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## Newton Press Awarded 'Heart of the Community'

Newton Press, Winners of the County Durham Environmental Awards 2018 in the "Greener Business" category, were delighted to have also won the "Heart of the Community" category at the Durham, Sunderland & South Tyneside regional heat of the North East Business Awards 2019.



The shortlist for each category consists of just three companies/organisations picked from a list of over 1000 entries, the winner of which was crowned at the Durham, Sunderland & South Tyneside Regional Business Awards heat on Thursday 14th March 2019 at Ramside Hall Hotel.

The prestigious black tie evening hosted a drinks reception with formal proceedings following. Newton Press was founded by the late Syd Howarth in 1963, it has always been at the forefront of the community it serves - not only in providing print and a free weekly community newspaper, but in leading social and environmental projects of benefit, not only to the region, but also national organisations.

The latest in a long line of projects, is instigating and providing the Darlington & Bishop Auckland MRI Scanner Appeal and then giving gifts of posters, leaflets, design work and advertising features.

Newton Press, a family run business, are specialists in the print industry and have been established for over 56 years. The company experienced record sales in 2018 as well as significant growth in the last 18 months and are committed to new technology, investing in the latest world leading Eco-Friendly print machinery allowing planet friendly, exceptional fast printing. Newton Press have very strong roots with their local community, so much so that the late founder, Syd Howarth, was nicknamed 'Mr. Newton Aycliffe' and went on to be awarded an M.B.E. for all the work

he achieved in the local community, indeed since his very sad passing, the local council unanimously decided to name a street in his honour. This hard work and dedication is now carried on through his three sons, Paul, Stuart and Chris as well as all the staff at Newton Press. This includes being part of the GAMP (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership), a Local Area Action Partnership board, on behalf of Durham County Council and on the board of directors for Aycliffe Business Park Community along with supporting a very large number of charities, organisations, events and businesses.

Whilst Newton Press are celebrating over 56 years in business and previously winning the 'Heart of the Community' award through Aycliffe Business Park, nominated by the local businesses; it is the future that we look forward to and playing a huge and instrumental supporting role in the local community. We will continue to achieve this by remaining the go to source for all local news and



content, this interaction that we have with our community has been built over many years and we continue to integrate more with the addition of a community radio station, set up by Paul Howarth and run with the help of nearly 40 local volunteers who are also dedicated and liaise directly with the local community. A few examples supporting the community:

- Founding the Aycliffe Nature Park
- Founding community organisations including a Residents' Association.
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# Aycliffe Radio Links With Your Local Hospital Radio

“Working together for the good of the local community”. This is the aim of Aycliffe Radio who have now teamed up with Prince Bishop Hospital Radio who have the same ethos.

Both organisations have a selection of excellent volunteers who give up their time to entertain and inform the local community, or, in the case of PBHR, entertaining hospital patients, visitors and staff at Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Darlington Memorial Hospital and The Richardson Hospital in Barnard Castle.

The two organisations will be working together to bring a more varied selection of shows to all listeners and at the same time help each other with station events, aims and objectives as well as fundraising.

Prince Bishop Hospital Radio has been broadcasting since 1963 and all the volunteers enjoy the camaraderie and team spirit; which is also the case at Aycliffe Radio who are a fledgling broadcaster having only launched on 1st December 2017.

Aycliffe Radio is in an enviable position with nearly forty volunteer presenters.

The two stations will be using each others resources and volunteers to help with show scheduling.

Aycliffe Radio Station Manager, Paul Howarth said “to be working with our local hospitals is a great connect and has inspired many of our volunteers to aim further than their local community radio station. I am sure the joint venture will prove fruitful for both parties.”

Simon Temby, Programme Coordinator of Prince



PRINCE BISHOPS  
HOSPITAL RADIO



Aycliffe Radio

Bishops Hospital Radio said: “We enjoy making radio for the patients, staff and all those who visit our hospitals. We are always excited by new ideas and have found the same enthusiasm and drive whilst working with Aycliffe Radio”.

Craig Robinson, Chairman of Prince Bishops Hospital Radio, said: “Hospital Radio is often seen as a closed broadcaster, only serving those who are

unfortunate enough to find themselves in hospital. We enjoy entertaining the patients, staff and visitors within our hospital communities and the opportunity to work with Aycliffe Radio could not be passed up. We look forward to making some entertaining radio for both communities to enjoy”.

You can find out more about Prince Bishop Hospital Radio on the website [www.pbhr.org.uk](http://www.pbhr.org.uk)

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**REME Association, South West Durham Branch monthly meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 27th March 2019 in the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe. All serving and ex-serving members of REME welcome. "Arte et Marte"**

# Youth & Community Centre Cooking up a Storm

A local Youth and Community Centre is putting to good use a new cooker that has recently been installed. Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre have taken delivery of a new cooker thanks to a grant from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership. Thanks to funding from local county councillors

the group were awarded £1500 to purchase and install a new unit. Councillors John Clare, Eddy Adam, Kate Hopper, Paul Howell, Scott Durham, Jim Atkinson and Sarah Iveson supported the project through their Neighbourhood Budgets. After years of use the old cooker was no longer fit for purpose or working as it should. The centre and its user groups were beginning to struggle to provide the cooking services required. The new range master style cooker provides a much needed upgrade and will hopefully encourage new users into the centre, who may have cooking/catering requirements. A group who have benefitted greatly from the new addition is the 'Monday Lunch Club' who meet every Monday at the centre. For a small fee the club, ran solely by a team of dedicated volunteers, provides a two course meal every



the attendees. They also note that it was nice to meet the Councillors who contributed to funding the cooker – thank you." For more information on hiring and/or use of the centre please call 01325 307522

## School Aycliffe Community Association

A Ceramics Course is starting on 26th March this course will be run by MBC Wellbeing and will be for a total of 6 weeks - all levels welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Harker on 07813 523050 for further details. Cyber Safety Talk by Durham Constabulary on how to keep safe online and is suitable for children aged 11 years upwards, 7pm start on Monday 25th March. This is a free event - refreshments will be available to purchase. Please call 07807 134942 to secure a place. The A.G.M. will be held on Monday 8th April, starting at 7.30pm prompt. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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- Christmas Live Concert working with Town Centre Management, handing out presents to children in the town during the day.
- Annual School Year 11 Awards to both our senior schools.
- Local Photo Competition (Quarterly).
- Tesco Fun Day.
- ROF Festival.
- Corporate sponsor of Pioneering Care Partnership and Butterwick Hospice.
- Blue Light Day supporting emergency services.
- Aycliffe Live Music Festival.
- Regular radio interviews with local residents, businesses and politicians.
- A member of our staff is on the Board of Directors for Aycliffe Business Park.
- A member of our staff has been on the committee as a volunteer for GAMP as the 'Business Representative'.
- A member of our staff is volunteering as an 'Enterprise Advisor' working with schools and students to help them with career choices and relevant skills and experiences as outlined by the 'Gatsby Benchmark' for the Tees Valley Combined Authority.
- Winner of the Environmental Awards 2018 in the 'Greener Business' category which cements the companies aim; to produce environmentally friendly print using materials from sustainable sources without the use of chemicals or contaminants, making use of world leading eco-friendly technology. As part of our

sustainability programme we were also involved in a volunteering event where we undertook tree planting for the day. Newton Press will now go into the next stage, the North East finals, taking on winners from Northumberland and Teesside regional finals, on Thursday 16th May at Hardwick Hall. The award was sponsored by Gentoo who were very generous in their praise of the work we do for our community. And all the time, we remembered the father of the company, Syd, and his guiding passion and enthusiasm for the town and people of Newton Aycliffe.

week for over 30 older people. The new cooker is a welcome addition and a great help in providing the quantity and quality of the home cooked food they produce on a weekly basis. Beki Metcalfe, Centre Manager said; "Having a new, reliable cooker means that the Centre has another room that can be hired to user groups wishing to run catering type courses – from healthy eating to certified food hygiene courses. The Monday Lunch Club volunteers can now co-ordinate the meals better, all of the 4 ovens work perfectly with even heat distribution, and they feel that they now have a greater range of menus that they can plan for

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UTC South Durham is based in Aycliffe Business Park and opened in September 2016 founded by regional employers, Hitachi Rail EU and Gestamp Tallent in collaboration with University of Sunderland. Applications for year 10 and year 12 studies for a specialist engineering and technical education at UTC are currently open, and booking for the next open evening is available on the UTC South Durham website: [www.utcsouthdurham.org](http://www.utcsouthdurham.org) - For additional information call 01325 430 250.

## CIVIC SOCIETY

At the next public meeting of Bishop Auckland Civic Society on Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Steve Owers will address the Society on the subject of Search and Rescue in County Durham. Steve, now retired, was District Manager in Durham County Fire Brigade in a 36 year career. He has spent all his professional life rescuing people and property from perilous situations. He has been a member of Teesdale Mountain Rescue for 24 years - a voluntary role which he combines with running courses and expeditions in mountain safety. Free to Civic Society members, Visitors £2.



The Mothers' Union of Great Aycliffe parish are holding their Annual Daffodil Coffee Morning at St. Clare's Church on Saturday 23rd March from 10.00am till 12 noon. Why don't you pop in for a bacon buttie and a cuppa around 11.00am and listen to Aycliffe Village Childrens' Choir. There are several stalls including a fantastic raffle, tombola, home made cake stall and craft stall. We would love to have you here to support our town centre church. Admission is FREE, so what are you waiting for?

## Have a Say on Local Issues

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next board meeting later this month. The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership board will be meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2019, between 6pm and 8pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre, and members of the public are invited to go along to observe proceedings. Local people can also raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the board to address. These ideally need to be put in writing and sent in advance of the meeting. There will be one project proposal being put to the board for approval from Councillors' Neighbourhood Budgets. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting should register in advance by ringing 01325 327441, or by emailing [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk) Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.



## COUNTY NEWSBITS

Compiled by County Councillor John Clare

This week's County Newsbits feature a DCC Cabinet meeting, some great DCC initiatives, a PCVC funding opportunity, an important consultation, a wonderful success for Newton Press ... and some ideas of things to do this Mother's Day weekend. Find more information on my blog at: [bit.ly/CNB104](http://bit.ly/CNB104) And don't forget to join me on POLITICAL / Aycliffe Radio, 6-7:30pm, Sunday 24 March: [bit.ly/ARLIVE](http://bit.ly/ARLIVE)

- COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY NEWS**
- DCC Cabinet meeting (Wolsingham School, Council Finances & Performance, Health & Social Care Plan update), Wednesday 13 March.
  - Well done DCC! Forrest Park featured on the Invest Great Britain exhibition at the MIPIN international investment event in Cannes last week, and Aykley Heads & Integra Bowburn featured on the Invest Newcastle stand.
  - DCC's Operation Spruce Up is coming back to Newton Aycliffe and will focus this time on the Central Avenue area.
  - Wheels to Work - a scheme to help young people having difficulty in getting to work/college by public transport - is to be rolled out to Newton Aycliffe residents.
  - Chat facility introduced at DCC's DurhamWorks 16-24 job initiative.
  - The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership AAP e-bulletin (GAMP-funded project updates, youth sessions at the Youthie, Skills, Mental Health and Hydrotherapy Pool) is published.
  - PCVC Ron Hogg's 'Community Safety Projects and Initiatives' Fund is now open for applications.
  - If you are one of those people who believe that schools should not be used as polling stations, the DCC consultation on polling districts and places ends on 31 March.
  - Well done Newton Press, regional 'Heart of the Community' winners at the North East Business Awards.
  - Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre is now a collection and distribution point for the Red Box Project.
  - Could you help the Newton Aycliffe Police run Community Speed Watches during their 'Week of Action' around road safety and traffic crime, 13-17 May?
  - 'Remembering Resistance' with the Women's Banner Group (a celebration of north-east women's activism plus the women's blue plaque campaign) at Redhills Miners' Hall Durham, 1pm Saturday 30 March, FREE but you must register online.
  - Police Cyber Security talk, School Aycliffe Community Hall, 7pm Monday 25 March, FREE but book a

- place on 07807134942.
- THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK**
- Julia Donaldson's Zog, Gala Theatre Durham, 29-30 March, £13.
- Ground Level 5" Gauge model steam and diesel engines rally, Locomotion Museum Shildon 10am-4pm 29-31 March 2019, FREE.
- Roman Mosaics (5-11s), Palace Green Library, drop in 1-3pm 30-31 March, FREE.
- Japanese Rabbit display (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, drop in 1-3pm Saturday 30 March, FREE.
- Hand-craft a wooden flower for Mother's Day, Low Barns Nature Reserve, 10:30am-1:30pm Saturday 30 March, £3/£5: 01915843112.
- Mothering Sunday at Beamish, Sunday 31 March (entrance fee).

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# GREENFIELD STUDENTS PUT 'FEETFIRST' AT GALA THEATRE



Students from Greenfield Community College took to the stage at Durham Gala Theatre this week with a stunning performance as part of 'Feetfirst', a secondary schools dance showcase. The group of dancers from Greenfield have been taking the event seriously, rehearsing at every opportunity to be the best that they can be. The students made the hard work show in a fabulous performance which was

supported by the guidance and choreography of dance specialist Mrs Dixon (Assistant Headteacher). The event is presented by County Durham Education Development Service and is an evening of dance to celebrate the achievements of talented and creative dancers in secondary schools throughout the region. This demonstrates the commitment across the county to a broad and balanced curriculum. We

are proud to be part of this experience and celebrate our Performing Arts and dedication to the arts and the impact they have on student learning. "Greenfield Community College are committed to engaging students in events such as 'Feetfirst' and experiences that will be memorable and at the same time enrich their learning development." said Executive Headteacher Mr David Priestley.

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# Greenfield Students Debate the Future



Greenfield Arts are working together with Greenfield Community College to bring Unfolding Theatre's Multiverse Arcade to the school. This installation puts the future in your hands through an interactive arcade unit. It asks us to think about the future we want, what change we see happening and how life might be in 2066. Greenfield are delighted to be hosting such an innovative and useful learning tool which has recently been touring as part of the Great Exhibition of the North. Students will have the chance to raise important issues and reflect upon the future and the impact they can make. They will also have

the chance to feedback to members of the community including local councillors, politicians and delegates from local business. Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity, is leading the project and has been encouraging students to have a strong voice, think about contemporary issues and create a platform for debate. Katy has recently been shortlisted for a National Award through the Creative Learning Guild and is a strong advocate of creative learning. Staff at Greenfield are looking forward to the positive learning opportunities that will impact upon the overall learning experience for students.

# HELPING N.A.S.S.L.

Honest John's Aycliffe Community Kitty is now raising funds over the next few weeks for N.A.S.S.L. (National Animal Sanctuary Support League), which was founded over 30 years ago by Ray Mackinlay and Pauline Wilson, two of the most dedicated animal lovers I have ever met. They both reside in Newton Aycliffe and I know that they have helped what must amount to thousands of animals and pet owners over the years in and around the area. They certainly deserve some recognition for the hard work and pure love they have shown towards animals in need, 24/7, but wanting recognition is not their style. They are two genuine folk, with hearts of gold. There for needy animals, young and old. If you would like to support them over the next few weeks at my shop, please come along. They are always in need of cat and dog food, bird seed, old fashioned thick blankets, towels, sheets (not duvets) and of course a few pennies which they do make go a long way! Call in to Honest John's between 10.00am and 4.00pm, six days a week to drop off or browse (closed Sundays). John

# Quiz Night Raises £900 for Under 8 Eagles



The parents of the Newton Aycliffe under 8 eagles held a quiz night last Saturday and raised £700 towards the summer football tournament in Blackpool. Everyone enjoyed a fun quiz with mini games, spot prizes and had pie, peas and roast potatoes for refreshment. A raffle was held at the end of the night with an amazing amount of over 60 prizes up for grabs. A special mention needs to go to the Newton Aycliffe Youth Council who kindly donated £200 towards the fund, another great example of how the community supports one another. The parents would also like

to thank the local businesses within Newton Aycliffe who showed their generosity in donating prizes for the raffle to help generate such a fantastic amount of funds. It is a great showing of community spirit and helping a local team to succeed. With the donation from Honest John for new tracksuits, it takes the total amount raised to over £1300, which is an incredible amount for the team. The funds have gone towards paying for the new tracksuits and rain coats. Paying for every player to go to Blackpool, as well as having enough funds to pay for the boys to take part in an activity at Blackpool and have a sit down meal together. The remaining funds will go towards future parties for the boys. Everyone associated with the eagles would like to express their gratitude for the prizes, buying tickets, coming to the quiz and helping to make the night a massive success. We hope the team have a fantastic trip to Blackpool, make the town proud and create everlasting memories.

# Williamfield Residents

**Wednesday 3rd April at 2.00pm**  
**Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale Place**  
 We would like to bring this residents group into a permanent group. With bus trips, coffee mornings and possible bingo sessions. We would like residents to help and join this group. Nearly every other area in Newton Aycliffe has a Residents Group. Williamfield Residents was very active from 2002 until 2013, please will you help to make it this way again for the benefit for all our residents, young and old. Please attend this meeting. We are also looking for committee members. Ring 01325 308094 for details.

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2-4pm	The Saturday Big Show	Graham Dale
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
<b>"The Saturday Night Experience"</b>		
6-8pm	Evening Session	JimJams
8-9pm	Chart & Dance Remixes	Alan Hastie
9-10pm	Retro Tech House Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa
SUNDAY		
10-11am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
11-12pm	<b>Woodham performance of "Grease"</b>	
12-1.30pm	Sports Round Up (R)	Darren & Lee
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL	John D. Clare
24th Mar - Guests: Fraser Tinsley, Chris Varty, Joey Collins and Cllr Hannah Walter		
8-10pm	The Live Rock Show	"CAD"
24th Mar - Guest: Lance Nixon, The Forum, Darlington		
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad
MONDAY		
9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
<b>"Through the Decades"</b>		
6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Paul Gittins
9-10pm	90s Show	Paul Baker
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Steven Harrison
TUESDAY		
9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
<b>Sports Show sponsored by Honest John</b>		
6-7.30pm	Sports Round UP	Darren & Lee
26th Mar - Luke Telford & Ian Palmer (Cricket)		
7.30-9.30pm	Northern & Classic Soul	Kevin Sowerby
9.30-12am	Motown Classics	
WEDNESDAY		
9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
<b>TTO &amp; Community Connect sponsored by ROF59</b>		
5-6.30pm	Tea-Time Out	Phil & Amy
6.30-8pm	Community Connect	Amy & Phil
8-10pm	Alternative Aycliffe	Gary & Alby
THURSDAY		
9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-5pm	MusicMania	JAG
6-7.30pm	POLITICAL (R)	John D. Clare
8-10pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote
FRIDAY		
9-11am	Golden Years	Paul Baker
12-1pm	A to Z of Pop	Richard Smith
1-3pm	Paul Baker in the Afternoon	Paul Baker
3-4pm	The Weekend Starts Here	Kieron Mills
6-8pm	Tech-House Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	Guest Presenter Session	
29th Mar - BeatRoote (House Mix)		

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## Film Show

### "FENCES"

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St. Clare's Church on Tuesday 26th March features the 2016 period drama "FENCES" Starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis. Set in 1950's Pittsburgh, it is the story of a former negro-league baseball player, not allowed into the (white only) major league baseball, trying to provide for those he loves in a world that threatens to push him down. Viola Davis won Best Supporting Actress for her role. Everyone is welcome, please come and enjoy. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2, the film starts at 1.15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

## RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Dear Sir,  
On 20th February, Durham County Council passed a 'Climate Emergency' motion, pledging to make both the Council, and County Durham, carbon neutral as quickly as possible. In my role as DCC Cabinet Support: Economy & Regeneration, this falls within my purview and thus, last week, I attended the 'Big Energy Summit' conference in Warwick. I was one of the speakers at the conference, and was able to tell delegates about the amazing work being done by DCC's Low Carbon team, which has seen carbon emissions in both the Council and the County fall by 40% since 2010 (two years ahead of target).  
**THE PROBLEMS FACING US**  
I also shared some personal views about the task facing us. For all its success, DCC has still to cut or to

offset 60,000 tonnes CO2e per annum, and County Durham as a whole needs to lose 2.5 million tonnes CO2 pa. Outside the Council, DCC has no powers of enforcement, will be losing EU funding, and faces a huge task facilitating the retrofit of domestic and industrial buildings, the creation of the necessary infrastructure for low-carbon energy & heating, and the decarbonising of traffic and farming. I wonder how many people realise that zero-carbon requires a move away from gas central heating? Or that the national grid would be unable to service a significant increase in the number of electric vehicles? Or that modern animal husbandry contributes perhaps a fifth of all our carbon emissions? Or that we do not have a sufficient workforce with the skills to install and maintain carbon neutral systems? I also shared my personal agreement with the 'Silesia Declaration' that was passed at last year's COP24 UN Climate Change Conference – that if we are to bring in carbon neutrality and renewable energy, we must do so without damaging the economy or losing jobs.

**LESSONS FROM THE CONFERENCE**  
However, having got all the negatives off my chest, I came home FULL of ideas!! It was useful to be able to hear about the amazing work being done by Bristol, Warrington, Nottingham City and Dumfries & Galloway Councils. And I heard very helpful presentations by representatives from the government's Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and other experts on: EVs; data developments; how to plan and fund energy efficiency/low carbon projects; retrofit Trustmark; LEP Regional Hubs et al. If you are interested, I have posted my notes on all the presentations online here: <http://bit.ly/APSE19>

The DCC Climate Emergency motion requires a report to Full Council before September with the actions the Council will need to take to achieve a carbon neutral Council and County, so I will keep you updated on the progress of this ELE issue.

CLLr John D Clare  
(DCC Cabinet Support:  
Economy & Regeneration)

## Woodham Academy Celebrates World Book Day



Students at Woodham Academy had lots of fun on World Book Day celebrating authors, illustrators, books and of course - reading! The English department at Woodham dressed up as their favourite book characters once again – and much to the delight of the students. This year, Year 7 were invited to dress up too. The quality and effort that had gone into the costumes made choosing a winner a real challenge. The prize however, was awarded to Joe Ingman (pictured) who dressed as Greg from the popular fictional series Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Lunchtime in the Reading Rooms saw a whole host of activities to engage the students with books. The students particularly enjoyed a competition where staff had sent in photos of their bookshelves and the students had to guess who the 'shelfie' belonged to. Miss Thomas

(Reading Coordinator) said "Here at Woodham reading is at the heart of everything we do, but we also have a responsibility to make reading relevant and current." She went on to add "we have heavily invested in the reading resources we have in school, we are committed to providing the latest novels, and moreover ensuring that all students in Year 7 make rapid progress when it comes to reading". Thank you to all students and parents who participated. We're already looking forward to next year!

## OUTRAGED MP OVER HITACHI SNUB

Dear Sir,  
When I was informed Hitachi's joint bid with Bombardier lost out to Siemens for the contract to build Deep Tube trains I found the decision disappointing to say the least. But when I discovered that Transport for London were aware the majority of these trains would be built in Austria not the UK, the decision is not just disappointing but outrageous. Originally I was informed that Siemens would be building a new factory in Google as part of the deal. However, following a Freedom of Information request, it appears that TfL knew that Siemens intended to build trains in Vienna. It leads me to wonder whether any of the trains will be built in the UK?

Workers I have spoken to from the Newton Aycliffe Hitachi are angry, and they have every right to be. The decision to award the contract to Siemens undermines a commitment to manufacturing in the UK. I have written to the London Mayor and TfL to raise my concerns about the decision that was made. I also intend to raise the issue with the Business Secretary Greg Clark and Transport Secretary Chris Grayling who last month said the government "would do everything it can" for Hitachi.  
Phil Wilson, MP

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON POLLING DISTRICTS

Voters in County Durham are being encouraged to have their say in election arrangements for their area. Durham County Council is carrying out a review of all polling districts, places and stations and is asking residents for their views. The authority is legally required to undertake a review every five years, giving people the chance to offer any suggestions for changes to specific polling places and districts, as well as the suitability of polling places, including access and any potential alternatives. A polling district is a geographical sub-division of an electoral ward, while a polling place is the area of a building where a polling station is located. A polling station is the place where electors cast their vote. **The consultation is open until Sunday, 31 March.** Comments can be emailed to [electoralservices@durham.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@durham.gov.uk) or posted to Electoral Services, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL.

## Letter re. 'Brexit Bung'

Dear Sir,  
I refer to the above 'article' in last week's Newton News which was not attributed to any writer.

The Article is a re-write of the history of Austerity and a propaganda attack on the democratic majority Leave vote. It is also misleading with regards to Regional Funding post Brexit. The organisation quoted, 'Best for Britain' want us to remain E.U. members and, unlike the Leave campaign, is establishment funded.

### Potted history of Austerity.

1. The Banks, which were not properly regulated under New Labour PM's Blair and Brown, crashed, leaving Britain on the verge of bankruptcy on our credit rating at risk. [Remember the out-going Treasury Minister left a note for the Conservatives to the effect that there was no money left!]  
2. The General Election, in which the Conservatives suggested austerity, not as a policy of choice, but as a necessity, resulted in the Coalition Government.  
3. At the next General Election Cameron proposed more Austerity and a Referendum on E.U. membership while Labour's Ed. Milliband offered 'Austerity-Lite. Cameron was elected, only to stand down when Vote Leave won the promised Referendum. [He had campaigned for Remain].

From the above it is evident that Labour were mainly responsible for the Banking crisis and that Austerity was not ideological; rather it was a necessity and its continuation was mandated by the electorate when they elected David Cameron's Government.  
**Local Government and Austerity.**

Despite austerity, virtually all Local Authorities have managed to meet their statutory levels of service. Indeed, Durham County Council was still able to transfer its £3.4M loans to Durham Cricket Club into shares in the failing enterprise during austerity. In response to 'Best for Britain's' claim that Local Government funding cuts of £8.3 billion have been "devastating", as a taxpayer I can only say that Local Government still exists and is delivering its services in a much more streamlined way that represents better value for money. The success of Local Government absorbing the cuts begs the question; what would the £8.3 billion have been wasted on had it not been cut due to austerity? Indeed, during the austerity period the Government has created 3.2 million new jobs

and have, presumably, re-employed the workers that Local Authorities had to make redundant to become more efficient. As a taxpayer this is a win-win situation. I don't feel devastated.

### E.U. Regional Grants.

The E.U. does not have any money! It collects taxpayer's money from the richer member states and distributes it to less well-off member states. Britain is a nett contributor – we get back £8 to £10 billion LESS than we pay in.

WHEN we leave the E.U. we will no longer contribute money, for the E.U. to distribute only a PART of our contribution to British Regions. Our Government will decide on its own, where and how, to distribute the monies it would otherwise have contributed to the E.U. That is, there will be more money to be distributed (plus approx. £8 to £10 billion pa - commonly known as, "the Brexit dividend"). For this reason you should ensure that you vote for a party which wanted to Leave the E.U. and which, unlike Labour/Momentum, represents the whole of Britain and is not controlled by Corbyn from London. Personally, I've decided never again to vote for a pro-E.U. candidate.

Yours sincerely,  
Alastair P.G. Welsh

## LOADING OR UNLOADING?

Dear Sir,  
I was really disappointed after visiting Homeplan recently to purchase a few items and wood.

I don't live near Newton Aycliffe, but I do try to support the town, and Homeplan is a shop I use regularly as it's not often you get the friendly service that they offer.

I was in the shop six minutes, came out of the shop to find I had a £70 parking ticket. Worse still I couldn't find the warden anywhere.

Why have a loading bay outside a shop and then when you're loading you get a ticket?

I was told I may have been too long, I waited in a queue, I discussed what I wanted, paid for it and he went to get it, I was observed for 5 minutes and when I came back to my car a taxi driver told me the warden had scurried off down the road.

Certainly puts you off shopping in Newton Aycliffe.  
G Lee



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## AGM

Dear Members,  
**Just to inform you the Annual General Meeting of the RAFA Club, Barrington Road will be held on Wednesday 27th March 2019.** The time of doors closing will be 8.00pm. **Please would all members please attend promptly.**  
Hon Secretary  
A Young

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# NAWMC The Big Club - The Journey So Far

A new Management Team was co-opted into place in September 2017. Their task was to steer the Club out of severe financial difficulties, at the start the new financial year in October 2017.

The team inherited a significant debt legacy, declining sales and an operating loss of over £1000 per week. The Clubs Accountants made it quite clear that if immediate steps weren't taken to rectify the current trading performance, bankruptcy was imminent.

The turning point in the Clubs fortunes was the sale of the ex-steward's house in November along with an unrepresented investment from several members. The combination of the two pots of monies allowed the Management Team to settle the debt legacy in full.

A recovery plan was put in place with the immediate priorities being to take cost out of the supplier base and increase bar sales revenue. Negotiations with all suppliers resulted in several changes to the supply base, with significant cost savings being achieved for the year ahead. The major supplier was the brewery partner. Despite several years of continual service the partnership only served to fuel the decline and increase the debt.

The team then set an ambitious sales growth plan. The plan included actions to increase the membership and enticing lapsed members back into the Club. Given the lack of investment in the structure of the building, along with the dated decor, a major challenge lay ahead. On a "shoe string" budget the Management Team supported by several dedicated members, started refurbishing and decorating areas throughout the Club. One major spark of inspiration was the conversion of a small, infrequently used, lounge into what was surely Newton Aycliffe's first dedicated Gin Bar. In the past year this bar has contributed nearly half of the double digit sales growth achieved by the Club.

Throughout the early part of 2018 the bar sales continued to grow and were underpinned by regular entertainment events in the concert hall. Getting the right blend of entertainment, to convince members to return to weekend events, took some time and a lot of hard work. A mix of local up and coming acts and tribute acts soon began to pay dividends and now some eighteen months later the 2019 events calendar is almost full.

Due to the England football teams progress to the World Cup semi finals, bar sales started to escalate as members supported the games on mass. Our Club Steward, Gary Hepple, provided a varied selection of bar food to compliment the occasion and the atmosphere in the Club reached new

levels of positivity.

The half year accounts demonstrated a significant overall improvement in all areas of the Clubs business, which brought a level of stability and growing confidence for the future. However, to attain future prosperity a real step change was required. This change was achieved by introducing a new primary brewery supplier in November. Following months of negotiations an agreement was reached with Heineken UK. Heinekens promise was to provide our members with an unbeatable product range with quality guaranteed by installing the latest cellar technology, Smart Dispense. Our members have embraced the change and once again supported the Club with increased custom. Today we are proud of the progress made in such a short time by the Management Team, Steward and Bar Staff and not forgetting the incredible support from the membership. The Big Club still retains it's roots as a working men's club but it now has so much more to offer. Members now have enhanced options including, the main bar, the Sheraton Bar, the Copper Room (House of Gin), newly refurbished concert hall delivering weekly quality entertainment and the upstairs lounge for Saturday night regulars to enjoy. In addition, we have a vision to create a community hub to fully utilise the building and offer a wider choice of facilities. Play Cafe use the Club during school holidays to provide activities and support to families in need. The Town Band holds twice weekly practise sessions. Weight Watchers on a Thursday evening. Zumba classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Newton Aycliffe Community Spirit Group held the first of many craft and trade fairs in early March and will also be staging under twelves discos.

Many charity organisations, such as Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club and Aycliffe Community Engagement, are now using the Club to host charity nights for some very worthy causes. Two new additions to the Club are our football team who play in the Wear Valley Sunday League and have reached the Division 2 Cup Final at the end of April The Big Club darts team who play in the Durham Super League.

With the funding and a team of dedicated volunteers, the club have transformed the washrooms, made much needed repairs and re-decorated the concert room. The improvements and transformations have been greatly received by members and users of the club and its facilities.



Big Club Football Team



## Big Club Make Big Improvements

Newton Aycliffe Workingmen's Club (The Big Club) are delighted with the grant awarded from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) which has enabled a scheme of refurbishment to the Concert Hall area. Funding secured through (GAMP) via the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of County Councillors Jim Atkinson and Sarah Iveson, allowed the club to make improvements to various areas of the club.

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members and users of the club and its facilities. Alan Nelson, Club Secretary, said: "The grant from GAMP has allowed us to rejuvenate one of the Club's most important assets. Our concert hall, which accommodates up to 350 people, has been

underutilised for many years. Attracting guests was proving difficult due to the antiquated deco and poor condition of the washroom facilities. The finished project now offers modern decor throughout the hall and washrooms reflecting the standards required.

Weekend entertainment events are seeing a significant increase in attendance. The hall is also now in high demand from many organisations wanting to hold functions throughout the week as well as weekends. We are starting to realise our vision for the club becoming a Community hub, to be enjoyed by as many different organisations and individuals across Newton Aycliffe as possible".



Gin Bar (before)



Gin Bar



Gin Bar

## The Sheraton Bar - Before & After



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## MEMORY WALK FOR HOSPICE

My good friend, Karen Anderson, lost her son John McRoberts in December to cancer. She has thrown herself into helping St. Teresa's Hospice that helped her son and her family in this very difficult time.

Karen has organised a Memory Walk in fancy dress on Saturday 23rd March, starting from The Bay Horse, Middridge. There will be at least 30 participants. The group will meet at The Bay Horse at 9.00am and setting off around 10.00am.

Can I thank The Bay Horse, as they are providing participants with food and refreshments before we start. Young and old will be walking, if the weather is good, possibly some prams too.

We will be visiting Aycliffe Town Centre on the way and will continue marching on, buckets in hand, till we reach the hospice.

John was a local lad and the treatment he received and the support the family received, was amazing. So we would like to highlight the good work they do, with the stamp of our feet all the way to Darlington. When we arrive at the hospice we hope they will accept a gift in appreciation.

Karen would like that the hospice are recognised and appreciated for the good work they do, also that awareness of this charity is out there and can receive donations.

## D.I.N.O. (Democracy In Name Only) People

In 1979 Scotland voted FOR Devolution by 51.62%, turnout was 63.72%. In 1997 Wales voted FOR Devolution by 50.30%, turnout was 50.22% in 2004 the North East of England voted by 77.93% NO - against an Elected Assembly for the North East, turnout was 47.71% In 2011 The Country voted NO to the Alternative Vote System by 67.90%, turnout was 42.20%. In all the above referendums no one, I repeat no one, asked for a rerun it was called democracy and the will of the people had to be respected and implemented.

At the EU referendum, sorry I meant Peoples Vote, on 23rd June 2016 County Durham people voted 59.35% to Leave, turnout was 68.7%. Nationally it was 51.95% Leave, turnout was 72.21%. In the 2017 General Election both the Tories and Labour promised in their manifestos to respect the EU Referendum result plus Ukip representing 82.20% of the vote with a turnout of 68.7%. 27,142,411 out of 32,181,756 people voted for parties that promised to deliver Brexit.

Even our MP Phil Wilson, in his now infamous anti Corbyn letter in the 2017 General Election, stated "I put local people and local concerns first, from backing Brexit, etc..."

Many people who voted remain not only accepted the majority decision but recognise the danger to our system of democracy of not doing so. They would not necessarily vote remain in a second referendum precisely because it would undermine democracy and the rule of law.

There have been 20 General Elections in Britain since 1945. These resulted in 11 Conservative led governments and 9 Labour ones. Twice the party with the most votes did not win the most seats.

No single party has ever received more than a 50% share of the votes. No single party has ever received more than 40% of the total electorate. In 11 of the 20 elections, the Conservative vote majority over Labour or the Labour vote majority over Conservative, was smaller than the Leave majority over Remain in the 2016 referendum.

On no occasion since 1945 has there been a widespread campaign to rubbish any general election result on the basis that the support for the party with the most parliamentary seats was insufficient to justify that party forming a government. If there can be two referendums, why leave it at that, why not make it the best of three or five. To justify the gamble, Remain would have to win convincingly - with a bigger majority than they lost by in 2016, and on a bigger turnout.

Some Remainers would like us to continue having referendums until they get the result they want. But if they got the result they want, why would we not demand further referendums again, till we got what we want.

Those Remoaners who say that 17.4 million people did not know what they were voting for, in a straight in or out referendum, as David Cameron made absolutely clear on National Television and the government in its £9 million booklets to every household, no ifs no buts, not subject to deals, just in or out; must also accept that the 16.1 million Remain Voters didn't have a clue either. Accept democracy or go and live in "socialist Venezuela or a few other tinpot dictatorships still around. If you do not respect democracy and the rule of law, how can you expect others to respect you.

Arun M Chandran

## Catherine Achieves Durham County RFU U18s Girls' Team Dream with Crossfit!



My name is Catherine Batty and I am 16 years old. My fitness journey started by played netball for my school, St Johns. I was OK and enjoyed playing, however I preferred more contact! So, I started to play rugby and I loved it. I began playing for Bishop Auckland under 15s girls' team and succeeded in getting a place on Durham County RFU U15s team in my first season, but didn't get to play as my fitness levels weren't up to scratch. During my second season I decided to try for county again and I failed to get selected. It was disappointing, but it meant I had to try harder to improve my fitness to hopefully get selected the next season.

In the winter of 2017, my younger brothers did a taster session with CrossFit All Out in Newton Aycliffe. After a bit of persuasion from my mum, I decided I would give the academy for 11-16's a try. I started attending 1 session a week because it was hard work, but after a few weeks decided to add a second session and I gradually increased it to 3 sessions a week.

I could see that my fitness was improving and with Coaches Terry and Vicki encouraging me more and more, I could see my fitness improving more. However, I was aware that as I turned 16 in December, I would have to consider moving to an adult class. I discussed this with Terry and in January 2019 I decided to join the 6am adults' class.

I quickly started doing 3 sessions a week and could again see my fitness and strength improving dramatically by being pushed by Coach Allen to RX the workouts when appropriate, lift heavier and being more inspired by the other adults in the class.

With this improved fitness and it still improving, I attended the County Rugby Trials with more optimism than the season before. The

trials were very physically challenging but because of the mental strength and improved physical ability CrossFit All Out had helped me achieve, I managed to show enough skill and fitness to be selected for the Durham County RFU U18s girls' team for the 2019 season! CrossFit has provided a whole new sphere of opportunities for me, both in sport by being selected for the County Rugby Team, to the rest of my life by just having more confidence. It's been the best form of exercise I've found and thanks to the amazing coaches I'm hitting new PB's and improving week after week.

To anyone even considering joining I'd say do it! It will help both physically and mentally - and you'll meet loads of amazing new people while improving yourself!

## CHARITY LADIES NIGHT

The Friends of Heighington School are holding a Charity Ladies Night, in order to raise funding for Heighington C of E Primary School.

The event is taking place on Friday 29th March in Heighington Village Hall. The evening will have numerous stalls and a licenced bar.

We are requesting any donations to go into the raffle/auction, contact the number below.

Ticket sales are now open and if anyone would like to attend please contact Claire on 07710 079427 or Natalie on 07775 913038. This is a closed ticketed event.

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## N.A.F.C. REPORT



Newton Aycliffe travelled to second-placed Consett and came away with a well earned point in a 1-1 draw. A strong wind was blowing down the ground, and this affected the play, with Consett having the better of the first half and Aycliffe getting the upper hand in the second half. The early exchanges were even, with Juul shooting straight at Adam Pickford in the Aycliffe goal, and Shaun

Hudson repeating the feat, shooting straight at Hayes in the Consett goal. Consett took the lead on 17 minutes. A cross was headed clear but went straight to Sweet, who volleyed a shot into the corner of the net. Consett then had a spell of pressure, with Mackay, Purewal and Juul all hitting shots wide. Aycliffe fashioned a good move on 36 minutes which ended with Hayes producing a good save from Hudson. Consett came straight back and Pickford made a great save from a Craggs free kick, tipping the ball over the bar. Pickford made an even better save four minutes later when Mackay hit a strong shot from distance which required a dive at full stretch to stop. Aycliffe had the wind behind them in the second half, and they got off to a great start. Ethan Wood picked up a loose ball, dribbled past

three players and drove a low shot into the corner for 1-1. Aycliffe got on top, with man-of-the-match Kevin Carr prompting attacks. Kurt Matthews and Carr both got shots away but didn't trouble Hayes. Tom Gavin hit a free kick just over the bar. Smith hit a good shot for Consett narrowly wide on 76 minutes. Aycliffe were unlucky a minute later when Consett somehow scrambled the ball away off the line. Ethan Wood nearly won it for Aycliffe in injury time when his shot came back off the post. Final score 1-1. Next match is away to Sunderland RCA on Saturday 23rd March at 3pm. MOTM: Carr. Attendance: 318. Cautions: Matthews & Mitton. Subs: Metz for Matthews (61m), Richardson for Gash (74m).

## AGM

**School Aycliffe Community Hall will be holding their annual A.G.M. on Monday 8th April. The meeting will start at 7.30pm prompt. For those attending would you please get there as early as possible?**

## Darlo F.C. Sedgefield 75 Swimmers Weekend Winners

Darlington Football Club have arranged two more Soccer Camps for the Easter holidays.

Their first camp, held during the February half term break, was a big success and the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the visits of star striker Stephen Thompson and manager Tommy Wright, as well as receiving some top quality coaching. Everyone thought that the cost of £12 per day was very good value, and it will be the same price for the two forthcoming camps, which are between 8th and 12th April, then 15th and 19th April. Details are available from Liam Coates on 07903 614570.

Meanwhile, Quakers have signed Omar Holness, a Jamaican international. Forward Holness, 25, has been capped twice for his country, and has been playing for Real Salt Lake and Bethlehem Steel in Major League Soccer in the States.

He's been joined in the dressing room by two lads from the Academy at Premier League club Huddersfield. Striker Kit Elliott has been on the books of Chelsea and Crystal Palace, while defender Ben Jackson joined Huddersfield four years ago.

All of them will be in the Darlington squad for Quakers' next game, at Nuneaton on Saturday. Quakers' home game against Chester was postponed last Saturday because of a waterlogged pitch, and has been re-arranged for next Wednesday 27th March kick off 7.45pm



Absolutely fantastic results this weekend for the Sedgefield 75 swimmers, as they took to the pool at Billingham for the 'Off the Blocks' gala hosted by Richmond Dales ASC.

12 swimmers competed in a total of 53 swims, bringing home 46 medals and an outstanding 43 Personal Best times. These totals do speak for themselves as every single swimmer brought home at least one medal AND a personal best time, which shows how much hard work they have put into their training.

Competing for Sedgefield were: Charlie McEwan, Charlotte Lee, Chloe Harding, Ethan Craig, Ewan John, Katelyn Craig, Kathryn Lee, Lewis Turnbull, Mateusz Wilczynski, Oliver Turnbull, Tom Curran and Zoe Hodgson.

Charlie McEwan took Gold in the 50 Free, Silver in the 50 Back and Bronze in the 100 Back. Charlotte Lee took Gold in the 200 Breast and Silver in the 100 Breast and 100 IM.

Chloe Harding took Gold in the 50 Fly and Bronze in the 100 IM and 50 Breast. Ethan Craig took Gold in the 200 Back and 50 Fly, Silver in the 100 Back and 100 IM and Bronze in the 50 Back.

Ewan John took Gold in the 50 Fly and Bronze in the 100 IM, 100 Free and 50 Breast. Katelyn Craig took Gold in the 100 Back and 100 Free and Silver in the 100 IM, 100 Fly and 200 Free.

Kathryn Lee took Gold in the 50 Fly, 200 Back and 50 Back, Silver in the 100 Back and Bronze in the 50 Free and 100 Free.

Lewis Turnbull took Bronze in the 50 Back. Mateusz Wilczynski had a super weekend taking Gold in 50 Back, 200 Fly, 100 Back, 100 IM, 200 Back and 50

Breast. Oliver Turnbull took Silver in the 50 Free, 200 Free, 100 Breast and 200 Breast.

Tom Curran took Gold in the 50 Back, 50 Free, 200 Free and 50 Fly and Silver in the 100 Free.

Zoe Hodgson took Gold in the 100 IM. Following her success at the N&D's, Emma Price competed in her first 800m swim at Tynemouth gala, bringing home a Gold medal.

Every swimmer who competed this weekend at Billingham and Tynemouth should be extremely proud of themselves as the effort and determination shown in training and at the galas has certainly achieved the rewarding success you all deserve.

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## Local Rapper Doing His Bit For Mental Health

The "Mind EP" by local artist Lew BYG, will be released on 19th May 2019 and will be available to stream and buy from all major platforms such as Spotify, iTunes, Amazon Music, Google Play and more.

If anyone would like a physical copy of the CD you can contact Lew himself and he will send you one.

It will feature a couple of fellow North East artists such as King Tigaro and Endem from Legitimate Anarchy Records as well as some solo tracks from Lew BYG. A lot of the tracks throughout the project have a lot of reference to mental health issues and are persuading people to speak out more about these things. All proceeds from the first month after the release date will go to Mind Mental Health charity and Lew BYG is always willing to talk to anyone about any issues they might have or if they want to get into music themselves as he has found it has helped him with his own mental health problems over the years.



We also think this is going to be great for the local area as someone is taking a step forward and trying to make a change with these things, whether people take note or not, it's good to let people know they're not alone. If you want to check out any of Lew BYG's stuff in the meantime you can find him on Spotify and go SUBSCRIBE to his YouTube channel by searching "Lew BYG" which has a brand new music video which has recently been released and is actually one of the feature tracks from the Mind EP. Contact Lew on: Facebook: [lewybygmusic](https://www.facebook.com/lewybygmusic) Instagram: [@lewybygmusic](https://www.instagram.com/lewybygmusic) Twitter: [@LewBYG](https://twitter.com/LewBYG) YouTube: Lew BYG

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# Ron Hogg at ACORN Coach Trip to Tynemouth



Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg, was given a warm welcome when he attended a meeting of Acorn Community Association on Thursday 14th March, answering questions from local residents and briefing them.

New Friends, New Places group for older people or any lonely people, regardless of age. We celebrated our 10th anniversary since starting in 2008. Ten fantastic years with never a dull moment. We invite you to join us on Sunday 7th April for an outing to Tynemouth - cost is only £5. Picking up at Wilkinsons bus stop, town centre at 10.00am; Stephenson Way Cemetery bus stop, 10.10am. Please ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 to book. There will be many more

trips throughout the summer including Whitby, Hawes Cheese Factory, Stanhope, Alnwick, Whitby, Saltburn, Scarborough, Harrogate, Helmsley and Lavenderfield. Come and join our club, we meet every Tuesday at the Navy Club, Burnhill Way at 1.30pm. We enjoy going out for meals, theatre visits, line dancing, armchair aerobics and a singer monthly, we play bingo and have quizzes plus much more. A group of our members go ten pin bowling every month. Membership is £3.00 per year and £2 per week subs. "You come as strangers and leave as friends" is our Motto. Please ring 308094 or 07967 901477 for further details.

# AUTHOR'S DELIGHT AS ZOG TAKES TO THE STAGE

Gruffalo author Julia Donaldson has spoken of the power of books and theatre to transport people to a different reality ahead of a live adaptation of her award-winning story Zog. Freckle Productions will



present Mike Shepherd's stage adaptation of Zog at the Gala Theatre in Durham on Friday, 29 March, and Saturday, 30 March. The much-loved story of the enthusiastic dragon and his efforts to excel at Madam Dragon's School has captivated children and adults alike, with Alex Scheffler's illustrations adding to its appeal. Millions of people watched a television adaptation of the book on BBC One on Christmas Day, and now North-East fans can enjoy another visit to Zog's magical world. Designed by Katie Sykes, the production features a cast of five actor-musicians who will bring the world of Zog to life with a live folk score and inventive handcrafted puppets. Julia Donaldson is delighted Zog is making his theatrical debut.

The Gruffalo author said: "I'm tremendously excited that Zog will be taking flight around the UK in this first ever stage production. Going to the theatre can be a truly magical experience, I know it will be such a thrill to see the world of Zog being brought to life on stage. "I suppose in a way it's the same thing that a book gives you, in that while you're reading or watching, you believe in a different reality. And if it's a good show, parents love to see that their children - even very young ones - can just be transfixed by it." Performances will take place at 4.30pm on Friday, 29 March, and 11am, 2pm and 4pm on Saturday, 30 March. Tickets cost £13 and £11 for concessions or groups of ten or more people. To book, visit www.galadurham.co.uk or 03000 266 600.

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# OPERATION SPRUCE UP VISITS MORE COUNTY VILLAGES

A campaign which encourages residents to get together to ensure their neighbourhoods look their best is showing no signs of slowing down in 2019. Durham County Council's Operation Spruce Up has already visited West Cornforth and Ushaw Moor this year and is heading to Newton Aycliffe and Wolsingham in the coming months. Launched in November 2016, the deep cleaning programme sees council workers join forces with residents, schools and businesses to improve the

local environment. It has proven a great success, winning Campaign of the Year at Keep Britain Tidy Awards 2018. In Ushaw Moor, the Spruce Up team focused on the B6302, Broom Lane, Boundary Close, Station Road and surrounding areas. In West Cornforth, they concentrated on High Street, Station Road, The Oval and surrounding areas. Work included sweeping and clearing footpaths, replacing old bins, repairing benches and fencing, removing weeds from paths and green spaces, pruning and replanting shrub beds, clearing gullies, pruning trees, a litter pick and painting and maintaining bollards, fences and benches. The council's Civic Pride team also delivered assemblies at Silver Tree Primary School and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School in Ushaw Moor about the importance of looking after the local environment. Silver Tree staff and

pupils also helped the campaign's mascot Tidy Ted plant summer bedding planters, while St Joseph's pupils produced posters encouraging residents to care for the area as a part of a competition. The winning poster will be displayed on the school gates and in businesses and community buildings across the village. In West Cornforth, the work was complemented by additional planting in the High Street, funded by local county councillors. Land was also prepared for a new nature area, which will be packed full of bird and bee friendly plants. In Spring, Durham County Council staff will plant up the area alongside volunteers from Cornforth in Bloom, Cornforth Partnership and Cornforth Parish Council. Oliver Sherratt, head of environment at Durham County Council, said: "Operation Spruce Up is a great initiative as it targets one area at a time in a co-ordinated and concentrated

manner. "This means residents can see a real difference in a short period of time, and by encouraging communities to get involved, it creates a sense of local pride. "I am delighted the campaign is continuing to make such a positive difference in towns and villages all over our beautiful county." To find out more about the campaign, visit www.durham.gov.uk/spruceup

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**No Recommendations for Improvement for Gold Standard Health Team**

Auditors were so impressed by a local authority's work to help its workforce stay healthy that they took the unprecedented step of making no recommendations for improvement following a recent inspection.

Every five years the Durham County Council Occupational Health Team is assessed for the Safe and Effective Quality Occupational Health Service (SEQOHS) external quality mark.

This year they again successfully proved that they meet rigorously high standards in all of the six key areas:

- Business probity, conducting their business with integrity and maintaining financial propriety

- Information governance, maintaining clinical records to high standards, implementing systems which are correctly accessed, stored and disposed of, and protecting confidentiality

- People, ensuring that occupational health staff are competent and qualified to undertake their duties

- Ensuring that facilities and equipment are safe, accessible and appropriate and that medicines are handled correctly

- Relationships with purchasers, dealing fairly and ethically with purchasers and being customer-focussed

- Relationships with workers, ensuring that all service users are treated fairly, respectfully and professionally and involving them in decisions about their care

After submitting a thorough portfolio of evidence and undergoing a site audit visit including interviews, the assessors congratulated the team in a number of areas. They also made no recommendations for improvement, which is unprecedented in the auditor's history.

The occupational health team offers independent advice and support to employees and managers on matters relating to the effects of health on work and work on health. Services are available to all staff at Durham County Council and local authority maintained schools in the county, as well as various other regional councils and the majority of County Durham's academies.

The team of 11 full and part time staff provide a wide



range of services including:

- Conducting pre-employment assessments, fitness to work assessments and ill health retirement applications
- Immunising and inoculating staff against occupationally acquired viruses
- Running health surveillance screening programmes to check the risk to staff of developing conditions such as hand arm vibration

Kevin Lough, Durham County Council's occupational health and safety manager, said: "It is

essential that we keep our workforce healthy, both physically and mentally, especially in the modern workplace.

"We strive to protect and promote our employees' wellbeing and it is fantastic to receive recognition for our work. We are always looking at ways to improve the way we work, so for auditors to tell us there is no way we could do any better is massively rewarding. "I'd like to thank the occupational health team for their dedication to providing a quality service and the great deal of effort they have invested to achieve this 'gold standard'."

**STILL TIME TO SHAPE ALLOTMENT POLICY IN COUNTY**

Ensuring allotments are the thriving horticultural centres they should be is at the heart of a review on how key green spaces are maintained in County Durham.

Allotment tenants, waiting list applicants and residents are all urged to get involved in the Durham County Council consultation, which looks at allotment provision across the county and how activities on them should be managed.

The consultation began last month and runs until Saturday, 31 March, meaning there is still time to help shape new policies clarifying what allotment tenants can and cannot do on their plots in the future.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for culture, leisure and rural issues at Durham County Council, said: "Allotments are wonderful places that allow people to grow their own fruit and vegetables. This not only enriches diets by providing nutritious food, but can improve mental health, as connecting with nature and spending time in the fresh air has been shown to boost our sense of wellbeing.

"It is very important we protect allotments and ensure they are available to those who genuinely wish to enjoy horticulture activities. I would encourage anyone with an interest in the future of allotments to get involved in this consultation."

The council owns 159 allotment sites across the county. Of these, 106 are managed by the council, and the remaining 53 sites are managed by allotment associations on its behalf.

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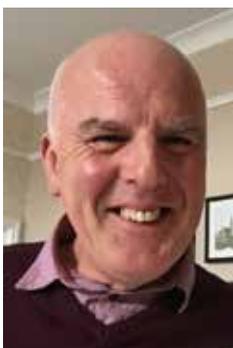
### Happy Birthday Grandad



#### To the world's Best Grandad

Hope you enjoyed our visit on your birthday!  
Love you loads, Joshua, Noah, Sophie, Luke & Casey James

### ANDREW HILL



#### Happy 60th Birthday

To a wonderful Hubby and Dad. Hope you had a super 60th.  
Love from Wendy, Claire, Craig, Katie and Richard

### KYRA ROSE WALKER



#### Happy 18th Birthday

We are all so proud of the young woman you have grown into.  
Have a great day.  
Love from Mam, Grandma, Grandad and Family

**GLADYS LAING** Happy 90th birthday to a very special Mam, Mam-in-Law, Gran and Great Granny. Lots of love from the whole family xxxx

## Thank You

**ADRIAN WAKE** and Adele Edmonds (formally Wake) would like to thank all their family, friends and staff at Ward 42 Darlington Memorial Hospital and the MARA Unit, Bishop Auckland for all their kindness and support during the sad loss of our Mother, Olga Wake. The funeral took place on Monday 18th March 2019.

# MP's Who Fail to Represent The Electors

Dear Sir,  
By now the Brexit fiasco will be well seen as in it's death throes - strangled or possibly merely suffocated by our own politicians, a great many of whom, throughout, have consistently prioritised the pursuit of their own and/or their party political agendas ahead of all else. The honour of Parliament has been impugned, discredited and is now an illusion no longer to be trusted. A complete fiasco bringing my Country into ridicule and very largely to blame for creating or at the very least nurturing, friction and conflict within communities throughout the land. I question the sanity of anyone, anywhere, who rules out anything, while hard negotiations are still in progress. For 312 (312) MP's to rule out No Deal at this stage is unbelievable; an act of extreme folly. (I thought there

were nearer 650 of them). One of the most distressing results made public is the widespread refusal of our Elected Representatives to faithfully represent the democratic decisions of the very people who elected them; preferring instead to substitute their own thoughts, coloured by their own inclinations and personal opinions (and undoubtedly a bit of whipping). It is the undeniable, hard won right of everyone in this Country to have and express their own opinions. This applies no less to our MP's. But, and it's a very very big but, it is not acceptable that they allow those opinions to over-ride and ignore the democratic decision of the people they claim to represent - whether their constituency voted to Leave or Remain. They have a job to do, a promise to keep, a trust to fulfill. It is even

worse when any of our elected Representatives use those positions of power and influence granted by us, to actively campaign against the decision of the the very electorate who gifted them that power and influence... for a very different purpose. To my mind that is abuse.

I have therefore lodged a Petition, which has received the appropriate support, seeking to: "Retire all MP's who fail to represent the democratic decisions of their Electors". Too brief certainly, but restricted in length by the rules - no less! Hopefully, and under the normal

course of events, it will appear shortly under - www.HoC petitions.parliament.uk/petitions - where it will be accessible to all - if they wish. There is still some element of democracy left for us all...  
Yours faithfully  
J D Whittaker

## In Memoriam

### EMILY COOK

22nd April 2004 to 21st March 2017  
"Our Beautiful Star"



You are one of Heaven's angels now, a perfect little star, and when you shine the world can see how beautiful you are. May you fly with magic wings on clouds so soft and white, may your heart be joyful and your days be bathed in light. Although our hearts are broken, your life was far too short. We thank you sweetest angel, for the happiness that you brought.

Love and miss you Em.  
Auntie Caroline and Uncle Michael xx

We miss your laugh and beautiful smile, and you dancing without a care. We miss everything about you, a pain we cannot bear. We miss you more and more each day, nothing is the same. But in our hearts we'll keep you there, until we are together again. We love you to the moon and back, and way beyond the stars. Shine high and bright our precious girl. The brightest of all the stars. Love you our Em.  
Mam, Wayne, Holly and Morgan xxxxx

Our beautiful Granddaughter who was so brave, God called your name so gently, that only you could hear. No one heard the footsteps of the angels drawing near. Softly from the shadows, there came a gentle call, you closed your eyes and went to sleep, and gently left us all. You will never be forgotten our Em and our elephant collection is growing. Just for you.  
Love you always, Nanna and Grandad xxxx

My heart is full of memories, with pride I speak your name. Though life goes on without you, it will never be the same. As time may pass and fade away, my beautiful memories will always stay. Goodnight our Em.  
Nicola and Bella the cat xx

Twinkle, twinkle little star, you shone the brightest in the night sky. Our star who guides us every day and stops us from going astray. For twinkle Emily our beautiful star, we love you more than words can say.  
Love, hugs and kisses  
Thomas, Michael and Matthew xxxxx

**CHRISTINE ROBERTSON.** 23rd December 1938 to 30th March 1999. 20 years now have passed, some might say it's gone so fast. But not for those you leave behind, every day is a hard remind. We miss you now as much as that day, when the angels came to take you away. I hope you knew you were loved all your life, Mother of two and Norman's Wife. Forever in our hearts. Dean & Michelle, Grace & Graham xxxx

**FRANK SWINBURNE** 24th March. Another year has gone still in our thoughts and hearts every day. Love from all the family xx

Softly the memories of beautiful Emily fall, gently we gathered and treasured them all. No matter how life changes and the things that we do. A special place within our hearts, will always be there for you.  
Love, Chris and Hayley xx

## Obituary

### MARINA CLELLAND

(Nee Stewart)

5th March, peacefully at home. Marina, aged 66 years of Newton Aycliffe. Beloved Wife of the late Jimmy; a much loved Mum of Jayne and the late Deborah and Robert; also a dearly loved Nana, Great Nan and Sister. Funeral on Wednesday 27th March. Would family and friends please meet at 10.00am for a Service in St. Clare's Church prior to a private burial. Flowers welcome. Marina has requested that everyone wear something purple.

### DOREEN LANGSLEY

of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Shildon.

On 13th March 2019, peacefully after a short illness, bravely borne. Beloved Wife of the late Ray; devoted Mam of Susan, Neil, Andrew and the late Anita and Paul; special Mother-in-Law; treasured Nana, Great Nana and Great-Great Nana and friend to many. Would friends and family please meet for funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium at 10.30am on Thursday 28th March 2019. Family flowers only, donations if preferred to St. Teresa's Hospice or the Great North Air Ambulance (a plate will be provided).

### NORMAN HENRY SAUNDERS

of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Shildon.

Peacefully at home with his family by his side on 18th March, aged 71 years. A much loved Husband to Margaret and a dear Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Will family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 29th March at 10.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu may be given for the family's chosen charities. Also a request for no black ties to be worn. To be followed by refreshments at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Moore Lane.

### IRENE WILLIAMS

of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully after a short illness on 6th March, aged 82 years. Beloved Wife of Dennis; much loved Mam of Dennis and Tony and Mother-in-Law of Sue and Kathryn; devoted Grandma of Tony, Adam, Holly and Luke; proud Great Grandma of Daisy, Imogen, Heidi and Orryn. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to Cancer Research UK.

### GEOFF MORGAN

of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on 8th March, aged 58 years. Dearly loved Son, Dad, Brother, Uncle and Friend. Would family and friends please meet for a Service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Tuesday 26th March, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, to Cancer Research UK.

### JOHN MULLEY

11th March, peacefully in hospital, of Newton Aycliffe. John, aged 88 years. Beloved Husband to Joyce. Will be sadly missed by his family. Funeral Monday 25th March. Will friends please meet at 3.30pm for Service in Wear Valley Crematorium. Family flowers only.

### MARGARET TRON

(Meggie)

14th March 2018

Peaceful be thy rest dear Mother, tis sweet to breathe thy name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. When days are dark and friends are few, dear Mother how we long for you.  
Love, Susan, John and Family

### MARGARET TRON

(Meggie)

14th March 2018

Mam, one year has passed since that sad day, when one we loved was called away. God took you home it was His will. But in our hearts you liveth still. Sadly missed, Yvonne, Jimmy, Niki and Marc

### TINA-LOUISE ALLAN

21st March

I hold you close in memory, even though we are apart. Your spirit will live forever, within my broken heart. My heart still aches in sadness and secret tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. My beautiful Sister. Always in my thoughts. Jacquie xxxxx

### ELIZABETH ANNE COLLEY



23rd March 2015

Four years have passed since angels took Anne away. Her smile and love will always be in my heart. She is sadly missed by all her family. Only when I turn out the light at night and dream of Anne, am I at peace. Forever in my thoughts. Bob xxxxxx

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# RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It may only be early in the year but the racing season is certainly stepping up with the first marathon being run by one of our members.

As always I will begin with Parkruns which this week saw two of our members achieve PB's. This was despite the terrible weather that Storm Gareth brought. At Sedgfield, Hannah Richardson secured a PB of 33.14 whilst at Darlington John Richardson secured a PB of 24.09.

On Sunday we had a good turn out of runners for the Thirsk 10 mile race. This is a popular race which starts and finishes at Thirsk Racecourse. Fortunately the weather had improved significantly and whilst slightly windy in places it was overall a good day to race in and resulted in several members achieving PBs on this course. First home for the club was Richard Campbell in 1.04.50, followed by Paul Dalton 1.06.47, Andy Talbot 1.07.14, Tracey Surtees 1.07.49, John Surtees 1.07.50, Alex Lineton 1.12.13, Stuart Joyce 1.12.17, Rob Young 1.13.36, Trish Kay 1.22.10, Sandra Collins 1.27.42, David Stothard 1.32.34 and John Young 1.35.23.

Also on Sunday Ian Baronowski made the journey to Wales for the Wrexham Marathon. This was not only his first ever marathon but the first in a challenge that he has set himself to complete one in each country in the British



Isles. This race was made more difficult as a result of significant flooding but despite this Ian completed the marathon in 5 hours 6 mins and 9 seconds. For anyone interested in joining the club, you can simply turn up at one of our sessions all of which start from the Oakleaf Complex in Newton Aycliffe. Monday night is beginners run at 6.30p.m., Tuesday is endurance/speed session from 7.00p.m., and Thursday is a track session and this takes place at Shildon Track. Further details can be found on our website or facebook pages or alternatively you can message the club via facebook for more information.

# Youthy Football Round Up



NAYFC U10 Wildcats



NAYFC U6 Boys

## Seaton Carew Lions v NAYFC U10 Eagles

Team was Kian, Liam, Nathan, Hamza, Kai, Kaiden, Will, Adam and Kayden. Another great performance as the boys were physically tested, however, remained calm and played some fantastic football with brilliant attitudes. An evenly matched box to box game today with Carew scoring first, however it didn't take us long to react with a fantastic pass from Will to Kaiden who slotted the ball into the bottom corner. 1-1. Second half continued as the first with some great play from the whole team but Carew managed to get the winner. So proud of all the boys again today, it's frustrating coming away without a win but we can't fault their performance and effort today. Man of the Match was difficult as so many players doing well. Nathan in particular was outstanding and the best I have seen him play, driving with the ball, getting his head up and picking out the pass but also making great tackles however MOM went to Kian who has improved massively in the short time he has been playing in goal. So impressed with his performance and he couldn't do anything about the goals scored. We can tell you have been practising Kian, keep it up, you were fab.

## NAYFC U10 Girls Wildcats v

CLS Amazon Flamingos This morning the girls turned up in the pouring rain with excitement and positivity. We couldn't wait to get started after a long wait due to the previous game running behind. From

kick off the girls were closing down super fast making sure they were first to every ball. Last week we struggled with tracking back to help our defence but this today was definitely not the case. Each and every girl gave everything and this needs to continue whether we are 4-0 up or 5-0 down. Lana and Safiye played a half each in goal, clean sheets all round and also playing great outfield - well done kids! Freya, Tilly and Megan were great in defence, strong and stopping opposition high up the pitch. Faith and Thea on the wings were on fire today, dribbling past people with confidence. Demi Lee and Polly played fantastic high up the field looking to get in and past the defence. Team work today was absolutely outstanding. The Amazon games have always been very tight (1-0 last time we met) and our girls showed their progression as a team today, coming away with a fantastic and very comfortable win. Goals from Thea and Demi Lee (2 each) and a hat trick for Faith. POM goes to every girl for their team performance. The weekend saw games for our Girls teams; U7 Wildcats and U9 Angels Blue both with wins, and best game yet for U9 Angels Yellow. Well done girls.

We would like to introduce you to our very first U6 squad! Showing how popular our Little Eagles programme is and how committed these lads are! Looking smart boys. If your child is interested in playing football, please visit our website for age group details: NAYFC.com

# Two Bronze Medals at Spring Solos



A team of three Spectrum skaters travelled to Kettering for Spring Solos National Dance Event 16th/17th March 2019 and came back with two bronze medals!

The youngest skater in the competition squad, Ella Newson, (aged 7), came home with her first bronze medal in the tots freedance event and came 8th in the tots solo dance too. Jazzmyn Loring, aged 9, placed 3rd also gaining a bronze medal in the mini freedance event. She also returned with a 9th in mini

solo dance. Our adult skater, Andrea Vasey, came 16th in the masters solo dance event I am very proud of all of the skaters for taking part and for the improvement they have shown. Their hard work has paid off and we are now looking forward to the next competition which will be in April. Spectrum Roller Skating Club have beginner lessons on Thursdays at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre 4.30-5.30pm. For more details please contact Tracy Stevens 07891 461958

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