

Newton News

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Air Cadets Attend Battle of Britain Commemoration Service



On Sunday 8th September, air cadets from across County Durham attended a service in Durham Cathedral to mark the 84th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

1407 Squadron (Newton Aycliffe) ATC attended to remember those who served our nation at a time of great peril. Two cadets from the squadron also provided readings during the service.

The service was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, The High Sheriff and the Chair of Durham County Council when wreathes were laid at the RAF memorial at the west end of the Cathedral and the 607 Squadron memorial in the South Transept.

After the service, the cadets paraded on Palace Green and marched past the V.I.P. guests.

1407 Squadron are holding a recruitment evening for those interested in joining. This will take place on Thursday 19th September from 7.00pm at Squadron HQ on Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.

Young people over the age of twelve and in Year 8 are eligible to join. Further details are available on the squadron's Facebook page or general information about air

cadets on the website:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/cadets/being-a-cadet/>

Messy Church

Why not come along on Saturday 21st September and join us for Messy Church? Not sure what it is?

Well, it is full of crafts, fun, food, faith and fellowship and this month we are finding out 'Who God is and what he is like'.

We have Lego building, fish racing, poster making, food tasting and a quiz. Create with clay and make a crocodile peg as we explore our question together. Tea is jacket potatoes with salad and a delicious fruit crumble.

Everyone is welcome, from 3.30pm for a 4pm start at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. It would be lovely to see some of our families preparing for baptism, toddler group families and SHINE choir families too. This really is a Family Church for you all, no need to book, just come along, the team are looking forward to meeting you.

Life in a New Town



To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Newton Aycliffe evolving from little more than a building site to the mature town of today, the exhibition of displays featuring personal memories and photographs of these 75 years launched in Aycliffe Town Centre last Saturday.

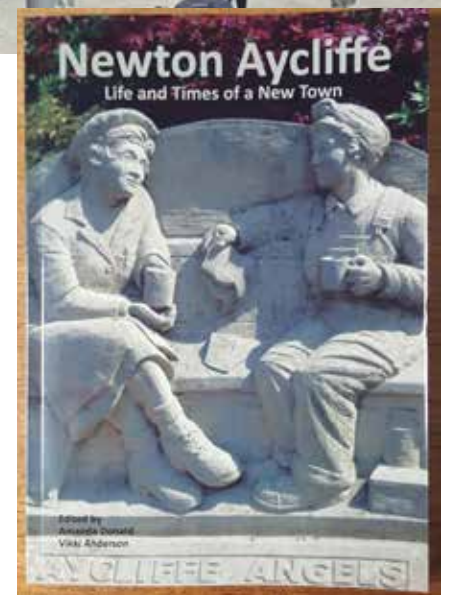
The 'Life in a New Town' exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark, on Beveridge Way and was organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

The event was supported by street entertainers Bell & Bullock's Time Machine and The Bubble Whisperer plus performances on stage from the Shine Choir, The Lake Poets with Jamagotchi, The Sleeze Sisters Glam Rock Tribute band and the Revolutionaires. A display of classic cars plus a vintage double decker and single decker buses provided great interest amongst the many visitors on the day.

A commemorative 64 page book, 'Newton Aycliffe: Life and Times of a New Town', was also available to the visitors to the town centre free of charge and evoked many memories from recipients. The book, printed by Newton Press, celebrates the 75 years since the new town of Newton Aycliffe began. Great Aycliffe Town Council, funded by Durham County Council, has traced the growth of the town and looked back on events and memories through the stories and photographs of residents who witnessed the New Town develop throughout the decades, since the first spadeful of earth was dug in 1948.

The exhibition of stories and photographs is on display in Beveridge Way, Aycliffe Town Centre, until January and is a compilation of the town's heritage not to be missed.

Photo: The book, *Newton Aycliffe: Life and Times of a New Town* and vintage buses, on display on Beveridge Way.



An Evening with John Barnes



The rearranged date for the evening with John Barnes has now been confirmed and will now take place on Friday 1st November 2024 at The Glow Church, Long Tens Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6AP.

Meet and greet and sponsorship packages are available and we have various options available and cannot wait to host what we believe will be something you won't want to miss out on. Put this date in your diary. Doors open at 6.30pm with a 7.30pm start. Tickets on sale now contact Mark Preston directly on 07506 611286.

Water Polo Update

Sedgefield Water Polo Club travelled to Maltby Leisure Centre, Rotherham on Sunday 21st July for our U16's to play their away league fixture against local rivals, Rotherham Metro.

The game got off to a flying start with a goal from Thomas just 18 seconds after the starting whistle. This was followed by a goal from Tyler within a minute, and a second from Thomas just 20 seconds afterwards. The opposition then started to fight back and scored a goal which was then followed by two exclusions in close succession. Gregor, Finley and Kyle then added their names to the score sheet, followed by a third goal from Thomas, and second goals from Kyle and Finley. This meant that the score at the end of the first quarter was 1-8 to Sedgefield.

The second quarter started with Rotherham showing they were going to fight back; but they fought too hard and had a player excluded - before they retaliated and scored a goal. This was followed by Thomas scoring just 20 seconds later only for Rotherham to attack and score again. The goals for Sedgefield kept on coming with Vihra making the score sheet just before half time, where the score was an impressive 6-12. After a half time team talk by coach Ben, Sedgefield's youngsters were determined to continue playing the game to the best of their ability as they wanted a good goal difference which would help on the league table. Goalie Aston took a risk with a long shot and scored - something which rarely happens in water polo - and the balcony erupted into cheers and applause. This was followed by a penalty from Ilesha. The team focused on their defence and didn't allow Rotherham to score a goal in the entire quarter, despite Sedgefield maintaining their lead and scoring another 8 goals during the quarter.

The final quarter started with Sedgefield having a 6-20 lead. Knowing the win was confirmed, the team relied upon their



fitness and strength, again ensuring that not a single goal was scored by the opposition. A hat trick from Gregor, two goals from Harry and one from Owen gave the team their comfortable 6-26 win. A special mention also to Bram who, despite being a goalkeeper, played outfield for the duration of the match.

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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Annis Shines in Her New Career

Annis Rallis, a talented musical actress originally from Newton Aycliffe, is stepping into a new chapter of her artistic career as she transitions from the stage to the recording studio. After a successful career in musical theatre, where she performed in popular productions like Dirty Dancing, Rock of Ages, and Dance of the Vampires across Europe, Annis is thrilled to introduce her debut single, 'Éna Astéri', marking the beginning of her journey as a singer-songwriter. Annis grew up in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, where she was raised by her mother Caroline Race who taught her to dance at Newton Aycliffe dance school South Durham School of Dance.



Annis also received singing and guitar lessons with local teacher John Melvin. At 18, she moved to London to pursue her passion for musical theatre, training at the prestigious Urdang Academy. Since her graduation in 2018, she has travelled extensively, performing across Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, captivating audiences with her versatility and talent.

In 2023, Annis embarked on a solo journey to Bali, where she completed her yoga training. This period of introspection and selfdiscovery sparked a new wave of creativity in Annis, leading her to transform the poetry she had been writing over the years into music. Drawing inspiration from her Greek heritage and the emotions she experienced during a challenging time in her life, Annis poured her heart into 'Éna Astéri'.

Annis shared. "I wanted my first single to be authentic to who I am, and incorporating Greek sounds felt like the perfect way to honour my Greek background. Annis also added that this experience was extra special as during the creative process of putting together the music video for Éna Astéri this was a family project. Sam Harrop (Annis' cousin) co-directed and edited the music video. Jordan Duff (Annis' friend) co-directed and did the cinematography for the music video. Zoe Philippa Efthymiadou (Annis' cousin) was the hair and make-up artist for the music video. All being from the local area and shooting the entire music video in different locations in the North East. Annis explained "This all added to keeping my debut single authentic to me, with the Greek title of the song, and shooting the music video in different locations where I grew up and enjoyed spending my time as a child." Annis shared that she was inspired to write the lyrics for Éna Astéri after a coffee date trip with her auntie to Cobblers Hall - it was there where the lyrics for Éna Astéri were born.

Link to music video and streaming platforms:
Music Video - <https://youtu.be/Sr7humoi-gg> (YouTube: Annis Rallis Éna Astéri).
Streaming- <https://ditto.fm/ena-asteri> (Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music: Annis Rallis Éna Astéri).

'Éna Astéri' combines the rich and unique sounds of Greece with elements of folk, rock, and pop, creating a sound that is both fresh and deeply resonant. With this single, Annis is eager to share her own story and vulnerability with the world, stepping out from behind the characters she has portrayed on stage and introducing the world to the real Annis. I've spent years playing different roles on stage, but now I'm excited to share my true self with the world through my music," Annis said. "I hope that listeners will connect with the emotions and experiences I've poured into 'Éna Astéri' and enjoy this journey with me."

Annis Rallis' debut single 'Éna Astéri' was released on 6th September 2024 where you can stream and listen to the track on all popular platforms such as Spotify, Apple Music & Amazon Music. The release of Annis' debut single was also followed by the launch of the accompanying music video on 9th September, 2024. This marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Annis as she embraces her new role as a singer-songwriter, and she looks forward to sharing more of her music in the near future.

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Bill Cooksey Memory Walk

One year on from Bill Cooksey's epic Great North Run, at the grand old age of 102, Five Acres wanted to remember our great patron and decided to undertake a challenge and walk 26.2 miles around the rear grounds of ROF59 - Bill was signed up for the London Marathon 2024, partnered by Emon Chowdhury, but sadly Bill didn't make it. Five Acres are determined to complete the course in stages, and weather dependant, to honour and remember this remarkable man.

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It never gets any easier, especially at this time of year when Autumn Juveniles are needing a rescue, however some of them are so small they shouldn't be out during the day alone without mum. My thanks go to Glyn who brought little Stevie on Monday evening, 350g, doing well, Karen who brought Andy, a mere 230g out alone and two very nice ladies who also brought Pippa on Saturday night, the poor girl has sustained an injury to both back legs, we thought that she had broken them but, on closer examination, this was not the case. She has lost all the fur off them both and some broken skin, also swollen, when I removed fly eggs she managed to use her legs, so I admitted her. Had her legs been broken she would have had to be put to sleep unfortunately, I have her here and she is doing well, so I am pleased. She has plenty of time, like the others, to recover, they won't be released 'til spring. Also, thanks go to everyone who has made donations, these donations make it possible for me to be here taking care of them all, at the moment I have nine cages occupied, some are double occupied, but they are nice big cages and I won't turn a hedgehog away if in trouble, especially a baby, all hoggies are kept in the house. Can I remind everyone that if you see a hog out in the day it's not ok, rescues are getting very full and whilst the weather is very cold and damp I will not be releasing any from here, my Facebook Page has some videos and pictures of the six I released last week, four of those released were born here. Pictured here is baby Becky, she is doing really well, here 'til spring with the other little ones here. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has rehabbers telephone numbers if you need help with a hedgehog found out in the day their number is 01584 890801 My Facebook page is Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel. Email which is not to be used for hedgehog emergencies is: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com

Work Starts at Five Acres Outdoor Day Centre



Five Acres are delighted to inform everyone that we have finally been given the go ahead to start on our brand new Day Centre on Lime Lane, Brafferton. All 16 conditions have been satisfied and discharged. The Five Acres Garden Team are doing a marvellous job erecting a stock fence in order to keep the horses safe whilst works start on the main perimeter fence later on this month. Middleton Forge have been engaged to install the perimeter security fencing and gates. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in fund-raising for our new Centre which will offer Agricultural, Horticultural and Crafts. Special thanks to our main sponsor 'Lightrock Power' and to all our Parents, Business Partners and Supporters who have made it possible. It will be amazing - thank you.

Lee Taking Part in Combat Stress Cycle Challenge

Some of you will know Lee from his work for the Town Council, others from his previous charity cycling challenges raising money for Prostate Cancer UK, Brain Tumour Research and Crohn's & Colitis UK.



Lee said "I'm taking vital steps towards ensuring veterans can get the support they need. This year I will be taking on Cycle September and cycling 500 kilometres to raise vital funds for life-changing mental health treatment for veterans." Combat Stress is the UK's leading veterans' mental health charity, the work they do is life-changing and often lifesaving. No one else does what they do. They provide the only intensive mental health treatment service to our UK veterans. Their services are provided across the UK, in-person and online. At a time that can be isolating and daunting, they are here to help. For over a century, they've helped former servicemen and women deal with issues like trauma, anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Today, they provide support to veterans from every service and every conflict. They provide clinical treatment and support for veterans from the British Armed Forces, focusing on those with complex mental health issues resulting from their experiences during military service. When some military personnel leave service, their experiences can't easily be left behind. Without treatment, psychological trauma can eventually tear lives apart. They believe military trauma shouldn't destroy the lives of veterans and their families. The 2021 Census identified 22,615 veterans in County Durham, and Veterans make up 5.2% of the over 16 years of age population, which is higher than the England average of only 3.8%. Donations can be made online at: events.combatstress.org.uk/fundraisers/leewilliams/cycleseptember

I'm Just Popping Out For a Bike Ride



This year (March 2024) I hit a milestone that, at one stage I didn't think I would ever see, and that is four years clear of cancer. So, having successfully hit that milestone, I thought it would be a good idea to set myself a celebratory challenge and, having ridden the width of England last year, the next logical step is to ride the length of the UK! How hard can it be? Actually, quite a challenge so, on 7th September, I left for Land's End on my push to arrive at John O'Groats on the 15th September so, I need to average around 110 miles a day for 9 days. I will be undertaking this challenge to raise funds for the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. This charity, as some of you may know, is very close to mine and my family's hearts, having helped us in the darkest of times during the early days after my diagnosis, when we were trying to make sense of everything and, still to this day, Allison, and her crew, check in with us to make sure we are all ok so, again, it is time I give back to them. Unfortunately, there is a growing need for their services, but funds, as we all know, are not limitless to cover everything and, as such, I am asking for you to give generously so this charity can continue to do the amazing work they do. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So, it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs. Further details and the necessary link can be found on the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group Facebook page.

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Classrooms will be equipped with the latest technology, including interactive whiteboards and digital learning tools, to facilitate an engaging and dynamic learning experience. Flexible open spaces will encourage group work and project-based learning, essential components of the 21st-century educational framework. Additionally, the design incorporates ample natural light and green spaces, promoting a healthy and stimulating atmosphere for both children and staff.

One of the highlights of the new build is the creation of brand new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) laboratories. These cutting-edge facilities will provide students with hands-on learning experiences, enabling them to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios. Equipped with modern apparatus and resources, these labs will be instrumental in nurturing the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers.

Greenfield Academy's new build is not just an investment in the students, but also in the wider Newton Aycliffe community. We plan to open our facilities to local residents, offering evening classes, community events and recreational activities. This initiative aims to strengthen the bond between the academy and the community, fostering a sense of shared purpose and collaboration.

The construction of the new build is set to commence in the coming months, with a projected completion date within one and a half years. During this period, we will ensure minimal disruption to the children's education by implementing a phased construction plan.

By embracing innovation, sustainability and community engagement, Greenfield Academy is poised to provide an unparalleled educational experience. This development is a testament to the academy's commitment to excellence and our vision of nurturing well-rounded, forward-thinking individuals who will contribute positively to society.

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60th Wedding Anniversary



Wilfred Neal and Annette Huitson quietly celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at home on 8th August.

Wilfred, also known as Neal, was originally from Hunwick while Annette came from South Church and the couple met at the Methodist Church Youth Club in Newton Aycliffe during the late 1950's.

The couple were married at Eden Arms, Rushyford, followed by a trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo for their honeymoon. They have two daughters and three granddaughters.

Neal worked for Lloyds Bank in Durham and Annette was employed by Stevens Post Office in Newton Aycliffe. The couple are currently the owners of a Classic Wedding car hire business operating from Aycliffe Business Park.

The couple enjoy cruising and recently took in a world cruise. The Huitson's agree that a tip for a long happy marriage is 'compromise'.

N.A.F.C. REPORT



Newton Aycliffe progressed in both FA competitions this week, in both cases thanks to penalty shoot-outs.

On Tuesday they beat NPL Premier side Bamber Bridge in a replay to progress to the Second Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup for only the second time in their history. Jake Petitjean's second half equaliser took the tie to extra time then spot kicks. All five of Aycliffe's penalties found the net to secure the win and a home tie against Warrington Rylands on Saturday 14th September (ko 3pm).

In the Isuzu FA Trophy on Saturday Aycliffe had a long trip to Ellesmere Port to face NPL West's Vauxhall Motors.

The earlier periods of the first half saw Vauxhall Motors have many chances on target, the biggest let off, perhaps, when veteran forward Kevin Ellison's acrobatic finish hit the post, and his resulting rebound header was easily stopped by Jim Pollard. Just prior to this, Alex Nelson's superbly timed tackle denied George Nugent, who had beaten Pollard. Aycliffe were struggling on what was a very heavy and poorly cut pitch, but still had chances, and they'd go into the second half 1-0 up when, in the 45th minute, Cole Kiernan coolly slotted home after brilliant play from Jake Petitjean.

Vauxhall Motors started the second half on the front foot. Pollard was almost immediately forced into saves by Connor Rankin and Ellison. Jordan Wynne had tried his luck from outside the box early in the second half and, in the 70th minute, his long range shot was successful and made it 1-1. Both Cieran Jackson and Wayne Whitfield had chances late in the game. But Vauxhall Motors seemed more inclined to sit back and go for penalties.

For the second time in five days Aycliffe headed into a penalty shoot-out, coming out 3-2 winners with a fine Pollard save sealing the win & a trip to Emley in the next round.

Manager Brian Atkinson commented post match, "We did really exceptional today. It was a tough ask, especially since we went to extra time in another game earlier in the week. We produced against a decent team and it was nice to come out top on penalties, it just shows the team's character."

Match Report by Ryan Livingston. Photo by Yvonne Wood: Aycliffe skipper Ethan Wood in FA Cup action against Bamber Bridge.

80,000+ Visit Cathedral



Almost 80,000 people visited Durham Cathedral over the summer and enjoyed the thousands of paper Peace Doves suspended under Durham Cathedral's historic Nave.

Visitors from all around the world admired the art installation designed by Peter Walker, with many describing the collaborative artwork as 'stunning', 'mindblowing' and 'peaceful', with one person saying Peace Doves was an 'absolutely amazing exhibition'.

The artwork provided not only a great visual impression but also gave visitors the chance to reflect upon thousands of messages of peace, written by the public and community groups.

From 26th July to 4th September, many people attended late-night openings and three-course dinners under the artwork.

Since April, people visiting Durham Cathedral were encouraged to write a message or prayer of peace, hope, love and friendship on a paper dove.

Community groups from the region were also involved with the mass-participation artwork, from Church groups, local school children, to members of Durham Cathedral's Community of Prayer, who are based all over the world and children from 1st Hartlepool Beavers, Squirrels and Cubs.

The artist's team then assembled the artwork suspending thousands of doves from the Lantern in the Central Tower. Peace Doves was illuminated by LED lights and accompanied by music from composer David Harper, creating an atmospheric experience as visitors wandered underneath.

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PCC Survey



Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen is inviting the public to play a pivotal role in the future of policing and crime prevention across County Durham and Darlington.

Following a highly successful first term in office, the PCC has launched a major new survey as she prepares to outline her blueprint for crime and policing over the next four years. In promising to champion the 'voice of the people', the PCC is calling for anyone who works or lives in the force area to make clear their priorities for a safer, stronger and more resilient force area.

The feedback will be used with existing research, crime figures and public correspondence to her office to draw up her Police and Crime Plan 2025-29 which will help steer the path of policing and crime prevention throughout her next term.

The PCC has become a respected voice in policing reform since her original election in 2021, taking on a growing list of national leadership responsibilities on behalf of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) including appointments as lead for Roads Policing (drink/drug driving), and Joint Lead for Addiction and Substance Misuse; Environment and Sustainability and Finance.

Passionate about delivering change, the PCC is adamant that local people call the shots on where their money is invested to keep them safe.

She said: "Durham Constabulary's officers work extremely hard to keep us safe, but we know we could do so much more with extra funding. Every penny is precious, and it is critical that we invest in the areas that will have the biggest impact on people's safety and feelings of safety.

"My survey is particularly keen to hear people's views on anti-social behaviour, drug use and dealing, dangerous driving, off-road bikes and crime reporting as these are issues that are raised with me frequently. The statistics show that alcohol and drugs are repeatedly a factor in so many reports of crime and anti-social behaviour.

"I would like to know where people feel we need to invest in solutions to make our communities more resistant to criminality and to restore confidence and trust in our services. "Our people and communities have a right to feel safe. I know they want a strong and visible policing presence so they can feel confident and safe. That's why their priorities will be my priorities.

"Please take a moment to share your views. I am here to represent the public and fight for the changes that will make a difference to your lives and the lives of your neighbours."

The survey asks people where they believe the PCC should direct most funding, offering a list of potential priorities including anti-social behaviour, drug use and dealing, dangerous driving, off-road bikes and crime reporting. To complete the survey visit: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/h2kw97>

Beekeepers Training

Our association trainers Chris, Roger and Tony, are delivering a training course on the basics of beekeeping, aimed at complete beginners. This introduction to beekeeping will take place on the weekend of October 26th and 27th at Neville Parade Community Centre and costs £60.00. Practical skills will be developed at our St. Oswald's apiary at the next available opportunity.

If you would like more information about this training, please contact our training officer Chris at: training.aycliffebka@gmail.com or by phone/text: 07905 190701.

Dynamic Trio



Sunday's show saw the return, to the show, of the dynamic trio also known to most people as Hayley, Sam and Jess from the charity LittleSENDSations CIC.

Growing in numbers and going from strength to strength, this group of fabulous people covers County Durham and the Northeast providing inclusive support and accessible fun activities for SEND children and their families. For those who may not know, the charity was set up by Sam and Hayley in response to the lack of activities for disabled children which has hit some parents very hard, and they rightly feel their intervention helped to ease the pressures for many families. The group has helped families gain the confidence to socialise with others in similar circumstances who understand the challenges of daily life as a special needs parent. The charity provides invaluable help, support and guidance in relieving mental health and anxiety, as well as contributing to children's wellbeing and inclusion giving all children with special needs a feeling of acceptance.

Further information on the group, their forthcoming events and contact details can be found on their LittleSENDSations facebook page.

Phill & Andy
Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.

Heighington FC Youth



Heighington FC Youth is thrilled to announce the start of its new season, marked by the addition of two new teams to its growing family. The club has welcomed the U8's, coached by Gavin Wilson, and the U9's, coached by David Tedar.

These new teams bring fresh energy and talent to the club, further strengthening its commitment to providing quality footballing opportunities for young players in the local community. Both coaches bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to their roles, and are dedicated to developing the skills and passion of their players. As the season unfolds, Heighington FC Youth looks forward to exciting matches, player development, and fostering a positive and inclusive environment for all involved.

For more information, if your child is interested in joining our club, please contact: Helen Collingwood Club Secretary on 07917 698705.



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It's been another busy week as your MP for the Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor Constituency.

I now have part of my staff team in place and we are working incredibly hard to respond to everyone that has been in touch with issues and concerns. We have responded to over 1000 emails and helped close to 500 people with individual cases that include benefit support, housing and education.

I am still in the process of recruiting another caseworker for my constituency office and I hope to have them in place soon. We will continue to work hard to ensure residents receive all the support they need. Thank you to those that have been in touch. You can contact me on alan.Strickland.mp@parliament.uk

Whilst in Westminster, I met with the Director of Hitachi UK to continue my efforts to safeguard the 700 world-class engineering jobs in Newton Aycliffe. We had a positive discussion about the options currently being explored and I'm pleased to see that the Department for Transport have been in active negotiations with the Hitachi management team to address the potential gap in orders. I'll be speaking to Transport Ministers this week to ask for further updates.

I attended a number of key debates in Westminster Hall including the discussion around special educational needs (SEND) provision. This is an issue that's being raised with me regularly. I receive a large volume of emails from concerned parents and it's often raised on the doorstep across our area. I'm pleased Labour has hit the ground running on education reform to start to improve support for children with additional needs. The government has also started to improve the Ofsted rating system, so it's more transparent and fairer for students, families and teachers.

Back in the constituency, I met with Durham County Council's Cabinet and the senior leadership team along with the other County Durham MP's. This was an excellent opportunity to discuss concerns raised from residents such as transport, SEND and housing. I was very concerned to hear about the huge damage that the previous Tory government did to council budgets and the impact this has had on our county.

I also held my first constituency surgery, last week in Ferryhill. It was really useful to sit down with residents and provide face-to-face help with a range of issues. I have further surgeries throughout this month.

My next surgery in Newton Aycliffe is the 20th September 1-3pm. If you'd like to book an appointment, please just drop me an email. Since being elected I've been pro-active in getting out and supporting the many brilliant organisations we are home to across our constituency. I attended Spennymoor Town show on Saturday, also calling in at the Horticultural show and mining museum. Whilst at the show I met with local councillors, charities and police. Then it was off to Ferryhill to a fundraising market in aid of the Mayor's charity. Whilst there I had a chat with Hannah at Brighter Futures to talk about how I can support her efforts in expanding their community pantry. I've got visits lined up in Aycliffe and across the constituency in the coming weeks, please let me know if you're involved in an organisation you'd like me to learn more about.

Another busy week ahead in Westminster, I look forward to updating you all next week.

Alan Strickland

MP for Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor.

Citizens Advice Bureau Celebrate 85 Years

Citizens Advice County Durham is proud to announce its 85th anniversary, marking nearly a century of dedicated service to the people of County Durham. Since its founding in 1939, the charity has provided vital support, advice, and advocacy to thousands of residents, helping them navigate the challenges of daily life.

To commemorate its 85th anniversary, Citizens Advice County Durham will be hosting a series of events to celebrate the charity's history, honour the contributions of its dedicated volunteers and staff, and raise awareness of the services available to the people of County Durham. Originally established during the tumultuous years of World War II, Citizens Advice County Durham began as a small operation focused on helping residents manage wartime difficulties. Over the decades, it has grown into a critical resource for the community, offering free, independent, confidential, and impartial, advice on a wide range of issues, including debt, housing, employment, benefits, and consumer rights.

Edward Pickering, Chief Executive of Citizens Advice County Durham, reflects on this significant milestone: "For 85 years, we have been a trusted source of help and support for the people of County Durham. Our history is rich with stories of individuals and families who have faced difficult circumstances and found a way forward with our help. As we celebrate this anniversary, we also renew our commitment to being here for the community, whatever challenges

the future may bring."

Throughout its history, Citizens Advice County Durham has adapted to the changing needs of its community. From assisting with post-war recovery to addressing modern challenges such as the cost-of-living crisis and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the organisation has remained a steadfast partner to those in need. Last year alone, Citizens Advice County Durham helped over 22,000 people, providing them with the advice and support necessary to improve their lives.

"We are immensely proud of our history and the positive impact we've had on the community," added Edward, "Our success is due to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and staff, who give their time and expertise to support those in need. As we look to the future, we remain committed to ensuring that everyone in County Durham has access to the advice they need to overcome their challenges and move forward. We offer in person advice in fifteen locations across the county along with digital advice via phone, webchat and email." Citizens Advice County Durham would like to thank the community for its ongoing support over the past 85 years. As the charity celebrates this milestone, it also looks forward to continuing its mission to provide essential advice and support to all who need it."

To get advice, donate and learn more about becoming a volunteer, visit: citizensadvicecd.org.uk

Decade of Roman Success in Asia

Roman Ltd, the leading UK shower manufacturer, is delighted to be celebrating a decade of their sales and marketing subsidiary in South East Asia. Roman is thrilled to mark this milestone for Roman Asia and to acknowledge their long-standing relationship with the hotel sector across the Pacific region. Over the last decade, Roman has seen significant expansion across the continent, participating in numerous prestigious projects and developments.

While much of the industry relies on importing products from Asia, Roman has maintained its commitment to British craftsmanship, offering unmatched quality and durability. This commitment to quality and precision has solidified Roman's reputation as a trusted supplier. Their team in Asia works closely with local partners, having developed strong networks in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and The Maldives, Thai-land, Singapore, Philip-pines, Vietnam, New Zealand and Australia. Roman has also cultivated relationships with architects and developers in Malaysia, further establishing their presence in the region. Their participation in the Archidex Show, three times, underscores their active engagement with the design and construction community in Asia. This visibility has helped Roman secure prestigious projects, as international brands with a reputation for reliability are increasingly in demand. Roman has a unique capability in large bespoke projects as it offers a 'one-stop shop' for antislip shower trays; Shower Enclosures or Wetroom systems in an array of metal finishes; as



well as fabricated vanity tops; and integrated wooden furniture. Roman is committed to the circular economy as well as being a member of the United Nations Global Compact, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are embedded in all processes. Roman's environmental credentials added to design and manufacturing capability makes them a compelling specification. Some of Roman Asia's most notable projects include Hotel Indigo in Kuala Lumpur. The upcoming pipeline of exciting projects includes manufacturing shower enclosures for the very prestigious Millen Hotel in Penang. Roman CEO David Osborne commented "We are proud of our achievements in Asia Pacific. We always say that 'capability travels' and that is clearly the case here. British Brands are very well received in Asia and the CPTPP trade deal will further help exports from December. Made in Britain and exported all over the World is a great message and we now have an amazing project pipeline."

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, lost by six wickets away at Redcar 1st XI, which confirmed Aycliffe's relegation to the NYSD 3rd Division after 11 seasons in the 2nd Division. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and looked well placed at 82 for 1 thanks to an excellent innings by 17 year old Tom Dearden (sponsored by Kevin Burton), who top scored with 52 off 42 balls, including 11 boundaries. Adam Gittins continued the good work scoring 41 from 91 balls and in the process became only the third batsmen in the club's history to pass the 7,000 runs landmark, but Aycliffe lost wickets at regular intervals and despite Chris Palmer hitting 17 runs off 34 balls, Aycliffe were bowled out for 171 off 37.2 overs. In reply the home side reached their winning target after 35.4 overs with Luke Telford taking three of the four Redcar wickets to fall. The first team's final game of the season is at home to Middlesbrough 2nd XI on Saturday 14th September at 12.30pm. The club's second team lost by just 16 runs in an excellent game at home to Yarm 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. Yarm were asked to bat first and were bowled out for just 137 after 34.2 overs thanks to some

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excellent bowling by Leon Patel (3 for 23), Leo Mercy (3 for 24) and Matty Greaves (2 for 34). In reply Aycliffe got off to a great start and reached 66 before they lost their first wicket when Matty French was dismissed for 23 off 49 balls. Aycliffe then suffered the all too familiar collapse losing six wickets for just 34 runs. Opener Leo Mercy (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood) batted superbly, top scoring with a patient 30 off 73 balls and Adam Shaw was left stranded at the end with a robust 21 not out off 18 balls, when Aycliffe lost their last wicket with the score on 121 after 31.5 overs. The 2nd team's final game of the season is away at promotion hopefuls Darlington RA 2nd XI on Saturday 14th September at 1pm. *Photo attached of 1st team batsman Adam Gittins who became only the third batsman in the club's history to pass 7,000 senior runs for the club.*

Congratulations

Happy 2nd Birthday Izayer

to our not so little boy, how you are two already is beyond us and you are growing up to be so funny and clever. We enjoy watching you grow every day, lots of love, Mammy and Daddy xxx

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Happy 2nd birthday to our gorgeous Grandson. Lots of love, hugs and kisses from Grandma and Grandad xx
Happy birthday little man. Hope you have a great day. We love watching you grow. Lots of love, Uncle Jack & Auntie Yas xx
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Izzy

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Happy 2nd Birthday Izayer
Enjoy your party and have a great day. Love from Paul, Beverley, JP & family, Carrie & family and Matthew

In Memoriam

Liudmila Richards

25/9/1948 - 5/9/2024
She was born in Odessa then was married and moved to Moscow. After retirement, she lived in England for more than twenty years, ten of which she spent in Campion Court, Newton Aycliffe. In our memory, she will always be the best Wife, Mother and Grandmother. All our love, Malcolm, Irina and Alena. She will be forever in our hearts.

Stephen Ibinson

14-9-2023

A year has gone and I can't believe life will never be the same. The heartache I feel will never go away, I miss you my love as though it was yesterday. Free from pain, rest in peace, love you forever. Sandra

A loving Father, tender and kind, what a beautiful memory you left behind. Missed and loved by us all. Sharon, Denis and Andrew

Obituary

Fred Douthwaite

On 4th September, In hospital, Fred, aged 73 years. Retired Firefighter. A much loved Husband of Judith; loving Dad of Martyn and Simon; a much loved Grandad of Charlie, also a loving brother-in-Law of Brian. Will family and friends please meet for a service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Wednesday 25th September at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to join the family at The Phoenix Club following the service.

Olive Cotton

Formerly of Heighington, died peacefully on 26th August, aged 92 years. Beloved Wife of the late George and a much loved Mum, Gran, Great Gran and friend. Private cremation followed by a Celebration of Olive's Life at St. Michael's Church, Heighington on Monday 23rd September at 12.00pm. Family flowers only please. At Olive's request, please wear blue to reflect her love of the sea.

Acknowledgement

Ronnie Cross

The family of the late Ronnie Cross would like to thank everyone who turned up to give him the send off he deserved. Donations for his chosen charities amounted to £450.00 which will be divided equally between them.

Mary Waine
(nee Bowron)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Mary, aged 76 years, from Heighington, who died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on 29th August. Beloved Wife of the late George Waine; loving Mam of Samantha and David and a doting Nanny to newly arrived Federico; dear Sister to Shaun, Paul, Chris and Dennis; Sister-in-Law to Shirley, Liz, Doreen and loving Auntie also a special friend to Clive. Loved and missed by so many. Funeral service to take place in Darlington Crematorium on Friday 27th September at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent for The Butterwick Hospice c/o Whitehouse Funeral Service.

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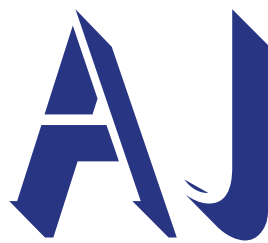
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New Beginnings



Newton Aycliffe Football Club are delighted to announce that a new team has joined us. As part of our commitment to developing young players we have welcomed Newton Aycliffe FC

Under 17's to the Club. The Under 17s team will be playing in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance (TJFA) Division 1 league. Their first game was on Sunday 8th September against Grangetown Boys Club. Their next two games are at home on successive Sundays and will be played on the senior team's pitch at The Ashcourt Group Stadium, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, where supporters are welcome to attend the games to get behind the new team. Newton Aycliffe FC chairman, Allan Oliver, said "I am really pleased to welcome the Under 17's to the Club. These are exciting times for Aycliffe. The senior team is unbeaten so far this season and doing as well as we've ever done in the FA Cup. We have shown, in winning the Northern League and in our first Northern Premier League season, that we are able to bring through junior players into the senior ranks. In the years to come I am sure we will see talented young players from the Under 17 team progress into the Northern Premier League. I'd like to thank their coach, Steven Powell, the players and their parents for committing to Newton Aycliffe Football Club and I look forward to the journey, both on and off the pitch, that lies ahead."

Aycliffe Youth Football News



Over the weekend 7th/8th September most of our 22 teams started a new season.

Aycliffe U10 Wildcats v Bishop Pinks

Debut day for our newest girls teams, after putting in the hard work over the summer. Lots of positives from all ten players as they start the footballing journey.

Aycliffe U8 Eagles v South Park Rangers

A great first game of the season as the boys raced into an early lead with some good goals after some crisp passing. Second half we let the opposition pull a couple of goals back before we composed ourselves again to go on and win the game. Goals scored by Kurtis, Fraser (2) and Luke (4). A good win in the development game too and first matches for Jacob and Seb. Thanks to our sponsor DASS.

Aycliffe U9 Wildcats v Sunderland West End

Great start to the season for the girls. First 7v7 league game for the team and a first competitive game for Millie P, Millie V and Bonnie. Everyone played brilliantly, Millie P, Alice, Layla, Ella (1), Emelia (2), Millie V, Sophie (4) and Bonnie (2).

Aycliffe U10 Eagles v Coulby Newham

The 1st half could easily have yielded a three or four goal lead, with the boys well on top. As tired legs crept in during the second half it was more difficult, but the boys kept going until the end for a single goal win.

Aycliffe U11 Falcons v 21st All Stars

A close game, with both teams having spells in control. Solid defending from both teams including an outstanding one on one save from Harry M saw the game goalless at half time. Allstars had their chances, but were denied by some outstanding saves from Kyle. A fantastic cross by George H saw Zach score the last minute winner. Opposition POM Kyle.

Aycliffe U13 Wildcats 0 v Hartlepool United 4

First game for the girls playing their new format of 11 a-side, and it is taking a bit of getting used to. There were many positive things to take from the game as it ended 0-0 at H-T. It finished 0-4, although we created a few chances, but couldn't force any of them home.

21st All Stars 0 v Aycliffe U14 Girls 3

Brilliant start to the new season with a win and clean sheet. The girls were certainly excited for their first game back, but, at the same time, also looked a bit nervous. The game started with Darlington applying pressure. But the team soon found their feet and secured a brilliant result. MOTM: Payton Teder.

Aycliffe U15 Girls 3 v Felling Magpies 4

An exciting match to start the season. Two down after 30 minutes, but pulled one back before half time by Ebony. We equalised through Amy who controlled with her right and volleyed with her left. Felling got another two but we got another by Amy to finish 3-4 FT. POTM Ebony.

Durham Pumas 2 v Aycliffe U16 Eagles 0

First game playing two divisions higher than last season. The scoreline doesn't do the lads justice. We were passing really well, the lads were finally communicating with each other and the boys were physical winning the ball back time and time again. Disappointing result, but an outstanding performance. MOM Liam.

Other results

- Under 12 Girls 0 v Washington 4
- Darlington FC 4 v Under 15 Angels 2
- Durham 3 v Under 12 Boys 3
- Under 13 Eagles 6 v Grangetown 8
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Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club Weekly Update

It has been a very busy week for Aycliffe Running Club with some excellent performances and PBs and a number of runners taking part in one of the most iconic races there is.

On Thursday 5th September, two members took part in a unique race in the final race of the Muddy Roads 5k series, the HMP Kirklevington 5k. Part of the route includes running inside a prison with no electronic devices allowed. Keith Hatton (30:32) and Sandrine Hewitt (32:30) both represented the club on the night. In the whole series Kevin Greenall finished first in the Men's Over 70 category.

On Saturday 7th September, one member took part in the Howgill Harriers Great Westmorland Trail race, set in the lovely village of Crosby Garrett. Cath McDonnell (1:33:22) continued her excellent year of running for the 7.5 mile course. On the same day, five of our Juniors took part in the Junior Great North Run. Representing the club were Will Allison (setting a new club record of 18:23), Joe Dickinson (19:23), Jenson



Paterson (20:37), Persephone Risbey (21:59) and Isabella Risbey (in a new PB of 23:56). Sunday 8th September saw the return of the iconic Great North Run which sees runners travel from Newcastle heading along to the coast to South Shields. It's a special day for any runner, with a special mention to club legend John Burnside (1:56:30) who has completed every run since it was first set up in 1981. It's amazing doing it once, but John has now completed it 43 times in a row. There were a huge number of positives from the race with members doing it for themselves, raising money for charity or being there to support others in the race. Two even handed out medals to the finishers at the end. Thirty members took part, with Gary O'Connor (1:28:12), Gareth Hamblin (1:29:11 and a new PB), Sam Keenan (1:30:35 and new PB), Kieron O'Connor (1:32:45 and new course PB), Richard Holland (1:38:02), Richard Trowles (1:40:00 undertaking pacing, duties after coming back from injury), Amy Kerman (1:41:53), Stephen Dunn (1:42:03 and new course PB), Anthony Dickinson (1:42:04), Bernadette Cooper (1:42:28 and new PB), Lucy Postle (1:47:23), Mark Bainbridge (1:53:43), Beau-Louise Mason (1:53:58 and a new huge PB and first time below 2 hours) Laura Hudson (1:55:17 and new PB), Tamara Kirk (1:56:13 and a new PB), Alan Boustead (1:56:52), Sammie Metcalfe (1:56:57), Cloe Livermore (1:57:19 and new PB), Richard MacFarlane (2:01:22), Sarah Gill (2:01:54), Zoe Whitewood (2:03:19 in a new PB) Steve Williams (2:08:16 and a new PB), Heather Bainbridge (2:13:38), Kieran Hornsby (2:14:06), Kirsty Sykes (2:17:58), Samantha Harding (2:18:47), Eve Doe (2:25:41), Nici Ingman (2:35:32) and Helen Boyd (4:21:47) all taking part.

At the same time, three members travelled to York for the Vale of York series of races. In the 10k race, Tracey Pickering (1:13:34) was the sole representative for the club. In the half marathon, Richard Campbell (1:26:02) and Daniel Tatham (1:34:37) represented the club with Daniel achieving a huge new personal best for the distance, coming so soon after smashing his 10k PB.

On the same day, two members took part in the New Forest series of races set on a stunning multi-terrain course running through

the heart of the New Forest in the South of England. Representing the club in the half marathon was Richard Tonge (2:35:29) with Kathleen Tonge (1:11:59) taking part in the 10k race.

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 - or our Facebook page. If you would like to chat with someone, then you can email ayclifferrunningclub@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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