

# Newton News

Incorporating The Newtonian - Newton Aycliffe's Free Community Newspaper

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## New Arts Workshop



Green Arts are offering further workshops as part of their summer programme and we are delighted to welcome artist and photographer Elaine Vizor.

Join us for this creative workshop and learn the art of cyanotype. This workshop is perfect for beginners and for those who would like to improve their skills or simply learn new techniques with Elaine's guidance.

Elaine is well known for her expertise in this field and has exhibited recently at Crown Street in Darlington and at Bishop Auckland Town Hall.

The workshop will be held in our bespoke studio at the Eco Centre in Newton Aycliffe. This lovely environment makes a comfortable and welcoming space for creatives of all levels and there will be tea and biscuits to keep you going!

Come along and explore cyanotype and take away your very own artwork inspired by the first form of photography.

The workshop will run on Friday 12th July from 13.30 to 16.30 at Green Arts, Eco Centre, Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 5AG.

Our welcoming studio is a great place to come together to inspire creativity and is suitable for all levels. The session costs just £26 for 3 hours and participants can learn new skills and meet with likeminded people.

To find out more just email [info@green-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@green-arts.co.uk) or visit our website [www.green-arts.co.uk](http://www.green-arts.co.uk) to find out more and reserve your place.

Green Arts are committed to bringing a high quality arts provision to the community and inspiring creativity and care for our environment. To find out more about a full programme with many free and low cost activities just visit our website.

Thank you to Durham Community Action, Great Aycliffe Town Council and North East BIC (UK Government) for the valuable support that enables our Arts Centre to continue to inspire.

## Woodham Academy Open Days

Woodham Academy is preparing to open the doors of its state of the art £39 million school in September 2024. Work is underway to pack up resources and prepare for the move, allowing for a smooth transition into the new building. As many people in the town may wish to visit the current school before the demolition process gets underway in September, we will be providing the opportunity for tours at the following times:

**Monday 22nd July 10am & 5pm; Tuesday 23rd July 1pm & 5pm.**

We would be grateful if people, who wish to attend any of these events, communicate with the school by telephone (01325 300328) or email [info@woodham.org.uk](mailto:info@woodham.org.uk) to allow us to make the necessary arrangements.

We also recognise that there may be significant interest in the new building and we will be offering visits to the new site during the first week in September at the following times:

**Monday 2nd September 10am & 5pm;**

**Tuesday 3rd September 1pm & 5pm.**

Again, could we ask that you contact us if you intend to visit at any of these times to allow us to make arrangements.

Further events will be held specifically for parents of Year 6 students, including the Year 6 Open Evening on Tuesday 24th September and Open Mornings the following week. More details to follow in due course.



## All Disabilities Matter



Our guests on Sunday 16th June were Cllr Carl Robinson who looked back over his recent tenure as Mayor and shared with us some memorable events he and his lovely wife, Carole, attended as Mayor and Mayoress.

For Carl, one occasion holds a special place in his memory, and that was when he officiated at the Memorial Day Service, a very moving and humbling experience. Our other guest in the studio was Tony Beddard, chair of the All Disabilities Matter admin committee, who discussed their successful application to the Charity Commission to gain All Disabilities Matter a charity status.

We discussed the positive impact on the group of being chosen as Cllr Robinson's nominated charity, the growth in membership and their plans for the future once their charity status has been officially confirmed.

Phill & Andy  
Around Town, Aycliffe Radio

# Ayclive Returns: A Day of Music, Nostalgia & Family Fun

Mark your calendars, music lovers! Ayclive is back and bigger than ever, set to rock Newton Aycliffe on July 27th at Oakleaf Sports Field. This year's festival promises 10 hours of non-stop entertainment featuring eight fantastic bands, headlined by the legendary soul group, The Real Thing.

The Real Thing, with original vocalists Chris Amoo and Dave Smith, will take centre stage, showcasing hits from their new album 'A Brand New Day' alongside timeless classics like 'You To Me Are Everything', 'Can You Feel The Force' and 'Can't Get By Without You'. But, that's just the beginning! Ayclive 2024 boasts a diverse lineup that spans decades and genres.

The festival kicks off with a bang as Jukebox Vandals take the stage. This all-female trio is set to deliver lively performances of popular classics with a punky twist. Known for their captivating pop-rock style, they'll breathe new life into hits from icons like Cher, Human League, Tina Turner and Queen. Their powerful vocals and skilled musicianship promise to get the crowd singing and dancing from the very start.



Rock enthusiasts will be thrilled by Fossil, a 4-piece band bringing the finest in classic and melodic rock. Comprising some of the region's top musicians, Fossil's emphasis on powerful guitar-driven rock and massive vocal harmonies has been taking the local gig scene by storm. Their high-energy performance is guaranteed to keep the rock spirit alive throughout the day.

For fans of the Manchester scene, The Manchester Anthems will transport you back to the heyday of bands like The Stone Roses, Oasis and Happy Mondays. Their setlist is packed with retro-tinged anthems that defined a generation, capturing the danceable rhythms and psychedelic riffs of the baggy movement. Prepare for an emotive and high-octane performance that embodies the spirit of Manchester's musical legacy.

The Angelettes, an award-winning Motown tribute act, will bring soul to the festival with their stunning harmonies, choreography and costume changes. Paying homage to Motown legends like The Supremes, Martha Reeves and Stevie Wonder, The Angelettes' infectious energy will have audiences grooving down memory lane.

Classic rock aficionados are in for a treat with Turtle Z's. With four decades of combined experience, this band flawlessly captures the sound and spirit of 70's rock mastery. Their impressive guitar solos, soaring vocals and tight rhythms will transport you back to the golden age of FM radio and stadium-filling concerts.

The 80's will come alive with Now That's What I Call The 80's Live. This high-energy act will deliver pumping hits from Queen, Madonna, and Whitney Houston, alongside new wave essentials from Duran Duran and The Cure. Get ready for synth-fueled retro joyrides, power ballad singalongs and non-stop dancing as we celebrate those unforgettable Reagan-era sounds.

Rounding out the lineup is Beyond Madness, an explosive 6-piece live tribute to ska legends Madness. Known for their tight cohesion and lively repertoire, Beyond Madness has won over music lovers from all backgrounds. Their performance promises



to bring the house down with the infectious energy and timeless appeal of Madness's greatest hits.

New this year is the Circus Disco Tent, an immersive experience featuring silent discos, karaoke and circus skills workshops. It's a perfect addition to Ayclive's family-friendly atmosphere, ensuring entertainment for all ages throughout the day. Festival-goers can look forward to a variety of food vendors and a fully stocked bar. You can take advantage of discounted drink tokens, adding even more value to this already incredible event. £92 gets you £108 worth (pocket £16!), £46 scores you £54 worth (keep £8!). Tokens are available on our store now.

Ayclive isn't just about the music - it's a celebration of community spirit. Organised by dedicated volunteers, this not-for-profit event aims to bring people together for a day of unforgettable memories.

Special thanks are recorded to Securicorp, Husqvarna, Aycliffe Town Centre Management, Livin, Great Aycliffe Town Council, McDonalds, Gestamp, RJS Laser, Pioneering Care Partnership, Bishop Auckland College, Rotary Newton Aycliffe and J&C Coaches for their assistance and support of this event. Don't miss out on what promises to be the highlight of Newton Aycliffe's summer calendar. Tickets are on sale now for Ayclive 2024 - head to [www.ayclive.co.uk](http://www.ayclive.co.uk) and hit the ticket link to secure your spot at this can't-miss event. We can't wait to see you there.

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# New Leadership Heralds Fresh Era for NARUFC

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Union Football Club has announced a change in leadership for the upcoming 2024/25 season, marking a new chapter in the club's storied history. This transition not only represents a change in personnel, but also signifies a broader shift in the club's identity and ambitions. Taking the helm as Captain is Jason, whose journey with NARUFC embodies the spirit of personal growth and adaptation that the club seeks to foster. Jason's rugby career has been marked by transitions - from his early days as a Bishop Auckland youth player to his time in the back row at Nottingham Trent University and various Midlands teams. His most recent and, perhaps, most impressive transition came last season when he converted to the hooker position, a move that paid dividends as he clinched the Players' Player award and earned a starting cap for the Durham Counties Select XV. Jason's connection to NARUFC runs deep with family ties. On his appointment as Captain, Jason said, "It's an absolute honour to have my name etched as captain of a club that's been close to my heart since I was a young boy." Jason remarked, "I grew up watching my dad take the pitch hundreds of times in the infamous green, maroon and gold. I'll give this opportunity everything I've got." Alongside Jason, Josh steps into the role of Vice Captain, bringing a wealth of experience from his diverse rugby background. Josh's journey through the sport has been one of constant evolution, from his youth at Darlington RFC to age-grade rugby with the Newcastle Falcons and numerous county caps. His ability to play across multiple positions, at various levels of the game, makes him an invaluable asset to NARUFC, embodying the versatility and adaptability that the modern game demands.



Josh's enthusiasm for his new role is palpable. "Having joined the club last season, it was obvious from the get-go that the club had something different about it," he stated. "There's a togetherness here, with shared ambitions and I'm looking forward to working with everyone at the club." The appointment of Jason and Josh to leadership positions reflects NARUFC's commitment to nurturing talent and recognising potential. Their diverse experiences and shared passion for the club promise to bring fresh perspectives and renewed energy to the team.

# Skating in Great Yarmouth



Spectrum Roller Skating Club had a busy month in June. A team of eight skaters travelled to Great Yarmouth to compete in Summer National Roller Cup held at Breydon Arena on 15th/16th June 2024.

**In Level 1 Figures 13 and Under:** Millie Seaton-Lawes 6th, Iga Wilczynska 9th, Myla Chapman 18th and Pearl White-Hunt 19th.  
**In Level 2 Figures:** Ella Hutchinson 8th.  
**In Level 3 Figures:** Nicola Stevens 10th.  
**In Level 4 Figures:** Lucy Owen 2nd.  
**In Level 1A Free Skating 11 & 12 Years:** Iga Wilczynska 8th, Millie Seaton-Lawes 14th, Myla Chapman 15th.  
**In Level 1A 13 & 14 years:** Pearl White-Hunt 19th.  
**In Level 1B 14 and Under:** Ella Hutchinson 3rd.  
**In Level 1B 15 and Over:** Nicola Stevens 5th.  
**In Level 1C 14 and Under:** Lucy Owen 2nd.  
**In level 1C 15 and Over:** Diana Laza 2nd.

# Aycliffe Village Breakfast Drop-In

The last Breakfast Drop-In at Aycliffe Village Hall, before the summer break, is on Saturday 13th July. Try our breakfast special, bacon and/or sausage bun with an endless tea or coffee for only £2.30. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Aycliffe Village Hall for a breakfast bun, a cuppa and a chat with old friends or new.

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## Coffee Morning

The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group will hold its next Coffee Morning on Friday 12th July between 10.00am-12noon in the shop and hub in Newton Aycliffe town centre, opposite Savers.

We welcome everyone from the surrounding area to come along and enjoy a cuppa and home-made cakes, and to find out how Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group supports anybody within Newton Aycliffe and surrounding towns/villages who have been affected by cancer.

This much needed local charity now has two shops open during the week in Newton Aycliffe town centre (opposite Savers) and in Darlington, opposite the entrance to the Cornmill Centre. Within the Aycliffe shop is an information hub for members of the community who have received a cancer diagnosis, are living with cancer or are receiving treatment for cancer.

Services provided by the charity include the following:

- Providing information on issues affecting cancer patients.
- Patient transport.
- Influencing cancer services in the future.
- Regular social activities, with others affected by cancer.
- Assistance with benefits claims.
- Day trips, social events, meals out.
- Confidential and emotional support in a safe and friendly environment.
- Use of our holiday caravans.

You can keep in touch with our future events and fundraising opportunities by visiting our Facebook page or our website:

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Specsavers (Town Centre)

We do not require cases, thank you

## Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, agonisingly lost another close game, this time by just two wickets, away at Middlesbrough 2nd XI in the NYSD second division. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and were wobbling at 92 for 5, despite good innings from both Joe



Teasdale (31 off 26 balls) and Tom Dearden (19 off 51 balls). Terence Smit (sponsored by Canny Comps) then batted superbly to hit his best score for Aycliffe (71 not out off 70 balls, including ten boundaries) and together with Ben Howard (5 not out off 41 balls), the pair put together an unbeaten 10th wicket partnership of 53, to push Aycliffe's total to a respectable 190 for 9 from their 50 overs. In reply, Middlesbrough kept up with the required run rate, but lost wickets at regular intervals thanks to some good work with the ball by Ben Howard (3 for 37) and Tom Dearden (2 for 37). However, the home side eventually reached their target after 45.4 overs and for the loss of eight wickets.

The second team were well beaten by 146 runs at home to promotion candidates Darlington RA 2nd XI in the NYSD fourth division. The visitors were asked to bat first and scored an impregnable 198 for 5, declared after 37 overs, despite some good bowling from Tom Norman, who took 2 for 27 and Dan Weldon with 2 for 47. In reply, Aycliffe were skittled for 52 after 25.2 overs with only Adam Shaw (11 off 17 balls) and Jai Sander (sponsored by Armstrong Building Services), who scored 10 off 54 balls, reaching double figures.

The club's Ladies team had another comfortable win when they came out on top by 63 runs at home to Hutton Rudby in the Hambleton League. The visitors were asked to bat first and had to contend with some good bowling from Tina Masterman, who took three wickets for just ten runs. Claire Ebdon top scored in the Aycliffe reply with 18 runs off 14 balls and other important contributions came from Tina Masterman (17 off 9 balls), Louise Jackson (14 off 14 balls) and Amanda Norman (13 off 12 balls).

Our U17's put in yet another tremendous performance, this time beating Sedgfield away in a nail biting finish by just one run in the NYSD 100 cup. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe scored an excellent 139 for 4 in their 100 balls thanks to a brilliant unbeaten 84 off 51 balls by captain Tom Dearden and his memorable innings included eight boundaries and six maximums. In reply, the homeside were always up with the run rate, but were pegged back by some superb bowling by Will Dearden, who restricted Sedgfield to just three runs off the last over to finish with the excellent figures of 3 for 7 to help his team to the narrowest of victories. The U17's followed up their win at Sedgfield with an exciting win by just six runs, away at Northallerton in the NYSD Junior League, thanks to outstanding individual performances by the talented Dearden brothers. Choosing to bat first, Aycliffe were restricted to 99 for 8 from their 20 overs with captain Tom Dearden continuing his remarkable form with the bat this year with yet another half century and retiring on 53 off 37 balls, including six boundaries and two sixes. Liam Scott also batted well, scoring 15 off 20 balls and Will Dearden chipped in with 13 off 17 balls. In reply, the homeside were bowled out for 93 after 16.3 overs helped by a superb spell of fast bowling from 15 year old Will Dearden, who finished his four over spell with career best figures of six wickets for just 13 runs. Special mention must also go to wicket keeper Adam Shaw who held three good catches and was involved in two run outs during Northallerton's innings.

The U13's lost by 51 runs, at home to Darlington in the NYACC League. Captain Freddie Lawler put in an excellent individual performance taking 2 for 7 with the ball and then top scoring with 25 off 26 balls with the bat when Aycliffe replied. Miles Telford also deserves credit, finishing with the impressive figures of 2 for 7 from his three overs. The U11's emerged victorious by just 13 runs in a very close game, away at Wolviston, to consolidate 4th place in the NYACC League. Captain Harvey Palmer again top scored in the Aycliffe innings with a solid unbeaten 15 off 14 balls. Aycliffe then fielded and bowled well with Harvey Palmer (1 for 7) and Gracie Hayman (1 for 9) sharing the only two wickets to fall.

Photo: 15 year old fast bowler Will Dearden in action.

## Crafter's Pop-Up Shop

Newton Aycliffe - get ready for a day of crafty retail therapy as Crafter's Companion transforms its Global Distribution Centre into a pop-up shop on Saturday 13th July! This one-day event offers a unique opportunity to browse, shop, and connect with fellow crafting enthusiasts from our community.

The event:

- Date: Saturday 13th July
- Time: 10am - 4pm
- Location: Crafter's Companion Warehouse, St. Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6XW.

Step inside our pop-up shop and discover a treasure trove of papercraft, art and sewing supplies. Enjoy fantastic savings across a huge range of products, perfect for stocking up on all your crafting essentials.

We are thrilled to announce that our special guest, Sara Davies, will be popping in for this exciting event! Sara will be on hand to help you select the best products for your next project, share creative inspiration and chat with fellow crafters. Don't miss the chance to snap a selfie or two with Sara!

This is a one-day-only event, so grab your shopping bags and make your way to our warehouse for a day filled with crafty bargains. Whether you are a seasoned crafter or new to the hobby, our pop-up shop has something for everyone.

We can't wait to see you there!

## HALL FOR HIRE

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# Local Dance Troupe Prepare To Take To The Stage



155 dancers from Aycliffe Dance Academy are preparing to take to the stage next weekend with their 15th dance production 'It's Time To Dance!' Children as young as two and a half, right up to adults will be performing a variety of dance styles to popular music from; the TV show Friends, The School Of Rock, \*NSYNC, The Muppets, Squid Games, The Barbie Movie, Coldplay and much, much more! There literally is something for everyone!

If you know someone who is a part of ADA or if you're looking for yourself or your child to join a professional local dance school or you just want some great family entertainment, get yourself along. The show is taking place next weekend, on Saturday 13th July at 6pm and Sunday 14th July at 1pm and 5pm at the Forum Theatre in Billingham. Tickets are £14 an adult and £10 a child and can be bought from the Forum Theatre website: [www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk](http://www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk), by calling 01642 552663 or from the Box Office in person just before the show. If you would like to find out further information about this event, or what Aycliffe Dance Academy has to offer, please head over to their Facebook page. Emma, the Dance Principal, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the local businesses who've helped ADA with their fundraising for this year's show - allowing all of their dancers to shine on stage! Your help and support has been greatly appreciated.

## ACORN Petting Zoo Event

Local Community Association ACORN will be staging a Petting Zoo in our very own Newton Aycliffe town centre, to support local shops and businesses on Saturday 13th July from 10.00am til 2.00pm. ACORN have been staging events for the benefit of local residents for over thirteen years, but, sadly, this will probably be our final one due to our volunteers getting older, funding becoming scarcer and stricter legislation. This being the case, ACORN have pulled out all the stops to make this event the best ever. On the day we expect to feature Aycliffe Radio, Scranimals, Animal Story, Animals About Town, Crazy Creatures, Prickly Haven Rescue, GRACE Greyhound Rescue, Blackberry Donkeys, a balloon modeller, W.I. cake stall, face painter and much much more. This is always a popular event, and we look forward to welcoming everyone, young and old to come along making this our best event ever. I would like to thank our Town Centre Management for allowing us to stage this event in the town and Paul Howarth of Newton News for supporting us over the years. Ken Robson

# £2163 Raised for Charities

On Sunday 26th May 2024 the 'Three Roosters', Michael Fitzgerald, Eric Stapleton and Michael Brown, took part in the London to Essex 100 Cycle Ride. Starting at Victoria Embankment London, cycling through London, villages and towns of Essex, finishing the ride on the Tower Bridge London. They completed the 103 mile cycle ride in 7 hours 46 minutes. On the day there were around 20,000 cyclists that participated in the event. The weather was changing all the time, from very strong winds, to heavy rain showers and lovely sunshine, which was all hard work for the riders. The ride was another great experience, painful at times, but an enjoyable day. The crowds along the route were a great support. We have raised a grand total of £1,265 for the British Heart Foundation and £898 for local charity Missed A Beat. Thank you very much to the people who made a donation and for the kind words of support.



### Acorn Community Association

# Petting Zoo

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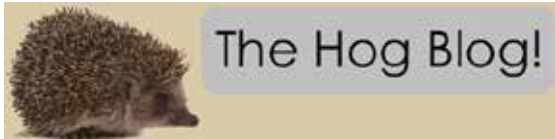
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Thank you June, Val & John, June Berry and Julia for your help and donations.

Featured is little Button, a mere 2oz hoglet. My Facebook page is Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel, Email: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com



## Stars of the Show



Children from Woodham Burn Community Primary School and students from Woodham Academy gave a stunning performance on Saturday evening when they took part in Opera Nova's production of The Merry Widow in the hall at Woodham Burn Primary.

The show was the final event of Opera Nova's Outreach Project in Aycliffe, funded by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

The delighted audience included Aycliffe Mayor, Councillor John Clark, as well as families, friends, teachers and regular Opera Nova supporters.

Maureen Wells, former Aycliffe Art teacher, said: "What an astonishing performance last night. It was hard to believe how comfortable and confident the children were in their role, performing with the hugely talented singers of Opera Nova. It was a very special experience for me and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

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

## Debate Mate Competition



On Wednesday 26th June, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils from St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School visited Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium to take part in a debate competition.

They debated a range of topics including, 'This house believes we should fear the rise of robots', with other schools from the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust. They took on various roles such as the opposition and proposition and were given the opportunity to answer questions from the floor. Throughout the debates, they responded to points of information (POI).

The children were guided by members of Debate Mate (a company which runs extra-curricular debate workshops in schools). Towards the end of the day, the children had the opportunity to observe a live debate. One child commented, "I really enjoyed the day and asking the opposition questions. It was sometimes challenging to think of responses straight away. I was able to ask a question in the live debate." Liam Hunt, Deputy Headteacher, stated, "The children really enjoyed the opportunities to develop their confidence in public speaking and develop their communication skills."

## St. Francis' Junior School Go Pop

On 19th June, we were overjoyed to welcome Rach and Jim from POP UK. We worked with Rach a few weeks ago learning the new songs and moves ready for our concert. Jim joined Rach to record us for our CD! How exciting! The fun and excitement didn't end there, this was only the beginning of our fantastic day of music! After recording, we had some last-minute rehearsals with Rach and Jim ready for the evening performance at St. Clare's church. Rach and Jim were so impressed with how much more confident we had got with our singing and the moves in our school rehearsals. These rehearsals paid off, our evening performance was out of this world! The children shone their lights so brightly. We couldn't believe how many friends, family, carers and past staff joined us for our concert. The children were amazing and tried so hard with the moves. We all got a real taste of what it takes to be a pop star! We can't thank you enough for getting your children to the church in time, participating in our singing and dancing and supporting us with all we do as a St. Francis' School family, without you we couldn't continue to give these amazing children opportunities like this, that we are sure will last a life time! Pop over to our website to see and hear our amazing children! <https://www.stfrancisjunior.org.uk/curriculum-experiences>



## Stallholder Appeal

The Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is appealing for stallholders to join its Summer Family Fun Day to offer a variety of goods for people to shop and enjoy their day.

The event will be held on Saturday 10th August, from 10.00am to 2.00pm, at the Pioneering Care Centre (PCC), Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe.

To apply to be a stallholder, visit: [www.pcp.uk.net/stallholder-application](http://www.pcp.uk.net/stallholder-application) Please note: PCP will allocate stalls based on selection of products and not a first come first serve basis. Call 01325 321234 or email [enquiries@pcp.uk.net](mailto:enquiries@pcp.uk.net) for more information.

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# Ninja Warrior UK Teesside Opening Soon

Ninja Warrior UK® Teesside, inspired by ITV's hit TV show, has announced its official July opening date and bookings have launched online for the highly anticipated adventure park. Set to officially open its doors on Sunday 14th July 2024 at Teesside Park, this exciting venue will bring a unique blend of climbing, balancing, swinging and bouncing challenges to thrill-seekers in the North East.

Occupying a 28,570sq ft indoor area, Ninja Warrior UK® Teesside has promised to deliver an action-packed experience for all ages, enjoying a mix of adrenalin-fuelled obstacle courses and giant inflatable runs. Visitors can expect to discover their inner Ninja through a fun and fitness-focused environment that will get hearts racing and faces smiling.

Those eager to secure their spots for the opening weekend and beyond can book online by visiting [www.ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/teesside/](http://www.ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/teesside/). The new Ninja Warrior UK® Teesside will feature iconic elements such as the famous Warped Wall, flying squirrel, spider wall, two fixed obstacle courses, and a giant inflatable course complete with tunnels, battle towers, and the ultimate racing challenge.

Ninjas can choose from a variety of thrilling sessions and packages tailored to different age groups and preferences. Prices start from £14.95 for a 1-hour session, with Family Passes and Student Discounts available. There will also be special 18+ Ninja Lates and Ninja Teens sessions.

For those seeking a break from the action, or looking to refuel after conquering the challenges, the Teesside venue also offers a viewing mezzanine overlooking the action below, as well as a café serving milkshakes, slushies, smoothies, pizzas, loaded fries and chocolate-covered doughnuts.

To celebrate the launch of the new North East venue, Ninja Warrior UK® Teesside will also be hosting an exclusive launch party on Friday, 12th July, with special guests Ben Shephard and local legend Chris Kamara, known for their dynamic presence on the hit ITV show Ninja Warrior UK®.

[www.ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/teesside](http://www.ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/teesside)

# Morley Fixture



Sedgefield Water Polo Club's Under 14 team travelled to Morley, Leeds for their Wakefield & District league fixture on Thursday 30th May. Due to school holidays, we only had a team of eight players available to travel, which meant lots of pool time for everyone.

The game got off to a flying start with Bram scoring the first goal within the first 25 seconds of the starting whistle, and this was followed by goals from Indie, Thomas, Reka and Fynn along with a hat trick from Jasper. This meant the score was a fantastic 0-8 by the end of the first quarter.

The team continued to play from strength to strength in the second quarter, with four goals from Thomas, two from Indie and one each from Bram and Jasper; giving a half time score of 1-16.

The third quarter began with a goal from Thomas, just twelve seconds after the starting whistle, and this was followed with goals from Reka, Jasper, Arwen and Fynn; giving the team a very well deserved 1-22 win by the end of this quarter.

As the fourth quarter began, the team's fitness shone through and they continued to score, with a hat trick from Thomas along with goals from Indie and Fynn. Special recognition goes to Dylan - our goalkeeper - who, despite playing the whole game, didn't get the opportunity to save many goals due to the ball being in the opponents half of the pool for the majority of the game. Arwen and Bram both scored their first competitive league goals - well done! Final score was a 1-27 win.

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](mailto:sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com) or contact 07579 030598.

# Folk Night

A Folk Night at the Candlelite Club, Moore Lane, Newton Aycliffe, will take place on Wednesday 17th July from 8.00pm to 10.30pm.

Main guests are 'Loose like a Goose' with support by 'Trish McClean'. Please contact Joan Edmundson to book places - Tel 01740 621347.

# Help Shape Council Services

County Durham residents are being invited to apply for a number of committee roles, focussed on challenging and shaping local services. Durham County Council is looking for volunteers to serve on its overview and scrutiny committees as non-statutory, non-voting co-optees.

Currently, the council has four vacancies for co-optees on three of its five overview and scrutiny committees: safer and stronger communities; children and young people's; and environment and sustainable communities.

The appointments will be until June 2026 when a full refresh of co-optees will be undertaken, with existing co-optees having the opportunity to reapply if they wish to do so.

Co-optees play a key role in developing new ways of working, reviewing existing policies and challenging the performance of the authority and its partners.

Meetings are held in the morning starting at 9.30am and concluding by 11.30am, at County Hall. In addition to formal meetings, the various committees also hold informal information sessions, which take place via Microsoft Teams and therefore applicants would need access to a computer and the internet.

In addition to the six scheduled meetings of the committee each year, co-optees are invited to and can attend any special meetings, informal information sessions, workshops and visits, should they wish to do so. They can also take part in review activities covering a range of subjects, with recent examples including cybercrime, road safety, elective home education, free school meals, the council's allotment policy and the declaration of an ecological emergency for County Durham. For more information, or to apply for a position as a non-voting co-optee, email [scrutiny@durham.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@durham.gov.uk).

Application forms should be submitted by 9th August 2024 with successful applicants invited for formal interview.

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## Midridge Fete & Family Fun Day

Midridge Village Association are holding their Fete and Family Fun Day on 7th July starting at 1.30pm.

There are a number of stalls including cakes, air ambulance, greyhound rescue, Hays Travel, raffle stall, bottle stall, tombola stall, cosmetics stall, books, CD's & DVD's and the bus society. There will also be an ice cream van in attendance. Street food will be on sale outside the Bay Horse pub.

There will be a small number of craft stalls located in the village hall along with tea and coffee and a number of attractions for children which will be free, these include bouncy castle with slide, face painting, buzz mascot, unicorn lol doll mascot, candy floss stall, magic show with mini disco, soft play area with ball pit and balloon modelling. During the afternoon there will be a dog show with different classes and hopefully a fire engine and a police van for people to view, let's hope no emergencies occur on the day.

A free bus service will be operating from St. Clare's church then to the Jet station at Cobblers, onto Midridge, then to Shildon bus station and back to Midridge, this service will start at 1.00pm in Aycliffe and will continue during the afternoon.

Come and support the day and hopefully the weather will be kind.

## Have Your Say

People are being invited to have their say on a proposal to extend restrictions on the display of letting boards in Durham City.

Durham County Council introduced the restrictions in October 2019 after successfully applying to the Secretary of State for a Regulation 7 Direction.

The direction requires advertisers to submit an application to the council for consent if they wish to display letting boards in the Durham City Conservation Area.

It is due to expire this October and the council is proposing to apply to the Secretary of State to renew it for a further five years.

Stephen Reed, Durham County Council's planning development manager, said: "We introduced the existing controls in response to concerns from residents and businesses over the excessive number of letting boards and the negative visual impact this was having on the historic heart of Durham City.

"The controls have been a success – we receive far fewer complaints than we did prior to their introduction, and there's been a marked visual improvement in the residential streets within the Conservation Area. On that basis, we intend to apply to the Secretary of State for a renewal of the Regulation 7 Direction for a further five years.

"We'd welcome people's views on this and will be including a summary of the feedback we receive in our application."

People can have their say by emailing [planning@durham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@durham.gov.uk) (using the reference REG7 in the subject) or writing to Planning, PO Box 274, Durham County Council, Stanley, County Durham, DH8 1HG.

The consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 22nd July.

## Autistic Musicians Star At Inaugural AycliffEST



A music festival, staged at a school run by an autism charity, is set to become an annual event following rave reviews.

AycliffEST was held for the first time at Aycliffe School – managed by the North East Autism Society (NEAS) – and featured autistic and neurodivergent performers displaying a range of talents.

The headline act was Aukestra, a celebrated North East group of neurodivergent musicians, who had service-users and staff dancing and singing along to a rip-roaring set-list.

Earlier, the audience at the school were treated to a brilliant performance by Elf'n Wood, a band made up of NEAS employees and service-users.

The day-long event also featured a silent disco, face-painting, bouncy castles, a ball-pit, photo-booth and arts and crafts to create a happy festival atmosphere.

Sixth-form students also designed special festival t-shirts to raise money for the event as part of a range of fundraising activities.

The festival was the idea of the school's vice principal, John Hardie, who said: "Our learners don't get the opportunity to experience some of the things that other young people get to enjoy, and going to a music festival would be intimidating for a lot of them.

"AycliffEST was born out of our determination to put that right, and one of the main aims was to encourage social interaction, which can often be difficult for our students.

"There's no doubt it's been a spectacular success, with a real buzz around the school from the start of the day. The most important thing was for everyone to have a great day, and that's been the case, so the hope is that it can become an annual event."

Aycliffe School principal, Kirsty Carr, added: "The school is all about celebrating individuality and it's been truly amazing to see how much our learners have got out of the event. Seeing the exceptional talent on display has shown them that anything is possible.

"We are proud to have a growing music department, with one child being put through their music qualifications this year, and we are planning to develop that next year."

Jak Dixon, who founded Aukestra at Birtley, near Chester-le-Street, said: "It was an honour for us to headline at the first AycliffEST event and we loved performing to such an appreciative audience. Hopefully, it's the start of something special."

## Thank You

Dear Sir,

Can you say a big 'Thank You' to Jack the manager at Home Bargains in Bishop Auckland?

Avon Court is part of Housing 21 and we are entering the InBloom Competition, which is designed to get everyone working together and enjoying the great outdoors. Though, with all the rain, it has taken a big extra push to get this organised.

All the Courts of Housing 21 can enter various categories including: Best hanging basket; Most unusual planter; Best scarecrow; Best entrance; Overall improved gardens; Grow your own vegetables and best individual garden, to mention a few.

We have held raffles on site to raise money to help with all of this, but we never have enough money to do everything we want to. So, on a shopping trip, one of our tenants took a letter to Home Bargains and asked if they could help with the last few things on our list.

Jack came up trumps and Tonie brought back a bag of compost and two trays of plants. So, Jack 'thank you' for your kindness and helping us out.

Tenants of Avon Court

## Proms in the Park Returns

Darlington's South Park is set to come alive with the sound of music as Proms in the Park returns this weekend.

The annual event regularly attracts around 2,000 music lovers of all ages to enjoy a packed programme of music for all tastes, led by The Royal Signals (Northern) Band, our very own Army Reserve band based in Darlington. The fun starts at 3.00pm on Sunday 7th July, with revellers encouraged to bring along their own picnic, rugs or chairs and, of course, flags to wave.

Organised by Darlington Borough Council and the Northern Military Music Group, the event has raised more than £10,000 for The Army Benevolent Fund over the years through generous donations from those who attend.

Taking to the stage with director of music Captain Tom Milford and The Royal Signals (Northern) Band, will be the Tyne Electrical Engineers Pipe Band, the Darlington Schools Choir and the Service Children's Community Choir.

There will also be a rousing 'Last night of the Proms' set, which has become a firm tradition, to round off the afternoon's entertainment.

Proms in the Park starts at 3.00pm at South Park bandstand on Sunday 7th July. No tickets are needed, but do get there early to secure your spot and bring along your chairs, picnics and your flags to wave and join in the fun.

A collection will again be held in support of The Army Benevolent Fund, with the help of Darlington Detachment Army Cadet Force. For more details of forthcoming events in Darlington log onto the website at [www.darlington.gov.uk/events](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/events)

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# New Deputy



Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen's proposals to appoint Graham Hall as her new Deputy have been unanimously backed by Durham Police and Crime Panel.

The County Durham and Darlington PCC presented her plans to panel members at a Confirmation Hearing on 1st July 2024. In doing so, the PCC said Mr Hall would provide vital support to her work to make County Durham and Darlington safer, stronger and more resilient to drug and alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour and would help her to meet her growing responsibilities locally, regionally and nationally to improve policing.

In a written response issued this week, the Police and Crime Panel said members had since made the unanimous decision to recommend approval of Mr Hall's appointment and looked forward to working with him in his new role as Deputy PCC.

The Panel added that it accepted Mr Hall's previous experience as a Police Officer and working in community safety would be of benefit to the PCC's office, the Panel and to County Durham and Darlington. Mr Hall is a retired Chief Superintendent with vast experience of policing and community issues.

As the Head of Community Safety for Darlington Borough Council, he is known across the partnership landscape locally and is the current chair of Darlington Community Safety Partnership. In 2022, Mr Hall was recognised by the Darlington Borough Council Stronger Communities Awards for his contribution to public safety in Darlington. Experienced in policing governance and local government arrangements, Mr Hall has a deep understanding of national, regional and local community groups with the ability to engage at all levels.

Commissioner Allen said: "I am delighted the Police and Crime Panel unanimously approved my decision and I look forward to welcoming Mr Hall to the OPCC team."

"Graham's vast experience of policing and community safety will prove an invaluable support to me, and he will provide an insight that is second to none as we work to make County Durham and Darlington safer for everyone."

"As our responsibilities as PCCs grow and evolve, Mr Hall's support will provide additional expertise and capacity to reach and engage with our residents and give a voice to our communities on the issues that are important to them and impact their safety."

Mr Hall will replace former Deputy PCC Nigel Bryson OBE who stepped down from his part-time role prior to the election.

Mr Hall's position will be on a full-time basis until the conclusion of the PCC's current term of office in May 2028.

## Obituary

### William Maurice Blenkinsopp (Billy)

Of St. Andrew's Close, Aycliffe Village, died on 19th June 2024 in hospital after a long illness. Sadly missed by both family and friends. Special thanks to Christine, Allan and Paul Burns for their friendship and support. Funeral service will be a private ceremony.

### Andrew Ryan Johnson



Passed away suddenly at home, Andrew, aged 28 years.

A much loved Son, Step-Son, Brother, Grandson, Nephew and a good friend to many.

Andrew will be sadly missed by so many people.

Funeral service to take place in Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 12th July at 2.30pm.

All are welcome, please meet at the Crematorium. Family flowers only please, by request.

Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Macmillan Nurses. At Andrew's request, please wear comfortable clothing.

### Maria (Mary) Wihelmina Henrica Dalton (nee Zeebregts)



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In her 100th year, passed away peacefully at her home in Woodham, Newton Aycliffe.

A dearly loved Wife of the late Reg; loving Mother to Jan, Lynne and the late Michael and Julie; Oma to Colin, Sue and the late Robert and Alan and a much loved Great-Grandma.

Sadly missed by all her family and many friends.

A Funeral Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate Mary's life will take place in St. Clare's Church on Wednesday 17th July at 11.30am to which all are kindly welcome, to be followed by a private cremation.

A touch of colourful clothing would be much appreciated. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, will be shared between St. Clare's Church and local charities.

### Peter Cook

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 25th June, aged 82 years. Beloved Husband of Ann; loving Dad of Pam and Gary; Father-in-Law of David and Julie; devoted Grandad of Owen, Becky and Jade.

Family and friends please meet for service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Wednesday 10th July at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please.

## In Memoriam

### Bryan Parsonage

1st July 2022

A dearly loved Husband and Dad. Two years have passed, I miss you, kids miss you, we cherish the memories we shared together my love. Jane, Kelly, Gareth, Warren and family xxxxxx

### Barbara Sutton

15/4/32-3/7/15

Together again with her late Husband Les, our Dad and Grandad on this day in Heaven.

The years may go by, but in all our hearts you both will be forever and you both will be never forgotten.

R.I.P. All the family.

## In Memoriam

### Patricia Fisk (Pat)

24/3/1936-7/7/2000  
 Our hearts still ache, our tears still flow. We miss and love you as the years pass and go.

You're always with us Pat. R.I.P. Tony, Susan, Michael and family xxx

### Peter Cox

Peacefully in hospital on 25th June, after an illness bravely borne, Peter, aged 86 years.

Devoted Husband of the late Margaret; beloved Dad to Karen and Stephen and a proud Grandad to Abbie, Joe and Flynn.

Forever in our hearts and reunited with his beloved Margaret.

Funeral on Tuesday 16th July, would friends kindly meet for service in St. Mary's R.C. Church at 11.00am followed by interment in the West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Requiescant In Pace.

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**Durham Brass Festival 2024**

Final touches are being put to preparations for one of the region's most popular music events, with its return just days away. Durham Brass Festival – a week of spectacular performances, new commissions, free concerts, community activities, and a full programme of lively street bands – kicks off its 2024 edition today, Friday 5th July. The Durham County Council event runs until Saturday 13th July and will feature critically acclaimed Public Service Broadcasting as well as returning favourites Spain's Artistas del Gremio and a host of exciting acts making their Brass debuts.

Here's everything you need to know about the festival:  
The full line-up of acts performing across the festival is as follows: Artistas del Gremio, Badcore Horns, Das Brass, Easington Colliery Band, Felling Brass Band, Heavy Beat Brass Band, Hector Gannet, Loud Noises, Nadedja, NASUWT Riverside Band, NuSound Brass, Oompah Brass, Public Service Broadcasting, Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band, Redhills Youth Brass Band and Dilutey Juice, Shakk, She's Got Brass, Smoove & Turrell, Tenth Avenue Band, The Cory Band and Durham Miners' Association Brass Band, and Young Pilgrims.  
Public Service Broadcasting get Brass Festival underway on Friday 5th July performing a set which explores how the collapse of mining impacted local communities, in this the 40th anniversary year of the strikes. PSB are performing their UK top 5 album Every Valley at Durham Cathedral within the World Heritage Site. They will be accompanied by another band with a mining connection, NASUWT Riverside Band from the former colliery village of Pelton Fell. Tickets for this event are sold out. The streets of Durham City will resonate with the sound of live music on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July as the ever popular Streets of Brass makes its return. This will see eclectic and exciting street bands from the UK and beyond perform, free of charge, at locations across the city from 11am both days, ending at 4pm on the Saturday and 5pm on the Sunday. The Sunday will include traditional festival favourite, the Streets of Brass finale in the Market Place from 4.30pm. Brass' street bands will get everyone dancing on the evening of Saturday 6th July as Party in the Park returns to Wharton Park in Durham from 5pm.  
A special concert kicks off proceedings on Sunday 7th July with The Cory Band performing their own musical telling of the Hollywood classic 1933 monster film, King Kong. Performing alongside The Cory Band will be guests, the Durham Miners' Association Brass Band. This takes place at Durham's Gala Theatre from 2pm. Brass' showcase of the region's most exciting up and coming artists performing with brass acts, Brassed On returns on Sunday 7th July from 7.30pm, at Durham Town Hall. Compered by the BBC's Shakk, Brassed On will see North Shields' masters of a new kind of modernist folk, Hector Gannet, perform with NuSound Brass and Sunderland based, Brazilian-born, alt-pop artist Nadedja perform with Loud Noises.  
The festival then takes to the road for the returning Big and Little Brass Bashes at ten different outdoor locations across County Durham. These are free of charge and promise energetic performances from Brass' street bands to get audiences moving.


The dates, locations and times of the bashes are as follows:

- **Monday 8th July:** Little Brass Bashes, Haswell pit site and Spennymoor market place, both 6pm to 8pm.
  - **Tuesday 9th July:** Big Brass Bash, Glenholme Park, Crook; Little Brass Bash, Chester-le-Street Market Place, both 6pm to 9pm.
  - **Wednesday 10th July:** Big Brass Bash, Hackworth Park, Shildon, 6pm to 9pm; Little Brass Bash, Willington Town Green, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
  - **Thursday 11th July: Big Brass Bash, Town Park, Newton Aycliffe, 6pm to 9pm;** Little Brass Bash, The Witham, Barnard Castle, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
  - **Friday 12th July:** Big Brass Bash, Trimdon Community College; Little Brass Bash, Middle Street, Consett; both 6pm to 9pm.
- A DJ club event gets the party going on Friday 12th July with Smoove & Turrell's Northern Coal Experience at Durham Town Hall from 9pm. This will feature the best in hip hop, breaks, disco, house, funk and soul, and everything in between – as well as live vocal and brass accompaniment.

Brass draws to a close on Saturday 13th July with Loud Noises representing the festival at the Durham Miners' Gala. They'll be playing with other brass bands during the event's traditional parade through the streets of Durham, before performing at the Big Meeting at the Old Racecourse, which starts at 1pm. 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.  
Further information, including details of all artists taking part at this year's festival, can be found online at <https://brassfestival.co.uk>

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# Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club Latest Report

It has been another busy week for Aycliffe Running Club. This started on Wednesday 26th June with the 5th race in the Darlington Trail series and the tough and hilly West Park 5k. John Surtees (18:34) finished first with Tracey Surtees (21:10) first female and Lucy Postle (23:55) third female. Also representing the club were Sam Keenan (20:23), Jimmy Agnew (22:09), Richard Holland (22:35), Daniel Tatham (23:27), Bernadette Cooper (24:11), Andrew Tweddle (25:58), Joe Dickinson (26:11), Sarah Gill (26:26), David Stothard (27:02), Jean-Pierre Hupin (30:43), Sue Podmore (30:59), Kirsty Cameron (31:29), Kelly Dickinson (31:33), Melanie Varley (31:55), Sam Harding (32:21), Sandrine Hewitt (32:33), Peter Varley (34:12), Em Flynn (35:32) and Ian Stothard (44:37).

Also a special mention for two club members who took part in the Total Warrior event at Leeds on Sunday 23rd June. Sarah Gill and Carley Cooper both had to navigate a number of different obstacles which included running through fire, one called 'The Plunge' where you get submerged under water, lots of climbing and slides as well as plenty of mud and water. Both members did this whilst raising funds for an amazing charity, Autism Parents Together. Sarah and Carley both did amazing, finishing together in a time of 1:58:37. On Saturday 15th June, 34 members started their weekend with a parkrun. The club travelled to Albert Park for the next parkrun tourism event with John Surtees (17:20) finishing second. Also taking part



were Angela Sutheran (22:43), Sarah Gill (24:27), John Burnside (24:28), David Stothard (26:26), Sue Podmore (28:19), Rob Nicholson (28:43) and Sam Harding (30:11). Lou Mann (32:47) completed the course at Troon for the first time. At Hackworth, Bernadette Cooper (23:14) finished as first female. At Rising Sun, Steve Williams (27:41), Tracey Pickering (36:44), Cliff Pickering (47:45) and Viv Williams (52:46 and tail walker) completed the course for the first time. Paul Dalton (20:51) and Jayne Rudd (30:59) completed the course at Peel for the first time. At Fulwell Quarry, Carley Cooper (29:13), Jean-Pierre Hupin (29:17) and Em Flynn completed the course for the first time.

On Saturday 22nd June, 37 members started their weekend with a parkrun. Dave Stothard (24:30) and Ian Stothard (40:12) both completed the course at Harrogate for the first time. At Sedgefield, Thomas Heyward (25:05) achieved one his aims for the year, setting a new personal best. Lou Mann (32:23) completed the event at Redcar for the first time. At Hackworth, Anthony Dickinson (21:14) finished second with Bernadette Cooper (23:49) second female. Peter Varley (32:52) also set a new PB for the course. At Keswick, Sue Podmore (28:04) completed the course for the first time. Judith Porter (31:59) completed the course at Jersey for the first time. At Hamsterley Forest, Andrew Tweddle (25:59) completed the course for the first time. At Wynyard Woodland, Em Flynn (31:47) set a new course PB. Over at Thorp Perrow, Steve Williams (27:45) and Viv Williams (57:09 and tail walker) completed the course for the first time.

On Saturday 29th June, 37 members started their weekend with a parkrun. At Albert, Lou Mann (32:12) completed the course for the first time. At Flatts Lane, Floyd Jones (23:24), Salv McDonnell (29:10) and Cath McDonnell (32:34) completed the course for the first time. At Keswick, Carley Cooper (28:05) and Jean-Pierre Hupin (29:06) completed the course for the first time with Em Flynn (31:36) setting a new course PB. Kathleen Tonge (29:59) and Richard Tonge (30:47) both completed the course at Victoria Dock for the first time.

At Herrington Country Park, Sandrine Hewitt (31:30) and Lind McNamee (33:34) both completed the course for the first time. Paul Dalton (21:21) and Jayne Rudd (33:16) both completed the Zegerplas parkrun in the Netherlands for the first time.

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.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk) - or our Facebook page. If you would like to chat with someone, then you can email [ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com) - If interested in the Junior Section you can email [arcjuniorsection@gmail.com](mailto:arcjuniorsection@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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