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PCP Supports the Environment

Partnership working comes in various forms and the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) recently supported Shaw Trust. Health and wellbeing charity, PCP, donated wooden pallets from their recent renovations to Shaw Trust. Shaw Trust is a leading employment charity, who provide education and training for those starting out and those looking to progress in their jobs.

Gayle Goldsmith, Project Development Manager, said: "As PCP's hydrotherapy pool renovation nears the end, we had a large number of wooden pallets that we needed to dispose. Environmentally, PCP's waste hierarchy encourages us to either 'prevent, re-use, recycle and recover' before we move to disposing of waste. By connecting with Shaw Trust, PCP has enabled these to be reused and recycled."

Shaw Trust Enterprises, based in Seaham, will be repurposing these pallets by making kindling and other useful items that can be used to generate funds at their five-acre horticultural site, which works with adults with learning disabilities from across County Durham.

These funds will also support the team to grow more produce at their Seaham Garden Centre. This produce will be sold to raise funds enabling them to continue to support their activities.



This is just one step PCP have taken to protect the environment. PCP were recently awarded with the Silver Investors in the Environment award, after their application for the Bronze level exceeded expectations. This award encourages PCP to make conscious environmental choices, including repurposing and recycling, and schemes such as passenger mileage for staff, to encouraging car-sharing. Find out more about Shaw Trust here: <https://shawtrust.org.uk> Find out more about PCP, and our work here: www.pcp.uk.net

SPOOKY GOINGS ON THIS HALLOWEEN



The annual Family Spooktacular at ROF59 will take place on Friday 1st November from 5.00pm to 9.00pm, and is heading to be another sold out night of scares, music and Halloween fun. All children attending will receive a goody treat bag and colouring pencils, courtesy of Shake 'n'



Cake - as well as a session on the trampolines and entertainment from resident DJ, Nathan, who will also be giving away various prizes for best fancy dress costumes. A fully stocked bar and refreshments will be available by ROF59.

With the actors in place, the highlight of the event is the established scare walk with a special addition this year of the 'Zombie Room'. Numerous animatronics are used which, at times, you will not be able to differentiate between them and the actors - which will cause many visitors to be unnerved, especially if one of them follows you! 'Zombie Lunch' is a new addition for 2024, which is a room set aside, taken over and designed by the Performing Arts students from Bishop Auckland College. Dare you enter the Zombie room and encounter a group of zombies eating lunch?

Some comments from last years event include: "The best scare walk I have ever experienced"; "Chainsaw guy scared the pants off me"; "This has to be one of the best Halloween events I have attended"; "It was definitely scarier than Scream Factory."

Tickets for this annual scarefest are priced at £15 for under 16's and £10 for ages 16 and over, available at www.ayclifferadio.co.uk/tickets - Please note that under 16's must be accompanied by an adult - See advert on page two for more details.

Cancer Group Coffee Morning

The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group will hold its next Coffee Morning on Friday 18th October 2024 between 10.00am-12noon in the shop and hub in Newton Aycliffe town centre, opposite Savers.

We welcome anyone 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 people 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 from our website:

www.greataycliffecancersupportgroup.co.uk Contact details can be found on the website, or alternatively call 07442 991859.



Contego Appoints New Managing Director

Contego Environmental Services Ltd, a leading provider of pest control services across the UK, is proud to announce the appointment of Holly White as the company's new Managing Director.

Holly, who has been an integral part of the Contego team as Finance Controller, steps into this key leadership role with immediate effect. Holly brings a wealth of experience to her new position, with over 20 years' of experience as both a Public and Private sector Finance professional and as managing director of a hazardous and green energies electrical contracting company. Her leadership experience, coupled with her deep understanding of financial management, makes her uniquely qualified to guide Contego through its next phase of growth and innovation.

Throughout her tenure as Finance Controller at Contego, Holly worked closely with the company's senior leadership team, playing a pivotal role in driving both productivity and customer satisfaction. Her collaborative approach and strategic vision have been instrumental in aligning the company's operational capabilities with its sales and customer service goals.

Michael Taylor, CEO of Contego Environmental Services Ltd, expressed his confidence in Holly's appointment, stating, "Holly White has been a cornerstone of our financial

management and strategic planning at Contego. Her deep understanding of our operations, coupled with her extensive leadership experience, makes her the ideal candidate to lead our company forward. I am confident that under Holly's leadership, Contego will continue to thrive, delivering exceptional service and innovative solutions to our clients.

Commenting on her appointment, Holly White said: "I am thrilled to take on this new challenge at Contego. Having worked closely with the team in my previous role, I have seen first-hand the incredible dedication and expertise that drives our success. I am excited to continue working alongside our talented team to deliver exceptional service to our customers and to lead Contego into its next chapter of growth."

Contego Environmental Services Ltd is renowned for its commitment to delivering high-quality pest control and environmental services to a diverse range of clients across the UK. Under Holly's leadership, the company is poised to continue its expansion and enhance its service offerings, ensuring that customers receive the best possible solutions for their needs.

For more information about Contego Environmental Services Ltd, please visit www.contegoresponse.com






HALLOWEEN PARTY

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Christmas Open Day



Recently Carole King, the finance and administration officer of Endeavour Woodcraft CIC, joined me in the studio to discuss the fabulous work they do in providing a day care service for adults with learning difficulties and mental health issues, based at the old fire station in Ferryhill, County Durham. We decided to return the favour and pay them a visit to meet up with some old friends who are service users, and meet some of the staff and volunteers who do such a fantastic job.

Their workshop was busy creating all manner of festive themed goods that will be available and for sale on their Christmas Open Day on Saturday 16th November in order to miss the usual hectic Christmas rush. We were able to persuade the service users to take time out from their busy schedule to pose for a photograph with Andy and myself as a way for them to thank everyone for their continued support and best wishes, from the service users, volunteers and staff at Endeavour Woodcraft.

Phill & Andy
Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.

Government Save Aycliffe Coherent Plant



Defence Secretary John Healey MP visited Aycliffe to announce the government has acquired the semi-conductor plant in Aycliffe Business Park.

The factory, which was originally opened by Queen Elizabeth in 1991 as a Fujitsu plant, was at risk of closure after owners Coherent put the facility up for sale. 100 highly skilled jobs were at risk.

Mr Healey was welcomed to Aycliffe by new Member of Parliament Alan Strickland, who had been in talks about the future of the factory for some time. The Ministry of Defence stepped in to protect the production of semi-conductors, which are vital to the defence supply chain.

Alan Strickland MP said: "After months of work behind the scenes with Labour's defence team I'm absolutely delighted that we have secured the future of this world-class plant. The government has stepped in to save the 100 jobs and will be investing to grow work and opportunities there in the coming years."

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Autumn Exhibitions

Two thought-provoking exhibitions will provide first-hand insights into the experiences of young people in care and those with disabilities in the workplace.

Art Cares and Invisible Visible both opened at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Wednesday 11th September.

Originally displayed in bus shelters across the region as part of the Art Stops project, Art Cares brings together 29 unique artworks by young people who have experienced living in care. The artworks share the young people's thoughts, feelings, and passions, while celebrating their diversity and sending out a clear message - 'We are people, not problems'.



The exhibition will be on display in the Main Gallery at the Durham County Council venue, where visitors can also watch a documentary created by the young people about how art and creativity support them to express their emotions.

In the Strong Room Gallery, meanwhile, Invisible Visible invites an unflinching foray into the individual and collective experiences of those with disabilities in the workplace.

Created by Hope Caitlin Simpson, a 23-year-old poet, photographer and visual artist from Bishop Auckland, the exhibition details seven unique and anonymous first-hand accounts of being disabled in the workplace. Each account is translated into visual language to spark conversations around a topic that is often treated as taboo.

Hope, who has been chronically ill since the age of 11, said: "Being disabled can feel akin to being both invisible and hyper visible, without ever really feeling seen. I've spent most of my teenage years and those of a young adult, feeling the constant pressure to make myself smaller in order to fit into the world around me."

"This collection speaks to the reality that there is much more we can do in the world to make space and I hope those who can see themselves represented, can know their value is in every part of themselves."

Hope created Invisible Visible in collaboration with the social enterprise organisation, Changing Relations, Bishop Auckland Town Hall and Durham University.

The exhibitions will be open to the public from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm, until Saturday 30th November.

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Newton Aycliffe Juniors

Under 8's Blues hosted Billingham Juniors Blues and, true to form, were quick off the blocks. Nate helped himself to four goals, with Carter and Alex also scoring. Opposition MOTM went to Carter, who even received a medal from their manager in what was a classy touch. Coaches MOTM was Nate for implementing pass and move excellently from the training ground.

Under 8's travelled to Skelton, against a particularly good side Aycliffe put in an amazing performance to make everyone proud. Goals from Cooper, Oliver, Harry, Alfie and Joey. A special mention to Theo and Ollie in defence, who were both outstanding.

Under 9's Juniors travelled to St. Mary's Bishops in a great physical match, which saw the whole team 100% committed. Goals from Linc, Conner and Flynn. MOTM went to Kaeson for a great defensive performance and keeping a cool head.

Under 9's Reds sporting a Stoma Aware armband in support of little Jack from Peterlee, who is 9 and has a Stoma, played against Hartlepool St Francis. After a slow start, Aycliffe scored goals from Oliver (2) and Ollie. MOTM was awarded to Oliver and parents MOTM went to Jack.

Under 9's Reds faced Darlington Spraire Lads at South Park in a friendly game that saw Ollie grab four goals and Thomas scored two. MOTM was the full team.

Under 10's Whites entertained Bedale in an early morning kick off. Aycliffe used the full squad to their advantage and scored a great goal. MOTM was Freddie for stepping up to play in goal at the last minute and Franco for being full of energy and never giving up.



Under 10's travelled to Saltburn in what was a good game. Aycliffe scored the goals through Noah A (2), William P and Eddie M. MOTM was Georgie Ray for an excellent performance in defence. The highlight of the development game was Alfie F scoring his first goal for the team.

Under 11's Reds played against Darlington in a feisty game, with both teams committed to every tackle. Charlie, Oliver T and Koa scored the goals for a great result.

Under 11's Blacks travelled to face Skelton Reds, Aycliffe started slow, but Liam B was in fine form in goal. Changes in the second half saw JJ grab two goals for Aycliffe, which were assisted by Alfie S and Jack B. POTM was awarded to both Liam B and Alfie S. Liam playing superbly in goal and Alfie was tireless again.

Under 12's Whites had a tough day, going down 0-4 at home to Felling Magpies Blacks, despite showing some promising football, Aycliffe could not get the result they wanted. MOTM was Harry C. **Under 12's Blacks** played a strong Eaglescliffe Elementis Yellows, Aycliffe put in a good battling performance, but could not get the result they wanted. MOTM was Kai who never stopped running and Arron for some outstanding goalkeeping.

Under 13's Whites played their first home game of the season against Shildon, coming away with a fantastic 3-1 victory. The goals were scored by James and Oliver (2). MOTM was Ethan for taking control of every position he played.

Under 13's returned to league action and winning ways, with a hard-fought victory over Riverside Juniors Blues. A superb first half performance led to a 4-0 lead at the break. An improved performance from Riverside got them back into the game, but Aycliffe held on for a 5-3 win. Goals from Jonah (4) and Dom. With Dom & Will grabbing two assists each and Shay the other.

Under 13's entertained Whitby in what was a tight game, just short losing 2-1, with the goal coming from Layton W. MOTM was Sam.

Under 16's Whites entertained Darlington TSC and ended up drawing 1-1 in a game where both sides matched each other. Adam scored Aycliffe's goal, with Ollie winning MOTM.

Under 16's Blacks hosted Spennymoor Town Knights in their first home game of the season. In a well-matched game, both teams started well with a strong & fast paced game, however, it was Spennymoor who come away with a 0-3 win. MOTM, chosen by the opposition, was Danny.

Under 23's ran out 7-0 winners away at North Bitchburn, Aycliffe dominated the game and had numerous chances to score more goals. The goals were scored by Damo (2), Harvey, Sam B, Sam W, Sean R and Noah. MOTM was awarded to Damo.

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This week sees the launch of Durham & Darlington Police annual survey looking at your experience of crime and your connection to your local community. The data from the survey goes into a report which we publish on the website and use to help prioritise our work. This year we're working with academic staff at the University of Northumbria who have provided some optional questions at the end of the survey related to health. This is linked to their studies on fear of crime and health outcomes.

The survey takes about ten minutes to complete and, if you can spare the time, we really hope that you will make your views known to us - it really is appreciated!

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Rothman's Reunion

The Rothman's Pensioners Reunions will take place this year in Darlington and Spennymoor
Darlington: Cleveland Club, Neasham Road, Darlington from 1pm-6pm on Wednesday 27th November 2024, please contact Ken on 01325 492653 and Liz on 07484 172619.

Spennymoor: Spennymoor Workingmen's Club, King Street from 1pm-6pm on Thursday 28th November, please contact Shelia on 01388 810657.

Please contact Giulio on 01325 300942 for either event.

Because of the change of arrangements with BAT this year, there will be a small charge of £5 to cover the cost of the buffet etc and we would be grateful for any donation on the day towards the raffle.

To confirm attendance, please contact the reunion organisers and also to ensure the buffet is adequately covered.

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Don't suffer in silence from neighbourhood harassment.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, I receive a considerable amount of correspondence concerning neighbourhood harassment from victims who are dissatisfied with how the police and partners are dealing with their problems. Harassment is affecting a lot of people in our communities. In one year, there can be over 4,000 incidents of harassment reported to the police.

Resident's homes should be places where they feel safe and secure. Sadly, I know only too well, after meeting with victims alongside my Victims Champion, that this is not always the case. Victims of harassment can be subjected to regular and, sometimes daily, harassment and intimidation from their neighbours and this harassment can go unresolved for years. Neighbourhood harassment can take many forms, from verbal abuse and intimidation to more subtle forms of bullying, such as social exclusion or property damage. Living in such close proximity to one another, it's no surprise that disputes with neighbours can get heated and unpleasant quite quickly.

Common types of neighbour disputes:

- noise, such as loud music and barking dogs
- unpleasant remarks, name calling, threats, physical violence, damage to property or possessions.
- parking
- property boundaries
- overgrowing trees and hedges
- children playing in the street

Victims have told us how they feel like prisoners in their own homes, dreading encounters with those who are making their lives miserable.

The psychological impact of such harassment can be profound, leading to feelings of helplessness, depression, and long term mental health issues.

Victims of harassment have been suffering in silence for too long. Unsure of who or where to turn for help or fearing that speaking out will only exacerbate their situation. As a result, those experiencing harassment often feel isolated, ignored and disbelieved.

Everyone has the right to live in peace in their own home without the fear of being bullied, harassed or intimidated by neighbours. The emotional and psychological toll of living in a hostile environment can lead to a decline in overall well-being. Not forgetting the victims children who can be deeply affected by the stress and anxiety that comes from living in a tense household, which can affect their development and mental health.

To raise awareness and improve signposting (so residents know which agency to report harassment to) I have rolled out 'Anti-Social Behaviour Don't Suffer in Silence' campaign to encourage victims to come forward and seek help from the correct agency, request case reviews and appeal decisions.

By raising awareness and fostering open communication, we can help those suffering in silence to reclaim their homes and their lives so they can once again live in peace and free from harassment.

How to resolve a neighbour dispute:

1. Try to solve the problem informally by talking to them as soon as possible.
2. If your neighbour is a tenant, you could contact their landlord.
3. You could use a mediation service, if raising the issue informally does not work.
4. If the dispute involves a statutory nuisance (something like loud music or barking dogs), you can make a complaint to your local council.
5. Contact the police if your neighbour is breaking the law by being violent or harassing you.
6. As a last resort, you can take legal actions through the courts.

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Whitby Town 0 v Newton Aycliffe 1

Newton Aycliffe carried on their tremendous run in the Isuzu FA Trophy with a victory over NPL Premier stalwarts Whitby Town. It was another game where Aycliffe were the underdogs on paper, but they won the game with style and the 1-0 score line didn't truly reflect how dominant Aycliffe were throughout the game. The win has set up a local derby at Stockton Town in the First Round Proper on Saturday 26th October.



Aycliffe did have an early scare when Joseph Gibson fired a wide shot early in the first half, Nathan Thomas tried to get the ball, but couldn't keep it in, however. Promising Aycliffe play, shortly after, saw Cole Kiernan fire wide from very close range. Whitby had another chance courtesy of Jake Charles, Charles attempted to maneuver the ball around Jim Pollard, but Pollard once again utilised great reflexes to keep the score at 0-0. Dean Thexton, Cole Kiernan, Liam Jarvie and Cieran Jackson all had chances in the first half, but were either denied by Shane Bland (arguably Whitby's only standout player) or had their shots blocked by Whitby defenders.

Aycliffe ended the first half the much brighter side, and both Jarvie and Jackson had good chances early in the second half. Substitute Wayne Whitfield also had two chances, but both went high. At this point, Aycliffe could have realistically been at least three goals up, but Whitby stubbornly held on. Whitby's biggest chance came when Aaron Haswell's cross was picked up by Stephen Walker, Walker, however, cockily went for a backheel shot, which turned out to be a very poor decision when Pollard made yet another brilliant save to deny the Whitby forward. It seemed this was Whitby's final onslaught and now Aycliffe were once again in full possession. Returning forward Liam Jarvie had been a nuisance for Whitby all game and, whilst Bland dealt with his initial shot whilst one on one, Jarvie was quick to poach the ball into the back of the net to send the travelling Aycliffe support and Aycliffe bench into rapture. With the goal coming in the 84th minute, it was game set and match for Aycliffe who had thoroughly outclassed Whitby for the games entirety, creating yet another memorable day that Aycliffe fans will look back on fondly for many years to come.

After a Durham Challenge Cup game at Hebburn Town, Aycliffe return to league action at Moore Lane on Saturday 12th October when Brighouse Town will be the visitors.

Match report by Ryan Livingston. Photo credit - Brian Murfield (Whitby Town) Liam Jarvie celebrates his winning goal at Whitby Town.

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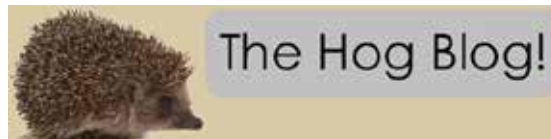
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I don't know where to begin this week, so I will tell you about Willow, she is a very small hedgehog brought in by Carol and Glenn last Thursday. They visited a caravan park about an hour away, when they saw this little hog out in the open looking at them, shivering in the cold. They immediately picked her up and they found my number. I said I was full, I agreed to take her in and what a shock I got! She was a mere 170g with fly eggs on her, I cleaned her up and started meds and I am glad to say she is doing ok for a little one. The poor lass would have been out all day in the cold looking for help, not even big enough to be without her mum or siblings, an hours journey straight to me, then the awful sound of my suction machine. Fly eggs are very bad for hedgehogs, flies lay eggs, hatch into maggots and eat big and small hogs, dead or alive. Very unpleasant, to say the least, speed is of the essence generally, but even more urgency when fly eggs are on a hog, the warmer the hog, the faster the eggs hatch into maggots. Carol and Glenn saved this beautiful little one's life, that's for sure.

When you see a hedgehog out in the day, please get them help, firstly, put them in a high sided box with towels or something so they can hide, they are very scared of humans, bring them indoors, then if they try to do a runner they won't get far, seek help from The British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801, they have a list of rehabbers, including me, on their database. Rehabbers never close, I work from home. If I can't admit a hedgehog, for whatever reason, I can provide help. All my rescued hedgehogs will not be leaving here before spring, the weather conditions are horrendous with no dry bedding and the temperatures will get colder. No time to build nests for hibernation which generally starts in November.

I hope to meet as many of you as possible at Tesco this week, I have some beautiful things on offer, an advent calendar with some beautiful gifts behind the doors, Hazel has made some lovely carvings, June says she will be with me and I have just found out that a lovely lady is making a Christmas Cake for a raffle prize, lots of other nice bits and pieces too, including some leaflets for you.

Can I say finally a big thanks to everyone who has donated food and money, very much appreciated! I have more than 20 here that won't be leaving this year.

Also Antony Burak, I can't respond to your message, but I am delighted with your hog houses, please get in touch if you need anything, this applies to everyone who loves these beautiful mammals.

My Facebook Page is Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel, Email: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com

Photo: Please say Hello to Willow.

Aycliffe Youth Football News

Aycliffe U13 Wildcats 4 v Washington Athletic 1

Aycliffe scored after two minutes when Sophie won three tackles on the edge of the box before hitting one into the top corner. Imogen scored when she placed her shot into the bottom corner. She robbed the ball off their keeper to tap in her second. Evie scored with her first touch after coming on as sub. The visitors scored just before half time. HT and FT 4-1.

Durham United Leopards v Aycliffe U10 Wildcats

A tough game against one of the top sides in the division, but the girls held their own against a more experienced side. The performances are getting better every week and it won't be long before the results follow.

Eaglescliffe 5 v Aycliffe U13 Eagles 1

Started with ten, battled hard, took a deserved lead and only got pegged back to 1-2 at HT - were able to field 11 for the second half, but the exertions of the first half caught up and a very good EE team began to assert finally winning 1-5. All credit to the lads for battling like they did POTM Jake Leadbitter and special mention to Harry Williams stepping into goal.

Aycliffe U15 Angels 8 v Bishop Girls 1

A game played in good spirits with loads of fair play on show. Goals from Charli (2), Hannah (2), Poppy, Eveie, Isobel & Faith. Star players, Hannah and Heidi.

Riverside Madrid v Aycliffe U9 Eagles

The boys started well and were unlucky to find themselves one nil down. However, after a well worked move, Ollie scored to get the game level. The boys worked hard, however couldn't score a second and eventually lost the match.

Aycliffe U9 Wildcats v Cleveland Hall

Another good performance from the girls. Great to watch them develop every week as a team. Some excellent team goals. Willow, Phoebe, Hannah, Emily, Emelia (2), Millie V, Matilda(2), Layla, Alice and Ella (3).

Kader FC v Aycliffe U10 Eagles

Another exciting game of football for the U10's Eagles this week against Kader FC U10's. The boys were leading 3-0 at half time, but it wasn't that type of game and Kader were applying most of the pressure. All three goals came from counter attacks with Ahmed bagging a hat trick off bottom corner strikes against the run of play. Kader pressed in the second half, but the boys stayed strong and ground out a win.

Aycliffe U14 Eagles 1 v Stokesly 2

Aycliffe were the better team first half, the visitors edged second, done by a long range shot and a corner. Their manager said a draw would have been a fair result, second time that's been said this season. First half, we had some play down the left, Lucas back in the swing straight away, linking up with Dan K and Jack V. They had a few bursts forward, but the defence and Louie dealt with them. MOM was Leiland.

Chester Town Sapphires 1 v Aycliffe U14 Girls 5

The opening fifteen minutes was the girls' strongest period of the match. Aycliffe dominated possession, kept CTS pinned in their own half and were rewarded two goals from Payton. HT 2-1. Aycliffe finished strong with three goals in the last fifteen minutes. POTM: Layla. Players Player: Payton.

Other results:

Aycliffe U18 Eagles 3 v Hurworth 2

Skelton 2 v Aycliffe U15 Boys 4

Cleveland Hall 5 v Aycliffe U12 Girls 2

Aycliffe U18 girls 3 v Consett 7.



St. Francis' Try Something New



The children of St. Francis' Junior School were lucky enough to have a visit from Megan, from Go Well, this week. She was introducing a new activity - Blaze Pods!

The children were so excited as the lights flashed and they had to compete to be quicker than their opponent. A few children really shone brightly and even beat Megan a couple of times! Megan was so impressed with our children, saying that she loved every minute of her visit.

Marathons Completed



On Sunday 6th October, at the OakLeaf Sports Complex running track, Niamh and I completed our individual marathons.

Niamh, on her bicycle, and myself, running in aid of the Dogs Trust. To date we have raised £210 and would like to thank everyone who have donated and supported us.

Also, a big thank you to those who ran with us to help us on our way.

It is not too late to donate at: www.justgiving.com/page/aycliffemarathon
Thank you.

Justin Adam Hindmarch.

World Record Attempt

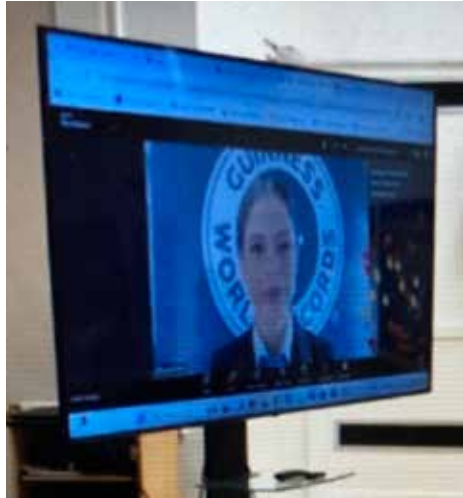
On Thursday 3rd October, pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School took part in a Guinness World Record Attempt.

In a rare opportunity, to mark National Poetry Day, the pupils joined published poet, Laura Mucha, and thousands of other children across the world, to attempt to break the record for the largest poetry lesson (multi-venue) ever. In order to comply with the strict Guinness World Records criteria, every pupil had to be counted as they entered

the hall for the poetry lesson. A member from the Guinness Book of Records told the pupils about the record attempt and the important rules they had to follow. Then, the poetry lesson began. The theme of National Poetry Day was 'counting' so collaboratively (through the use of online voting) the pupils wrote a poem based on this.

A Year 5 pupil stated, "I never imagined I would ever be part of something like this, I really hope we break the record."

As the theme of the day was counting, the pupils came to school dressed in outfits linked to this. The official from Guinness World Records promised to give a result once all the schools have sent in their video evidence. The pupils can't wait to find out the result.



Water Polo Club Latest News

Sedgefield Water Polo Club sent a young team of just nine players to Dunfermline, Scotland, on Sunday 1st September, to participate in the first BMC Cup U14's Autumn Festival in memory of the late Brian Campbell, an influential figure in the world of Scottish water polo.

The day began with a match against Menziehill which resulted in an amazing 10-1 win; this success continued into the next game against Warrender where there was another win; this time 9-2. This then allowed the team to enter the play offs where, unfortunately, their winning streak ended. In this round, they had a 7-6 loss against Stirling and a 5-2 loss against Stingrays. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the tournament. The team, coached by Paul, played outstandingly well together and came away in a very well deserved fourth place; a special mention to Dylan who proceeded to win the 'goalkeeper of the tournament' award for some resilient goal keeping displays and fantastic saves.

Thanks to the parents who made the long drive up to Dunfermline to support the team. 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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Conference recess is now over and Parliament is once again sitting. I've been working hard in the constituency and Westminster throughout the recess period, dealing with incoming queries and issues. I've had several good local wins for residents, including backdated Pension Credit claims, some of which are in the thousands. Close to 800,000 people across the country are entitled to Pension Credit, but don't claim it. I would encourage everyone to check their eligibility for Pension Credit here: <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>

I've been working around the constituency, meeting organisations and charities since becoming your Member of Parliament. Last week I met with the chief executive of Believe housing. We have roughly 1,300 homes in the constituency that are owned by this housing association. I get a lot of housing related casework, so it was a good opportunity to raise these issues in person with the organisation. As a former housing association director myself, we spoke about the challenges facing the sector and how I could help as the local MP.

I am back in Parliament this week and we look set for a busy legislative period. Several bills are currently progressing through parliament, these include:

Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill - This Bill will take railway services into public ownership when the private contracts end. This change will tackle delays, cancellations and unreliable rail services.

Great British Energy Bill - The purpose of this Bill is to create a publicly owned energy company that will help our transition towards net zero, create well-paying jobs and get our energy bills down. Just last week we saw a £22bn investment in carbon capture and storage in Teesside. This will create 4,000 good, local jobs.

Budget Responsibility Act - A Bill to impose rules on the Treasury and the Office for Budget Responsibility to respect fiscal rules. This means we can never again have the disaster of Liz Truss style reforms that brought our country to its knees and sent mortgages through the roof.

Renters Reform Bill - A major reform to our housing sector that will see an end to no-fault evictions and new rights for renters that include the right to own a pet. It will also allow tenants to challenge unfair rent increases, which is often raised locally with me.

Water Special Measures Bill - This Bill will allow the government to block the bonuses of executives who pollute waterways and ensure the independent monitoring of every outlet. The previous government allowed water companies to release sewage into our rivers.

These are just a few of the draft laws currently laid before parliament and it shows our commitment to deliver on the priorities that matter to us and our area. I look forward to supporting these measures when they come to the House of Commons.

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Handmade crafts by Bernadette, tombola, raffle and buffet provided by Cafe HQ. Tickets are £15 each and available from the Phoenix Club and Bernadette Clark via email: bernadette-22@hotmail.com

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Many thanks.
Margaret Lee.

Shake Down for Scarlet!



On Sunday 6th October, Newton Aycliffe based kart racer Scarlet Whitaker Dunn attended Teesside Autodrome for a day of testing on her new MS Junior Pro-Kart. Her new kart is quite a contrast from what she has been used to, in that it is more powerful due to the twin Honda GX200 engines and more grip from its wider wheels and tyres. For the last two years, Scarlet has been racing in the highly competitive Honda Cadet 200cc class, but has relished the opportunity to step up to a bigger and faster kart.

It was apparent that Scarlet was enjoying the new kart from the outset, as her lap times tumbled as she adjusted to the better brake and improved grip.

"I love the Pro-kart, especially the new brake, which I find is very reliable and responsive, I thoroughly enjoyed the shake down and look forward to being able to race the kart," said Scarlet.

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

Roman at UN Summit



Last Tuesday, Roman CEO David Osborne participated in a panel at the United Nations Global Compact Annual Summit, held at the historic London Guildhall. This prestigious event brought together leaders and change-makers from a wide array of industries to discuss and share ideas on how to accelerate progress towards collective sustainability goals. The summit featured thought-provoking discussions, focusing on how businesses can contribute to addressing critical global issues like climate change, inequality, and responsible supply chains.

As the world approaches the midpoint of the UN's 'Decade of Action', there is an urgent need to deliver on sustainability commitments to avoid the worst impacts of environmental degradation and societal inequality. Despite ongoing efforts, progress remains too slow and, in some areas, it has even begun to reverse. This reality heightens the need for business professionals to be both equipped and empowered with innovative and effective solutions to navigate the complexities ahead. The summit was packed with dynamic and meaningful conversations, ranging from panel discussions to fireside chats, hands-on workshops, and networking opportunities. The emphasis was on offering strategic, output-oriented insights that could help bridge the gap between ambition and action. Business leaders, policymakers, and sustainability advocates, were able to connect and collaborate, focusing on real-world applications and tangible strategies for creating sustainable and resilient business practices.

During one of the key sessions, David Osborne joined Ruth Chapman from Dulas and Deborah Graham-Wilson from Eland Cables. The discussion centred on the pressures that companies, particularly SMEs, face in balancing customer expectations, regulatory requirements, and sustainability initiatives. David and Deborah shared their personal experiences of juggling these demands, especially when navigating the complexities of supply chain sustainability and reporting. They provided an honest look into the challenges of managing everyday business needs while meeting growing sustainability targets.

Their discussion deeply resonated with attendees, many of whom are also dealing with similar challenges in their respective industries. By sharing real-world examples and practical advice, David and his co-panellists helped foster a greater understanding of how to align business strategies with broader environmental and social objectives. David commented that "It was a great honour to be involved – and in such a wonderful setting. Very clearly, lots for all of us to do to achieve the change required."

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Senior Football

Newton Aycliffe Youth Seniors 2 v Chester-le-Street Reserves 2

The visitors were sitting 4th in the league, after a good start to their season. There was nothing to really report in the first half with both of Aycliffe's debutants looking good. The game was very scrappy and the only talking point was a Chester-le-Street player being yellow carded and sin binned with 30 seconds of the half to go. Into the 2nd half and CLS were awarded a penalty, which they converted with 30 minutes to go. Aycliffe were then awarded a penalty when Tom Kelly was wiped out by their keeper. The Chester player that was booked in the first half went too far in questioning the ref, which resulted in his second yellow and was sent off, their keeper was also yellow carded for the challenge. Niall stepped up and slotted home the penalty, when going to retrieve the ball, Niall was booked, but at the same time one of their lads was shown a yellow for dissent, instead of leaving it, he continued with the ref and was shown a second yellow. At 11 v 9, Aycliffe should have been the side pushing for the winner, but they lost their discipline allowing CLS to add a second with five minutes to go. Then Ryan Groves turned his man and found the bottom corner, 2-2. Again, Niall went to get the ball back, their keeper pushed him over, the ref booked both, resulting in red cards. Aycliffe pressed to find a winner in the remaining minutes, but could not find an opening.

Darlington FC 6 v NAYFC Women 1

Aycliffe knew coming into the game that they were the underdogs, against a team who are pushing for promotion and, despite the scoreline, Aycliffe were in the game for large parts of the match. They held Darlington for twenty five minutes, created the best chance of the match early on, and were unlucky to hit the post twice. The game shifted in the last fifteen minutes as they conceded a few goals, they know we could have prevented. There were moments where the passing and attacking play was the best of the season. The goal was brilliantly taken by Kate Williams, who beat the defence for pace and slotted past the keeper from the edge of the box. Player of the match was Bethany Mulhearn.

Calling Crafters

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Will family and friends please meet for service at Wear Valley Crematorium Chapel on Thursday 17th October 2024 at 11.30am. A private interment will follow.
Family flowers only please.
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In Memoriam

Alan Herbert

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William Stevens
(Bill)

Passed away on 20th September 2024, aged 89 years. Beloved Husband of Cynthia; loving Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and Uncle. Private cremation. There will be a celebration of his life on 16th October at The Navy Club. All are welcome.

Isla Lawrie



Passed away peacefully on 28th September 2024, Isla, aged 81 years. Much loved Partner of Bob; a loved Mum of Maureen, Debra and David; a dear Mother-in-Law of Den and a cherished Nanna of Evie. Funeral service to take place in Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd October at 11.30am. All are welcome, please meet at the Crematorium.

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RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It has been another very busy week for Aycliffe Running Club with the return to autumn racing and that means cross country running. A special mention for one of our Juniors, Will Allison, who recently took part in the schools' cross country and finished joint first. This means that he has progressed to the County finals on 24th October and we will keep our fingers crossed for another excellent performance. On Saturday 5th October, one member travelled to Kielder to take part in the Kielder 10k, with Steve Williams running an excellent race and getting below one hour in a time of 56:57. At the same time, one of our members took part in the Duathlon, incorporating running and cycling. Fresh from the Berlin marathon, Trevor Dixon (2:25:49) finished in a brilliant third overall. Sunday 6th October, saw the return of the NYSD Cross Country League and the first fixture at Acklam. There were an amazing 38 members representing the club across all age ranges. In the Under 11 Boys' race, Joe Dickinson (7:16), Elijah McLuckie (8:39) and Elijah Turnbull (9:04) represented the club. In the Under 13 Boys' race, Ryan Cooper (11:36) was the sole representative for the club. Luke Walker (11:48) was the sole representative for the club in the Under 15 Boys' race. In the Senior Women's race, Bernadette Cooper (27:00), Emma Lawson (28:33), Sarah Gill (30:48), Shelley Ramsey (32:44), Susan Blackburn-Rees (33:02), Lucy Heron (33:19), Cath McDonnell (33:21), Carley Cooper (33:59), Sandrine Boinet-Hewitt (34:58), Kelly Dickinson (35:11), Anne Kellett (36:47), Melanie Varley (38:00), Em Flynn (40:27), Viv Williams (40:31), Kathleen Tonge (40:31) and Tracey Pickering (44:18) all represented the club. In the Senior Men's race, John Firby (38:54), Matt Muir (42:38), Andrew Sedgwick (44:06), Martin Turnbull (44:36), Ian Payne (45:10), Daniel Tatham (48:16), Martin Sedgwick (49:26), Matt Heron (51:10), Andy Talbot (52:43), Thomas Heywood (56:38), Salv McDonnell (57:43) and Keith Hatton (59:38) represented the club. In the Men's Over 65 category, Trevor Needham (28:24) finished first and John Burnside (31:04) third, with Steve Williams (33:05), Rob Nicholson (34:21) and Richard Tonge (36:57) also representing the club. In the Men's Over 70 race, Kevin Greenall (36:08) was the sole runner for the club. On the same day, three members travelled to Kielder in Northumberland to take part in the Kielder Half Marathon. This sees runners run 13.1 miles around the reservoir with some challenging elevation. Representing the club were Gary O'Connor (1:36:06), Kieron O'Connor (1:44:16) and Tamara Kirk (2:03:02). At the same time, one member took part in the challenging Peshaw 10k which sees runners finish at the top of Peshaw Hill. Jean-Pierre Hupin (1:18:07) was the sole representative for the club. On Saturday 28th September, 38 members started their weekend with a parkrun. At Durham, Jimmy Agnew set a new PB of 20:58 in his 25th ever parkrun with Trevor Agnew (23:01) also setting a new course PB. Deborah Kell (27:48) also completed the course for the first time. At Hackworth, there was a brilliant turnout from the club to see Tony Collins (38:19) complete his 250th ever parkrun, a fantastic achievement. At Keswick, John Surtees (17:00) finished fifth, with Salv McDonnell (26:15) and Cath McDonnell (28:08) completing the course for the first time. At Northallerton, Lou Mann (37:59) completed the course for the first time. A special mention for Matt Heron (22:38) who continued his North American journey by finishing second at Duffins Trail in Ajax, Canada. 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.

When Choice Becomes God

Dear Sir,
 Last weekend I watched a programme on BBC about assisted dying and there was a lot of talk about the right to choose, I think I have heard this before, I believe in the right to life, which comes from God, there is no question of choice. This choice is on a slippery slope. The beginnings at first were merely a subtle shift in the basic attitude of the physicians. It started with the acceptance of the attitude, basic in the euthanasia movement, that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived. State-assisted suicide would have devastating outcomes for the most vulnerable and marginalised people in Britain. Last week it emerged that an assisted suicide bill will be brought forward in the House of Commons, following a private member's bill ballot last month. The Bill, from Labour's Kim Leadbeater - who placed first in the ballot - would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medications to terminally ill people. Improving the care that people with terminal illnesses receive should be a political priority. However, 'assisted dying' must not be part of the answer. Legalising this practice would undermine suicide prevention, damage the bond of trust between doctors and patients, fuel negative attitudes towards individuals with serious health conditions and disabled people, and see marginalised Britons choosing to end their lives because they lack sufficient health and welfare support. We believe the state has a moral duty to protect the public from these outcomes. Better support for Hospice care, killing the vulnerable is not the answer. In 2015, MPs overwhelmingly rejected a change in the law. Even MPs who supported the idea of assisted suicide in principle said they did not believe it is possible to legislate for it without endangering vulnerable Britons. The strong evidence for this position has not changed in the intervening years. In fact, reports from Canada, the Benelux countries, Australia, and the United States, paint a troubling picture of how these laws operate in practice. We would urge MPs to heed critics' concerns and say no to assisted suicide. There is a better path forward.
 Vince Crosby.

Save the Date

Our popular monthly fundraising event 'Coffee, Cake & Stuff' will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.
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Making a Difference



The theme of this week's show is making a difference, and our two guests this week certainly go the extra mile to make a difference and impact on people's lives in a positive way. Local council officer Lee Williams regularly raises money for various charities by cycling around our region. He admitted he does it for his own health and wellbeing, but uses his passion for cycling to raise awareness and much needed funds for many worthwhile causes. Lee's most recent good cause is Combat Stress which offers unique and specialist services to veterans with complex physical, mental and emotional health conditions.

We also had Mark Solan in the studio with us. Mark is the founder and CEO of the Team Solan Connor Fawcett Cancer Trust and he was our guest back in June, he agreed to join us again to bring us up to date with the trust's continued growth, the increased demands on the organisation by their service users, and recent developments with sponsorship and volunteers joining the team. Mark also took the time to share with us a bit of personal news in that he now has official confirmation of his ADHD with some OCD thrown in for good measure. When we asked Mark how he felt about the diagnosis, he said "It's who I am, a part of my personality, and anyone who knows me didn't need to be told I have ADHD, but it's nice to get official confirmation".
Phill & Andy.
Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.

Fujitsu Opening



Dear Sir,
As Mayor in 1991, I was present when HM The Queen opened Fujitsu. So, yes, I and my Mayoress certainly remember it well. I am not sure about the 'older' bit, I was only 32! Irrespective of the other issues(!) going on in national politics, I welcome very much, the Government, in effect, buying the Semi Conductor plant, it is definitely in our national and strategic interest, well done to our MP and Government.
Councillor Arun M Chandran.

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