

# Newton News

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## Lest We Forget

May we walk in their light with their love in our hearts  
and their courage and strength in our souls,  
may we fight the good fight and stand firm for our rights  
and for those of our brothers - our whole.

May the youth of today also walk down that way,  
led by truth, led by faith, led by love  
and continue when we have to go - have to leave -  
have to join with those comrades above.

May we walk hand in hand, let us work as a band,  
like those soldiers who fought in the wars,  
may we stand tall with pride and may we never hide  
from the truth and the rights of a cause.

May we all give our thanks to those valiant ranks  
who did suffer - that we can go on -  
make us appreciate all our freedom today  
and send thanks to all those who have gone.

Let us never forget as we go on through time -  
as we reap all the seeds they have sown -  
all our brothers and sisters who fought line on line  
so that we can call our lives our own.

AND MAY GOD BLESS THEM ALL

*Irene Wilkinson*



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# Jingle All The Way



Set to be a day to remember, a leading North East charity has gone all out for the return of its iconic Christmas Fair. The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP's) Christmas Fair will be its first large event since the first COVID-19 lockdown, and staff have been 'decking the halls' for the big event on Saturday 20th November from 10am until 2pm.

The Pioneering Care Centre (PCC) in Newton Aycliffe will transform into a winter wonderland filled with fun for all the family, including the venue jam packed with independent festive crafting stalls, a children's entertainment space with face painting, games and activities, a choir, a treasure hunt and a special visit from Mr Santa Claus! Children will have the opportunity to create their own reindeer dust to take home and use on Christmas Eve.

The Garden Kitchen will be serving delicious handmade treats of gourmet turkey sandwiches, mince pies, mulled wine and much more for you to enjoy at the PCC or take home to tuck into later. All ages are welcome to this free event. Follow PCP's social media accounts to find updates about the Christmas Fair and future events. Visit [www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre](https://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](mailto:jenny.lee@pcp.uk.net)

## Neighbourhood Policing

By PCSO Steven Kipling



Hi everyone, PCSO Kipling here, I hope this finds you all well! This week, we started to properly get back into the local Primary Schools to deliver presentations to the pupils, this Tuesday we attended St. Francis and did presentations on Internet Safety, Bullying, Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime and Consequences to Years 5 & 6. Each child received a certificate from the team and also got the chance to meet Jet & Ben! It was really great to be back in the schools and we look forward to doing the same at Sugar Hill in two week's time, whilst also adding a County Lines presentation to the mix! This engagement is being done to support the enforcement action that we are taking across the town to reduce vulnerability and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Moving on, last week we received a report of Criminal Damage over in the Western Area of town, whereby youths were alleged to have caused substantial damage to an address. Two male youths were arrested that same afternoon, transported to Darlington custody where they were interviewed for this offence. One of these males was charged with Criminal Damage and Resist Arrest and will be attending court in the near future, where we will be asking the court to impose a Criminal Behaviour Order.

Also, on the evening of 4th November going into 5th November, we have had two 2-in-1 Burglaries reported, where three vehicles have been reported stolen, one in the Middridge area and one in the Kirkham Close area of Woodham. We are working closely with our colleagues in CID, collecting evidence, and we hope to have a positive update on this one for you soon. Please, if you have any information which may assist us with this, contact us on 101 or attend the front counter on Central Avenue.

On a more positive note, Inspector Honeyman and Sergeant Boyd attended the opening ceremony of the new Sensory Room at St. Mary's RC Primary School. As a team, we have assisted the school in fundraising activities over the last few years. This is fantastic for the school and community and it was brilliant to be invited to the opening of this, thank you for having us!

Lastly, if you have a couple of minutes spare, please could I ask you to consider signing up to 'Keep in the Know'. This is our online messaging service where we send out local alerts to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in Newton Aycliffe. It's completely free and you can receive crime updates, road closures and see what the Neighbourhood Team is up to. For a simple sign up please visit; [www.keepintheknow.co.uk](http://www.keepintheknow.co.uk), thank you everybody, have a great week

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Isabel and her family would like to send a massive thank you to everyone who assisted her, on Wednesday 3rd November, when she had a fall near her home. A lot of residents in the area rushed to help, stayed with her, called her daughter, called an ambulance, kept her warm, dry and comfortable, as well as keeping her company. We will forever be grateful for your help and support. Isabel is bright as a button and is on the mend. Thank you  
Jaine



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UPSTAIRS

Saturday 13th Nov: 'Lee Paul'

Saturday 20th Nov: 'Mark Thomas'



# Armistice Tribute at St. Michael's, Heighington



Dear Sir,  
I thought your readers may be interested in Heighington Women's Institute poppy project.

Over the last two years, our group has been knitting, crocheting and collecting bottle bottoms to make nearly 18,000 poppies. We kept it as quiet as possible from the community until we placed the finished project on St. Michael's tower in the centre of the village.

Many ladies took part in making the flowers, sourcing the netting, contacting the church authority and attaching the poppies to the net. Some of the husbands helped with placing the netting on the tower, and it was unveiled last weekend.

The reaction from the village has been amazing, and from other WI groups. We did this to mark the 100th year of the poppy being used as a mark of remembrance, and the idea came from a woman in America so it also remembers her. The idea and the person who organised us was Chris Houghton, who can be reached on 07778 508209.

Ange Goodings



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## Feel Good Film Show

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

The film on Tuesday 16th Nov is the 2019 screen version of the musical 'Cats' starring James Corden, Judi Dench, Idris Elba, Jennifer Hudson, Ian McKellan, Taylor Swift, Rebel Wilson and Francesca Hayward. For further information please contact Ric Hargreaves on 07561 335 445.

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## Elderly Couple Scammed

Dear Sir,  
An elderly couple in Newton Aycliffe wanted to make their garden area a place to sit out in, as one of them has terminal cancer and the other has arthritis. They followed the rules to find a tradesman to do the work and, after finding one who could do the work, they agreed a price. Workmen arrived, took down the shed and storage boxes and proceeded to dig out the garden ready for the sub base, they also took all their garden tools and equipment.  
After two days work they approached the elderly couple and asked for some money for materials, they couple completed a bank transfer - £1000s given, and yes, you guessed it, they never returned.  
My son, whose girlfriend lives next door, had heard what had gone on and my son contacted me to see if I could help. I spoke with the couple who were in tears because someone wanted to help.  
I posted on local social media asking if any local businesses could help out and within a few hours I was contacted.  
We were given sand, cement, sub base gravel and Indian sandstone paving slabs and the offer of help by local people. We managed to get rid of the rubbish and give them an area that they can use and enjoy. The people of Aycliffe came together to help someone in need, and to everyone who stepped up to the challenge, I salute you. *Police and other agencies have been informed and it's now being investigated. Please, please never pay up front for work, pay a deposit and the rest on completion.*  
Name and address supplied

## Selection Success for Woodham Academy Footballers

Students at Woodham Academy have been celebrating their selection for the Bishop Auckland Schools Football Association District teams. The association is one of the biggest in the country and therefore the field is much more competitive than for most. Woodham Academy has a strong tradition of students leaving to become professional footballers and are doing their utmost to create the environment to allow the current crop to follow in their footsteps.  
Mr Patterson, PE teacher, said, "It has been hugely exciting to resurrect the school's sports academy following recent restrictions and very rewarding to see students enjoying training and working on their skills at the Football Academy, then representing the school and applying what they've practised during competitive fixtures."  
In total, 10 students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents at district level. In Year 8, Isaac Chambers and Jackson Raitt have been selected to represent the Bishop Auckland Schools District U13 team, their pace and power will be a big asset to the team. Meanwhile in Year 9, Connor Maitchell and Tyler Smith have been selected to represent the Bishop Auckland Schools U14 District team, Tyler is also currently on trial with Middlesbrough Academy, scoring 3 goals in his first 4 games. Year 10 students, Alex Beattie, Thomas Aspinall and Travis Dixon have all been selected for the Bishop Auckland Schools District U15s team. In addition, Enya Malarky has been selected to be part of the Teesside FA Girls' Regional Talent Club (RTC), which aims to help the next



generation of female football stars make it to the top. Finally, in Year 11, the skilful attacking duo, Zach Blythe and Charlie Dawson have been selected for the Bishop Auckland Schools District U16s team. We wish all students the best of luck with these opportunities.  
Mr Bell, Headteacher, said "Our school motto is 'Achievement for All', and it's excellent to see these students reaching their potential. We're very proud of the way they represent the school. We hope this success continues and, in future, more students are recognised for their talents."

## Brass Band Concert

Durham Police Brass Band will perform a concert of popular tunes on Friday 3rd December at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland at 7.00pm.

Tickets are priced at £7.50 for adults and £1 for children which includes seasonal refreshments.

The Band has a huge following, and plays concerts regularly throughout the region and at official engagements. All proceeds will go towards providing 'end of life care' by Marie Curie nurses in the Bishop Auckland area, so why not start your Christmas celebrations early whilst supporting this worthy cause?

### FESTIVE ISSUES OF NEWTON NEWS

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Newton News would like  
to wish all Newtonians a  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy, Prosperous New Year



## St Andrew's Gift Day

Saturday 20th November 2021

Come along to Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday 20th November and take part in St. Andrew's Gift Day. We start at 10.00am and will be there to see you until 3.00pm.

As usual you will be able to support our Village Church, by popping some funds in an envelope and adding it to our 'Gift Tree'. There will be tea and coffee and other refreshments, we hope for a visitation from our favourite piper.

In addition, there will be a sponsored Static Bike Ride by the clergy and the scouts. All funds raised go towards our Fabric Fund, helping to keep this wonderful old church in good shape.

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# New Sensory Room at St. Mary's School

After realising that there was a need within the school, and the wider local community, for a sensory room to support children with special educational need, the idea for a sensory area was born.

The pupils, parents and staff at St. Mary's R.C. Primary School started a two year fundraising campaign for a building and equipment which culminated in the grand opening of the Sensory Pod on the 5th November 2021 by the Mayoress for Newton Aycliffe Mrs. Sandra Haigh, Sarah Honeyman, Councillor Atkinson and Miss Joanne Wills the SENDCo and Inclusion Lead at St. Mary's.

Miss Wills thanked the invited guests including the many generous donors from the local community including, GAMP (Great Aycliffe Middridge Partnership), Community Spirit, Tesco, Honest John, St. Mary's Mini Police team and those who took part in the fundraising event at ROF59 in 2019, in a time pre Covid.



The Sensory Pod project began in September 2019, when Miss Wills noticed, from working with partners within special educational needs education within the local area, that many parents, schools and communities were reaching for support and help in locating and looking for areas with sensory rooms and facilities. It was then that she decided it was time for the school, if it could make a difference. With a plan for fundraising and reaching out into the community, especially to local councillors, Miss Wills set to work. Covid-19 slowed our project. It became evident that the resource of a sensory room would be needed for many children returning to school after two periods of lockdown and, with funding secured, work finally began on a sensory room during the summer holiday in August 2021. Miss Wills even went into school during August to capture the progress so that the children could see the work in progress on their return to school in September.

The Sensory Pod, as it is named, is an eco-friendly building with a wind turbine, solar panels and water butt to collect water for the school vegetable garden and will provide support for individuals in a variety of ways, ranging from:

- Enhance learning through play.
- Improve balance, movement, and spatial orientation.
- Develop communication skills.
- De-stress.
- Improves focus.
- Promote socialisation.

The children and staff at St. Mary's are so proud to have this facility to offer to neighbouring schools and to support the wider school community.



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## When The Blood Red Poppy is No More

As I stood at the grave of an Unknown Soldier I bowed my head in respect I silently gave thanks for the sacrifice he and so many of his fallen comrades had made. My moment of quiet contemplation came to an end as a soft and gentle voice broke the silence.

'Such a waste of life'.

Lost in my own thoughts, I failed to hear a veteran approach and stand next to me. I turned to face him as I said I would take a moment to pay my respects and leave a Poppy as a token of my thanks.

"Ah the poppy of remembrance; less you forget us. We gave so much and you give us a blood red poppy in return as a token of your appreciation".

I don't understand!

"That is why you have to make more and more poppies every year. You still don't understand or have learnt the lessons from history that demanded our sacrifice. Your gratitude is a wonderful thing but there is little point in remembering us if you fail to learn from our death. In life, war is the ultimate obscenity and no amount of poppies will ever change that. We did not give our lives to be honoured by an artificial flower, but to help you recognise the futility of war so that you would never have to pay the price that we did. In that we have failed. If you wish to honour the fallen bow your head, say thank you for the time when you will choose peace over war, and the blood red poppy will be no more".

Then he was gone and I was left alone with my thoughts and wondered if the day will ever dawn when the lesson is finally learnt and Remembrance Day becomes a day of celebration, of when the poppy is no more.

Phillip Hawkins

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12-2pm	LA Connection	Emperor Rosko (USA)
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Sports Saturday	Sean Lawless
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Drum 'n' Bass Show	MC Supa
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

### SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
12-2pm	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer

**'Blues Show' Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service**

2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6.30-8pm	Jazz Time	Mike Dixon
8-10pm	Soul Show	John Wooler (USA)
10-12am	Easy Sunday	Al Smart

### \* MONDAY to FRIDAY DAILY

10-12am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop (Mon, Tues & Wed)	Richard Smith
12-1pm	Call Me No 1 (Tues & Thurs)	Richard Smith
1-2pm	Memory Lane	Colin McNeillie
2-4pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

### MONDAY

**'Through the Decades' Sponsored by McDonalds Newton Park**

6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Gary Avery
9-10pm	90s Show	Dave Graham
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Andy Fittes

### TUESDAY

6-7pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7-8pm	Around Town with	Phill Hawkins
	16th Nov: Local Alcohol Support Group	
8-9.30pm	Jazz Time (R)	Mike Dixon
9.30-12am	Soul and Motown Selection	

### WEDNESDAY

6-7.30pm	Joey's Jukebox	Joey Collins
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gaz n Alby

### THURSDAY

6-8pm	The List	Colin McNeillie
8-10pm	Back to the 80s	Andy Little
10-12am	Rock Night	Jonny Goldsmith

### FRIDAY

**'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake**

4-6pm	Weekend Warm Up	Dan Calum
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	19th November - Nathan Abbott - Dance Classix	
10-12pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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## Aycliffe Youth Football News



### Skelton Panthers 2 v Aycliffe U15 Eagles 5

Cup tie for the boys away to Skelton, and this was the first chance to show their new bespoke away strip. The team set up in a new formation and took a little time to settle, going a goal down early on. They soon adapted and settled in, with goals coming from Ryan Foremen, Tom Dearden and Jack Greenwell, HT 1-3. The second half started with 5 changes, sticking with the same formation. The team created plenty of chances. However, goals from Kye Cook and Noah Scott in the 60th and 68th minute, with Skelton pulling one back in-between and the Eagles march on into the next round of the cup.

### Boldon 0 v Aycliffe U13 Girls 3

First half, Aycliffe had most of the possession but only managed one goal before HT. The second half was more end to end but Aycliffe always looking the most dangerous and were rewarded a further 2 goals without reply to take the points. Goals: Emily, Demi Lee & OG. POTM Megan.

### Brandon United 6 v Aycliffe U13 Eagles 6

It was a goal fest in Durham with 3rd and 4th in the league playing each other. Brandon twice went ahead but goals from Olly and Adam kept the score level. However, it was the home team who scored a further 2 goals without reply, HT 4-2. Quick change of formation for the second half and this worked brilliantly as the boys in blue started dominating the play. Again the boys pulled level with goals from Jake and Kaiden. Once again Brandon scored but a great penalty from Kaiden and the scores were level. Finally Aycliffe were in front as Adam smashed home the 6th goal, only for Brandon to score from a free kick in the final minute. MOTM Adam.

### Washington Utd Lionesses 1 v Aycliffe U12 Angels Blue 1

A closely contested match which was a classic game of two halves. Washington had the best of the first half and were 1-0 up at half time. The Blues had the best of the second half and pulled it back to 1-1. A great effort from the girls, against a side that always prove tough opposition.

Blues star players: Sophie & Heidi.

### Aycliffe U8 Wildcats v Washington

The girls were very unfortunate to be behind after a very close first half. Ava pulled a goal back early in the second half before Penny finished calmly to complete what was a brilliant comeback. Well done everyone today, lots of happy faces at full time which is the main thing.

### Washington United 1 v Aycliffe U12 Angels Yellow 1

Despite only having 7 girls, Aycliffe took the lead from a corner just before HT with a brilliant finish from Amy. A hard fought 2nd half but it was the home team who grabbed a goal and the points were shared.

All of the girls received a star player award for an outstanding team performance.

### Aycliffe U10 Eagles v Darlington All Stars

All Stars came to the match undefeated this season but goals from Tarek 3, Olly, Faris, Sam and Lucas give the Eagles a resounding victory. MOTM Sam.

### Aycliffe U10 Wildcats v Bishop Auckland Girls

Two second half goals to Bishop settled the game. POTM: Lucy.

### Richmond Town Women 0 v Aycliffe Women 8

Great performance and a fine win for the women to take them joint second in the league.

Goals: Meg 4 Katie 3 and Lottie.

### Other Results

Leven Royals 4 v Aycliffe U11 Eagles 2

Aycliffe U23's 1 v Bishop Auckland 5



# Outstanding . . . Again, and Again, and Again!

The ROC Group in Newton Aycliffe are celebrating their work with children with complex needs has earned them the fourth CQC Outstanding rating in a row!

The company, which won the North East Care Employer of the Year title in the Great British Care Awards, delivers a range of services to vulnerable children, young people and families in Co. Durham and Teesside.

Their inspected service, ROC Support Network, takes children with complex needs on outings and gives personal care. It achieved CQC overall Outstanding and Outstanding in all five of the areas covered by the inspection i.e. is the service safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led?

The report says that one professional described the staff as 'phenomenal' whilst parents repeatedly described the staff as 'life-savers' in keeping their family together. It states: 'The service was exceptionally well-led by managers who were very proactive in addressing the needs of staff and the people who used the service. They ensured staff were well supported and competent to carry out their roles'. Staff echoed the comments made by one member of staff who said, "I have never worked somewhere that is so passionate about the families they support and the workers." The report also says that parents described the impact of the caring nature of the staff on them. One parent said "The staff are



friendly and don't judge you. They don't put pressure on you and if my child is having a meltdown, they are patient and wait for it to pass. They listen to my child and if my child wants to come home early, they will bring them home: but they do take the long way around, so we still get a break. Going the extra mile, literally."

Director Sally Bishop described the inspection results as phenomenal, "we are absolutely delighted" she said. "We have a great team of professional, committed and passionate support workers. They have gone the extra mile again and again during the pandemic, something greatly appreciated by families and social workers. I loved the bit in the report where one parent described how their child bounced and clapped with excitement when the support workers pull up in their car - absolutely brilliant!"

*Photo: Families have really appreciated the safe and creative outreach work done by ROC support workers during the pandemic - outstanding work, according to CQC.*

## Open Meeting

'How Many Sleeps Till Christmas?' is the title of National Demonstrator, Lucy Richardson's flower demonstration which will take place at Shildon Civic Hall on Monday 29th November at 7.30pm.

There will be an assortment of flower-related stalls to peruse, refreshments will be available to purchase from the bar and all arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening to raise funds for Shildon and District Flower Club at this Open Meeting.

Advance tickets, priced £5 for members/£8 for non-members, can be obtained from Margaret Metcalf (01388) 832991. All tickets on the door £10. Further information available from the Chair, Pauline Wadge, tel 01388 417145.



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# Poppies at Byerley Park



This week at Byerley Park we were able to hold our Remembrance Service once again for parents. As part of our work within school, to commemorate Remembrance Day, every child made a poppy to be displayed outside. The children are very proud of the display as it is a sombre reminder of sacrifices made by men and women for future generations.

Our House Captains have been selling poppies and other merchandise in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and we are very proud to be able to support the charity again this year.

# New Member for Rotary

Hugh Stephenson has been a Rotarian since September 2021. He retired in March 2020 after forty-one and half years of service with Durham County Council.

He is a prolific fundraiser, having raised over £350,000 for local community groups, brass bands and charities in the North East and is Chairman of the North of England Brass Band Championships, a Vice President of the Durham County Brass Band Association and Vice President of Spennymoor Town Band, he is also a board member of Spennymoor Area Action Partnership, a School Governor and a volunteer at the Spennymoor Care Package project and Community Garden

In 2014 Hugh was awarded a scroll of honour from Spennymoor Town Council in recognition of his community work and in 2015 received the Durham County Council Chairman's medal, the highest honour that can be bestowed on a County Durham resident. In 2019, Hugh was a regional finalist in the Northern England 'Pride of Britain' TSB Community Partner Award for promotion of brass bands, fundraising and work in the local community.

In 2016 Hugh travelled to Nepal for 16 days to see the progress in his project and fundraising to rebuild schools that were destroyed by the devastating earthquakes which hit the country in 2015.

In the words of his wife, "could Hugh's head get any bigger?" Love it! We are lucky to have Hugh and he is very welcome.



# Clear & Care Celebrate Seventh Year

Dear Sir,

We would like to thank you, Newton Press and the Howarth family, so much for awarding us the runner up certificate in memory of your Syd. We were totally shocked and overwhelmed and it was an honour and a pleasure to meet you all, along with the other nominees, who do so much for the community.

November sees us celebrating our 7th birthday at Clear and Care for the Community, so what a way to start our 8th year.

We originally started in our home and after approximately 5 years of having no home life, we took the big decision to rent a unit, which has been a God send. We have gone from donating thousands of pounds to other groups on the town in our first couple of years, to putting on events such as fortnightly family discos, Christmas/Halloween/Easter parties, adult live band nights, Little Fix concert, Toys are Back in Town shows, afternoon teas, jumble sales and craft fairs in the next few years.

Then finally, we moved to arranging family trips, where we heavily subsidise transport, and have been all over the country, including Monkey World in Dorset, Zoo's, Theme Parks and Seaside destinations, with families who probably would never get to these places and they all made some wonderful memories.

We have also donated food hampers, toys to some less fortunate families at Christmas and even presents to some single mothers on Mother's Day, who probably wouldn't receive gifts from their small children.

As I have said, we finished off our 7th year with the Syd Howarth Community Service runner up award, which is an amazing achievement and a privilege. James and myself would like to thank everyone for their nominations and of course their wonderful support, as we would not be the fundraisers we are today without them all. We would also like to give a big shout out to all our helpers, who have done, and are doing, an amazing job to help us keep going.

Thank you again.

Sharon and James Franklin.



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# Every Mile is a Smile



Walworth School takes part in 'Every Mile is a Smile' for mental awareness week, wearing yellow.. Children and staff from Walworth Primary Day and Residential School took part in walking Every Mile is a smile to raise awareness for mental health week. Children marked a smile in chalk after every mile they walked wearing yellow.

Our school provides a service for children who have severe social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

Louise Hopper, Senior Residential Child Care Officer, states "Our aim is to significantly improve the quality of all our children's lives and with this in mind raise awareness of mental health reaching out to families across the community. As a committed staff team, we would like to build and create positive learning experiences for all our children in a variety of ways, to support their daily struggles and help deal with the challenges they may face on a daily basis. We will continue to strive and push forward, enriching our children's knowledge of support available for those in need."

# Thank You

The Hub of Wishes had a fantastic Halloween Party on the Thursday 28th October and we would like to thank everyone who came along, also we would like to thank the following for donating the raffle prizes: Holiday Inn, Shafto Way Service Centre, Sainsbury's at Cobblers Hall, Elachi, Planet Leisure, China Garden, Bengal Lounge, Woodham Golf Club, Mikes Fish Bar, Costa Coffee, Dominos Pizza, Krushems, Masala, Love Thy Cupcake, Thames Diner, Creations, Reds, Walkers Butchers, Olive Garden, Cobblers Hall Pub, Boots and Coffee Pronto.

# Wonderful Surprise



Dear Sir,  
My local church gave me a wonderful surprise last Sunday, 31st October. It was my mother's anniversary, 22 years since she passed away. I walked in to church preparing to hear a Service dedicated to my late mother as it was the anniversary of her death. I had also arranged to have a Service in remembrance of her and was amazed when I looked ahead to see her name on a screen at the front of the church prior to the start of the Service - a lovely surprise. I always have a Mass said for her but this is a different way of presenting prayers and words so that the congregation can follow it with the prayers and any set readings are shown on screen and easy to follow - it's brilliant. I thanked the priest, who conducted the Service, afterwards, which seemed to delight him. It was an amazing experience, thinking I would be there and unbeknown to other people present who the person named on screen was connected to.  
Angela Stevenson (Heighington)



# Skipton Xmas Market Trip

**SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021**

New Friends New Places are planning a trip to Skipton Christmas Market. Cost £8. Leaving Wilkinsons Town Centre 9.00am, Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop 9.10am.

To book ring 308094 or 07967 901477.

## Weekly Litter Pick



This week's litter pick took place in and around the Horndale Park area.

Amongst the usual haul of glass and plastic bottles, discarded face masks and crisp packets, a double bed, three wheelie bins and discarded containers of oil were recovered.

A blazer and schoolbag were found in bushes and returned to the school.

A litter pick takes place every Wednesday between 10 - 11 a.m. at various locations around town. Further information can be had from Ian Gray at [ian.gray38@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.gray38@btinternet.com)

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## NAFC Junior Section

**U9's Whites** played Crook on Saturday and were dominant first half and no idea how we didn't find the back of the goal. Second half was a little slower and, despite goals from Harry C and William B it wasn't to be our day. MOTM William, a fantastic defensive display.

**U9 Blacks** hosted Darlington Spraire Lads on Sunday. Aycliffe enjoyed a lot of possession and finally broke the deadlock, Jacob with a good finish from a corner, then Regan finishing to put us two up @ HT. Second half and the conditions worsened, Darlington dominated and took home the spoils. Goals: Jacob & Regan, MOTM: Fin C.

**U10's Whites** played Durham City midweek, coming away with the points. The first 10 mins were pretty sloppy, going behind but then they started playing some fantastic passing football switching the play well. Goals from Jonah x3, Oliver and Maxi. MOTM going to Jonah H for his all-round performance. On Saturday they played Sunderland Ryhope, and although the boys took an early lead, they found themselves down at half time. Second half was slow again conceding more, then suddenly the boys woke and started battling and playing as a team and managed to secure a draw with 4 goals in the last 15 mins. Excellent battling. Goals: Jack 4 and Jonah, MOTM: Tyler.

**U10's Blacks** played a very strong unbeaten top of the league team. Each and every one of the boys gave 100% today, excellent passing, great goals, amazing saves and just all-round brilliant team play. A very close and very tense game but we kept our heads and got the result we deserved today! Goals, Oliver x2. MOTM: Went to the whole team today as they were all outstanding.

**U11's** were defeated by one goal at home to Hurworth Albion Greens in the cup who were a division above. Goal: Layton. MOTM Trent.

**U12's** hosted in form Billingham Lions on Sunday. In tough conditions both teams struggled to get any real chances before half time. The 2nd half started well, the Lions keeper kept them in it. Alex was then brought down in the box after a fantastic run and Callum put away the penalty, 1-0. Thomas then went past 2/3 lion's players and chipped the keeper for a great goal, FT 2-0. Goals: Callum x1(P), Thomas 1. MOTM: Alexander. Top of the table, well done everyone.

**U13's Blacks** won 4-0 against Whickham Fellside Yellows on Saturday. First half was poor, but still nothing got past Harry. Second half was a totally different story, coming out wide awake and bagged 4 awesome goals. A great second half performance, with no subs. Goals: Jayden 1, Robbie 1, Danny 1 & Keaton 1. MOTM: Keaton

**U15's** lost their league cup game to current cup holders and top of the table Div1 side

Seaton Carew this weekend. The lads gave 110% from start to finish in a really hard-fought match with the game finishing 3-0 to the visitors.

**U16's** hosted Bowburn Youth United on Saturday. In blustery conditions, both sides managed to get the ball down and play some good football, but sloppy defending resulted in Aycliffe conceding. A few positional changes in the second half saw Aycliffe playing a lot more on the front foot, taking the game to Bowburn and testing the keeper on a few occasions, but unfortunately weren't able to pull level in the game - final score NAFC 0 - 1 Bowburn Youth United MOTM: Archie Marshall.

## Pop Up Shop

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group is doing something different this year, we are having a Christmas Pop Up Shop from Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th November in the Community Shop in Newton Aycliffe town centre, open from 9.30am until 3pm. We will be selling everything that our members have made from Christmas Wreaths to lots of different Christmas Decorations, plus winter coats, hats and scarves for sale along with gifts you could buy for Christmas.

On Thursday 18th a Bodyshop representative, selling various Bodyshop products including gift ideas and on Friday 19th the new local sweet business 'Candy Queen' will be selling all of their new products. Come and support your Local Cancer Charity, raising money to keep our services going. Since Covid-19, many charities like ours were hit hard financially, however the amount of newly diagnosed cancer patients has trebled in the last twelve months. Our trustees will be on hand if anyone needs any support or has any questions.

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group will also have a stall at the Craft Fair held at Hallgarth Hotel on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November from 11am - 4pm.

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We hope everyone who reads this gets at least some insight into what these beautiful creatures experience in the wild. At the moment all rescues admit hedgehogs that to the naked eye look ok, however this is certainly not the case.. I have seen some little ones come in with multi parasite burdens, they are very ill, dehydrated and sometimes close to death, I give constant critical care which means getting up through the night to check on them is a regular occurrence, it's very hard work and worrying too.

I want to thank finders for bringing hogs into rescue, I thank them because they have sought help for our precious, vulnerable hedgehogs that would have surely died in the wild. First Pat from Bluebell Close, she brought me two, regrettably only one survived, we have called her Belle, another baby hog picked up from the allotment, she is beautiful, very small and we have called her Charley, also here through the winter months, poorly at present but treatment making a difference, new hoggie mum steps in to assist, Denise, very much an animal and hedgehog lover. We are the best of friends. Can I also mention that if you try to kill vermin, rats etc using poisons, these also kill our hedgehogs, they can't be saved and, despite our best efforts, we fail. Slug pellets etc are frowned upon amongst us rehabbers. There are more organic ways to keep gardens free from pests, coffee grounds etc, Costa used to supply them upon request, ask again I am sure they won't mind. I have lots of people to thank, but I will do that next week. I hope you take the time to come and meet me on 27th November when our beautiful Christmas Tree Lights get switched on in the town centre. Fundraising is also something I need to do to keep these hedgehogs in over winter.

*Photo: Here is Charley feeling chilled.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** British Hedgehog Preservation Society can provide a list of rehabbers. If you ring 01584 890801 they can help you, also my email is pricklyhaven@yahoo.com



Tel: 01325 790580 - Email: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk

Last week started with spending some time in the constituency office and I was able to catch up with the members of my team based in Newton Aycliffe. We were able to discuss our plans for the coming weeks and particularly arrangements for Parliament Week, Remembrance Sunday and our Christmas card competition. Like last year, we are holding a competition open to local schools to design our Christmas card. Parliament Week is where we try to connect with different organisations to inform them more about the operations of Westminster and in particular the work of their MP. I have spoken to some schools and I will be in a meeting with the WI this week, but if you would like me to visit your organisation please write and let me know.

Last week I also had my monthly meeting with the senior management of Durham County Council. This is where I take the opportunity to raise issues that you have raised with me, that we are not seeing good progress on.

We were also looking at the details for our forthcoming surgeries at Ferryhill, Middleton St George, Woodham and Trimdon Grange. Please contact us at the email address below if you would like an appointment at any of these.

One issue you may have noticed in Parliament last week was the Owen Paterson affair. This was where we voted not to directly accept the recommendations of the Committee on Standards to suspend him for 30 days. This has been portrayed in the press as if we were trying to prevent Mr Paterson from facing the penalty he had been given, it was nothing of the sort. We voted to attempt to create a change that would have allowed him to be able to appeal, however the opposition parties then refused to engage with the proposed procedure. I find this strange as anyone else would have the right to appeal a sentence imposed. Having read the report, I have to say I was surprised he wanted to appeal, as it looked cut and dried to me and I could only see a worse outcome for him. My opinion is that if an MP is found guilty of being paid to lobby, then the consequences should be more than just a 30-day suspension, I believe they should at least face a by-election and preferably not be allowed to stand. Another issue that you may have seen would be the Environment Bill. This has had quite a bit of press for allegedly allowing the pollution of rivers by storm overflows. This is a fundamental misrepresentation of the Bill, which in effect reduces the use of storm

overflows as well as improving water quality, promoting biodiversity and reducing the use of single use plastics.

Last week I referred to the COP26 event taking place in Glasgow, on Saturday I went to Sedgefield Parish Hall where Sedgefield Area Churches Together were holding a cafe COP to educate locals on some of the issues under debate and it was a pleasure to join them. Whilst COP26 is very important it is also critical that everyone can understand how their own actions can make an impact. After that I had the privilege of helping to sell poppies for the Royal British Legion, all the money raised goes to help those who gave service to us when it was needed.

Remembrance Sunday is the second Sunday in November and this is associated to Armistice Day on the 11th of November which commemorates the day World War One ended, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. One of my challenges as the MP for Sedgefield is that there are so many services that take place, often simultaneously. I will lay around 30 wreaths over the days from the 11th to the 14th of November. I will also attend several services including Middleton St George, Neasham, Trimdon Village, Durham Cathedral and Newton Aycliffe.

We still have Covid rates that are higher than we would like so can I please encourage you all to wear a mask when appropriate, test regularly and take advantage of whatever jabs you are offered. I hope to get my booster jab this week.

Stay safe

Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

## Messy Church

Messy Church will take place on Saturday 20th November at 4.00pm. Thinking about remembering and time. All are welcome for crafts, clay poppy making, Lego building and more. Where in the business of our lives do we find time for God? Let's find out together. Enjoy a hot dog and fries together with poppy cakes to follow. Ending with a short story, prayer and, hopefully, a song. All are welcome, come along and have fun. Free to all (donations gratefully received). St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe - please do come in time for us to start at 4.00pm. Booking required - Messy Church at St. Clare's and at Home Facebook page or contact Helen on 07716 801262.



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# Swimming Success at Sheffield



Championship swimming returned to England with the regional short course (25m pool) championships around the country. The Swim England North East region held their championships at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in the centre of Sheffield. The pool there is one of only ten in the UK of international standard and numerous world records have been set there. Challenging qualifying times meant only the quickest swimmers can compete and over 70 clubs from across the North East and Yorkshire all sent their swimmers including the giant clubs of Leeds and Sheffield. Four swimmers from Aycliffe-based Sedgefield 75 swimming club made the grade, three of them debutants at that level.

Tom Curran and Evie Weston both qualified for two events, Tom swimming superbly in 50m and 100m freestyle. Evie swam two 200m events; breaststroke and individual medley.

Filip Wilczynski had a stellar competition as he came away with 5 medals from 6 events. Triple gold for Filip as he won 50m and 100m backstroke and 50m butterfly. His 100m backstroke margin of victory was more than three seconds ahead of second place. He supplemented these with silvers in both 100m butterfly and 100m individual medley and also placed 6th in the 200m individual medley. Filip managed to set new PB's in his five medal events. Not bad for your first regionals! Emma Price returned having competed in 2019 and took on eight events and set PB's in five of them totalling almost 26 seconds. Emma won bronze in 200m freestyle and then agonisingly took silver in 400m freestyle as she was pipped for gold by just three-hundredths of a second. She took 15 seconds off her 800m freestyle PB to win bronze and also swam 50m and 100m freestyle, 100m and 200m individual medley and 100m backstroke. The highlight

of Emma's competition however was, her 400m freestyle time was inside the required qualifying time to enter the English National Winter Championships, also at Ponds Forge in December.

A total of 18 swims and 8 medals was a fantastic result for such a small club, a result a lot of larger clubs would envy. Full results can be found at [www.sedgefield75.com](http://www.sedgefield75.com) where you can also learn how you can join our growing band of Olympic hopefuls!

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# Heighington A.F.C. Update

## Heighington U7's - RFYL.

**Heighington 10 v Deerness Valley 1**  
A very windy morning at Durham was always going to cause problems for Heighington as they tried to play football rather than going long. Heighington lads started very fast and dominated the play from the 1st second and not letting up throughout the game. Played some good football on the ground and started to pass the ball around really well. Some of the goals scored by Oliver, Oskar, Isaac, Tommy & Seth were excellent in terms of the passing and movement of the ball and I'm very pleased with how they took their chances.

Deerness only had one shot which managed to sneak past the oncoming GK Oskar Raine.

Throughout the game there was plenty of running and strong dribbling from all the lads.

Goals: Isaac 3, Tommy 2, Oskar 1, Seth 2, Oliver 2.

Parents MOM: Joint MOM this week with 2 votes each for Isaac Turnbull and Managers MOM: Tommy Craddock, well done lads excellent performance.

Managers MOM: I gave John the chance to offer MOM today and he went for someone who thoroughly deserved the award for working very hard and scoring such excellent goals. Today it went to Tommy Craddock.

## Heighington U10's.

**Heighington U10's 7 v Blackhall Monks 4**  
Our captain Lucas Faulkner fired his team ahead inside the first minute of what was to be a great match to follow. Some fantastic football played by both sides saw that both sets of defence were given a stern test and Lucas getting his brace, courtesy of a penalty given for handball. Will Farrow scored a fantastic hat trick which included a clinical free kick and a great solo to finish the scoring. The ever improving Tyler Keyes and Oliver Yates bagged themselves a goal each in an end to end game.

The full squad got a good run out with a performance that showed plenty of grit and determination. With Matthew Brown who made some outstanding saves and Will Farrow Sharing the MOTM award, all the boys can be proud of the effort they put into this one. Well done everyone.

**Heighington U10's 8 v Coxhoe Utd Blacks 0 - Second game in two days for the Under 10's this weekend but no signs of tired legs today. Blustery conditions and mole hills didn't prevent the boys from putting on a fantastic display, which they can be proud of, despite the fact the goals blew away on more than one occasion! Four goals from**

Lucas, and a goal each for Will, Jonah, Matty and Logan brought home the points and a fantastic defensive display from Dan, James, Jamie and Tyler secured a well earned clean sheet along with a penalty save from Matty. Well done to all involved, the boys should be proud of themselves. MOTM was shared between Lucas, for a striking masterclass, and Jamie, for the outstanding team attitude he has shown all weekend, covering almost every position. Many thanks to the SASH HARDWARE gang for their kind sponsorship of our boys this year.

## Heighington U12's - RFYL

**Teesside Sports RTC 2 v Heighington AFC 3**  
They Mighty Red and Blacks were back to winning ways this week. After a tough few weeks the lads dug deep and really fought hard for this victory. After taking a 3 nil lead, Teesside suddenly found a new lease of life and pushed the lads right to the end and didn't give us any time on the ball. Brilliant match for the neutral but nail biting for the Heighington family. Goals scored: Jack x1, Ted x1, Luca x1. MoM: jointly went to Luca and Ollie A. Both players were immense and worked hard throughout. Luca covered the central midfield and dominated throughout. The opposition couldn't keep up with him. Ollie playing right back, won every challenge he attempted and didn't shy away from headers.

# Great Achievement



On Friday, 5th November, I was proud and privileged to be able to attend my daughter's Graduation Ceremony at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. My daughter is Maria Jane Quigley (nee Molyneux) and Friday's ceremony was the culmination of three years studying whilst holding down a full-time job. Because of Covid, all the tutorials were held remotely during the lockdown. Added to this, her job was under threat of redundancy so she was job seeking at the same time. From the photo you can see the joy and elation on her face when Jane was presented with her Degree in Payroll Management from the C.I.P.P. (Chartered Institute of Payroll Professionals). A great achievement considering Jane's age and the fact that she hadn't studied for many years. So, it just goes to prove, with hard work and determination, anything can be achieved!!  
Anne Molyneux

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# **RUNNING CLUB NEWS**

We start this week's round up with a whizz around the parkruns on Saturday morning. Thirty-three Members took on the weekly 5K run, with the Club represented at the Hackworth, Hamsterley Forest, Jubilee, Sedgfield, Silksworth and the Town Moor events. Mel Rowland had a great run at Sedgfield parkrun, bagging herself a new best time for the event (27:48), and Eve Doe also set a new Personal Best (PB) at Hackworth parkrun (31:55).

Sunday began with the latest race in the Club Championship, the Middlesbrough 10K, and there was a healthy turnout from the Club with crucial points up for grabs. First to cross the line was Andy Talbot in a time of 39:36. Andy also placed first in his Age Category (MV60).

Dave Blewitt recorded his fastest 10K time of the year, finishing in 43:27, and Angela Sutheran was not too far behind, setting herself a new 10K PB of 46:20. Trish Kay was the next Aycliffe runner home, completing her run in 50:13, which was good enough to claim second place in her Age Category (FV60).

David Stothard crossed the line in 56:07, and Eve Doe set her second PB of the weekend, finishing in 1:02:55. Ian Stothard had a pleasing run, coming home in 1:07:48, with Susan Clark (1:17:03) and Jan McLuckie (1:22:41) the final pair of Aycliffe runners across the line.

Sunday morning also saw the running of the Tommy 10K, a multi-terrain race along the coastline at Seaham, starting and finishing beside the Tommy War Memorial. First home for the Club was Robert Young in a time of 43:41. Next across the line for the Club was Peter Japs in 51:50, taking the bragging rights over wife Donna, who came home in 59:01. Our final runner home on the day was John Young, in 1:00:11.

On Sunday afternoon two runners competed in the British Masters 5K Road Championships at Barrowford in Lancashire. The event draws a strong field, and features runners from all over the country. In the Women's race Tracey Surtees finished her run in 19:48, and in the Men's event, Dez Fielden crossed the line in 17:40.

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

## **Congratulations**

### **Rachel Grieves**

Happy birthday darling.

Lots of love.  
Hope you have a good day!

From Paul xxxx



## **Obituary**

### **Dorothy Ann Sparks** (Dot)

Of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully on 4th November, aged 77 years.

A loving Wife of the late John Sparks, a much loved Mam to Darryl and Ian, Mother-in-Law to Mavis and Anne.

Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) on Tuesday 23rd November at 10.30am.

Family flowers only please donations, in lieu, to The Great North Air Ambulance, plate provided at the crematorium.

### **Norah Smith** (nee Hagley)



Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 4th November, aged 89 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Thomas. Sadly missed by all her loving family.

Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Darlington West Cemetery Chapel on Wednesday 1st December at 1.00pm, followed by reception at The Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

No dark clothing to be worn please.

### **Catherine Cowens** (Cathy, nee Rutter)



Passed away peacefully in the early hours of Saturday 30th October 2021 in Chilton Care Centre, Durham Road, Chilton.

Much loved Sister. Mam, Grandma and Great Grandma.

There will be a Service for her in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 17th November at 1.30pm.

All are welcome.

### **Lily Towler** (nee Patton)

Of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully in hospital on 3rd November, aged 95 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Alfred Joseph, a much loved Mam to Marjorie, Peter, Morris, Maureen and the late Alfred Brian, a treasured Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 22nd November for 2.30pm.

### **Marjorie Lerigo** (nee Riley)

23rd October, suddenly at home, aged 79 years, of Heighington formerly Shildon.

Loving Wife of Walter; dearly loved Sister of Mary and Elizabeth, also a dear Aunt and good friend to many.

Will friends please meet for Service on Monday 15th November at 12.30pm at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Barbra Woolley** 14th November 2020

It's been one year since you passed, missing you lots. Time goes by so slow. God bless.

From your Husband Ron and all Children and Grandchildren  
xxxxxxx

### **Beryl Richardson** (nee Kelly)



25th February 1949 to 13th November 2015

Six years have passed. The bitter pain will never fade. Your memory will never escape me, your face will always be dear in my heart. Still very much in my thoughts.

Much loved and I miss you very much, each precious moment you gave me shall never, ever part.

Love you,  
Grumpy Old Joe

### **George Smith** 11th November 2011

Ten years since you left us Dad and still miss you just as much.

Thinking of you. Steven, Graham, John and your Grandchildren Millie, Bradley and Isabel xx

Thinking of you George today, as always.  
Irene xxx

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### **Sandra Ann Farrell** 8th November 2001

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Sandy, you humbled us all with your courage.

Love always, Mum, Dad, devoted Sister Helen, loving Nieces Laura and Millie xxxx

### **Jackie Piggott** 16th November 2019

It has been two years since we said goodbye my darling Husband. All my love forever.

With love from  
Wife Norah xxx

### **Fred & Edna Mounsey**

Time slips by and life goes on but from our hearts you are never gone.

Love from all the family

### **John O'Kane** 8/11/43 - 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.

### **George Smith** 11th November 2011

Ten years since you left us George. But memories never go, I think of you so often, because I loved you so.

God bless you in Heaven George.

Your loving Sister, Margaret and family  
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### **George Smith** 11th November 2011

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## NAFC Head Coach Departs

Newton Aycliffe Football Club can confirm that head coach Colin Stromsoy has parted ways with the club by mutual consent.

The agreement was reached following discussions between both parties that a change in approach was best after the defeat to West Allotment Celtic at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday.

Colin joined the club in January 2019 and guided the team to victory in his first game against West Auckland Town before helping the club ensure its Division One status in 14th place.

Colin managed the club during the uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic during both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 campaigns and guided the club to fifth place on both occasions before each season was brought to a premature end.

Colin has played a huge part in changing the dynamic of the football club and earned plaudits for both NAFC's brand of football and professionalism throughout the club. Colin leaves with the club seventh in the Ebac Northern League Division One table. Upon stepping away from the club Colin has issued a statement saying: "I'd like to thank everyone at the football club during my time, Allan and the committee and all of the staff; Mark, Scott, Jack and Tony who have been excellent throughout.

"I'd also like to thank all of the players, past and present, and the fans for their efforts. It's been a team effort getting the success we have had in improving the club the way we have and I will take good memories away with me."

NAFC would like to place on record its thanks to Colin for his hard work and efforts during his time with the club and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Aycliffe return to action on Friday night with a visit to Whickham. That game will be followed on Saturday 20 November with a local derby when Bishop Auckland visit the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium. Kick off is 3pm.

Photo: Colin Stromsoy



## Gardens Guild

We are in the process of restarting the guild and are having a meeting to gauge interest in this project. The meeting will be held at Woodham Community Centre on Monday 22nd November at 7pm.

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