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## Crafter's Companion Open Third Store in Evesham

Aycliffe Crafter's Companion company is celebrating its success following a record-launch at its third retail store in Evesham.

The new store, which joins the company's outlets in Newton Aycliffe and Chesterfield, brought in crowds of more than 3,000 people in the first fortnight and generated over 800 sales of crafting products during the launch weekend.

The new Worcestershire outlet, which opened in mid-August, marks a £270k investment for the firm and has created 27 new jobs.

As part of the launch activities visitors were treated to demonstrations by Crafter's Companion founder Sara Davies MBE and crafting masterclasses with TV stars Leann Chivers, Sheena Douglass and Lizzy Curtis.

Crafter's Companion, which was founded in 2005 by County-Durham-born entrepreneur Sara is now a national and global success. The business manufactures and sells craft tools and products via its website, on TV shopping channels, through independent retailers and through in its own retail stores.

Speaking about the latest store opening, Sara Davies



MBE said: "Nothing pleases me more than seeing our new ventures launch successfully.

"Our team are doing a tremendous job and have worked very hard to get everything up and running. "I loved spending time at the store over the grand opening weekend and look forward to visiting again soon."

Located at The Valley Shopping Village, Evesham, the new store has its own coffee shop and themed product sections including haberdashery, knitting, papercraft, art and colouring, and home decor.

It also focuses on education, enjoyment and inspiration, and offers visitors the chance to take part in classes in dedicated education areas and watch live demonstrations.

Sara continued: "It's great to see our classes are proving popular including the children's crafting workshop, which was a sell-out in early September. As this has been a hit, we're stocking more craft kits and puzzles suitable for our younger crafters in this store."

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The ticket price includes a Pie and Peas Supper. Plus a raffle will take place with the proceeds being donated to the Mayor's nominated charity, the MRI Scanner Appeal for Darlington Memorial Hospital and Bishop Auckland Hospital.

Tickets are on sale for £5 each and can be purchased from the Council Offices on 01325 300700.

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# CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROVES INSPIRATION FOR AYCLIFFE ARTIST

A textile graduate from Cleveland College of Art and Design (CCAD) has been inspired to succeed thanks to the development and support of the thriving creative



a flexible 'drop in when you can' group which is quickly becoming well established.

business community in the north east. Artist Sharron Bates graduated from the university-level campus in Hartlepool in 2016 with a BA (Hons) Textile and Surface Design degree and is now developing her businesses with help from creative hub Greenfield Arts in Newton Aycliffe.

First-class honours graduate Sharron Bates, 46 from Newton Aycliffe, has already experienced commercial success after receiving a commission to design wallpaper for an international textile studio in Belgium before she had even finished her degree, and hopes to work with them again in the future.

Sharron's degree Show collection included creative exploration of children's illustration and picture book writing using mixed media collage. 'Where's Brian?' explores the concept of loneliness in childhood, with Ruby, a little girl whose friend toy monkey Brian goes missing.

After leaving CCAD in July last year, Sharron has been extremely busy building up her illustration and workshop business and has benefitted from the networking and creative opportunities on offer to entrepreneurial artists like herself, which she is keen to be part of.

Having recently established a Creative Forum at Greenfield Arts, an arts and community centre in Newton Aycliffe, Sharron said: "I was finding that I missed being around creative people after graduation. The Forum provides an opportunity for creative people to meet up, bring their work along to inspire and help each other and network with others or even just sit quietly and work in the same space. It's

# ACORN RESIDENTS OCTOBER MEET

The ACORN Residents Association October meeting will be held on Thursday 12th at the Phoenix Club (upstairs) at 6pm. Little ACORNS will meet at 5.30

in the same venue. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our speaker this month is Faye Callan who is the Police Community Liaison Officer. We usually have our local Councillors who are always willing to answer questions and help in whatever way possible if people have

problems or suggestions. The last few remaining tickets will be on sale for our Halloween Party which will be at the Leisure Centre on Saturday 28th October. Cost £2 per person to include disco, snacks and raffle. Look forward to seeing you on the 12th and/or the 28th.

## Golden Anniversary



David and Jill Stevens of Marshall Road celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 30th September 2017. The Town Mayor, Wendy Hillary, visited the couple and presented a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Council.

David - who was born in New York, Tyneside and was serving in London with the Household Cavalry, the Life Guards met Jill, from London, one evening whilst he was on guard.

They made a date to go to the pictures and from then the romance grew. After getting married, and living in Richmond on Thames until David was demobbed after six years, they moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1968. David worked in several jobs until he settled into being a fork lift driver, spending several years at Courtaulds in Spennymoor, and then Perstorp on Aycliffe Business Park. He finally retired after working at Roman Showers

for a while.

Jill was a punched card operator when they moved from London, and spent eleven years as a payroll worker at Magnet and finally a receptionist with the NHS before retiring.

They have three children, Martin, Julie and Glyn and four grandchildren whom they enjoy spending time with. Julie now lives in South Wales with her husband and two children but they see them often. Martin is married and lives in Darlington with his family and Glyn lives in Newton Aycliffe.

They spent their anniversary at home with family and friends and will be visiting South Wales to have another celebration with their daughter. They both love touring in the Scottish Highlands and had a week there as part of their anniversary celebrations. Their first houses were in and Cheviot Place finally moving to Marshall Road where they have lived for 35 years.

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## Forming Neville Residents Association

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We are open to everyone, regardless of their circumstances or situation and our volunteers are waiting to greet you. Our aim is to provide a place in the community where all people feel safe to belong and to connect with

others. Places of Welcome is a growing network of hospitality run by local community groups who want to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for friendship. Check out www.placesofwelcome.org So if you are looking for a friendly face, a cuppa and conversation, come and find us at any time between 1.30 and 3.30, at St Clare's Church, St Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe.

Kath Pinner, Dorothy Lovegreen and the rest of the team at St Clare's on Wednesdays are waiting to greet people at the "Place of Welcome".

## Past Superstars at Aycliffe Charity Golf Match



A Charity golf day was on Friday 22nd September at Woodham Golf Club in aid of The Darlington Charity Cup, a charity all about raising funds for sick children in our area. Teams consisted of three players per team plus a celebrity, mostly ex professional footballers including Alan Shoulder, Peter Cartwright, Steve Howey, Billy Rafferty all ex Newcastle United, Kevin Ball, Simon Ramsden, Martin Scott, Martin Smith ex Sunderland; Kevin Stonehouse, Paul Ward, Paul Terry ex Darlington; Peter Hampton, Colin Smith, ex Leeds United; Neil Maddison, Dean Gordon, Ross Turnbull all ex Middlesbrough; Lawrie Pearson ex Manchester United and Darlington. Also Les Langley TV Presenter and actor, who all give up their time for our Charity.

It started at 9.00am with tee offs at 10.00pm. The golf tournament was followed with a Buffet, Presentation and Auction with a talk by one of the celebrities. There was an evening meal, entertainment and Raffle. Events are held throughout the year to raise funds for this cause, which has been going for over 100 years. £4,500 was raised and

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Following the success of previous events, visitors this year can get involved in demonstrations and activities from familiar faces such as the County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, RNLI, the Police (including the Interceptors), other emergency services and local community organisations.

Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) for County Durham and Darlington, who is hosting the event, has also announced new activities can be enjoyed this year including 'Prison Me No Way!', which provides an experience of what it would be like to be locked in a cell. This year's event will also be autism-friendly until 12pm. Ron said: "I'm delighted to announce this year's free family event is taking place again, on the last Saturday in October. It really has grown year-on-year, with more families having the opportunity to come along and enjoy themselves, whilst learning about community safety.

"There are numerous competitions children can get involved in, including a treasure hunt, and the Halloween or Superhero fancy dress competition is always very popular. This really is a showcase of activities and demonstrations by volunteers and the emergency services, who are our real-life local superheroes."

John Trowell, Watch Manager from Bishop Auckland Community Fire

Station will be involved on the day. He said: "This is a fantastic event, it's free to attend and I encourage people of all ages to come along and have a really good day out."

The fun day will take place on Saturday 28th October, between 10.00am and 3.00pm Locomotion, at the National Railway Museum, Shildon, DL4 2RE.

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## Don't Miss this Great Xmas Event

The annual Christmas Community Concert organised by the Rotary Club is on Tuesday 12th December in the Leisure Centre Main Hall from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Local schools are invited to perform and it is a lovely festive occasion with great entertainment provided by enthusiastic children.

The first school to sign up for the event is Woodham Junior and Infant School and up to eight schools usually take part with the audience joining in singing popular Christmas songs and carols.

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## ROTARY CLUB GOLF DAY RAISES RECORD FUNDS FOR CHARITY



President Tony in action

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club held its annual charity golf day on Friday 15th September at Woodham Golf and Country club. This year saw a record attendance with 29 four person teams registered.

The event was won by a team from Close Thornton Solicitors of Darlington represented by Rtn David Hogg, Patrick Saunders, Ian Cowie and Steve McGee pictured above after receiving the David Thompson Memorial Trophy from President Tony Robinson.

The event raised over £5000 which will be distributed

between Marie Curie Cancer Care, Prostate Cancer Research and Rotary Charities.

Joint organisers Hon Rtn Robert Manners and President Tony Robinson both paid thanks to Hall Construction Ltd and Husqvarna for sponsorship, Barclaycard for funding support and everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. They also paid tribute to Woodham Golf and Country Club for the superb condition of the course and the excellent catering.



academic success. Last year, Durham Sixth Form Centre was placed in the top 12% of schools and colleges nationally for A-level outcomes.

In March 2017, Durham Sixth Form Centre was graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Not only did they judge the school as 'Outstanding' for 'Overall Effectiveness' but also 'Outstanding' for 'Student Outcomes'; the 'Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment'; 'Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare'; and the 'Effectiveness of Leadership and Management'.

Ellen Beveridge, Headteacher, commented: "We are rightly proud of our successes at Durham Sixth Form Centre. The whole community works hard to strive for continuous improvement and we continue to evolve and expand. As part of our vision, we are developing in partnership with Durham Local Authority, a new on-site media and ICT suite, which will house the most up-to-date, industry-standard facilities, and be open for first teaching in September 2018."

In addition to its broad curriculum, Durham Sixth Form Centre offers a wide range of extra opportunities in order to develop students' skills, talents and interests. These include: the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the Extended Project Qualification and the Arts' Award, to name

a few.

As a 16-19 school, Durham Sixth Form Centre is different to a school sixth form or Higher Education institution for a number of reasons. There are no younger (or older) students on site; there is a specialist and dedicated team of sixth form teachers, who work exclusively with the 16-19 age range; there are expert support staff focused solely on post-16 learning and progression.

If you would like to find out more about Durham Sixth Form Centre, the next Open Evening for prospective students is on Thursday 19th October, between 5 and 8pm. For more information visit [www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk](http://www.durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk)

## SONGS FROM THE SHOWS

Bishop Auckland Choral Society are presenting their Autumn concert, 'Songs from the Shows' on Friday 10th November at Bishop Auckland Town Hall.

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Messy Church has no membership rules, you are all welcome to come along. It's lovely to meet new people and of course chat with those regular's who enjoy Messy every month. Tea will be another favourite - sausages, beans and hash browns, plenty of juice and chocolate cake. We will take a collection for the work of Messy Church and all donations are gratefully received.

Come along to St. Clare's Church, doors open at 3.30pm and we begin at 4pm. Enjoy the activities for an hour, share in the celebration time and fellowship of tea, ending at around 6pm. We are a warm friendly church with a warm friendly team, just waiting to welcome you.

# Spectrum Skaters at Bolton



Spectrum Roller Skating Club went to their 3rd National competition this year at Bolton Opens held at Smithills School. The team of nine competing skaters came back with 14 medals! Coach Tracy Stevens said, "It's not just the success of the medals but what impressed me most is their performances. The skaters have shown great determination this year and as a result have made huge improvements. Their fantastic attitudes shine and their confidence has grown so much in such a short time.

People from all over the country have congratulated our skaters for their fantastic development but also the skater's conduct and the whole club's team spirit. I am ecstatic! I would like to invite everyone along to our roller disco celebration - the theme is Glow Skate - Fri 6th October at Shildon 7.30-8.30pm. Please bring your skates along as skate hire is limited.

7th Leah Jeans - Free 2nd, Freedance 3rd, Dance 2nd, Duo 7th  
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# Village Cafe Burnt Down - Arson Suspected



Last week a beloved family-owned café in Brafferton was burnt down in a suspected arson attack. People are trying to raise money in order to help the owner and below is a link to help the family rebuild: <https://www.gofundme.com/cozycoffee>

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# 15 Year old Newtonian Wins Youth Award



Aycliffe youngster, Jake Mendelsohn is to be presented with The British Citizen Youth Award at The Palace of Westminster in October for his Great North Swim in aid of Brain Tumour Research Charity last year. The Youth Awards, in association with Specsavers, were developed to recognise individual endeavours of young people who are positively impacting their communities, helping charities or undertaking exceptional activities in support of others. Across the nation young people are showing kindness and caring to others, but often without the recognition it deserves. The Youth Awards provide a benchmark where the endeavours of young people can be publicised, recognised and held up as role models for their peers. We live in a world where negativity prevails, and where young people are subject to

negative generalisations. The Youth Award wants to shine the light of positivity on the youth of Britain and highlight the magnificent contribution that young people make to our communities up and down the country. Jake will be 15 on 9th October, and is in year 10 at Woodham Academy. He is a keen water polo player playing for Sedgefield, but he also represents the North East. Jake (Grandson of Aycliffe Champion charity worker Peter Beaty) is one of 25 boys in his age group in the country chosen to attend the England Talent National Academy at Lancaster University in August this year. His ambition is to represent his country playing water polo and he would also like to take part in The Great North Swim again next year and raise more money for brain tumour research.

## Police Appeal

A motorist received serious injuries after his car crashed into a bus shelter and came to a standstill in woodland. The one-vehicle collision happened at about 10.35pm on Saturday September 30th near the A67 road junction with the B6275 at Piercebridge. The Ford Mondeo was being driven eastbound from the Barnard Castle direction. The car has left the road and ended up in a wooded area. The driver was initially taken to the Darlington Memorial Hospital before being transferred to the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening. The male front seat passenger received minor injuries and was taken to Darlington Memorial Hospital. Anyone who saw the crash or the car prior to the collision is asked to contact police on the non-emergency 101 number quoting incident number of 550 of September 30.

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# Chapter Home's Site Filling up!



The new Chapter show home is "Aiden" a 3 bedroom available in an end or mid-terrace for £135,000 or a mid-terrace and £139,000 for an end terrace. (Sales Officer Sophie Brown in photo). An open day was held on Saturday 30th September where Chapter's staff were around to give people tours of the property. Ashley from Instinct Financial Solutions was in attendance in order to give people free mortgage advice. In the run up to Christmas Chapter Homes are offering carpets, £750 legal fees and stamp duty paid when buyers reserve a new home by 31st October 2017. 12 families are due to move in during October and November. 39 families have moved into the development since building began. Building new houses will continue until August 2019. Director Richard Roddam said "Everything is going well and we are very pleased with how the sales and site are progressing".

## Brexit is a Priority!

Dear Sir,  
 I feel I must comment on the statement made by Owen Dickenson as reported by BBC Radio Newcastle on the 25th September that our local Labour Party was of the opinion time could be better spent debating the housing crisis and rail than the deal we would like to see on Brexit. I find this astonishing, surely this is the most important political question this country faces at this time and will shape the future of the UK economically and socially for generations to come and will determine what we can spend on housing and transport. I would have hoped that with a weak Tory leader and a fractious Party trying to cobble together an

agreement the Labour Party would have taken the lead and come up with a policy that would protect jobs and the legislation that benefits all members of society. To state that this was the opinion of the local Labour Party is misleading because as a member of the Labour Party I cannot recall being asked if I would like to see a debate on this issue. Allan Siddle

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# Greenfield Students Make Great Start in New Term



Staff at Greenfield Community College are thrilled with the initial progress made by returning students and the way that they have encouraged and assisted the new intake of Year 7 students to make the transition a happy and welcoming experience, laying excellent foundations for the years ahead.

Executive Headteacher David Priestley is delighted with the commitment and positivity shown by staff and students alike and how the challenge to raise aspirations and develop the talents and academic skills of individual students is being met.

In his welcoming address this term Mr Priestley emphasised the ethos and fundamental principles which are at the heart of Greenfield Community College and the commitment that is made to the 'whole child and every child'. "Greenfield's vision for learning is a strong vision, said Mr Priestley "we need to recognise together how to best achieve and realise it".

Greenfield Community College strives to be a high performing specialist community school with a distinctive ethos and is committed to excellence. The results of which can be seen in many outstanding individual performances throughout the year, not only in academic expertise, but in stand-out sporting achievements, innovation and creative collaborations.

New facilities and equipment at both the Aycliffe Site and Sunnydale Campus will provide an excellent environment for learning this term and is already making a positive impact on a day-to-day basis as students make

use of their new surroundings. Moving forward David Priestley's vision for Greenfield is not only to provide improvements to facilities but to continue to draw upon research and innovation to ensure the very best for the students in the future "We are a learning organisation, committed to learning from experiences and moving forward" said Mr Priestley.

Staff at Greenfield are looking forward to new challenges and judging by initial progress the future months promise to be a real success!

## Film Show

The "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church on Tuesday 10th October features the musical "PAL JOEY" starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak. Music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Lorenz Hart give us songs like "The Lady is a Tramp" "My Funny Valentine" and "There's a Small Hotel" in a tale of a womanising singer, a naïve chorus girl and a wealthy widow.

A great Feel Good film on an October day. Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2. The film starts at 1.15pm. Please note that children must be accompanied.

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.

# Byerley Park Charity Event Raised £484 for Macmillan

Year 4 pupils at Byerley Park Primary School hosted a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 29th September.

The pupils examined the wonderful work that Macmillan do for patients and were fully involved in the Afternoon, hosting over 150 parents and friends, providing tea, coffee, juice and of course, delicious cakes to their guests.

The class had experimented with tie-dyeing - using Macmillan colours of green and purple and they sang a beautiful rendition of 'Lean On Me', bringing a tear to many an eye.

Year 4 pupils were able to enter a 'Cake Off' and the 3 judges had a most enjoyable 15 minutes sampling the culinary delights of cakes!



The 'Cake Off' was won by Edith with her Magic Wishing Tree cake. The event raised a fantastic £484.11. The pupils would like to thank everyone who came and supported them in this worthwhile cause.



# Classic Car Contestants Needed For TV Show

A production company are piloting a new competitive, classic car rebuild TV show called 'Build It, Start It, Keep It' for a major UK broadcaster, and they need contestants.

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For the pilot, we are looking for contestants with a passion for classic cars such as Capri, BMW 3 Series (1st Generation), TR7, Spitfire, Opel Manta, MG BGT, Stag, Scimitar.

Do you have a personal story as to why you want to win the car? Do you want to win the car for a family member or friend? Are you outgoing and up for a challenge? Do you want to put your mechanical skills to the ultimate test by competitively rebuilding a car, head to head in one day?

Are you free for two days on the week of October 23rd? If so I'd love to hear from you, please email me a bit about yourself, your potential team and why you'd like to win the car.

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not know who to turn to. The family are very grateful for the help given which has significantly reduced their hardship. 'Childrens Blessings' GACAP partner's timely support has enabled us to concentrate on the family's other needs. We would like to thank Sheena for the important work she does for the community and the help that she has given to our clients. Brian and Liz Wilson SSAFA Caseworkers SSAFA Sedgefield Division is a proud member of Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership. Contact SSAFA please Tel: 01388 827346



## NEW STARTERS 2018 OPEN EVENINGS

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## Aycliffe Snatch Victory from Unbeaten North Shields



The First XV travelled to North Shields RFC on the back of two losses, first a solid beating at the hands of Bishop Auckland, and most recently and more closely, by a strong Hartlepool side. Aycliffe have suffered from a spate of bad injuries, which has taken almost ten first team players out of contention, however the club showed its depth by fielding a strong eighteen-man squad. Aycliffe made their intentions clear in the first five minutes, with deft hands in the backline releasing James Thacker who broke the line, managing to cross despite a good tap tackle from the Shields full back. Captain Alex Lineton stepped up and added the extras, taking the visitors ahead. The next ten minutes saw both team vying for the upper hand, with both making good headway, only to be stopped by the opposition defence. The home side finally broke

Aycliffe's defence, with a well worked move in the centre field drawing in the defenders, before the play was switched, allowing a man overlap and a try out wide, the conversion missed, but Shields were back in it. Another ten minutes passed, with both teams trying to get the measure of the opposition. Shields were awarded a penalty for a breakdown infringement, which was slotted, taking the home side into the lead. The visitors surged back upfield, gaining a penalty in a similar fashion to that they conceded a mere nine minutes earlier, Lineton sent it through, taking the lead. On forty minutes, the visitors were deemed to have infringed, giving a penalty and allowing the home side to go in just ahead. Half Time: - North Shields RFC 11 - 10 Newton Aycliffe First XV Aycliffe returned to the field with just the win on their mind. From the off they pressed the home

defence, forcing the home team to infringe just two minutes in, and allowing Captain Lineton to add the three. The restart was taken well, and after a few hard phases, Chris Richards was able to spot the gap, crossing on forty-six minutes, converted by Lineton taking Aycliffe into a nine-point lead. Shields were quick to respond, crossing just four minutes later, which was swiftly followed by a penalty to take them back to within one point. Aycliffe gained another penalty, with Lineton continuing his form off the tee, but Shields were not about to let the game get away from them, and following a quick tap, spun the ball wide and crossed, the kicker adding the extras, and adding a penalty shortly after. Aycliffe had no intention of easing off either however, and following some hard work around the corner from the forward pack, mercurial scrum half Chris Richards struck again, darting over, converted again, taking the visitors into another narrow lead. It looked like it might again not be Aycliffe's day as the home side were awarded another penalty with just two minutes left on the clock, which their fly half calmly slotted, taking them into the narrowest of leads. Aycliffe showed real composure, working their way up field before forcing the error from the home side, giving Lineton the chance for an all or nothing kick from out wide, again making it count and gifting Aycliffe the win. Full Time: North Shields RFC 32 - 33 Newton Aycliffe First XV

## Sports Club Bounce Back with Cup Win

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC finally got to play a home game for the first time this season and ran out 5-4 winners in the Division 2 Cup. They were paired against Toft Hill 3 Tuns who had managed to scrape a 1-0 win against the Aycliffe side in the league the previous week. The Sports Club got to the final of this competition last season and wanted to ensure a good run in the competition this season. It was quite a sloppy start to the game, with the narrow pitch playing its part in a claustrophobic and packed midfield. It wasn't until the 23rd minute before the deadlock was broken, an in swinging corner bounced off the shoulder of Ollie Gell to claim his second goal of the season. The home side then looked to take control with Connor Hughes and Kyle Allen linking up well before playing Gell through again only to see his tame shot go wide of the post. Toft Hills first real attack resulted in a corner after stand in goalkeeper Mark Craggs saved superbly to keep the home side in it. However, the resulting corner found its way past the keeper in a crowded goalmouth to make it 1-1. Anthony Campbell's mazy run won the Sports Club a throw in deep in the oppositions half which found David Teder who crossed deep to the far post for Connor Hughes to head home and make it 2-1 going into the break. The second half started brightly for the home side with Anthony Campbell again taking on 2 players before hammering home the 3rd goal from outside the box. An equally excellent finish from

David Teder saw his swing shot fly into the top corner with the keeper helpless at the unexpected effort. Now cruising at 4-1 and with the away side reduced to 10 men due to injury and no subs, the Club took the foot off the gas and some sloppy defending saw the 3 Tons claw a goal back to make it 4-2. It was soon 4-3 after a long ball over the top saw the offside trap broken and the ball coolly slotted home. And it looked like the game would be going to penalties as an interception from Darren Griffiths somehow managed to fall to the 3 Tons Centre forward to slot home the equaliser. With the clock ticking down, Anthony Campbell managed to do what he does best one more time as he broke through the Toft Hill defence and find Ollie Gell who managed to slot the ball home for the winner. Sports Club go through to the next round and are hoping to keep the unbeaten cup record intact next Sunday, away to Washington Lambton Lions in the Durham FA County Cup. MoM: Anthony Campbell (photo below)



## Fundraiser Paul Passes £30k & Now Targets £40k

An Aycliffe charity fundraiser twice struck by Leukaemia has seen money-raising efforts surpass the £30k checkpoint, with the aid of friends and family in recent weeks. 35-year-old Paul McGeary has relentlessly spearheaded the charitable push for Bloodwise over the past three years, since his initial diagnosis of Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia back in November 2014.



Paul with his daughter

His friends, family and strangers have united to amass the remarkable amount, with McGeary vowing to now top a £40k target in the coming months. The most recent contribution of £1380 was raised on Friday night as McGeary's mother Mary Warke hosted a quiz night, with the assistance of Andrew Matthews, David Prior, Marie Matthews and Joanne Prior. With over 100 people in attendance, quiz-goers challenged their General Knowledge as well as joining in with a raffle and spot games. With the event boosting the coffers to £30,192.23, McGeary proudly said, "To exceed the £30k mark at this stage is phenomenal. "I was beginning to think of the next event which would carry us through the barrier,

but credit to mum and her friends, they quietly had a target in their heads and went for it. "The night was great fun, and Dave and Andrew were the perfect comperes. The room was full, with people travelling from all over to support which was fantastic to see. "We won't stop raising money and awareness for Bloodwise, and we now look to reaching the £40k mark. People come to me all the time with ideas – big and small – and we'll give everything our full dedication and commitment." McGeary's colleague Darren Smith is currently half way through a running challenge which has seen over £600 added to the pot to date, and several things are lined up between now and the end of the year.

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# Youth Football Thrives in Aycliffe

On Saturday the Under 16's Girls played a cup match against Middlesbrough girls at home. The whole match was stressful to watch. The girls really needed to win this one, however, they started off slow whilst Middlesbrough had their head in the game from the start. The first half of the match really tested the girl's strength and will to carry on as the Middlesbrough team swiftly and efficiently played the ball round our girls and ended the half with a 2-1 win, one of them being a penalty.

After the team talk at half time, the girls began to play proper football, with passes from every player and rewarding tackles. As a result of this the team were winning the second half 2-1, and as the whistle blew the final score was 3-3. This meant penalties were on their way. The girls lined up in fear of the result not being in our favour. This was Courtney's time to shine. And boy she did shine! Due to Courtney's determination the girls sprinted over to her and all screamed with joy as the penalties gave the girls a 2-1 win. They are through to the next round!

League Cup Round 2 - Billingham Synthonia 2-5 U15 Falcons Division 3 Falcons pulled off a great performance today and marched on to the next round of the cup after beating a very good Division 2 side at the top of their division.

After going 1-0 down, Cole Harrison won a penalty and slotted it home himself to equalise. We then went 2-1 up thanks to an absolute screamer of a goal from the first half MOM Dylan Burnside that smashed into the back of the net from distance. HT 2-1 Falcons.

Second half, Cole added another 2 goals to score another cup hat trick to make it 4-1 Falcons before Synners scored to make it 4-2. In the closing stages Spencer O'Sullivan scored and sealed the game to make it 5-2 win to Aycliffe. Man of the Match: Cole Harrison. Some good Goalkeeping and defending done today and my thanks go to Joseph Gibson helped by Paul Robson for assisting me today at short notice.

Swalwell Swifts 5 - 5 U10's

Tough game today against top of the table Swalwell Swifts. Our usual slow start and we were quickly 1-0 down. Some good passing then saw us equalise with Jake Laheny Clark forcing it home. Then we just stopped tackling and let Swalwell pass through us leaving us 4-1 down at half time. Three changes introducing Moore Swainston, Kai Thompson and Harry Tallentire and some strong words from the coaches resulted in us getting it back to 4-4 with 2 goals from Will Houllahan and one from Alex Bellwood. Swalwell then scored from a breakaway 5-4 but not to be denied we equalised through Declyn Nelson and could have snatched it at the end but could not force the ball over the line. Everyone played there part today and it was encouraging to be able to make three changes twice during the game and still look the better side. Well done everyone final score 5-5.

U9's Eagles 2 - 2 Sunderland City Phillip.

What an absolutely fantastic match. In the first half the Eagles played the best football I have ever seen from them. Some brilliant passing from everyone. Some great interplay in midfield between Jayden, Will and Kai with Liam playing up front. A pass from Jayden to Will on the edge of the box led to Will scoring the first goal. The eagles passed it round Sunderland creating



after chance. Liam was absolutely outstanding today and was a constant irritation to their defence putting them under pressure when they had the ball and frequently winning the ball for his team. He had several runs on goal and was desperately unlucky not to score as their keeper pulled off a string of fine saves. Against the run of play, Sunderland equalised. Nathan and Ollie in defence had stopped every attack, but they could do nothing about their goal.

Back came Eagles and Kai from a tight angle from Will's throw in - 2-1 at half time and I was so impressed with the overall team performance. We continued our assault on the Sunderland goal in the second half and Liam was so unlucky not to score. We had no subs today and I could see we were getting tired as the game progressed. Some brilliant defending again from Nathan and Jayden kept them out and Trystan made some great saves to keep us in the lead. Sunderland had a squad of 11 and they looked stronger the longer the match went on. With about 5 minutes to go Sunderland finally scored. Despite a couple more chances we just could not find the winner and it finished level at full time.

A real performance in the second but wow what a great first half! I think we saw the future here today. Well done Eagles and thank you parents for your continued support and encouragement. I enjoyed the match very much today. Sorry about the length of the post but just impressed with the performance.

MOTM was Liam who was disappointed not to score, but he shouldn't be because it was his best game for the Eagles and I thought his effort and all round performance was top class. Well done Liam!

If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, please visit our website where there are lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups [www.nayfc.com](http://www.nayfc.com)

## Tackling ASB in Town

A Time Limited Project to address ASB across the whole of Newton Aycliffe - met recently. Their primary aim was to allow the various services to share information

and co-ordinate their response, and this is working better and better. They now have a system which maps every incident reported across the town to councils, wardens, police, fire etc. This helps identify areas - and individuals - in need of intervention.

A discussion followed on CCTV use, focusing on the Town Centre area.

The big news was that - with the exception of the Town Centre, which saw a moderate increase in ASB in August - there has been a HUGE reduction in ASB across the town.

Incidents in August-September 2016-2017 fell: 18 to 7 in Woodham, 40 to 19 in Horndale, 69 to 16 in the West Ward.

Members of the group suggested that part of this improvement is due to the better coordination of services the group has achieved. But they mainly attributed it to the active communities across the town, and the large number of events provided - the Horndale Residents Association was mentioned specifically, but the Town Council and many community groups have been proactive throughout the summer.

The Town Centre Management is facilitating a funfair at half term, 25th-28th October.

## Councillors' Surgeries

Shafto, Central and Neville Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jim Atkinson will be in attendance at St. Mary's Meeting Room, Burn Lane on Saturday 14th October from 11am - 12 noon.

# Juniors Football Report



There was lots of cup action for the Newton Aycliffe Juniors teams who play in the TJFA league this week. The League Cup continued for the Under 12's whilst other teams began their Challenge Cup campaigns.

The Under 7's had their first taste of cup action but were forced to give up home advantage to Heighington as their allocated pitch at Sunnydale was unplayable. They were beaten by an excellent side but the players effort and commitment was rewarded with Harry Dunn's goal. The Aycliffe coaches were proud of the performance put in by all involved.

The Under 8's travelled to face North Riding league Kader FC Athletic and came away with a 9-2 win. Thomas got a hat-trick, man of the match Dylan and Alex scored two each with Zeke and Lewis also on target.

The Under 9's had a tough challenge playing Boro Rangers 'Green' from North Riding Division One. In the first half Aycliffe's effort was rewarded with one goal for Kai but they found themselves 3-1 down. The visitors continued to play well and won the game 5-1, Harry was the man of the match for the Juniors.

The Under 10's 'Black' also played against Division One opponents at home with

Norton & Stockton 'Amber' the visitors. They put in a great display to push their higher league opponents all the way but narrowly lost 3-2. Joseph scored twice for Aycliffe and Jack was superb in goal.

The Under 10 'White' were visited by Division Four team Stockton Rangers. They won the game comfortably, man of the match Dom scored five goals, Jack got a hat-trick with Jayden and Harvey also scoring one each.

The Under 11's played at home against Brompton Juniors, who they will face later in the league season. They booked their place in the next round with a 6-4 win. Charlie and Zak terrified the visitors with their pace and scored two first half goals each. Brompton came back to make the score 4-3 but Aycliffe dug deep with man of the match Cody superb in defence. Further goals came as Charlie completed his hat-trick and Jake grabbed the teams sixth before a late penalty was conceded.

The Under 12 Russell Foster League team played at Sunnydale against the unbeaten Gateshead Redheugh who proved their strength in a 5-1 win. Anthony scored a consolation goal which rewarded the team's hard work, Tom B was the man of the match. The Under 12 TJFA league

team were visited by lower league Wolsingham FC. They opened up a two goal lead with Dom and Kayne scoring before the lead was halved by the visitors. Two Liam goals before the break saw Aycliffe turn round 4-1. In the second half Evan, Lucas, Jake P and Dom scored in what turned out to be a comfortable 8-1 win.

The Under 13's were also at home and played Hardwick Youth but the Aycliffe side had a depleted squad and were beaten 6-1. Lewis scored in the first half making it 2-1 at the break. After this injuries forced the team to play with ten men and they slipped to defeat.

The opposition manager named Ben as the man of the match. The Under 16's cup draw handed Aycliffe a repeat of their recent league trip to Whitby to play Goldsborough United. They returned with the same outcome as the last trip, winning 2-1 to progress to the next round. They had to comeback from 1-0 down and man of the match Jayden got both the goals.

All at the Juniors are looking forward to a Community Day on Saturday 7th October in association with Newton Aycliffe FC at Moore Lane from 12.30-14.15.

Come along and get involved.

## Aycliffe Offer "Pay What You Want on Non League Day"



Kieran Duffy-Weekes scoring Aycliffe's goal against Morpeth Town on Saturday 30 September.

Newton Aycliffe FC will be getting in the spirit of Non League Day on Saturday 7 October by offering a "Pay What You Want" entry to Moore Lane. Aycliffe will be entertaining Ryhope Colliery Welfare in an Ebac Northern League Division One fixture. The national Non League Day has grown steadily over recent seasons & will be taking place on an International weekend when there are no Premier League or Championship games. So, fans of Sunderland, Newcastle or Middlesbrough (or anyone else!) have the chance to take in their local

grassroots football team.

The game against Ryhope comes at a time when Aycliffe have shown an improvement in form. The Newtonians won 2-0 at Bishop Auckland last week while they narrowly lost out 2-1 to league leaders Morpeth on Saturday. Even Morpeth's manager acknowledged that Aycliffe deserved to take a point away from Craik Park. A midweek game against Sildon, fresh from their excellent FA Cup performance at Banbury, will be another tough test for Danny Mellanby and Deano Browne's Aycliffe

team. They then move on to Moore Lane on Saturday 7th October to face Ryhope.

Prior to the game Aycliffe will be hosting a community event for our local junior teams and we hope as many people as possible will turn out at Moore Lane.

The Sports Club bar will be open from 12:00 with refreshments available from the ground "Bait Cabin" before and during the game. Please come along and see what Non League football is all about & why Non League Day is becoming such an important fixture in the football calendar.

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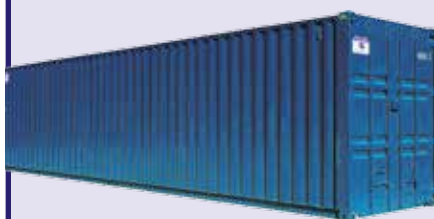
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# Aycliffe's Claim to Part of Railway Birth History

Just over two years ago Harry Moses, Aycliffe Village History Society Chairman thought there should be a board up at Heighington Station to recognise this was where Locomotion was put on the track in 1825.

Shortly after his suggestion members Elizabeth and David Lewis were visiting Standedge Tunnel and visitor centre at the canal basin in West Yorkshire when we spotted for the first time a Red Wheel Plaque put up by the Transport Trust. We thought this was what was needed for the station. Elizabeth contacted the Transport Trust and so began two years of correspondence with them, the various railway authorities, the owner of the Locomotion Pub and the unveiling event was the culmination of two years hard work. The plaque was provided free by the Transport Trust and Network Rail arranged for it to be fixed to the wall. Without the efforts of Aycliffe Village Local History Society there would be no recognition of Aycliffe's part in the birth of the railway. All we need to do now is have the station name changed to its original 1825 name of "Aycliffe Lane" as Heighington has no connection at all to the station!

The LOCOMOTION, under the Works name Travelling Engine No 3, was completed at Robert Stephenson & Co's Forth Street Works, Newcastle, for the Stockton & Darlington Railway in early September 1825.

George Stephenson wrote the following to Joseph Pease and dated his letter 12th September 1825, but subsequent evidence shows he was rather behind with his correspondence:

*"I beg to inform you that the Improved Travelling Engine was tried here [Forth Street] last night [probably Thursday 8th September] and fully answered my expectations. And if you will be kind enough to desire Pickersgill to send horses to take it away here on Friday it shall be loaded on Thursday evening. I calculate the weight of the engine between 5 and 6 tons".*

Three horse-drawn wagons took the Loco and Tender by road to Aycliffe Road (Heighington Station) on Friday 9th September and it was set on the railway there on Saturday 10th September 1825.

Various parts were removed for the road journey, and the tender, and the locomotive was 'assembled' and steamed again.

The name LOCOMOTION was adopted a little later, then LOCOMOTION No 1, because it was the first working locomotive on the S&DR. Legend suggests that the loco was initially and informally called ACTIVE

because George Stephenson describes it as 'active.'

The man who lit the fire for the steaming at Aycliffe Road was Robert Metcalfe, a navy from Church Street, Darlington, and he wrote down his experiences:

*"[LOCOMOTION] come to highton [Heighington] Lane by road, we had to get her on the way [on the rail tracks, the permanent way, of S&DR]. When we got her on the way we pump water into her. We sent John Taylor for a lantern and candle to acliffe (Aycliffe). When we done that I thought I would ave me pipe. It was a very warm day though it been back end of year. I took me pipe glass and lit me pipe. I thought to myself I would try to put fire to jimmy ockum [oakum: shredded hemp rope used as packing for joints and, on ships, between deck planks and hull timbers; 'jimmy' a 19th century slang adjective (and noun) attached to words but not adding any meaning] it blaze away well the fire going rapidly. Lantern and candle were no use [i.e. not needed] so fire was put to her on line by the pour [power] of the sun".*

There may have been other tests and on 16th September the S&DR announced the official opening of the Railway for Tuesday 27th September. There was a trial run with the locomotive on the evening of Monday 26th September 1825.

I think, therefore, we can support the Red Wheel but



Chairman of the Transport Trust welcomes guests including Lord Lieutenant Sue Snowdon



Sue Snowdon and Town Mayor Wendy Hillary with David and Elizabeth Lewis (left)



Harry Moses with a painting showing the first Locomotion being hoisted onto the track at "Aycliffe Lane" Station

the wording of the dates may not be correct so it was suggested: HEIGHINGTON STATION (Formerly Aycliffe Lane) LOCOMOTION No. 1, built in Newcastle, was delivered by 3 horse-drawn wagons, put on the rails and steamed here. Official Opening Day

of the Stockton & Darlington Railway was 27th September 1825. 192 years ago World Railway Travel began.



Sue signs the Visitors Book

According to Wikipedia it was originally Aycliffe Lane in 1825, changed in the 1850's to Aycliffe & Heighington, then back to Aycliffe July 1871 and finally to Heighington in 1874. The name change to Heighington was to avoid confusion when Aycliffe Village had a station on the east coast main line but that closed in 1953. It would be good to have the original Aycliffe Lane Station back in use to restore its origins.

## CATS Present MAMMA MIA

On Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm, and Sunday 15th October at 2pm, the C.A.T.S. Youth Theatre Group will be performing their musical adaptation of the ABBA Musical "Mamma Mia" at the Civic Hall, in Shildon.

Amongst the young cast are local youngsters Amelia Rees as Sophie, Dylan Goddard as Bill, Katelyn Freeborn as Sam, and Erin Clarke as Sophie's boyfriend Sky. Whilst Sienna Birkett, Faith Bingham, Emma Dixon, Sophie Hodgson, Eden Oxley, Emma Jones, and Matthew Kerr are in the cast, and singers and dancers within the group.

The group will be performing many of the Swedish groups hits, such as 'Money Money Money', 'Take A Chance On Me', 'Dancing Queen', 'I Have A Dream', 'S.O.S' and many more.

Tickets priced £5.50 Adults, £3.50 Children, can be prebooked by ringing, 01325 313 363 / 01388 774 838. Pre-booking is advisable to secure a seat.

## COPPING SPEEDSTERS!

At the PACT meeting at Woodham Village Community Centre the police heard about continuing resident concern on speeding in the Woodham area.

As a result they were out doing a speedwatch with a good response. Thank you Newton Aycliffe Police.

We cannot have a policeman stationed all day every day on every street to catch speeding motorists. What is needed is a change in motorists' attitudes, so that we drive always with care and consideration, in a way which will not alarm residents.

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**Businesses Urged 'Go Green' to Mark Recycle Week**

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Penny advises that many businesses are missing the opportunity to be more environmentally friendly and save money along the way. Mark said: "We constantly go in to see companies who are spending thousands of pounds a year on waste that could be recycled, or who could reduce the volume of waste they produce in the first place. Many are even paying for the disposal of some waste types that could generate them a revenue instead." "When we first began working with Lidl at their Regional Distribution Centre in Newton Aycliffe, we were contracted just to remove the general waste. Since then we've introduced a variety of recycling solutions for many different waste streams, including solutions for some of the more difficult items, such as reject stock, which are

sent back to the centre. "All of this is taken to local recovery facilities for sorting and/or bulking up before being sent for recycling, rather than landfill." The chain, that has 620 stores nationwide and 90 in the North East, sorts its waste back at the Regional Distribution Centre, when necessary into different streams to minimise cost and maximise recycling potential. James Bragg, Lidl's consultant for Recycling & Waste Logistics, said: "We obviously produce waste from our stores, and as a company it is our policy to recycle rather than send that waste to landfill." "J&B Recycling started off its contract with us by removing general waste, but that now expands to metal, wood, glass, plastics, some electrical waste and redundant products. We are delighted to be working alongside J&B Recycling, they provide good service levels and have an excellent local knowledge which opens doors and gives us avenues into different markets in terms of the recycling chain." To receive your free waste audit contact J&B Recycling via their website www.jbreycling.co.uk or call 01429 241002

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Newton Aycliffe based manufacturer, Husqvarna, auctioned its first ever Pink Automower® on October 2nd in support of breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Care. The campaign, which will run as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, until October 12th, gives potential bidders 10 days to get involved. Once the auction closes and the total sum is determined, Husqvarna will then double the figure up to £2,000 and donate this to Breast Cancer Care. Husqvarna is known for pioneering the robotic lawnmowing industry in 1995 and earlier this year celebrated the production of its one millionth robotic mower in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. The Pink Automower®, available to bid for this October, is the only one of its kind in the UK and to accompany the start of the auction, staff in Newton Aycliffe will take part in an internal fundraising day, dressing up in pink and raising money. Ken Brewster, UK Sales and Marketing Director for Husqvarna said: "We're proud of our robotic mowers and hope that the Pink Automower® generates interest from bidders looking to transform their garden whilst raising money for a great cause. We want to generate awareness and raise

as much money as possible for such a brilliant charity. I have no doubt the Husqvarna staff will help us to do this." Alec Raven, Head of Community Fundraising at Breast Cancer Care, added: "We're so grateful to Husqvarna for supporting Breast Cancer Care once again. The money raised will help Breast Cancer Care to continue to provide free services including; support over the phone with a nurse or someone who's been there, welcoming online forums, reliable information and local group support. "691,000 people are living with a breast cancer diagnosis in the UK today, and that figure is only set to grow. With support from businesses like Husqvarna we can be here for more people, whenever they need us." Breast Cancer Care is the only specialist UK-wide charity providing support to people with breast cancer. Husqvarna Automower® works via the installation of an electrical boundary wire around the desired



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**COUNCIL & COMMUNITY**  
• DCC/Macmillan 'Joining the Dots' cancer campaign consultation.  
• Sign the petition to pause the rollout of Universal Credit.  
• Mental Health and the Criminal Justice system seminar - Durham Cathedral, 9.30am-1pm, Saturday 14 October.  
• Healthwatch County Durham's October newsletter.  
• Support Stoptober and Go Sober for October.  
• Macmillan need information centre volunteers.  
• Tow Law School needs our vote.  
• Durham Socialist Clothing Bank needs toys for Christmas.  
• GATC Fireworks poster competition.  
• Enrol now for Business Admin courses with DCC's Adult Learning service.  
• Latest roadworks.  
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- Aycliffe's Caring Caretaker has extended its service.
- Aycliffe Business Park's Crafter's Companion has opened a new store in Worcestershire.
- Ebac is selling its watercoolers in America.
- Funding available from DCC's DurhamWorks to help businesses hire young people.
- Small businesses invited to get involved with Small Business Saturday.
- FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS**
- Durham Book Festival, 6-15 October.
- Durham Cathedral History Walk, 10.30am, Saturday 14 October, £3.
- Fantastic Fairies (5-11s) drop-in at Palace Green Library, 1-3pm, 14-15 October.
- The Polar Express is getting a name-change, but will still run.
- The spacecraft that transported Tim Peake to the international Space Station is coming to the Locomotion Museum, Shildon.
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# New Manager at SWDT

Jason Howe has taken over as general manager of South West Durham Training (SWDT) on Aycliffe Business Park, succeeding chief executive Lee Childs, who left in early August. The 34-year-old has been promoted from a senior role at Bishop Auckland College, which owns SWDT, to continue the impressive progress which has been made in the last three years.



SWDT, which trains future workforce for several leading employers including Hitachi Rail, GSK, Husqvarna, 3M and Thorn Lighting, will celebrate its 50th year in December.

The former businessman turned curriculum expert wants to mark the milestone in style. "There's a lot of history behind South West Durham Training," said Jason.

"Training Centres have opened and closed over the years and the fact South West Durham is gearing up for its 50th year is really a glowing testament. But the potential is still huge, with the facilities and staff we have here.

"Right now the aim is to build on the great work that's been done in recent years, in improving what we do and increasing learner numbers. Lee Childs has provided a lot of stability and altered the curriculum to suit employers' needs, which has been crucial. "The commercial programmes we're running now are very pro-active in what employers want and we're hoping to maintain and improve on the good work that has already been achieved here."

Jason who lives in Wolsingham with expectant wife Helen and their four-year-old son

Elliott, started his career as an apprentice engineer before completing an apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery with a building firm in Weardale. Soon after qualifying in 2003 he set up his own business, which he ran until March 2008 when he was offered a trainer assessor role with Sedgfield Borough Council.

He later became carpentry and joinery co-ordinator at Bishop Auckland College before construction lead, and then manager of the technology department, covering construction and engineering, motor and building services.

He has also advised several organisations in a consultancy role, including Hopwood Hall in Manchester and Darlington Borough Council, and is a quality assurer for City and Jason added: "We're looking to tailor our apprenticeship packages to our employers' needs, which is key going forward, especially with the introduction of the new standards and that we're looking to offer higher

education apprenticeships. "I'm extremely passionate about what I do, and when I see an opportunity I'm not afraid to go for it. I'm also a team player, so while this role is office based I'm not scared of rolling up my sleeves and getting my hands dirty.

"But my biggest strength is curriculum expertise and from a further education point of view - and that's showed in what I've achieved in increasing technology apprenticeship numbers at Bishop Auckland College, sourcing and implementing funding streams to increase curriculum provision." SWDT is now delivering bespoke apprenticeship packages to accommodate the needs of businesses.

A subsidiary of Bishop Auckland College which employs 27 staff, SWDT also works with Cummins in Darlington, Richmond-based Pipeline Engineering, which is part of the multi-national Circor Group, and car parts maker Nifco in Stockton, and currently has more than 300 learners on its books. Find out more about SWDT at www.swdt.co.uk or call 01325 313194.

# Town Air Cadets Receive ICT Equipment



Cllr. Sarah Iveson with CO Karin Scott and Air Cadets

A fundraising effort by local Air Cadets has been given a flying start thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Midridge Partnership (GAMP).

The funding, secured through GAMP via the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of County Councillor Sarah Iveson and former County Councillor Jed Hillary, has allowed 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Cadets to install an ICT Suite at their headquarters in the Barnard Armoury.

The new equipment will be widely used and will allow the cadets to study for internal exams and wider BTEC qualifications. The squadron parades on Mondays and Thursdays between 18:45 and 21:30 hours and new members are always welcome.

Ft. Lt. Karin Scott, said: "The staff and cadets of 1407 are very grateful to County Councillor Iveson and former

County Councillor Hillary for their support for this project. Some of our activities rely on the cadets having access to ICT facilities and the new suite will prove to be a very valuable asset. We would also like to thank GAMP for their assistance in securing the funding."

If you are in year 8 or above, up to the age of 17, and want adventure, qualifications and fun then the Air Cadets is for you! The Cadets offer a huge range of activities including flying, gliding, target shooting, hill walking, rock climbing, mountain biking, camps on RAF stations and various sports. You can also gain recognised awards and certificates including Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, BTECs in music, aviation and personal development, including St John's Youth First Aid, all of this while gaining leadership and teamwork skills, boosting your confidence and making new friends.

For more information please contact 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron Air Cadets on: 01325 318603 (parade hours only) or email: 1407@aircadets.org or visit the website: www.1407aircadets.com you can also find us on Facebook (1407 newton aycliffe squadron)

# HIGHLY QUALIFIED HAIR TECHNICIAN



Left to right; Sue, Andrew, Gabrielle and Esther

Gabrielle Harker a resident of School Aycliffe reports recent good fortune following the story we published last February about people using Ragoon Real Hair extensions, when suffering after effects of chemo and alopecia.

She passed her Diploma which is extremely rare in the hair extension industry, sitting an exam in 4 parts, finishing with a full panel interview.

Gabrielle had to travel down to Ragoon international HQ in Southampton, taking a model and spending the day completing various tasks, watched over by leaders of the company.

"It proved to be the hardest day in my career, and I had to wait a nerve-racking 48 hours before receiving word that I had passed. I am now fully qualified in: Ragoon Luxe Bond, Luxe Weft, Luxe

Link, Advanced techniques, Bridal and creative hair extensions, Hair in health recovery programmes" said Gabrielle.

Ragoon Hair extensions are a premium hair extension company using the finest quality hair and proven by a trichologist not to damage your own hair. Passing this Diploma has made Gabrielle one of the highest qualified hair extension technicians in the country.

Gabrielle received a written message from Andrew Barton on her success, stating "Congratulations on your energy at the diploma course. It was inspiring to experience your passion for what you do, witness your skill up and close and hear your knowledge. You are a credit to the profession and your own success. Best Wishes, Andrew Barton."

# AYCLIFFE MUSICIANS IN DURHAM MUSIC SERVICE BAND



Danielle and Kirsty with the Band Conductor Shaune Eland at the Concert held at the Locomotion Museum last week

Danielle Drew (left) from Aycliffe who played at the Locomotion Concert, has been a musician since she was in Year 5. She started with the recorder but when she moved to secondary school, wanted to learn something new and more complicated. She signed up to learn the saxophone and began playing when 11 and hasn't stopped since.

Danielle said: "I began lessons with the Music Service and from there was introduced to Shaune Eland and Ian Robinson, the leaders of the Durham County Youth Big Band and the Durham South Regional Wind Band. They made everything just so fun and they, along with my saxophone teachers and music teachers at secondary

school and sixth form, inspired me to continue with music throughout my education and career". Last July Danielle graduated with a BAHons in Music and want to be a music teacher, in schools or with the music service. "I would love to be able to inspire someone, just like the Music Service inspired me and so many others to have a passion for music."

Kirsty Biddulph (right) lives in School Aycliffe and is a music teacher. Her father worked for the Music Service and she's been in all the bands. She now co-directs the Darlington Jazz Festival and helps coordinate the Durham Alumni Band. Many of her students are part of the Music Service ensemble.

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## Birthday Remembrance

GRAEME COOPER 4th October. Wishing you a happy 52nd birthday. Lots of love, Clive and Grace xxx

## Obituary

### NORTH

Newton Aycliffe

October 3, peacefully after a short illness. Ann (Nancy) nee Ritchie-Morley aged 96 years, late of Coxhoe. Dearly loved Wife of the late Arthur, beloved Mother to Elizabeth and Heather, dear Mother-in-law to Clive, devoted Grandmother to Justyn and Lucy, Great-Grandmother to Aidan and Daniel and a dear Aunt and Great-Aunt. Funeral Thursday October 12th. Would friends kindly meet for service in St. Mary's Church, Coxhoe at 11.45am followed by committal and cremation at Durham Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu would be much appreciated in aid of The Motor Neurone Disease Association and may be given or will be accepted by Whitehouse Funeral Service, Surtees House, Hilton Road, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6EN. Tel: 01325 318600

## In Memoriam

### Avril Alderson

3rd October 2013

Treasured memories of my dear Wife. Never forgotten. Love, Jimmy xx

Special memories of a much loved and missed Mam and Nanna. Never forgotten. Love, Michelle, Laurence, Thomas and Katherine xxx

AVRIL ALDERSON 3rd October 2013. Loving memories of a dear Sister. Sister-in-law and Aunt. Love from Neil, Ann and family GRAEME COOPER 6th October. 11 years since you went away, missing you not only today but every day. Love always, Clive and Grace xxx



## Congratulations

### Andrew Bush 'Bushy'



Sunday 8th October

Happy Birthday From The Press Gang

### Julie Bayne



Happy Birthday Julie Bayne

aka The Soup Dragon 75 and still a big kid! Have a wonderful time in Australia, lots of love from all the family xx

### Grayson Ford Wheatley



Happy 1st Birthday

To our very Special Little Boy Wishing you lots of prezzies Love you loads from Mummy and Daddy, Courtney, Ellie, Megan and Hattie

JACKSON 07.10.2017 To my beautiful Wife and best friend Joyce on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. I love you more today than the day we got married. Always and forever yours, Bill xxx JACKSON 07.10.2017 Joyce and Bill. To my amazing Mam and Dad on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. All my love, Michelle xxx

## Thank You

DAVID AND JILL STEVENS would like to thank everyone who helped make their Golden Wedding Anniversary party such a success. Thanks also for lovely gifts, cards and messages. We are truly blessed.

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# Heighington Under 7's and 12's Football

**UNDER 7's**  
Heighington were in cup action this Week against Local Rivals Newton Aycliffe Juniors and started with Louie in goal, Kyleo and Liam at the back Tyler in a free Role and Archie up top. Archie assisted the first 3 goals for Heighington 2 of which

came from a man on fire Tyler and one from Kyleo. Tyler then completed his Hat trick inside 10 Minutes. Kyleo, who also had a wonderful game then got Heighington's 5th and 6th to complete his 9th Hat trick for the club. Tyler finished the scoring in the 1st half as they went in to the break 7 goals to the good.

5-1 winners. Fantastic match and great start to the season 2 wins out of 3 matches. Another win next Sunday.

## Sponsored Swim for Cancer Victim



Sam (left) with her friend Elizabeth

Changes made at HT with Archie and Liam making way for Kenzi and Alex. A much more competitive second half, however Kenzi made it 8 before Aycliffe pulled a deserved Goal back before Kenzi rounded off the scoring to finish the game 9-1. Man of The Match Went To Kyleo. The second game was the same scoreline. Alex started in Goal, With Maddix and Kenzi at the back and Archie and Zane up top. Kenzi opened the scoring with a great Goal, before setting Zane up for his 3rd of the season and his 10th for the club and they went in at the break 2-0 up. The second half Aycliffe tired and Heighington took full control Kyleo added a 3rd before an own goal put Heighington in cruise control, Maddix then hit the post, but made no mistake with his next chance. Archie then scored with an acrobatic Goal with his backside from a Kyleo corner. Before Alex scored directly from a corner via the Keeper. Archie then scored, after a thunderbolt Free kick from Liam was blocked and Archie pinged in the rebound from the edge of the box. There was still time for Aycliffe to grab a consolation with a great strike from distance, to finish the scoring at 9-1 again. Maddix was given the MOTM award in this game and Tyler picked up Player of the Day

On Sunday 19th November at 11pm Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre have kindly reserved a lane for me in their pool to complete 100 lengths. in a "SWIM FOR SAM".

This is to raise as much money as possible for my beautiful friend Samantha Finley who was diagnosed a short time ago with stage 3 breast Cancer.

Sam aged 35 has 3 lovely children aged from 4 to 17, and her very supportive husband has given up his full time job up to look after Sam and the children.

Her attitude towards her condition is mind blowing and she is an inspiration to all. She would love nothing more than to take her family away on a holiday of a life time, once her treatment has been completed.

I intend to raise as much as possible to help me with this and call on sponsors to show their support. Please contact me if you can help by e-mail: clean.goddess@yahoo.co.uk

**UNDER 12's**  
Heighington faced Eaglescliffe Elementis FC in a cup match thi week. . After a very slow start to the game and going 1 down panic set in. Then they pulled themselves up and started talking to each other and got the equaliser through Lewis Sangster. All of a sudden everyone was winning their battles and Lewis helped himself to a further 3 goals (4 goals in total) and Joe Fraser adding another. Running out

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



Members of Aycliffe Running Club and their supporters travelled to Redcar on Sunday 1st October for the annual Beacon 5K and Half Marathon fast, flat, road races.

First to finish in the 5K event for Aycliffe Running Club was George Dixon 11th position in 18:58 followed by Richard Campbell 14th position in 19:38 and then Trish Kay 58th position in 24:02 and 2nd F55-59.

First to finish the Half Marathon for ARC was Martyn Knox in 1:37:49 followed by Jason Dixon in 1:40:35 (a new PB by 3 minutes), then Dave Blewitt 1:42:00 and Richard

Holland 1:44:40. First lady to complete the course for ARC was Michelle Dixon in 1:47:38 ( a new PB by 6 minutes ). Rob Nicholson followed in 1:49:07 then Angela Barrett 1:51:06, Nick Gilling 1:57:46 and Julie Nisbet 2:01:18. It was Heather Fenwick's first Half Marathon and she completed the race in 2:01:30. Ian Baronowski finished in 2:04:05 and Susan Clark 2:16:47. It was also Denise Evans first Half Marathon and she completed the course in 2:18:56.

For information about Aycliffe Running Club visit their website <http://ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk/>

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