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Sugar Hill Community Soup Kitchen

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N.A.F.C. REPORT



Storm Arwen put paid to all but one of the Ebac Northern League fixtures last Saturday, including Newton Aycliffe's trip to Newcastle Benfield. That game has now been re-arranged for Wednesday 5th January.

Aycliffe welcomed Whitley Bay to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Tuesday 30th November (7.45pm KO) with Seaham Red Star visiting on Saturday 4th December (KO 3pm).

The Newtonians have been reinstated into the Durham Challenge Cup. They were beaten by Darlington on penalties after a 2-2 draw in October. However, it was subsequently discovered that one of the visiting players was ineligible. Aycliffe will, therefore, now meet Esh Winning at home in the next round. That game is expected to take place on Tuesday 14th December.

New manager, Brian Atkinson, has begun making changes to his playing squad. Sonni Coleman has departed for Bishop Auckland while defender Liam McNamara has returned following a spell in Australia.

Photo by Yvonne Wood, returnee Liam McNamara in action against Billingham Town in 2019.

Christmas Concert



A Christmas Concert by Northern Voices will take place in St. Johns Church, Shildon on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available at £5.00 per person, please call 07752 618587. Northern Voices is made up of over 45 singers with Musical Director, Gillian Sild and accompanist, Stephen Sild.

Northern Voices is developing an excellent reputation for quality performances and wonderfully varied programmes. The choir aims to build on and continue the excellent choral traditions in the North East and North Yorkshire and performs across the region.

Sugar Hill Community Soup Kitchen Warms the Hearts of Local Community

For readers who recall our news story at the start of this term about our new and exciting curriculum at Sugar Hill we are so proud to share this news story with you about our Year 6 children and their project outcome. On Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th November Year 6 children from Sugar Hill Primary School hosted their own community soup kitchen outside the old Barclays Bank unit in Newton Aycliffe town centre. The children have spent much of the Autumn Term learning about human rights and how they are met in our local community. Throughout recent weeks, they have spent much of their time attempting to contact local businesses and charities in order to gain support for their community kitchen. The children used their literacy skills to write for a real purpose and enthusiastically wrote persuasive letters to Tesco, Costa, local greengrocers and Junction 7. Writing to these companies was a great way for the children to engage with local businesses and to develop an understanding of the support networks that exist within our local area. The community kitchen itself was an extremely rewarding day for the children and allowed them the opportunity to organise and deliver something that they had never had the chance to do before. They spent much of the morning cooking and preparing food - donated by our local Tesco store - in our community kitchen, ensuring that they could cater for as many people as possible with their soup and sandwiches. The event also gave the children the confidence to engage with members of the public and to strike up conversations about what they were doing and why. These are valuable life skills that we hope the children will continue to develop.

One attendee commented: "It's lovely to see young children engaging with their community in such a positive way." Another was incredibly complimentary of the children's work and was desperate to make a donation despite there being no charge for the food.

All in all, each afternoon was incredibly successful and the Year 6 children can be extremely proud of the work they put in to supporting members of their town. This event was supported by Russell Gibson, school governor, who commented that he could see that curriculum plans were coming to fruition and that the learning emphasised the children being at the heart of projects.

Mrs O'Rourke, Head Teacher, said, "I am incredibly proud of the work the children have completed throughout their project and the learning that has taken place this term. The children have developed skills and understanding around 21st Century issues within our local community that has broadened their knowledge of life beyond the classroom. It was lovely to see the children engage with members of the public and to hear so many compliments about Sugar Hill children. A huge thanks to local businesses who have supported staff and children with this project. Year 6 parents and carers will be coming into school next week where the children will showcase their learning and we are looking forward to this event in school."

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Talking Together

Men Talking Together meet every Monday from 12.00 noon until 2.00pm at Unit 14A, IES Centre on the Aycliffe Business Park, behind Newton Press.

This group is primarily for older gentlemen who may be at home alone, need someone to talk to or why not just come for a cup of tea and a chat?

We also require a volunteer driver for Aycliffe Community Bus, which will be needed at least twice a week. Expenses paid and you can join us on our trips around our area.

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Outstanding Times for ROC Group

CQC Outstanding for the fourth time in a row, Ofsted Outstanding in leadership and management and now winners of two 2021 regional Great British Care Awards – no wonder ROC Group is celebrating.

Staff at the Newton Aycliffe based group were also highly commended in seven award categories, including Care Employer of the Year which they won in 2020.

The company delivers a range of services to vulnerable children, young people and families in Co. Durham and Teesside and employs over 140 people.

The first award was for their creative and robust response to Covid. The second was the Housing with Care Award – group directors Dot and Derek Butler had co-founded the thriving ROC Solid supported housing charity in 2007.

"We've have had an amazing year," said Dot. "Achieving CQC Outstanding again for the outreach and personal care work we do for children and young people who have complex needs was a real cause for celebration. Getting one is rare but we think four in a row could be a record!"

Their second children's home, The Hawthorns in Newton Aycliffe, has had its first full Ofsted inspection and was rated Overall Good and Outstanding in leadership and management.

"We're opening a third home soon for children and young people with health needs and we're aiming for Overall Outstanding at all three," said Dot.

The group delivers all the supported family time and complex needs outreach on behalf of Stockton Borough Council, complex needs outreach for Durham County Council and also has solo placement, extra supported houses for 16-18s in care transitioning to independence.

"We're really proud of the Housing with Care Award," said Dot. "Our staff team regularly go the extra mile to support some very vulnerable families and individuals."

As well as 50 two and three bedroom houses on estates in Newton Aycliffe, Stockton and Billingham, the charity has two centres staffed 24/7. Hope House in Newton Aycliffe includes a sought-after mother and baby unit and The Prison Reform Trust has cited its women-only, seven-bedroom centre in Billingham as an example of national good practice in helping women leaving prison. The care awards finals will be held at Birmingham IIC later this year.

Photo: More great news for ROC Group at the North East and Scotland finals of the Great British Care Awards. Mandy Shaw, left, service manager for ROC Solid supported housing charity, collected the Housing with Care Award on behalf of the team while ROC Group director Dot Butler collected the company's Covid Hero Award.



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Dear Sir,
I would like to thank all who bought hats from my stall at the recent Christmas Fair at the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, for 'Operation Smile'.
I raised £140 for the charity, thank you to the members of the Friendship Club for the wool, bits and bobs, you are welcome to visit on a Thursday at 1.30pm at the Phoenix Club.
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Closing 4.00pm on Thursday 23rd December.
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on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 9.00am
The Management
of Newton Press and
Newton News would like
to wish all Newtonians a
Merry Christmas and
Happy, Prosperous New Year

Spectrum Skate Away with Awards at Skating Festival

Nine skaters represented Spectrum Roller Skating Club at Red Rose Festival 20th/21st November 2021 and achieved an amazing 20 medals!

Roller Skating Clubs from Bolton, Bury, Cambridge, Cardiff, Ely, North Wales, Cannock, Leicester, Wigan, Middlesbrough and County Durham competed in the event held at Smithills School, Bolton.

Spectrum Skaters took part in solo, duo, quartet and team events with every skater winning one or more awards! The club was also awarded a trophy for their club show performance titled, 'We will remember them' - a routine inspired by remembrance day.

Awards achieved:

Liam Stevens - novice dance, novice free, novice freedance, couples freedance, club show.

Karis Errington - newcomer dance, newcomer sequence, club show.

Ella Hutchinson - novice dance, newcomer freedance, newcomer routine, couples freedance, club show.

Lucy Owen - novice freedance, quartet, club show.

Jazzmyn Loring - elementary freedance,

elementary free, quartet, club show

Keavey Errington - newcomer dance,

newcomer sequence, club show.

Hannah Godwin - quartet, club show

Nicola Stevens - inter-bronze/bronze dance,

quartet, club show.

Jo Loring - club show.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the club throughout lockdown. We are very proud of every skaters achievements and look forward to future events in 2022!

Spectrum RSC is based at Sunnydale Leisure Centre in Shildon and trains skaters



from beginners to international level. The next intake for beginners is January 2022. If you are interested in learning to skate there are classes for all ages and abilities including adults. Register now to avoid disappointment. Spectrum Roller Skating Club can be found on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or for more information please ring club coach Tracy Stevens 07891 462958.

Photo: Spectrum Roller Skating Club, back (left to right) Lucy Owen, Jazzmyn Loring, Keavey Errington, Hannah Godwin, Nicola Stevens. Front (left to right) Karis Errington, Ella Hutchinson, Liam Stevens.

Olympians Start Somewhere

Did you watch our fantastic British gymnasts performing at the recent Olympic Games? How do they perform those fantastic skills? Well, they probably started out at a local gymnastics class and you could do the same. Woodham Community Centre are running gymnastics classes and have a free taster session available on Friday 10th December.

Classes for boys and girls in school years Reception to Year 2 are welcome to come along at 6.15pm to 7pm and boys and girls in Year 3 and above from 7pm until 8pm.

Before lockdown, Woodham Community Centre secured funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and have all new gymnastics equipment waiting for young gymnasts to use. We only had chance to use it twice before lockdown.

We have brand new mats, balance beams, springboards, vaulting equipment and much more and are really keen for these things to be used by local children.

The community centre has had all new heating and ventilation systems installed so the venue is a warm and safe place to be. For more information, and to book a place on the free taster session, please email redfearnjoy@gmail.com

Classes will start in the New Year on Friday 7th January.

Litter Pick

This week's litter pick, organised by Ian Gray, took place in and around Cobbler's Hall play park. As always the pick lasts just one hour with volunteers collecting around 10 sacks of rubbish, glass bottles, a wheel hub, sofa cushions and some plastic fencing. Every Wednesday since March volunteers have turned out without fail. They do it willingly and have formed new friendships and a great community spirit.

However, we sincerely wish we didn't have to! Every piece of rubbish we pick up could have been taken home and put in a bin. Please think twice before you throw your rubbish on to the ground or into a hedge. One sweet wrapper might not seem like much, but it doesn't just disappear, it contributes to the huge amount of rubbish spoiling our town.

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As Woodham Academy continues to grow, it allows the school to invest in a programme of ongoing improvements in facilities. Woodham Academy strive to offer the best possible opportunities for the entire community, which are vital for both physical and mental well-being.

This half-term, the academy was delighted to open their brand new, state-of-the-art, fitness suite. This has taken months to develop to ensure the students can access a range of different gym equipment to further develop their understanding of health related fitness. Students can access the recently finished fitness suite during PE lessons and extra-curricular sessions.

With extensive research and multiple designs, Woodham Academy are thrilled with the outcome. The £40,000 investment includes specialist equipment, with 21 cardio stations, along with floor space for body weight exercises. This allows for a full class to be active within a lesson. The room has been finished off with specialist gym flooring, full length mirrors spanning the walls and a 75inch smart TV. This completes the room making it an ideal space for KS3 Health Related Fitness lessons, BTEC Sport lessons and a recreational space for students and staff.

Mr Bell, Headteacher, is delighted with the end product "The fitness suite has been a work in progress for a number of months. It comes off the back of creating a brand new food room, which then created the space for this development. It looks like we will be full once again in September, so all current and new students will continue to benefit from the investment."



'The Butcher' to Retire



Bill 'The Butcher' Slater began his career as a school leaver in 1971 when he started work at Dewhurst, Neville Parade, with the late Mr. Kell.

He completed his apprenticeship becoming a Master Butcher and had brief spells at other Dewhurst shops before becoming manager at the place where it all began.

In 1986 the writing was on the wall for the company and Bill decided to open his own shop in the Thames Centre he also reopened the butcher shop at Neville Parade, unfortunately this had to close twenty years ago when Bill's partner left, but he continued to run the town centre shop with the help of his three sons and wife and some amazing staff.

Bill has served the town for over 50 years, always with a smile and good humour, but he has finally decided it's time to hang up his apron for the last time on Christmas Eve. He will miss the job and his customers immensely and would like to thank each and every one of them for all of their support over the last half century.



Christmas Market

Come join Junction 7 on 4th December for our Christmas Market from 12-3pm at Neville Community Centre. We will be supporting local businesses while raising money for the charity. There will be refreshments to purchase, face painting and 20+ local small businesses for you to come shop with. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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(Footpath No 5 Great Aycliffe Parish off Heighington Lane,

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(Temporary Footpath Closure) Order 2021

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all pedestrian traffic from proceeding on 80 metres of Footpath Number 5 that extends westward from 20 metres west of the railway line, south of Heighington Lane, Newton Aycliffe to enable pumping main works to be undertaken. Alternative route will be provided locally to pedestrian traffic via a route south of the closed section. The maximum duration of the Order is 6 months. The proposed works are to commence on 5/1/22 and are anticipated to be completed in 3 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

Dated: 3rd December 2021



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

(West Terrace, Aycliffe Village)
(Temporary Road Closure) Order 2021

The Council on 26/11/21 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 70 metres of West Terrace that extends eastwards from its junction with A167, Aycliffe Village to enable new drainage connection works to be undertaken. Alternative route from the western side of the closure from A167 north and turning south easterly onto Durham Road leading to The Green and West Terrace to the eastern side of the closure, and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 6/12/21 from 8am and are anticipated to be completed in 6 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

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SATURDAY

9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
'LA Connection' Sponsored by Dale Care Services		
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
	7th Dec: Kat from Valhalla Axe Throwing	
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	10th December - Martin Norris - Movin' Melodies	
10-12pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

Check our website for full schedule
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TSB to Close

Dear Sir,

It has now been announced that the TSB is to close 70 of its branches, one being in Newton Aycliffe, on the 3rd May 2022. This will mean that Newton Aycliffe will not have a main bank on the Town.

The case TSB use is that the number of customers utilising online banking services have increased. TSB said it will close more branches as use by customers 'declines further' and more people are choosing to bank digitally.

What the TSB are failing to realise is that Newton Aycliffe as lots of residents that are elderly and don't have access to the internet. Perhaps the people who are affected should contact the MP to ask him to contact TSB and leave Newton Aycliffe open. Perhaps residents could even contact the Councillors on Durham County to do some lobbying of TSB, didn't the Lib / Dems put out information that they plan to regenerate the Town Centre. Closing down Banks is not a good starting point, also DCC want your views on the regeneration of the Town Centre but if you don't have access to a computer then that idea will be futile.

Whilst this will not affect me, I am, however, concerned about other people, in particular the older age group and people who are not IT ready for these changes.

Vince Crosby

Firework Safety Poster Competition Winners

We had a fantastic response to the Poster Competition this year, over 200 entries were received and the Mayor, Cllr. Sandra Haigh, and her consort, Cllr. Brian Haigh, had the difficult task of judging the posters on Bonfire night.

The presentation took place on Tuesday 23rd November at Oak Leaf Sports Complex where the winners were awarded their prize and certificate, by the Mayor.

Thank you to everyone who entered from 'home', Stephenson Way Primary School & Nursery, Woodham Burn Out of School Club, Little Cubs Day Nursery and St Oswald's Pre-Schools. Well done to all of you - don't forget to try next year.

Pre-school/Reception

- 1st - Alice Grainger,
- 2nd - Grace Turner-Cook,
- 3rd - Hallie Henderson-Cairns

Year 1/Year 2

- 1st - Noah Devino-Bennett,
- 2nd - Luca Devino-Bennett,
- 3rd - Thomas Grant

Year 3/Year 4

- 1st - Amber Piercing,
- 2nd - Neve Bennett,
- 3rd - Makayla Headley

Year 5/Year 6

- 1st - Keegan Jeggery,
- 2nd - Declan Hayes-Gray,
- 3rd - Maddie Robertson.



NAFC Juniors



With storm Arwen hitting, all games this week were cancelled. The club held a pre Christmas fundraising party on Friday 26th November at the Sports Blue, kindly arranged by Scott Hayward. We raised a total of £1035 towards club funds, a great night was had by everyone who attended.

New Enthusiasm and Energy



Dear Sir,
By the time this week's edition goes out there will be less than one week till polling day in the Simpasture by-election. Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone on the doors who have said they'll be supporting me with their vote, it's massively appreciated. You're the reason I want to do this, I want to help you and our town move forward and bring the energy that is needed to the town council. If elected, I won't be an unseen councillor, I will be on the doors regularly and getting into the thick of it with the issues that matter to you.
Secondly, I'd like to thank the volunteers who have supported me throughout the campaign. From sharing posts on Facebook, leafleting, to coming out door knocking with me. I couldn't do any of this if I was on my own and no matter how small a role you've played, I am grateful.
Lastly, I'd like to say thank you to my opposition. It's a herculean task finding support and getting out there, but it's made all the more easier by having an opponent who has been nothing short of respectful and decent throughout. Good luck and I look forward to working with you in the very near future.
On December 9th I hope to have done enough to earn your support. A vote for me is a vote for new enthusiasm and new energy. I have the skillset and the drive to push our town forward, together we can achieve a great deal for Newton Aycliffe. Kind regards,
Simon Hocking
Labour candidate for Simpasture Ward

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Dear Sir,
I am sure you will receive plenty of images regarding storm damage in Aycliffe. This happened around 5.30am Saturday 27th November.
It could have killed one of the many dog walkers that use this path.
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Chris Wheeler

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Community Spirit would like to give a big thank you to the team at Newton Press, Mr & Mrs Claus were so excited when they managed to arrange the safe delivery of the 'Naughty & Nice' book to Newton Aycliffe's Town Grotto, it has definitely put them on the 'nice' list again this year.

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I have lived and worked in and around the surrounding areas of Newton Aycliffe all my life. After my apprenticeship, I started work as a dental nurse in Aycliffe Dental Practice many, many years ago and moved on to Orthodontics in Darlington in 2001, whilst at the same practice for just short of 20 years, I gained my Diploma in Orthodontic Therapy. I am currently employed in a practice at Bishop Auckland, this is where I treat many of our town's residents. Outside of my career I am married to a loving supporting husband, we have beautiful, strong, independent teenage twins, and they attend one of our local secondary schools. I have tried to be proactive in supporting our community by helping as a volunteer with the local community group 'Community Spirit' since it started up, helping to organise and working the craft fairs, disco's, Santa's grotto and Santa's Street collections. For all I am working full time with a family, I feel I still have spare time to share to be able to support our great town which is why I am standing in the By-election for Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobbler's Hall ward. I promise to try to bring fairness and common sense to serve the residents of our beautiful town if elected.

Many thanks,
Lindsey Aston



Community Spirit Family Disco

Community Spirit would like to thank everyone who bought tickets and attended their Family Disco on Friday 26th November, even though the weather outside was frightful, a great night was had by all. The chosen charity was Children's Blessings, they were over the moon to be presented with £100 from Mr & Mrs Claus. Our next disco will be held on Wednesday 29th December, 5.30-7.30pm - a great way for the kids to run off some of that Christmas energy and the parents to enjoy a lovely festive tipple. Due to some confusion when we were selling tickets at £1 a family, we have had to make the tickets 50p per person. The tickets are our head count, so everyone attending **MUST** have one. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support, and a big thank you to Lindsey Aston and Suzanne Swatten - their help on disco nights is invaluable. Don't forget the All Disabilities Matter disco



that follows the Family Disco from 8.30-10.30pm on the same night - £1 per person. Finally, a big thank you to The Big Club who not only accommodate us, but also help sponsor the disco's now, alongside the Councillor allowances from the Jones'. The small fee on the door, alongside hot dogs and raffle sales, means we can continue to donate to local Aycliffe charities each month. Finally, Community Spirit would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.

Community Spirit, Newton Aycliffe

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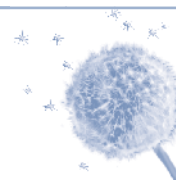


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Castle Games Team Competition 2021



On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st November, three teams from CrossFit All Out participated in a new Castle Games team of six competition at Middlesbrough Sports Village. This competition allowed up to six people in a team (no less than four and must include two female competitors). There were nine events in total



on the day, with teams carefully selecting who would be best suited for each event. Events included a 5km and 1km run, a handstand walk race, a heavy lift including clean and jerk and snatch, toes to bar, dumbbell box step overs, barbell cycling and much more.

TEAM ALL OUT AND ABOUT - 10th Position

Becky Auton, Courtnie Mills, Gary Dowson, Paul Hilder, Tom Morgan, Vicki Finn Smith.

After a team member having to drop out last minute, Gary was able to step in and compete with this team at very short notice. "It was an amazing day at The Castle Games with a very supportive team. We were so pleased to gain a top 10 finish, with a second place finish in event 1 and a 4th place finish in event 3 (the 120kg worm event). Great support from everyone at CrossFit All Out who either attended the event to cheer teams on or watched on live feeds at home. Could not be prouder of the CrossFit Kids and All Out teams that competed at this event."

TEAM CROSSFIT ALL OUT OUT - 18th Position

Claire Dale, Frazer Macintosh, Matthew Taylor, Niall Peters, Sophie Moffatt.

Sophie said "we literally went to The Castle Games just to have fun and had no expectations. Everyone pulled their weight all day with our highest place finish being on the worm (6th place). It was literally THE best team competition I've ever done, with the best team! We ended up finishing 18th out of 40 teams."

TEAM CROSSFIT ALL OUT MASTERS - 10th Position

Andrea Lynagh, Kenny Storey, Marie Levitt, Michael Elston, Rod Farrow, Stewart Smith.

"We had a brilliant time competing at Castle Games in the masters RX division. We laughed from beginning to end, battled through some tough workouts in our team of 6 and supported each other all the way. We had a best place finish of 5th in event 7." Owner and Head Coach, Tez Anderson, said "we want to say a huge well done to everyone who took part, everyone represented CrossFit All Out to a high standard both on and off the competition floor."

Top Photo: Teams from CrossFit All Out and CrossFit All Out Masters Team

Neighbourhood Policing

By PCSO Alfie Middleton



Hello to everyone reading the Newton News.

Another busy week for the Aycliffe Neighbourhood Team.

On Monday, a vehicle near Neville Parade Shops was seized with the PCSO's and neighbourhood wardens working together. The insecure vehicle was a fire hazard and full of needles and drug paraphernalia and also causing an obstruction to the residents in that area.

On Tuesday, the Sergeant and PCSO'S attended Sugar Hill Primary School to do talks on Anti-Social Behaviour, Cyber Bullying, Bullying and Crime and Consequences. It was great for the team to get into the school and really break the barrier between students and police.

Also thanks to Sugar Hill for the extra pudding, not that I need it!!

On Wednesday, PCSO Button had an attachment with the safeguarding department with the hopes that the knowledge she gains will be passed onto the team for us to safeguard the wider community.

On Friday, the beat officers were called over to the protest which was taking place at Amazon in Darlington where were multiple arrests. Storm Arwen also took its toll with officers helping with lots of road related incidents. But the snow really set the scene for Saturday.

THE CHRISTMAS GROTTTO! On Saturday, the Police Christmas Grotto was in full swing from 10-4 with hundreds of people coming to see Santa then waiting around to see the Christmas light switch on with Sara Davies. Thanks to the generosity of the public Community Spirit and the Police managed to raise £490 for multiple charities across Aycliffe.

On Sunday, an adult male was arrested for Child Neglect after being seen riding an off-road quad at speed with a child on the front. The consequences of the rider's actions could have catastrophic.

The beat team remain vigilant to anti-social behaviour and off-road bikes in the area and robust action will always be taken against those responsible.

Finally for anyone interested, please sign up to Keep in the Know so that we can understand the issues that most affect you and provide regular updates. Registration is simple and can be done by following the link www.KeepintheKnow.co.uk and signing up.

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Our December meeting will be held on Thursday 9th December at 6pm in the Phoenix Club (upstairs). Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat and a cuppa. Tickets for the pantomime at Gala Theatre Durham on 2nd January 2022 will be available at £10 per person. Christmas jumpers are optional. Hope to see you there.

NAFC Appoint New Manager

Newton Aycliffe Football Club are delighted to confirm the appointment of Brian Atkinson as the club's new manager.

Brian returns to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium 10 years after departing the club where he formed part of Allan Oliver's coaching team.

Brian spent five years at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium and played a huge role in the

clubs rise from the Durham Alliance League to the Ebac Northern League Division One including the clubs historic 2010-11 Division Two championship winning campaign.

Brian, 50, brings a wealth of knowledge to the football club both as an ex-player of Sunderland, Carlisle United and Darlington, and as an assistant manager at Spennymoor Town, Darlington and West Auckland Town.

Brian spent seven years on Wearside and made over 170 appearances in all competitions, including the 1992 FA Cup final against Liverpool, before a brief loan spell with Carlisle in 1996.

The midfielder would move to Darlington later that year where he would remain for the rest of his playing career featuring over 200 times for the Quakers.

When Brian's five year coaching spell with Aycliffe came to an end in October 2011 he joined Spennymoor as assistant manager in February 2012 before returning to Darlington in the same role three months later.

After several years with Darlington, and a stint with York City as an analyst, Brian returned to the Northern League as assistant manager once more at the Wanted Stadium with West Auckland in 2018, a position he held until this year.

Brian has a wealth of coaching experience beyond his roles as assistant including work with Darlington's Centre of Excellence and the Martin Gray Football Academy.

And speaking on his return to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium Brian said: "I'm looking forward to it. I've been out of senior football since I left West Auckland.

"I'm looking forward to stepping up. I feel like I've done my apprenticeship because I've been a number two – I've done that more than enough now. I've done it at Darlington, I've done it at Spennymoor, Aycliffe and at West Auckland, so I feel like I'm ready. "Of course I've got great memories of the club and my time here," he added.

"It feels like I'm coming home. I'm from Aycliffe and I used to know Allan quite well and Danny [Mellanby] and all the committee really. So I'm just really looking forward to getting started."

Club Chairman, Allan Oliver, said: "I'm delighted to welcome Brian to the club.

"It's his first time as a number one but there are no concerns whatsoever, none at all. He's experienced enough in the league to know what being a number one is.

"He knows the club. He's been here before. I think he'll put smiles on the faces of the players. I think they'll enjoy playing for him because he's been there and done it himself.

"My relationship with him made it easier, of course, but I know he's calm and has great knowledge of the game and I'm looking forward to working with him again.

"We've got a good group of lads and we need to start on Friday night and go from there."

Brian will take charge of his first game when Newton Aycliffe travel to the First Mortgage Glebe Sports Ground to take on Whickham on Friday night with kick-off at 7.30pm.



Roman Awards Grant to Options at PCP



North East Charity kindly thanks Roman, through County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF), whom kindly awarded a grant of £3,590 to Options.

Options, managed by Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), is a project supporting adults with learning and physical disabilities. The group has been running for 20 years, and promotes independence and choice to all members.

In October, staff members from Roman and CDCF had a tour through Options to see how their generous grant will support Options members to access a range of interactive activities, contribute towards trips and educational visits and provide general support and assistance with independent living skills whilst aiding health and wellbeing development.

Roman visitors David Osbourne, John Wright and Monica Beadle were joined with CDCF staff Alison Goulding and Sophie O'Connor enjoyed watching Options members preparing for the PCP Christmas Fair, decorating items to sell on the Saturday 20th November. Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive at PCP, said "I'd like to thank Roman and County Durham Community Foundation for the generous grant donated to Options. After a difficult stretch, I am looking forward to seeing members enjoy Options to it's full extent."

The group has missed out on many regular trips due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are thrilled to see members and staff thriving as we head into the new year, filled with lots of opportunities thanks to the incredibly kind donation."

Throughout Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions, Options have not been able to conduct their daily group sessions as normal. Many members have to use Zoom to virtually attend, but members are happy to be slowly getting back to normal and look forward to using the grant money to fund exciting educational group activities in the new year.

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



New Cycle and Walking Route Funded



Work has begun on a new travel route in Newton Aycliffe to provide better facilities for pedestrians, wheelchair and pushchair users and cyclists.

Durham County Council is building the new route alongside the A167, using money allocated from the government's Active Travel Fund.

In May 2020, the government announced £2 billion of funding for walking and cycling, to help seize the once in a generation opportunity to change the way that people travel in response to the Covid pandemic.

The Active Travel Fund was divided into two tranches. Nationally, £250 million was allocated in Tranche 1 to be spent on swiftly delivered emergency measures to provide more space for walking and cycling. Durham County Council received a £392,999 allocation from this first portion of the fund, which it spent on improvements including protected cycle lanes, reduced speed limits, enhanced bridleways and resurfacing work.

In the second tranche of funding, the council was awarded £650,000 to create an active travel corridor in Newton Aycliffe.

The new two-kilometre route will link Moore Lane and Aycliffe Village, via St Cuthbert's Way, and will include a wider footway for pedestrians, as well as a separate new two-way cycle lane.

On completion, the scheme will become part of the Great North Cycleway, a long-distance route linking Blyth to Darlington. The route, which is due to be complete by spring 2022, will also link up with other travel schemes in the future, to create a more comprehensive active travel network across the region.

In February 2021, residents, businesses and visitors were encouraged to have their say on plans for the scheme. Eighty-six per cent of people who responded to the consultation said that they either strongly agreed or agreed with the proposals.

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, the council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, said: "During the restrictions of Covid, travelling on foot and by bike became popular options for a lot of people. We want to encourage all the people who have been walking, running and cycling during the lockdowns to continue to do so, as well as encouraging new people to take part.

"The new Newton Aycliffe travel corridor will help people to walk and cycle to work, school, to do their shopping or to take exercise, which will in turn improve their health. Choosing to cycle or walk instead of driving, will also reduce traffic congestion and pollution, as well as reducing people's carbon footprint, so the scheme has many benefits."

Further information about the Newton Aycliffe scheme, plus other travel improvements across the county, can be viewed at www.durham.gov.uk/activetravel



Last week I spoke at the PlaceShapers Annual Conference, a virtual event via Zoom, where I particularly discussed the levelling up agenda and the efforts of both the APPG for Left Behind Neighbourhoods and others. The work here is around how important the place you live in is and the need to enable people to have pride in it. I also supported initiatives around Down's syndrome and removing anonymity from social media accounts.

In the House of Commons I was able to ask a question on Women & Equalities relating to tenancy succession rights for women that, I have been told, are discriminatory. I also asked a question in the Urgent Questions on rail for the north where I want to know how we can move the Leamside project forward. There has been some misleading press on this and Ferryhill Station. Leamside needs progressing differently but Ferryhill remains very much on track. The major news this week, of course, is the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, first detected in South Africa. This has thankfully been detected and communicated early and gives the best chance of it being managed. I have already seen emails both questioning why we are slow to react and describing what we have done as an overreaction! As regards to why information and guidance was announced on Saturday but not effective until Tuesday, this is because it could not be enacted as law until Monday when Parliament was in session so Tuesday was the earliest it could be implemented. In terms of whether it is an overreaction, the significant impact for most of us is only the increased use of masks. Whilst I am questioned about the science behind their use, and I am not an expert to answer that, what I would say is that for most of us wearing a mask when we travel or go into shops is certainly not going to harm us and if there is even a possibility that this helps restrict the spread then for me it is worth doing. The biggest inconvenience is for international arrivals where it will be required for you to isolate until you have a negative PCR test, this concerns me a little and I would have preferred that even if the PCR test is mandatory a negative lateral flow could have removed the need to isolate whilst waiting for the result.

What seems to be increasingly clear though is, that the roll out of vaccines to the most vulnerable first, and their subsequent earlier second jabs and boosters is proving to be the best strategy for saving lives. Whilst we have high infection rates the number hospitalised or seriously ill is mercifully low. I also understand that the proportion of those that are ill, who have not had the vaccine, is disproportionately high, which reinforces further the value in getting your jab. Please, if you have not had yours yet or are due another please sort it and give us all the best chance of a more normal Christmas this year.

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Again, the Newton News brings hot off the press information to its readers. A treat for yourself or perhaps a Christmas gift. Newton Aycliffe has many talented people and fundraisers. As you know, we regularly feature stories and letters about them. This article is about 'Stranger on the Shore' a new book by local author Leon Franklin. Profits from the sale of this book are going to 'Friends of St. Clare's'.



Here is just a short extract from a five star review it has received.

This is the first real life book I have held and read in a number of years. The book flowed well and we got to learn more aspects of the characters as we moved through the pages. Talking of pages - they seemed to just turn themselves as I got so engrossed in the storyline, almost missing my tram stop in the process. I could tell that a lot of research had taken place to make the storyline more authentic and accurate, and the descriptions were perfect for my imagination as I could 'see' places mentioned. Review on Amazon by Jax.

"Introduction to Stranger on the Shore . . . This novel is a story of love, intimacy, deceit and intrigue, set in the sixties. As a treat for yourself or perhaps a Christmas Gift you can buy the book online. To save you the postage you can also obtain it at one of our local shops. More information on where to buy it can be found at the end of this article. Seeing a stranger on the shore is normal. Actually stopping to speak to a stranger on the shore is a little unusual. When that stranger leads Neil into emotional turmoil and threatens his very being; that is very, very strange indeed."

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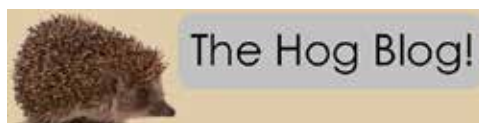
Dear Sir,

The controversial application will soon to be heard by Durham County Council's Planning Committee. Officers of Durham County Council are recommending that it be approved. The report can be accessed on this link: <https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/documents/s148680/Fornax.pdf> (provided by Cllr Michael Stead).

It is a 93 page PDF document, heavy, but interesting reading. Obviously County Councillors sitting on the Planning Committee won't want to comment publicly lest they be accused of bias before they make a decision.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7th December, 2021 commencing 9.30am at County Hall, the following link will enable you to watch the meeting live:

<https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=318&MId=13034>
Arun M Chandran



Many thanks to everyone who came to see June and I on Saturday 27th November in the town centre - it was a shame about the weather but it turned out well for our prickly babies here in Rescue. Thank you to Aycliffe Radio for inviting us along, we made a nice amount of money which will be used for food and medical supplies.

We will be at the Scout Hall on Saturday 4th December between 1-5pm, there will be lots on offer, a tombola, also a raffle, we have some lovely prizes, bottles of whisky, wine, £20 McDonald's voucher, a Tesco gift card, a voucher from The Worx and some Jimmy Choo perfume, etc, etc., not to mention help, advice and information about our Prickly Pals.

Denise and I want to thank Jackie and her hubby for their donations, also two very kind ladies I haven't met yet called Doreen and Lorri, they went around Avon Court selling knitted items, all proceeds come to our rescue. We have a lot of people to thank, the list is endless.

We are overwintering our hedgehogs now, the weather stopping us from releasing, none of ours will be hibernating, some are too small anyway, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society are there to help find rehabbers for those who need help with hedgehogs and also friendly advice if necessary, they can be contacted on 01584 890801.

NAFC REPORT

Tuesday 30th November
Ebac Northern League Division One
Newton Aycliffe 8 v Whitley Bay 0

Aycliffe took their first 3 points under Brian Atkinson with an emphatic 8-0 win over Whitley Bay at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Tuesday night. The win was a huge lift for the club, having lost seven of their last eight games.

Aycliffe took the game to Bay from the start & were 4-0 up in the first half hour. The first goal came in 9 minutes with a fine strike from the edge of the penalty area from Ethan Wood. The second goal was scored on 16 minutes with Andrei Ardelean latching on to a loose ball & slotting past the keeper from a tight angle.

Within a few minutes it was 3-0. Bay keeper Daniel Lister could only parry a Ben Dibb-Fuller free kick with Liam Jarvie reacting quickest to score from the rebound. Just before the half hour Dibb-Fuller was felled in the box with Jake Petitjean making no mistake from the penalty spot. Within 5 minutes it got even worse for the visitors when a Bay defender turned a Jarvie cross from the left into his own net. Half Time 5-0. Whitley Bay came out for the second half looking to get something out of the game. Within 2 minutes Adam Shanks had the ball in the net but fell foul of the offside flag. Shanks continued to press with a looping shot held under the bar by Aycliffe keeper Adam Pickford. A minute later the same player attempted an overhead kick but it sailed harmlessly wide.

Brian Atkinson made some changes to his team with Alexander Walker, Jack Naylor & Adam Burnicle all coming on. The fresh legs helped the home side push on & with 20 minutes to go Dibb-Fuller broke through the visitors' defence before rounding the keeper & sliding the ball home.

With two minutes to play, a defensive error gifted Aycliffe their seventh goal. A defender attempting to keep the ball in play only managed to pass to substitute Walker who tapped into the goal from six yards.

Aycliffe's delight was completed in the last minute when Petitjean again scored from the spot, this time having been fouled himself. The result was a fantastic tonic for Aycliffe, lifting them up to 5th in the league and they'll be hoping to carry on in similar fashion on Saturday 4th December when Seaham Red Star visit the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium. Kick off is 3pm.

Birthday Remembrance

Stephen Paul Ibinson
30th November 1976



Today recalls the memory of a loved one gone to rest, and those who think of him today are those who loved him best. Always loved and remembered, Mam, Dad and family

Roy Reed

7th December 1949
Happy birthday Dad, your first away from home. Today always meant so much to us, now it only brings us tears. We wish God could have spared you for just a few more years, we're thinking of you today Dad. We know that's nothing new, you were our thoughts of yesterday, and you will be in tomorrow's too. The memories we will cherish forever, they always make us smile. We wish we could hold you close again, if only for a while. But until the day we unite, we will no longer be apart. But until that day remember Dad, you are always in our heart. Loved and missed Steven Lara & families XXXX

Roy Reed

7th December
Thinking of you on your birthday Roy. Loved and missed always. Mam & Sister Edith Re-united with Dad x

Christmas Greetings

Michael & Pam Lovell

Wish to send Christmas Blessings of Peace and Love to all our dear family, friends and neighbours around the Newton Aycliffe area. We hope to be moving to our forever home very shortly, and so say a fond "farewell" to all our friends in Langley Road. Please, if you wish, we would appreciate if you send a donation to your favourite charity instead of sending Christmas cards. God bless you all.

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Obituary

Kevin Jones

Previously of Newton Aycliffe, died on 22nd November 2021, after a long illness with PSP. Precious Husband to Carol; loving Dad to Steven and Grandad to Charlotte and Clara. Kevin is also survived by his two brothers on the town, Graeme and Malcolm and his nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by all his family and the many friends he made playing golf and also for the local rugby and football teams. Funeral to take place on Monday 6th December, 2.45pm at Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes MK8 0AH.

David Blair



It is with great sadness that on 26th November, aged 69 years, David passed away peacefully at home after a short illness. Beloved Husband of Cath; treasured Dad of Daniel and Steven and a dear Stepdad of David and adored Grandad, much loved Brother and friend to many. Funeral Service to be held on Thursday 9th December at 3.30pm in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. Family flowers only please, donations in memory of David, can be made to the charity Short Breaks for Disabled Children. A donation box will be available at the Crematorium.

Eddie Worthington
(Newton Aycliffe)

On 21st November, peacefully in hospital with his loving Wife Elizabeth (formerly Cogan) by his side. Former owner of E. Worthington & Son Removals & Storage of Spennymoor. A much loved Husband, Dad, Stepdad, Father-in-Law, Grandad, Great Grandad and Legend, also a loving Brother of Joyce. Will family and friends please meet for a Service in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 10th December at 12.45pm to be followed by interment in The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Family flowers only please.

Evelyn Bellwood
(nee Rowland)

Of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully on 22nd November, aged 73 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Keith, a much loved Mam to Michelle and partner Phil, a treasured Nanna to Lauren and Erin, a dearly loved Sister and Aunt. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 14th December at 10.45am, followed by private interment at The West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Donations for The British Lung Foundation.

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In Memoriam

George Reed

6th December 2020
One year ago today a golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. It broke my heart to see you go, God only takes the best. They say that memories are golden, well maybe that is true, but I never wanted memories, I only wanted you. I sat beside your bedside, my heart was crushed and sore. I did my duty until the end, till I could do no more. In tears I watched you sinking and watched you fade away. Although my heart was breaking, I knew you could not stay. You are sadly missed each and every day, held tightly within my heart and there you will remain. Love you Dad. Love, Michelle xxx

George Reed

6th December 2020
We had a wonderful Uncle, one who never really grew old. His smile was made of sunshine, his heart was made of gold. Loved and missed. Steven Lara & families xxx

George Reed

6th December 2020
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Sharon Atkins
(nee Latta)



On the 8th December 2020 our beautiful daughter Sharon was sadly taken from us to receive her wings from above. Leaving a void in our hearts and minds which will never be filled. Rest in peace Sharon, free from the pain and suffering of this life. Love you always our darling daughter, Mam & Dad xx

Sharon Atkins

8th December 2020
We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, we thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we always speak your name, all we have are memories and your pictures in our frames. Your memories are our keepsake, from which we'll never part. God has you in his arms, but we will keep you in our hearts. Paul, Brianna, Brogan, Harry, Jade and Olivia

George Reed

6th December 2020
Those special memories of a you will always bring a smile. If only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will, the fact that you are no longer here will always cause me pain. But you are forever in my heart, until we meet again. Love, Yvonne xxx

CrossFit Kids Success at Castle Games

On Saturday 20th November, six members from CrossFit All Out Kids and Academy groups participated in The Castle Games Under 15 and Under 12 fitness events at Middlesbrough Sports Village. For three of these teens it was their first ever CrossFit competition, and they all tackled it brilliantly. Events included a 1km run for time, thrusters and weighted box step overs, toes to bar, 15kg dumbbell farmers carry and much more.

KIDS UNDER 12 CATEGORY

Aiden Anderson, 2nd Place - Best place finish Event 3 (1st place).

Eva Keeligan, 9th Place - Best place finish Event 3 (7th place).

TEENS UNDER 15 CATEGORY

Owen Younghusband, 7th Place - Best place finish Event 4 (1st place).

Ashton Anderson, 10th Place - Best place finish Event 3 (8th place).

Finnley Mcalpine, 11th Place - Best place finish Event 1 and 3 (7th place).

Lachlann Plews, 13th Place - Best place finish Event 4 (9th place).

Finnley's mum, Danielle, said, "Finnley has been a member of CrossFit All Out for just over 6 years and The Castle Games was his first official competition. Naturally he was nervous, but the support from the rest of the All Out athletes, particularly the other academy members and coaches, really helped push him on throughout the day. All of the kids were a pleasure to watch, encouraging and supporting one another all day."

Lachlann said "I felt a bit nervous, with only

doing CrossFit for about 18 months and most of those through lockdown, but I loved the day and I am looking forward to next comp!"

Owen's mum, Claire, said, "Owen has been going to CrossFit for 7 years now, he has always enjoyed going to class and has never wanted to stop. He thinks very highly of all of his coaches and wants to be a 'machine' like them (his words)."

"Taking part in a competition has given him a new focus and he looks to the future and wanting to compete as an adult."

The gym gives him the tools to want to do better, he has achieved so much but wants more. We are so proud of him. He has learned how to be a good team player and how to respect each and every person around him. We thank the coaches for everything they do."

Coaches Terry, Courtne and Vicki were extremely proud of all of the kids and academy members who competed at The Castle Games. All of them were calm and collected, supporting each other through every event and laughing along the way. They have all worked so hard to get to where



they are today, showing huge commitment to their training; especially since lockdown and time away from the gym. We are excited to see them continue to progress week on week.

If you would like any further information on Kids and Academy classes at CrossFit All Out then please contact Vikki on 07788 123321.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Storm Arwen decimated running events in the North-East over the course of last weekend, with only one of the regional parkrun events, Riverside parkrun at Chester-le-Street, going ahead.

Further afield, John and Tracey Surtees completed the Burgess parkrun, which took place on the tarmac paths around Burgess Park in Camberwell, London. John was the second finisher on the day, in a time of 16:53, and Tracey was the third female across the line in 20:49.

Not even Storm Arwen could prevent the latest cross-country (XC) fixture in the Start Fitness North-Eastern Harriers League (NEHL) taking place on Saturday afternoon. The Club were able to field a complete team in the Senior Men's race, which took place on the lumps and bumps around Aykley Heads in Durham. The weather was a far cry from the positively tropical conditions that greeted runners at the initial fixture at Wrekenton in September, as the wind and snow ensured Members were subjected to a cold November afternoon, with muddy conditions underfoot.

First home for the Club was Club Captain, John Firby, in a time of 44:48 (a net time of 42:13, after starting from the mid-pack). John's finishing position of 46th ensured that he will start from the Fast Pack for the remaining NEHL XC races this season. John was followed by Richard Campbell in a time of 45:54, and Dez Fielden in 47:18 (a net time of 44:43 after starting from the mid-pack). Paul Dalton was our fourth counter, in a time of 48:20 (a net time of 45:45 after starting from the mid-pack), with Peter Tennick (55:04) and Shaun Dodd (56:11) bringing the team home.

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

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