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Incorporating The Newtonian - Newton Aycliffe's Free Community Magazine

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Concert for Ukraine



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Sophia Strings at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Church hosted a very successful concert on Sunday evening to raise much needed funds for Ukraine.

Three members of the quintet are refugees from Ukraine and came to Darlington five years ago.

We thank all who attended from the town and churches in the area, one young woman was very emotional, she is residing in Woodham as part of the sponsorship scheme and was able to meet the group and share her concerns for her family with them. The total raised was £559 for which the group were so grateful.

Jubilee Celebrations in the PCP Garden

In true British tradition the Pioneering Care Partnership is hosting a summer garden party to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. A community get together for all ages, wear your regal best and enjoy a complimentary cream tea on arrival. Hosted at the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, the Jubilee garden celebrations will start at 12 noon on Tuesday 31 May.

An entertainment bill, fit for a Royal occasion, will keep everyone entertained throughout the afternoon.

A children's costume competition for the little ones. Who will take home the crown?

There will be music and dance with Vintage Singer Yvonne Slater, a live choir and a performance from an Irish dancing school. Plenty of outdoor activity with gardening, donkey rides, a petting zoo and interactive games. For those looking to get creative, local artist and illustrator Liz Million will be hosting a craft session.

And, as no party is complete without food and drink, refreshments from PCP's Garden Kitchen Coffee Shop will be available, along with mocktail making sessions from our wellbeing for life team. Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "PCP was proud to be awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which recognised the work the charity does to improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

"The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate everything that is good about communities and bring people together, so we wanted to host our very own garden party with a difference! We'll have a range of fun activities suitable for all, so please come along and enjoy this free event with us in the build-up to the Jubilee weekend. We look forward to welcoming you and hopefully the weather will be kind!"

This is free event for all the community, no bookings or tickets required.

For future updates on the Queen's Jubilee Community Celebrations, visit www.pcp.uk.net Find the Pioneering Care Centre on Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. Connect with us on social media - 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



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Forthcoming Events CONCERT HALL

Saturday 21st May: 'Joe's Disco'

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UPSTAIRS

Saturday 14th May: 'Kev Mack'

Saturday 21st May: 'Michelle B'

Saturday 28th May: 'Eric Clark'

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Sunday 15th May: 'Chelsea Brooks'

Sunday 22nd May: 'Marcus'

Sunday 29th May: 'Mark Judd'

A Festival Flavour at Greenfield Arts

The summer season is inspiring a flavour of 'festival' at Greenfield Arts and our programme reflects this vision, encouraging our community to come together in a common creative cause.

We are offering activities that support and develop creativity such as our new Latin Dance classes and Specialist Arts courses. We are thrilled to welcome back Daria Coates in a new role as Dance tutor - dance into summer and improve your fitness at the same time in this fun and relaxed class. The sessions run each Thursday from 17:30 – 18:30 and the cost is just £5 a session or £35 for a ten-week block.

We are also thrilled to welcome back renowned Watercolour artist Sarah Hill who has returned with her popular class for the summer. Learn more about painting with watercolours and how to get the best from this medium and create your own image to take away. The workshop will be held on Friday 27 May from 13:30 – 16:00. Cost is



£20 and will include all materials, tea, coffee and biscuits.

The summer will culminate in the 'Our Place' Summer Festival which runs on 10, 11 and 12 of August. There will be stalls of arts and crafts and fun tasters and workshops alongside local organisations and businesses. If you would like to know more visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 for further information. Tables are available from just £10 or £20 for a marquee. We are looking forward to sharing the summer with you. Greenfield Arts provide and stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry to encourage our community to explore a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them. To achieve this we collaborate to produce and commission high quality dynamic and stimulating arts and creativity.

Ladies Beginners Running

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This seems to me to be a complete waste of money, let alone officer time. A third or fourth HQ is absolutely farcical. This administration has lost touch with the needs of the Council and its people. The problems that the Councillors put forward will be there whoever takes it on. I have made trips to Durham and seen this building and find nothing wrong.

We were promised at the last election that the Lib/Dems would reduce our council tax. Now, not only has some £70 million been spent, I think that, and others also, this administration has lost the plot, given that they promised to reduce costs. I also feel that we could seek a judicial review on this which would call a stop to all work.

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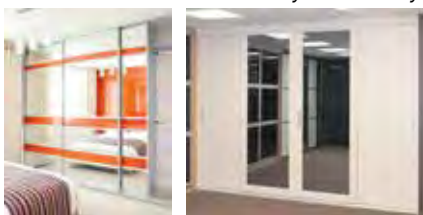
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"At Valentina it's all about you! We want you to relax, unwind and indulge in rejuvenation, because your confidence and well-being is our passion."

Also located inside is Ashley, owner of ADSkintherapy, offering beauty aesthetics including anti-wrinkle injections. For more information find them on Facebook and Instagram @ValentinaBeautyClinic @Adskintherapy or contact on 07498 006685.



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Aycliffe Youth Football News



Aycliffe Under 23's Cup Success

Newton Aycliffe u23's 4 v 1 Consett u23's

A strong 17-man squad travelled to the Washington Hub for this Durham FA League Cup Final. Aycliffe started very brightly and after 10 minutes won a free kick 30 yards out, Jack Mortimer stepped up, beat the wall but the keeper got down to save, however the rebound landed to Steven Dawson who tapped home, within 10 minutes the lads had a second, when Steven, Cobi, Jack all linked up well to send Steven 1 v 1 with keeper and he finished calmly into the bottom corner. Aycliffe continued to dominate and created several half chances that they either flashed wide or the keeper saved. At the other end the defence was restricting Consett to shots from distance. Then, on the stroke of half time, Jack Mortimer beat one defender before sitting the keeper down and slotting home. HT 3-0. Aycliffe continued in the same vein and totally dominated the game and created chances galore, 10 minutes into the second half we started to make changes to get the whole squad involved in the cup final. Richard went on a run down the left side and his cross was tapped wide, then Mitchell sent a ball into the box that was headed into their own net to make it 4-0. With 15 minutes to go Consett got a consolation goal when an attack at their end was cleared long and the striker ran clear and lobbed Arran. Aycliffe still had time to miss several half chances and add to the score. Great win, with all 17 of the squad getting decent game time and involved in this cup final. However, there was still an important last league game to go.

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Newton Aycliffe u23's 3 v 1 Bishop

Auckland Reserves u23's

Bishop Auckland arrived as the only unbeaten side in the league and the lads needed a point to finish as runners up to

add to the cup win. The first half was very even with both sides having spells. Then Jack Mortimer was brought down for what looked like a clear penalty but it was waved away. HT 0-0. Into the second half and Aycliffe carried on playing their football, when Jack Mortimer beat 4 players on a mazy run and crossed for Cobi Jones to tap in. It was soon two, when Jack found the bottom corner

from the edge of the box. We then switched off and allowed Bishop into the game. We were then awarded a penalty when a Bishop player handled in the box Cameron Martin stepped up to score against his old club. The points were won and the runners up slot secured to round up a great season for these lads and the excellent coaching team of Michael Bloomer, Gary Taylor and Josh Gibson. However, it is going to be a busy close season for all involved, as we prepare for next season.

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NAYFC U10 Girls have been very fortunate this season to gain sponsorship for not only strips, but also coats, which came in extremely handy in the colder months of the season. Sponsorship as we all know is difficult to come by at times, however we managed to get people on board to support our girls team.

Lewis Clennell sponsored our away kit last season through his business 'Achieve Hospitality Recruitment and Consulting'. He is an older brother of Imogen, who is one of the girls playing in our team, and has come on board to support the team as and when he can. Everybody at the club is so grateful for this as the girls certainly looked the part in their new strip. We were also able to get rainproof coats towards the end of last year, for when the cold weather was due, and we had two generous sponsors who were also both very good friends of mine.

Neville Jones (J&C Coaches), whom I went through secondary school at the Avenue Comprehensive, and Andy Turner (Inventor), with whom I played many games against and not enough with. Between the two of them we were able to get coats for the whole team as well as myself and Wayne. We are extremely grateful for their support as it means on those cold Saturday mornings they can be warm in their coats while waiting to come on and play.

Photos (top to bottom): The team with Lewis and his partner Molly. Myself and my coach, Wayne Anderson, thanking Lewis and Molly for their sponsorship.

The team with Andy and Nev and myself and Wayne are thanking them for their support.



Folk Music at Candlelite Club

We have another special Folk Music Night on Tuesday 24 May from 8pm at the Candlelite Club at The Sports Club, Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe. The main guest is Kenny Spiers, songwriter, and he will be supported by Laceywing. Tickets are £3 and can be reserved by contacting Joan Edmundson on 01740 621347.

Bishop Auckland Civic Society Talk

The Stockton & Darlington Railway of 1825: The Railway that Got the World on Track!

In 2025 it will be the bicentenary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway, the railway that both defined what a railway could be and proved it was a viable concept in terms of engineering and economics. Within a few short years of its opening in 1825, the S&DR had inspired the building of railways across the UK, France, Prussia and the USA. Railways went on to change the face of the world in the 19th century, both socially and economically. Niall Hammond is the former County Archaeologist for Durham and currently the chair of the Friends of the S&DR, a charity created specifically to champion the care and conservation of the railway and its legacy. In this talk he will discuss railways in Georgian England, how the S&DR came to be built, it's trials and tribulations and, ultimately, success. Significant plans are being made to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the

S&DR in 2025 and the talk will conclude with the latest news and how people can get involved and participate. The next public meeting of Bishop

Auckland Civic Society will take place on Monday, 23rd May at 7.30pm at Bishop Auckland Town Hall. Free to members, visitors £2 on the door.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 18th May 2022 - 7.15pm
Council Annual Meeting

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Sabre Rail would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our community litter pick last Friday, on and around Gurney Way, it was fantastic to have local companies join us in order to clean Aycliffe Business Park up a bit.

In addition to all our wonderful Sabre employee litter pick volunteers, we also had Alex and Tommy from The Work Place and Connor from Superior Recruitment join us on the day. Gemma from Cornerstone Business Solutions Ltd not only took part in our pick but also kindly arranged for Chris to provide delicious coffee and refreshments for all our hard-working pickers from his amazing truck.

Finally, we are extremely grateful to Great Aycliffe Town Council who provided us with all the equipment needed for our litter pick.

Thank you so much everyone, we managed to collect over 20 bags of litter and the area looks significantly tidier and improved



Rotary BBQ at Woodham Golf Club

Forty members and guests gathered recently at Woodham Golf Club to celebrate Gary Blenkinsopp's year as our President. Gary's wife Kath was presented with a bouquet by incoming President David Hogg and we all said well deserved as Gary, because of Rotary commitments, is never home.

Gary then presented the Syd Howarth Award to Tony Jackson for outstanding service to the club and Rotary International. Again, well deserved Tony. Keep up the great work.



Emma's Swimming Success

Woodham Academy Year 9 student, Emma Price, has had a successful career so far in swimming. She joined the local swimming club Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club just before turning 9 years old. Emma's success started in the first competition she attended at 9 years old, where she won 8 gold medals. This was a gold in every event that she was entered into. Since then, Emma has gone on to win 179 medals overall. This breaks down to 7 medals at Northeast Regionals, 21 medals at Northumberland and Durham Swimming Championships (N&D's), 101 of them being gold medals.

Emma has also been the 200m Freestyle Champion 3 times (2019, 2020, 2022) at the N&D's and has a total of 81 club records. She has also spent time as the British number 1 in the 800m Freestyle. In early December 2021, Emma swam in her first national competition at the Swim England Winter Nationals. This is where she competed against Olympian Abbie Wood, in the 400m Freestyle. Emma took home a silver medal in the 400m and 200m Freestyle and a Bronze in the 100m Butterfly. Emma's remarkable success at this competition was taking home the gold in the 800m Freestyle. Due to her dedication and hard work Emma has been part of development programmes and is currently on the Northumberland and Durham Performance Pathway programme which includes weekly training sessions with other top Northeast swimmers. Recently Emma has been selected for the phase 2 of Swim England's National Development Programme. Emma is aiming to qualify for the Swim England Summer Nationals. In addition to this she has also taken part the swimming clubs recent sponsored swim 'Swim for Ukraine'.

Emma's Head Coach, John Moore at Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club, said, "Emma is a superb athlete who shows great ability, attitude and attendance which has been a major factor in her outstanding success to date." Assistant Coach and PE teacher, Miss Leybourne, said, "Emma is an outstanding member of the swimming club who is looked up to by many other swimmers. She is dedicated and driven and will go on to have amazing success, due her attitude and talent." Woodham Academy wishes Emma all the best in her upcoming competitions and cannot wait to see what the future holds for this talented athlete.

If you are interested in joining the swimming club please contact Head Coach John Moore, details can be found on the website: www.sedgefield75.com



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Community Calendar

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Community Groups

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St. Clare's Church Hall 1st & 3rd Tuesday,
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Mental Health Support for Women

Neville Community Association

Neville Community Centre,
Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe DL5 5DH
3rd Tuesday (except Aug & Dec) 6.45pm.
Contact: Heather Brewster 07751 385250

Newton Aycliffe Women's Institute

St. Clare's Church Hall
Second Tuesday of each month, 7pm
Contact: Christine Robinson 07981 992686

School Aycliffe Ladies Group

School Aycliffe Community Hall
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Shine Children's Choir

St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe
Monday's from 5-6pm, Free for ages 5+
Contact: Helen McCormick 07716 801262

Rotary Newton Aycliffe

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Tuesdays (except after Bank Holidays) 6.30pm
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Kinship Care Support Group

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Woodham Knit & Natter

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Tiddlers & Toddlers

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St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe

Welcome Cafe

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Reunite & Reconnect

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Befriending Group

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Sensory Parent Support Group

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Acorn Ukles

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New Friends, New Places

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Community Activities

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Saturday 14th May, 10am to 12noon
Aycliffe Village Hall, Aycliffe Village

KidzFlicks (Cinema Club for children)

First Saturday of every month at 2pm, £1.
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Contact: Helen McCormick 07716 801262

Messy Church

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Rotary on the Right Track

Rotary Newton Aycliffe are arranging their second model railway event for 2022. A one day exhibition on 18th June 2022 to be held in the Village Hall at Bishop Middleham DL17 9AJ. This event is being organised jointly with the club's long-time partner organisation, Shildon Model Railway Club, and will feature some 10 working layouts and 4 trade stands. Of particular interest will be a Trix Twin layout dating from the 1950's which has never been exhibited previously and a new layout from the Raven Group which is to feature in the national model railway press in the next few months.



The event will raise funds for the village church of St. Michael's Bishop Middleham and the Parkinson's Disease Society and is being generously sponsored by the Bishop Middleham and Mainsforth Parish Council and the Brightwater Landscape Partnership involving funding by Durham Wildlife Trust and the National Lottery. Admission will be £4 for adults, 50p for children with wheelchair users free. As with the club's main exhibition, which was held on 26th March 2022 in Newton Aycliffe, full disabled access will be available, a tombola and of course the famous bacon butties (with vegetarian options)!

For further information contact John Burrows: 07870 210269 or email: jandeburrows@gmail.com

Woodham Academy Promotes Science Week

National Science week was 11th-20th March 2022 and this year's concept was growth. Even in the last few decades, science and technology have grown massively, and continue to change and shape our future. Therefore, it seemed appropriate to investigate growth in our local education establishments.



Woodham Academy worked with a number of primary schools including Vane Road, Woodham Burn, Stephenson Way, Aycliffe Village, Heighington and Byerley Park during the week, to encourage local children to think about what growth means to them. In a competition that would rival The Apprentice, winners were gifted Easter eggs. Congratulations were extended to all the students, ranging from 5-11, who took part in the event. All work produced was of a high quality and deserved commendation. Woodham Academy alumni also broadcast talks with live question and answer sessions, about growth in the industries that they have gone to work in since leaving secondary school. Ryan Metcalfe, one of the key speakers during Science Week, spoke about growth in his company, Pre Vue, and the growth in virtual reality companies, mentoring students on computer design programs. Woodham Academy has strong links with the surrounding primary schools within Newton Aycliffe, with all establishments working together to develop and promote Science throughout the town making it hub for Science learning.

Photo: Stephenson Way.



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Woodham is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced disclosure; the successful applicants will be subject to relevant vetting checks before an offer of appointment is made

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Scarlet Thrilled to be Back on Track!



Scarlet Whitaker Dunn, the School Aycliffe racer, returned to the racetrack last weekend after a two and a half year break from the sport. Making the transition from Bambino 50cc to ex Oliver Buckton championship winning Honda Cadet 200cc at Teesside Karting Track, Middlesbrough.

Scarlet, aged 10, is a pupil at Aycliffe Village Primary School and is the daughter of Amanda Whitaker Dunn, one of Britain's most successful female racing drivers, with over 50 race wins and 3 National and 1 European single seater Championship titles to her name (against an all-male grid) in her 20-year career.

"I'm so proud of Scarlet, she drove well and was so keen to get back on track," said Mam, "Scarlet soon got to grips with the much more powerful, bigger and heavier kart and was beaming with joy!"

"It felt so good to be back on track and I can't wait to get back out again soon!" exclaimed Scarlet.

Scarlet's Grandad, Ron Whitaker, who was also a former racer in the 1970's, prepared the kart. They plan more outings for Scarlet over the coming months.

Thanks to team Amaron Racing, PHM (Peninsula Historic Motorsport) and AW Birds for making this possible.

To support Scarlet in her journey please email: mail@amandawhitaker.com

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, fought back well to take a hard earned draw at home to Hartlepool 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors elected to bat first and piled up the runs, scoring a very challenging 249 for 8 in their allotted 50 overs. George Slatcher (sponsored by Dean and Tina Greaves)

led the way with the excellent figures of 4 for 47 from 13 overs and he received great support from 17 year old Matty Greaves who finished with 2 for 13 from his eight over spell. In reply, Aycliffe slipped to 74 for 5 despite good innings from both Joe Teasdale (32 from 27 balls) and Adam Gittins (23 from 59 balls). However, a superb 7th wicket partnership of 87 between George Slatcher and Matty Greaves steadied the innings before Slatcher was dismissed near the end for a brilliant first team best of 60 from 114 balls with ten boundaries. Matty Greaves also deserves praise for scoring his highest first team score, an unbeaten 35 from 41 balls including four boundaries and a six helping to see Aycliffe safely to the close and a very respectable 195 for 7 after their allotted 50 overs.

The 2nd team visited top of the league Darlington RA 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division and were comfortably beaten by seven wickets. Aycliffe chose to bat first and they were dismissed for 95 after 39 overs with 16 year old Owen Smith top scoring with 20 from 30 balls. Ryan Patrick chipped in with 18 from 47 balls and other contributions came from Dan Heaton (13 not out off 27 balls) and Jai Sander (13 off 51 balls). In reply, the home side quickly reached their winning target after

Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



only 16.1 overs and with seven wickets in hand, despite some good bowling from Matty French (2 for 21) and 13 year old Will Dearden (1 for 13).

The club's u15's team continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 27 run victory away at Norton in the NYACC League. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe piled up the runs finishing their allotted 20 overs on an impressive 142 for 1 thanks to superb innings from Tom Dearden (53 not out off 39 balls), Leo Stout (48 off 65 balls) and Adam Shaw (19 not out off 20 balls). In reply, the homeside were held to 115 for 6 from 20 overs with Leo Stout (sponsored by Red Lion Shildon) completing a fine all round game by taking 2 for 9 and Dan Heaton, Will Moffatt and AJ Wild each taking a wicket for Aycliffe.

The u13's began their season with a heavy defeat by 111 runs at home to Richmond in the NYACC league. Richmond scored 177 for 1 in their 20 overs with Tom Norman taking the only wicket to fall. In reply, Aycliffe were held to 66 for 7 with captain Will Dearden scoring an excellent unbeaten 32 from 41 balls and his stand out innings included five boundaries.

The club's u11's got their season off to a great start with an exciting five run victory at home to Darlington RA in the NYACC League. All team members played well but special mention must go to Joey Hayman (sponsored by Dicksons), who took 3 for 0 and Miles Telford (2 for 4) who both bowled superbly in a tense finale to help see their team over the winning line.

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club senior ladies team also got their season off to a flier with a 41 run victory away at Castle Eden ladies. Player of the match was Lucinda Hall who marked her debut in stunning style by taking 2 wickets for 5 runs with the ball and then top scoring with an unbeaten 18 in the Aycliffe innings.

Photo: Aycliffe's victorious u11's team with proud u11's team manager/coach Ashley Kell after their win against Darlington RA.

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Successful applicants will be invited for interview by telephone or email and interviews will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 26th May 2022.

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Recently I had a catch up with NEAS (North East Ambulance Service) to understand their operations better. We discussed the importance of defibrillators, Councillor David Sutton-Lloyd is very well known in the town for his defibrillator campaign. We also discussed volunteering opportunities for community first responders and other roles. You can find out more by searching NEAS Volunteers online.

I would also like to thank everyone who has responded to the recent anti-social behaviour and bus service surveys. The feedback you give to me means I can continue to raise matters with key stakeholders, and identify with decision makers, matters of particular concern to my constituents.

Last week we had a team of officials from BEIS come to NETPark to see the exceptional businesses that we have there. The visit was to give them a context on our efforts regarding the NESH (North East Space Hub) and how it could integrate into a UK matrix of space clusters with different specialisms. After joining this visit, I went back to Wingate Primary School to see the infants and drop off some old spectacles for a collection they were having.

Later in the week I went to Northumbria University for the Rutherford dinner, to discuss higher education, where we were joined by George Freeman, Minister for Science, Research and Innovation. This gave me another opportunity to keep him informed of research happening right here in Sedgefield.

Friday was a full day that started at Ferryhill for a meeting with local councillors, the Police and Crime Commissioner and her team, Durham County Council Neighbourhoods Team and staff from the Co-op. This was about anti-social behaviour in Ferryhill market square and had followed another meeting discussing the regeneration of Dean Bank. After this I went to Durham where, along with other local MPs and the Durham County Council Bid team, we had lunch with Lord Parkinson, who is the Minister responsible for the City of Culture programme. We were able to share with him what an amazing County we have and the benefits winning the bid for City of Culture 2025 would bring to our region. We then all travelled down to Shildon for another presentation at the Locomotion railway museum. He appeared genuinely impressed by our offer but of course needs to remain impartial. The judging team were following him to the region this week so let's hope they are impressed enough to award us the title for 2025.

Over the weekend I had another trip up to Northumbria University, this time for a Students Ball that included myself and other MPs taking questions in a Q&A session. Quite a challenging experience!

This week sees us back in Westminster for the Queen's Speech. As reported in the media on Monday evening the Queen will not attend the state opening of parliament as she continues to experience mobility problems. I am sending my heartfelt best wishes to Her Majesty. This will be the first time since 1963 that the Queen will have missed this constitutional ceremony, which sets out the government's legislative plans. Buckingham Palace have said that the Prince of Wales would read the Queen's Speech on her behalf. Prince Charles, who is taking on the head of state's big constitutional duty for the first time, will open parliament on Tuesday 10th May with the Duke of Cambridge.

I am fortunate to have drawn seats in the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Lords so I will have an excellent view of proceedings. As this column is submitted on Tuesday I will talk more about this next week. I also have the privilege of attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday. You will have seen in the press that the Queen will miss this year's royal garden parties, so it will be interesting to see which members of the Royal Family are there.

My plans for the Jubilee weekend are coming together nicely and I hope as many of you as possible can join in some of the celebrations of our Queen's amazing 70 years on the throne.

If you would like to get in touch with me, as always, you can reach me at paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk.

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much as we can, but
people must take their
rubbish home or use the
bins provided.
Unusual finds were a number of 'den'
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Some weeks just astound us.

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

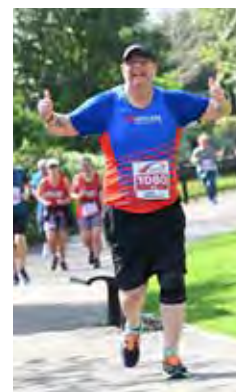
As is often the case, many Members started their weekend with a parkrun on Saturday morning, and we saw the Club represented at the Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Jubilee, Sedgfield, South Shields, Town Moor and York events.

At Darlington South Park parkrun, Shelley McCormack celebrated her 50th parkrun by running a Personal Best (PB) for the event (26:25). At Hackworth parkrun, Gareth Kyle registered a new best time for that course, finishing in 18:23, whilst at Sedgfield parkrun, Sandrine Hewitt was also setting a new PB of 29:08.

Later that Saturday, three Members attended the Charles Stuart Open Graded Track Meeting at Middlesbrough Sports Village. The meeting was hosted by Middlesbrough AC (Mandale) and offered the opportunity to race over a range of distances. Our runners all opted for the 1500m race, with John Surtees finishing in 4:28.97; John Firby crossed the line in 4:38.62; and Richard Campbell coming

home in 4:54.59 (PB). On Saturday evening, the first of the Sunderland City Races took place, with Stuart Joyce taking part in the Sunderland City 5K. Stuart had a strong run, finishing in 19:29 (PB). Sunday morning saw the remaining Sunderland City Races, with Members taking part in both the 10K race and the Half Marathon.

In the 10K race, Peter Smith was first home for the Club, crossing the line in 51:45. Peter was followed by David Stothard, who completed the race in 55:20. Richard Tonge finished the race in 1:01.43, with Ian Stothard coming home in 1:11.00. In the Half Marathon, Simon Turner was first home for the Club, finishing in 1:52.50, with Brett Lambert not too far behind in 1:56.39. Kirsty Cameron was our final runner home, crossing the line in 2:17.50 (PB). Preferring the option of an off-road run, and the lure of a free slice of pizza, two Members headed to the Pizza 8K Trail Race, which took place in Errington Woods, Marske, and was hosted by Muddy Roads. Paul Dalton was first home for the Club, and finished in First Place



overall, completing the undulating race in 31:26. Clare Stradling had a strong run, improving on her time from last year, finishing in 45:49. If you have any queries about the activities of Aycliffe Running Club, or are interested in joining the Club, please visit our website www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk, or contact the Club's Secretary, Donna, at ayclifferunningclub@gmail.com

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3 Peaks Update



Newton Aycliffe residents Richard and Gill Mallender's latest training walk took them and their 6 Bell's Crew walking team to the Wainstones section of the Cleveland Way National Trail, in North Yorkshire, on Sunday. Some very steep inclines/declines on this route, though not quite to the same level as the Y3Ps. Contributions helped the team raise just over £1,000 last week and they are very close to their original target of £2,000, with just under 3 weeks until the challenge takes place. Richard would like to thank everyone for their fantastic support! If you also would like to donate to the team, walking in aid of Motor Neurone Disease, please type in the link below. All donations are appreciated. <https://okt.to/zrqSAW>

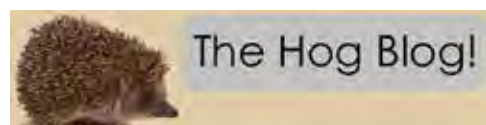
50mph Reduction on the A167

Dear Sir,
I was dismayed to read our MP expressing pleasure at the speed limit reduction on the A167 to only 50mph. I strongly objected to this with cogent arguments but Durham County Council (DCC) did it anyway. Our MP mentioned his friend was killed on this road in the 70's, but not that it was 'made safer' since then, with

white diagonal lines eliminating most overtaking and the Gretna junction being changed (I recall a car colliding with a temporary safety barrier during this work, causing a fatality, ironically). DCC counted 14,000 vehicles per day on the road, virtually all being motorised. DCC is building a 5m cycle path (which taxpayers now have to maintain) and introduced it and the reduced

limit irrespective of objections, which they clearly regarded as a nuisance to be shot down rather than anything they were going to take notice of. This work has gone on for many months, at a snail's pace, for a tiny number of pedestrians and tinier number of cyclists, inconveniencing huge numbers of vehicle users. What a disgrace! There are government guidelines for imposing below national speed limits and I believe they were not satisfactorily met. DCC implied the road was disproportionately unsafe with seven accidents in five years! This is statistically quite average. It is not a statistically unsafe road. In fact, I observed one accident myself after the 50 limit was introduced, indicating the road is statistically more unsafe now than it was before! Details of the seven accidents were not freely available from DCC, reflecting an attitude not welcoming to public scrutiny. DCC relied on average speeds being 48mph - oddly, the guidelines say that if average speeds are below the limit, councils can (not must or should) reduce the limit. DCC did not properly recognise that average speeds on this road are severely distorted by rush hour jams making it impossible to reach speeds anywhere near the national limit. Will they increase it back if everyone exceeds the limit? I think not! The A167 might well be safer with a 50 limit, but not as safe as with a 40 limit, or 30 or 20, or if they just banned cars altogether! These are varying degrees of interference by a 'nanny state', and it's dispiriting

to see nanny state decisions supported by a Conservative MP, contrary to Conservative ideology favouring small state and individual freedoms.
John Snowball



I have admitted some very poorly hedgies this week so I want to thank Lucy for bringing me Bonnie who was limping, she has hurt her back paw, it's very swollen but she is resting on a heat pad and comfy bedding to ease the discomfort she is feeling, trouble is, it's baby season and there's no way to ascertain if she is carrying hoglets, I will watch and wait to see what happens. This next admission is a little more upsetting, I received a phone call from Dave, he said his wife Sue was playing golf and discovered a poorly hedgehog out on the fairway, it was suggested that he or she be left there for nature to take its course, of course Sue and her husband sent for me immediately. We went to find this hedgehog which is in fact a beautiful little girl, the poor soul hurt not only one of her paws but all of them, they are so swollen. Should she have met with a predator she couldn't defend herself. It doesn't bear thinking about what her demise would have been had Sue left her out there, cold, alone, hungry and defenceless, firstly the flies would have laid their eggs on her, which hatch into maggots, they eat their host, dead or alive, then we have crows and magpies that would also have had a peck at her, etc, etc. A massive thank you to Sue and Dave, she is here, comfy and warm, out of harms way and is on antibiotics for her wounds, time, warmth, love and care is now essential. Can I remind readers that it is a criminal offence to be cruel to a wild animal, leaving her, as suggested, would have been cruel, these precious creatures do no harm, what has happened here is she was hungry, the ground has been hard, no rain so no food, she didn't deserve such hostility, she wanted to eat, that's all! She has food in abundance here with me, my family and other poorly hedgehogs, please wish her good health. All our rescuers work hard and tirelessly to help these lovely mammals, devotion is limitless, also tears are shed when we lose one, we see the harder part of their existence, all we ask is to show them kindness. Tip of the week, should you find a hedgehog out during the day he or she needs help quickly, please ring The British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801, They are a protected and endangered species let's all help them. Thank you.

Obituary

Edith Vivian Law (née Davison)

Newton Aycliffe

Passed away peacefully on 30th April, aged 91 years. Beloved Wife of Jack, much loved Mam of Steven, dearly loved by Stepdaughter Judith and Grandchildren Jack, Anneli, David and Michelle, proud Great Grandmother to Axel and Mila. Would family and friends please meet for a service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 18th May at 9.45am followed by burial at West Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Cancer Research UK.

Violet Steventon (née Cooke, was Wallace)

Passed away peacefully at Aycliffe Care Home on 24th April aged 88. Dearly loved widow of Jim; Mother of David and Michael; Nana to Kathryn, Helen, Matthew and Rebecca; Great Nana to Jamie, Beth, Evie and Freddie. Family and friends are welcome at the Funeral Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church on 16th May at 1.30pm followed by Cremation at Durham Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Alzheimer's Research UK in Vi's memory please.

Congratulations

Callum Palliser



Happy 21st Birthday 14th May

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In Memoriam

Lee Hoar



3/1/80 - 13/5/2019
Miss our walks and the nonsense talks. You're always close to my heart. Love Kate xx

Birthday Remembrance

Barbara Sutton

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How we all wish we could give our Mother and Nana a big hug and kiss on her birthday. Still loved and missed, never forgotten. All the family.

Joan Cowell

Peacefully on 11th April. Joan, aged 91 years (formerly of Silkin Way). Beloved Wife of the late Brian, much loved Mum of Stephen and Grandma of Christopher and Alice. Will family and friends please meet for a Service and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 20th May at 2.30pm.

Christine Wharton

Passed away peacefully on 4th May 2022, Christine, aged 67 years. Dearly loved Mam of Andrew, Kelly and Julie, a dear Mother in Law and a much loved Grandma. A graveside Funeral Service will take place in West Cemetery, School Aycliffe on Thursday 19th May at 1.00pm. All are welcome, please meet at the Cemetery. Flowers are welcome, please send to John Meynell Funeral Directors. Tel: 01325 301405.

Robert Peter Dodds (Bob)

Newton Aycliffe

Peacefully in Rose Lodge Care Home on 1st May. Robert Peter (Bob), Master Butcher, aged 82 years, formerly of Witton Park. Dear friend of Shirley and her family, beloved Uncle of Karen and Michael. Will be sadly missed. Funeral on Tuesday 24th May. Service to be held in St. Mary's RC Church, Newton Aycliffe at 10.30am followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only please.

John Douthwaite

On 2nd May 2022 after a short illness. Beloved Husband of Marie, a dearly loved Dad of Paul, Hugh, Carl and Tracy, also a beloved Grandad. Funeral Service to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 12.30pm. Would family and friends please meet at the crematorium. All enquiries to John Meynell Funeral Directors. Telephone: 01325 301405.

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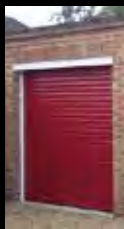
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Swimming for Ukraine and Regional Success



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swimmers gathered sponsorship to see how many lengths of the Newton Aycliffe pool they could swim in a 40-minute period. The children themselves had come up with the idea and were determined to get in as many lengths as they could, to maximise the funds raised. Everyone did themselves and the group effort proud in totting up an enormous number of lengths and raising well over £2000 for UNICEF's Children of Ukraine fund. The regional swimming championships took place across the country over two weekends in April and May. England is split into eight swimming regions, the North East region covering Yorkshire and Northumbria. Two versions of the championships take place, the age group for 12-14 year olds held at the John Charles Centre in Leeds and the open championships with youth (16/under) and senior categories held at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. Two swimmers

achieved the tough qualifying times for the age groups with Emma Price entering eight events and Filip Wilczynski five. Qualifying heats were held during the day for early evening finals sessions to decide the medals. Filip managed to qualify for all his five finals and picked up three medals, bronzes in 100m backstroke and 50m butterfly – where there was the unusual occurrence of three swimmers sharing bronze as they all posted the same time! It was in 50m backstroke that Filip struck gold and took the title. Emma got into five of

seven possible finals and won two silvers, in 400m freestyle and in 200m individual medley with a good PB.

In between the two weekends at Leeds were the Open Championships where again two swimmers took part. Alex Boyer swam 800m freestyle where he took over a second from his PB and Emma Price competed again and swam two individual events, 100m freestyle and 400m individual medley. She qualified for the medley final with a five-second PB but then went five seconds faster again in the final to gain a bronze despite still being 13 and swimming against 16-year-olds. Emma was also selected to represent Northumberland and Durham in three relay teams at the open event and she played her part in a third-placed finish in the 4 x 200m freestyle team.



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