, started by Syd Howarth when it was just an idea. I would put it to the sewing group that they should put their ideas to the Council and then send it to the Town Clerk, that way all council members can have their say and if the sewing group need some help they can contact me. Councillors need to be aware that the people put them there to serve the community not the other way round, sometimes if the public want this to continue. Then I am sure they will make it known. Because Newton Aycliffe was only formed from the outcome of world war two we did not have a war memorial, the one you see outside St. Clare's Church was another idea of Syd Howarth and supported by the Town Council.

Vince Crosby

# Closed Bridge

Dear Sir,  
It's approximately nine weeks now that the footbridge near Brockett Close has been closed. I have tried to chase this as we see a lot of people concerned over the safety of others having to walk by such a busy road on a narrow path. Ordinarily it might not be such a problem however, the increase of pedestrians, including children, the elderly, parents with pushchairs, dog walkers, now having to use that route is a risk. Surely something needs to be done BEFORE the worst happens. We are one of the highest paying council tax areas in the country and can't get a footbridge repaired! Yet money is wasted doing the paths with tarmac making them nice and tidy to dig them up two weeks later to put new lights in. Where is the sense in that? Name and address supplied

## Obituary

### William Short (Bill)



11-8-29-07/10/2021

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### Jean Stephenson

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## In Memoriam

### Syd Howarth - Dad

21st October 1937 - 29th October 2018

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### Syd Howarth - Dad

21st October 1937 - 29th October 2018

Birthday thoughts for an amazing Dad – another year without you – not a day goes by you are not in our thoughts, would love one of your famous rib crushing hugs and one of our lengthy chats – so missed, words cannot say how we feel. Never forgotten, much loved, Stuart, Joanne, Adam & Alex

### Syd Howarth - Dad

21st October 1937 - 29th October 2018

Another year without you, always in our thoughts and never forgotten. All our love, Chris, Michelle, Jack and Joe xx

## In Memoriam

### Harriet Brumwell

18th October 1993

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## Congratulations

### Paula Bruce

Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary  
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All my love,  
Stuart xxxxx



# The Castle Games Same Sex Pairs 2021

On Saturday 11th September 2021, three female RX CrossFit All Out teams battled it out at The Castle Games Same Sex Pairs competition held at CrossFit Darlington. The day consisted of three different workouts, and a final for those who were in 5th place or higher after the third workout.

All of the workouts were highly varied, including single leg synchro pistol squats, toes to bar, 35kg sandbag cleans and carries and much, much more. It was a thrilling day from start to finish for our athletes.

## Marie Levitt & Claire Dale – 17th Place

"Claire and I had an amazing day competing at The Castle Games, this was my first RX competition and I felt out of my depth to begin with, however, I shocked myself getting a personal best snatch on workout three. We placed 17th overall which was way better than I had expected. It's definitely given me a boost, and highlighted some areas I need to work on. Claire was an amazing partner and made me feel at ease throughout the day. It was a pleasure to compete with her and the support from the other girls and the CrossFit All Out team was amazing."

## Courtne Mills & Vicki Finn Smith – 5th Place

"Me and Vicki had an awesome day competing at The Castle Games. Vicki is a phenomenal athlete and great friend, so I was excited to step up to the challenge and compete alongside her as her team mate.



We were both super happy to make the final, which was our favourite workout of the day, including rope climbs and bar muscle ups. We have been working hard on high skill movements recently, so it was great to utilise new and refined skills on this workout. The support from the other girls and All Out team was second to none, very proud of our community."

## Jade Armstrong & Sophie Moffatt – 18th Place

"Me and Sophie had an amazing day competing at The Castle Games Same Sex Pairs comp. It was the first time we had competed together, so we just went there for a laugh and to gain experience. I was



over the moon with both of our performances and was buzzing when I managed to match my 60kg snatch PB in workout three. The support from the community is unmatched, having Sophie to compete next to was amazing and I can't wait for the next competition we do together."

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