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17 Days of Festival Fun for Great Aycliffe

Festival time arrives in Aycliffe on Friday 14th July, in a seventeen-day programme of events and entertainment organised for the people of Aycliffe by the people of Aycliffe. Running until Sunday 30 July, the 2017 Aycliffe Festival is co-ordinated by and supported with grants and assistance from Great Aycliffe Town Council.

The events take place in a number of venues in Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village, with free entrance to many of them. One of the highlights will be the Party in the Park, which takes place in the Town Park on Burn Lane on the evening of 14th July and features the return of the Big BRASS Bash which is part of the Durham Brass Festival but brought to you and funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council - bring a picnic and enjoy the performances; for a quick preview, visit the Big BRASS Bus at Tesco on 9th July between 11am and 1pm. The Festival has events for everyone to enjoy - including a Music Night at the Working Men's Club featuring local band Ocean and a Social Evening with Betcha By Golly Wow at Aycliffe Village Hall. There will be lots of variety, with a Heritage Event at St Andrew's Church and Community Fun Days at Agnew Community Centre, a Summer Fete at Rose Lodge Care Home, a Golf Competition and Flowers Forever at St Elizabeth's Church.

Parishioners are invited to meet the Mayor of Great Aycliffe for afternoon tea at the Council Offices, while the Oakleaf Sports Complex will be hosting a Cocktail Night - come along and join the mixology contest for the best

cocktail. If you prefer more of a challenge, try to solve the crime at the Murder Mystery Night.

The majority of Festival events take place during the school summer holiday and there will be a number of free events for children of all ages to enjoy, including a STEM event at the Recreation Centre to show young children that Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths can be fun. From 12-16 July there will be a Funfair for all ages at Moore Lane Park (with charges for rides). A programme detailing events, times, venues and

any charges will be provided to every primary school student and will also be available from the Library and Community Centres. Full details and tickets for events are available from the 'Festival Shop' in Beveridge Way from Saturday 8th July (10am - 3pm daily) as well as on Great Aycliffe Town Council's Website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or you can phone 300700 to request a copy of the brochure.



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POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

AN elderly man was attacked and left lying on the floor in the rain after burglars raided his home. The 71-year-old was returning to his home on Bowman Street, Darlington, at around 10.30pm on Wednesday, 28th June when he noticed a man and woman inside the house. As he approached his front door and started to go inside, the male suspect hit him, causing him to fall over the mobility scooter he was riding and hit the floor. The two suspects then ran off with a quantity of cash, leaving the elderly man lying on the floor in the rain and unable to get up. He was seen by a member of the public a few minutes later, who then called the police. Detective Constable Richard Garrett, from Darlington CID said: “This was a cowardly attack on a vulnerable elderly man. “We’d strongly encourage anyone who knows anything about the incident, or saw anything suspicious in the Bowman Road and Thompson Street West area of Darlington to get in touch.” The victim was taken to Darlington Memorial Hospital where he remains in a serious but stable condition. Anyone with any information should call Darlington CID on 01325 742783 quoting incident number 477 of June 28.

Motorist dies following crash

Police are appealing for witnesses following the collision on the A68 Bildershaw Bank near West Auckland. The two-vehicle incident happened Thursday 29th June at about 10.45am. It is understood that the driver of a black coloured Peugeot 206 was heading from Burtree in the direction of West Auckland descending the hill when he was involved in a collision with a beige Skoda Octavia heading up the hill. Paramedics and the fire and rescue service attended but the driver of the Peugeot was sadly pronounced dead at the scene. Identification of the deceased is expected to take place later today. Durham Constabulary would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the vehicles being driven prior to the crash. Anybody with any information is requested to contact the Collision Investigation Unit on 0191 3752159 or Durham Police on the non-emergency number 101 quoting incident number 128 of June 28.

3 Peaks Climb for MRI Scanner Appeal



Margit, Jude and Jennie

A group of five walkers completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks climb on Saturday 17th June - two from Bewick Crescent Surgery, Margit Howard, Practice Nurse, Judith Metcalfe, Office Administrator, Jennie Metcalfe from the PCP, Chris Robson ex Newtonian, Andrew Musson from Bishop Auckland. It was a great day, but very hard work, and we are so pleased we did it, trying to raise money for the two MRI Scanners for Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals. It was Margit’s idea to do this early in the year, we trained together initially, Roseberry Topping was the first followed by several long walks in the wind and rain. Pen y Ghent was our next collective challenge which seven of us did in a cold wind rain. We finished that walk thinking if it’s like that on the day we won’t be taking it on. Jennie and myself went to do the other two peaks, Wherside and Ingleborough, as the others could not make it. By this time there was just three of us left, plus my brother Chris, who lives in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. He had his own peaks to practice on until the event. However Margit’s brother in law Andrew said he would join us, as he had done it before. Jennie and I managed a time of 10.5hrs, Chris 11.5hrs and Margit and Andrew 15 hours.. However I do feel that it’s not the time that matters, but the sheer determination of Margit to follow this through and complete what she had set out to accomplish. Judith Metcalfe

Aycliffe PCP Centre’s Free Summer Family Fun Day



As part of the Aycliffe Festival season, Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is inviting people to a free family fun day on Saturday 15 July between 10am – 2.30pm in the grounds of the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe. If you’re looking for something fun and different to do with the kids, there will be lots going on including craft workshop, biscuit decorating, face painting, gardening activities, soft play and bouncy castle. Learn more about the art of science, visit the petting zoo, meet the magician and watch a Punch and Judy show. We are also expecting a visit from the local fire service and some famous mascot characters will be mixing with the crowds. PCP’s on-site Coffee Shop will be open throughout the event to serve a range of tasty, healthy snacks, light meals, sweet treats and refreshments. The Pioneering Care Centre and its grounds are fully accessible, the event will be open to all and there will be no entrance fee. For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer’s Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF. Tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

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Cancer Support Group Sale

On Saturday 1st July Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group held a Table Top Sale in aid of the charity at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

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Thank you to everyone who came along to support us - we raised £344.67 and thank you to everyone that donated prizes.

Next fundraising event is on Saturday 8th July at Newton Aycliffe WMC where we welcome Mark "Elvis" Nixon who is coming to sing your favourite Elvis Classics. Mark has travelled the world performing Tribute Shows.

We will also have a Disco and Tickets are just £4 available behind the bar at the Club or call Sharon on 07944 187 877. If you would like to donate a raffle prize please call - we help and support anyone affected by cancer whether you are the patient, carer or relative.

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Aycliffe's Twice World Champion

Newtonian Holly Sanderson aged 16, attended the Freestyle World Championships in Blackpool Winter Gardens to compete for the big title!

After weeks of hard work and dedication to her training at her dance school Stepping Out with Clare Walton in Newton Aycliffe, she danced against 50 competitors round after round qualifying to a five dancer final.

Holly was over the moon to make the final and delivered a first class Slow-dance spot which lead her to the World Championship Winning Title!

This is the second year running Holly has brought the title back to Newton Aycliffe and her family, teachers and peers are very proud! How fabulous to have such talent in our town and a World Champion.



'Win a Car' Raffle for MRI Appeal



Part of the fundraising activities for the two MRI Scanners for Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals involves selling raffle tickets to win a new Vauxhall car.

Tesco's and the town's Rotary Club members were busy selling the £1 tickets on Saturday and they received a big response from Newtonians. Readers can buy a ticket from the Customer Services Counter at Tesco's. Please support this important appeal. MRI Appeal Charity Lead Officer, Pat Chambers said: "I was absolutely delighted to support both Rotarians and Tesco's Community Team with their fundraiser on Saturday. I'd driven up the Vauxhall Viva which is being raffled



for the MRI Scanner Appeal and seeing such friendly faces decided to stay and help with the collection.

"£529 was raised on the day which is a fabulous help towards the scanner appeal and I want to thank all of those who volunteered their time from the Rotary Club to help Shirley and the team from Tesco."



Thanksgiving Funeral Service for Past Mayor

The Funeral Service for Michael Dalton was well attended by family and friends of the town's Past Mayor.

Held at St. Clare's Church on Friday 30th June, among the congregation was the Lord Lieutenant, Sue Snowdon, attending unofficially as a friend of the family.

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe Wendy Hillary gave the eulogy commenting on how well Michael served the community despite his disability, earning the respect of all he met.

Rev. Mike Dixon, a fellow

Newton Aycliffe Rotarian, conducted the Service and praised Michael's indomitable spirit.

Local Civic dignitaries, Councillors and fellow members of various organisations including the PCP paid their respects, gathering in the Church hall for refreshments afterwards.

Michael's mother Mary, his fiancée Sue, and her family, wish to acknowledge all the help, messages of sympathy and kindness shown in their bereavement.

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ACORN Meet

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Our group and guests had a good day out at Holmfirth and Skipton last month - even the weather was kind to us. Further trips are to be discussed at the meeting. Everyone is welcome to come along to discuss any concerns and good news. We usually have our local Councillors and PCSO at our meetings who are willing to give any help they can. We look forward to seeing current and new members or guests for a chat and tea or coffee.

UTC BRIDGES GAP BETWEEN EDUCATION & INDUSTRY

The 'Hitachi' Engineering Hall Marks First Year of Aycliffe College

The UTC at Aycliffe held a Celebration event to mark their first academic year on Thursday 29th June 2017. The College focuses on engineering, design and manufacturing skills with local business partners providing students with a unique educational experience. The event was marked with the official opening of the Hitachi Rail Engineering Hall and the Gestamp Robot Cell. 140 students studied at the college in the first year with an additional 200 due to start

in September. The UTC offers a balance between theoretical and practical education for 14-19 year olds interested in science, technology, engineering and maths. Students study GCSE's or A-levels alongside technical engineering courses. Crucially they receive bespoke opportunities to experience the workplace and build their skills. Hitachi Rail Europe, Gestamp and University of Sunderland have all been integral to the establishment of the UTC. The



partners offer both financial and professional services to aid the college's development. Tom Dower, Principal of UTC South Durham, said: "The education provided by the UTC is unique because of our close relationship with so many local employers. Our students will leave us with many of the skills these employers are looking for, a confidence in their ability and clarity of their career

direction. These mean that they will be ready for work and will have an important impact on the future success of the North East economy." "We are delighted to be able to celebrate our excellent start with our founding organisations." Alistair Dormer, Global CEO of Hitachi Rail said: "It is an honour to join the college for these celebrations and meet some of their fantastic

students. "We are very proud to be a founding member of the college, which is helping to create a new generation of skilled workers in the North East. "Our Newton Aycliffe train manufacturing site

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What a fantastic week had by all of Year 5 at St Mary's Primary School! We have all been given such a great chance and on behalf of the whole class, I would like to thank everyone who made it possible! We had the pleasure of hosting 17 children from a school in Northern France and celebrated their arrival on Monday 26th June with an exciting taster session. We shared with them some of the wonderful tastes of England, Victoria sponge cake, Yorkshire puddings, cheese scones and Dandelion & Burdock were just a few samples! It was such an event that even the Mayor of Aycliffe came to join us! Shirley, the community support manager, from Tesco, also came to share in our day - Tesco very kindly donated bread and fresh fruit, all week, to our visitors which was very much appreciated. As science is not as widely

taught in France, we decided that it would be a good idea to share our learning with our visitors. Our teacher, Miss Miles, invited Dave Spensley from Go Ahead Robotics to hold a marvellous day of technology! We were given the chance to use the Makey Makey Boards, and some of us were very creative. We used bananas to play the piano, Play Doh to play Pacman and much more! We were also given another amazing opportunity to build a robot which we then programmed to go round a track. Two children were even given an extra opportunity to take the next step and construct a more complex robot together! On Wednesday we all took part in PE, teaching our French visitors a few British ball games and found that some of us were very competitive and talented at sports. Thursday was the French children's last day with us so we thought a great way to say

au revoir would be to sing some traditional French songs. We decided to involve the whole school in this by letting every class learn a song and share it with us in an Assembly. Some members of Year 5 have made good friends over the week; no doubt they will be staying in touch! Overall, I think we've been given an amazing opportunity and I am very grateful. I hope that next year's class will be given the same chance and will enjoy it as much as we did!
By Jessica Weatherall, Year 5

History Talk

On Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall, Margaret Harvey will speak on 'Sherburn Hospital after the Reformation circa 1595'. All welcome - members £1 non members £3, includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Enquiries 01325 301093.

West Ward Summer Activities Cancelled

Dear Sir,
I was pleased to see that there was going to be Summer Camps/Healthy eating sessions, Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All at the Western Area Community Centre which is in the West Ward where I know a lot of young people need help and guidance.

Just over a month ago Investing In Children held six very successful sessions in the Centre and with free use of the Community Bus to take young people out to places of fun and activity. Imagine my surprise when I received a casual call from Lindsey Todd cancelling these sessions. The lady organiser had looked at the outside of the building and decided it was not suitable as she was wanting 50 people to attend. I agree that it is a small centre but at least it could have been inspected to see what it is like inside. This showed total ignorance and knowledge of our area. Funding stipulates an age range, but it was very unfair to disqualify children 5yrs - 8yrs who are the young people who need help and activities. The parents of these young people bring their youngsters and stay with them every Tuesday and Friday night at our Kids Club

where they enjoy their healthy eating teas. I have since found out that the sessions are going to be held at Greenfield School which is NOT in the West Ward and once again our area has lost out!
Dorothy Bowman.

CAR RALLY

The popular annual Classic Car Rally returns to Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon on Sunday July 16, 2017. Come along to view a range of classic cars - ranging from a 1935 Morris and a 1939 Pontiac Silver Streak, to a 1999 Honda Civic. Other vehicles expected to join the display include a 1988 Land Rover fire appliance and a 1993 Yamaha Virago Trike. Plus steam train rides behind Furness Railway No. 20 - the oldest standard gauge locomotive still operating in the UK - will be available throughout the day. Please note that a small charge applies for train rides. 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 call the museum team on 01904 685780.

New Rotary Club Officers



The Rotary Club year starts 1st July and above are the new officers for 2017/18. Left to right: Sgt at Arms: Don Walker, 2nd Vice President Malcolm Masterman, Past President Nora Scott, 1st Vice President Jon Bean, President Tony Robinson, Secretary Geoff Knapton and Barry Hutchinson, Treasurer.

Live Band at Big Club



See a popular local live band at Newton Aycliffe W.M.C. (The Big Club) on Friday July 14th. from 8pm-11pm (over 18's only). This will be the third year running for this fantastic music event, featuring top local artistes "Ocean" and Micky Rich. Tickets are only £2 each and available from the club or on the door on the night. For any other information contact Paul on 07801 395495 or Alan on 07754 094946.

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This event is for female students in Years 9 - 11 and will include opportunities to:

- 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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Greenfield Book Launch



Greenfield Arts Centre at the College have recently hosted a book launch for some very special authors. Greenfield's Creative Writers Group and Year 5 pupils from Aycliffe Village Primary have written the book, 'It started with a shoe'. The book features some wonderful imaginative short stories and flash fiction created after a workshop with writers E. Wharton and V. Vennard in November 2016. Parents and special guests Cllr Clare and Author Eileen Wharton were lucky enough to hear some read aloud by the authors at the launch and even have their copies signed by the up and coming writers. Each author received a copy and in a few weeks, the book will be available in Newton Aycliffe Town Library.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR AT MIDDRIDGE



Middridge Village held its annual Fete last Saturday with former Deputy Chairman of the County Council Mike Dixon conducting the official opening. Numerous stalls filled the green opposite the Bay Horse and the centre arena provided room for a Viking/Saxon re-enactment of life and fighting in medieval England. Children were invited to take part and really enjoyed slaughtering the invaders. David Sutton-Lloyd provided a demonstration of how easy it is to use a defibrillator to save the life of heart attack victims. The Dog Show attracted many entries and prizes were won for various categories including

the "Mut of Middridge". It was nice to see and hear Aycliffe & Brancepeth Brass Band under conductor Mike Priestley add fantastic music to a traditional British occasion. Acle Early Medieval Re-enactment Group was formed in 2010 and are based in Newton Aycliffe. They portray living history and demonstrations



Arrested by PCSO Daniella

of combat from the first Viking invasions through to the Norman Conquest, and have recently been involved with the re-launch of Jarrow Hall, formerly Bede's World, occupying their Anglo-Saxon farm. Part of the demonstrations offered include showing and teaching children about arms and weaponry and the children form the 'Fyrd' which is a band of Saxon warriors; they then get to fight off any marauding Vikings! Acle train every first Thursday of the month at Middridge Village Hall; for more information contact Wendy Findlay on 07794 065664.



HITACHI has announced it has now more than a 1000 employees at Aycliffe, far surpassing the 738 first forecast. The company has a bright future with prospects of more contracts. AYCIFFE UNIVERSITY TRAINING COLLEGE has doubled its teaching staff to cope with the new intake of students which takes their roll to 340 in September.

Middridge Honours Past Parish Councillors

On 30th June Middridge Parish Council held a Chairman's Dinner in honour of ex-Parish Councillors Anne and John Clarke, who decided not to stand for re-election in May after 34 years of service to the Community. Speeches were made by Harold Howe, the current Chairman, and Aycliffe North & Middridge Ward County Councillor John Clare, who presented them both with a Memorial Gift donated by Middridge Parish Councillors and staff. Photo L-R: Harold Howe, John and Anne Clarke with John Clare.



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 19th July 2017

Policy & Resources 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".

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GIANT FAMILY FUN FAIR

at Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe

Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th July

FREE ENTRY

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Saturday 1.30-8.30 and Sunday 1.30-6.30

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Great Aycliffe Town Council NEWSLETTER



7th July 2017

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Great Aycliffe Town Council present

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Town Park

DAY	PARK
26th July	TOWN CENTRE PARK plus 2 Face Painters, Craft Marquee, Zoo Train Inflatable and a visit from the RSPB
28th July	OAK LEAF PARK plus Farmyard Flyer, Zoo Train Inflatable and a visit from the RSPB
2nd August	WOODHAM PARK Teddy Bears Picnic, bring your favourite teddy bear along
4th August	ST OSWALD'S PARK Paw Patrol Hunt
9th August	MOORE LANE PARK Dot and Zooky will be teaching Circus Skills and a Circus Inflatable
11th August	HORNDALE PARK
16th August	AYCLIFFE VILLAGE PARK
18th August	Final Venue SIMPASTURE PARK plus 2 Face Painters and Bumpy Carz



Moore Lane Park



Simpasture Park



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 01325 300600



Horndale Park



Byerley Park



West Park



St Oswalds Park



Aycliffe Village Park

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at the

**Aycliffe
Festival**

14-30 July 17



Full details of all Aycliffe Festival Events are on page 2

AYCLIFFE FESTIVAL EVENTS

Sunday 9th July

Catch a sneaky peak of what's to come at our Party in the Park. Look out for the Big BRASS Bus at Tesco where you can enjoy some warm-up performances and join in some 'have-a-go' workshops courtesy of pBone. From 11am-1pm on Sunday 9 July, Newton Aycliffe.



Thursday 12th - Sunday 16th July

FUNFAIR FOR ALL AGES

Moore Lane Park - Wed-Friday 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Saturday 1.30 pm - 8.30 pm - Sunday 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Admission to the fairground is free but prices will vary depending upon the ride. Big and small rides and side stalls.



15th - 30th July

HERITAGE EVENT

St Andrew's Church

Thursdays during July from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Admission Free

The Church is over 1200 years old and will display the famous Saxon stones and general church and Aycliffe Village history. Come along and look up your family history. For more information, contact Dawn Herbert, Tel 300040



Friday 14th July

PARTY IN THE PARK

Town Park, Burn Lane - 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Admission Free

The Big BRASS Bash returns to Aycliffe with an even bigger and brassier line-up for 2017! Grab a picnic and enjoy performances from Artistas del Gremio, Ooz Band and Mr Wilson's Second Liners, then to close the night we have a fabulous collaboration between our favourite boys in blazers, Hope and Social and new brass supergroup, Back Chat Brass. PLUS Catch a sneaky peak of what's to come from 11am-1pm on Sunday 9 July at Tesco, Newton Aycliffe. Look out for the Big BRASS Bus where you can enjoy some warm-up performances and join in some 'have-a-go' workshops courtesy of pBone.

MUSIC NIGHT

Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club, Sheraton Road

7.45 pm - 11.00 pm - Tickets £2.00 from P Morrison or the bar at NAWMC and on the night at the door

Dance the night away to live Music Night featuring local band, Ocean, a four piece covers band based in the north east who know just how to create a proper party atmosphere. Ocean are supported by solo vocalist Micky Rich who will take you from the days of rock 'n' roll to modern day classics. A really great night guaranteed. Tickets and more information is available from P Morrison Tel: 07801 395492



Saturday 15th July

PCP SUMMER COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way - 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Come along and enjoy a free fun packed family fun day with lots to do for everyone including, craft workshop, biscuit decorating, face painting, gardening activities, soft play and bouncy castle. Learn more about the art of science, visit the petting zoo, meet the magician and watch a Punch and Judy show. We are also expecting a visit from the local fire service, mascot characters mixing with the crowds and much more. Our on-site Coffee Shop will be open throughout the event to serve a range of tasty, healthy snacks, light meals, sweet treats and refreshments. The Pioneering Care Centre and its grounds are fully accessible, the event will be open to all and there will be no entrance fee.

For more information, contact Amy Johnson, Tel 01325 321234 or e-mail amy.johnson@pcp.uk.net



Sunday 16th July

AFTERNOON CREAM TEA

Aycliffe Village Hall - 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Refreshments available at individual prices. Cream Teas for sale with tombola and other stalls.



Tuesday 18th July

FULL STEM AHEAD

Recreation Centre, Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe

Year 5 and year 6 children will learn from real life engineering companies through fun activities that could be relevant to the careers these children will eventually choose. There will be a live Science presentation, Sub Sea Robotics, Toothpaste to Oil activity, Locomotion building activity, VEX Robotics program 'BEE Bots' 3m showcasing latest breathing apparatus, Gestamp Welding simulator, UTC 3D printing, Sports in Engineering from Darlington College ETC. Hydarm Building an Earth Mover, South West Durham show casing the latest Engineering skills workshop, Bishop Auckland College ICE Bridge and more.



Fri 21st & Sat 22nd July

FLOWERS FOREVER

St Elizabeth's Church 10.00 am - 2.00 pm - Admission Free

A display of all kinds of flowers but none of them real. You will be able to view sugar craft, art, photographic, paper and other kinds of hand made flowers.

For more information contact Mrs Duffin, bduffin@btinternet.com or Tel: 313819



Saturday 22nd July

MAYOR AT HOME

Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Free Entry

Meet the Mayor of Great Aycliffe for afternoon tea. Please let us know if you will be coming, so we can cater for you. Contact Sharna Stretch Tel: 300700

COCKTAIL NIGHT

Oakleaf Sports Complex - 7.00 pm - £5 per person

Think you could audition for a new version of the film 'Cocktail' or do you not know how to whip up a milkshake, never mind a Manhattan or Martini? Find out which one you are by coming to a fun night with a mixology contest plus games and prizes for the best cocktails made. Tickets available from the Bar at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. Telephone 300600 for more information.



SUMMER FETE

Rose Lodge Care Home - 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm - Admission Free

A free and fun-packed day for people of all ages. Featuring bouncy castle, various stalls, tombola, raffle, pop up vintage café and refreshments.

For more information, contact Ms N Wheatley, Tel 271301 or e-mail roselodge@cwch.com



FUN DAY

Agnew Community Centre - 10.00 pm - 2.00 pm - Admission Free

An event with a multitude of activities including bouncy castles, rodeo bull, penalty shoot out, giant floor games, garden slide, soft play, face painting and an inflatable gladiator game.

For more information, contact Ms J Taylor, Tel 321504, e-mail agnewcentre@gmail.com



STABLEFORD GOLF TOURNAMENT

Admission Free

Open to any resident of the Parish with an active handicap (max 28 for men, 36 for women and juniors) and also open to Oakleaf Golf Club members. Categories: Men, Ladies, Seniors and Juniors plus nearest the pin and longest drive. Trophies and vouchers for winners. For more information contact Mr Wanless on 07484 176901 or the golf shop on 310820.

Friday 28th July

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Oakleaf Sports Complex - 5pm - 9.30 pm

Think you can solve the murder? Hot beef sandwiches for adults and hot dogs in a bun for the little mystery solvers. Tickets are £3.50 each or £12.00 for a family of 4 available from the Bar.



Saturday 29th July

SOCIAL EVENING WITH BETCHA BY GOLLY WOW

Aycliffe Village Hall - 7.30 pm - 11.00 pm - Admission £10.00

Music night with the award winning vocal harmony group 'Betcha By Golly Wow' with the sounds of Motown and Soul music. For more information and tickets contact Keith Johnson Tel: 314735



Sunday 30th July

FUN DAY

Agnew Community Centre

10.00 pm - 2.00 pm, Admission Free

An event with a multitude of activities including bouncy castles, rodeo bull, penalty shoot out, giant floor games, garden slide, soft play, face painting and an inflatable gladiator game. For more information, contact Ms J Taylor, Tel 321504, e-mail agnewcentre@gmail.com



This information is accurate at the time of printing. Further information on all the events is available from our website www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or by telephone 01325 300700.

FREE SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Booking essential unless stated by contacting Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

THURSDAY 27TH JULY – WILD OUTDOOR ART

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Let nature inspire you to create some masterpieces using natural materials. Activities aimed at ages 5-10 years. Moore Lane Eco Centre.

THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST – NEWTON AYCLIFFE POND DIP

10.00am -12.00pm

Come along and discover what creatures live beneath the water. Activities are aimed at ages 5-10 years. All equipment will be provided. Aycliffe Nature Park, off Travellers Greens



WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST – A BIRDY BONANZA

10.00am-12.00pm

Part of 'Fun in the Park'. The Wildlife Trust will be coming along to lead an event for families aimed at helping our feathered friends. This is a drop in session. Moore Lane Eco Centre

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST - POLE LATHE DEMONSTRATION

10.00am - 3.00pm

Try your hand at using a pole lathe. Expert will be on hand to guide you through this most ancient of arts. This is a drop in session. Moore Lane Eco Centre

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST – NATURES PLATTER

10.30am – 12.30pm

Do you have any little Bear Grylls or Ray Mears living with you? Come along and join an expert natural explorer as he scavengers for natural food available in the area. School Aycliffe Community Centre.

The Residents Said 'Yes'

The Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan received a resounding vote of approval in the recently held referendum, with more than 90% of the 2789 residents who voted voting in favour of introducing new planning policies specifically for the parish of Great Aycliffe.

The official result was:

Number in favour of Yes – 2540 | Number in favour of No – 244

During a long consultation process, the residents of the parish identified their priorities for inclusion in the Plan and, as a result, it includes a number of policies that aim to protect the character of Great Aycliffe, particularly its green and open environment and its individual neighbourhoods, including an area of separation between the town and Aycliffe Village. It also aims to secure a high standard of future development and ensure that an adequate amount of affordable housing is provided, as well as properties for older people and adequate parking provision.



MAYOR'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX & OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2017

(Tee Off Times between 11.30am and 2.30pm)

Entry Fee - £100 per team

(Includes Meal and Presentation Evening)

In Aid of the Mayor's Charities

The MRI Scanner Appeal at

Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals

Further Information and Application Forms from Mayor's Secretary, 01325 300700 or the Oakleaf Golf Complex.

Town Pride Environment Week

The town's local primary schools will be taking part in the annual Town Pride Environment Week organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council and Aycliffe Youth Council in mid-July.

Each school will take part in an interactive presentation about the consequences of litter before being given the opportunity to do a litter pick in the local community.



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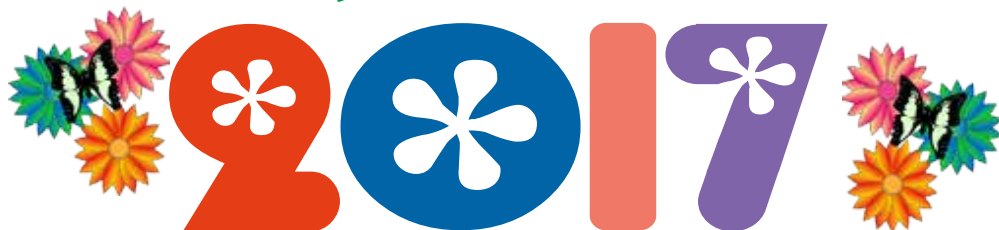
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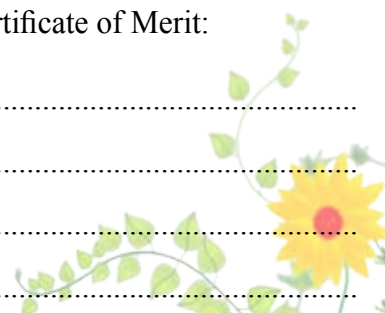


The Town Council wishes to receive nominations from local residents within the Great Aycliffe area for the awarding of Certificates of Merit for individual front gardens, front floral displays or streets that enhance the overall visual appearance of the area. Please return this nomination form to Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham, DL5 6QF or e-mail the details of your nomination to: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk before the closing date of Friday, 18th August 2017.

I would like to nominate the following for a Certificate of Merit:

House No: Street:

or Full Street:





Fun Learning at St Oswald's Pre-School



St Oswald's Pre-School has had a makeover, both inside and outside, and the children have been enjoying exploring the new features while having lots of fun and learning new things.

New planting areas have been built in the outdoor area and the children have wasted no time in planting lots of flowers and growing their own vegetables – not to mention checking out the wildlife, including a very inquisitive snail! The area now also has a mud kitchen, a large sandpit, construction blocks, water troughs and imaginative play sections for the children to try out new experiences and develop their interests.

Parents are invited to regular 'stay and play' sessions, which have proved very popular and have been enjoyed by children and parents alike. Open evenings for parents to come along and chat to Pre-School staff have also been held.

Because the Pre-School is located within St Oswald's Park, the children have been able to explore the park and all its facilities and enjoy nature walks and exciting treasure hunts.

The inside of the Pre-School has also been re-arranged to allow the children to focus on their creative interests, while still allowing them to explore new areas.

Before the end of term, the children will be going on an outing to Hall Hill Farm and the school year finishes with a graduation ceremony when the oldest children will be leaving to go to primary school.



St Oswald's Pre-School is open to children from 3 years at a cost of £4 per 3-hour session

Open term-time only, 8.45am to 3.30pm

Funding is available for eligible children for 15 hours from the term following the child's third birthday

From September 2017, funding will be available for eligible children for up to 30 hours

For further information, visit the Council's website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk or contact Julie Gale, Pre-School Manager, on 07968 379009



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Free Places for Toddlers



St Elizabeth's Mother and Toddler group has just said a sad goodbye to three of our lovely Mums and their darling children as their maternity leave has come to an end. Instead of singing 'Happy Birthday to You' we sang 'Happy Working to you' - it wasn't appreciated.

The good news is we now have room for 3 new children from birth to pre-school age. We do not charge any entrance fee and we welcome grandparents or carers to bring the children.

We meet on a Tuesday at 12-45 until 2-30pm and there is always a very warm welcome from the leaders and the Mums so don't let coming on your own discourage you. If the babies or toddlers need their meal, just feed them when you arrive. We stop half way through and go into the small hall for drinks and nibbles then return to the toys. We look forward to meeting you.

in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, entrance door overlooking the green. For more information ring Norma 01325 312930

Don't Take Free Press for Granted

Dear Sir,
Further to the letter from Ron Eyley last week I can only endorse his views on the importance of Newton News, our local free press.

On listening to coverage of the recent tragedy at Grenfell Tower, locals specifically mentioned the absence of local free press. Not everyone in these areas has access to social media and locals have little access to local politics and therefore little ability to influence those decisions made by the local council.

It made me think that we should never take for granted the excellent service provided by the Howarth family to the people of the Newton Aycliffe area over many years. Although living in Darlington I still like to get hold of my weekly edition.

Long may it continue.
Darren Clarke

Litterbugs Fined £5,520

A total of 15 County Durham litterbugs have been fined for littering. Although no defendants appeared at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court on Wednesday 28 June, 12 were found guilty in their absence, while three defendants pleaded guilty via post.

The 15 defendants were all given a fine of £220, with the exception of two who were given a reduced fine of £40 for submitting early guilty pleas. All defendants were also ordered to pay a £30 victim surcharge and £130 in legal costs, with the exception of Mark and Samantha Jackson who were not ordered to pay costs due to mitigating circumstances.

Ian Hoult, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "It really does take very little effort to dispose of your litter responsibly but the consequences of not doing so can be very costly."

"The 15 people whose cases have been heard at court this week are facing a combined bill of almost £5,520, with the vast majority now £380 out of pocket."

"We know that littering is a concern for residents across the county. Hopefully, these latest prosecutions help demonstrate our continued commitment to cracking down on the problem."

All the offences took place in various locations within the County Durham area.

TOO MANY CLOTHES CHARITY BAGS

Dear Sir,
I wish to raise an issue, which some readers might find sensitive, in regards to charity donation bags. Like most residents I feel I 'do my bit' within my means in helping those in need, and donate money and unwanted household items to a charity of my choice. Usually this is at a Household Waste Collection Site, or putting money in collection tins.

However, I find I am getting charity bags pushed through my door on a regular basis. If I were to put something in each of them as they come, I would have nothing of my own in the house.

To put an end to this unsolicited delivery of charity bags, I placed a clear sign on my front door asking that 'No Charity Bags' be delivered. On Tuesday 4th July I received a new one for Cancer Research & Genetics UK, and on the front of the bag it stated their charity name and charity number (1121512), and that the collection would be Thursday before 9am.

I was angered at first that my sign had been ignored, and in an attempt to identify the delivery person I noticed a young man had posted it, but I was unable to get his attention as he was walking away.

Further investigations (Google mostly) led me to discover that these bags, appearing to be from a valid charity, were in fact being delivered by

a commercial organisation called 'Recycle Proline Ltd' and they only donate 'At Least £3200 per calendar month to Cancer Research & Genetics Ltd'.

I also found that on the Advertising Standards Agency website that a complaint had been upheld on 30th March 2016 <https://www.asa.org.uk/rulings/recycle-proline-ltd-a16-324783.html> in which a member of the public had complained that the presentation of the ad was misleading because it did not make sufficiently clear the commercial nature of the business, given the prominence of the charity message.

I lodged a supplementary complaint with ASA about this today, as in their original findings they ruled that there was no mention of the advertiser's name or company status on the front of the bag, which was likely to have the greatest impact on recipients.

My main concern is that these companies are selling on our donations to make themselves money. When you consider that saying they donate 'at least £3200 per calendar month' is a bit of a fuzzy figure, the question has to be asked, how much money do they actually earn, and why are they still being allowed to post misleading charity bags into our letterboxes?

This practice is controlled by the Fundraising Regulator and Advertising Standards Agency and it is up to the public to use our voice and be heard.

Name and address supplied

Nine Swims - Eight Gold and 1 Silver Medal

At the Northumberland & Durham Masters Swimming Championships held at South Shields on Sunday 1st July, Elisabeth Yaneske and Matthew Bradley represented Sedgfield 75 Swimming Club at what only can be described as a golden day.

Elisabeth swam in the 800 mtrs Freestyle and took Gold and Matthew competed in eight events. He won gold in the 50 Back stroke 50 Breast and the 50 FS and silver in the 50 Fly. He won gold in the 200 FS, 100 back, 100 FS and the 200 FS. Both swimmers have to fit training around full time jobs and in so doing provide leadership and inspiration to the younger swimmers in A Squad.

Nine swims producing 8 gold and 1 silver - a truly outstanding performance by two great athletes

AYCLIFFE F.C. FACE DARLO QUAKERS IN PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

Newton Aycliffe FC return to action next week as they prepare for the new season. The undoubted highlight of a busy pre-season schedule is the welcome visit of Darlington, on Wednesday 12 July. Kick off at Moore Lane is 7:00pm with admission £5 adults, £3 concessions, £2 under 16's with accompanied under 12's free.

There will be some new faces in the Newtonian side this season, including Craig Hutchinson who scored an incredible 51 league goals for Billingham Town last season. He will be joined by Andrew Grant-Soulsby, Paul Weldon, Jamie Davis and Connor Hood who replace the departing Jamie Owens, Ben Wood & Ben Trotter. Thirteen of the

players who were with the club last year have re-signed. The first pre-season friendly is at home to Darlington RA on Monday 10 July, kick off 7:30pm.

After the Quakers on the Wednesday Aycliffe then welcome Northallerton Town to Moore Lane on Saturday 15 July for the annual Frank Swinburne Memorial Trophy fixture.

Played in memory of a popular committee member who once completed a fundraising walk from Aycliffe to Northallerton this game is always an important part of our preparations for the new season and joint managers Danny Mellanby and Deano Browne will be keen to retain the trophy. Kick off is 3pm.

AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB



On Sunday 25th June members of Aycliffe Running Club joined more than 400 runners of all ages to take part in the annual 10K and 3K races at Lambton Castle. This annual event, set in the exclusive, beautiful and private Lambton Estate is not normally accessible to the public. The races are mixed terrain with sections of gravel, grass and woodland trails with views of the river and Castle.

Isaac Boys from ARC Junior Section had a good run to complete the 3K Fun Run in 7th position in 12:52.

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Husquvna manufacturing plants in Aycliffe to see how they manufacture the products they have engineered. Woodham Academy Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says, "This is an

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Thank you to everyone who came along to my Cake & Coffee on Saturday 24th June at Neville Parade Community Centre. The event was a HUGE success and added £240 to my



fundraising total! I couldn't have done it without the amazing support and generosity of Lileen Cuthbertson who not only donated her time to help but also donated a batch of her AMAZING scones for me to sell! Thank also to the Centre's committee who allowed me to hold the event over the weekend free of charge. I'm nearly half way to my target but still have a whopping £1,627 to go! Over the next 2 months I have a number of activities planned to reach my target but every penny counts, so please sponsor me at <https://omanoppafeel.everydayhero.com/uk/get-me-to-oman-teamboobs> Between the 4th and 10th November I will be trekking along the ancient footpaths of the Oman Mountains to raise vital funds for the wonderful people at CoppaFeel. The money raised from

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Greenfield Arts has been working with year 11 art students to better understand what it is students would like from the gallery and the opportunities it offers, whilst helping them achieve their Bronze Arts Award. Through this process the students have had the chance to experience art, take part in workshops, work with professional artists as well as lead and

inspire other young people in being creative.

Based on the work developed through the Arts Award and as part of a wider initiative to engage young people in the gallery, we have also hosted free interactive workshops enabling year 7 to 9 students a place to voice their opinion about how they would like to use the gallery space. This has informed a second school exhibition curated by our Young Interpreters of Greenfield Community College, as part of their final Arts Award submission, which is open from Monday 17th July - Wednesday 26th July. The Young Interpreters hope this exhibition, and all that has preceded it, will inspire other students to take up art GCSE and continue to get involved in the programme, once they have left. Come along, let your voice be heard and even join in the activity!

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Thank You

DON BURN would like to thank all my family, friends, amblers and Knights of the Round Table for making my 80th birthday on 30th June, such a happy one. We have been celebrating since March (first party in Spain!!) It has been a happy journey. Thanks again to all. Don and Enid **THANK YOU** to the honest person who handed my wallet into Aldi on Monday, after I dropped it in the car park. There are some good people out there!

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An interesting Scrutiny meeting, business news, newsletters, and things to do. Full details of all the following headlines are on my blog at: bit.ly/CNB5717

COUNCIL

- DCC Economy Scrutiny meeting, Thursday 29 June.
- 'What do I do with my rubbish?' Some common-sense ideas.
- DCC is consulting with businesses to develop a new business rates relief scheme.
- The County Durham Essential Summer Guide is online.

- Countryside Services newsletter for July.
- GAMP newsletter for July.
- Middridge Parish Council meeting, Monday 3 July.
- Latest Roadworks in the Newton Aycliffe area.
- **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY**
- Greenfield School win Future Business Magnates 'Most Effective Use of Technology' award this week
- UTC first anniversary.
- NE Autism Society Open Evening, Tuesday 18 July, 4-7pm
- Healthwatch County Durham's July newsletter.
- The 'Close Pass' campaign aims to protect cyclists.
- Work begins on an expansion to NETPark which could create 1,400 jobs.
- 'Year of Progress' at Kromek.

- **TO DO NEXT WEEK.**
- PCP Summer Fun day, 10am-2.30pm, Saturday 15 July.
- Durham Cathedral Family Fun History Walk (Woodlands and Riverbanks), 10.30am-12noon, Saturday 15 July (£3 per child).
- Ancient Egyptian perfumes (5-11s), Durham Oriental Museum, 1-3pm, Saturday 15 July.
- Classic Car Rally, Locomotion Museum Shildon, 10am-5pm, Sunday 16 July.
- Meet the Gruffalo, Head of Steam Museum Darlington, 10am-4pm, Sunday 23 July.
- Binchester Roman Festival, 11am-4pm, 15-16 July, Adults: £5, Children: £3

"Home of the Year" Aycliffe Celebration



It's been a week of jubilation for the staff, residents and friends of Rose Lodge Care Home, Carers Way, after the home walked away with the highly coveted 'Home of the Year' title in the 2017 Maria Mallaband and Countrywide care awards.

Management and staff from the home were cheered on by colleagues as their award win was announced at the awards gala evening in Leeds.

The awards, now in the 3rd year, recognise exceptional practice from staff who are committed to improving the lives of people living in residential care. The prestigious 'Home of the Year' title is awarded to a care home which provides outstanding care for residents and relatives, whilst demonstrating great team work, always going above and beyond the call of duty.

Judges were impressed with Rose Lodge's dedication to providing the highest quality care to its residents, innovative activities as well as its community engagement programme. They received nominations from staff, residents, families and healthcare professionals alike. Rose Lodge; a residential care home for the elderly, and people living with dementia, is acknowledged as one of the most sought after care facilities in the area, with an impressive CQC inspection report, and scored 9.6 out of 10 on the independent leading industry review site carehome.co.uk. It has events such as their popular 'come dine with me' luncheons which are booked up as soon as tickets become available.

It was double celebrations as Rose Lodge Housekeeper Margaret Magneron also walked away with the 'Housekeeping Highflyer' award for her outstanding service. Also named as national finalists from Rose Lodge was Head Chef David

Nevison for the 'Masterchef' award and Deputy Manager Leeann Burnside for the 'End of Life Care' Award. Nicola Wheatley; Manager at Rose Lodge, said: "We couldn't be happier with our success. It means so much to us, and it really has been a great effort, feeling wonderful to receive an award which recognises the whole team."

The home is extending an open invitation for friends old and new to join them in a celebratory party in honour of their success. The party is set to take place in July, and will feature live entertainment from ever popular Elvis impersonator Mike Memphis as well as a host of party games and prize raffle. For more information contact the home on 01325 271301.

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR US?

We are always interested in local news stories. We like to feature good news and interesting items on achievements & community service

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Hike Raised £1000



Newtonians Steve and Viv Williams signed up for the Macmillan Mighty Hike along Hadrian's Wall. It was 25.4 miles of hiking to raise money for Macmillan and completed successfully, raising over £1000.

Whilst training Steve and Viv used many of the pathways around Aycliffe and towards Shildon which they said were well kept and great areas for walking Steve said: "Both our mums had Cancer with support from Macmillan and we are pleased to be able to pay something back".

"Wellbeing for Life" Free Training Courses

The latest Wellbeing for Life Training Opportunities Calendar has been launched and features a diverse range of free courses providing learners with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills in health and community related subjects. The Wellbeing for Life service offers a variety of accredited and non-accredited courses focusing on building the skills and attributes of people in the local community. The new calendar includes the Royal Society for Public Health's (RSPH) national qualification, Understanding Health Improvement course, Dementia Awareness, and various 'Introduction to' courses such as Motivational Interviewing, Healthy Eating, Managing Aggression and Leadership. An exciting new addition to the training calendar is the 1 day 'Train the Trainer: Healthy Eating' course. It is aimed at individuals who already have some experience of delivering

community sessions, but would like to up skill or refresh their knowledge base. The service is also one of the first in the region to offer an introductory session to the Connect 5 - Brief Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness course. Connect 5 is a mental health promotion training programme designed to increase the confidence and skills of people, enabling them to talk openly about mental health. Participants will also learn how to support people to manage their mental health problems and increase their resilience and mental wellbeing through positive changes. Once this session is complete you can progress to the further 2 levels of training. Marnie Ramsey, Wellbeing for Life Co-ordinator said "The Wellbeing for Life Training Opportunities Calendar varies regularly to provide an exciting and comprehensive learning programme for professionals, volunteers

and community members. Our trainers are friendly, approachable and supportive and will help you to get the most out of your learning experience. Our training sessions are welcoming and fun and who knows where all this learning may take you, anything is possible." The Calendar is available at www.hits.cdd.nhs.uk and Wellbeing for Life's social media pages. Feel free to contact the training team on 01325 327460 to discuss any bespoke training needs you may have. To find out more about the Wellbeing for Life service freephone 0800 8766887 or visit www.wellbeingforlife.net, Facebook @CountyDurhamWellbeingForLife Service, Twitter @WBFL_Durham

Obituary

Ron Davison

Peacefully at home on 3rd July 2017, after a long illness, aged 87. Beloved Husband of Joyce; dearly loved Dad of Ian and Carole; loved Father-in-Law of Veronica and Alan; loving Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral Service in St Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 10th July at 11.00am. Prior to cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium. Would family and friends please meet at the Church. Family flowers only please, donation, if so desired, to Marie Curie Nurses.

PICKERING, Harry of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully at home on 28th June, aged 86 years. Beloved Husband of June; much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Father-in-Law. Funeral Service took place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday, 7th July at 1.00pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research UK. **TYNDALL, Doreen**. 18th June 2017, passed away peacefully after a long 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 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. **HENDERSON, Thomas William, (Bill)**, of Heighington, passed away peacefully on 28th June, aged 88 years. Dearly loved Brother of Jean and Kathleen; loving Uncle of David, Tony, Alan and Margaret and their families. Family and friends please meet for a Service at Darlington Crematorium on Wednesday, 12th July at 1.15pm.

In Memoriam

JEFF CLARK

Died 4th July 2002

Treasured memories of my dear devoted friend. Forever in my thoughts. Joy Marie

JEFF CLARK

Died 4th July 2002

To us you were so special. We only wish with all our hearts that you were here with us today. From all your loving family xxxx

Brian Dunn

8th July 2010

Although you can't be here with me, we are truly not apart. Until the final breath I take, you will be living in my heart. Deeply missed and loved always. Your loving Wife Margaret xxxxx

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PAUL CLARK

Died 8th July 2009

Memories of my dear Friend Paul, Always in our thoughts. Joy Marie

PAUL CLARK

Died 8th July 2009 Aged 52

Still hard to live without you, it's now been another year. I keep busy, but behind the smiles, I shed a silent tear. I think about you always, I talk about you too. I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. My everlasting love for you is all that stays the same, as well as being able to proudly speak your name. For what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. I will think of you forever, because I miss and love you so. From your loving Wife Carole xxx

PAUL CLARK

Died 8th July 2009

In loving memory of a loving Brother and Uncle. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear. Liz, Roger, Joanna, Chris, Martyn and Andrea xxx

PAUL CLARK

Died 8th July 2009

It's hard to put on paper the feelings we have inside. It's hard to walk the road alone without you by our side. There will always be heartache and an occasional silent tear. But always beautiful memories of the Dad we loved so dear. Thank you for the years we shared, the love you gave, the way you cared. You never asked for much in life, your heart was always true. You simply lived for those you loved and we will always love you. Your loving Sons, Adam and Matthew (Diane, Sarah and beautiful Granddaughter Emilia) xxxxx

Congratulations

Ruby Arnold BSc (Hons)



Congratulations

Ruby on your Graduation at the University of Aberdeen and achieving your BSc Hons Degree in Chemistry. A fantastic result after four years of hard work. We are all very proud of you and wish you luck going forward. Love from Mam, Dad, Simon and Alice

Thomas Williamson



Congratulations

on passing your BA Hons Degree in Graphic Design at New College, Durham. Enjoy your Graduation Ceremony. Love from all your family xxxxx

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

Jordan Woodward



Happy 21st Birthday

5th July 2017 Hope you have a fabulous day! Love you lots, always. From Mam and not forgetting Millie and Tyson as they love you too! xx Happy birthday to my not so bad big brother. Love, Brandon x

Jordan Woodward



Happy 21st Birthday

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Please send your CV to either: Judith.thexton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk or The Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. DL5 6QF.

The successful candidate will be required to complete an application form.

Closing Date – Thursday, 13th July
Short Listing – Friday, 14th July
Interviews will be held on – Thursday, 20th July.

Aycliffe C.C.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, travelled to Hartlepool 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division and were well beaten by nine wickets. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and were skittled for a paltry 67 all out after 31.1 overs. Chris Palmer (sponsored by Vanilla Design and Print) top scored with 14, with Joe Haines (10 runs) and Jack Slatcher (10 runs) the only other batsmen to reach double figures in a very poor display. In reply the home side romped to victory for the loss of one wicket after only 9.4 overs with left arm spin bowler Luke Telford taking the only wicket to fall. The 2nd team lost by five wickets at home to Yarm 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th Division.

Asked to bat first, the homeside scored 118 all out after 26.5 overs thanks to good innings from Dave Richardson (29 runs), Steve Sweeney (25 runs) and Ryan Patrick (sponsored by Durham Business Club) with 18 runs. In reply, Yarm eased to victory after 34.2 overs with James Layfield-Carroll the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers, finishing with the superb figures of 2 for 13 from his 10 overs.

The U17's fought well, but still lost away at Sedgfield by 5 wickets in the NYSD junior league. Asked to bat first Aycliffe were bowled out for 54 after 17.3 overs with only George Slatcher (19 runs) and an excellent innings of 9 not out by 11 year old Leo Mercy making any notable

contributions. In reply, two wickets each for George Slatcher and Ryan Patrick wasn't enough to save their team as Sedgfield reached their victory target after 12 overs.

The U15's we were beaten away at Wolviston despite a good innings from captain Lucas Pilling, who top scored with 14 runs.

The U11's kept up their good form with their third win in four games beating Wolviston at home by 40 runs. Daniel Heaton was again amongst the wickets taking 2 for 8 and Thomas Dearden top scored in Aycliffe's innings with an aggressive unbeaten 13 runs.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

The OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB holds a Charity Match on Saturday 29th July 2017 in aid of Great North Air Ambulance Service.

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Heighington AFC are currently on the Lookout for local Footballers to come and Join our well established Football Club. Heighington AFC have Teams starting from Reception Year at School all the way through to our Over 40s Team. Heighington recently enjoyed their most successful season both on and off the pitch.

16 Major Trophies including League Titles, League Cups and Tournaments were won just last Season. Off the pitch the club has grown Financially, successfully hosted their 2nd annual Tournament, now have a Designated Goal keeping Coach amongst a host of other improvements that have been made. The facilities are some of the best in the local area, with Wonderful pitches, Fantastic Training equipment, and a great Clubhouse for the Children to have the best possible environment to Train & Play.

All the teams have had great success this season with Development age having numerous Friendlies and Tournaments in preparation for their debut Season starting September. The Under 9s recently won back to back League Titles and Tournaments. The Under 11s have recently finished their first Season together at the club. The Under 12s in the last 2 Months have won 2 prestigious Tournaments. Whilst the Under 16s clinched their 3rd Promotion in a row as well as numerous Tournament Victories. Finally the Adult Team in

their first season as part of the club won the League & Cup Double.

The main focus however, is the Development of the Children in a safe, structured, Friendly Environment. All of the Coaches at the club have a Minimum of a Level 1 Coaching badge, some working towards level 2, and are fully DBS checked. Age Groups of Players Heighington are currently

on the lookout for are as follows: Current School Year: Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and Over 16's. If your Child is in any of the mentioned age groups and would Like to start getting involved in Football or indeed already is, but is looking for a new Challenge, then please get in touch with either Chairman David Brassell on 07870 77779 or Dean Marcus on 07713 577364

Tri Club's Golden Girl

It is with great pride that ATC would like to congratulate Susan Brown on her fantastic achievement of winning gold twice, in the sprint and the standard distance triathlon, becoming the Age Group Champion of Great Britain for both. These results are all the more special having lost her father in January, she had no expectations regarding racing this year. Her gold medals were won at British Age Group Sprint Championships held in Strathclyde Country Park in May and at the British AG Standard Championships held at Leeds in June.

Her first triathlon was at Redcar in 2013 where she remembers she was worried about the sea swim, what to wear and loads of other things but as soon as she got in the water all that was forgotten and she loved the whole triathlon experience. The following year she did Redcar again and afterwards made the decision to try and qualify for the Team GB Age Group squad and compete in the 2015 World Sprint AG



championships in Chicago. She started working with a coach and the next 12 months triathlon training took over her life, culminating in qualification for the Age Groups Championships, travelling to Chicago and finishing 8th.

Like most of the triathletes of ATC, Susan does have to fit training around work, and being a long-haul cabin crew member, this can be tricky, as some places have much better gym facilities than others. She once had to revert to training rides around the F1 circuit in Montreal on a hybrid bike much to the amusement of the other cyclists on their road bikes. She generally trains solo, but during the winter months, she tries to ride with others to get the winter cycling miles in, as it's much more enjoyable and takes her mind off the weather. Swimming is her favourite part as it's always nice to be one of the first back into transition before heading out on the bike. She admits the run is her weakest discipline, spending most of the time trying not to get caught by the faster runners. This is something she will be working on this winter.

"I have mixed emotions about what I have achieved in 2017, amazement that I have become Sprint and Standard AG champion and sadness that my Dad is not here to see it. I really need to thank my partner David Packham, for being my voice of reason, bike mechanic and just generally putting up with me during the difficult times. I'm looking forward to and hoping to qualify for the World AG championships in Rotterdam and compete in the European AG Sprint championships in Glasgow 2018."

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