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Four Local Masonic Lodges Donate £1000 to MRI Appeal



Four Masonic Lodges in our area came together on 24th June to support the Darlington & Bishop Auckland MRI Scanners Appeal, donating £1000 to the Chairman of the Durham & Darlington NHS Trust, Prof Paul Keane OBE.

The donation marked the 300 year anniversary of Freemasonry held at Ferryhill Masonic Hall where members and guests enjoyed a Dinner with entertainment

organised by Robbie Davison and John Dodds. Cheques for £250 each were presented by Robbie Davison and Arthur Hopgood from Aycliffe Lodge, John Dodds and Phil Errington of Rowlandson Lodge, Ian Ormiston and Chris Maddison from Roger De Fery Lodge and Chris Smith and Patrick Gilbert of Manor Lodge.

Paul Keane expressed appreciation on behalf of the MRI Charity Committee and explained how valuable the new scanners will be in saving money, increasing efficiency and giving better Patient diagnosis.

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MP Visits Town Centre Care Home's Open Day

Residents and relatives at HC-One's St. Clare's Court in Newton Aycliffe, celebrated the annual Care Home Open Day on 16th June with local M.P. Phil Wilson in attendance.

Care Home Open Day is a national event that gives local people the opportunity to learn more about the services at the heart of their community. This year's theme was 'HC-One Big Lunch', as they partnered with the UK's biggest annual neighbourly get together. Residents, their loved ones and neighbours of the home celebrated with a spring party themed day. Residents and guests enjoyed the day, which included live music, lunch, and games.

The family of HC-One homes across the UK took part in activities throughout the day, which comes shortly after HC-One celebrated its own 5th anniversary last month and relaunched as 'HC-One The Kind Care Company', bringing to focus their ethos of delivering the kindest care.

St. Clare's Court, Care Home Manager, Jason Parkinson said: "Thank you to M.P. Phil Wilson and all who came to take part in Care Home Open Day with us. We all had a wonderful time sitting and chatting with our residents



and guests, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the entertainment and activities on offer. A special mention to the team here at St. Clare's Court for their commitment and effort, which ensured that the day was so successful." HC-One Chief Operating

Officer Paula Keys said: "Care Home Open Day embodies our ethos at HC-One, as our relationship with the local communities we serve are such an integral part of the work that we do.

"We strive to be the first-choice provider for those looking for the kindest care and the employer for choice for the best, most professional and kindest staff, and we are so pleased to be able to demonstrate this to our visitors during Care Home Open Day.

"We hope that everyone enjoyed their visit, and we're delighted our neighbours had the opportunity to see first-hand how HC-One delivers the kindest care."

HC-One is proud of achieving a 9.3 average rating on the sector's leading care home comparison website carehome.co.uk. The high rating puts HC-One homes into the very best company in the care home sector, committed to providing kind care to Residents.

GREENFIELD TEACHERS LEAVE TO FOLLOW THEIR VOCATION



Last summer, popular Greenfield RE teacher and Director of E-Learning, Andy Harris, left the school after 28 years to take up the role of Youth Adviser for Durham Diocese. "To continue to work with young people for the Church was a marvellous opportunity, and I am loving every minute of my new job," Andy told the Newton News.

This Sunday at Durham Cathedral, Andy's wife Carol Harris - who had been teaching one-to-one Maths at Greenfield until Easter will be ordained into the Church of England, and will become Curate in the parishes of Wingate and Wheatley Hill. Carol too is very excited about her new role and,

looking back, feels that this is something God has been leading her to since her teenage years. Her faith has always been a central part of her life, although until recently she never imagined she would end up wearing a dog collar!

"My dream outcome," says Carol, "would be to see people of all ages discover more of Jesus' love for themselves and to know that He is on their side."

David Priestley, Executive Headteacher at Greenfield School, thanked them both for their valued service to the school. "They have made a huge contribution to many families in the area, and we wish them all the best in their new roles."

COUNTY NEWSBITS
Compiled by
County Councillor John Clare

DCC prepares for the next four years as the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan is accepted. Full details of all the following headlines are on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB286

- COUNCIL**
- DCC Council Meeting, Wednesday 21 June.
 - Transformation and Partnerships will drive DCC changes.
 - What are they doing with our roads?
 - Do not put polystyrene in your recycling bin.
 - Great news for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.
 - Closure of Woodham Way/Burnhill Way roundabout, 7am-7pm, 17-21 July, for resurfacing.
 - Other Roadworks in the Newton Aycliffe area.

- COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY**
- The England's Historic Cities App looks great!
 - 'Invented in the North East' is now available on BBC iPlayer.
 - Aycliffe Business Park board has celebrated its one-year anniversary.
 - Planning Applications have been submitted to expand both Plasmor and Stiller.
- THINGS TO DO NEXT WEEK.**
- BRASS International Festival, 6-16 July.
 - Aycliffe Evangelical Church Ladies' Morning, 9.30am, Friday 7 July.
 - Durham Miners' Gala, Saturday 8 July.
 - Crazy Crowns - Chinese Emperors (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 8 July.

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Saturday 1st July - "Whole Hog"

GIG PIT review: The Comrades welcomed The Whole Hog back with their eclectic mix of rock that although you're familiar with, you don't often hear played by local bands. The fact there were members of at least 5 local bands in to see The Hog gives an idea of how highly the band are respected among the local musicians. Kicking off with Fleetwood Mac's "Oh Well" and running through classics by Family, Jethro Tull, Free, The Climax Blues Band as well as a couple of newer numbers by Joe Bonamassa and The Foo Fighters. The band gave a superb show that was well received by the punters. Rob on vocals and sax is an excellent front man whose vocal talents and on-stage athletics are a visual focus that other bands could learn from. Twin guitarists whose on stage empathy speaks of long experience of working together are underpinned by a solid rhythm section fronted by John on bass who bounces well off Rob on vocals in giving the appearance of a party on stage. Musicians having a good time whilst playing always carry the crowd with them - we look forward to seeing The Whole Hog.

Saturday 8th July - "7 Sins"

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GREAT NEWS FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan received a resounding YES vote at last week's referendum.

The official results are:-

Yes – 2540 (91.2%)

No – 244 (8.8%)

Spoilt Papers - 5

Electorate – 20,015

2,789 Ballot Papers Issued

Turnout 13.9%

This makes the Neighbourhood Plan an official statutory planning document that the Planning Authority, Durham County Council, must reference and use when considering any planning applications in the Parish of Great Aycliffe. When the County Durham Local Plan progresses it must now be 'in general conformity' with the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan will secure larger garage sizes, sufficient parking, protect our local green spaces and

ensure an area of separation is maintained for Aycliffe Village. Our policy 'Housing for Older People' which includes bungalow provision is the first in the Country and there is also provision for additional bungalows and affordable housing to ensure the local housing needs are met.

The Town Council have set up a Planning Sub-Committee to consider planning applications within the Parish, these meetings are open to the public and will be advertised in advance in the Newton News, on the Town Council website and in Town Council notice boards.

Thank you once again to all those residents who helped develop the plan and everyone who took the time to go and vote.

Christine Walton
Corporate & Policy Officer
Great Aycliffe Town Council
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Greenfield Campus Celebrates Sports Students' Success



On Thursday 15th June, Greenfield Community College held its annual Sports Presentation Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents and families at school to support and celebrate the success of a school hall full of inspirational students.

This year has seen us embark on an exciting journey where PE has continued to grow across two campuses. The level of PE and school sport has been to an extremely high level with achievements on an individual and team basis, both on the Aycliffe and Sunnydale Campuses.

Furthermore, it has been particularly pleasing to see success in the form of cross-campus teams. All pupils who attended received a certificate to celebrate their achievement in the vast array of extra-curricular clubs that Greenfield offer throughout the year.

Those plethora of sports included football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, cross-country, rowing, dodgeball, basketball, indoor athletics, girls football, rounders, trampolining, gymnastics, sports leadership, boccia and handball.

The evening encapsulated

a whole year of sporting success at Greenfield which has seen PE and Sport continue to thrive within the school. This enhances the department's recent acknowledgement of the afPE Quality mark status and is further reinforced by OFSTED who state 'there is clear excellence in the teaching of PE'. The first half of the ceremony presented opportunity to celebrate winners for personality, commitment, most improved, team of the year, sports leader, outstanding club performance and a dance award for outstanding commitment and performance. At the midway point of the evening a range of pupils were invited up onto stage for the infamous entertainment round, which was themed around a Question of Sport.

At the end of the evening the two most prestigious awards were presented for Outstanding Performance in School Sport with Adam Ord winning the accolade for the third year running for the boys and Leah Rutherford for the girls. Congratulations to all pupils who have represented the school this last year. You have done yourself, your families and

your teachers proud.

Award winners
Sports Personality Male & Female – Adam Scott (Aycliffe Campus), Robert Beaston (Sunnydale Campus), Melissa Foster (Aycliffe Campus), Sydney Cassidy (Sunnydale Campus).

Commitment to Sport Male & Female – Callum Reece (Sunnydale Campus), Emma Smith (Aycliffe Campus).

Most Improved Male & Female – Ben Mackenzie (Aycliffe Campus) and Fenn Lambert (Sunnydale campus), Stacey Leary (Aycliffe Campus) and Kayleigh Walton (Sunnydale campus)

Team of the Year – U/16 Netball squad

Outstanding Performance in School Sport Male & Female – Adam Ord (Aycliffe Campus), Leah Rutherford (Sunnydale Campus).

Sports Leader Award – Charlotte Hugill (Aycliffe Campus)

Outstanding Club Performance Outside of School – Aiden Benson - Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (Aycliffe campus)

Dance Award for Outstanding Commitment and Performance – Emily Halford (Aycliffe Campus)

Getting a Taste of the Big School

Last week saw the start of the primary transition period at Woodham Academy. Year 5 students from across the local area spent a day at the Academy, experiencing what life at a secondary school is like. They have taken part in a wide variety of activities based around the theme 'The Wonder of Nature'. From creating cards using materials in Textiles to researching insects from the local environment, the students have had an excellent time.

'I am very proud of this school' said Mrs McGinney, the Assistant Headteacher responsible for transition. 'This is an excellent opportunity for young people to experience the excellent teaching and learning opportunities we have here, as well as taste the high quality food at lunch times and meet our current students'.

Woodham Academy staff have been working in local primary schools throughout the summer term and look forward to welcoming pupils and their families to the Woodham Academy Art exhibition on 12 July at 3.30pm and the Summer Concert on 13th July at 7pm (tickets are available from the school reception).



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Dolls House & Miniatures Fair

Cleveland Miniaturists UK, a Middlesbrough-based Dolls House group, are bringing their Dolls House & Miniatures Fair back to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Sunday July 9, 2017.

There will be a wide range of exhibitors at the event, with a wide range of first class dolls house miniatures and accessories on display and available to purchase. Cleveland Miniaturists UK members will also be exhibiting their project for this year – a collection of room boxes that members have made, depicting styles and fashions through the decades.

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is open from 10am to 5pm daily, and parking and admission are free of charge. For more information, please contact the museum on 01388 777999.

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COUNTY CELEBRATES HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUCCESS

A number of significant achievements have been made by the County Durham Health and Wellbeing Board in its fourth year of operation, a meeting of the board has heard.

Presenting its annual report for 2016/17, the County Durham Health and Wellbeing Board outlined the work it has carried out in the last twelve months and the projects earmarked for the future.

Examples include the agreement of an Oral Health Strategy to address concerns raised over variations in oral health across the county.

This will aim to reduce the prevalence of dental disease in young children and the aging population and reduce inequalities in dental disease after statistics showed over 60 per cent of children had experience of tooth decay in Woodhouse Close, Bishop Auckland compared to six per cent in Chester-le-Street.

Other highlights include the establishment of the Healthy Child Programme Board, a sub-group providing a specific focus on health issues affecting children, young people and families to reduce health inequalities and deliver improved outcomes.

In 2016, the Health and Wellbeing Board was also one of only 14 boards in the country to achieve a six out of six rating by National Energy Action for the innovative work it is doing on tackling fuel poverty/cold-related ill health.

Other work includes:

The Better Care Fund is being

used to reduce inappropriate demand on A&E and Urgent Care services, with work including greater access and use of telecare by people in their homes and co-ordinated support to enable people to return home following a stay in hospital.

A more targeted approach has been made in relation to identifying people most at risk of cardiovascular disease and developing Type 2 diabetes to offer them interventions designed to lower their risk.

The board is continuing to support measures aimed at improving dementia diagnosis rates such as by providing regular information and guidance for GP's and increasing the number of dementia friendly activities, such as dementia friendly swimming, in a number of our pools.

An Integration Board has been established as a sub group to lead the integration of services. This includes 'Teams Around Patients' being established to offer a range of coordinated services centred around groupings of GP practices.

Over the coming months, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will review the Board's priorities to ensure it is addressing the issues that make the biggest difference to the health and wellbeing of County Durham residents.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Portfolio Holder for Adult and Health Services, said: "We have made some excellent progress towards improving health

and reducing inequalities in 2016/17 and this has been recognised nationally.

"It is important we identify the board's achievements in order to build on this success in our future work. Health and wellbeing impacts all areas of our residents' lives and the Health and Wellbeing Board will continue to work towards improving the lives of the people of County Durham."

Vice Chair of the board Dr Stewart Findlay, Chief Clinical Officer at DDES CCG, said: "The report highlights the

commitment of partners to the joint work that it takes to bring about improvements in health with and on behalf of our local residents.

"We will continue to work closely together to improve the health of all people across County Durham by focusing on an integrated approach with emphasis on early intervention, prevention and promoting independence."

The full report can be found by visiting www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk

Kieran Maxwell Dies and "Gains His Wings"



Kieran receiving an award from Rotary President Nora Scott

On Kieran Maxwell's Facebook page, his mum Nicola announced on Friday 23rd June her son had "gained his wings" after he passed away peacefully in his sleep.

Kieran, 18, from Heighington, suffered with Ewing's Sarcoma for six years and lost part of his left leg. In October 2016, the inspirational young man was told his cancer was terminal. He set up the Kieran Maxwell Legacy charity in the hope of funding research into his rare form of bone cancer. Famously he carried the Olympic Torch through Bishop Auckland and he touched the heart of everyone when he stumbled.

His courage knew no bounds as he tackled gymnastics and athletics winning a gold medal in the 100 metres sprint at the Brazilian School Paralympics. Heighington Village were so proud of Kieran and, fearful he would not see Christmas 2016, brought it forward, lighting up the green and their homes in his honour.

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club awarded Kieran their highest award, a Paul Harris Fellowship, recognising his bravery and service to the community.

Throughout his illness, Kieran has been active, campaigning to raise money for research into Ewing's Sarcoma. The fund now stands in excess of £20,000.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Kieran Maxwell Legacy can do so via <http://bit.ly/KMLegacy>

We are going to be continuing Kieran's wish of providing research into Ewing's Sarcoma through his charity. I want to thank you all for the support you gave my boy while he was alive" said his Mother.

Kieran took up gymnastics to help with his rehabilitation when learning to walk again and in the space of one year he qualified for the NDP National

Championships.

A keen athlete, he also went on to take part in the mini Great North Run during his chemotherapy treatment.

He said his "final wish in life" was to raise enough money so what had happened to him "didn't happen to any other child".

Heartfelt sympathy to Kieran's family is sent on behalf of Newton News readers.

The funeral will take place on Monday 3rd July at St. John's Church, Shildon at 11.00am.

Summer MADness

MAD Community Choir and Friends will be performing on stage a fun evening of music at the Shildon Civic Hall DL4 1AH on Wednesday 5th July from 7pm - 10pm

The Civic Hall bar and restaurant will be open from 6pm so why not make a night of it and book in for a pre-show meal? Bar snacks are available until 8pm. There will also be the chance to win on the raffle.

Tickets are £5 and available from Sonia 01325 310991 or you can pay at the door. We look forward to seeing you!

MAD is celebrating its 4th year and love to welcome new members to come along and meet us. We are a fun group of male and female singers, various ages and abilities that now have members from as far away as Washington.

If you love to sing and would like to join, we start rehearsals for our next show on Wednesday 19th July 6.45pm till 9pm at Woodham Community Centre.

BHF - The Big Stitch



Dear Editor,

If you want to stand out from the fashion crowd, improve your sewing skills or just want a fun way to raise money for charity, the British Heart Foundation (BHF) has the perfect solution.

I'm calling on all keen and novice sewers to take part in The Big Stitch this July by heading to your nearest BHF shop, buying an item and injecting your own fashion flair to it by practicing sewing and dressmaking skills.

Every item bought and revamped throughout July will bring us one step closer to ending the devastation caused by heart disease. Every year, heart and circulatory disease kills around 6,800 in the North East and currently, around 332,000 people in the region are living with its burden so the need to find new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat these terrible conditions is more urgent than ever.

What's more, if you post your 'before' and 'after' picture on social media throughout July, tagging the BHF on Twitter, Instagram or on the BHF's Facebook page and using the hashtag #TheBigStitch, you will be in with a chance of winning a Special Night Out at a London West End Show with YouTube sensation, Just Jodes for you and a friend.

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There seems to be some confusion lately, about what you can recycle, and which bin it goes into. There is a very clear guide here:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere>

The most important piece of information in it is probably, "If you're unsure whether you can recycle an item, leave it out of your recycling bin and put it in your rubbish bin. This stops your recycling bin being contaminated". Dave Catleugh

Councillors' Surgeries

The Aycliffe East Ward Surgery is on Saturday 8th July 2017, 11.00 am - 12.00 noon, St Mary's Church Hall, County Cllrs Sarah Iveson & Jim Atkinson, together with Town Councillors for Neville, Shafto, St. Mary and Central Wards will be in attendance.

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Sue Embleton, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust Darlington, said: "Barnaby is such an affectionate chap and he loves human companionship. He is looking for a quiet home, preferably somewhere with a lot of space and a secure garden for him to run around in. He is a sensitive soul who could live with other dogs but not small, furry animals.

"Barnaby is a very smart boy who is housetrained and enjoys learning new things, however also likes letting his hair down too with a bit of playtime. He enjoys throwing his toys around and generally likes to stay close to his human companions, especially if they have a tasty treat for him."

Are you the special someone who can give Barnaby the family he deserves? If you think Barnaby could be the one for you, please visit him at Dogs Trust Darlington at Hill House Farm, Hill House Lane, Sadberge, DL2 1SL. The centre is open Thursday-Tuesday 12pm-4pm. It is closed on Wednesdays. Find out more about Willow or any of the dogs at the centre, go to www.dogstrust.org.uk or call 0300 303 0292



Demolition of Garages Worsens Traffic Problem



Dear Sir,
 Since the magistrates courts were built the residents of Central Avenue (Firemans Houses) have experienced problems with parking in their street. People using the courts (solicitors, probation service and people attending court) are using the street as a car park. Also in the past we had DISC office staff, Aldi employees and police parking in the street. Livin are proposing to demolish the garages and build two houses with drives and garages (enough parking for 6 cars) With the loss of the garages and the building of the two properties Central Avenue parking problems will be greatly increased.
 Robert Norris
 Central Avenue

AYCLIFFE PLAN LEADS THE WAY

Residents in Great Aycliffe have voted overwhelmingly in favour of introducing new planning policies specifically for their area. More than 91 per cent of people who took part in a referendum said they would like Durham County Council to use a neighbourhood plan created by Great Aycliffe Town Council when making planning decisions. A total of 2,789 people took part in the ballot, which forms one of the final steps in the preparation of a neighbourhood plan before the county council decides to formally adopt it to supplement its own local planning policies for the area up to 2036. This will be considered at the next full meeting of the council, which takes place on Wednesday, 19 July. The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan is the first such plan in the county to reach this stage of preparation since the government introduced them through the Localism Act 2011. Great Aycliffe Town Council began preparing the plan in

2012, with support from the county council. The plan includes a number of policies that aim to protect the character of the neighbourhood and open spaces. It also aims to secure a high standard of development and ensure that an adequate amount of affordable housing is provided as well as properties for older people.

Tea Party for Marie Curie

The Bishop Auckland Fundraising Group of Marie Curie are holding their Annual Blooming Great Tea Party at The Manor House in West Auckland on Sunday, 16th July 1.00 - 5.00pm. Entrance £3.00 to include light refreshments. Come along and support this worthy cause, eat and buy cake and support our efforts to raise money to fund Marie Curie nursing in South West Durham. For further details contact Elizabeth Varley (01388) 606075

Tribute to Kieran

Kieran Maxwell
 Heighington village residents and thousands of people throughout the country will mourn the passing of Kieran. We who have known him almost since he was born have lived the highs and lows of his life – saddened when we heard the unhappy news and heartened when life seemed to open up for him. He was an extremely brave and courageous young man blessed with an indomitable ‘can do’ spirit that saw him through his darkest days and lifted his spirits to such a height that he set himself great ambitions throughout his short but wonderful life. He rarely looked back – always to the future. His enthusiasm could be seen in everything he did, his gymnastics, his running and his ambition to compete in the Para Olympics to run for his country were ambitions that most of us marvelled at – a tremendous ambition which I know he would have achieved. Despite the pain, anxiety and fear that he must have endured none was evident to people he met. Instead there were smiles and laughter as he told us about his latest experience. And like many we were humbled when



despite his ailing condition he was always thinking of others with his drive to raise money for Ewing’s Sarcoma Research so that others would not have to suffer. Kieran will be missed but he will be remembered for years to come by future village generations for his positive approach to life, his cheery disposition against all the odds that were up stacked against him and for his inner strength. Our thoughts and prayers are also with his father Alastair, his mother Nicola and his lovely little sister Amelia who have all given so much support to Kieran over his years of suffering. It must have been very difficult for the family over recent years and their devotion to Kieran demands everyone’s respect
 Cllr Gerald G. Lee

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- Take part in practical and fun activities
- Meet and talk to female students, lecturers, apprentices, graduates and staff from a variety of industry partners
- Discover real world applications and careers in Engineering, Science and Maths
- Explore the huge variety of exciting career paths open to students with STEM qualifications and skills
- Investigate subject choices and options beyond Year 11
- Find out about different career routes and qualifications

The session will include an inspirational talk from female engineers and there will be a wide selection of activities where students will have the opportunity to get involved in lots of practical engineering activities and demonstrations.

For more information regarding the event please contact Leyanne Pennington-Foster
Leyanne.pennington-foster@utcsouthdurham.org

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- To engage with and deliver activities to children and families that are fun and promote healthy eating and

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- To facilitate sessions and to assist in providing support and guidance to children to enable their participation.

- To support the Northumbria University research study with focus groups for children and parents

Key skills required:

- Sound basic education
- Experience of working with children
- Good communication skills

- Creative and adaptable

For an application pack and further information please contact the HR Department on: (01325) 313133, Email: hr@pcp.uk.net Fax (01325) 301129.

website: www.pcp.uk.net Please note that PCP only accept applications on the form provided in the application pack. Closing Date for applications: Midnight Sunday 2nd July. Interviews to be held: week commencing 10th July.

As an equal and diverse employer we particularly welcome applicants from groups who are currently under-represented at PCP, such as males, people with sensory impairments and carers.

Important Free Press Gives People a Voice

Dear Sir,

It is the duty of any responsible newspaper editor to reflect the views of the community he/she serves whether those views

offend the powers-that-be or individuals who believe they know better than anyone else. An editor does not have to agree or disagree with opinions voiced by readers of his/her publication – merely to operate within the laws of the land and, morally, to offer a right of reply to individuals or groups who feel that any published criticism is unfair. It would be a very sad day for the people of this country if newspaper editors were prevented from publishing material which might offend the great and the good.

Yes, a good journalist should check the facts – but that does not mean the opinions of readers or allegations by individuals or groups should be published only when they are officially confirmed. Should editors have refrained

from reporting the oft-expressed safety fears of the tenants of the Grenfell Tower or from questioning why the building burned so rapidly? Definitely not!

It's essential that a free press, a cornerstone of our democracy, gives a voice to those who do not have the clout available to individuals, companies, groups and governments who would prefer not to be seen in a poor light even when the issues involve matters as seemingly trivial as a supermarket parking 'ticket'.

To the people concerned, they are important matters and should be treated as such – not least by their local newspaper.

Syd, keep up the good work! Ron Eyley

Editor: Ron Eyley is a multi-award-winning journalist who has been honoured on several occasions for his campaigning work on behalf of individuals and community groups.

TV STAR AT AYCLIFFE'S AWARD WINNING PUB

Coming to Hilarity Bites at The Turbinia in Newton Aycliffe on July 5th 2017 is Paul Tonkinson, Sully O'Sullivan & host Rob Mulholland

Paul Tonkinson is a sensational live performer, Yorkshire man, marathon runner and former (double award-winning) Time Out Comedian of the Year. Paul has long upheld his esteemed reputation as one of the finest stand-ups the UK has to offer. He most recently performed on BBC One's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow

and Comedy Central's The Comedy Store and The World Stands-up. His first love remains stand-up, and Tonkinson remains in great demand in the UK and across the globe, performing at all the major international comedy festivals. "Hilarious; nobody makes me laugh like Paul Tonkinson. Simply one of the greatest comics around. Go see him!" said Michael McIntyre.

Sully O'Sullivan first stepped onto a standup stage in June 1998, and his talent gained instant recognition as he won his first national award less than 12 months later. Nine years on he's featured in four seasons of New Zealand's award winning TV standup showcase 'Pulp Comedy', been nominated for the NZ Comedy Industry's supreme award by the NZ Comedy Trust, and nominated by his fellow performers for the title of NZ's Best MC.

Rob Mulholland is one of the fastest rising new comedians on the circuit, Rob fell into comedy after finding a flyer looking for acts to appear at Harrogate Comedy Festival outside his front door. In the two years since, he has clocked

up a huge amount of gigs all over the country ranging from tiny pubs to massive theatres (even performing to 2,000 bikers at an outdoor festival!), and can now be seen most weekends in some of the biggest comedy clubs in the country.

Just as at home as an act or compere, Rob mixes cheeky audience banter with his intricately woven, gag-packed stories; adding a touch of the absurd to his askanke glance at everyday life. Rob is 17 feet tall, made of steel and can jump over a mini cooper from a standing start.

Rob is the current Hilarity Bites New Act of the Year, and after finishing runner-up in this year's Great Yorkshire Fringe New Act of the Year competition has awarded himself the title of "Yorkshire's Funniest Non-Musical Comedian".

Tickets can be bought online now from www.hilaritybites.co.uk, or in person from The Turbinia, or telephone 01325 313034. Tickets for this show are only £6 in advance or £8 on the door, with doors opening at 7pm and the show starting at 8pm.

ARMED FORCES DAY

The Shildon branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all visitors who attended on Saturday 24th June. A great day seemed to be had by all.

The highlight of the day was the Parachute Regiment Free Fall Team – The Red Devils as our opening event, anybody who would like any more information please visit their website www.reddevilsonline.com

We would like to express our sincere thank you to the Lord Lieutenant Sue Snowdon who visit our event and did a meet and greet with the public and the units in attendance. Thanks also to our own Town Mayor Shirley Quinn. We had the privilege of hosting two Chelsea Pensioners again this year who thoroughly enjoyed themselves meeting with members of the public and all the serving units in attendance who thank most sincerely.

The branch would like to thank all those businesses who donated funds or prizes on the day and to Shildon Town Council for the assistance into the lead up to the occasion. A big thank you to the Masonic Hall, Bishop and Shildon AAP especially Councillors Nicholson and Quinn for their contribution to the event and The Red Devils

Residents' Association Trip to Northumberland



Jacob Nattrass on Holy Island

A good day out and a great way of meeting new people are just two of the many comments given after Horndale Residents Association trip to Holy Island and Seahouses on Sunday 11th June. We spent a few hours on Holy Island and then called into Seahouses on the way back where most of the group enjoyed fish and chips in the sunshine. This trip was funded through the Big Lottery and supported by Wilkos.

We have a handful of tickets for our Comedy Night featuring award winning Patrick Monahan on the 12th

July at Woodham Golf Club. Tickets are £10 and includes pie and peas. Ring Martin on 316148.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 5th July at Greenfield Arts Centre, starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45.

Our meetings are open to everyone not just Horndale Residents, the meetings are very friendly and relaxed and a great way to meet your local Councillors, our Police team and representatives from Livin.

Hope to see you soon Philip Clark, Chairman 07756065132

MRI SCANNER APPEAL

If you would like to make a donation to our MRI appeal or get involved:

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with more information, from one of our waiting areas or wards.

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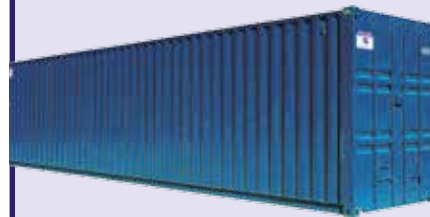
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NOISY SIRENS

Dear Sir,
There has been a proliferation of sirens being used by the emergency service vehicles using Burn Lane both to exit and enter the town recently. I believe the decision to direct emergency vehicles down a wholly inappropriate route was made a number of years ago. Now we have traffic calming chicanes / mini roundabouts and back-up of traffic at busy periods. Without logging the instances of these occurring, on certain days there must be 30 or more per day, starting early morning and on some occasions, continuing until after 11pm. Although I live off a road from Burn Lane, the noise reverberates around the whole area, and can last up to a minute or more, depending on traffic conditions. Those living on Burn Lane itself must be affected even worse than those in adjacent streets. For anyone working shifts and trying to get rest during the day, this must be a nightmare. I realise the emergency services play a crucial role in the community, and that the policy of sounding sirens on emergency calls was reviewed I believe, following a fatal accident on Tyneside a few years ago, but find it difficult to believe that it is necessary to actuate sirens on such a regular and persistent basis. It would be interesting to hear the views of the emergency services about their policy on when and when not to actuate sirens in residential areas. Name and address supplied

"I Love Greenfield Arts"



This week is 'small charity week' and it has given friends and users of the gallery at Greenfield Arts a lovely opportunity to reflect on the importance of this creative community space and what it means to individual artists, young people and visitors. The initiative, organised through the Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI) is helping to raise awareness about the 'invaluable contribution of millions of individuals, communities and causes across the UK'. The week kicks off with 'I love small charities day' and to mark this users all over the country are invited to share all that is good about their particular charity. Why not get involved on social media and let us know what it is you love about Greenfield Arts. Young people at Greenfield Arts were more than happy to shout about the great activities that are going on in their community space in a dedicated workshop. They voiced their feelings by creating colourful posters with lovely comments such as "I love Greenfield Arts because it's fun and we get creative" and "I love

Greenfield Arts because we get to do fun stuff like printing flowers and messy fun!" The activity was led by artist Dawn Belshaw and is one of a series of workshops giving young people the chance to voice their opinions and ideas with a view to making the most of the fabulous space and opportunities the gallery has to offer. Sophie Lewis, Arts and Community Centre Co-ordinator for Greenfield Arts, was thrilled with the response from the young people and how they can inform programming in the future "it's great to offer the students a voice and listen to their insightful comments and ideas to make sure we are doing our best to inspire creativity that is right for them." If you would like to get involved, check out our Facebook page @ GreenfieldArts; or if you would like know a bit more about activities at Greenfield Arts and what we can offer, why not check out our website at www.greenfield-arts.co.uk or speak to our friendly team on 01325 379 048.

Honest John Donations

Honest John recent donations include £1038 to provide a defibrillator for DISC staff and clients. John's gift is in deep appreciation for providing him with free space to run his fundraising activity. Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have received £650; Rugby Club £650; St. Oswald House £300 and the town Football club £200. Next in line to receive valuable funds from John is Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership; The Pop-In Social Club; We-Can Parents Group and the W.I. John said: "Many thanks to donors and customers, DISC, Val, David Liddel for PAT Testing and Karin's Garbage Disposal Company."

Two Awards for Chloe



The annual Vibe Awards was held in Darlington, on the 20th June. The aim is to recognise all young people who have made a significant achievement, with progression or impact in their life. Chloe Miller (19) an Aycliffe girl was nominated by Darlington College to receive an award for "Achievement Against the Odds" in life. She received the award from Chief Inspector Chris Knox. Not only did Chloe get this award but was also short-listed in her category which she won and received the Shining Star Vibe Award. The panel of Judges selected one young person from each category who they thought deserved extra recognition for their accomplishments. Chloe, who has cerebral palsy, was given only minutes to live at birth, and her parents was told to prepare for the worst. However Chloe survived and has come through every challenge she's faced and has never let her disability get in the way. Her Mam and Dad, John and Annie Miller said they are so proud and overwhelmed by her achievements, and she continues to surprise everyone.

FIRST JUNIOR VARIETY SHOW AT FERRYHILL

Dear Sir,
Since January, 'Chance Drama' has been formed to provide a safe and fun environment to give singing, acting and dancing lessons to the youth of Ferryhill and surrounding areas. As well as studying for my A-Levels, being a part time dance teacher and finding time for my family and friends - I am producing Ferryhill Stage Society's first junior show. I am so grateful for this opportunity given to me at the age of 17, and I am so thankful for the talented juniors involved. We are reaching out to the community, to come



along and support us at our upcoming show "When I Grow Up", a fun medley displaying our youngsters

hopes and dreams. From rebellious children, to somewhere only we know - you will not be disappointed with our choice of uplifting, humorous and monumental song choices. Aiming to make our audience give us giggles, tears of joy and of course - applause! Our show is on Friday 28th (7pm) and Saturday 29th (2pm) of July, at Mainsforth Community Hall. Ticket prices: Adults £6, Under 16's £3. Please contact Joan Harker on 01740 652551 for tickets, or head over to our facebook page 'Ferryhill Stage Society - Juniors'. Darcy Golightly. Voluntary Teacher at Chance Drama.

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Newton Aycliffe Author Releases Latest Book

Art and photo enthusiast, James D Robinson of Bewick Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, (who recently featured in this paper as the creator of a time capsule) has now released his latest book: The Poster Designs of James D Robinson, a 56 page volume showcasing 50 original works, mainly in colour. The book is now available to buy via e-bay, whilst a few copies can also be purchased locally, 1) at Allsorts, the Newton Aycliffe charity shop to the right of St Clare's Church Hall, and open



for business on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 10am till 1pm, (with all sales at Allsorts going to charity), and 2) at Aycliffe Framers & Engravers, in the town centre, open daily from 9am bar Sundays.

As a man of many interests, Mr Robinson has a number of published magazine articles to his credit, along with 6 previously self published books, (including The Authenticated Meteoric Falls of the British Isles) as well as a non commercial booklet of illustrations featuring his favourite recording artist: viz: the Norwegian singer/songwriter: Aurora.

His photowork is represented in the permanent photo collections of both the UK's National Portrait Gallery, and The picture Library of the Royal Society, and he is a member of the Royal Photographic Society. For more information about all of Mr Robinson's creative endeavours, visit his website at: jamesdrobinsonarena.com

Aycliffe Students Have Fun at Oriental Museum



On Tuesday, 20th June year 3 pupils from St. Mary's Catholic primary were very excited to be going on their trip to the Oriental museum in Durham. Our day began with J. and C. coaches arriving to pick us up. We were very excited, as we are going to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians as part of our Topic work.

Our first activity was doing some exploring in the Ancient Egypt gallery. Our teachers for the day were called Jo and Rachael. We worked in groups to explore a range of different topics, including gods, clothing, food, objects and we got the opportunity to investigate writing using hieroglyphics. Some of us managed to be a detective and work out some of the secret codes using Ancient Egyptian writing. Next we got the opportunity to handle some ancient Egyptian objects, some of

these being thousands and thousands of years old. We were so lucky that for one of the objects, there were only 2 available in the whole world!

After our fabulous object handling, we were very hungry, so we all sat down on a sunny piece of grass, luckily shaded by a tree in the background. We ate our packed lunches enjoying the peace and quiet! We had a class photograph taken in the horse and carriage sculpture. In the afternoon, our third activity was amazing- we got to see a real-life mummy. We figured out that she was around 2,400 years old! Jo, one of our University teachers asked us some questions about mummies. We thought it was fascinating! The final activity involved a role-play activity. We had to do a re-enactment of a Pharaoh being mummified. Logan was chosen to be our Pharaoh. His body was embalmed and prepared for the after-life. Then some of us were chosen to be gods, asking him questions about how he lived his life. His answers would determine what happened to him. Did his heart weigh more than a feather? Had he lived a life full of doing good deeds? We all got a goody bag at the end of the day; it had some lovely things in it, papyrus paper, a scarab beetle and a lovely Egyptian pencil. We returned to school excited about learning more about these fabulous Ancient Egyptians.

Here are a few pupil quotes... "It was the best school trip ever." "It was

an amazing day. I couldn't believe the mummy was real!" "I am really excited now in discovering more about what life was like in Ancient Egypt."

Keep HGV's Away from Residential Areas

Dear Sir,
I read the letters from Derreck Pinkney and John Clare regarding the use of School Aycliffe Lane by HGV's plus the comment that people in Middridge experience similar problems.

It would appear these vehicles are becoming a scourge on our otherwise peaceful area. I live in the apartment block alongside the Blue Bridge and at any time, night or day, up to 30 of these massive vehicles come speeding off the Business Park up to the Town Centre roundabout to turn round and come thundering back down St. Cuthbert's Way. It seems the roundabout is used to either allow easier access to their destination or to give them an exit back to the A167. The speed at which the enter our built up residential area is an accident waiting to happen as St. Cuthbert's Way has become a "rat run" for HGV's.

Not only do residents have to suffer from noise and pollution, but also vibration which causes the whole block to shudder to the point damage is caused to internal walls. I fear a complaint to our local

authorities would just be a "buck passing" exercise. There is no signage restricting size and weight of vehicles entering the residential area, but they would be ignored anyway according to your correspondents. These huge vehicles have no right to abuse our enjoyment of an otherwise peaceful environment.

J. Graham



A PACT meeting will be held on 5th July at 7:30pm. at Burnhill Methodist Church. Everyone welcome. Councillors also present to answer questions on local topics.

PCSO 7956 Daniela Jones Neighbourhood Policing Team. Email: Daniela.Jones@durham.pnn.police.uk

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Closing Date: Monday 10th July at 12 noon.

Interviews are to be held week commencing 17th July. All appointments are subject to appropriate pre-employment checks

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Wednesday 5th July

HILARITY BITES PRESENT AN EVENING OF TOP QUALITY COMEDY AT THE TURBINIA

Top TV Star Paul Tonkinson

A sensational live performer, Yorkshire man, marathon runner and former (double award-winning) Time Out Comedian of the Year, Paul Tonkinson has long upheld his esteemed reputation as one of the finest stand-ups the UK has to offer. On TV, he's most recently performed on BBC One's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Comedy Central's The Comedy Store and The World Stands-up. Back in the day, when he was a mere whippersnapper he had a stint presenting Channel 4's The Big Breakfast and he has also presented radio shows on XFM in London and Manchester. He has just completed a stint as a Programme Associate on BBC One's Michael McIntyre Chat Show. His first love remains stand-up, and Tonkinson remains in great demand in the UK and across the globe, performing at all the major international comedy festivals. In 2013 he had the honour of joining Michael McIntyre as a special guest on his global arena tour; playing to millions across the globe, and in 2015 he joined McIntyre again on his UK arena tour.

"Hilarious; nobody makes me laugh like Paul Tonkinson. Simply one of the greatest comics around. Go see him!" - Michael McIntyre.
"Excellent... Extremely talented... Brilliant" - Time Out.

Sully O'Sullivan

Sully O'Sullivan has been declared a highlight of the New Zealand International Comedy Festival by The NZ Herald; a highlight of the Glasgow International Comedy Festival by The Scotsman, featured on Australian TV's The Comedy Channel, completed two UK national tours supporting cult Heavy Metal Comic Steve Hughes. First stepping onto a stand-up stage in June 1998, Sully's talent gained instant recognition as he won his first national stand-up award less than 12 months later. Nine years on he's featured in four seasons of New Zealand's award winning TV stand-up showcase 'Pulp Comedy', been nominated for the NZ Comedy Industry's supreme award by the NZ Comedy Trust, and nominated by his fellow performers for the title of NZ's Best MC.
"Amazing" - NME; "A blast of hilarity" - Manchester Evening News; "A wicked sense of humour" - BBC

Rob Mulholland

One of the fastest rising new comedians on the circuit, Rob Mulholland fell into comedy after finding a flyer looking for acts to appear at Harrogate Comedy Festival on the ground outside his front door. In the two years since, he has clocked up a huge amount of gigs all over the country ranging from tiny pubs to massive theatres (even performing to 2,000 bikers at an outdoor festival!), and can now be seen most weekends in some of the biggest comedy clubs in the country. Rob is the current Hilarity Bites New Act of the Year.
"Great delivery and a confident swagger... A riot" - Lancashire Evening Telegraph.
"Perfect delivery... had the audience bursting into spontaneous applause" - York Press.

Tickets for this show can be bought online now from www.hilaritybites.co.uk or in person from The Turbinia, or telephone 01325 313034

GACAP & Harvest Church Tombola Event



It was all hands on deck, on Saturday 24th June at the Thames Centre, when GACAP supported their partners Harvest Church who were holding a Tombola and Table Top Sale to raise much needed funds for Kidz Zone in house church for young people. Harvest Church meets every Sunday at the Bethany Centre, Woodham Village. Chairman of GACAP Ron Mitchie and Secretary Joan Mitchie delivered all the items for the session and were met by a flurry of helpers, Peter Driver, Geoff Walvin, Kath Pinner, Alison Ferby and Geoff Batchelor to set everything up for the 11am start. Ron thanks the Thames Centre for the use of the space and to Ronnie the caretaker for being so helpful. Peter took charge of inviting people to support the event by taking a chance on the tombola. There were over 150 prizes that could be won if the lucky numbers were drawn out. A total of £140 was raised

and this was added to a Cake Sale after Harvest Church Services which increased the total raised over the two days to just under £300. Many thanks to all who helped in the event and Sonia Scott for her donation. During the day partners' were able to share about the partnership and have organisations interested in coming along to GACAP net meeting at 4pm on 3rd July at Disc Offices, near the blue bridge. GACAP partners displaying helpful information were, Aycliffe Alcohol Recovery Mutual Support AARMS, Buddies Befriending Service PCP, Great Aycliffe Cancer Support, Place of Welcome and County Durham Food Bank from St Clare's and LCA Baby Basics who will be holding an event at the Thames Centre on 22nd July advising shoppers more about themselves. People wanting to know more about GACAP or any of the partner, please contact the secretary Joan Mitchie on secretary.gacap@gmail.com

RORY BREMNER COMES TO GALA THEATRE

If you're going to miss seeing Jeremy Corbyn and Theresa May on your TV screens during parliament's summer recess, head down to Gala Theatre to get your political fix. On Wednesday, 12 July, one of Britain's most well-known impressionists Rory Bremner will perform in Durham as part of his latest tour. The BAFTA-winning entertainer, best known for satire show Bremner, Bird and Fortune, is on a mission to make sense of today's ever-changing political landscape – and he won't be short of things to talk about. "Politics are so fluid at the moment that the show is almost a work in progress. There will be a significant element that will change as the tour goes on," he said. "It's almost as if satire is redundant – politicians are doing my job for me. But what I hope I do is try to make sense of things and rediscover the truth in this post-truth era. I want us to engage with what's going on, but be entertaining at the same time." As well as his own political satire show, Bremner has appeared on many of Britain's top comedy shows including Spitting Image, Whose Line is it Anyway, Have I Got News for You and Mock the Week. In his first tour since 2010, audiences can expect to see current US President Donald Trump alongside Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson – as well as some old favourites you may not have seen for a while. The current prime minister will also be making an appearance as Bremner is joined by impressionist Jan Ravens, who does a startlingly accurate impression of Mrs May. Comedian Jo Caulfield, a regular guest on shows including Never Mind the Buzzcocks and Comedy Store, completes the line-up.

Tickets for the show, £20 or £18 for concessions taking place on Wednesday, 12 July, cost and can be bought at www.galadurham.co.uk

Wartime Theme Fayre at St. Clare's



St. Clare's Church held a fundraising Fayre with a wartime theme last Saturday which all attendees enjoyed. A number of artefacts were on display including gas mask box, ration books, food and baking. Games, dancing, listening to Vera Lynn and the Andrew's Sisters was also very interesting. There was even a reminder of what was used as toilet paper in the 40's!

MEETING AGREES TO FORMING NEW NEVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

There was a really good response to the Informal Meeting to discuss the formation of Neville Residents' Association held in the Neville Parade Community Centre courtesy of the Trustees. The meeting was called by Great Aycliffe Residents' Association whose aim is to form Residents Associations in all parts of Great Aycliffe to give everyone the opportunity to present any problems they may have with the authorities, landlords etc under a banner of unity. GARA officers, Syd Howarth, Ken Robson and Arun Chandran put the case forward, showing the benefits to be gained,

including help with funding for neighbourhood projects. The majority thought the project worthwhile and a further meeting is called for Monday 24th July at 6.30pm to consider a draft Constitution which when approved will be presented to the Inaugural Meeting for adoption. Meanwhile nominations for the post of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are requested. Please do not be afraid to nominate yourself. Please contact GARA Chairman on syd@newtonpress.net, Telephone: 01325 320901. Secretary Arun Chandran on 01325 313224

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FORMER AYCLIFFE MP LORD DEREK FOSTER'S 80th BIRTHDAY



The Rt. Hon. Lord Foster of Bishop Auckland DL celebrated his 80th birthday with 200 guests for dinner last week at Ramside Hall. Derek is a Labour Life peer sitting in the House of Lords since 2005. He was our MP from 1979 when Newton Aycliffe was part of the Bishop Auckland constituency. Tony Blair became our MP following

a boundary change serving from 1983 until 2007. Derek Foster held the position of Minister of State (Cabinet Office) in government. He was Shadow Secretary of State (1995 to 1997), Shadow Chief Whip 1985 to 1995 in opposition. He also served on the Labour Party National Executive Committee. Praise was lavished on

Community Defibrillator

Friends of St Clare's are pleased to announce that an order has been placed for a Defibrillator for St Clare's Church. It will be installed on the outside of the building and so be available for community use.

Noel Bennett the founder of 'Friends of St. Clare's' said "I wish to convey my sincere thanks to all those who kindly gave donations both large and small."

The major donations came from; Honest John, GAMP, The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, WI, St Clare's Church and All Sorts Charity Shop. The weatherproof cover will be installed soon and the defibrillator should be in full operation by the end of July 2017.

Brass Back at Greenfield



Greenfield Arts are thrilled

to once again be part of the Brass Festival which will be coming to the region between 7th-16th July 2017. This year the event has once again attracted quality acts who will be performing throughout the North-East and bringing their special flavour of street brass to various venues.

Greenfield Community College are lucky enough to be hosting a performance on both the Aycliffe site and Sunnydale campus.

Last year's performance will be difficult to follow with students having a great time dancing in the aisles and joining together for a supersize conga!

This year's acts however are billed to be just as vibrant with a real street

edge. Students on the Sunnydale campus will be treated to the infectious beats of Hannabiell - 'a high energy ensemble fusing Afro-Caribbean & Latin percussion, jazz, afro-beat, funk and reggae' to create their unique sound. Students on the Newton Aycliffe site can expect a 'flavoursome mix of jazz and hip-hop' with a brand new act to the festival - "Laggerubb" - who will perform a mix of covers and some of their own original material to entertain the expectant students.

Greenfield Arts are committed to supporting local events such as the Brass Festival and are thrilled to be able to attract such a vibrant musical performance for the students to enjoy.

Still Time for Your Group to Bid for GAMP Funding

Are you part of a group that works in the Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP) area? Do you have a project idea that requires funding? Could your project help GAMP address its priorities for the area? If so, grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available to groups which support our key priorities. GAMP has an Area Budget of £100,000 available to fund projects within the Great Aycliffe and Midridge village areas. There is £33,333 available within each of the 2017/18 GAMP priorities; and projects should address at least one of the following priorities and the specified key issues:

- Children, Young People and Families

Projects are invited which help improve positive outcomes to support children, young people and their families from the GAMP area to live a happier and healthier life. Projects must address at least one of the following key issues:

- o Risky behaviour, including alcohol/drugs/smoking/crime
 - o Provision of activities/things to do for 12-15 year olds
 - o Children's physical, emotional and mental health
 - Older People
- Projects are invited which help support older GAMP residents to live a happier and healthier life (older residents are defined by Age UK as 50yrs+). Projects must address at least one of the following key issues:
- o Mental health, dementia, depression, access to social activity
 - o Access to activity; facilities, transport, welfare/money issues
 - o Social support; having regular contact with

friends, family or neighbours

- Employment, Enterprise and Training

Projects are invited which aim to help improve positive outcomes for GAMP residents to gain employment and/or access to training. The key issues of particular interest are:

- o Apprenticeships
- o Gaining work experience
- o Careers advice

Funding can be spent on either capital or revenue costs, but projects which include a specific element of capital spend are encouraged.

How to Apply

Contact the GAMP Team for an application pack. You can also contact the team if you are unsure if your project fits with our priorities. Application packs are available now. All applications must be returned to the GAMP Office by the closing date, 5.00pm on Friday 28 July 2017.

Help is Available

As part of the project callout the GAMP team will be running an advice session to take you through the application process, and to give you some hints and tips to help you complete your application. We strongly recommend that you book a place at the session:

- Thursday 22 June, 3.00pm - 5.00pm at Woodham Community Centre
- If you are unable to attend the advice session please contact the GAMP Team to arrange an alternative appointment.

To request an application pack, book a place at the advice session or to find out more about the GAMP project callout, please contact the GAMP Team:

Email: gampaap@durham.gov.uk
Telephone: 01325 327 441

Aycliffe C.C.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store were well beaten at home by 70 runs to promotion favourites Barnard Castle 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors elected to bat first and scored an impressive 258 for 8 in their allotted 50 overs, despite good bowling from Michael Howe and Luke Telford, who both picked up a couple of wickets. In reply, all rounder Michael Howe got Aycliffe's innings off to a blistering start smashing 54 from just 45 balls, including 11 boundaries. However a steady fall of wickets followed Howe's dismissal and saw the homeside eventually bowled out for

188 from 43.2 overs despite a tremendous rearguard action from both Subhan Christudas, who scored an unbeaten 60 from 66 balls, including 12 boundaries and Sean Morgan who hit a fighting 21 from 40 balls. Our u17's team earned a tie in a dramatic game at home to Barnard Castle u17's in the NYSD junior league. The visitors chose to bat first and were dismissed for 106 after 19.3 overs thanks to good bowling from Lucas Pilling (2 for 13) and Harry Wright (2 for 25) and helped by three excellent catches by captain Ryan Patrick. In reply Aycliffe were in a winning position at 89 for 2 thanks to Arran Taylor (36 from 40 balls) and Ryan Patrick (32

from 23 balls), but a mini collapse left them needing seven runs to win from the last over and Will Varley managed to get six in a tense finale to finish 12 not out and leave Aycliffe's innings on 106 for 7 after 20 overs. The u13's were defeated by 7 wickets at home to Billingham Synthonia u13's in a below par performance. Batting first Aycliffe were restricted to 53 for 8 from their allotted 20 overs with only Matty Greaves reaching double figures when he scored 11 runs. In reply the visitors hurried to victory after just 8.1 overs for the loss of 3 wickets.

There were no games this week for the 2nd's, u15's or u11's teams.

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Wednesday 12th July 2017

Environment Committee Recreation Committee 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, and its Committees.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting.
(www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 4th July features the British 2016 film "I, DANIEL BLAKE". Daniel Blake is a 59 year old widower who has had a heart attack; doctors say he mustn't work, Jobcentre staff say he must. He befriends a young mother and her two children who have arrived in the city, rehomed from London. The film tells the story of two people battling with "The system". It is set in Newcastle not really, but I've seen it once and will certainly be watching it again. Tea and coffee is 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. Everyone is most welcome. For further details ring Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755.

Woodham Year 7 & 8 Athletics



The Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics teams from Woodham Academy enjoyed a successful afternoon at the South West Durham Schools Athletics competition last week. The event was held at Shildon Athletics Stadium and eight schools from across the area competed in the event, so that students could experience competing at a specialist venue with excellent Athletics facilities. Woodham Academy entered boys and girls teams for both year groups and students

competed in a range of events which included track events (100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, 1500m), relay, long jump, high jump, triple jump, shot putt and javelin. There were some magnificent individual performances with several students winning their events and all teams scoring highly overall. A special mention to the Y7 boys' team, who came 2nd overall in their category and to the Y8 girls' team, who came 3rd overall. All of students performed to the best of their ability and

were a credit to the school. Well done to all athletes involved.

LOST CATS

A number of cats in the local area appear to have gone missing, mine included. A possibility for this could be due to the combination of heat and rain, as some cats could have sought shelter. Please check sheds, garages and outbuildings for any trapped animals.

Special Needs Adult Club Starts

Neville Community Centre would like to hold a Social Evening every Thursday from 7 - 9pm. We have indoor curling equipment, table football, table tennis, a Wii, Television, and Pool table. The cafe will be open for hot and cold drinks, hotdogs, burgers, chips, butties etc. I would like the people who attend to give the new club a name and tell me what activities they would like to do. If you or anyone that you know would like to come along, there is a taster night on Thursday 20th July, starting at 7pm. I am calling the club SNAG (Special Needs Adult Group) but that can be changed! Anyone 18 or over is welcome and I was also thinking that we could have a Disco once a month. If you would like to discuss this with me, please feel free to phone or text Lileen on 07961 733524. I look forward to meeting anyone who is interested. My own son is 21, and has autism, ADHD and LD. Lileen

Aycliffe Athletics Star



Adam Ord (right) will be travelling to the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham next month to compete in the English Schools Athletics Championships. Newtonian Adam, 14, who attends Greenfield Community College, became County Junior Boys 800m Champion at Jarrow Stadium on the 10th June - qualifying for the Inter-Counties in Hexham. He looked strong in his event, ran on the 17th June, and finished in the Regions Top 2 (behind the UK No. 1 Ranking Guest runner). His hard work with Durham City Harriers, and resulting level of success on the Track this season, has been recognised in his selection to represent Durham County Schools Athletic Association, as a member of the squad they will be taking to the major championships. Adam is looking forward to this challenge and experience and would like to thank Greenfield Community College and staff, and his coach George Reid - for their continued support and encouragement. Good Luck Adam!

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We have our regular 'Crazy Craft' sessions in Shildon, where you can get crafty with Dawn Belshaw and create something fabulous with simple everyday objects. Artist Paul Belcher will be at our Aycliffe venue to help you turn your creative writing into a real book that you can keep adding to. We also welcome 'Family

Cooking' to our Shildon venue. Jan Hodgson will be in attendance for the afternoon to help you make tasty dishes as a family to take home and enjoy.

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The speaker at the Rotary meeting last week was James Gregg of The Leprosy Mission who is the Regional Manager for the North East of England. James gave an informative Powerpoint presentation

showing the work in Nepal of the rebuilding of the hospital which treats all people as well as those with leprosy. The work in Africa includes treating leprosy and helping people grow their own food

and become self sufficient. Leprosy is not a "Bible" disease and is still with us today with sufferers in most cases becoming outcasts from their homes and families. It can be treated and cured with



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National Railway Museum. The next talk in the series will take place in the Hackworth Room, Collection Building, on Thursday July 20, 2017, starting at 1.45pm. The title of the talk is "The Lowca Legacy", and the speaker is Anthony Coulls, Senior Curator of Rail Transport & Technology. Throughout the 19th Century, many companies across the UK began to make steam locomotives. Some began from nothing; others were established firms seeking new income. A number grew into major concerns lasting over the century; others came and went.

The Cumbrian town of Whitehaven seems an unlikely location for a steam locomotive works, but for nearly 70 years, an engineering company there produced more than 200 locomotives as well as other engineering products. This talk looks at the history of the Lowca Engineering Works and the firms that operated it, and finishes with where you can see the surviving engines from the site in operation or on display in the 21st Century. Tickets for the talk are £5 each - this includes tea/coffee and a scone. Tickets are available from the gift shop at Locomotion: The NRM at Shildon or from www.locomotionmodels.com. For more information, please call the Locomotion team on 01904 685780

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SEDFIELD WATER POLO AT CITY OF MANCHESTER FESTIVAL



Sedgefield entered 2 teams in the City of Manchester Water Polo Festival on Saturday 24th June. The 'Born 2005 and younger' team were full of confidence after recent tournaments. Tough match to start against Bridgefield with Sedgefield running out winners after a hard fought match. Matches after that gave the young team the opportunity to demonstrate why their training is so important. Excellent fitness and team work ensured high scoring matches and ensured the team conceded a low number of goals. Sedgefield were

beaten in the semi-final by tournament winners Devonport who had a little too much strength across the whole team. That left the Bronze Medal match against NE rivals Rotherham, who we had beaten at home in the recent development competition. Again the results went Sedgefield's way with an impressive victory to take the medal place. Vicky Alderson, Club Secretary, commented on the commitment and dedication of the team. "Players ranged in age from 8-12 years and it was excellent to see how they worked together in and out of

the pool as a team regardless of their age differences. They remained focused throughout the entire day and achieved a well-deserved bronze medal. Well done to all players, coaches and parents!" The 'Born 2003 and younger team' travelled with the expectation of putting in a good performance. The opening 2 matches both went Sedgefield's way. Then things started to go awry and the results didn't go how the team expected, meaning the team did not qualify for medal positions. Coach Richard Cousins said 'tough matches for all those involved but with a lot of positives to take away. It may not have been what the team wanted but nobody can fault the teams efforts'.

We are always looking for new members so if anyone would like to come and try this fun and exciting sport, please ring 07544 374 520 or visit the club website: http://sedgefieldwaterpolo.com. We operate between Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor Leisure Centres.

Star Attraction at Loco Steam Gala



Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is pleased to confirm that steam locomotive BR Standard Class 2MT No. 78018 will be attending the museum's Autumn Steam Gala event on Saturday September 16 & Sunday September 17, 2017. Built at Darlington North Road Works in 1953, 78018 entered traffic on March 3 1954 at West Auckland Shed. This was soon followed by a move to Kirkby Stephen, working trains from Tebay to Barnard Castle on the Stainmore Railway. It was while on this line that 78018 became famous by getting stuck in a snow drift during February 1955. Its subsequent rescue was recorded in the British Transport Film "Snowdrift at Bleath Gill", which can be viewed in the museum's Collection Building. The locomotive was withdrawn on November 12 1966, before spending 11 years at Barry scrapyard. The locomotive is now owned by the Darlington Railway Preservation Society (DRPS), who spent more than 30 years restoring as much of the engine as they could, whilst call the museum team on 01388 777999. Please note that there is a charge for train rides.

for the engine, which had been removed from the engine before they took ownership. Loughborough Standards Locomotive Group (LSLG) had already restored sister engine 78019, and following agreement with the DRPS, 78018 moved to the Great Central Railway, home of LSLG, for completion. 78018 returned to traffic in Autumn 2016. Visitors to the Autumn Steam Gala at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon will have the opportunity to see 78018 in light steam on the events apron and enjoy cab access to this famous locomotive. The event will feature additional locomotives on outdoor display, plus steam train rides behind Furness Railway No. 20, the oldest standard gauge locomotive still working in the UK. There will also be a host of information stands by heritage railways plus trade stalls to browse. Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon is open from 10am to 5pm daily, and admission is free of charge. For more information, please call the museum team on 01388 777999. Please note that there is a charge for train rides.

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OPINION SOUGHT ON ALCOHOL ISSUES IN ANONYMOUS SURVEY

Public opinion is being sought in a local survey, to gather residents' views on alcohol consumption.

The online survey is part of a month-long campaign, led by Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, who is raising awareness of a variety of issues around alcohol consumption. Ron aims to highlight the impact on emergency services, drink driving, health and well-being, young people and retailers. The survey is completely anonymous, and asks only five questions.

Ron said: "It is important that residents have a chance to give their views on this topical subject. I am keen to hear people's personal opinions and perceptions. For example, do parents think it's acceptable to purchase alcohol for under 18's? Or are they affected by in their neighbourhood by anti-social behaviour due to alcohol? These are the type of answers I am keen on gathering, to inform my policies and the work of the Police and our partners."

"I'm delighted that almost a thousand responses were received in the first week. There's still time to get involved, and I encourage adults who live or work in County Durham or Darlington to fill the survey in. It takes less than two minutes, and the responses should make a real difference in tackling alcohol harm."

To complete the survey visit Ron's website at: www.durham-pcc.gov.uk, or search for Durham PCC on Facebook and Twitter, before Sunday 9th July 2017.

Road Closure for Resurfacing

There will be a temporary road closure for Burnhill Way and Woodham Way Roundabout for 5 days between 7am and 7pm per day from Monday 17th July 2017.

Some roads will be for residents' access only and diversion routes will be signposted.

N.E. Contractors Appointed for Auckland Castle Restoration

A North East construction company has been awarded the contract to restore a 900-year-old County Durham castle. Meldrum Construction Services Ltd, based in Gateshead, will be returning Auckland Castle, to its original Georgian Gothic opulence on behalf of regional charity, Auckland Castle Trust (ACT). The multi-million pound project, supported thanks to National Lottery players by a grant of £11.4million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), will be managed by Darlington-founded construction management consultancy, Turner & Townsend and internationally acclaimed architects, Purcell.

Project Manager, Geoff Brown, said: "The restoration of Auckland Castle is a significant project for ourselves, incorporating both a wide range of repairs, replacements and redecoration to the existing castle, and the construction of an extension to create contemporary gallery space.

"We will be working closely with Meldrum, Purcell and Auckland Castle Trust's Curatorial Team to ensure this is all carried out in-keeping with the historic nature of the building, as well as modern regulations." Around half of Meldrum's current 190 employees, including time-served carpenters, bricklayers, welder/fabricators, ground workers, plant operators and electricians, will be involved in the project, with a minimum of 60 expected to be on site at any one time.

M.D. Dave Meldrum, Meldrum said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have won such a prestigious contract and are now looking at ways in which we can involve the local community and maximise the opportunities we can offer them while working in Bishop Auckland."



(left to right): David Maddan, CEO, Auckland Castle Trust, with Dave Meldrum, Claire Baron, Senior Curator: Auckland Castle Trust and Project Manager, Geoff Brown, with before and after images. Photo by Barry Pells.

Purcell, which has 15 offices across the UK, as well as sites in Asia Pacific and Australia, has already worked on a number of similar projects, including the restoration of Durham Cathedral, Kensington Palace, Tower Bridge and the National Maritime Museum.

Dr. Alexander Holton, Associate, Purcell, said: "Purcell are immensely proud to be part of one of the most ambitious and exciting heritage projects that has taken place in the North East for decades.

"Through the vision of the Auckland Castle Trust, and its Chairman, Jonathan Ruffer, the site will be transformed into a world-class visitor destination that will continue to act as a platform for social and economic regeneration throughout County Durham and beyond."

The restoration of Auckland Castle, which is due for completion in Spring 2018, is being supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Sir James Knott Trust, The Charles Hayward Foundation,

Do You look Good in Specs?

THIS is the last chance for the North East's most striking specs wearers to show off their style and be in with a chance of winning £10,000 cash and £1,000 worth of new glasses.

Multi-platinum pop star Nadine Coyle is encouraging glasses wearers across the North East to submit their entries for the Spectacle Wearer of the Year Awards before the deadline of Sunday 2 July.

To enter Specsavers' annual competition, simply wear your glasses with pride and share your best selfie via the Spectacle Wearer of the Year website and you could be mingling with celebrities at the star-studded awards evening in October.

Now in its 22nd year, the competition raises valuable funds for anti-bullying charity Kidscape, which has totalled £400,000 to date.

Nadine, who will present the overall winner's award, says: "We've seen some fabulous entries so far - the standard is so high and it's incredible to see so many people showing off their specs style. The great thing about this

competition is no matter what your age or personal style, it's all about rocking your specs with pride. 'I've worn glasses for about a year now and was thrilled to receive an award for Best Newcomer at last year's event. It's such a great feel-good campaign and the awards evening is so much fun.

'I'm so proud to be involved with a campaign that raises funds for such a great cause. Kidscape does an incredible job to help stamp out bullying. As a mum myself, I understand how important it is for children to grow up



without fearing bullies or abuse.'

Tim Mitchison director for Specsavers in Bishop Auckland, says: 'This is the last chance for people in the region to showcase their specs appeal to the whole country. We're encouraging glasses wearers to upload a selfie at loveglasses.specsavers.co.uk today, it couldn't be easier.'

The competition has five age categories - 16-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-59 and over 60s plus a Facebook favourite voted for by the public. A winner from each category will win a VIP makeover and attend the awards ceremony in London in October.

The money raised from entries will help Kidscape provide training, support and advice for children, parents, schools and those who may be affected by cases of bullying and abuse in the UK.

To be in with a chance of scooping the biggest accolade in the specs-wearing world, glasses wearers can enter the competition online at loveglasses.specsavers.co.uk

Major Investment for Greenfield College

Exciting things are happening at Greenfield Community College in Science and Technology. Over the summer period there is major investment across both campuses at Aycliffe and Shildon to repair and remodel the facilities for Science and Technology to match the modern curriculum offer in those areas. Science and Technology represent part of the Greenfield specialism alongside the Arts, showing a commitment to foster curiosity, encourage confidence, broaden student's horizons and get good results.

On the Sunnydale Campus the west block has been handed over to builders to bring it up to standard. At Aycliffe rooms will be remodelled to provide a new science studio, a new food room, a textiles room and product design facility. All the work is scheduled to be complete by October with the majority in place from September 2017. From September key subjects of English, Modern Foreign Languages and Religious Education will also be relocated to provide better teaching spaces on the Sunnydale Campus.

Executive Headteacher David Priestley is looking forward to the forthcoming improvements and the impact they will make. "As our school continues to grow we will continue to invest and develop our facilities to provide the best facilities for our expert teachers to continue to bring out the very best potential of our young people" said Mr Priestley.

For more information about this, and Auckland Castle Trust's other Future Plans, please visit www.aucklandcastle.org

Northern Soul Appeal

Thank you to those who have sent us their Northern Soul memorabilia.

We are now in need of photographs of the Northern Soul phenomenon, images from local events or from events residents have visited such as Wigan Casino.

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Birthday Remembrance

DAWN ELLIOT 29/6/1965 to 6/2/2014. Thinking of you on your birthday Dawn. But that is nothing new, for no day comes and no day ends without a thought of you. Love you forever, Kathy and Dad

DAWN ELLIOT 29th June 1965. A birthday wish we send to you. Not on a card like we used to do, but written in gold on a cloud up above and sent to you with all our love. Love and miss you so much Mam. Bill and Stephen

VALERIE GRAVELING 5th July. Precious memories on your 80th birthday Mum. Missing you always, until we meet again. Your loving Daughter Tracy xx



Congratulations

Births

TURNBULL - MCCABE Tom & Elaine, Mick and Arma are proud and delighted to announce the early but safe arrival of their Granddaughter "Cybil Rose". Born on 12th June 2017, weighing 7lb 1oz. Second Daughter for Thomas and Sarah (nee McCabe). Perfect little Sister for Martha Grace. Welcome precious granddaughter, Niece and Cousin. Love and congratulations from both families

Obituary

DOREEN TYNDALL, 18th June 2017, passed away peacefully after a long illness and wonderful life, aged 95 years. Doreen will be in our thoughts and hearts always and missed dearly by all. A much loved Wife, Mum, Nana, Great Nana and Great Great Nana. Funeral on Tuesday 4th July. Would friends please meet at 11.45am, for Service at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if so desired, to SSAFA c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., 59a Bondgate, Darlington, DL3 7JR.

In Memoriam

BARBARA SUTTON 3rd July 2015. Years go by, but our memories of the best Mother and Nana that God ever made will never fade. Forever in our hearts. All the family
DES WALKER 30th June 2008. There will always be a heartache and often a silent tear, as we treasure the beautiful memories of the days when you were here. Love always, Wife Julia and all our family xxx
DENISE CONNELL 8th October 1956 to 29th June 1997. 20 long years since we said goodbye. Dearly loved and missed every day by Eddie, Michelle, Debby, Mam-in-Law, Phillip, Martin and respective families

Jack Howarth



Happy 18th Birthday
5 July 2017

Thank goodness it's finally here!! 18 at last!! Couldn't be more proud of the man you have become. Enjoy every minute Jack, love you loads Mam and Dad xx
Happy 18th Big Bro, lots of love Joe xx
You may be 18 but you're my No 1, hope you have a good day, love Simone xx
To a special Grandson on your 18th birthday. Hope you have a fab day, lots of love Nan and Grandad xx
Happy 18th birthday, hope you have a great day, love Uncle Lee, Auntie Shellie, Morgan, Callum, Georgia and Bobbi-Lea xx
Happy Birthday Grandson. Have a great day. Love from Grandad Syd and Barbara
Happy 18th Jack. Enjoy your birthday. From all your Uncles, Aunties and Cousins (Howarth family)

SMITH Andrew and Lindsey (nee Shotton). Congratulations on your Pearl Wedding Anniversary (30 years). Lots of love, Mam, Dad and Nana xxx

SMITH Andrew and Lindsey. Well done Mam and Dad, you have made it to 30 years of Marriage. We love you lots. Taylor and Gabrielle (Jess and Darren) xxx

SMITH Andrew and Lindsey. Many congratulations on your 30th Wedding Anniversary. From John, Claire, Ollie and Arthur xx

SMITH Andrew and Lindsey. Congratulations on your Pearl Wedding Anniversary. With much love from your Chief Bridesmaid! Luv 'n' stuff from Les, John, June, (Jenny, Doris, Alfie and Oscar)

HARRY COUSINS Happy 18th birthday. Have a fantastic day. All our love, Dad and Angie xxx

HARRY COUSINS Congratulations on your 18th birthday on 29th June. Love and best wishes from Gran Jean and family

THOMAS ARMSTRONG Congratulations on your Graduation. Passing Bachelor of Arts in Web and Multi Media with a First Class Honours. We are so proud of you Son. Well done. Love, Mam, Dad, Ste, Tony, Chesca and Keira xxx

SHAUN WALES Happy 30th birthday. Have a fab day. Love, Kay xxx

SHAUN WALES Happy birthday Dad. Have a fab day. Love you lots, Charlie, Abi and Riley xxx

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FLOWER DEMO

Area Demonstrator, Vanessa Wellock from Ilkley, will present an entertaining evening of flower demonstrating entitled 'This is me' at the next meeting of Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday, 3rd July in Shildon Civic Hall at 7.30pm. The event is free to members. Visitors £5.00. All welcome.

PRAISE FOR COUNCIL WORKERS

Dear Sir,
 On Saturday I took my 3 year old grandson to the park at Horndale. We went into the little persons area to find graffiti on one of the climbing frames. It was of a pornographic nature and rather offensive. There was a Town Council worker picking up litter in the park area and I mentioned it to him. He went back to his van and called another worker who within 3 minutes was on the scene and removed the offensive drawing. What a quick service and well done to the guys. I was extremely impressed. Michael Wild

LOCAL SKATERS EXCEL AT NATIONAL COMPETITION



Congratulations to all club skaters who competed in the two national skating competitions held at Kettering. The first competitions held at the end of April when five girls Elisa, Elle, Caitlin, Evie and Kaitlyn competed in novice elementary, bronze and silver figure and free competition. These girls were very successful gaining gold, silver and two bronze medals, also a very close 4th place.

Three novice girls Charlotte, Jessica and Robyn also entered this competition for the first time and acquitted themselves really well. It was very daunting for all skaters especially the first timers to skate against people from all parts of the country, perform and be judged by national judges and skate for the first time in front of a large crowd of spectators. Well done girls. The second competition was British championships held again at Kettering over the weekend of June 24th-25th. Three girls entered this figure and free competition Elle, Evie and Kaitlyn and again acquitted themselves really well gaining bronze medal 6th, 8th and 10th place, well done girls you make us as a club extremely proud of you. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Tesco store Newton Aycliffe for allowing us to do a bag pack to help raise funds to help with competition expenses and training equipment. Also the customers of Tesco for being so supportive and generous - it is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Shildon A.A.P fund for awarding a grant to buy training equipment. As a club we are planning an open day/awards day that will take place on Sunday July 16th 10.30am - 2.30pm at Sunnydale leisure centre. Club members are invited to being along a friend to joint us in a morning fun, games and music. During the morning awards will be presented to our current member to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements over the past year. Guests will have a £2.50 admission fee (bring own skates if you have them) and spectators will have an admission fee of £2. Refreshments and a tuck shop will be available to buy throughout the morning as well. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for this event.

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Skating Club Fun Day

Following Spectrum Roller Skating Clubs Gala success last week the club hosted a Sunday Fun day celebration for skaters and friends. Our volunteers organised skating games, roller disco, guess the name of the doll, a tombola, merchandise sale and refreshments and in total raised £52.10 for club fund. The skaters brought along their trophies and medals to show other aspiring roller skaters what can be achieved. Spectrum Roller Skating Club would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our fun day. Photo - One of our youngest skaters Sophia Marshall (4) presented with her medal for skating at last week's gala.

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