

Newton News

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St. Francis' Juniors Go Farming



In June the children in Year 3 and Year 4 of St. Francis' Junior School were invited to visit Bowlee's Educational Farm in Barnard Castle. The children and staff had an amazing time with Jemma the farmer. We got to meet Tina Turner, a pet lamb that Jemma has been hand feeding due to Tina's mam not being able to feed her herself, Jemma told us that Tina Turner has become a member of the family and joins them in the house, on occasion for a cuddle from Brandy the dog, who Tina thinks is her sister! We also met the farm chickens who also joined us for lunch.

We started the day off collecting feed and having a lovely run through the meadow fields full of beautiful wild flowers, Jemma explained that they were letting them grow to be made into hay and some of the wild flowers were rare and being donated to another field to hopefully produce more of the rare wild flowers. They children enjoyed running and jumping through the meadow with the farm dog Brandy, who was eager to have a stick or two thrown for her. The children were so patient and kind to Brandy. On our walk through the meadow we came across some sheep and their lambs. We gave them their breakfast and learned about their coats and diets. They were a bit smelly, but it is all part of being on the farm. We also came to another field full of 'OAP' sheep, these sheep were older or poorly, they had been retired, their retirement home was beautiful, surrounded by water and wild flowers sounds like a great place to rewind and retire from sheep life. Jemma explained how important it was for farmers to check their animals every day for injury or illness. At the bottom of the field was a bridge going over the river tees, we collected some sticks and played 'Pooh Sticks' to see who had collected the best stick to float down the river. We also explored the river banks for fossils and found some amazing fossils. After our visit to the river bank we had a stroll through the woods, Jemma told us these were very famous woods, films like 1917 and Venom had been filmed there, how exciting. We learned about lots of different trees and wildlife that lived in the woods. When we reached the end of the woods we walked through another meadow that took us to the wishing

trees, we hugged them and made a wish before going to feed Ronnie and Reggie the pigs. We got to stroke the pigs, some children were shocked at how rough they felt.

We were getting hungry, but before we could stop for lunch we had to go and feed Oscar, a 17-hand horse, he was such a gentle horse that likes a nose scratch. We left Oscar to his feed before heading to feed the calf's, we got to give them a little head scratch. After a spot of lunch (farming is hard work) we went to the barn and met Happy the sheep and her lamb. We got to hand feed them and feel how thick Happy's coat was. Happy was very friendly, Jemma made sure the children knew they can't just go to an animal in the wild and stroke or feed them. When Happy and Bow, her lamb, had been fed, Jemma walked Vanilla and Milkshake, two goats, for a feed. We learnt all about how to care for goats and how important it is to not overfeed them.

For our last exciting activity we got to meet the farm guinea pigs and Peter the rabbit. We fed them some yummy lettuce and got to hear them squeak for more! We then had to get back on the bus to school after a fun filled, exciting day on the farm.

The children and staff had such a good time, thank you so much to Jemma for teaching us so much and showing us just a snippet into what life on the farm is like.

Opera Nova's Singing Saturday

Opera Nova singers made a surprise appearance at St. Clare's Coffee morning last Saturday. The group sang a selection of songs from the comical and tuneful operetta The Merry Widow. All present enjoyed a musical treat along with their coffee and cake. After that the group moved over to the Thames Centre and sang again for shoppers passing by.

Mary Coffield, Opera Nova soloist, said: "It was fun and good practice for our performance on Saturday 29th June."

On Saturday 29th June, Opera Nova will give a very special performance of The Merry Widow featuring children from Woodham Burn Primary supported by Woodham Academy music students. The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets are just £5.00 for adults and free for all under 18's. (Phone 07795 323985 to reserve tickets in advance).

Important note: The venue for this performance is:

Woodham Burn Community Primary School.

Opera Nova thanks Great Aycliffe Town Council for the generous support that made all our summer events in Aycliffe possible.

Happiness Hub Grant Scheme

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is calling for applications from organisations that want to offer a safe space and activities for local people to meet and be supported. Over £877,000 has been donated to local organisations wanting to create a better environment for local people since the scheme began in 2020.

Kelly Spence, Mental Health Co-ordinator at PCP, said: "I am excited to announce that grants of £500 to £7,500 are available to community organisations and groups in County Durham from the Happiness Hubs grant scheme. We are particularly keen to hear from organisations that wish to develop Happiness Hubs, facilitated during the evening and over the weekend, that aim to provide safe spaces so local people can meet, make friends, talk and feel supported.

"The ultimate goal is to help people to live happier, healthier lives, focusing on mental health, with the aim to promote mental wellbeing and personal resilience."

Organisations must run a project/service that lasts between a minimum of 12 to 18 months to qualify for a grant.

The Happiness Hubs is brought to you by the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and North East charity, PCP.

For further information contact happiness.hubs@pcp.uk.net or call 07715 204462.

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#WeARElistening

Summer 2024 marks the launch of a new campaign for Sisters Of Support, amidst all of the negativity in the media, uncertainty in the world and the worst cost of living crisis since the second world war, people's mental health is at an all-time low.

Women are often seen as the care givers who have it all figured out. It is perceived that women talk to one another about the issues they face and therefore do not struggle as much, when in fact that could not be further from the truth. Women, more so than men, will mask their feelings and emotions, shoving everything deep down in the hope it will go away, over the years, women have learned that to survive in this world they must not fail, they must not show weakness and therefore when asked "Is everything OK?" the chances are she will tell you 'yes'. According to a study conducted by MQmentalhealth.org - 1 in 7 UK adults say their mental health is currently either bad, or the worst it's ever been. More women than men are currently struggling with poor mental health (18.5% of women v 12.5% of men).

Sisters Of Support want to end that stereotype once and for all. We hear so much now, in the media, about men's mental health (which is amazing and about time) that there is this assumption that women are OK and are being left behind a little. We are here to tell you **#WeARElistening**, sometimes just getting things off your chest is a powerful therapy, feeling heard and understood is so important, it is good to talk yes, but unless you feel heard, you are not likely to make a healthy habit of speaking about things you struggle with. Sisters Of Support would like to ask that you check on your female friends, ask them are they really OK? Give them the space and comfort to open up to you and let's get as many women in County Durham as possible to say **#WeARElistening**.



Students Visit Walworth Castle

On Tuesday 4th June, Year 5 students from Walworth School in Newton Aycliffe came for a tour of Walworth Castle Hotel in preparation for Restaurant Day at their School. Walworth School is a specialist school for children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties. The school gets its name as historically, the school was placed within Walworth Castle before it became a hotel.

The teachers within the school work hard to teach both an academic curriculum as well as practical life skills such as cooking. The year 5 class have been taking part in weekly cooking lessons to prepare for their Restaurant Day when they will be inviting their parents and carers in to school and cooking them a three course meal. The class will be split between waiting staff and a cooking team. Mr Barnes wanted to show the children how working in a Restaurant happened in real life and organised a trip to Walworth Castle.

Ashley, the Restaurant Manager, took the children on a tour of the Castle and chatted to the pupils about how they could run their own restaurant. Ashley showed the students how to take orders and give them to the kitchen, how to work the tills and how to set up their tables ready for their own special day.

The children brought along their packed lunches and dined in the 1189 Restaurant, as if they were customers, to get a feel of what it would be like to dine in there. Ashley then took the children to the kitchens to meet Claire, the hotels sous chef, and the children were able to chat with her and ask lots of questions about working in a kitchen.

Ashley showed the students around the King James Suite bedroom and they had a tour of the Dungeons and discussed all of the ghosts rumoured to walk the hotels.

The children enjoyed a fantastic day visiting Walworth Castle.



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Durham Brass Festival On The Road



One of the region's best-loved music events is once again going on the road when it makes its eagerly-awaited return next month. Durham Brass Festival 2024 will include the Big and Little Brass Bashes that bring the party to outdoor spaces across County Durham. The big and little bashes, that have proven so popular in previous years, are a series of ten free events offering energetic and eclectic performances from thrilling street bands. They reflect festival-organiser Durham County Council's desire to ensure people can enjoy arts and culture, free of charge, wherever they are in the county.

The fun begins with two Little Brass Bashes on Monday 8th July at Haswell pit site and Spennymoor marketplace, both from 6pm to 8pm. The first of four Big Brass Bash events takes place on Tuesday 9th July at Glenholme Park in Crook, with this and all other Big Brass Bashes running from 6pm to 9pm. A new Little Brass Bash takes place at Chester-le-Street marketplace the same day, from 6pm to 9pm. Big Brass Bashes will continue in Hackworth Park, Shildon on Wednesday 10th and **Newton Aycliffe Town Park on Thursday 11th July**, with Willington hosting a Little Brass Bash on the Town Green on Wednesday 10th July, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. In a first for Durham Brass Festival, a Little Brass Bash will take place in Barnard Castle on Thursday 11th July at The Witham, again from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. And the party will come to an end on the final night of Bashes on Friday 12th July with a Big Brass Bash at Trimdon Community College and another new Little Brass Bash in Middle Street, Consett, from 6pm to 9pm.

This year's festival takes place from Friday 5th to Saturday 13th July and, as ever, promises a week of spectacular performances, new commissions, free concerts, community activities, and a full programme of lively street bands. Brass opens with Public Service Broadcasting performing their album Every Valley with The NASUWT Riverside Band to a sold-out audience at Durham Cathedral. There'll be more free outdoor events as the popular Streets of Brass takes place across Durham on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July. These will run from 11am to 4pm and 11am to 5pm respectively, with the Sunday including the ever-popular Streets of Brass finale in the marketplace from 4.30pm. Party In The Park at the city's Wharton Park returns on Saturday 7th July, from 5pm to 9pm. The festival line-up is completed with The Cory Band and Durham Miners' Association Brass Band teaming up for King Kong at Gala Durham on Sunday 7th July; the emerging artist showcase Brassed On at Durham Town Hall on the same day; and Smoove & Turrell's Northern Coal Experience DJ set at the same venue on Friday 12th July.

Durham Brass Festival is a key part of Durham County Council's festivals and events programme, which also includes the UK's light art biennial Lumiere and yearly food festivals at Seaham and Bishop Auckland. This programme cements Durham's position as the 'Culture County' and reflects the local authority's commitment to culture-led regeneration. This commitment includes delivering key projects within the bid that saw Durham become the first county ever to be shortlisted for UK City of Culture; progressing major capital projects; and raising the county's profile as a fantastic place to live, work, visit and invest. For more information, visit www.brassfestival.co.uk

History Meet

Aycliffe Village Local History Society's next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall. Speakers for the evening will be Richard and Jan Crouch who will give a talk on 'Edward the Seventh and the Ladies'. Members £2.00, non-members £3.50. All are welcome.

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I believe I have provided transparency and diligence to the role. I am delighted that my team and I have had so many kind words from the people we have helped at very personal levels. We, of course, push on the big local issues too, like our Police Station and the smell from the quarry. I have worked very closely with many of our businesses and, in particular, Hitachi, to support them with many ministers visiting. We have seen great improvements in the standards of teaching and have school rebuilds happening at Woodham, Greenfield and Sugar Hill, whilst the UTC goes from strength to strength.

The best person to be your MP is someone who is not only born here, but has spent most of their life here and I have over 60 years of that experience.

We have faced unprecedented events with a global pandemic being followed by a war in Europe. These put massive strain on our nations' finances with the costs of furlough etc. Our NHS suffered with Covid and the impact on waiting lists of the six million missed appointments during the pandemic. Waiting lists are coming down, NHS funding is at the highest it has ever been, and the economy is starting to improve with inflation back to normal and wages increasing faster than costs. The steps we have taken to reduce migration are showing substantial reductions and the Rwanda scheme will provide a further deterrent.

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, put in a fighting performance, but were eventually defeated by three wickets at home to Redcar 1st XI in the NYSD second division. Asked to bat first, Aycliffe were bowled out for a below par 155 after 38.4 overs. Chris Palmer top scored with 37 off 45 balls and his innings took him past the notable landmark of 11,000 runs for Newton Aycliffe. Adam Gittins also batted well with 29 off 63 balls and captain James Layfield-Carroll chipped in with a belligerent 24 off 25 balls, including two boundaries and two sixes. In reply, Aycliffe made the visitors battle hard for every run, but they eventually reached their winning target after 44.4 overs despite some good bowling from Leo Mercy (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood), who took 2 for 24 and Luke Telford (2 for 52).

The second team put in their best performance of the season to win a tough game by 34 runs, away at Yarm 2nd XI in the NYSD fourth division. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and were thankful for an excellent 2nd wicket partnership of 97 between Matty Greaves (50 off 71 balls) and Matty French (24 off 74 balls) to give their innings some genuine substance. It was Greaves (sponsored by Athena Sports Academy) first half century since 2020 and it included seven boundaries. Aycliffe then suffered a dramatic collapse, losing their next nine wickets for just 32 runs with only 15 year old Will Dearden showing any resilience with a fighting 12 not out off 25 balls. When Yarm replied, the young four pronged Aycliffe attack bowled superbly to defend the small total and dismiss the homeside for just 95 off 37.4 overs. Eighteen year old Ramzan Hussain finished with career best figures of 4 for 19 and was supported well by both 19 year old Matty Greaves (3 for 29) and 15 year old Will Dearden (2 for 13). The youngest member of the teenage quartet, 14 year old Will Moffatt took his first senior wicket to finish an impressive nine over spell with figures of 1 for 26 to help Aycliffe to their first victory of the season.

The club's Ladies team had another brilliant win with a true all round team performance as they defeated Rockcliffe Park away by 45 runs in the Hambleton League. Batting first, the Aycliffe ladies all performed well with five individual players reaching double figures. Tina Masterman continued her amazing form when she again top scored, this time with an unbeaten 16 off 11 balls and other useful contributions came from Addison Jones (12 not out off 11 balls) and Louise Jackson (12 off 11 balls). In reply, Rockcliffe were pegged back by some tight bowling and fielding with six players taking at least one wicket leaving the homeside well short of their winning target.

Our U17's put in their best performance of the season to comfortably beat Stockton away by 8 wickets in the quarter final of the NYSD Plate cup competition. Stockton elected to bat first and reached 126 for 3 in their 20 overs with Will Dearden, Tom Norman and Leo Stout sharing the three wickets that fell. In reply, superb innings by both captain Tom Dearden (51 retired off 38 balls) and Ramzan Hussain (55 retired off 36 balls) put Aycliffe firmly in the driving seat and then Adam Shaw (10 not out) and Liam Scott (4 not out) safely guided Aycliffe home to an excellent victory after 17.2 overs.

The U11's had a terrific win by 58 runs at home to Norton to move up to 4th place in the NYACC League. Morgan Jones top scored with an unbeaten 15 off 14 balls and Gracie Hayman also batted well with 12 not out off 15 balls. In reply, Aycliffe's Lydia Myers bowled superbly, taking two wickets and not conceding any runs from her three overs. Nial Hadland (2 for 3) and Carys Myers (1 for 6) also bowled well to help their team to a comfortable victory.

Photo: 1st team batsman Chris Palmer who top scored for the 1st team on Saturday and extended his club aggregate runs record past the 11,000 milestone.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By PCSO Steven Kipling



The Neighbourhood & Response teams working out of Newton Aycliffe have been busy responding to a variety of incidents across the area over the past week, here's a brief update of what has been going on:

On Monday afternoon, a male was arrested for being Drunk and Disorderly and was transported to custody.

On Monday evening, a male was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol.

On Tuesday, a male was arrested on suspicion of assault following an incident and was transported to custody to be interviewed.

On Tuesday, officers attended St. Oswald's Pre School alongside police dogs Jet & Ben. The children had a chat about police dogs and had the chance to try on some police uniform.

On Wednesday, members of the Neighbourhood Team attended Byerley Park Primary School to speak to students in years 5 and 6. The children received our talks on Internet Safety, Crime & Consequences, Anti-Social Behaviour and Bullying.

On Thursday, a male was arrested on suspicion of assault, following a domestic incident.

On Friday, a female was arrested in the town centre for a public order offence. She was then transported to custody and appeared at Magistrates Court the following day.

On Friday night, a male was arrested following a domestic related incident and transported to custody.

On Saturday night, a male was arrested following criminal damage to a dwelling. Further Operation Trailblazer patrols have been conducted around areas which have been identified as hotspots for Anti-Social Behaviour.

Thanks for the support, thanks for reading and have a great week.

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Under 9's Reds participated in a very well organised tournament hosted by Mount Pleasant Rangers JFC. It was a very enjoyable day in the sun, which was enjoyed by both the players and parents.



Under 9's Reds faced Billingham Synthonia in an amazing game of football. The two debutants Matilda and Ollie added class to an ever improving squad. There was a goal from Thomas, with his right foot, hitting the bottom left hand corner, with goalkeeper Michael making some amazing saves.

Under 9's entered a very tough high level tournament with plenty of highs and lows. Despite trailing 5-0 in the final, Aycliffe came back to be victorious on penalties.

Under 11's Reds played their first game at 9v9 against Shincliffe. Shincliffe scored a couple of early goals, before Aycliffe rattled the crossbar twice. Andrew then grabbed a goal, before Shincliffe scored again despite Jensen getting a hand to the shot. Aycliffe then took full control with Andrew scoring a great solo run after a great through ball from Oliver W. Andrew then completed his hat-trick with a cool finish. Jack then slotted home a late goal. An outstanding performance from every single one of the team, with the MOTM shared between the full team.

Under 11's Reds played against Aycliffe Youth, with Aycliffe putting in a great all round team performance. Charlie scored the first two goals, before Andrew scored a third. The midfield was being controlled by Mario and Oliver W. Charlie then completed his hat-trick before Oliver completed the scoring. It was a great team performance with MOTM going to Fletcher, Oliver W and Charlie.

Volunteers Urgently Needed

A cancer diagnosis is devastating – not just for the patient, but for family, friends and colleagues. We aim to provide help and support where it is needed, but we cannot do that without our volunteers who play a vital role in our Charity. The Volunteers are amazing, not only are you helping Cancer Patients, but it helps you by gaining new skills as well as building your confidence.

We are also reaching out to any businesses that could support us with raffle prizes. We have a few fundraising events coming up including a Charity Night on 23rd November at Chilton Catholic Club in memory of the late Jim White who died suddenly several months ago. He is a huge miss within the charity, at every event he was there standing on the Tombola Stall hence why he got his name as Tombola King. As well as recognising all the work he did, it is a chance to raise vital funds to keep the Charity going.

Our Free Patient Transport Service is so busy, we need to keep raising funds to pay the drivers mileage. Our monthly costs used to be under £400 per month pre Covid, but now it's over £4000 per month. You can certainly see what a huge impact the last few years has made, with large increases of newly diagnosed Cancer Patients. We also need Volunteer Drivers, even if you can help one day a week, it will make such a difference. Many patients wouldn't be able to get to hospital for Life Saving Treatment if our team couldn't help.



Any businesses or individuals that can help us raise more funds, please contact us. We are 100% voluntary, no one is paid, so every penny raised is spent on the services provided to our patients and their families. For more information about volunteering with us or if you could help us financially, please contact Marianne on 07442 991859. *Photo: Jim White (Tombola King) and Ian Sanderson (volunteer for charity).*

Promoted by Jamie Barchon on behalf of Peter Gibson both of 30b Larchfield Street, Darlington, DL3 7TE.



PETER GIBSON
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A MESSAGE FROM PETER GIBSON

It's been the honour of my life to serve the people of Darlington as a Member of Parliament. I have worked tirelessly on many issues both locally and nationally. Due to the boundary changes the Heighington Ward will now be part of the Darlington constituency.

I have a proven track record of delivering for thousands of people, and I'm proud of many of the things that we've achieved for our town. We've delivered the Darlington Economic Campus, which has already brought over 750 new jobs, with plans for many more, together with the work at Bank Top Station, and the work that's gone into the Rail Heritage Quarter.

We've also secured the £250m funding for the Northern Bypass. We've seen investment at Centre for Process Innovation and at Cummins, investment in education and the Towns Fund is transforming our town centre. We are looking forward to the delivery of a much-needed new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities School (SEND).

I believe that I've worked incredibly hard for Darlington, and I've put my heart and soul into this job, which has been the privilege of my lifetime. As we face the General Election, I am going to ask you to use your vote, to put your trust and faith in me, based on my track record of delivering for Darlington.

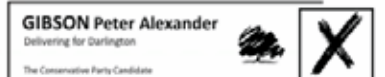
My campaign actually started in December 2019, and I haven't stopped since. Help me to continue working with Ben Houchen to deliver for our area.

I'm Tried. Tested. Trusted. with a record of delivering for Darlington and want to continue to do that for the new enlarged Darlington constituency.

Peter Gibson



Scan here to see all the great things I've done for Darlington.



Boundary Changes
Heighington is now part of the Darlington Parliamentary constituency





MARY DALTON

It is with deep sadness that we have received the news that Mary Dalton, former Councillor and Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council, has passed away.

Mary was a long-standing Town Councillor and was Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council on six occasions. She turned 99 years young on 7th June, she was also reputedly the oldest serving Mayor in her final term of office in 2021.

As Mayor, she represented the town at hundreds of events over the years and was well known around the area with her fundraising towards the various charities she supported. These included S.S.A.F.A., North East Army Benevolent Fund and many local town charities.

Mary will be sadly missed by everyone at the Town Council and we send our sincere condolences to her family.

Details of the funeral arrangements will be circulated in due course.

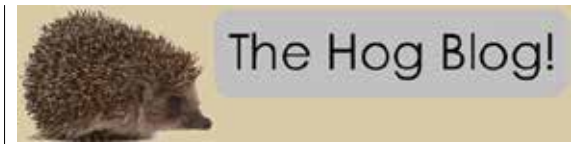
Alan Strickland Labour Candidate



As we reach the final few days of the General Election campaign, I want to thank all the Newtonians who've taken the time to chat and share their ideas with me. Since becoming Labour's candidate for our area, 18 months ago, I've talked to thousands of residents on the doorstep, visited schools, met community organisations and sat down with local businesses. I'm grateful to everyone who's made time to talk. What I've heard, time and time again, is that it's time for a fresh start. Time for a government that grows our economy, gets the NHS back on its feet, puts police officers back on our streets, gets bills down with cheaper green energy and gives every kid the best start in life. That's what we've promised a Labour government would focus on and, if elected, I'd fight hard to make sure our area benefits from these commitments.

My top priority is pushing for more world-class jobs for our town and the wider constituency. I've been proud to fight hard to secure the future of Hitachi Rail, which employs 700 local residents in Aycliffe Business Park. Hitachi have been messed around by the government for three years, so I was delighted when Keir Starmer joined me at the plant and committed to help safeguard the factory if Labour forms the next government. That's the sort of hands-on leadership we need. If elected, I'll work hard with local and national employers to encourage more investment, additional jobs and a greater range of apprenticeships and opportunities.

At the end of the day, we need a Member of Parliament who cares about our area and is prepared to stand up for us. I'm Aycliffe born and bred - I grew up in Aycliffe, my Mam trained at Aycliffe Hospital, my Grannies worked at Flymo and the Southerne Club, my aunts and uncles have worked across the town at Perstorp and other businesses. I care about Aycliffe, but I've also worked across the country, so can bring wider skills and experience to the role. This town matters to me and my family - Aycliffe's my home. If you elect me on 4th July, I promise to work hard for us, fight for our area and give us the powerful voice we deserve in Westminster.



I want to thank finders for getting hogs to me as soon as they appear to be in trouble out in the day. Firstly Jo, Nev and Lorraine spotted a rather large hog out during the day last Thursday, turns out this could have been a female out and about looking for food, hog ate and then went. Quite a positive result. On the other hand, a lovely lady called Maureen sent for me to collect a 500g female and the outcome was not so good, this poor hog had such a badly broken leg there was no chance of a full recovery, it was kinder to let her go. Three admissions, Ollie, Summer, both responding to treatment, I am not sure at this point if Summer is pregnant, only time will tell, and two little ones out in the day, one is a 50g little boy and the other is a 90g female, thank you all. I am now a member of the sleep deprivation group, then both, along with Baby Bella, need 24 hour full nursing care for the next few weeks.

I am out and about, starting from Sunday, I will be at the Agnew Community Centre fun day, I am in dire need of funds and being out and about will help considerably, especially having so many babies in rescue and poorly larger hogs too that need me to be there for them in their hour of need.

On Sunday the 7th July I am going to the Scout Club Car Boot Sale, please come and see me there if you can.

Thanks go to Jackie and John for their donation, also thanks go to Pat and Fred for releasing four into their support fed garden, they freed Buttercup, Penny, Faith and Arthur. Please wish them happy and safe lives exploring.

Here is baby number one, baby Bella, she is doing well and has company now, which is good. Here are some useful contact details: The British Hedgehog Preservation Society Number is 01584 890901. My Facebook page is Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel, my email address is: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com - please don't use this for hedgehog emergencies.

An Evening of Entertainment

Friends of St. Clare's put the FUN into FUNdraising. Our first event made people happy and, what's more, £50 was made by the Churches through ticket sales. Others made funds by selling tickets for their organisations. Friends of St. Clare's made £340 overall. Many people won prizes and we have more to be won. What a great night!

Future Prize Draws

If you remember, at the Evening of Entertainment, filling in your contact details for the raffle and subsequent prize draws. The first of these subsequent draws will occur on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 10.30 am. This will be held at the Allsorts Charity Shop next to St. Clare's Church on St. Cuthbert's Way. You are very welcome to come along and watch and, if you win, you can collect your prize there and then. Another draw will take place in October.

Date for your Diary

The date for your diary is 15th November 2024 at the Big Club, entitled 'An Early Christmas' from 6.30 to 9.30 pm. This is a family event and will be Christmas-themed throughout. The evening will start with a Christmas grotto for the children to allow them to visit and speak with Santa Claus. Each child will receive a small gift. Tickets are not yet available.

Editorial Contributions

Editorial contributions, stories and tidbits can be sent to the Newton News editor via email:- paul@newtonnews.co.uk Alternatively, you can 'contact us' via our website:- www.newtonnews.co.uk

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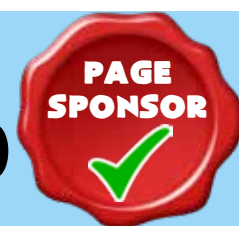


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When asked why they undertake extra study, they were clear – a love of maths! They have relished pushing and stretching their thinking, finding joy in solving complicated questions. Some will continue to study maths at A-Level and beyond. Calum (one of this year's mathematicians) will pair this with other STEM subjects, physics and chemistry, and follow previous Greenfield successes.

In 2023 and 2021 respectively, siblings Lucas and Emily Hannan achieved the highest grades in GCSE Maths and Further Maths demonstrating deep understanding of mathematical concepts and providing a solid foundation for their future. Emily (who also achieved A* at A-level) has completed the first year of an integrated master's degree in pure maths at Cardiff University. She has set her sights on completing a PhD and wishes to teach maths developing the love of the subject in others. Lucas will follow suit; he too is looking to an integrated maths degree. Both say they: "Just like Maths!" They love the challenge, and study at GCSE provided them and other children with ambition and drive to be incredibly successful.

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Woodham DofE Bronze Awards



A huge well done to our Year 10 students from Woodham Academy who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition. The expedition consisted of a two day hike with an overnight camp. The students completed their expedition from Barnard Castle and along the River Tees in very hot weather over two days. To be self-sufficient, they had to carry everything they needed for camping and cooking outdoors whilst using their map skills to navigate the route. The students demonstrated brilliant team work and resilience to complete this section of their award. Even when facing a long day ahead, the students showed an excellent can-do attitude. Their preparation and hard work certainly paid off when they finally relaxed at the end of the second day, sharing their funny moments and congratulating each other on what they had achieved together. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is earned by completing 4 sections at the Bronze and Silver level: Volunteering, Physical and Skill as well as the Expedition. Woodham students are working towards these by volunteering with sports coaching, taking on leadership roles with Girl Guiding and Scouting and helping at the leisure centre; challenging themselves in chosen physical activities from mountain biking to netball and keep fit to water polo; and improving a specific skill such as cooking, sign language and art. We look forward to presenting their full Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award soon!

Teesside Sprint Series

On the weekend of June 22nd/23rd 2024, Newton Aycliffe based kart racer Scarlet Whitaker Dunn attended Teesside Autodrome for round 3 of the Teesside Sprint Series.

She was racing in the highly competitive Honda Cadet 200cc class on what turned out to be a swelteringly hot weekend of racing. Despite struggling with diminishing grip, due to the high track temperature, Scarlet achieved her best qualifying position to date since joining the Honda Cadet class, a very credible 9th place in a 28 kart field.

What a nail biting 1st race! Scarlet made a tremendous start followed by many track position changes throughout the race. Scarlet was delighted with her best ever 9th place race finish within this class. Race 2 started well with Scarlet making a great get away from the line. She had soon progressed from 9th to 7th place, where she stayed until a clumsy challenge from a fellow competitor, just 90 seconds from the end of the race, caused Scarlet and her kart to be spun out on turn one. Despite this, Scarlet managed to get going again and to bring her kart home in 19th place, but her disappointment was obvious for what could have been.

Race 3 saw Scarlet make her way through the field from 19th to 15th place before the race was red flagged and cut short.

In the final race of the day, Scarlet made great progress fighting her way toward the front. Although, whilst in 11th place, she was unfortunate to catch up with a much slower back marker in the middle of a double hairpin section (causing her to have to slow her kart much more than she would normally have to) resulting in the driver of the kart following her to be caught out and unable to stop without running into Scarlet. The following kart rode over Scarlet's rear wheel, launching the kart over her own, skimming over her helmet in the process.

Courageously, Scarlet kept her foot down and her 'passenger' came off and she was able to bring her kart home in a still creditable 16th place. Although Scarlet was disappointed to have not finished better, despite her best efforts, there was still much to be celebrated as the team have now got the kart running strongly, giving Scarlet a platform to compete from, for the rest of the Teesside Sprint Series.

"Whilst I experienced some setbacks, I was very proud to be at a better pace during this weekend," said Scarlet. "It was great to see Scarlet's race pace and race craft this weekend," said Mam.

We would like to thank Amaron Racing, PHM (Peninsula Historic Motorsport), Grandad Ron and Rob Storey for their generous assistance and financial support making this possible. To support Scarlet in her journey please email: mail@amandawhitaker.com



The Voice of Conscience

Starting this week in the Newton News, an anonymous contribution entitled 'The Voice of Conscience'. Look out for it each week, it may offer help to those who are the most or the least successful, the happiest or saddest of us or those who have everything to those who have nothing and those who want to do more, be more, have more for themselves, their family or for others. What you gain from reading it will be down to you.

The Voice of Conscience

"If you were arrested in a backward country and charged with being a Christian because you wrote C of E (Church of England) on a form, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

Maltby Water Polo Tournament

Sedgefield Water Polo Club sent an Under 14's mixed team to the Northern League Tournament at Maltby, Rotherham, on Saturday 2nd June. The tournament consisted of six teams from across the region, including Leeds, Grantham, Sheffield A, Sheffield B, Rotherham and ourselves. Our team ranged in age from 11 years up to 14 years old, with some of the younger players using this tournament as a developmental opportunity in order to gain some competitive game play. Games were much shorter than usual, due to a busy schedule, meaning each game was just 8 minutes in duration.

The first game was against Leeds. This game started tighter than we had anticipated and ended with a 4-5 loss. After a motivational team talk, from coaches Kate and Paul after the game, the team were determined to work hard in their next game and wanted to climb the leader board, with a view to taking home the gold medal. The second game was against Sheffield B and it was evident to see how motivated the team had become; the end result was a fantastic 3-10 win. The third game, which was against Grantham - ended in a respectable 1-1 draw before an unfortunate 3-9 loss against Sheffield A. The last game of the day was against Rotherham where the team were able to take a 1-2 win and walked away in fourth place.

We'd also like to advise that we can now offer player

sponsorships for just £30 per player for this season in return for regular advertising and promotion on our social media pages. If this is something that your

business may be interested in, please don't hesitate to get in touch. All monies raised will be used to allow our fantastic members the opportunity to develop their skills and provide them with the equipment they need in order to succeed in the sport.

In addition to Junior and Senior sessions, Sedgefield Water Polo Club now offers a beginner session at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on a Saturday afternoon for those wishing to try this fun and exciting sport. All sessions need to be booked in advance on our Club App, so please check our website for further information and joining instructions, email sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com or contact 07579 030598.





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Gillian Sale



30th June

Happy milestone birthday to our lovely Sister, Mam, Daughter, Auntie and Friend. From everyone that knows you. Have a wonderful day xxx

Birthday Remembrance

Ann Pooley

26th June 1945

A special heavenly 79th birthday to a wonderful Wife, Mam and Gran. Today we will be sending you love and flowers. Forever in our hearts. Love always, Ron (your soul mate), Deb, Rob, Mark and Shannon xxxxxx

Tommy Harbottle

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Robert (Bob) Wilkinson

Irene, Audrey and family would like to thank everyone for their kind support during the loss of their precious Dad, Husband & Pop and to all who attended his funeral on 24th June. Special thanks to the following: Family for their support; Co-operative Funeral Care, David & Susan who were excellent; Les Henderson who conducted the funeral service which was amazing - you did Dad proud Les, can never thank you enough; the staff at Darlington Memorial who looked after him during his short stay. Not forgetting Helen, the heart nurse and her team, & Newton Press for their excellent printing. Thank you all x

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WILLIAM (BILL) BLENKINSOPP

Great Aycliffe Town Council is saddened to mark the passing, last week, of one of its long-serving former councillors, Bill Blenkinsopp. The former Councillor Blenkinsopp had a long career in local politics, serving on Durham County Council, the former Sedgfield Borough Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council, where he represented Aycliffe Village for many years. He cared passionately for Aycliffe Village, where he was born and lived most of his life. Bill was a well-known and popular figure in his home village and around County Durham, a man who never let the severe injuries he sustained in a catastrophic car accident in his youth stop him living his life and working for the local people he represented. Bill will be remembered with respect, and missed by all who knew him.

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Obituary

Jean Smith
Passed away peacefully on 18th June, aged 90 years. Beloved Wife of the late Les; dearly loved Mam of Susan, Kim, Neil, Lindsey, Cameron and their partners. Jean cherished her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and was very proud of them. Funeral at Wear Valley Crematorium, 1.30pm on Tuesday 9th July. Family flowers only please. *Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day.*

Anne Lindley
Sadly passed away peacefully at home on 12th June 2024, aged 87 years. Beloved Wife of the late John; much loved Mam to Christine and Pamela and dear Gran, Great Gran and Mother-in-Law. Funeral service to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 8th July at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations, if so desired, to Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Nurses.

Norma Osborne
Of Acle Meadows, Woodham, died peacefully at home on 19th June. Beloved Wife of John and devoted Mum to Helen and David. Norma is loved and will be missed by all of her family and friends. Committal service at Durham Crematorium, 11.30am on Monday 8th July followed by a service of thanksgiving in St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham at 12.30. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, for The Children's Society and Action Aid can be given to Gibsons Funeral Directors. A donation box will be provided at Crematorium

John Frederick Payne
Originally of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully after a short illness on 9th June 2024 at St. Michael's Hospice, Harrogate. Father to Emma-Rae, David and Matthew; Stepdad to Anne-Marie; Husband to Lynda and beloved Brother to Charlton, Pauline, and Vivienne. A much loved Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and Friend.

Margaret Horner
Newton Aycliffe
Passed away peacefully on 17th June 2024, Margaret, aged 87 years. Much loved Wife of Ronnie, cherished Mam of Janet, Andrew and David; a dear Mother-in-Law; a treasured Nanna and special Great Nanna. Funeral Service will take place in Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 9th July at 10.30am. All are welcome, please meet at the Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for British Heart Foundation and Great North Air Ambulance.

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Patricia Dolphin
29/6/45-29/6/21
Well, it is that time again, three years ago we said goodbye and wished you a happy birthday. The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you shall never fade away. Love from Ronnie, Anthony, Paula and all your family xxxx

Marilyn Storey
26th June
We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain. To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Always missed by Laurence, your loving Husband. Andrea, Lee, James, Jack, Gemma, Michael, Eve and Faye xxxxxxx

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Woodham Academy Sparkies Soar



In a spectacular display of innovation and community spirit, Woodham Academy Sparkies held its final family session of the year, drawing a crowd of over 140 enthusiastic participants. The event, which saw attendees launching water rockets, marked a joyous culmination of a year filled with creativity and scientific exploration. The sunny afternoon was filled with laughter and cheers as rockets of all shapes and sizes soared into the sky. Families gathered at Woodham Academy, each bringing their uniquely designed rockets for a fun-filled competition. The excitement was palpable as rockets launched, splashing down to the delight of the crowd. Special recognition was given to students in years 5 and 6 who had shown remarkable commitment by attending sessions throughout the year. Certificates of achievement were awarded to these dedicated young scientists, celebrating their hard work and consistent participation in the Sparkies program. In addition to individual recognitions, awards were also given for the day's stand out rocket performances. The competition was fierce, with rockets judged on their height, distance and branding creativity. The awards for the highest and furthest flying rockets went to the families who combined scientific principles with innovative designs to achieve remarkable results. Special mention was given to those who showcased excellent branding on their rockets, adding a touch of artistic flair to their scientific endeavours. The Woodham Academy Sparkies programme, which aims to inspire a love for science among young students, has had a successful year, fostering curiosity and learning through hands-on activities. The programme is set to resume in September with an open invitation for all year 5 and 6 students to join in the fun and learning.

Sisters of Support Visit Rotary Newton Aycliffe

Carrie Howarth was our guest speaker at a recent meeting of Rotary Newton Aycliffe. Carrie told us that, along with friend Amy Turner, and both with troubled relationships behind them, Sisters of Support was born. Formed in 2021, with bases in Shildon and Newton Aycliffe, and meetings every other week, they provide confidential advice, information and crisis support for women struggling with their mental health, or just the pressures of life in general. The sessions are free to attend, with different themes such as meditation, pamper nights, speakers and signposting to other organisations who can assist with all situations. Carrie is an amazing young woman, but then, as the granddaughter of our much-missed Syd Howarth, we would not expect less. For more information and to get in touch access Facebook: SistersofSupport Email: sosna2021@hotmail.com Website: sistersofsupport.co.uk



NARUFC League Fixtures 24/25

NARUFC are gearing up for another exciting season in Counties 3 Durham & Northumberland, the anticipation is building at our club. Pre-season preparations are well under way, with our squad working tirelessly to ensure we hit the ground running. This year's fixture list offers a tantalising mix of home and away matches, providing ample opportunities for our loyal supporters to cheer us on. We're thrilled to kick off our campaign with a home fixture against the recently relegated Seaham, a match that will undoubtedly serve as an early benchmark for our ambitions. One of the highlights of any season is the camaraderie formed during our away days. We've got some fantastic bus trips lined up, and we warmly invite our supporters to join us on these adventures. Your presence makes a world of difference to the team. Last year, we were blessed with some of the most passionate support in the league, with our sidelines consistently packed. We're hoping to see that incredible atmosphere recreated this season, with your voices roaring the lads on to victory after victory. So mark your calendars, dust off your club colours, and get ready for another thrilling campaign. *We can't wait to see you all there!*

Saturday 7th September 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Seaham

Saturday 14th September 2024 (A)
 - Seaton Carew v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 21st September 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Winlaton Vulcans

Saturday 28th September 2024 (A)
 - Seghill v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 5th October 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Wallsend

Saturday 12th October 2024 (A)
 - Whitby v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 19th October 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Gosforth

Saturday 2nd November 2024 (A)
 - Yarm v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 9th November 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Jarrowians

Saturday 16th November 2024 (A)
 - To be arranged 11 v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 30th November 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Prudhoe & Stocksfield

Saturday 7th December 2024 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Seaton Carew

Saturday 14th December 2024 (A)
 - Winlaton Vulcans v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 4th January 2025 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Seghill

Saturday 11th January 2025 (A)
 - Wallsend v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 18th January 2025 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Whitby

Saturday 1st February 2025 (A)
 - Gosforth v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 15th February 2025 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v Yarm

Saturday 1st March 2025 (A)
 - Jarrowians v Newton Aycliffe

Saturday 8th March 2025 (H)
 - Newton Aycliffe v To be arranged 11

Saturday 22nd March 2025 (A)
 - Seaham v Newton Aycliffe.

Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club Latest Report

It has been a busy couple of weeks for Aycliffe Running Club with some fantastic achievements again

This started on Saturday 15th June with two members completing the 50 mile Railway Children Ultra. This started in Upminster before following along the Thames going east, utilising the London Loop and England Coast National Trails and finishing in Southend-on-Sea. Cath McDonnell (12:36:33) and Salv McDonnell (12:37:01) both completed the course raising an amazing £562.50 in the process for the Railway Children charity. Amazingly, this is the third Ultramarathon they have both completed this year, an astounding achievement.

On Sunday 16th June, three members took part in the Ali Brownlee 5k in Middlesbrough, running in some pretty warm conditions. Representing the club were David Stothard (24:08), Em Flynn (31:02) and Ian Stothard (39:14).

At the same time, one member took part in the Bamburgh 10k. This is an amazing picturesque, rolling course, which starts and finishes just outside of the village, with great views of the historic North East landmark Bamburgh Castle. Steve Williams (57:16) was the sole representative for the club.

On Thursday 20th June, six members took part in race three of the Muddy Roads 5k summer trail series with the Lord Stones 5k. Representing the club were Lucy Heron (28:38), Sarah Gill (31:38), Melanie Varley (33:35), Kevin Greenall (34:22), Lou Mann (39:10) and Peter Varley (39:57).

On Sunday 23rd June, two members travelled to Leeds for the Leeds 10k. Representing the club were Shaun Dodds (51:33) and Steph Colvin (1:06:07). On the same day, two members travelled to Kirkby Malzeard near Ripon to take part in the Crackpots Trail Run which is an 11km trail run. Representing the club were Rob Young (56:20 and third in the Male Over 40 category) and Andrew Tweddle (1:02:30 and third in the Men's Over 55 category).

At the same time, five members travelled to Marske for the Summer Coast 5 mile race. Representing the club were Bernadette Cooper (38:53), David Stothard (40:28), Trish Kay (43:43), Judith Porter (50:02 and beating her previous Female Over 70 club record in the



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process) and Ian Stothard (1:01:44). On the same day, one member took part in the Long Running Collective Tees Trailtastic which was a stunning 9k trail race along the River Tees at Barnard Castle. Representing the club was Daniel Tatham, finishing ninth in a time of 1:21:16.

At the same time, five members travelled to Herrington Country Park to take part in the Great British Bake Run. This saw runners choose to run anything from a 5k up to an Ultra choosing how many laps of the 4.37 mile course they wanted to do. Completing three laps of the course were Steven Dawson and Ian Payne running together (1:56:46) and Lou Bridges (2:53:25). Completing two laps of the course were Paul Dalton (1:19:05) and Em Flynn (1:48:46). Jean-Pierre Hupin also took part in the race completing one lap before deciding to withdraw before the end of the second lap. There were some tough conditions for the race with no cloud cover from the sun and some tough inclines to contend with. Runners also had the opportunity to bake a cake with prizes of free entry to future events on offer to the cake judged to be the tastiest with Lou Mann entering a cake. Although it was tasty, unfortunately she didn't win.

If you are feeling inspired, and are interested in joining the club, you can turn up for one of our sessions. More information is available on our website www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk - or our Facebook page. If you would like to chat with someone, then you can email ayclifferunningclub@gmail.com - If interested in the Junior Section you can email arc.juniorsection@gmail.com - Make this year the year you or your children get into running and join us to keep it going for many years to come.

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