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Blue Plaques Honour Remarkable Residents



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Blue Plaques Honour Remarkable Residents

Inspirational women whose bravery, intellect and compassion have made a positive difference in their communities and overseas have been recognised.

Over the last few months, Durham County Council has installed blue plaques commemorating individuals and groups in towns and villages across County Durham. The latest to be honoured were put forward by County Durham's Women's Banner Group (WBG) – an organisation that was founded in 2017 to celebrate the achievements of the working-class women of the Durham coalfields. Since then, WBG has broadened its activities and now campaigns on topics including equal rights, universal credit, pensions and anti-racism. Ensuring women's past achievements are recognised is also a key focus and, in 2019, WBG held a hustings event to seek suggestions for inspirational women to nominate for a blue plaque. The nominees included: First World War nurse Kate Maxey, who was put forward by Lynn Gibson; the Aycliffe Angels, who were suggested by Tim Dredge; and Lady Bella Lawson and her husband, Jack, who were nominated by Dorothy Rand.

The plaques have now been unveiled, much to the delight of WBG and local people. Born in Clyde Terrace in Spennymoor in 1876, Kate Maxey became one of the most highly decorated nurses of the First World War, receiving the Royal Red 1st Class, the Military Medal and the Florence Nightingale Medal in acknowledgement of her distinguished service.

The Aycliffe Angels were a group of courageous women who worked at a former Second World War munitions factory in Newton Aycliffe, now called ROF59. These

hard-working co-workers filled shells and bullets and assembled detonators and fuses as part of the war effort. The work was very dangerous, and many workers were killed or injured during the manufacturing process. But, due to the secrecy surrounding the factory, many of these incidents were not recorded and the women's efforts also went unrecognised.

Lady Bella Jackson was a suffragist, Labour activist, community volunteer and pioneer of child welfare clinics. She was also a parish councillor, school manager and a supporter of many charities. Bella was honoured along with her husband Baron Jack Lawson, with the plaque installed on their former home in Woodside, Beamish. Jack was a miner, trade unionist, Lord Lieutenant, county councillor, MP and preacher.

Another County Durham woman, Janet Taylor, was honoured with a blue plaque at the Masonic Hall in Wolsingham. Nominated by Wolsingham Women's Institute, Janet was born in the town in 1804 and was educated in languages, mathematics, science, astronomy and navigation by her schoolmaster father. She went on to set up a nautical academy and specialised in the design, production and repair of navigational instruments.

Others to be recognised since the scheme started include the 'Fighting Bradfords' – four brothers from Witton Park who served their country with valour in conflicts including the First World War; Thomas Wright, a renowned astronomer, mathematician, instrument maker, garden designer and architect, from Byers Green; and Spennymoor Settlement, which was set up in 1931 to enhance the lives of residents through education and the arts.



Lynn Gibson, from the Women's Banner Group, said: "It is incredibly important that women are recognised for their achievements and we are delighted to see these plaques installed at a number of locations across County Durham. "Women are so often written out of history which is why this scheme is so important. It's giving members of the public the opportunity to nominate women deserving of a blue plaque which will, in turn, get more people talking about these amazing women once again."

The Blue Plaques Appraisal Panel meets twice a year, in January and June, to consider new nominations. To make a nomination, contact blueplaques@durham.gov.uk to request a form. Durham County Council, with support from principal partner Durham University, submitted the initial bid for UK City of Culture on behalf of Culture Durham, a partnership of arts and culture organisations from across the county.

Durham's bid is for both the county and the city. To find out more and to leave messages of support, visit www.durham2025.co.uk and follow

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Photo: Aycliffe Angels Blue Plaque at ROF59

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UPSTAIRS

Saturday 6th Nov: 'Ian Joseph'

Saturday 13th Nov: 'Lee Paul'

Thank You

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It was much appreciated.
Name and address supplied

Remembrance Day Information

**SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2021
NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

Please observe social distancing, wear face masks and avoid attending if displaying any symptoms of COVID.

The Remembrance Day Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.40 a.m. and proceed via. Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road and Stephenson Way to St. Clare's Church. The Parade will halt outside of St Clare's Church for a short service when the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded and followed by the silence at 11.00 a.m. Wreaths will be laid followed by a service in St. Clare's Church.

Would Veterans attending this event please note that seats have been reserved for you at the front of the Church.

At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AYCLIFFE VILLAGE

A Remembrance Day Service will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday 14th November 2021 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

Road & Car Park Closures

**REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE
SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021**

For the Annual Remembrance Day Parade this year, the following roads will be closed for short periods when the parade marches to St. Clare's Church and for the return route and Salute Past.

Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road, Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way The car park opposite the Phoenix club and the car parks at Stephenson Way and Bewick Crescent will be closed from 6 a.m. until approximately 12.30 p.m. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Rotary Railway Committee on Tour



The committee went on a fact finding trip to North Shields last Saturday to check out layouts for our 2023 exhibition and to spread the word about the 2022 event. Good fellowship featured in our day out spoilt only by the lack of bacon butties!! This was a small event held in a church hall but gave Hugh an idea of what exhibitions look like. Altogether a really good day.
Photo from left: Rotarians Hugh Stephenson, John Burrows, Dave Scott & Brian Winwood.

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A health and wellbeing charity would like to thank their Board of Trustees for their continued support this #TrusteesWeek. Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), has eight trustees who offer a wealth of experience and knowledge across the charities values, including health, education, equality and community. PCP are thankful to have seen their trustees invest their time in PCP's projects and services across the North East, and at their head office site, the Pioneering Care Centre (PCC) in Newton Aycliffe. Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive at PCP, said: "We cannot thank our Board of Trustees enough for offering their time to PCP over the past year. "Well over 2,000 hours of their own time has been given towards projects that shape local communities, including PCC's Community Garden space.



Town Centre Clean Up

Dear Sir,
Can I extend a huge thank you to Dean and the gang from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for cleaning up, brightening up and making it a more pleasant experience to enter the town centre through the Beveridge Parade which runs between the Leisure Centre and the ex-Bon Marche shop. It has made a massive difference to the way the town centre looks.
As of late, the arcade was looking tired, dismal, dark and downright unloved, whereas now it looks amazing, and I can't wait to see who is to rent the shop in the future. So, once again thanks to all concerned in turning a blight spot into a bright spot.
What do you know, our town centre may be turning a corner with new shops opening and looking better than it has for some time, let's hope things are on the up.
Cllr Ken Robson

"Without their presence and ongoing support, the Community Garden space may not be a thriving nature space, as it is today."

The Community Garden space at PCC is open to the public to enjoy a relaxing and calming outdoor area.

The Board of Trustees features Chair Barry Kneivitt, Vice Chair Vijaya Kotur, Treasurer Heather Brewster, Carol Briggs, Lynn Mohan, Bee Davidson, David Cockburn and Dame Dela Smith.

Together, the Board of Trustees guide and influence PCP to achieve a community focused approach as a charity.

For future updates on PCP and PCC, please follow PCP's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre and PCP's Twitter and Instagram @PioneeringCare

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

Feel Good Film

The Feel Good Film Shows are held in St. Clare's Church Fellowship Hall each Tuesday at 1pm, following the Welcome Café which begins at 10am with tea/coffee and toast, followed by lunch at noon.

All this is free to all and all are most welcome.

The film on Tuesday 9th November is the heavenly fantasy 'What Dreams May Come' starring Robin Williams, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Annabella Sciorra. For further information please ring Ric Hargreaves on 07561 335445.

End of Project

Reply to letter in Newton News last week. I did not expect to be involved in ongoing replies and having to justify why I had not got in touch with the Town Clerk, nor did I envisage the issue becoming a topic involving party politics.

The decision was taken not to approach the Town Clerk until we were able to get the feeling of the residents of the town and if they wished the poppy display, in some shape or form, to continue.

The lack of response, Vince Crosby's letter being the only one received, has led us to take the decision that this will be the last year we will provide the display. I hope this is the end of the matter, meanwhile we would like to thank all who participated in the knitting of the poppies back in 2018, the Fire Brigade for drying them each year and the Army for storing them for us.

Margaret Lee and the Sewing Group

Join Our Volunteer Working Party



For many years a Working Party has existed at St Michael's Church, Heighington but more than 18 months ago, due to Covid rules and other factors such as the age profile of members, other commitments etc., the group reluctantly disbanded. It is hoped a new Working Party of volunteers might be formed who would be willing to assist with various activities in the church and around the parish. The work would not be time consuming nor onerous as duties could be shared depending on availability of those involved and a rota could be constructed by those willing to take part. There is much with which to be involved and your skills and talents would be most welcome. For instance, are you a natural organiser and enjoy fundraising? Do you have a creative flair or are you a techie genius? Do you enjoy baking? Then there is the choir and music group if you enjoy singing and/or play an instrument. And what about all you aspiring campanologists. Why not learn bell ringing. Oh, and one more thing, just because it's church, we do not expect you to be a member, (although it would be great if you were) just enthusiastic. Give Lissa a call on 01325 312134 or send a message via our Facebook page.

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We were also joined by Sandra Haigh, Mayor of Newton Aycliffe, Victoria Lane Academy, the local DLI team, as well as some of the members from Leyburn 1940's re-enactment group.

We also were honoured to have the 1940's singer Yvonne Slater who entertained the crowd and had veterans, champions and children all up dancing together on the dance floor. We had a collection of military vehicles the American army medics, a Soviet group, the DLI also brought a collection of war memorabilia for the children to explore, join us for this fun packed day.

We enjoyed listening to the bagpipes played by Ruth Wright and also Arthur Middleton, these are always a favourite with the children and our champions, we had Iris Hillery and Allan Jones who joined us in uniform and also did a Morse code workshop with the guests. The children from Victoria Lane Academy learned that Morse Code was very much like texting but in the olden days.

The pupils and champions enjoyed packed lunches and the veterans and guests were provided with a buffet that our champions had helped prepare. We held a raffle and raised £175 for SSAFA which will be used for veterans in our local area.

Mike Donne, President of SSAFA County Durham Branch, commented that all the veterans really enjoyed their day and it was good to see the SSAFA, REME Association and REME Recovery Mechanics Association Standards on display. Mike Donne thanked the staff and champions at Five Acres Community Gardens for the money raised and told us this will be used to assist vulnerable and isolated veterans in the Divisions area of operations.

Victoria Lane Academy commented that they were delighted to support Five Acres Community Garden in supporting our SSAFA big brew, we had an informative and enjoyable day learning about the uniforms, weapons, vehicles and first aid used by the armed forces in the past. We discovered how difficult it was to communicate



using Morse code and took part in various craft activities. They also commented that the highlight of the day was the joining together of the pupils, veterans, SSAFA volunteers and the Five Acres champions, to dance to the music and singing from Yvonne Slater, it was heart-warming to see them all enjoying the music together and reliving history.

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Sketch Walks

We were glad to be back at St. Andrews, Aycliffe Village and out of the October weather. David Blair, the Church Warden, had opened up for us again and then left us to it.

I sketched, in pencil, some wall mounted stone sculptures and then photographed them to finish later in pen and ink. The group sketched stone crosses and wood carvings.

By the time we finished we were all feeling the chill and agreed to end the season after 10 weeks. I would like to thank everyone who participated, especially Sheila who never missed a week.

I will miss their company until the better weather next year.

Bill Lowery

Annual Baby Online Memorial Service

Each year The Chaplains at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust invite parents living with a pregnancy loss or the death of a baby to gather to remember their child. As in previous years there will be three events. One each at Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Durham.

The Chaplains, based at Darlington Memorial Hospital, will be broadcasting their event from The Hospital Chapel at 3pm on Sunday 7th November 2021 via the Trust's Facebook page. If you would like information about future events in Bishop Auckland or in Durham, please contact the Chaplains at Bishop Auckland Hospital on 01388 455451 or The Chaplains at University Hospital of North Durham on 0191 333 2183, who will advise you of their respective dates and times.

Kevin Tromans, Senior Chaplain at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said, "These services of remembrance and thanksgiving are for anyone who has been affected by this very sad experience, including wider families and regardless of whether the loss was recent or in the more distant past."

Heighington Matters

Redworth Village Speed Limit

For some time residents living in Redworth have expressed their concerns over the 40mph speed limit through the village. Many years ago I managed to have the speed limit reduced to the 40mph but since then because of increased volumes of traffic and their speeds residents are concerned for their safety. So I have had discussions with DBC and they are minded to reduce the speed limit despite their opposition over the years. However, the Police will not support the speed limit reduction so I have written to the Police & Crime Commissioner to seek a meeting with her, hopefully to gain her support.

Students from School Aycliffe's bus access into Heighington

For some time I have been trying to find out how many people need to travel from School Aycliffe into Heighington to catch the 0800hr bus into Darlington for school or work. Currently anyone wanting to do so have to walk the 1 mile+ leaving home around 7.15am and parents in particular are concerned over the safety issues involved. To date I have received 13 responses which given that there are over 600 houses in School Aycliffe gives me very little for me to work with as there is not sufficient numbers to encourage a bus company to lay on a bus for such small numbers so it remains a difficult problem to solve - but I will continue to try to do so.

School costs into Hummersknott

In 2011 free transport costs into Hummersknott was stopped and parents had to contribute towards them. Following many meetings with the Head teachers of Carmel and Hummersknott who were sympathetic to the parents concerns, the Schools Forum agreed to subsidise the transport costs which kept the cost of travel to £2 per day. Since then costs have risen to £4 per day per student which is of concern to lots of parents. After talking to the Council I have invited them to meet with parents to discuss their issues. I am awaiting their response

SAFETY - Kieran Maxwell Estate - Station Road.

I have received emails from some residents who are concerned about young people cycling or running through the barriers and hedges onto Station Road from Keiran Maxwell housing estate. By its very nature few vehicles need to use the road which in some ways adds to the danger but even so three near misses have been witnessed where children have been fortunate not to have ended up under a car wheel.

So in the first instance could parents living in the estate talk to their little ones to encourage them to stop riding, running and walking onto Station Road where vehicles and large lorries drive to access the houses and the Garden nursery at the end of the lane. I have contacted Esh for their comments and they have confirmed that everything they have done confirms to British Standards and there is nothing more they can do so parents it is back to you - talk to your children.

Church and Village Public Toilets

Disturbing reports are coming my way of young people climbing on the roof of the village toilets, hammering on the door of the church and urinating in the church yard. So once again I appeal to all parents to speak to your children about the importance of respecting everything and everyone in the village as their behaviour is unacceptable. I will be asking the Parish Council to paint the roof of the toilets which should discourage anyone climbing on it - for their own safety as well as protecting the roof surface from vandalism.

Parking Bays in Hopelands

It is some time since I dropped a letter through the letterbox of all Hopelands residents asking for their preference on where new Parking Bays should be constructed so it is understandable people are asking me when will the parking bays be installed. The answer is still to be confirmed. The Parish Council are investigating an alternative position for the Parking Bays which involves having the telegraph pole re-positioned. The Parish Council are awaiting a response to determine the costs of having the pole re-positioned involved before making a decision.

And finally Heighington W.I.

A big thank you to Heighington Women's Institute for creating the two enormous 'carpets' of red poppies which they have adorned St Michael's Church Tower stretching from the very top of the tower down to the ground. Made up from over 17,600 individual poppies the finished effect seen against the ancient stone of St Michael's is highly impressive - if you have not seen it I would recommend you doing so - and having a wee dram refreshments in one of our two public establishments.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee

Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward

Unpleasant Smell

Dears Sir,

As a person relatively new to living in Newton Aycliffe, I have been concerned for a while now, at the very potent stench coming from a factory(s) around the Business Park.

This very unpleasant smell seems to be a permanent, continued stench, day in day out, night after night.

I drive / walk past this area frequently, travelling from School Aycliffe, and it does seem to linger constantly, and, in my view, seems to be smelling worse?

Also, following on from the article Mr Geoff Carr wrote in the September edition.

I am not sure what I raise here, whether this is related to Mr Carr's concerns, however, after speaking to several people in the town and at my local gym near the Business Park, it seems the consensus that many people are concerned about this also, but not sure what to do or say to raise the issue.

I am hoping, off the back of being written, it may raise an awareness of this very obvious smell and someone with authority or responsibility for whichever business(es) is causing this, can maybe look into this or address it.

I feel that, in particular, maybe environmentally this could be looked at to improve whatever is being emitted to cause this smell, if nothing else.

Rachel

School Aycliffe

Tribute to Cllr Brian Avery

Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield, has this week paid tribute to Durham County Councillor Brian Avery:

"I have known Brian since I became a Durham County Councillor and even more so since I became the MP for Sedgefield. Brian was an active member of the community and in his roles as a Local Councillor for Ferryhill and Chilton with Durham County Council; a District Councillor for the Chilton Ward on Sedgefield Borough Council and in previous years when he served on Ferryhill Town Council; he always put the people of Dean Bank, Ferryhill and Chilton first. I don't recall ever having a discussion on politics with Brian, it was always a discussion about his ward.

"Brian was a true gentleman in every sense and will be sadly missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting with him. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family. RIP Brian, a real man of the people."

St. John Award

On Saturday, 30th October 2021, I had the great pleasure of attending the Order of St John of Jerusalem and St John Ambulance, Annual Service of Commemoration and Rededication at Durham Cathedral, with my husband and sons, to watch my parents be presented with long service awards for their service to the St. John Ambulance.

My parents were presented with four gold bars each for their years of service, by Mr. J Michael Pool, Her Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, these will accompany their current medals, which also include their Serving Brother & Sister awards. Dad had previously managed the St. John Ambulance division in Newton Aycliffe for many years and was also promoted to the County Staff and Mam was a member of the Nursing Division and promoted to Area Staff at Durham HQ.

The service was very inspiring, seeing the Members of all ages all who have dedicated their time to St. John Ambulance and I felt very proud that my family were a part of such a worthy cause. As an added bonus, we got to watch the whole service, also looking at the amazing 'Museum of the Moon' by UK Artist, Luke Jerram, which is a breathtaking seven metre wide moon sculpture, currently hanging in Durham Cathedral.

Photo: Maud & George Gray at Durham Cathedral.





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Local Businesses Support High Quality Fitness Suite Installation at Greenfield

Greenfield Community College have recently installed a state-of-the-art fitness suite. The ambitious project saw an outlay of £25,000 which will create an additional area that will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of pupils, staff and community. Following a difficult period with the COVID-19 pandemic it was something that, as a school, we decided to prioritise opportunities for pupils to increase their levels of activity, fitness levels and physical and mental wellbeing and we fully believe that this fantastic facility will be able to do this.

Without the support of local businesses, it wouldn't have been possible. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Howdens Newton Aycliffe Branch, Gestamp Tallent Ltd Aycliffe Plant and Trade Glass Newton Aycliffe, all of whom supported the fitness suite, alongside additional funding from County Durham Sport and internal school

funds.

The facility will support our thriving extra-curricular sports programme in which over 60% of our KS3 pupils are currently engaged in. Following half term, for the first time, we are launching a fitness session before school starts which has already seen a really strong sign up across all year groups.

Martin Butterworth added "I firmly believe that we as a PE department have a responsibility to promote regular physical activity, wellbeing and lifelong learning of the importance of leading a healthy and active lifestyle. This state-of-the-art fitness suite will significantly contribute towards this ambition". The newly installed fitness suite comes on the back of a recent award to Greenfield Community College PE Department, the Association for Physical Education (afPE) Quality Mark with Distinction for PE and School Sport, the highest accolade possible. "Within this award, our curriculum was



singled out for praise acknowledging breath and balance and this will only accentuate the offer that our pupils get during their time at Greenfield".

The PE Department becomes one of only 7 schools in the North-East to have received the highest accolade since the programme started in 2012.

Pictured is Martin Butterworth (Subject Leader for PE), Paul James (GESTAMP) Caroline Smith and Lorna Jackson (Howdens) alongside David Priestley (Executive Headteacher) at the opening of the fitness suite. 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 or contact the school by emailing contact@greenfieldschool.net or by calling 01325 300378.

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NEVILLE Community Association

Neville Community Association (NCA) had an excellent day out in York on Saturday 30th October with some Residents going to York Railway Museum to view over 200 years of railway history and over one million wonderful objects.

We have organised a Christmas Shopping trip....or just a bit of retail therapy trip....at Boundary Mill near Shiremoor on Wednesday 24th November, £6 per person.

Please send a private message on our Neville Community Association Facebook page or pop into Neville Community Cafe at Neville Community Centre any Friday from 10am to 1pm.

Coach trips through NCA are available to all Residents of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas with the first chance of seats going to attendees of our monthly meetings held every 3rd Tuesday at 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre at Neville Parade.

Our next event, our Christmas Activity Day, will be held on Saturday 11th December 2021 from 11.30am.....with a very special guest!! Entry price is £3 per child, 3+ years, which includes raffle ticket, tombola ticket and visit to Santa.

Neville Community Association (NCA) are having a Coffee & Cake Evening on Tuesday 16th November from 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre at Neville Parade, where we are looking for some ideas to share that contribute to reducing our carbon footprint. Pop down with a friend and join us.

If you have any questions for us please contact Heather Brewster on 07751 385250.



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Searching for More Foster Carers in County Durham

More people are being urged to consider becoming foster carers to help make a difference to the lives of children across County Durham.

Durham County Council has launched an appeal to recruit more carers for children with additional needs and disabilities.

This could involve caring for a child with a hidden need such as a learning disability, or a physical disability which might limit a child's mobility or sensory development.

Some children needing foster carers across the county also have greater medical needs than others, including epilepsy or diabetes. The council currently has over 250 families caring for children and young people, with carers able to continue supporting young people into adulthood.

Ann has been a foster carer with the authority for more than 20 years. She has fostered several children, including one young person with complex disabilities for most of that time.

Ann said: "Every day is challenging but rewarding. For everything I give, I get back double and I am passionate about what I do. It was my life's ambition to give a child a home and it is true that the more you put into being a carer, the more rewarding it is."

"I have a great local network of support here and my council fostering social workers have always been fantastic."

"My advice to anyone thinking about fostering a child is to go for it but to do so with an open mind as every day is different. Also, don't be scared to ask for help or support as it is always there for you."

Carers are given access to a network of professionals as part of their support package, including their own fostering social worker, specialist nurses and therapeutic social workers. The council also provides access to an educational team who can provide advice and guidance when needed.

They are paid competitive fostering allowances and fees, with Christmas and summer top-ups and extra tax relief, which do not affect certain benefits.

Additional financial support, specialist equipment and other help specific to the individual child may also be available, depending on the needs of the child.



Cllr Ted Henderson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We need more foster carers to care for children of all ages across the county, including a number of children with physical and other disabilities. Although taking care of a child with disabilities might seem quite daunting, it will also be one of the most rewarding things you will ever do."

"Furthermore, we can reassure people that they will feel supported throughout the whole process. Our fostering team is always on hand to provide advice and help to carers whenever they need it."

"In providing a safe and stable home to a child with a disability, you will be giving them the opportunity to achieve their full potential and you will see them flourish. Whether you are single, married or in a relationship, I would urge anyone wanting to know more about fostering to take that first step on their journey and contact our team." For more information about becoming a foster carer, residents can visit www.durham.gov.uk/fostering or call 03000 269 400.

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History Talk

On Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Mike Thornton will give a talk about Norman Cornish, the Pitman Artist. All welcome, members £1.00, non members £3 - includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

Tel: 01325 301093 for details.

June Palmer, Programme Secretary.

Aycliffe Youth Football News

Aycliffe Angels Blue 6 v Bishop Girls 1

Aycliffe took a lead in the first 10 minutes. Evie took a great corner (one of many in the game) which resulted in an own goal. Then, from a long throw, Evie latched onto the ball, took her time and finished with confidence and power. The third, from Faith powering home a header but Bishop scored a breakaway goal before HT 3-1. Heidi then scores our 4th, then Hannah and Erin round off the scoring.

Star players: Players choice: Charli, Coaches choice: Evie & Hannah Shildon FC 2 - **Aycliffe U13 Eagles 7**

The game started with the Eagles taking the lead through Kaiden who had read the play well and knocked it past the keeper. A short back pass to the keeper and Kaiden was there to intercept the ball, took it round the keeper and found the net. Shildon then had a spell of really good football and scored 2 goals in quick succession. HT 2-2. Then Jake finished with style. Hamza skipped round the Shildon defence to score. Jake scored the 5th and Adam the 6th. The final goal came when Adam took a shot towards goal and was diverted for an OG. To round off a great match Kian saves a penalty. MOTM Hamza and Ellis.

Aycliffe U18 Girls 4 v Shincliffe 5

A very poor first half from Aycliffe give the opposition the initiative to take the lead, then, despite an equaliser from Katie, poor defending from a corner and free shots from outside the box and we're down, before Jess pulls one back. Half time 2-4. The rain got heavier but encouraging words and the girls responded, Olivia prods home from a corner and then it was the bar on 2 occasions preventing the equaliser. Alex, at right back, was holding firm and setting us away down the right hand side. However, another poor goal and Shincliffe extend their lead 3-5. Aycliffe kept pushing forward and Kate gets her second only for the bar twice again stopping an equaliser. FT 4-5.

Stokesley v Aycliffe U10 Eagles

A trip to the unbeaten team in the league but the boys dominated. Dylon opened the scoring from an 18 yard free kick then Faris gets the Eagles 2nd and 3rd goals. A trademark finish from Tarek and we arrived at the HT break. It was then Stokesley who opened the 2nd half before Dylon and Sam rounded off a resounding win.

Aycliffe U8's Wildcats v Herrington

The game was played in atrocious conditions but the girls battled hard and had the better of a tight first half. Wasn't our day after half time, but the girls battled till the end.

Aycliffe U13 Girls 4 v Darlington FC 9

Aycliffe started the brighter of the two teams but Darlington were quick to fire back. Overall, the girls scored some great team goals and had to show character to come back to make it a game of two halves after Darlo went in with 8 goals at half time. We will work hard at training and go again next week.

POTM: Sophie, Goals: Demi x3 and Emily.

Hebburn Town Honeys v Newton Aycliffe Youth U11 Girls

A slow first half and the girls were 3-0 down but a more positive second half and Hannah grabs a goal before Hebburn score their 4th. The girls dominated the final 15 mins but without reward.

Managers Star Player: Hannah, Players Star Player: Poppy.

Other Results: Aycliffe U23's 2 v Consett 2

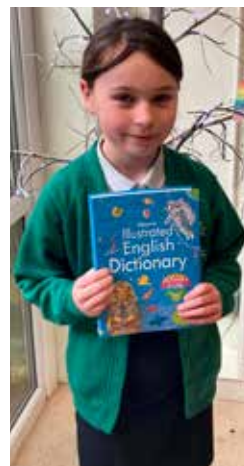
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Washington 4 v Aycliffe U17 Falcons 2

Thank You to Aycliffe Rotary

It's a few weeks now since Rotarian Mary Waine and Friend of Rotary, Clive Bennett, delivered dictionaries to our Year 6 pupils at Sugar Hill Primary. The dictionaries are making such a difference to our Year 6 pupils and are a very welcome classroom resource. Year 6 pupils are using the dictionaries every day to further develop their independent learning skills. One Year 6 pupil was keen to write a thank you letter to Newton Aycliffe Rotary, on behalf of all Year 6 pupils.



Dear Rotarians,

My name is Ava and I am a pupil at Sugar Hill Primary School. How do I begin to say thank you for this amazing dictionary! To begin with, these dictionaries are a lot more child friendly than our old ones we had in school. They also give us pictures to match our definitions and everyone likes a picture once in a while. The school also didn't have enough copies of the other dictionaries to go around my class. We had to share them with people sat next to us. So to have our own is great! These dictionaries won't just last through Year 6 but my whole life and when I don't need it anymore, I can pass it down to a family member and tell them about when I received it.

So, I would like to say thank you to the person who delivered them from the Rotary Club and anyone else who helped put these together. Now, in school, we can find definitions for the spellings we don't understand and use them anytime we are working on something. I have also spotted that they include some of our Roman numerals, a thing I forget a lot.

I would like to thank everybody in the Rotary Club who has delivered these over the years. It's such a kind thing to do. Thank you! Ava (on behalf of all Year 6 pupils)

Project 100 Complete



St. Elizabeth's Church Knit & Natter Group are pleased to announce that they have reached their target of knitting 100 adult hats for the homeless or needy.

These will be distributed locally before Christmas.

Thank you to all the ladies in the group for participating, we also thank those who kindly donated some wool towards the appeal.

Our group meets every Monday 1-3pm and a warm invitation is given to anyone wishing to join us. Any queries, please contact Milly Duffin 01325 313819.



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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

The Darlington Winter Trail Series started on Wednesday, 27th October 2021, with the South Park 5K. The race was held in the evening, so head torches were a must, and Ian Stothard completed the race in 34.03. On Saturday morning, Richard Campbell took on his latest, and longest, distance challenge to date – the Hubble Bubble Ultra Marathon, an out and back race along the Leeds to Liverpool canal. Richard came home in second place, in a time of 4:53:36. There were no parkrun Personal Bests to report this week, however one Member celebrated a huge parkrun milestone. Running at Sedgfield on Saturday morning, Mandy Heywood completed her 250th parkrun, a fantastic achievement! The Club was also represented at parkruns at Chopwell Wood, Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Jubilee, Riverside and the Town Moor. Saturday afternoon saw the latest fixture in the North-Eastern Harrier XC League (NEHL), with a quartet from the Male Section taking on the mixed terrain course at Lambton. First home for the Club was John Firby, crossing the line in 47.11 (a net time of 44:34 after starting from the Mid-Pack). Dez Fielden was not far behind in a time of 47:50, with a net time of 45:13. Turning out at a XC fixture for the first time for the Club, Gareth Kyle was next home in an actual time of 50.07, with Shaun Dodd finishing in 56.36. Two members travelled to Hexham on Sunday morning for the latest Run Northumberland event. In the 5K race, Ian Stothard (making his second appearance of the week) crossed the line in 32.29, finishing second in his Age Category (M50-54). In the Run Northumberland Hexham 10K race, Sandra Rudd came home in 1:09:32. Whilst Ian was taking on a 5K in Hexham, David Stothard was racing in torrential conditions at the RunFit Crimdon Dene 10K, completing the race in 1:09:36. 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

Christmas Market

Why not come along to our Christmas Market on Saturday 6th November, 2021? Junction 7 will be supporting local businesses while raising money for the charity! Get your Christmas shopping started early! Hope to see you there.



Parliament Talk

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I finished last week talking about the imminent budget that the chancellor was to deliver. I was pleased to see his proposed changes to beer duty and the continued commitment to investment in infrastructure. A particular piece of good news, in virtually his last statement, was the changes to the rate of taper for those on Universal Credit. This affects the amount of reduction in benefits when somebody works more hours and means they will keep more of any extra income they earn, for many this will make a significant difference. As regards my week in parliament, I was in the Chamber of the House of Commons to listen to the chancellor and his budget speech and then later the same day the chancellor came and spoke to backbench Conservative MPs at the 1922 committee. Following the chancellor's statement there is a three-day debate in the house on the statement. The first of these was last Thursday when the primary focus was about the impact on businesses. I was able to speak in this debate and reflect on the impact for people in the Sedgfield constituency. Having spoken on Thursday, I am not allowed to give a speech on Monday or Tuesday as the debate continues, however, I can intervene on other speakers if I wish to seek clarity or challenge what they have said. I was also in the chamber on Thursday for what is known as the adjournment debate. This is a short debate where a member can raise something of particular importance to them. On Thursday, the member speaking was Matt Vickers, the MP for Stockton South, and he was raising hospital provision in North Tees, as this affects my constituents, particularly those who live in the village of Sedgfield, I joined Matt in the chamber. When it comes to infrastructure one of the notable commitments to be confirmed, shortly after the chancellor's statement, was a feasibility study into improvements in the railway line that goes from Darlington to Weardale. This stretch of line passes through both Heighington and Newton Aycliffe stations. My hope is that the changes to the line can also incorporate some redevelopment of the Locomotion pub at Heighington Station which, as we all know, is in a depressing state of disrepair. My colleague Richard Holden secured an adjournment debate on this on Monday. I mentioned the progress of the existing feasibility study for Ferryhill railway station and the parallels between the necessity of the existing bid for Ferryhill and the new bid for Weardale. They would both connect communities, ensuring that people can reach

the centres of employment and that those centres can reach back into the countryside and leisure activities that go with that. I touched briefly on Ferryhill again and the connection to Newton Aycliffe, which had the munitions factory. Munitions in the war drove Ferryhill station, which was at that time the busiest station in Europe - bizarre, but it was. I would like to see that reconnection to history and the reconnection of our communities. I was planning to speak in a Westminster Hall debate on 4 November about public access to AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) which I know David Sutton Lloyd, councillor for Aycliffe North and Middlesbrough, has done so much work on, but my co-sponsor, Jim Shannon of the DUP, has tested positive so this debate has now been rescheduled to the 18th of November. For the first two weeks of November the UK political attention is less on Westminster and more on Glasgow, as we are hosting COP26. COP stands for Conference of Parties and 26 is because it is the 26th meeting. The parties are the signatories of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a treaty agreed in 1994 and has 197 parties, made up of 196 countries plus the EU. The big hope is to try to move forward the delivery of the Paris agreement signed in 2015 which rallied governments, businesses and organisations around a common goal - to limit global temperature increases to well below 2 degrees, with a view to 1.5 degrees. Although the agreement was signed in 2015, it is not finished, that is what the negotiations are for, closing off the outstanding elements of the Paris agreement to send an even stronger signal that the world is united and committed to reaching the 2 degrees, with a view to the 1.5 degrees, target. You can imagine, getting 197 different parties to sign off on the same agreement will be no mean feat, so I wish them all the luck in the world. As I'm sure you're aware we continue to see Covid cases at higher levels than we would like. However, the good news is that the severity of any impact is significantly lower than it was in the past. This is due to both the success of the vaccine and also the way our NHS has been able to improve treatments for those who are more badly affected. It goes without saying that the best way to keep the severity low, is for us all to have either our first jab, second jab or booster jab whatever stage you are at, but please engage with the programme and help all of us to have as healthy a winter as we can. Stay safe
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Woodham Academy strives to offer its students a wide range of careers information and opportunities. Recently, Year 11 took part in a Specialist Day, tailored to exploring many of the post 16 options on offer in the local area. Students experienced an excellent speed networking activity, organised and delivered through the Durham Works Programme. They were able to take part in discussions with local businesses, education providers and Durham County Council. The aim of the day was to give the students an insight into the different career paths available when they leave school. It was evident to see throughout the day, and feedback from students, that they were able to demonstrate their excellent communication skills, as well as conducting themselves in a professional and courteous manner. Another session allowed students to gain an insight into college life, by exploring the courses on offer at New College Durham, Durham Sixth Form and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form. All students attended a virtual conference with Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form, where they were able to gain an understanding of the courses on offer and the application criteria. Their Careers lead was very impressed by the level of questions and confidence from the students in particular when they were given time and support to experience further education applications. Woodham Academy is building its careers programme in to one which supports all of their students in their further education choices, by providing the widest range of experiences and information possible. They continue to look for alternative and innovative ways to prepare the students for life after school in a continually changing environment.

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Ken Robson
Chair, Acorn Community Association

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A 'Blooming' Success

Reviewed amongst over 1,600 entrants, the Pioneering Care Centre's (PCC) Community Garden is a shining example of community spirit. Based at the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP)'s PCC, the Community Garden in Newton Aycliffe has 'seeded' success from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and Northumbria in Bloom competition, with a '2021 It's Your Neighbourhood Award of Level 5 – Outstanding'.

Following an extensive awarding process, PCP's Lead Community Volunteer, David Cockburn, attended the RHS awarding ceremony to celebrate the achievement, and said: "The Community Garden success is a testament to the fantastic work of our staff and volunteers who dedicate their time to transform and maintain the area.

"We grow vegetables and fruit, and have a beautiful selection of plants and flowers that are used for sensory education and require a lot of care and attention.

"The recognition truly showcases the wonderful community work that has taken place over time to create such a striking Community Garden for local people to enjoy."

The support of volunteers and staff is ongoing, as this is the second time the PCC's Community Garden has been recognised at an 'Outstanding Level'.

PCP are proud to join organisations recognised nationwide through a community gardening campaign that's improved the local environment and transformed cities, towns and villages since 1964. Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of the PCP, said: "PCP's outstanding team of volunteers have offered over 9,000 hours of support to projects and services across the North East, including our prestigious Community Garden.

"Without the support of our volunteers we wouldn't be able to achieve half of the fantastic things we have."

For future updates, visit www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre and PCP's Twitter and Instagram @PioneeringCare

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



Communication is Key

Dear Sir,

I am writing a further response to the reply from Durham County Council over the footbridge closure near Brockett Close. It is now approaching 11 weeks since we have been able to utilise this footbridge so I would not necessarily say recently closed when it's nearly 3 months. If not repaired till approximately the end of the year it could be 19 weeks (nearly 5 months).

I appreciate work can take time, however, more communication with the residents of Newton Aycliffe would have been appreciated. We were not told of the closure or why or even how long it would be closed.

Communication goes a long way!

Have Durham County Council considered a temporary crossing for pedestrians to safeguard everybody? I don't think they understand how dangerous this road can be, there are a number of cars speeding down this road at various points in the day and night. The people I see, who regularly use this route, have voiced their concerns too and I am representing all of us, not just myself. Name and address supplied

Artist Celebrates Aycliffe Pioneers at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome collaborative artist and tailor Richard Bliss who will be showcasing and talking about his unique exhibit that shines a spotlight on the previously overlooked and underrepresented working class from this area's social history. Richard will be hosting a 'Meet the Artist' event at Greenfield Arts to talk about his creative work and offers the opportunity to enjoy his piece which has recently been part of a project and exhibition at Ushaw entitled Workers' Thread. The event will take place on Wednesday 10 November from 18:30 and is open to the public. Richard brought this exhibition together by studying photographs, by looking at historic clothing held in the collections of The Bowes Museum, The V&A, and the Harris Museum in Preston. He also held collaborative discussions with Bishop Auckland Heritage Action Zone, students from Greenfield Community College through Greenfield Arts and volunteers at Ushaw. The piece on show, The Socialist Pioneers Coat, is very close to home as it celebrates the Pioneering Women of Newton Aycliffe, who developed the first schools, libraries and community centres in the New Town. "I like to think of the exhibition as an historic object that never existed, but should have been collected at the time they were made", explained Richard. The Workers' Thread project has been funded by Arts Council England, the Durham County Council Arts Team and Ushaw's COVID recovery funding. Greenfield Arts are committed to offering high quality arts activity that helps stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry.

Parking Hassle

Dear Sir,
I was a little bemused to be informed by Darran Weston that I had overstayed in Aldi car park by 21 minutes. I had been shopping in the store and had entered my car registration in the system, so I was really 29 minutes inside the parking allowance. My fine letter from the parking company gave my time as being one minute over. Aldi have cancelled the fine but I can do without the hassle of their inefficient parking system when I stuck to all the rules. Name and address previously supplied

Birthday Remembrance

Elizabeth Reid
11th November 1932

Happy Birthday
Today always meant so much to us but now it only brings us to tears, I wish that God could have spared you for just a few more years. We are thinking of you daily Mam, I know that's nothing new, you were in our thoughts yesterday and you will be in them tomorrow too. The memories we'll cherish forever, they will always make us smile, we wish we could hold you close again, if only for a little while. But until that day that we unite, and we'll no longer be apart, until that day remember, you're always in our heart.
Love all of the family

In Memoriam

Ellen Jennings

11th November 2020
In loving memory of my Wife, Ellen. Loved and forever missed. Lots of love, Husband, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Doreen Cross
18/10/31-10/11/20

It's 12 months since I lost you my darling. I still love you and always will. God bless you darling, all my love, Ron. xxx

We cried when you passed away, we still cry today. Although we loved you dearly, we couldn't make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Marjorie, Brian, David, Joy, Mark and Julie
xxx

Rugby Update

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club are pleased to invite any adult males and females, 18+ years, to our open day on 13th November. The club is in the process of rebuilding its squad numbers for the current 1st XV. The idea of the open rugby day is designed to allow people who have never tried the sport, to come along and learn basic rugby skills, and have fun. If you have any experience and are new to the town please come down, introduce yourselves and join in. Just as important, it is hoped that the ladies in the town and surrounding villages will also come down and get a feel for the sport. One of the clubs main aims is to create a Ladies XV. This will be an exciting project as many clubs in the UK have a ladies team and it is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. It is hoped that enough ladies join no matter what experience levels they possess and will create a self managed team to rival other clubs in the North East. The game of rugby is easy to understand and learn. It's also one of the safest to play. So, with the tune of Here Come The Girls planted in your heads let's see how many of you get down for a fun introduction to rugby session. The event will finish off with a mixed gender tag rugby game, which will be great fun! The session will be followed by an Aycliffe 1st XV game, you will be welcome to stay and watch and then enjoy the after match hospitality. As a bonus, the England v Australia autumn international will be shown on the club tv screens from 5:30 ko. So, ladies and gents, let's see as many of you down Moore Lane Sports Club. Meet 12pm, the session will end 1:30pm. Children are welcome to come and watch from the sidelines, providing they are suitably supervised at all times. 1st XV KO 2:15pm.

John O'Kaen
8/1143-24/2/19

Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there. Greatly missed by all our family.

Thelma Cowan
11/11/2017

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Victory for Coates in Mini Season Finale

The MINI Challenge UK season came to a thrilling end last weekend at the iconic Brands Hatch GP circuit in Kent and it was Max Coates who took the win in an action-packed season finale.

On the back of a pole position at Donington Park last time out, Coates looked strong all the way through qualifying. He ended the session 2nd which also gave the Yorkshireman the second highest qualifying average of the season.

As the first race got underway Coates made the best start and initially led on the way into the Druids Hairpin. The three drivers behind all entered too quickly and Coates had to take avoiding action by moving onto grass. He dropped to 11th place but made short work of getting back into the top ten. He was then in a race long battle for 6th place and a last lap move round the outside netted him 7th at the flag.

Over the first two laps of race two he gained two places putting him into 5th place and another race long battle, this time with champion elect, Dan Zelos. Whilst Coates was quicker on the GP part of the Brands Hatch circuit, he couldn't get close enough to mount a serious challenge.

The final race was set to be a real thriller, thanks in part to its reverse grid nature which placed Coates 3rd on the grid. Coates again made a strong start but had to settle for 3rd spot until Kenan Dole, sitting in 2nd, slid out of the race at turn three. Coates then started to close the gap to the leader,



Jack Davidson. Coates had strong pace setting the fastest lap on the third tour. He caught the leader and immediately began to

attack but lost out as Davidson's defensive moves compromised Coates. The Graves Motorsport driver was the man on the move though, getting back to 2nd by lap five but again falling back to 3rd whilst dicing with Davidson. With three laps to go the top seven drivers were nose to tail and the leading pair ran wide exiting Stirling Bend. Coates seized the opportunity to take the lead and immediately began opening a gap which he then extended before taking the flag 1.932 seconds ahead of the competition. The result landed the Primex Plastics backed driver 5th in the 2021 MINI CHALLENGE UK Championship as well as the Graduate championship for drivers in their second year of competing in the series. Coates said "What a race to finish the year, that was so tough with cars in front and behind. It's great to reward the efforts of the Graves Motorsport team with this race win and also pay thanks to my sponsors who help me to continue my with my racing career. It's a clear statement of intent for what we can achieve next season which I am really looking forward to."

Coates has already confirmed that he will continue in the MINI CHALLENGE UK next season with the same Graves Motorsport team. The championship will again support the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) at seven events in 2022 in which the team will use the season to build into their intended debut season of the BTCC in 2023.

NAFC REPORT



Saturday 30 October
Ebac Northern League Division One
Northallerton Town 0 v Newton Aycliffe 2

Aycliffe put their recent run of poor results behind them with a 2-0 win at Northallerton. Goals from Jake Petitjean & Liam Jarvie earned Colin Stromsoy's side the 3 points. The win took them to 6th in the League with 34 points, 7 behind leaders Consett but with 2 games in hand.

The first half saw Aycliffe have plenty of possession but no goals to show for it. However, on 40 minutes, Northallerton were reduced to 10 men with Cieran Jackson sent off for a second bookable offence. Despite the advantage Aycliffe struggled to make it count but just after the hour Stromsoy brought on substitute Liam Jarvie. He caused trouble for the home defence & on 75 minutes was felled in the box. The referee pointed to the spot with Jake Petitjean converting. Aycliffe continued to press and Jarvie got his reward on 89 minutes with a well worked goal to put the result beyond doubt. In added time Northallerton had the chance of a consolation when they were awarded a penalty but this was well saved by Adam Pickford diving to his left.

The final whistle brought a positive end to a hectic month with Aycliffe having played 8 games, winning 4 but going out of the FA Vase (at AFC Liverpool) & the Durham Challenge Cup (to Darlington on penalties). November's fixtures begin the visit of West Allotment Celtic to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday 6 November (kick off 3pm).

Photo by Yvonne Wood, Liam Jarvie sets up his shot for the second goal.

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