

Newton News

Incorporating The Newtonian - Newton Aycliffe's Free Community Magazine

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PCP Reflect on Rewarding Year

Hosting its Annual General Meeting (AGM), in-person for the first time in two years, the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is delighted to shine a light on its achievements and outline future ambitions. Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "The AGM saw us reflect on the Pioneering Care Centre reopening in 2021. Much of PCP's work is about engaging with people, so I am thrilled to see people come together once again to review a prosperous year for our dedicated staff and volunteers."

"We have 422 volunteers at PCP supporting projects and services across the North East. In 2021-22, our volunteers gave 5,536 hours of support, which is absolutely incredible! We can't thank our team of volunteers enough for all that they do to make a difference."

Achievements throughout last year saw PCP:

- Launch a befriending group in County Durham
- Contracted to support Primrose Lodge in Chester-le-Street
- Awarded new Healthwatch contract for Stockton-on-Tees
- Community Garden achieve Northumbria in Bloom Royal Horticultural Society award
- Deliver leading COVID recovery project in Stockton-on-Tees

- Community COVID team crowned champions at Catalyst Awards
- Pioneering Care Centre Christmas Fair raise over £2,100
- Healthwatch South Tees celebrate health and social care with STAR Awards

Cllr Ken Robson Mayor of Great Aycliffe and Mayoress Elaine Robson were in attendance. Cllr Ken Robson, said: "PCP is an award-winning charity and I'm sure you can all appreciate why, there is no definition of the work that goes on here, it's varied and community widespread, and most of the people I am in contact with know about PCP and the work that they do."

If you are interested in supporting PCP's work and commitment to its mission of 'Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All' by becoming a voting member, get in touch with Carol Gaskarth on carol.gaskarth@pcp.uk.net

Find out more about PCP at www.pcp.uk.net, connect on social media at www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre or on Twitter and Instagram @PioneeringCare

Photo: Mayoress Elaine Robson, Chief Exec., Carol Gaskarth and Cllr Ken Robson, Mayor of Great Aycliffe.

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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



"Ashamed of Living Here"

Dear Sir,
My letter is in response to the overpowering smell enveloping Newton Aycliffe on a regular basis and reported by Mrs A Proud last week. I know many in Newton Aycliffe don't notice the problem, but that really is due to a person's proximity to the business park. If you live anywhere near the border of the park, you can't possibly have failed to notice this issue.

I reported this smell to the environmental health department quite a while ago and they supposedly looked into it and came back with no definitive answer as to which business is responsible. We do, however, have a Biogas business on the business park that deal with recycling food waste etc. Look up Biogas producers in Newton Aycliffe and you will find them. There is no certainty that the odour is coming from there, however it would seem to 'fit'. Though obviously there may well be others that are also contributing to this issue. I was told that this particular company receives very few complaints therefore the environmental agency and this Biogas company feel there is nothing to be done - I beg to differ!

The smell does appear to be particularly bad at night right now, so perhaps the environmental people HAVE identified the culprit and perhaps believe that operating at night time will be less invasive for the residents. Well, I agree wholeheartedly with Mrs Proud, that it's truly awful, at any time. The smell of rotting food and flesh is totally unacceptable and needs to be dealt with. I too have found it impossible to have windows open at night, even during the heatwave we experienced, due to the foul odour coming into my property. Sitting in one's own garden has become unbearable at times too, usually on an evening. We get precious little pleasant weather, but this odour issue prevents us ordinary people enjoying our own little areas for relaxation.

I wonder perhaps that the environmental officers do their 'checks' at the wrong times. They need to be monitoring these emissions at random times of day AND night over a lengthy period of time, as the culprits may be operating only when they know they are not being monitored and therefore avoid being identified.

I have been close to vomiting with the smell, when walking close to the business park. No-one should ever feel that ill from odours emitted from supposedly 'green businesses', I literally was green! I implore Aycliffe councillors, and anyone who else who has any official 'clout' in Aycliffe, to step in and try to identify the culprits, 'name and shame them' and get the problem dealt with once and for all, before Newton Aycliffe becomes a 'no go area' for comfortable residential living. I don't want to feel ashamed of living here!
Mrs Wills

Working Together to Combat Cancer

Meet Your Local Service

Do you know what support is available to you in County Durham for cancer prevention awareness, or support for yourself or a loved one impacted by cancer?

Brought to you by the County Durham Workplace Health, an awareness raising event showcased transformative services on your doorstep. Hosted at New College

Durham on Wednesday 27 July 2022, from 9.30am until 12noon, the event saw leading services take to the stage, including the Pioneering Care Partnership's (PCP) Cancer Awareness team, Northern Cancer Alliance, Macmillan Joining the Dots and Cancer. Karen Stubbings, Project Lead of Workplace Health at the PCP, said: "It was a great opportunity to bring together a variety of services that support local people with cancer, whether it's spotting the early signs and symptoms or supporting individuals and their families with the current impacts of a cancer diagnosis and treatment."

"We received wonderful feedback for our guest speakers, of which many expressed gratitude to have such a fantastic support network available for the people of County Durham. If you would like to know more about any of the services, please get in touch."

PCP's Cancer Awareness team raise cancer prevention awareness through engaging workshops delivered in-person or online. Workshops can focus on different types of cancer, including lung, bowel, breast or cervical. Any organisation in County Durham can sign up to have a workshop delivered at a workplace, simply contact andrea.mackrell@pcp.uk.net for more information.

Northern Cancer Alliance brings together clinical leaders from different hospital trusts and other health and social care organisations, to transform the diagnosis, treatment and care for cancer patients in the local area. Find out more about Northern Cancer Alliance at <https://northerncanceralliance.nhs.uk/> Macmillan Joining the Dots is a service operating County Durham wide that supports people aged 18 and over who have been diagnosed with cancer - they also support friends, carers and relatives of those with a cancer diagnosis. Find out more about Joining the Dots at <https://www.joiningthedots.info/> Cancer North is a new network for cancer care and support in the North East and North Cumbria. They believe working together will help communications and quality for all, ensuring patients, families and carers get better holistic support for their needs. Find out more about them at Cancer North | Cancer Support Network.

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Saturday 13th August - 'Fossil'

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As Infinity Dance Company head into their 6th year its safe to say they are flying! After getting their very own studios last year and expanding their services they have gone from strength to strength. With 2 schools, 40+ classes a week, 5 great teachers and over 200 students coming through their doors each week. They have certainly made



their mark. Infinity Dance Company offer not only dance classes but a range of fun parent baby and toddler classes and adult dance/fitness classes.

Dance Classes include Street Styles, Commercial, Lyrical, Tap, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Technique, Competition and Crew from 3-17yrs.

Adult Classes include Street, Parent Crew, Tap, Zumba, and Clubbercise with Jules! Baby and Toddler Classes include Music and Movement, Play and Explore, Messy Play and Mini Movers, suitable from birth to 3 years. We have a fab new Baby/Toddler Room coming this September too! Infinity Dance Company are known for providing fabulous opportunities for their students with competitions, performances, workshops and more but that's not all, they also run holiday clubs, parties, and other exciting events. They really do it all! Whether you're looking for a fun weekly class or to take dance more seriously, we have something for everyone!

Dancer Lily Gooch says "I love going to dance competitions such as Alton Towers every November. It is a privilege to be in a place such as mine. I have been dancing 5 years with Infinity Dance Company and have learnt so many things and grew up so much, gaining in confidence, ability and strength. I appreciate getting pushed each day by Miss Emily. I personally participate in Senior Street on a Thursday and Crew on a Sunday. I love dancing at IDC every week" Infinity Dance run classes at their Studios in Newton Aycliffe and also at Shildon Civic Hall in Shildon.

Principle Emily Henderson said "We are very lucky to have so many wonderful families at our dance school who value what we do and trust us to guide their children. It's a privilege to be in a position to influence so many little lives, there really is no better job and my aim is to keep pushing to be better for them. I love that kids can come for fun, make friends, build confidence and enjoy something new, but also love that we can provide training to dancers who want to push further than that. Opportunities are important and that's what pushes our children to work hard, be disciplined and have goals of their own."

Classes commence after the summer on Monday 5th September, for more information on what we offer at IDC please contact us either through our Facebook page or email Infinitydc@outlook.com or contact 07375 716750.

We have a great summer programme as well with Camps, Sports Days, Dance Weeks and more, open to anyone!

Sketch Walks

Thursday 28th July

We were going to start the walk from Middridge Village hall car park but due to the rain it was at short notice we located to the main hall at Shildon Railway Museum. We were warmly made welcome and had free range in this fantastic museum.

If you would like to join us, we meet in Newton Aycliffe or surrounding areas, on a Thursday morning. For more information phone Bill Lowery on 01325 311225.

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Community Casting

Members of the public are being asked to answer a call to appear in the upcoming stage production of *Brassed Off* at Gala Durham.

The Durham City theatre is looking for women from County Durham to appear as members of the Women Against Pit Closures group, which features in the show.

Previous acting experience is preferred, but not essential, with the venue hoping for participants who can bring energy and commitment to the roles.

Rehearsals for *Brassed Off* will take place at Gala Durham, which is run by Durham County Council, from Monday 15 August until Monday 5 September. They will include evenings and Saturdays, with community performers appearing on a rotating basis during the production's run.

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, the council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for members of the public to be part of such a hotly anticipated theatre production.

"With this adaptation of *Brassed Off* being set in County Durham, we're delighted to be able to give local performers a platform to showcase their talents in this way."

The deadline for expressions of interest for the community casting is Wednesday 10 August.

Adapted from the hit film by Paul Allen and directed by Conrad Nelson, tickets are on sale now for the production. It will run at Gala Durham from Tuesday 6 until Saturday 24 September.

The theatre adaptation tells the story of Danny's lifelong ambition to lead his local colliery band to the National Brass Band Competition at the Royal Albert Hall. But, as the pit faces closure, the future looks bleak as the town is thrown into conflict. Flugelhorn player Gloria arrives in town bringing with her a renewed sense of hope and a touch of romance, but no-one knows who she's really playing for.

Those interested in performing in the production can find out more and put forward an expression of interest by going to www.galadurham.co.uk/engage/opportunities/. Tickets for *Brassed Off* are on sale now, priced from £20. To book, visit www.galadurham.co.uk/brassed-off or call the Gala Durham Box Office on 03000 266 600.

British Swimming Championships



Last week the top domestic age-grouped swimming competition took place at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield as the best swimmers from all over Britain, representing over 300 clubs, competed at the British Summer Championships.

The top 24 ranked swimmers in each event were invited to attend and Emma Price, of Sedgefield 75 swimming club in Newton Aycliffe, had qualified for six events during the qualifying window earlier this year. She was also selected to represent Northumberland and Durham Swimming Association in two team relay events.

She kicked off the competition on Friday 22nd with a 4 x 200m freestyle team race where she teamed up with 16-year-old swimmers from Sunderland, Stockton and Morpeth, despite being only 14, and swam the third leg beating her own 200m freestyle PB by two seconds and moving the team up from eighth to fifth place. The team just missed out on a medal, finishing in fourth place.

200m freestyle was her first individual race and she matched her time from Friday to qualify for the final where she finished fifth. She also made the final of the 400m individual medley and finished ninth.

It was 800m freestyle on Sunday which was to be decided by a single heat swim. Emma pushed herself very hard and swam 9:19, 8.5 seconds faster than her PB and it left her in first place with three swimmers to come. Unfortunately the three swimmers beat the time and Emma finished fourth again. Wednesday and it was now 400m freestyle and 200m individual medley. Emma dominated her 400 free heat from start to finish beating her PB by over six seconds to qualify fourth fastest for the final. In the final, she went faster again but missed out on bronze by less than a second.

On the final day, Emma swam 100m butterfly and in 4 x 100m freestyle team relay. The same team that had swam the 200m relay broke four minutes in qualifying for the final, Emma swimming a 60.17 second leg, more than a second faster than her 100m freestyle PB. In the final, Emma took the first leg but the team were unable to improve on their heat time and finished eighth.

Although slightly frustrating to finish fourth three times, a superb performance to be this highly ranked in the whole of Britain and a credit to the coaching available at the town's swimming club, www.sedgefield75.com

Reginald Thompson

Dear Sir,

My name is Bryan Thompson and I am trying to find if my father, Reginald Thompson, is still alive.

I have family in the Newton Aycliffe area which I have lost touch with, Yvonne Glass, Wendy Hill, Susanne Thompson and Sharon Thompson.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Reginald Thompson, please contact Newton News 01325 300212 or email paul@newtonnews.co.uk and they will pass on your details to me.

Thank you

Bryan Thompson

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The Parish Council are endeavouring to obtain funding for the upgrade to the playpark, if successful it is envisaged work could commence in 2023. We need to canvass the views of those that use the park at this juncture, to identify and select the preferred play equipment to install prior to making any funding bid.

There will be an opportunity for the public to view the plans and illustrations and to choose the play equipment they like best at an open event in Middridge Village hall on Thursday the 11th of August at 5pm - 7pm. We would then proceed with the most popular options selected by the public.

Everyone is welcome to come along, we would particularly appreciate the views of the children and grandchildren that use the playpark.

Export Minister Visits Roman



The UK and Europe's leading shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, were delighted to welcome Andrew Griffith, the new Minister for Exports, to its headquarters in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. The visit involved a tour of Roman's 400,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facilities, including Roman's three factories, showroom and testing facilities.

All Roman's manufacturing takes place at their headquarters in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Roman has three manufacturing plants; for shower enclosures, bath screens and wetrooms; for solid surface fabrication of basins, vanity units and bathroom structures with case goods and furniture integrated into designs; and for moulding solid surface shower trays. The international market leader also has established subsidiaries in Ireland and Malaysia.

Roman has recently won the Queen's Award for International Trade, (for a second time) by achieving such a strong position in the marketplace by consistent and creative product innovation and has produced significant growth across all UK market sectors and, in the past 5 years, strong growth in international markets. Roman's manufacturing capability and vast range of products has made the brand increasingly strong in key international markets. Currently Roman has supplied products for projects in 72 markets worldwide from County Durham.

David Osborne, CEO of Roman, commented: "It was an honour to meet the newly appointed Export Minister and for him to take the time to visit our headquarters for a factory tour and a discussion on our International business. We were particularly keen to get an update on the progress with accession to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) which is crucial to the development of our international trade."

Andrew Griffith, Export Minister, commented: "It was great to visit Roman's headquarters in Newton Aycliffe today and see first-hand the fantastic work they are doing creating innovative products sold around the world, supporting jobs and economic growth."

"This government's support for British exporters and new Free Trade Agreements with more than 70 countries means businesses can benefit from exciting new opportunities across the world."

Photo: Left to right - Roman's local MP, Paul Howell; Andrew Griffith, Export Minister and David Osborne, CEO of Roman.

Sliding to Success



Scarlet Whitaker Dunn got to grips driving her Honda Cadet for the first time in very wet conditions at Warden Law Circuit, Sunderland. In very wet conditions, giving the track very little grip, made driving at speed very difficult. Scarlet soon adjusted her racing lines, throttle control and braking to match the conditions.

"The very wet conditions was a new learning curve for Scarlet which she persevered with to soon get the hang of it," said Mam (Amanda). "Driving in the wet was difficult at first and I kept spinning in circles until I got the hang of it," said Scarlet.

"Thanks to team Amaron Racing (Grandad, Mam and Rob) and Andy at PHM (Peninsula Historic Motorsport) for all your help today", said Scarlet.

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

Great Aycliffe



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The successful applicant must apply for a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Application forms can be obtained by telephoning 01325 300700, e-mailing info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or from the Council's web site www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Closing Date: **12 Noon, Monday 22nd August 2022**
Interviews: **Thursday 1st September 2022**

National Football Coach of the Year

Early in July, the Manager / Coach of Newton Aycliffe Youth, Women's Team, Shaun Wilson was awarded the Regional award for Adults Grassroots Coach of the Year and was going forward to the National awards to be held in Leicester on the day of the Community Shield game. Well, after a long wait, the club can proudly announce that Shaun has now been awarded the National award for Adults Grassroots Coach of the Year. Shaun was recognised for helping a player rehabilitate by adapting his training sessions which would benefit their recovery and he made sure she was always included in every training session. Shaun has been an integral part of our ladies' team, developing and improving each season. This gives the women's team and Newton Aycliffe Youth recognition on the National stage. Congratulations from everyone at the football club.



Cancellation

Seaham Food Festival coach trip with New Friends New Places on Sunday 7th August has had to be cancelled as there has not been sufficient interest to occupy the seats. We have just had trips to Scarborough, Whitby, Helmsley and these have been mostly full to capacity and most of our trips over the past 14 years have been a great success. Thank you to all the residents of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas. We hope you will join us on our Christmas trip to York on Thursday 13th October, 9am until 5pm, cost £8. Further details will be given later, contact 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 to book.

Crematorium Open Day



Wear Valley Crematorium will be opening its doors to members of the local community for an Open Day on Saturday 3rd September between 10am and 1pm.

Wear Valley Crematorium, which is in Coundon, Bishop Auckland, is a modern, state-of-the-art building, which opened on 2nd March 2009 and is set in eight acres of well-maintained grounds.

Located just six miles from Junction 60 of the A1 on the A689 just outside of Coundon Village, Wear Valley Crematorium is ideally placed to serve the communities of Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe and County Durham. The crematorium is owned and operated by end-of-life services provider, Dignity.

Visitors to the Open Day will have the opportunity to ask staff any questions they may have about the crematorium or the cremation process, speak with the crematorium's Memorial Consultant, and guests will also be offered guided tours of the crematorium and its grounds.

Andrea Todd, Wear Valley Crematorium's Business Leader and organiser of the Open Day, said: "On Saturday 3rd September between 10am and 1pm we will be welcoming members of the public along to visit Wear Valley Crematorium. We will be providing refreshments – teas, coffees and a buffet – and we will be offering guided walking tours of the crematorium, including the Chapel where we hold services and the gardens of remembrance, which features a beautiful lake and many flower beds.

"Members of the team will be on hand to answer any questions visitors may have about the crematorium, the memorials available or the cremation process.

"There's no need to register attendance. Visitors can turn up to the crematorium and our team will be more than happy to welcome them. There is plenty of free parking available to visitors on site. We look forward to welcoming members of our local community along on the 3rd September."

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Newton Aycliffe Women's Institute

St. Clare's Church Hall
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Contact: befriending@pcp.uk.net
or ring 01325 321234

Sensory Parent Support Group

Meeting every 5-6 weeks at
Tree Tops Children's Occupational Therapy,
Eldon Road, Aycliffe Bus Park, DL5 6UL
Contact: spdpsgnee@gmail.com

Sensory, Dyspraxia, Gross/Fine Motor Difficulties

Walk and Talk

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St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe
Contact: Rev. Daniel 01325 962096

Coffee Morning

Meets 10am-12noon, every Saturday
St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe

PCP Summer Fair

at the Pioneering Care Centre,
Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe
Friday 19th August, 10am - 2pm
Summer stalls and activities

Tiddlers & Toddlers

Meets 9.30-11am, every Wednesday (term)
St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe

Welcome Cafe

Meets 10am, every Tuesday
St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe

Acorn Ukcs

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre
Every Wednesday, 1-3pm
Learn to play the Ukulele
Contact: Margaret McDermott 01325 317419

New Friends, New Places

The Navy Club, Burnhill Way
Every Tuesday, 1.30-4pm
Get together and trips
Contact: 01325 308094 or 07967 901477

Men Talking Together

Unit 14A, IES Centre, Aycliffe Business Park
Every Monday, 12noon-2.30pm
Meet new people, visit interesting places
Contact: 01325 308094 or 07967 901477

Aycliffe Beekeepers Association

St. Oswald's Allotment Apiary
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throughout the summer months
aycliffebka@gmail.com - Tel 07905 190701

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Junction 7 Thrive Men's Group

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Contact Simon 07783 539167

Junction 7 We Are Not Just a Mothers

Group for Ladies
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Wednesdays, 1-3pm

Junction 7 Lighthouse Kids

The ARK, Silverdale Place DL5 7DZ
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junc7tion@gmail.com

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Junction 7 Foodbank

Mondays and Thursdays
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Junction 7 NE First Credit Union

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Neville Community Cafe

Open every Friday, 10am-12 noon
Neville Community Centre, Neville Parade

Darlington Video Makers Club

We meet in Aycliffe Village starting in
September. All you need to get started is a
mobile phone. Search on-line to contact us

The Veterans Community Hub

Unit 2 IES Centre, DL5 6DS
theveteranscommunityhub2021@gmail.com
Somewhere Different

Live Edge Woodwork CIC

Liveedgewoodwork123@gmail.com
07488 245843

Veterans Woodcraft

admin@veteranswoodcraft.co.uk
Contact for all above 01325 311744

Acorn Community Association

Phoenix Club upstairs lounge
Second Thursday every month at 6pm
5.30pm for Little Acorns

Reunite & Reconnect

Meets 10am, every Monday
St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe
Reducing isolation for over 55's

Citizens Advice

Newton Aycliffe Library - 0808 278 7821
Monday & Friday, 10am-1pm

Website: www.citizensadvicecd.org.uk

KidzFlicks (Cinema Club for children)

First Saturday of every month at 2pm, £1
St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe
Contact: Helen McCormick 07716 801262

Messy Church

Meets 4pm on third Saturday of every month
St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe (free)
Faith, fun, fellowship with crafts, story and tea.
Contact: Helen McCormick 07716 801262

Coffee Morning

10am-12noon, first Saturday of month
St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe

Hub of Wishes

Meet Mon-Fri 10-4pm, 10-11 Silverdale Place
Vicki Lawrence or Joanne Howe
Contact: 01325 300121

Email: thehubofwishes@gmail.com

Website www.hubofwishes.co.uk

Lifeline Community Action Knit & Natter

LCA Community Hub
17 Beveridge Way, DL5 4DZ

Tuesdays, 10am-12noon
Contact: 07936 431262 or
officelifelinecommunityaction@gmail.com

Lifeline Community Action Craft Sessions

LCA Community Hub
17 Beveridge Way, DL5 4DZ

Thursdays, 10am-12noon
Contact: 07936 431262 or
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Lifeline Community Action Tea Dance

St. Clare's Church Hall, Newton Aycliffe
Thursdays, 1.30-3.30pm

Contact: 07936 431262 or
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Lifeline Community Action

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St. Clare's Church Hall DL5 5NT
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(depending on the age of the child)

Contact: 07936 431262 or
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Learning Together - Homework Group

Email: Sam@learninganewway.co.uk
Saturday, 10.30-12noon

Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre

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Neville Parade Methodist Church

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Contact 07523 472522 or just turn up

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Neville Parade Community Centre

PCP and GAMP Welfare Roadshow

Thursday 6th October, 10am-2pm

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre

PCP and GAMP Welfare Roadshow

Thursday 24th November, 10am-2pm

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- good listeners / empathetic people who are willing to learn, to train to become a Bereavement Volunteer undertaking direct work with clients.
- people with relevant skills and experience to train to become a Cruse supervisor, to provide group and occasional 1-1 supervision to our Bereavement Volunteers.
- experienced and trained supervisors - with at least two years of recent supervisory practice in a related setting (counselling, social work / social care, mediation, probation, etc.), an appropriate supervisor qualification and experience of direct work with clients - to complete a short induction to the work of Cruse and then run group supervision sessions for our Bereavement Volunteers.

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

Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, finally got back to winning ways and significantly eased their relegation worries with a dramatic six run victory at home to bottom of the table Stokesley 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. In a game badly disrupted by the weather, Aycliffe were asked to bat first and scored 228 for 8 declared after 42 overs. Opener Sam Telford (sponsored by the Thomas-Fairhurst family) got the innings off to a flyer with an aggressive 51 from just 29 balls, including six boundaries and 3 sixes. Other major contributions came from Matty Greaves (39 off 42 balls), Adam Gittins (31 from 57 balls) and an unbeaten 24 from 32 balls by George Slatcher. In reply, the winning target for Stokesley was reduced to 199 in 33 overs by the Duckworth/Lewis formula because of the time lost due to the rain. The visitors went for the win from the start and were always up with the required run rate, despite some excellent bowling from Luke Telford (4 for 50) and James Layfield-Carroll (2 for 42). The game seemed to be edging towards a victory for Stokesley but a stunning catch in the deep by 17 year old Matty Greaves, to remove the visitors star batsman, put Aycliffe right back in the game. In a very tense finale, and in near darkness, the introduction in to the attack of 15 year leg spin bowler Tom Dearden had a stunning impact as he took the last two wickets to help bowl out Stokesley for 193 with just seven balls of this memorable game remaining.

The second team suffered an eight wicket defeat away at promotion chasing Billingham Synthonia 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. After being put into bat, Aycliffe scored 132 all out after 37 overs thanks to good innings by 16 year old Ramzan Hussain (39 off 35 balls), Ben Nicholson (24 off 33 balls) and Matty French (13 off 46 balls). In reply, Billingham hurried to victory in the persistent rain reaching their winning target after 15.1 overs with Aycliffe's Dan Weldon taking the only two homeside wickets to fall. The club's u13's had a narrow victory by eight runs away at Darlington RA in the NYACC league. Aycliffe scored 135 all out in their 20 overs thanks to an excellent innings of 27 not out by Trent Telford and a very useful 21 runs by Alfie Spensley. In reply, the home side were restricted to 127 for 8 in their 20 overs with Elliot Myers, the pick of the bowlers, taking a couple of wickets for Aycliffe. *Photo: Before the start of the first team game at home to Stokesley on Saturday, 15 year old Tom Dearden was presented with the NYSD Junior Performance of the Month award by league President Chris West, after his extraordinary performance against Bedale on 28th May 2022 when the talented youngster scored 128 with the bat and then took 6 for 25 with the ball to help Aycliffe to victory by 143 runs.*



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SYD HOWARTH Community Service Award

Nominate a community minded individual

The Howarth family, in memory of Syd Howarth, MBE, are offering the residents of Newton Aycliffe the opportunity to nominate an individual who has excelled over the last year. The nominees must be from Newton Aycliffe and the winner will receive a plaque and £250 to go towards their own or another local charity.

Those nominating need to give the name and address of the nominee along with reasons why this individual should win (up to 250 words).

Closing date for nominations is 31st August 2022.

The winner will be awarded their prize on Friday 21st October 2022 (Syd's birthday).

Entries to be sent via email to: paul@newtonpress.net or posted to:

**Paul Howarth, Newton Press, Blue Bridge Centre,
St. Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DS**

N.A.F.C. REPORT



Saturday 30 July Ebac Northern League Division One Newton Aycliffe 2 Newcastle Benfield 1

The game got off to a flying start with the home side taking the lead in the fifth minute through an outstanding finish from the returning Jamie Owens whose curling effort beat two defenders and the keeper before finding the bottom left corner.

Aycliffe had the lead and the bulk of the pressure for the first quarter of the game, with Grainger saving well to keep the score at 1-0 inside the first 10 minutes.

Benfield did get a foothold in the game following two lengthy injury stoppages which disrupted Aycliffe's flow, with Gez Richardson having a decent chance before Ben Dibb-Fuller broke clear of the back line but his shot couldn't beat Adam McHugh who got down well to smother the ball.

Our visitors started the second period in the same fashion as Aycliffe did in the first and saw two good strikes both miss the target by millimetres with McHugh beaten.

Aycliffe doubled their lead in the 76th minute. Callum Munro slid his pass across the edge of the area to Jack Clarkson and he took his goal with the coolness of a player twice his age as he turned the ball goalwards, finding the bottom corner out of the reach of the helpless Grainger.

The joy on the 17 year old Newtonian's face, as he was mobbed by his teammates, is a sight we hope to see many more times over coming years at Moore Lane as the link between the Newton Aycliffe first team and its junior sections continue to go from strength to strength.

Benfield pulled a goal back just 3 minutes later. Ryan McGorrigan unleashed an unstoppable strike with the outside of his right boot which flashed past McHugh, who was at full stretch, and smashed into the roof of the net.

Moments later Aycliffe had an attack down the right broken down by a trip on the edge of the Benfield box with the visitors' Aiden Haley seeing his second yellow card of the day.

As tensions were boiling, Brian sent on 16 year old Charlie Dawson, another Newton Aycliffe junior side graduate who was on for his Northern League debut for his hometown club and who handled the atmosphere with ease.

Still, the game wasn't over, as twice McHugh had to tip strikes around the post as well as making a fantastic point-blank stop and then a further two goal line clearances, in added time, from the Aycliffe defence were needed before the three points were secured. Aycliffe now turn their attention to the Emirates FA Cup with a trip to Ashington on Saturday 6th August.

Photo: by Yvonne Wood, showing Aycliffe's Ben Reay taking on the Benfield defence.

RUNNING CLUB NEWS

On Thursday 27th July, six members competed at the fifth run of the Darlington Trail Series. This was the Riverside 5k. First back for the club was Paul Dalton finishing in fourth position in the race in a time of 18:40. Paul remains in second place in the overall standings for this series of races, which is an excellent achievement. Second back for the club was Daniel Tatham finishing in a time of 23:19. He was followed by Jayne Rudd who finished in a time of 25:22, closely followed by David Stothard in a time of 26:11. He was followed by Tracey Pickering in a time of 34:49 and Cliff Pickering in a time of 35:11.

On 31st July, one member competed in the James Herriot trail run. Conditions for the race were ideal after some early rain with Dave Blewitt completing the 14k race in a time of 81:33

On 1st August, the North East Masters Track and Field League Match 5 took place. In the 3,000 metres, Stuart Joyce took part, finishing in a time of 11:46.1.

Saturday morning was a busy one for members with a total of 18 members beginning their weekend with a Parkrun. The Club was represented at a whole array of races across the country at the Albert Park, Frimley Lodge, Coventry, Sedgefield, Hackworth, South Shields, Hartlepool, Keswick, Leazes, and Jubilee events.

Clare Stradling competed at Albert Park, finishing in a time of 23:52, which was a best time for that particular course and only one second off her Personal Best for any Parkrun.

At Coventry, two members completed this event for the first time with Alan Kellett finishing in a time of 27:21 and Anne Kellett finishing in a time of 30:53. At the same time, two members were competing at the South Shields Parkrun for the first time with David Stothard finishing in a time of 27:31 and Ian Stothard finishing in a time of 44:33.

Over in Keswick, Craig Robinson completed this event for the first time, finishing in a time of 30:26. At Jubilee Parkrun, both Tracey Pickering and Cliff Pickering set new personal bests for this course with times of 36:09 for Tracey and 36:38 for Cliff.

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



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Man v Fat Group

"Scoring and achieving goals, Man v Fat Football League celebrates huge success!"

The Man v Fat group delivered by WBFL has just come to a close, with the team scoring goals and losing pounds!

The lads that attended the group took part in fun fuelled football matches and lost a staggering 136.4kg between them! To add to their success, their football skills saw them win the league. From this victory, the lads will be playing in the England training ground, St George's Park, in September.

A presentation was held to celebrate the end of the season, with six awards handed out, including the 'Biggest Loser' Award, given to Charlie Whitfield, who lost an amazing 22kg this season!

Charlie Whitfield, said: "It's definitely helped me mentally and physically, we are all conscious of what we look like, being involved with Man v Fat you don't need to worry about that, we are all there in the same boat looking for the same goal."

Other awards handed out included Top Scorer, Clubman and overall League Winners. Teammates celebrated every win, showing the competitive side of Man v Fat paid off!

It seems this is just the beginning, as members have formed their own 11-a-side team. WBFL look forward to seeing updates from the lads and, hopefully, spot a few games soon.

To join Man v Fat's next season, or see how WBFL can support you, visit wellbeingforlife.net

You can also follow us on social media for regular updates. Find us on Facebook at County Durham Wellbeing for Life Service, Twitter @wbfl_durham and Instagram @wbfl_codurham

Sedgefield Water Polo Club



Sedgefield Water Polo Club sent a young and inexperienced team to the Manchester Development tournament on Saturday 9th July, with many members of the team excited to be playing their first ever tournament.

The aim of the tournament was to allow children to develop their game awareness whilst having fun and competing against other clubs from across the North, including Manchester, Sheffield and Radcliffe; some of whom entered two teams each into the tournament. The team played 5 matches and came away in a very well deserved 6th place, having won their match against Radcliffe Boys and narrowly losing to Radcliffe Girls.

During the course of the day, the team worked hard, putting all the things they'd learnt in training into practice in a real match situation in deep water. Their team spirit and attitude towards the games was outstanding, with the coaching team commenting on how proud they were of everyone for taking part. The smiles on the children's faces throughout the day made the drive over to Manchester, on a hot summer day, worth it! The Club would like to thank the coaching team and the parents for their support on the day.

In addition to Junior and Senior sessions, the club now offer a beginner session on a Saturday afternoon for those wishing to try this fun and exciting sport. All sessions need to be booked in advance so please check our website for further info and joining instructions. Contact us: 07579 030 598 / sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com

Mayoral Visits

Dear Sir,
Could I, through your magazine, express my sincere thanks to Marcia and Phil Atkinson for their kind invitation to their firms open day. BTS Facades & Fabrications are now an established part of our wonderful business park family. From humble beginnings, this family firm has grown

to be a modern, futuristic business which supplies cladding for buildings such as tower blocks. From the start of our visit the Mayoress and myself were impressed by the fantastic modern style of the building and the more we heard about the hard work and dedication, which Marcia and Phil enthusiastically showed, the more we were impressed.

It makes me incredibly proud to visit the businesses on our park, but even prouder to meet the people behind the future of Newton Aycliffe.

The future looks bright for Newtonians.

Cllr Ken Robson, Mayor of Great Aycliffe.



Mayor's Year So Far

It has been a fantastic privilege to be elected Mayor of Great Aycliffe by my peers on the council. The past two months have been a whirlwind of events, presentations and talks, there have been many highs and no lows. Meeting residents in our town centre, in shops and businesses, has been a great pleasure and experience.

As part of my role, it is incumbent upon the holder to support local charities / groups and I have chosen Together 21 and the Wishing Well Club, to support with my fundraising activities. Our 'Mayoress at Home' event raised £400 through a raffle, courtesy of the generous donations of Newtonians and the Newton Aycliffe business community. The Mayoress and I have enthusiastically visited local shops asking for donations of prizes for our tombola and raffles. Our businesses have not let us down, they have big hearts and, from shops, garages, leisure venues and food establishments, we have received prizes of vouchers, alcohol, soft toys and other valuable items to be used in our many events throughout our Mayoral year.

Great Aycliffe Town Council would like to work with local businesses to make our town even greater and, to that end, I am happy to visit and chat with businesses of all sizes to offer my support. As a town we are privileged to welcome a myriad of large successful companies to our business park including, but not exclusively, Gestamp, Hitachi, 3M, Husqvarna, Roman, EBAC, BTS, Ineos and many many more, including many family owned firms who, through hard work and determination, are destined to become the large employers of the future.

It would be remiss of me not to mention those businesses who are making Newton Aycliffe a destination for leisure and pleasure including ROF59, Planet Leisure, Ruff & Tumble, The Fish Tank and three popular golf courses.

Bottom photo: Brewsters Garage on Aycliffe Business Park.



£7500 Grants Available



Calling all groups or organisations that need a funding boost – the Happiness Hubs grant scheme is back! Offering up to £7,500 for applicants that meet the criteria, the Happiness Hubs is available to County Durham and Darlington community focused groups. To apply, organisations need to offer a safe space and activity for local people to meet, make friends, talk and feel supported, with the ultimate goal to help communities live happier, healthier lives.

Both the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and North East charity, the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), are thrilled to relaunch the next round of funding and spread community cheer.

Kelly Carswell, Mental Health Coordinator at PCP, said: "It's exciting to launch the next round of funding, with a total of £75,000 available to spread across successful applicants.

"If you think your organisation meets the criteria for the Happiness Hubs grant scheme, please get in touch or fill out an application, as you may be in with a chance of developing and supporting a community project that matters to you or your community."

Previous rounds of funding have seen community organisations that support veterans, new mothers, men and women, older people, young adults, people with learning disabilities, receive funds.

This time round, grants are awarded between £500 and £7,500 to projects lasting at least 12 to 18 months.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel in September 2022, so please submit your application no later than Friday 26th August at 5pm.

If you would like to find out more, or receive an application pack, please contact Jane Cunningham on happiness.hubs@pcp.uk.net or call 07715 204462.



The big celebration this week, is of course, England's Lionesses winning Euro 2022, my heartfelt congratulations to them. I hope that this can inspire lots of our young people, particularly girls, to take up a sport. We have so many opportunities on the town, as demonstrated by the recent event in the town centre. From water polo to axe throwing; from dance to cricket; from football to gymnastics, these and many others are available. I would encourage everyone to find one that suits you. They are great not only for your physical health but your mental wellbeing too.

It was good to catch up last week with Phillip Hawkins from the Around Town show on Aycliffe Radio, we talked with Berni Borsberry about supporting a football aid project in Kenya and I am also going to do an interview with Phillip about Parliament, which will be broadcast on Sunday 7th August 2022. The Around Town show is broadcast on the 1st Sunday of each month and if you have any questions, you may want him to ask me for any future interviews, please get in touch with Phillip via Aycliffe Radio.

I had anticipated having the Minister for Exports, Andrew Griffiths MP, visiting last Tuesday but due to problems with the overhead wires his train never left Kings Cross. However, credit to the Minister he has rescheduled and is coming this week instead. He will be visiting Roman Showers on the Business Park following the brilliant news about their second Queen's Awards for Enterprise for International Trade. I have also arranged for him to meet local farmers and the NFU to discuss the opportunities arising from the trade deals being negotiated.

I had the pleasure of opening the NMI (National Microelectronics Institute) conference at Ramside Hall which brought together businesses from the semiconductor market both from across our region and the rest of the UK. The other reason I attended was to launch North East Advanced Material Electronics, otherwise known as NEAME. NEAME is a cluster of semiconductor and advanced material electronic companies in the sector here in the northeast, based mainly at NETPark in Sedgfield. Since being elected, I have been getting to know them and I am continuing to learn about the challenges and opportunities they face which is giving me important background information for the BEIS select committee semiconductor inquiry where we are looking at supply chains, government communication and manufacturing.

On Wednesday I had the privilege of a visit to BTS Fabrications where Phil and Marcia introduced me to their fantastic business and their team. It really is a pleasure for me to be shown around a manufacturing business, having spent around 40 years working in that environment I have always liked seeing how different businesses work, particularly when they are as impressive as BTS.

Thursday was a day primarily in the office where we had a number of constituents come in for surgery discussions before going out to Sedgfield delivering some leaflets and catching up with constituents. On Friday I had a meeting with the Neighbourhood Police Inspector for the north of the constituency, primarily from Thornley to the Trimdons, before discussions on the Leamside Line and how we keep it on the Government's agenda and then on the plans for our Levelling Up bid for Aycliffe Town Centre.

Monday, I had a meeting with my team at Aycliffe to plan our work through the summer and how we engage with any new ministers that are put in post following the inevitable reshuffle after the leadership election concludes. We have many ways to engage, ranging from letters to ministerial surgeries but also by using adjournment debates, Westminster Hall debates, 10-minute rule bills or Oral Questions to the Department. I will explain a little about each of those in the coming weeks. If there is anything else you would like me to explain, just get in touch through the usual routes, email: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk or ring 01325 790580.

Paul Howell, MP for Sedgfield

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05-08-2022

Flower Demo

Kathleen Williams, Area Demonstrator from Bolton, will present an evening of flower arranging entitled 'Poetry in Motion' on Monday, 5th September at 7.30pm in Shildon Civic Hall.

Entry is free to members, £5.00 for visitors.

There will be various stalls to delight and refreshments are available to buy.

Members are reminded that Annual Membership, costing £26 will be collected at the September meeting, together with subscriptions to The Flower Arranger magazine at £15, as applicable. Regular visitors and lovers of flowers are most welcome and are encouraged to join this friendly group. For further details contact Pauline Wadge, Chair, on (01388) 417145.

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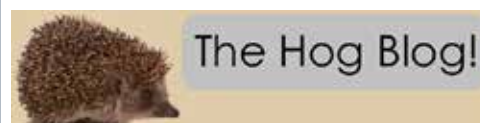
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Both Eyes Shut

He wed his bride with both eyes shut;
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But cos her dad had closed his left;
And her uncle closed the other.



I have been rescuing hedgehogs for a number of years now and what we, as rehabbers, are experiencing are events far from normal. For the first time I am well over my capacity but what makes my situation different is the amount of babies in Rescue. Tuesday I admitted three very small babies, all under 250g, the one I worry about the most is a little girl with breathing difficulties, treatment has started, she is from some lovely ladies at Woodham Lodge. Also another little girl with a poorly back leg, sorry guys, but I forgot who brought her in and, finally, a little girl from Brenda and Roy, she is called Buttons. They are all very beautiful but have their individual challenges to get to good health, but whilst I have them I will be very hands on making sure they get healthy and stay healthy.

Can I remind readers to please check before strimming or using any power tools, poor Buttons has had some of her spines sheared, she is only a baby and doesn't deserve this at all, none of them do, I wouldn't care, it only takes a minute to check.

Some people to thank, Audrey for some beautiful bracelets for a raffle prize, 18ct rolled gold, perfect for arthritis sufferers, Roy and Brenda for their kind donation; the lovely owner of the Olive Garden for his £15 voucher as a raffle prize; McDonald's for another voucher; lots of other lovely prizes, in fact, too many to list here but raffle tickets are on sale now £1 a strip.

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Finally thanks to Valerie, June, Denise and Peter and Terri. I would be lost without you all.

Tip of the Week: Please ring The British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 if you see a Hedgehog out during the day and need advice. I can't admit any more here yet, for the moment, but I am here for any advice, so email me at pricklyhaven@yahoo.com or a local vet.

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Wildcats to Lionesses'



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Muck Spreading

Dear Sir,
Mrs Proud's letter, about the sickly smell, appears to point the finger at factories on the business park as the source. However, the source could also be from 'muck spreading' on farmer's fields. A lot of farmers do this during the spring but also in the summer, after harvesting. This muck can be in the form of sewage sludge, or animal manure and slurries, which fits the description of the smells given.
Industrial activities that generate an odour are controlled by legislation and therefore the regulatory bodies have enforcement powers to control them. Agricultural muck spreading falls under the best practice guidance given in the DEFRA Code of Good Agricultural Practice. Farmers are also advised that the best conditions for spreading are typically sunny, windy days, followed by cloudy, windy nights as these conditions cause odours to be diluted quickly, which could possibly explain the timings that these smells were encountered. The best way for Mrs Proud to report the issue would be to take note of the wind direction at the time of the smells in relation to her house, or keep a record of the time they occurred and report them to either The Environment Agency or Environmental Health. Who could then plot the likely sources using prevailing wind data, whether they be industrial or agricultural sites, and investigate them if necessary.
Mark Penny

Congratulations

Tommy & Sheila Green



Diamond Wedding Anniversary

11th August 2022
Congratulations and love from everyone in the family xxxx

Dorothy Forster
(nee Swann) 'Dot'

Sadly, passed away on 13th July, aged 84 years.
Dearly loved Wife of the late Eddie; a loving Mam to Edward, Heather and Matthew; a dear Mother-in-Law, Treasured Nanna, Great Nanna and a dear friend to many.
Would family and friends please meet for Funeral Service at St. Clare's Church on Wednesday 17th August at 1.30pm.

Obituary

Sandra Devonport
(nee Thompson)

22nd July, peacefully after a long illness, Sandra, aged 73 years of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Darlington. A loving Wife to the late Robert; a dearly loved Mam of Lisa; cherished 'Auntie Sandra' to Natalie, and Nanna to the cats - Bertie and Pixie-Lou; also a beloved Sister of Nicola and the late Yvonne; Auntie to Luke, Emily and Sally, and a well-loved Sister-in-Law.
Would friends and family please meet for a Requiem Mass for Sandra, at St. Augustine's R.C. Church, Darlington, on Monday 8th August at 1.30pm.
Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be sent for St. Teresa's Hospice c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd. 59a Bondgate, Darlington, DL3 7JR.

Sylvia Marion Russell Ayre
(nee Wilson)

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Will family and friends please meet for Service at The Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 12th August at 11.30am.
Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Sylvia may be left at the Crematorium for Friends of Darlington Memorial Hospital.

In Memoriam

Jackie Sowerby



28/4/1961-6/8/2021
Beloved Wife to Brian, Mother to Sarah, Mother-in-Law to Helen.
It's been one year since you left us, we miss you so, so much Jackie.
A lady who loved the simple things in life. Eternal rest my love, till we meet again.
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Yvonne Robinson
Died 8th August 2016

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile.
If only we could have you back for just a little while.
Love from your Sister Marie, Raymond and family

Yvonne Robinson
8/8/2016

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Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.
Sid, David, Lesley, Trev and family

Congratulations

Steve Toroni
20/12/49 - 8/8/21

Sad are the hearts that love you, silent are the tears that fall.
Living life without you, is the hardest part of all.
Sadly missed by loving Wife Jen; Children, Kellie, Donna, Abby and Leigh; Sons and Daughters-in-Law, Justin, Anthony and Lisa; Grandchildren Emily, Harrison, Thomas, Grace, Bowie, Sam and Zoey
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Love and Best Wishes on your 80th Birthday on 4th August.
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Chrissy Knowles
(nee Hail)



Of Newton Aycliffe formerly Tow Law.
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A much-loved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and best friend.
Family and friends please meet for Service at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 16th August for 11.00am.
Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Macmillan Cancer Trust.
Bright colours requested as a celebration of Chrissy's life.

Sarah Powers
(nee Haylett)

Sadly passed away on Sunday 17th July.
A much loved Mum, Daughter, Sister and Friend, who will be in our hearts forever.
The funeral will take place at St. Michael's Church, Heighington, Co. Durham at 1.00pm on Wednesday 10th August.
In Sarah's memory any charitable donations to The Great North Children's Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

Birthday Remembrance

Marilyn Storey

4th August
Once in a while someone very special comes along and made the world a little more wonderful and my life special. I will miss you forever.
Happy birthday to my special lady, miss you forever, Laurance

ARD Rock Enduro 2022



After eight months of training and waiting, since registration was confirmed, Ard Rock 2022 has finally arrived. On Thursday afternoon myself and Paul Travis made our way to the venue in Richmondshire and set up camp in the first field. There were at least 5 fields full of riders camping by the end and the main arena, for all the entertainment.

Late morning on Friday we joined the registration queue which took an hour to get through before taking to the course for open practice of Stages 6 & 7 in the morning and 1 & 2 in the afternoon. It was tough and took a lot out of many of the riders.

Race day arrived on Saturday 30th July. Registration was quick on race day, we collected our timing chips and were on our way to ride the 7 arduous Enduro stages. The ups were relentless, although they felt shorter and easier as the day progressed. The downs had a bit of everything from wet open off camber grass switchbacks to rooty woodland and rock gardens galore. Our bikes took a beating and went through 5 inner tubes, a rear tyre, two rear derailleurs and are in need of a good service now. The greatest achievement of the weekend was seeing Paul crossing the finish line and be elated to have made it when he believed it to be an impossible feat the day before.

Most of the Royal Engineers Gravity Enduro Team also made it including myself (Aaron), Chris, Vic, Lewis, Elliot, Alice and Owen. Making the most of the race to supplement our training for our race series.

The whole team completed stages 1-7 of the Ard Rock course. A great congratulations goes out to Elliot who finished 3rd in the Epic race on Friday and then continued to compete in the Enduro race on the Saturday, improving on his race times.

The after party was great on Saturday night and supporting the riders in the Intro and Sport events was also a fantastic experience on the Sunday.

Ard Rock is a great event and an experience that I would highly recommend to riders who are experienced in Enduro, but I would warn you not to underestimate it. Good luck if you choose to enter in 2023.

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