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Celebration of Christmas



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Royal Mail Post Backlog

Dear Sir,
I would like to make your readers aware of a problem with Royal Mail deliveries in the Byerley Park Area.
I was expecting two important deliveries last week (a wedding card with a cheque enclosed and a P45) and neither item was delivered. When I realised that I had actually not had any deliveries at all during the week commencing Monday 29th November, I contacted Royal Mail on Monday 6th December to ask them to investigate and a case was opened. This morning, as I was not working, I decided to go to the sorting office and ask if I had any mail. I was then presented with eleven items of mail which included the two items I was expecting last week. When I asked why my mail was being withheld, I was advised that it wasn't being withheld, but they have nobody to deliver it! How long this situation is expected to continue for is anyone's guess! The wedding card and cheque were sent by my elderly aunt, and because she was worried that the cheque may have got into the wrong hands, cancelled it with the bank on 6 December at a cost of £10.00. She has had to pay for two cards, two lots of postage plus £10 to cancel the cheque - all because Royal Mail have failed to deliver. The other item, which I was expecting last week, was a P45 which was required for a new employer on Monday 6th December. I have been in touch with Royal Mail regarding compensation and was told NO - I cannot claim compensation. When I questioned this, I was then told that compensation can only be claimed by the sender. This puts the onus on my 83 year old aunt, who has already been inconvenienced with another trip to the card shop, the bank and the post office.

I think it is completely unacceptable that Royal Mail have chosen to withhold mail from the residents of Byerley Park for the last eight working days. Why have they not re-deployed an employee from another round for one or two days, just to ensure that at least some of the mail is still delivered here? Some areas of the town will be receiving their mail as normal but we are receiving none. I would like to hear what the manager of the local sorting office has got to say about this.

Update: It appears that the Royal Mail have delivered the backlog of mail as my neighbour has just received eight days worth of mail (on Tuesday afternoon) but we still don't know if this situation will arise again.

Name and address supplied

Woodham Academy Raise Money for Children in Need



Friday 15th November saw the return of the annual Children in Need fundraising event at Woodham Academy. The academy has been raising money for the charity for over 13 years. The whole school actively participated in the event, in terms of fancy dress, photos with Pudsey, and the sale of raffle tickets in order to win a Pudsey cake made by the academy's resident Chef, Linda Vipond.

The day was a resounding success, allowing a day of fun to be constructive in terms of raising both money and awareness for the cause of Children in Need. The day started with a guest appearance from Pudsey himself who welcomed the students into school. Members of the public even stopped to say hello to Pudsey and donate at the gate. Pudsey was at the gate again at the end of the day to thank students for their participation.

All year 7 students were encouraged to take part, some organising photos with friends and fancy dress day, with the addition of some innovative ideas which some pupils participated in during their weekend.

The students made a superb effort in both raising money and their positive attitude towards the event. Linda's Pudsey cake was a huge success with students buying raffle tickets throughout lunchtime with a Year 7 student, Abbie Scott, winning the prize.

The total amount collected was £548.02. Thank you to parents for supporting the charity and providing fantastic costumes.

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Christmas Celebration

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The outdoor activities, including kiddies fairground rides, snow globe and concession vans were cancelled due to the weather. However, Aycliffe Radio played Christmas tunes, Santa and Mrs Claus had over 400 local children visit them and the Shine Choir from St. Clare's entertained those in attendance with Christmas Carols prior to the switching on of the tree lights. Prof. Nincompoop also made a surprise visit to do balloon magic for the children.

Our mystery guest, Sara Davies, who was unable to confirm until the last minute due to contractual obligations with Strictly Come Dancing, arrived to turn on the lights with our Deputy Mayor, Ken Robson. Sara Davies and Mr Robson both wished the audience a Merry Christmas and then mingled, talked to and took 'selfies' with the children.

The Town Centre Management would like to thank those who came along on the day, especially Shine Choir, the local Police Team, Santa and Mrs Claus, the stall holders who braved the weather and Aycliffe Radio.

More events are planned for 2022 in Aycliffe Town Centre, watch Newton News and listen to Aycliffe Radio for information.

Multi Storey Car Park Closure

The Town Centre Management took the decision to close the Multi Storey Car Park due to Health & Safety concerns. Structural engineers have been instructed to investigate and report on their findings. They have suggested that it remains closed until costs for repair have been gained and this will allow decisions to be made. The Management would like to apologise for any inconvenience that the closure has caused and can assure everyone we are working hard to come to a conclusion. Town Centre Management

£1103 Raised for New Defibrillator

On Tuesday 7th December, Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club U11 Girls, swapped the pitch for the pool at The Fish Tank in Newton Aycliffe.

Instead of running up and down the football pitch the team decided they would swim it! The length of one pitch just didn't cut it for the girls who swam the length of 50 pitches. That's a whopping 3,650 meters and managed to raise £1103.00 towards the purchase of a portable defibrillator. Although NAYFC are lucky enough to have a defibrillator at its home ground, many venues across the region don't. Having this life saving piece of equipment on hand at all times will go a long way to help make the teams match days safer for players, officials and spectators.

Peter Hoyle, the girls manager, said, "Well done to all the girls, and thank you for your



effort and commitment to our awesome team."

The team would also like to thank Penny Gordon, owner of The Fish Tank, for the use of the venue and to the staff for giving their time.

Photo: Back, left to right: Yazmine, Hannah, Annabelle, Marley, Emily, Kate, Peyton. Front, left to right: Jessica, Lilly, Alara, Maddi, Charlotte, Eva and Poppy.

Christmas at Glow Church

Here at Glow Church we are praying that all who read the Newton News enjoy a blessed Christmas with family & friends.

On Sunday 12th December you are invited to join us for two of our incredible Christmas highlights. At 10.30am we have our Christmas Family Service which will be full of fun, featuring the amazing children of our Little Cubs Nursery.

Then at 5.00pm we are hosting a Christmas Choir Concert, a must for anyone who loves festive music. Entry is free. There are limited spaces so come early to avoid disappointment.

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Cruse works at a local and national level supporting adults, children and young people who have been bereaved. Support may be provided on a one-to-one basis or within groups, mainly on the telephone or online via video call.

Cruse North-East relies heavily on the dedication and hard work of its volunteers to deliver this worthwhile and vital service. All volunteers receive nationally recognised, high-quality training and receive regular support from a supervisor.

Tracy Shutt, Head of Services - North, said: "The death of a loved one can be devastating. Cruse is here to support adults, children and young people who are struggling to cope after a close bereavement."

"We are urgently looking for people who are compassionate and like helping other people to join our team of bereavement volunteers. Being a volunteer is incredibly rewarding and we could not do the vital work we do without them."

To find out more about becoming a volunteer for Cruse North-East and upcoming training courses, please contact Frances White at teesvalley@cruse.org.uk

Turbinia and Aycliffe Bike Club Toy Run



Number 1 - Every year Aycliffe Bike Club and The Party Fire Engine tour pubs collecting toys that have been donated, to be handed over to Women's Refuges and family support agencies. This event has been running 14 years and handed over thousands of toys, giving kids a Xmas they could only have dreamt about, so please support this worthwhile cause. If you can, buy an extra present this year and leave it, unwrapped at The Turbinia, or better still, hand it over in person and greet the cavalcade of motorcycles (many in fancy dress) and the Party Fire Engine at 4.00pm on Sunday 12th December.

All bikers are very welcome to join in the fun, suitable for all sizes of Bikes / Trikes / Scooters etc., just donate a toy.

Meet at the Turbinia, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PA - 11.45am

For more details contact Gary on 01325 313034.

Number 2 - Last year, because pubs were locked down, Martin had a crazy idea to do home collections, it was an amazing success, people got into the spirit of it, involving neighbours, etc, it was almost like a street party everywhere we went. Loads of toys donated, at a time when children's support charities were struggling because of covid restrictions. It was great fun and people enjoyed it so much we were asked to do it again.

Toy Run 2, Home Collections Sunday 19th December

Keep an eye out for some crazy motorcyclists with a fire engine and give us a wave.

Xmas Fair

5 Acres will be holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 11th December from 4pm to 8pm at ROF59 Activity Centre. Santa will be in his Grotto, a Winter Wonderland, Food Trucks, Barista Sisters, The Body Shop, Raffle, 30+ Stalls as well as RumbleGinskin Gin Bar. This is a free event and a fund raiser in aid of 5 Acres Community Garden. All welcome to come along.

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We will also be holding several live Q&A sessions on this page in the coming weeks to get all your questions answered so look out for those dates when they're released!

Make sure to get your application in before applications close at 5pm on Christmas Eve.



Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe

Christmas Events

CONCERT HALL

Saturday 18th Dec, 11am to 3pm

Panto 'Dick Whittington' (Members Only)

Friday 31st Dec: T.B.A.

Saturday 1st Jan: Brilliant '101'

+ John Melvyn Karaoke & Disco Party

UPSTAIRS

Saturday 11th Dec: 'Penny Harris'

Saturday 18th Dec: 'Dave Bryan'

Friday 24th Dec: 'A D Henry' (not to be missed)

Friday 31st Dec: 'Dave Alexander'

SHERATON BAR

Sunday 12th Dec: 'Andy Mac' + Garys Disco

Friday 17th Dec: T.B.A.

Sunday 19th Dec: 'Danielle Hurst'

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Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "PCP pledges to understand the impact the organisation has on the environment. We will monitor energy consumption and actively strive to reduce it. We will work with our teams to increase awareness and encourage ideas to take positive action at work, home and in the community."

"With over 100 staff based across the North East, PCP is dedicated to making small changes for a big difference for our future generations through our new environmental pledge."

From 2019, Voluntary Organisations' Network North East (VONNE) has been working with the public, private and VSCE sectors to become England's greatest region, which includes plans to address the climate crisis and transition to a green economy.

PCP's pledge is just one of many ways the health and wellbeing charity is striving to make a difference and improve people's



lives, with projects and services based in County Durham, the Tees Valley and Sunderland all supporting communities. North East organisations and groups can join PCP in its mission to go green for good, simply visit <https://neecco.org.uk/> Visit PCP's social media channels. PCP's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre 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

Santa Christmas Eve Tour

Good news! Santa has told us that he will be able to visit the parish of Great Aycliffe on Christmas Eve for his customary tour, which Great Aycliffe Town Council helps him to organise.

Information on his routes and timings will be published in next week's edition!

The annual Santa Tours on Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December – Evening) are split into sections of the Town. Please check the routes and times, remember the times are approximate so listen for the music and bells.

Merry Christmas, see you on Christmas Eve!

Christmas Dinner

Will you be alone Christmas Day and would you like to join us? Transport is available (within Newton Aycliffe).

This year's Christmas Dinner, organised by Junction 7, will take place on Saturday 25th December from 1.00pm at The Ark, Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe and includes a three course dinner as well as music.

To book your place please contact Junction 7 via email: junc7tion@gmail.com or ring 07783 539167.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS



A busy weekend for Aycliffe Junior Athletes. First up, braving the weather, Trinity competed at Hartlepool XC. She took on the muddy course and jumped a treacherous stream to achieve 6th place overall, a fantastic achievement by our young star. Next up, Aycliffe storm to overall second at CDAN Event. At the combined CDAN U13 and U15 indoor sports hall event, Aycliffe U13's pulled off an outstanding position of second overall (the highest Aycliffe has ever placed). This made more impressive, as Aycliffe did not field any U15's, therefore losing points to overall winners Phoenix Flyers. But showing how dominant they were in their age category.

Establishing a lead early on, after multiple wins in the running events, Aycliffe continued on their fantastic performance in the field events. It has been announced that all Aycliffe Athletes will go on to represent County Durham at Regionals.

This is an amazing accomplishment. Well done, Amy, Connor, Courtney, Elizabeth and Henry. You have done yourselves and everyone proud.

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- 119m² or thereabouts of land adjacent 21 Russell Court, Newton Aycliffe

A plan showing the area concerned may be inspected at the offices of Corporate Property and Land, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL.

By virtue of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the County Council is required to give formal notice of its intention to dispose of Open Space and consider any objections to the proposed disposal.

Any representations or objections to the disposal should be made in writing to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the address below or by emailing: highways.orders@durham.gov.uk before the 7th January 2022 and should state the grounds for objection.

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NAFC Junior Section

Severe weather again affected the fixture list, following last week's wash out following Storm Arwen. Torrential rain led to a number of fixtures being postponed again this week.

Under 10's Whites played against Coxhoe United, with a depleted squad. Although the boys battled hard, they just ran out of steam towards the end of the game. Jonah scored a great goal, with MOTM being shared by Sammy & Maxi who never gave up and worked hard throughout.

Under 10's Blacks played a tough game in the local derby against a good Heighington team. The game started slowly with the Blacks being behind at half time, in the second half the Blacks settled down and defensively looking very solid. Benjamin grabbed a goal with a quick break and good finish. There were some fine individual performances, with the Blacks battling well. MOTM went to Olly for a great defensive display

Under 12's travelled to Prissick Rovers, starting well with an early goal coming from Callum, assisted by Keaton. Callum then grabbed his second to make it 2-0 to Aycliffe. Defensive confusion saw Prissick grab a goal before half time. Aycliffe just could not find that third goal and eventually missed opportunities cost us and Prissick scored two more goals to make it 3-2 to the hosts at full time. MOTM was Oscar.

Under 13's Blacks travelled to Deerness, in a superb first half the lads led at half time 3-0. A further flood of goals in the second half saw the Blacks come away with a 6-0 win. Goals from Danny, Alex (hat trick), Robbie & Cody. MOTM was Danny.

Under 14's travelled to Hartlepool Pools Youth, losing 3-1 with the goal coming from Mason.

Under 16's entertained Sunderland Rangers Reds at Woodham this weekend, and after a lot of hard work in training, finally got the result their recent performances have deserved. Dominating throughout, Aycliffe took an early lead when Brandon collected a cross and finished from close range. Archie extended the lead with an excellent volley following a great team move, leaving the score 2-0 at half-time. The second half continued in the same manner, Aycliffe going close on several occasions before Archie added to the score line with a calm finish from a pass from Lewis. The scoring was completed in the last seconds of the game, when Archie rounded the keeper for his hat-trick and a 4-0 win. Overall an excellent performance from start to finish from everyone.



Waste Incinerator Plans Rejected by Council

Local Councillors in Great Aycliffe are celebrating after a plan to build an incinerator in the town were thrown out by the County Council's planning committee.

Lib Dem Councillor, Michael Stead, (Aycliffe North & Middridge), spoke at the meeting and recommended reasons for refusal which the committee eventually supported.

He explained, "We had to stop this application. It would have damaged the future prosperity of our town, using two hectares of land to build a polluting incinerator but providing only 27 jobs. This site is right next to Hitachi and has the potential to offer hundreds of jobs. I'm delighted the committee listened to my objections and those of other councillors."

Independent Councillor, Ken Robson, (Aycliffe East), also spoke at the County Planning Committee saying, "As a proud nimby and local Councillor I would like to say that no one in my locality is in favour of this plant, and in fact many are in dread of the toxic emissions which they perceive may be allowed to enter the atmosphere and environment. As a result of the burning of medical and toxic waste."

Lib Dem Councillor, Nev Jones, also spoke at the meeting saying, "The plant plans to dispose of medical and hazardous waste by incineration on a 24 hour schedule and with initially 30 visits a day delivering between 6am and 10pm. You will have light pollution from lit bays and vehicle headlights. You will have a shocking great 30 metre chimney visible for miles, and there's the smell."

Cllr Jones added, "This plant is offering 27 new jobs. This is a fairly paltry return for the massive loss of amenity residents will suffer. I do wonder if southern based business (Norfolk in this case) think that my residents will put up with anything in return for employment." It was the issues around the use of the Business Park and the risk to other businesses which eventually led to the rejection of the application in the committee.

Lib Dem Councillor, Craig Martin, a committee member, commented, "I want development on our industrial estates and more jobs but I have to question if this is an acceptable use of the land on this Business Park. We heard the comments from Hitachi, one of the jewels in the crown of employment in the last ten years in this area, we have objections here from them stating that this could harm their work."

He went on to say, "Changes to the planning rules state that incineration cannot be classified as B2. So we have a Business Park with B2 use. The government has said that you cannot attach incineration on to B2. And so, I recommend refusal as this Business Park is not suitable for an incinerator as per Policy 2, [of the County Durham Plan]."

Councillor Patricia Jopling, (Crook), seconded the motion to refuse the incinerator. One of two Labour Councillors in attendance at the committee supported the incinerator.

Councillor David Boyes, from Easington, commented, "I can't see a great deal to object about this, so I'm going to support the planning officers recommendation for approval."

Five Labour Councillors on the committee did not attend the meeting or provide substitutes. Every other Councillor on the committee voted against the application.

After the meeting Councillor Stead commented, "I'm delighted this dirty incinerator application has been thrown out. However I'm also rather concerned that so many Labour Councillors on the committee didn't show up."



Litter Picking

Dear Sir,
Gray's gang of volunteers have battled rain, mud and cold yet again, to clear more yetchy yak from our town. Scott Place and the woods towards the Burn this week. Highlights from our collection today include an entire green carpet, several bags of household waste (nappies, razors, personal hygiene products, etc.), lots of beer cans, bottles, and a Tesco trolley.

A number of people have queried why the DCC and GATC need this help. I suggest you ask your local Councillor to explain the budgets. We recycle the glass and metals we collect through our own household bins to reduce the costs to the Town Council, who will collect the remaining load.

Brian Rendell



RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Saturday morning saw the return of parkrun to the North-East, after most events were wiped out by Storm Arwen last week. Members turned out at events held at Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Keswick, Sedgfield, York and Marshall Drive in Brotton, near Saltburn. There were no significant milestones achieved this week – perhaps everyone was keeping their powder dry for the latest cross-country race later in the weekend.

There was also a 5K race taking place on Saturday morning, as the Darlington Harriers and Athletics Club hosted their annual race at the Croft Motor Circuit. Carley Cooper was the only Member of the Club to take part in the race, finishing her run in 26:02.

Elsewhere on Saturday morning, Sandra Rudd was taking on the York Yuletide Trail race, hosted by See York Run York. Unfortunately, the original course had to be rerouted on the day due to a 'bovine-related incident'. Unperturbed by this last-minute change, Sandra completed the race in 1:04:43, and was rewarded with a medal and plenty of chocolate for her trouble! Sunday morning saw the latest races being held at the Dalton Park Retail Outlet. Hosted by Run Durham, a 5K and 10K option was available. Ian Stothard took on the Dalton Park Winter 5K, completing the race in 32:54. Taking part in the Dalton Park Winter 10K race, David Stothard crossed the line in 1:00:18.

On Sunday afternoon the latest cross-country (XC) fixture in the North Yorkshire and South Durham (NYSD) League took place at Summerhill Country Park in Hartlepool. Inclement conditions prior to the races ensured a suitably challenging cross-country course. Kelly Dickinson was the Club's sole female representative in the Ladies Race and completed the 4.6K course in a time of 28:01. In the Over 65 Veteran Men's race, which took place over the same distance, Trevor Needham was the second runner home overall, crossing the line in 21:41. Kevin Greenall had a good run in the Over 70 Veteran Men's race, also over 4.6K, finishing in third place overall in a time of 26:36.

In the Senior and Veteran Men's race, which took place over 8.9K, Club Captain John Firby secured a top ten finish (8th) crossing the line in 35:52. Dez Fielden was the Club's next runner home in 37:53, and Dez was tracked all the way by Paul Dalton, who finished just ten seconds behind him in 38:03.

Richard Campbell was the next Aycliffe runner to cross the line, in a time of 40:09, with Matthew Heron (43:40) and Stuart Joyce (48:10) completing the Club's initial six counters. Shaun Dodd had another solid run, finishing in 48:43, followed closely by Richard Holland (49:47) and Peter Jarps (51:25).

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



Community Spirit Santa Route

Monday 13th December 2021:

From 5.30pm: Malvern Way, Colwell Court, Belford Way, Staintondale, Zetland Hunt, Bramham Chase, Hunters Green, Ainsty Hunt, The Saddlery, Bedale Hunt, The Post Horn, Lascelles Avenue, Luttryngton Court, Hambleton Court, Ranulf Court, Jesmond Court, Colburn Avenue, Yoden Court, Elwick Avenue, Wynyard Court.

Tuesday 14th December 2021:

From 5.30pm: Sheraton Road, Big Club, Sharp Road, Lumley Close, Hunter Road, Crewe Road, Henderson Road, Raine Walk, Crawford Road, Sheraton Road, Sheraton Close, Jenkins Court, Hatfield Road, Heild Close, Biscop Crescent, Eldon Close, Skirlaw Road.

Wednesday 15th December 2021:

From 5.30pm: Bousfield Crescent, Elstob Close, Sanderson Close, Hamilton Close, Kendrew Close, Hardinge Road, Eubank Close, Defoe Crescent, Felton Close, Washington Crescent, Richardson Walk, St Aiden's Walk, Hylton Close, Whitehead Walk, Wren Close, Armstrong Close, St Oswalds Court, Welbury Grove.

Thursday 16th December 2021:

From 5.30pm: Aycliffe Gates, Durham Road, Millfields, Durham Road, Atkinson Gardens, Murton Close, Village Green, St. Andrews Close, Heighington Street, Oaklea Mews, Congreve Terrace, Bickford Terrace.

These events are weather permitting and may be cancelled, please confirm on our Community Spirit Facebook page. We are raising funds for Community Spirit Newton Aycliffe and 5 Acres. Please give generously. The events are run by volunteers and cannot accommodate every street in Aycliffe. Check the Rotary Club site for their street collections too.



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Junction 7 News

Junction 7 is making plans for some events that will help local business, as well as fundraising. The next event will be the Music Night and Charity Auction to be held in the Big Club on 17th December which is currently being promoted.

I am also organising the Charity Auction as part of this and we have approx thirty lots to auction including: Fender guitar; Glamping (overnight stay with hot tub); Behind the hob splashback and personal design; Various bottles of spirits; Adult scooter; Crate of beer; House of Commons bottle of wine; Round of golf for 4 people; Ant or wasp nest treatment - A full list and lot numbers can be obtained at the door on the night for 50p. I hope to see many of you there and wish you a great evening.

Carol Payne

Volunteer Event Planner

(Newton Aycliffe) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Prohibition of Stopping, Permit Holders Only) Order 2012 (Amendment No.1) Order 2021

The Council on 3 December 2021 made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which comes into operation on 17 December 2021 and is to introduce **To introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on:** (a) Silkin Way both sides from the existing No Stopping on entrance markings restriction in a north westerly direction into both sides the junction of Humphrey Close for 15 metres. (b) Grindon Way, south side both sides of the junction from Tekmar Energy for 10 metres on the south east side and for 15 metres on the south west side. (c) Grindon Way, north side from a point opposite Tekmar Energy in a westerly direction for 27 metres. (d) Carbury Road east side from a point opposite unit 23 Parsons Court in a northerly direction for 30 metres. (e) Carbury Road, from a point adjacent to the electrical substation in a southerly direction for 8 metres. (f) Greenfield Way, east side from the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction opposite the entrance to Greenfield School and Community and Arts College for 103 metres in a southerly direction. (g) Greenfield Way, west side from existing no stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restriction south of the entrance to Greenfield School and Community and Arts College in a southerly direction for 73 metres. (h) Both sides of the access road to Newton Park Services from the A167 for 356 metres, extending into the junctions of Forest Park Service Station and the Substation on the north side and extending into the turn into the McDonald's restaurant on the south side. The restrictions will also cover the pedestrian traffic islands at the entrance of the junction. (i) West terrace, both sides from a point adjacent to the former public conveniences extending to and around the junction with the A167 for 29 metres on the north side of the junction and 44 metres around the south side of the junction. (j) Both sides of the junction of Leaside leading onto Leaside North extending into both sides of Leaside north for 20 metres on the west side and 18 metres on the east side. (k) Both sides of the junction of Leaside and Warren Road extending into both sides of Warren Road for 11 metres on the east side and 19 metres on the west side. (l) St Cuthbert's Way, west side from a point adjacent to the Royal Mail Sorting Office in a northerly direction turning westerly onto the south side the Horndale Avenue and then southerly onto east side Hilton Road for a total length of 165 metres. (m) Both sides of the junction of Central Avenue and Vane Road extending for 16 metres in a southerly direction on either side of the junction into Vane Road. (n) Carers Way, east side from the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction opposite number 5 Alan Gray court in a southerly direction for 61 metres. (o) Carers Way, west side from the existing No Waiting at Any Time restriction adjacent to The Ackley Care Centre in a southerly direction for 28 Metres. (p) Both sides of the junction of Woodham Way and Well House Drive, extending for 17 metres in a northerly direction around both sides of the junction into Wellhouse Drive. (q) Staintondale, south side in a southerly direction for 13 metres into both sides of the junction of Hurworth Hunt. (r) North Terrace, east side from a point adjacent to Number 53 Atkinson Gardens in a northerly direction into the south side of the junction of Atkinson Gardens for 28 metres. (s) North Terrace, east side from a point adjacent to Number 11 Atkinson Gardens in a southerly direction into the north side of junction of Atkinson Gardens for 38 metres. (t) Sheraton Road, north side in the 22-metre gap between two sections of existing No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance markings at the entrance and exit of Sugar Hill Primary School. (u) Stephenson Way, west side in a westerly direction into the north side of the junction of Garburn Place for 19 metres. **To amend the No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restrictions on:** The existing restrictions 'No stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance markings' on the east side of Vane Road adjacent to Vane Road Primary School will be amended to read 'No stopping Mon-Fri 7.30am-5.30pm on entrance markings'. **To remove the No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restrictions on:** The existing No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restriction on the east and west side of the junction into Humphrey Way will be removed. **To introduce the No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-6pm on entrance marking restrictions on:** The north, south, east and west sides of the access way into Woodham Burn Community Primary School. **To introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9am 3pm-4pm and No loading Mon-Fri 8am-9am 3pm-4pm restrictions on:** The west side of Humphrey Close from point adjacent to Number 1 in a north westerly direction to a point adjacent to Number 9 for 88 metres. **To introduce restricted waiting 7am-7pm 2 hours No return within 3 hours on:** Woodham Way, adjacent to south easterly boundary of Woodham Park for 29. **To introduce Disabled Badge Holders Only on:** The north west of Humphrey Close, adjacent to the entrance to Woodham Burn Community Primary School. A copy of the draft Order may be inspected at Newton Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours, alternatively if you wish to obtain a copy please contact 03000 269738 or e-mail highways.orders@durham.gov.uk or write to Sharon Renwick, Legal Assistant, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by "the Act", as amended, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks from 10 December 2021 apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 10 December 2021



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

Cracking Competition for Swimmers



Sedgefield 75 swimming club headed to Stanley last weekend for a festive gala hosted by Derwentside swimming club titled the Christmas Cracker Meet.

Seven swimmers competed for medals and chocolate as Derwentside continued their tradition of awarding a selection box to the winner of every heat. It proved a great motivation as the swimmers returned 26 personal bests out of 36 swims including some staggering performances.

Evie Weston swam five races setting two PB's including more than seventeen seconds taken from her 200 backstroke best. She also came away with gold in 100m butterfly and bronze in that 200m backstroke.

Zoe Hodgson came home with a lot of chocolate and a superb eight out of eight PB's which included over six seconds off her 100m breaststroke best and almost sixteen seconds from her 200m individual medley best which was only set in June this year.

Charlotte Lee swam two breaststroke events and 50m free and took silver in 200m breaststroke.

Ellis Dickinson found a new level as he swam six races in six big PB's, most impressive being seventeen seconds in 100m freestyle, twenty-three seconds in 50m butterfly and more than twenty-eight seconds in 100m breaststroke. In terms of magnitude of personal bests, one of the most astounding performances the club has seen. Filip Wilczynski continued where he left off from Sheffield recently and won six out of six gold medals setting three new PB's including six seconds off his 100m freestyle best and three from his 50m breaststroke.

Oliver Turnbull swam three new PB's from five, those being 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle and 200m freestyle.

Charlie McEwan got three out of four PB's in 50m backstroke and butterfly, and 100m freestyle.

On the same Saturday, 13-year-old Emma Price headed back to Sheffield to take part in her first English National swimming championships, competing as a junior against the country's best sixteen-year-olds and younger. Emma had made the qualifying time for 400m freestyle at the recent regional championships at the same Ponds Forge International Swimming Centre in Sheffield.

The open (adult) championships ran concurrently and the swimmers mixed in the same heats seeded on qualifying times only. This meant that Emma was competing in the same event as international and Olympic swimmers including Abbie Wood, also swimming 400m freestyle, who had finished 4th at Tokyo 2020 in 200m individual medley this summer. A fantastic experience and it surely won't be her last.

Sedgefield 75 are grateful to Great Aycliffe Town Council for a grant received from their COVID recovery fund to help overcome financial challenges placed on it by COVID and a significant increase in pool hire imposed by Durham County Council at the same time. In the longer term, we need more members to maintain this fantastic access to top quality coaching for Newton Aycliffe and the wider South Durham area. We offer coaching for children and adults at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Get in touch via our website www.sedgefield75.com or find us on Facebook.

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Greenfield Community Sports Welcome New Clubs

Greenfield Community College are thrilled to offer a range of sporting opportunities to the community to welcome new clubs and individuals to our community sports.

The community sports section has had a recent change of management

and we are delighted to welcome Rachel Curry, Arts, Sports and Community Co-ordinator, to the team. Rachel will be on hand to develop a new programme whilst liaising with our existing clients to make sure community use is benefiting a wide range of users from Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas.

Greenfield's facilities are exceptional, offering a bespoke 3G football pitch, full size sports hall, state-of-the art tennis courts and a multi-use gym. We have recently been thrilled to open our doors to new users including netball clubs, individual junior tennis bookings and new five-a-side and seven-a-side football teams.

Greenfield also work alongside partners to offer professional coaching and the chance to access teams and clubs. Greenfield Tennis Club are resident on site and are welcoming new members and offering coaching opportunities. The Martin Gray Academy are currently offering quality coaching each Monday evening from 17:30 – 19:30 and we are also proud to be home to local clubs such as Newton Aycliffe YFC and Brays Netball Club and Heighington FC, who regularly train at Greenfield.

"I am very happy to be joining Greenfield Arts and Sports Centre at a very exciting time of its development. I look forward to developing our programmes and classes further and to welcome the community to enjoy our facilities and the services we have to offer" said Rachel Curry.

If you would like to know more about our offer or would like a home for your club or group, call our friendly team by emailing communitysports@greenfieldschool.net or call 01325 379048.



Heighington FC Juniors

Heighington U7's RFYL

Heighington 4 - Herrington FC 1

A tough game for the lads today, but well worth it to get the 3 points. The Heighington boys were unbeaten going in to the game and it was always going to be a tough game against a mid table side. Heighington led from start to finish though and took the lead through an excellent well taken Isaac Turnbull goal and again just sinking another one, just before half time.

Second half saw the changes made and led to a second half goal from goalkeeper/outfielder Oskar Raine and finally finished off by a well taken hat trick from parents and coaches MOM Isaac Turnbull. Throughout the game I couldn't fault the hard work and commitment from Reuben, Tommy, Nate and Toby for working really hard and doing what was asked of them. Finally, a special mention to Jackson, who had a really good game in goal in the second half, saving lots of shots and seeing the game through.

We said to the boys at the end, we didn't feel it was their best performance, but 3 points was the most important thing.

Scorers: Isaac x3, Oskar x1.

Parents & Managers MOM: Isaac T.

Heighington U10's RFYL

Heighington FC U10's 3 - Newton Aycliffe Junior Blacks U10's 1

Heighington were given a stern test this morning against an on form and very well organised Aycliffe side. The first half was a tight affair with both sides creating chances and some resilient defending on display. The lads got their breakthrough when Oliver Yates chased down a lost cause and kept the ball in play which created the chance for Jonah Wade to open the scoring with a calm finish to put us ahead. Isaac Morgan found himself on the scoresheet once again with a tight angle finish after a defence to attack breakout to make it 2-0 just before half time. A tight second half opened up in the last five minutes when Will Farrow burst into the box and slipped a lively ball under the keeper to make it 3-0. A spirited fightback saw Aycliffe break forward with a great move and deservedly sliced open the Heighington defence to make it 3-1 and were the pressing team going into the final whistle.

Well done to Adrian and his great Aycliffe side who were fantastic today in a game played in great spirit.

Well done to the Heighington boys who once again put on another great display to be proud of. A valuable lesson in why we chase lost causes and the possible rewards that come when we do.

MOTM: Jonah Wade, he was a handful when he came on and took his crucial first goal calmly, just when we needed it.

Well done to all involved and big shout out to our sponsors Sash Hardware.

Messy Church



We would like to wish all our Messy Church families a wonderful Christmas Time - please come and join the celebration on Saturday 18th December at St. Clare's Church, where we will be crafting table decorations and angels, nativities and baby in a manger buns, with a party tea to follow.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

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Celebratory Hugs and Parent Quotes for Year 1 at Sugar Hill

This week at Sugar Hill Primary, children across our whole school have shared this term's learning with parents and carers in 'Showcase Events'. Year 1 children shared their showcase with parents on Tuesday December 7th. The following quotes from parents and carers, who attended the event in school, says it all. This is their feedback to children and staff...

'Wow! What superstars in Year 1. Beautiful singing and fantastic dance moves. Really impressed with the Africa work. It was lovely to see what you have been learning'. 'Really super proud of my daughter and her friends for the project they have done. This project has helped fetched her confidence on. Thank you for the opportunity'. 'This was awesome - well done Year 1. I loved the singing and dancing'. 'I really enjoyed your African Showcase. Well done and keep up the good work. You even made me cry it was so amazing!'. 'Well done to all Year 1. You all did a really amazing job. Lots of lovely singing and dancing'. 'Well done boys and girls that was fantastic. You all did amazing singing and dancing. You have learned so much. Massive well done to everybody!'. 'OUTSTANDING. Well done Year 1'. 'Well done all you boys and girls and teachers of course. We definitely hope to see more of these in the future and thank you to Mrs O'Rourke for letting us see the showcase'. 'You were all fab. A big well done! You were all little stars. I am so proud of you!'. 'You were all superstars! Well done to you all, we loved watching your African Showcase'. 'Brilliant showcase Year 1'. 'Amazing job Year 1- the best showcase I have ever seen. Your hard work paid off'. 'Fantastic show Year 1. Amazing to see how much you have learned about Africa'. 'Fantastic work Year 1'. 'Amazing work, so proud of all the children. They all worked so hard'. 'Lovely dancing-well done!'. 'Well done Year 1- your showcase was brilliant!'. 'Well done Year 1- you were all amazing!'. 'Absolutely fantastic work. Well done Year 1'. 'A big well done to all the children. Absolutely outstanding. Even made me cry a little'. 'I am so very proud of all the children. They did so well. It was amazing. Massive well done you were brilliant!'. 'Well done everyone. Amazing singing and dancing. You should be very proud!'. 'Absolutely fabulous! Very well done!'. 'The children did an amazing job. I can't wait to come back and see some more work they learn about'. 'So lovely to see the children in person and very well-orchestrated'. 'Incredible performance! Thank you for all the hard work and commitment from the staff'. One dad summed up the showcase with these words- 'Brilliant performance from everyone. Very evident that a lot of hard work and learning has gone into this for some time. Now I understand what all the 'mini' performances at home have been all about!'. Staff at Sugar Hill are overwhelmed with this feedback from parents and carers and so incredibly proud of all the children presenting their very first showcase to an audience.

Neighbourhood Policing

By PC Bram Booth

PACT Meeting: 10th February, 6pm, on Police Facebook page



Here is your weekly update from the Team at Newton Aycliffe.

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that our first rapid deployment CCTV camera has been installed in Western area of the town to help us tackle anti-social behaviour. This was following a lot of hard work by members of the team and joint working with local Councillors.

As their name suggests, these cameras can be installed in a timely manner in areas which are identified as hotspots. The quality of these cameras are second to none and will allow us to identify offenders and gather evidence to use in criminal and civil proceedings. Patrols have been conducted outside of local schools at 'picking up and dropping off' times to target motorists who park in restricted areas. Whilst we appreciate parents will often have a morning rush, inconsiderate parking puts children at risk so please think before you park.

Officers joined Councillors and partners from Durham County Council for a walkabout in the Woodham area. This was looking at local issues and working together to resolve them and will be happening in other areas of the town.

The carousel training resumed again this week, this time at Stephenson Way Junior School. This was educating children in years 5 and 6 around issues including internet safety, bullying, anti-social behaviour and crime & consequences. The children were all receptive and their reward was a visit from Police dogs Jet and Ben. Officers have been creating and submitting files to be presented to the Crown Prosecution Service for a number of youths who are suspected of committing offences in local area. Again, this is ongoing work to combat the problems caused by a small number of youths.

On a final note, please take the necessary steps to safeguard your homes and belongings on these dark winters nights. Lights on timers are a great deterrent when you are away from home and are available from the Police station between 10-5pm. These were bought with funding through GAMP (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership).

Please call into our Christmas Grotto on Saturday 11th December 2021 between 10-4pm where children can meet Santa Claus and receive a present, whilst adults can engage with the team and receive crime prevention devices.

We can also sign you up to KEEP IN THE KNOW which will keep you up to date with all the issues in your community. You can visit www.keepintheknow.co.uk if you can't make it on Saturday.



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Achieving Carbon Neutral status has been a key objective for Roman over recent years and highlights Roman's enormous and ongoing commitment to the environment. Roman also has a significant focus on materials and the Circular Economy and is committed to only using recycled aluminium and ensuring that all packaging is recycled cardboard.

Hugh Jones, Managing Director, Advisory at the Carbon Trust, said: "We have worked with Roman Limited this year to verify their 2019 and 2020 Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions in accordance with ISO 14064-3. Roman Limited have met the requirements under PAS 2060 and we are delighted to certify their emissions and operations at Durham as carbon neutral as part of their sustainability journey.

David Osborne, CEO of Roman, added: "We are extremely proud to have achieved Carbon Neutral status. This is already extremely important for us in the hotel and project sector; increasingly so in housebuilding; and will hopefully become ever more important in the retail sector. As the leading British manufacturer we give huge focus to sustainability and further breakthroughs will be coming over the next few years."

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Parliament Talk

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This week's column needs to start with a discussion around the latest Covid restrictions, as I am sure you are all aware these changed last week. There were high profile changes to international travel rules with the introduction of both pre departure lateral flow tests and on arrival PCR tests for everyone coming into the UK. This will affect a relatively small number of people significantly but for most of us it is the change to mask rules that will impact us. This change is a small imposition but one that affects many people. I know that some of you disagree with the need and the value of wearing a mask for shopping or travelling but, as I have said before, it is a small inconvenience and if there is any chance it could help then why not?

Even if you fundamentally disagree with mask wearing, one thing that is definitely not acceptable is abusing our front-line shop workers, bus drivers etc. for trying to enforce the rules. It is their job; they have no choice. If you want to rant off about it then do it to me, it's my Government that have imposed these rules not the person behind the counter or driving the bus. If you don't want to wear a mask in a shop then don't go in, shop online or ask a friend. Unfortunately, I have had a number of people writing to me who have been abused in this way and I would implore everyone to refrain and also if you see it happening, support the staff.

Obviously, a significant impact has been felt locally by Storm Arwen, this has been devastating for many people particularly in Weardale and Teesdale but also in places like Barmpton village, Thornley and Easington. There is enormous credit due to the front-line teams dealing with this, particularly given the scale and the weather they had to deal with. There are however some serious questions to be answered as regards the infrastructure investment and the communications to those affected.

My week in Westminster included briefings on the storm and a debate in the chamber on the response. I had a meeting with the BEIS ministers about their immediate plans and activities. For BEIS I also had a select committee session, this week was quite technical and was about State Aid and Post Brexit Competition Policy and in particular the roles of different bodies in monitoring or enforcing the rules. I joined a meeting of the APPG trying to get justice for Equitable Life policyholders and I chaired the latest evidence session for my APPG on Left Behind Neighbourhoods. This session was titled Cleaner, Safer, Greener? Livability in Left Behind Neighbourhoods. We had

witnesses reinforcing the studies behind how important your local environment is to quality of life, whether this is access to green spaces or indeed blue spaces (by this they meant the sea, lakes or rivers) but importantly the quality and cleanliness of these spaces. I also had meetings in Westminster on subjects including Aviation, Asylum Seekers, Dormant Assets and Ocean Conservation.

Before heading north on Wednesday night, I was able to meet Penny Mordaunt, Minister of State for Trade Policy, to promote our local businesses, in particular NETPark, Kromek and Crafters Companion. Penny is going to the United States soon, so I wanted to share our US facing businesses. Back in the constituency I was able to catch up with my team and the daily issues we continue to deal with. I met several businesses and was able to pop into Woodham Community Centre where the local Councillors, David Sutton Lloyd and Tony Stubbs, were coordinating a multi-agency walkabout. It was great to see representatives from Durham County Council including Kate Ward, Emma Leighton, Veronica Benn, Rachel Tindall and Kelly Presch; Claire O'Connor from Livin and PC Bram Boot and PCSO Sarah Button getting together to understand the issues that matter to the community and encouraging people to use the 'doitonline' function on the Durham County Council website or using the 101 number for the police. I couldn't stay for the walkabout as I had a meeting at Durham County Hall that included the Council's Cabinet and Senior Management Team as well as all the Durham MPs. This meeting covered everything from Storm Arwen to Devolution to their Financial Plans. I was going to call at a number of events on Friday and Saturday but received a message on Friday afternoon requiring me to take a PCR test. Huge credit to those operating this process as I was able to book a test at the drive in at Shildon on Saturday morning and had confirmation I was negative by Saturday afternoon.

My sign off message remains boringly consistent, our biggest weapon against Covid is the vaccines, everything I hear tells me that the countries with highest vaccination rates are faring best and also that those in hospital with Covid are disproportionately those who have not been vaccinated. So please take the opportunity for any jabs you are offered. Please stay safe and respect our front-line workers.

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Incinerator Planning Application Rejected

Dear Sir,
Last week Durham County Council's Planning Committee voted overwhelmingly to refuse planning permission for the Heighington Lane Waste Incinerator application, despite its own officers recommending approval.
County Councillors Neville Jones (Lib Dem), Jim Atkinson (Labour), Ken Robson (Ind), Eddy Adam (Labour), Michael Stead (Lib Dem) all spoke out very eloquently against the application, it was real teamwork, together with Christine Walton for Great Aycliffe Town Council, Aycliffe Village Town Councillor Carl Robinson and residents Penny Jackson, Eileen Brewis, David Storey, John and Hilda Longley.
(Noticably absent were the two Conservative County Councillors for Newton Aycliffe). This is a tremendous victory for residents and local Councillors who presented an excellent case. Congratulations to all concerned. So shines a good deed in a weary world. The meeting can be seen on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTbyNQELDcl>
Arun M Chandran

Barks at Bracks Farm

Barks at Bracks Farm is now open 6am to 9pm every day.
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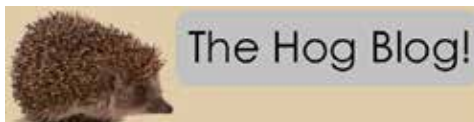
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Thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to visit the Scout Hall last Saturday afternoon, the support I was given has enabled me to continue to help these poor babies that seem to be coming in with all sorts of difficulties mostly treatable if admitted in time. Raffle tickets are still on sale but not for much longer, we have some lovely prizes, perfect for Christmas. This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of Karen who booked this room for me, June, Joy, Marlene, her granddaughters Eloise and Isobel who did the tombola and the very crafty ladies, Susan for her animals, Hazel for little hedgehog badges and Carol for some lovely toys etc. Many rehabs are overwintering now, especially if they are too small to hibernate, Denise and I included, our work continues through the winter months, releasing hedgehogs back into the wild is not an option, the weather conditions are a death sentence for them. We still need to feed and keep them healthy till spring, hence all the fundraising. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society are still available should anyone need their help, they can be contacted on 01584 890801, office hours or email: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com should you have any questions or need advice.

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- Install LED dusk to dawn lighting to make sure that your garden, especially doorways, are well lit at night.
- If you are away from home, make your house look occupied, use a timer switch to operate lamps or a TV simulator and leave a radio on.
- Secure bins at night and put garden furniture away for the winter as these can be used by burglars as climbing aids to gain access to upper floor windows.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances using strong closed shackle padlocks to BS EN 12320 standard.
- Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place, such as under the doormat or in a flowerpot.
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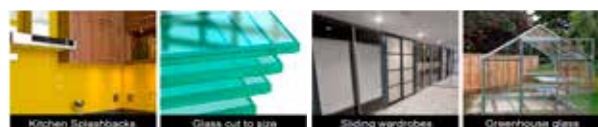
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Christmas Comes Early



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Mrs Jenkins, Head of the Science Academy at Woodham Academy, leads on the initiative. She has successfully bid for funding from the Institute of Physics, the money has been used to purchase four resource boxes, containing a range of equipment that will allow the recipients from Woodham Burn, Vane Road and Heighington Primary Schools to practically explore the subject in much greater detail. Mrs Jenkins is extremely excited about the project, saying: "Ensuring that the primary schools in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas have access to resources to promote science, and in this particular case Physics, is key to engaging and enthusing students in science. We are extremely grateful to the Institute of Physics for their generosity of their schools grant scheme."

In addition to the three boxes given to schools, a fourth box can be loaned out to other primary schools in the area through Woodham Academy resource box scheme. Woodham Academy also hosts a range of different science events, including Woodham Sparkies. For more information of any of the programmes, please contact Woodham Academy on info@woodham.org.uk

Congratulations

Wendy Lawson



Happy 60th Birthday

Amazing Mam and Nana to Mason. Hope you have a fantastic day celebrating! Lots of love, Laura, Karl, Mason, Ethan and Bella xx

Wendy Lawson

Happy 60th Birthday

16th December
Congratulations to my precious daughter Wendy on her 60th birthday. Love and happiness always. Love, Mam.

Obituary

John Redden

1947 - 2021
Peacefully in hospital. Beloved Husband of Margaret; devoted Father of Robert, Neil and the late Peter; loving Grandad of Sarah Louise, Holly and Callum; adored Great-Grandad of Joshua. Friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 14th December at 10.30am. Family flowers only please.

Kevin Pegler

Passed away peacefully on 19th November 2021. Kevin, aged 68 years. A much loved Dad, Grandad, Brother, Uncle and also a great friend to many. Funeral Service to take place in Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 15th December at 3.30pm. All are welcome. Please meet at the Crematorium.

In Memoriam

Edith Trotter

It's been one year since we said goodbye. Time passes by but memories stay, loved and remembered every day. With love from Trudi, Billy, Susan, Beverley and all the family.

John McRoberts



7th December 2018
Three years since you left us, you have a special place in our hearts. We think about you every day, that will never change. We love and miss you so very much. Love always, Nanna, Dad, Tyler and Uncle Stuart

Joanne Pooley

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 3rd December, aged 53 years. Beloved Wife of Mark; much loved Mam of Shannon and Lola; dearly loved Daughter of Brian and Joyce; loving Sister of Michelle and Warren, Sister-in-Law of Brian and Marie; devoted Auntie Joey to Sam. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 17th December at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, to the Dog's Trust.

Lynne Wright
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At Darlington Memorial Hospital of complications following cancer treatment. Much loved elder Daughter of Steve Maddison and the late Joan; dear Sister to Jeff and the late Judith and Stephen; Widow of Tom Wright of Bolam; wonderful partner of Richard and a 'bonus' Mum and Grandma to Caroline and Laura and their children. A vibrant, caring lady who put more into life than she took out. A keen walker, cruciverbalist and dedicated shopper. She will be long remembered by her family, step family, friends and walkers. The funeral will take place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Thursday 16th December at 11.30am. At her specific request there shall be no dark ties or drab clothes. The wake will immediately follow the Service at a venue to be announced on the day. Donations, to be made on the day, in lieu of flowers, to Cystic Fibrosis Care.

Thank You

Martha Braithwaite

The family of the late Martha Braithwaite would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards, flowers and donations following their sad loss. They would also like to thank Daniel from Bewick Crescent Surgery and all the Nurses and Carers who made sure that she was able to stay at home with her family, which was so important to her. Our lovely Mam will be missed but not forgotten.

Colin Pemberton

15th December 2020
One sad year without you, still can't believe it's true. We think about you always, and talk about you still. Your loving Wife Doreen and all the family. Good night, God bless xxxxx

Trevor Plaskitt

12th December 2010
Dear Lord, take care of Trevor in the garden of gold. Love, Valerie xx
Daughters Shirley, Julia, Adam,
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God Bless

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 4th December
Ebac Northern League Division One
Newton Aycliffe 3 Seaham Red Star 2
Scorers: Brown, Dibb-Fuller and Petitjean

Aycliffe staged an impressive fightback to take the three points at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium.

Following on from Tuesday night's emphatic eight goal victory over Whitley Bay the first half hour of Saturday's game was the polar opposite as Aycliffe found themselves 0-2 down with the visitors comfortably in the driving seat.

It took going two down for Aycliffe to get out of the starting blocks and the pressure paid off ten minutes later when a ball into the box was met by a rocket of a header from the skipper Aaron Brown to half the deficit. On the stroke of half time it was all square as Ben Dibb-Fuller raced on to a perfect through ball from Jake Petitjean and beat the on-rushing Patton in the visitor's goal. With 10 minutes of the second half gone Aycliffe took the lead for the first time in the game as Liam Jarvie beat the last defender and got through one-on-one only for Patton to come rushing out and bring him down as Jarvie pushed the ball around him. Up stepped Jake Petitjean who made it 9/10 penalties as he blasted his strike past Patton who guessed correctly but couldn't keep the ball out.

The visitors pressed for the equaliser, even pushing goalkeeper Patton up to be a presence in the Aycliffe box while Seaham had back to back corners. While the visitors pushed it wasn't all one way traffic and Aycliffe had chances of their own to extend the lead, most notably when Man of the



Match Andrei Ardelean lashed his strike just over the bar as the clock ticked over to 90 minutes.

Jack Clarkson, a product of the Newton Aycliffe FC Junior Section, came on as a substitute for Jarvie to make his debut in the dying minutes becoming the first player to make his debut since the amalgamation, a ground-breaking moment for the club.

The final whistle signalled a second win in a row for manager Brian Atkinson with his side scoring 11 goals in a week.

On Saturday Aycliffe make the short trip to visit Crook Town in The Ebac Northern League.

The next home game is a Durham Challenge Cup tie against Esh Winning on Tuesday 14 December (KO 7.45) with Sunderland Ryhope CW visiting the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday 18 December for what is scheduled to be Aycliffe's last game of 2021.

Photo by Yvonne Wood: Goalmouth action as skipper Aaron Brown challenges the Seaham keeper.

Huge Response for Reverse Advent Box Collection



On Saturday 4th December Rotarians, their friends, families and Newton Aycliffe citizens brought their Reverse Advent Food Boxes to The Car Park at The Big Club.

During the month of November everyone put an item of food into a box, the reverse of December when one takes out a gift from the Advent Calendar. Rotarians were overwhelmed by the amount of food and number of gifts donated in over 70 boxes. This has been given to local food banks, some of whom are in dire need of food especially to support families over Christmas and during the school holidays.

Sadly, I do not have the names of all the members of the Newton Aycliffe public who contributed, I am, though, immensely grateful to you all and thank you for your kindness, you know who you are!

Imagine my surprise when we were given a large contribution from staff at Babcock Engineering in Catterick. One of our local guys who works there had read about our initiative and had brought his colleagues on board - thank you so much.

Particularly at this time of year it is much more blessed to give than to receive. You have shown that in your response. On behalf of Rotary Newton Aycliffe I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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