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Charity Night Raised £2,300 & Breaks Poppy Appeal Record



Left to right: Rtn Angela Stevenson, Rotary Club President Geoff Batchelor, Poppy Appeal Organiser Dave Preston, Trish Reed and British Legion Asst. Secretary Tommy Palmer.

Thanks to a Rotary Club Charity Night at the British Legion the Newton Aycliffe Poppy Appeal for 2013 will be a record. Club President Geoff Batchelor accompanied by Rotarian Angela Stevenson presented a cheque this week for over £1150 to Poppy Appeal organiser Dave Preston. Trish Reed's head shave on the night contributed £1300 in sponsorship money which was a remarkable achievement and she thanks all those who gave their support.

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"We have held a number of charity nights in the British Legion Club who give their

JSB Take Over Failed Bus Route

John Brunskill owner of JSB Travel, who has operated a private bus service in Newton Aycliffe for 15 years, rang Newton News to inform us he had taken over the 116 route. Central Coaches ceased running this service, due to lack of support, but JSB have taken it on, with a subsidy from Durham County Council. The time table will be exactly the same which will be appreciated by passengers especially from School Aycliffe and Heighington who were cut off completely from Aycliffe. One lady in Heighington with an appointment in Newton Aycliffe had to take the bus to Darlington and then a bus to Newton Aycliffe - a 2 hour round trip for a 5 minute journey down the road.

Police Appeal

Between the hours of 20:00 on 3rd January and 13:30 on the 4th a vehicle was damaged whilst parked in Church Close, Newton Aycliffe. The car in question was a blue Fiat 500 which had been scratched along the bonnet and its nearside with abusive language. If you have any information regarding this offence, please contact PC 2228 La'Borde on 101, quoting incident number DHM-04012014-0186.

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War Games Club in Newton Aycliffe

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Andy Robson, the proprietor has always had a deep love of war games and earlier this year with help from South Durham Enterprise Agency and his business Adviser Neil

Pearson as well as support from the New Enterprise Allowance Scheme, took the plunge and set up his own business travelling the country attending war game shows and events selling the games and figures to dedicated followers.

Now this has grown and he has set up a shop called Brigade Headquarters where people can buy and play war games, Andrew not only sells war games but teaches people how to build the models and play the



games, with tables to rent where dedicated war gamers can play out their battles or anyone with a bit of curiosity can come and see what it's all about.

There are regular club evenings every week where people can get together and indulge their love of this hobby and on 11th January he will be hosting a demonstration event where anyone can come and try the games and even experienced war gamers can discover new armies and battles.

War games are becoming more and more popular in the area, thanks to dedicated shops and venues for supporting this stimulating hobby.

Games and Gums Ltd aim to host local gaming clubs in and around the local area of Newton Aycliffe and Bishop Auckland, There is a gaming club in Newton Aycliffe which is held on a Thursday at 6:30pm till 9:30pm at

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way.

There are no table fees or membership fees so feel free to come down and see what the fuss is about.

The Club will be back on Wednesday 8th of January 2014 at the Mormon Church, Newton Aycliffe.

Community Calendar

A number of readers may have missed delivery of our free annual wall calendar so we have arranged to have copies available for collection at the Library and "The Cubby".

They may also be collected from Newton News offices on St. Cuthbert's Way. (Parking near the door available).

WOODHAM GOLF COURSE INFORMATION

At the request of readers who were members of Woodham Golf Club we tried to obtain the latest information.

The Joint Administrators KPMG told us they are in discussions with their property agent regarding the disposal of the golf course.

The administration is being handled by two parties, KPMG in Belfast are the administrators of the company that owns the land and building. However, a company called RMT in Newcastle are the liquidators, who are charged with winding up the business.

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Bank Balance (at 31-12-13)	£678
Total Raised in 2013	20,034

Councillors Fund Bowls Club Honours Boards



Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowling Club would like to thank local County Councillors Gray, Iveson, Adam, Hillary, Clare, Hopper and Dixon who are pictured with John Palmer, Club Treasurer, (2nd back row) receiving a generous contribution of £350 to club funds.

Club Secretary Michael Spencer commented "Their willingness and kindness in funding the replacement Honours Boards is very much appreciated by all club members"

New Drop-In Centre at Silverdale

A new Drop-in Centre is opening at the WESTERN AREA COMMUNITY CENTRE, SILVERDALE HOUSE (next to Horndale Post Office behind Lindisfarne Nursing Home). Calling all elderly and lonely people to come in for a chat, play Bingo have a cup of tea/coffee, Soup and a roll etc. It Starts on Monday 13th January from 9.30am until 1.30pm. Open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday starting 20th January. A lift for your visit can be arranged. The 5 & 5A bus service is nearby. Ring 01325 308094/ 07967901477 for details.

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NEW RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION FORMED

Starting Wednesday 15th January at 6pm. at SILVERDALE HOUSE next to Horndale Post Office, a meeting of THE LAKES & DALES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

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Work Starts on TED Space at Greenfield College

Building work has now started on a fantastic new creative space at Greenfield Arts. The work, which will see the layout of the centre change dramatically to create two new spaces for research and creativity in the centre, has been funded by Professor Sugata Mitra of Newcastle University as part of the TED award he won earlier this year.

Greenfield Community College is one of two schools in the UK, alongside a number of areas in India who have been awarded funding to continue Professor Mitra's "School in the Cloud" research.

The new spaces will include "Room 13," Greenfield's own "School in the Cloud" with IT and technology facilities in an indoor/outdoor themed space, providing a social atmosphere for students and the community to learn independently through an enquiry based approach.

The space will be used by students and staff at Greenfield Community College for this research, as well being accessible to local primary schools, community partners and members of the community. A number of projects and activities have already been planned for the space, including a reading enquiry with Chilton Primary School, "Skype Granny" research with Newcastle



University and more.

In addition we have received funding from GAMP AAP to create "The Shed" as part of the "Equipped for Life" project, which will include a range of specialist design and print equipment to be used by young people and the community to develop enterprise and employability skills. We would like to thank GAMP AAP for their support and contribution to these exciting changes.

Katy Milne, Director of Arts and Creativity at Greenfield said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for Greenfield to continue this global research and development into enquiry based approaches to learning here at Greenfield Arts. We are confident that the new spaces will offer a range of new opportunities for creativity and learning for students at Greenfield, local primary schools, the community and more and look forward to the

grand opening in February!"

The building work is being undertaken by Burnip Property Solutions following discussions with Design by Kiosk, and is expected to continue through January 2014. Greenfield Arts will remain open as normal throughout the building work, we hope you will bear with us through the dust!

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AYCLIFFE RESIDENT'S BUSINESS IDEA HELPED BY THE A.A.P.



Newton Aycliffe resident, Electrical Engineer Mark Edney is embarking on new business path. Thanks to, the GAMP AAP's flagship 'Step into Business' scheme Mark has an electrical engineering background which has helped him on his journey to retrain as a plumber. Another step that helped Mark get set up was when he completed his City and Guilds qualification early July last year; this was then followed by an NVQ qualification. After working with staff at South Durham Enterprise Agency Mark was able to pull together a solid business plan and cash flow forecast, with the help of his business adviser, Jonathan Armitage. South Durham Enterprise Agency pointed Mark in the right direction and helped him access vital funding. The GAMP scheme allowed Mark to purchase equipment which in turn created a whole new service for Mark's future clients.

Mark commented "The GAMP funding has helped my business offer a new service to future and existing customers, I can offer a much more competitively priced way of dealing with certain aspects of plumbing with the electric pipe freezing tool I purchased through the GAMP fund! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the AAP and all concerned with GAMP funding and also the help of Jonathan Armitage my business advisor at South Durham Enterprise Agency." Mark is now running his fully fledged business in and around the Newton Aycliffe area delivering a range of competitively priced services thanks to the scheme.

Adam White, GAMP AAP Community Project

Bus Service Communication

Dear Sir,

Please note that the County Durham Bus Maps website (Pinder) after stating the 116 service being withdrawn have without any announcement put up a new timetable for the 116 service starting on the 6th of January 2014. Although it looks unchanged as to the times it is now being run by JSB. The timetable is available online and I found it on 7th January 2014. It only stated it was being withdrawn and did not mention a new service was taking its place.

Mark Morris

READER SUGGESTS NEW BUS ROUTE TO INCREASE USAGE

Dear Editor

Following the letters in Newton News about the re-routing of No 7 bus to include Tesco, Aldi and Argos, etc, I contacted Arriva to add my support for the suggestion. A few days later, I got a phone call from a very pleasant young man at Arriva. He said discussions were ongoing, and they were noting people's concerns etc.

One concern was that re-routing alternate buses via Tesco, etc, would mean that some people would then have only a half hourly service instead of quarter hourly. I then had another think, and suggested a new idea, which he said he would put forward:- Run all No 7 buses on the current route

from Woodham to the Town Centre, then detour down Central Avenue to the Tesco stop, round St Mary's Church roundabout and back up Central Avenue to St Clare's Church roundabout and continue the present route to Darlington.

On the return journey, take the same detour before the Town Centre stop. It would add less than 5 minutes to the journey, would be a big help to people in the Woodham areas, and would also attract passengers from the Burn Lane/Shafra Way/ Central Avenue areas, travelling to Darlington or Chilton/ Ferryhill/ Durham. I await developments, but wonder What other bus users think of this idea?

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Hampshire, educated in Kent, he joined the Civil Service in Brighton in 1987 at the then DHSS. Moved to the Department for Education in Westminster in 1999, and relocated to Darlington in 2001. He is married to Louise and they have two children, Matthew (9) and Rosie (7), who go to Vane Road Primary School.

Chris became a governor at Vane Road in September 2001 and was elected chairman in 2006. He saw the school through two Ofsted inspections, improving the school from satisfactory to good.

He left in 2012 and became a governor at Woodham Burn in October 2013. In his spare time Chris likes music and reading, plays five a side football, is captain of Cliffe Cricket Club second team (he was their top run scorer and player of the year last season) and likes to run, having completed 12 Great North Runs.

Apart from his children, Chris is most proud of his work as a governor and his fundraising for charities from running.

When he received the letter telling him he had been awarded the MBE Chris was very surprised, but naturally delighted. "To be recognised for the work that I have done as a governor is a great feeling, and I feel extremely proud. It also gives me a chance to take my children to Buckingham Palace for the ceremony, something that I would have loved when I was their age".

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Santa Thanks His Helpers



Following his tour of Great Aycliffe on Christmas Eve, Santa would like to say (on behalf of Great Aycliffe Town Council) a huge thank you to all his volunteer helpers for their time and support; to Newton Press for publishing his routes; to Aycliffe Fabrications and Ferryhill Town Council for the use of their 'Santa Sleighs'; to all those who came out to greet him despite the weather, and for the cash donations which raised £115.00 for the Mayor's Charities. Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year – see you next Christmas!

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Dog walkers across County Durham are signing up to be part of a growing network of responsible pet owners. More than 1,000 people have now joined the Green Dog Walkers Scheme and pledged to always pick up after their dogs to help keep communities clean and safe. Recent campaigns to promote responsible dog ownership in West Cornforth, Great Lumley and Fence Houses resulted in a further 49 dog owners joining the scheme, 79 dogs being microchipped and a number of community awareness-raising initiatives taking place.

Three 'golden ticket' winners from each area also received a £25 shopping vouchers as a reward for picking up after their pets. Durham County Council worked with local schools, Stray Aid Kennels and Deerness Kennels on the campaigns. To find out more about the Green Dog Walkers Scheme people should contact Durham County Council's Civic Pride Team on 03000 26 1000 or email civicpride@durham.gov.uk. Information is also available at www.durham.gov.uk/greendogwalkers

Just Married in 2013



Alison and Jason Armstrong, married on Sunday 29th December 2013 at the Methodist Church, Neville Parade.



Andrew and Karen Nicholson, married at Bishop Auckland Registry Office on New Year's Eve 2013. Photos: Studio3Photography Tel: 321280



HeighingtonMATTERS

Dear Sir,
Many years ago most people in rural villages had a dog. In those days pedestrians walking the pavement had to have a good eye and be nimble of foot to skip round the dog mess which decorated the pavements. Fortunately since those days most local dog owners take responsibility for their animals by cleaning up after them, and I am pleased to say that in Heighington and Redworth there are more good dog owners than bad ones.

Yes, there are times when dog fouling is more prevalent than at others, particularly at the bottom of Twinsburn Road, Station Road and the Batts Lane end of Highside when the mornings and evenings are cold and dark and owners stay close to their own front door. (This is not an excuse for them only an explanation) but generally the problem of dog fouling is not as bad as in other towns and villages – but there is room for improvement.

This afternoon I went for a breath of fresh air along Twinsburn Lane, around the back of the farm and onto Highside Road and beyond. The sun had just set and it was chilly but ideal to enjoy the scenery using public footpaths which would take me across fields away from the sound of cars, telephones and 'e' mails.

Unfortunately, as I entered Twinsburn Lane, the first off road part of the walk, I was surprised, and dismayed to have to pass a Dog Bin on the right hand side of the lane. The Dog Bin was so full of carefully knotted polythene bags all containing dog excrement that they had spewed over covering the ground beneath the bin. The sight was revolting. Which will even look worse if rats or birds tear the bags. I don't doubt some of the dog owners will blame the Council for not emptying the bin and they have a point but there is still no excuse for anyone to leave their dog mess in or around a bin that is full – please take it home and dispose of it responsibly. It is grossly unfair on the owner whose house stands behind the dog bin. They have to pass this mess every time they leave their home. It is unfair on parents who walk their children along the lane for exercise, it is unfair to the Parish Council who spend a lot of money and time improving the environment throughout the Parish, and it is certainly unacceptable to the community of Heighington who take so much pride in their village. It will be interesting to see if Street Scene clean up the area around this dog bin. I can understand it if they refuse. They are after all working people with the same reactions to filth as the rest of us.

I would not ask anyone to do something that I would not do and I certainly would not be happy having to

reach down to pick up this disgusting pile of filth and perhaps this is the question all dog owners should ask themselves would you pick up piles of dog mess left by others and if the answer is 'No' then why should anyone expect Street Scene operatives to do so?

Dog owners, having picked up your dog mess in the first place, the worst of the job is done. If a Dog Bin, or a litter bin for that matter is full, take your waste home.

As always, I am available should anyone wish to discuss this matter further?

Councillor Gerald G. Lee
Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

Wednesday 22nd January 2014

Policy & Resources Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 20 minutes has been set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting. Agendas/Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend. "The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

THURSDAY, 14th JANUARY, 2014

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on **TUESDAY, 14th JANUARY 2014** commencing at 6.00pm. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

"At this meeting the following items will be discussed":

1. Update on the setting of the Council Budget by the Finance Manager.
2. Opportunity for questions and answers with the Chairmen of the Council's three Committees.
3. Neighbourhood Plan.

We are always looking for new members. If you would like to know a little more about us and our work this would be a great meeting to attend. The group are informal and quite often have lively debates about a wide range of Town Council matters.

Why not come along and join us at this meeting – we look forward to seeing and meeting new members.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700; e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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TOWN COUPLE BRING CROSSFIT TO AYCLIFFE

Terry and Vikki Anderson have lived in Newton Aycliffe all their lives. They met 16 years ago, married 8 years ago and now have 2 young children, Ashton 5 and Aiden 2.

Terry has worked at Lifestyle Fitness Suite in Newton Aycliffe for 13 years with extensive qualification in fitness and Vikki has 16 years' experience in office administration and a Degree in Business Management. Together they have now gone 'all out' to bring CrossFit to Newton Aycliffe. The venture has taken 2 years of planning and research and after a long year of struggle after their initial planning application was refused, the project is finally nearing completion.

Terry says "We have quietly struggled on for a long time to fulfil this dream and we are now so excited to finally be bringing this unique fitness option to the people of our hometown. I'm so passionate about CrossFit because after training hard all of my adult life, I've seen first-hand the amazing results from CrossFit and the fantastic community spirit between members which is highlighted by the continued support and encouragement of each other, regardless of their fitness levels. The most unfit person in a class is working just as hard



as the most athletic and this is not only acknowledged, but applauded. The service we provide is similar to that of group personal training, with programming and coaching daily at every class whilst paying close attention to correct technique and form throughout."

CrossFit was founded by Greg Glassman in the USA and is growing at a rapid rate. There are over 7000 affiliates worldwide. CrossFit is scalable to meet all levels of fitness and whilst a seriously competitive sport for those aiming to compete in the CrossFit games, it is also well attended by people seeking to simply get fit, fitter or lose weight whilst having fun and meeting new people.

There is still a lot of work to do but the Open Weekend will be on 18th and 19th January, 10am - 2pm and the couple are encouraging people to come along, find out the facts about CrossFit, meet the team and those that have a go could win a month for free!

More details can be found on their Facebook page or the website www.crossfitallout.co.uk or by calling Vikki on 07788 123 321.

Graffiti Art by Dan Walls and Oxo, illuminationwallart@hotmail.co.uk
Photograph by paul@eyedreamphotography.co.uk

BEFRIENDER NEEDED TO SUPPORT AYCLIFFE LADY

The Befriender Scheme is a locally based charity that provides one to one support for adults with learning disabilities so that they can safely take part in activities in the community.

We have an elderly lady in Newton Aycliffe who wants to meet someone similar who is willing to visit her for two

hours on a Monday or Friday afternoon for local outings. The befriender does not need to have any special qualifications or experience - just a caring and responsible outlook and a willingness to help.

However they need to have access to a reliable vehicle and a clean driving licence. The

role is paid and expenses are reimbursed.

If you think you could help, The Befriender Scheme would love to hear from you as quickly as possible - telephone 01388 816784 (if you reach our answerphone please leave your name and number clearly and we will call you back) or email info@befriender.co.uk

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Come along if you would like to lose weight, stop smoking, live healthier or if you think you might be at risk of Diabetes.

PCP Health Trainer Donna Kelly said: "We encourage positive behaviour changes

and provide participants with the information and resources that they require to make changes and hopefully improve their health and wellbeing. Interested people are offered to attend information sessions and one-to-one appointments to review goals. We also welcome carers and family members to attend the sessions as well."

The PCP has a huge range of activities, support and classes aimed at improving your health and making you feel better!

At the event you can also find information on new

classes including Fitsteps and Nordic Walking. There's something on offer for all ages and abilities to help people get out and move more whilst meeting new people.

For further information contact tel: 01325 321234 email: healthtrainers@pcp.uk.net or enquiries@pcp.uk.net, website: www.pcp.uk.net Or find us on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

New Courses at Greenfield Arts

It's a new year and time to try something new at Greenfield Arts! Whilst the builders continue to work around us we have been busy planning a range of courses and activities for young people and adults in the community and we are pleased to be able to offer a number of new opportunities ready to start the New Year in style.

Maria Postma will join us on Tuesday 21st January (6pm-7:30pm) and Tuesday 28th January (6pm-7:30pm) for free taster sessions of

Nail Art and Make Up, to gauge interest for full-length courses. As the annual "Open Art" exhibition in the gallery approaches we have arranged a number of courses and workshops for those wanting to explore their creativity and learn something new.

Two local artists, Jilly Greenwood and Jackie Stonehouse, will be demonstrating techniques including Life Drawing, Coca-Cola Lithography and Etching.

As well as these new taster sessions, all our popular courses are back this year, including Floral Art, Yoga, Painting and Drawing, Spanish, Guitars with John Melvin and more. The Community Learning Programme here at Greenfield Arts is designed to offer the local community access to a range of activities and courses, providing learning and fun opportunities for all. Once the current building work is complete we have plans to expand the course offer and introduce new learning opportunities in the new spaces we are creating. Most courses start the week beginning 13th January 2014, if you want to take part in one of our courses full information including dates, times and prices can be found on our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk, or by coming in and seeing us during opening hours – just mind the dust!

GAMP Sparks off New Electrical Firm



Aycliffe resident, Justin Boulwood is embarking on a journey into Self Employment thanks, in part, to the GAMP AAP's flagship 'Step into Business' scheme.

Justin considered Self Employment after recognizing the fact he can combine his skills in property maintenance and electrical services to deliver a high quality competitively priced service.

Justin was able to outline his skills and experience to devise a solid business plan with the help of staff at South Durham Enterprise Agency. While Justin was working through his business plan with his Coach, Jonathan Armitage he was able to access vital grant funding, used to buy equipment which in turn allowed Justin

to offer a new service that was previously unavailable. Justin said; "GAMP helped me purchase equipment which in turn allowed me to offer more services to my customers."

I bought a fault finding piece of equipment, which helped me offer a service to the North East as well as Newton Aycliffe. The diagnostic equipment allows me to do my work quicker and more effectively which is good for business."

Adam White, GAMP AAP Community Project Officer commented: 'One of GAMPs' key priorities is Employment, Enterprise, Education and Training. We hope that Justin's business grows from strength to strength proving Aycliffe is a good place to start a business.'

GAMP HELPS NEW JOINERY BUSINESS



Aycliffe resident, Daniel Hill is embarking on his exciting journey into Self Employment thanks, in part, to the GAMP AAP's flagship 'Step into Business' scheme. Joiner, Daniel Hill has received a grant from GAMP Step into Business Scheme (Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership). He successfully started his own business after working with staff at South Durham Enterprise Agency.

Daniel is now operating in and around Newton Aycliffe area offering a competitively priced joinery service. Daniel commented "With the GAMP grant I was able to purchase a small van which has allowed me to be more mobile, bringing new business for me, and my diary is filling up. Daniel's new business is going well thanks to his own determination and the 'Step into Business' scheme which aims to assist 40 Newton Aycliffe and Middridge residents into self employment over the course of the next 12 months, making Newton Aycliffe a great place to start thinking about self employment."

Adam White, GAMP AAP Community Project Officer commented: 'One of GAMPs' key priorities are Employment, Enterprise, Education and Training'. This initiative brings together the Area Action Partnership and colleagues within South Durham Enterprise Agency with an aim of increasing self employment opportunities. We hope that a business such as Daniel's grows as it will prove Aycliffe is a vibrant place to start a business.'

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New Artwork at Greenfield



We are thrilled with our fantastic new artwork by Aycliffe artist Dan Walls of Illumination Wall Art that we have commissioned to display during the exciting building work taking place at Greenfield Arts. Greenfield Arts is changing and we are transforming a number of our spaces to allow for more creative work to take place, enquiry based learning and to encourage more innovative use of new technologies. The art work will be on display until the end of January.

THE WONDERLAND OF PANTOMIME

Local girl Charlotte McAdam won't be like the White Rabbit and miss being late for her performances as Alice in The Tearaways Youth Theatre Groups Pantomime "Alice in Wonderland". Fellow performers are Blake Reed as the nutty Mad Hatter and Erica Wood as the sleepy Dormouse. Her sister Nataly is one half of the foolish Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum partnership and the bodiless Cheshire Cat is Caitlin Barron-Hay. The Fairy Godmother is played by Gaynor Lambert while Hana Stephen plays Alice's sister and one of the idiot Heralds is Nadia Kouacs.

Performances are at the Civic Hall, Shildon on Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th, Saturday 25th January at 7.30pm. The final performance is on Sunday 26th January at 2pm. A spokesperson for the group said "This is a great family pantomime with something for all ages to enjoy. Boo and hiss at the evil Queen of Hearts, laugh at the idiot Heralds and Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. Clap and singalong to many of the 12 songs in the show." As in all traditional pantomimes there are plenty of custard pies in faces, sweets thrown out to the audience and a chance for young people to come up on stage too. Tickets for the Thursday 23rd January performance are all £3 each, whilst for the other 3 performances (Friday to Sunday) Tickets are priced £4-50 Adults, £2-50 Children (5-15) £1 (3-4), £2-50 Concessions. All can be obtained by ringing 01325 313363 / 01388 774838. The Tearaways Youth Theatre Groups next production in June will be their musical adaptation of "Dirty Dancing". Any young people aged 11 - 19 years who would like to be apart of the production please ring 07747 826324 or visit www.tearaways-shildon.co.uk

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Students Attend Conference



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As part of their Religious Education course, a group of Woodham Academy Year 8 students recently attended an Interfaith Conference at County Hall. With students from several other County Durham schools they were able to meet and interview representatives from a number of different faith communities who were pleased to answer questions and discuss a range of issues from "What difference does your faith make in everyday life?" to "Do you think the North East is tolerant of different religions?" before participating in a "Question Time" format where each school posed their own question to the whole panel. The students are participating in a research project investigating religious diversity in the North of England and its impact on individuals and society. Head of RE, Mrs. Janet Davison, who accompanied the students, commented "This was such an amazing opportunity for our students to confront and overcome some of the usual stereotypes about religious believers and to be able to put forward their own questions". As the project develops, students will visit places of worship and use Skype and social media to maintain and extend contact with faith representatives before participating in a final conference in the Summer term.

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BASKETBALL TEAM IN COUNTY FINALS



The Year 7 basketball team from Woodham Academy have started the season in style finishing runners up in the schools district competition held at Sedgfield School before the Christmas holidays.

The side have benefited from the coaching input of Wildcat player Mark Elderkin as well as coach and Woodham Assistant Headteacher Danny Morgans. They now qualify for County finals after being the highest placed school from the Sedgfield Schools' Partnership.

Mr Morgans is particularly excited about the current crop of Year 7 players and thinks that they have the potential to compete at a national level as many sides from Woodham have done previously.

At the moment they are preparing to play in a tournament on the Wildcats BBL court prior to their game against Surrey United on Friday 24th January.

Photo supplied by Woodham Academy

Dance Competition at Aycliffe Leisure Centre

MEDALIST OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Medalist of the Year – Solo – 6 to 8 yrs Rosettes – Ryan Jones – 1st place.

Medalist of the Year – Solo – Under 13 yrs – Boys – Keiron O'Donnell – 1st place.

Medalist of the Year – Solo – Kasia Shaw – 5th place.

Medalist of the Year – Solo – 14 to 17 yrs – Kalya Shaw 2nd place, Annis Race 3rd place.

Pairs – Boy Girl and Girl Girl – under 9's – 4th place – Drew Shaw & Ryan Jones

Pairs – Under 13yrs – Abbie Kennedy & Keiron O'Donnell – 3rd place

Freestyle Pairs – Annis Race & Chloe Farley – 1st place

Freestyle Pairs – Kalya Shaw & Brittany Knight – 3rd place

14 to 17 yrs – Rock 'n' Roll – Annis Race & Kalya Shaw – 2nd place

Brittany Knight & Chloe Farley – 4th place

SLOW COMPETITION

3 to 5 yrs Junior – Slow – Grace Dolan – 1st place.

Rosette – 6 to 8 yrs – Slow – Ryan Jones – 4th Place

Under 9 yrs – Slow – Amy Dolan – 2nd place

10 to 13 yrs – Slow – Keiron O'Donnell – 2nd place

10 to 13 yrs – Slow – Abbie Kennedy – 6th place.

14 to 17 yrs – Kalya Shaw – 1st place – slow

14 to 17 yrs – Annis Race – 4th place – slow

STREET COMPETITION

Junior Street – Grace Dolan – 1st place

6 to 8 yrs Rosettes – Street – Ryan Jones – 1st place

6 to 8 yrs Rosettes – Street – Drew Shaw – 3rd place

Under 9yrs – Street – Amy Dolan – 1st place

Under 13yrs – Street – Reece Atherton – 1st place

Under 13 yrs – Street – Keiron O'Donnell – 3rd place

14 to 17 yrs – Street – Kalya Shaw – 6th place

A very big well done to everyone from Lee Green Dance Centre who took part in the recent competition.

Anyone who wishes to attend the Centre and take part in future competitions and IDTA examinations, please ring 01325 318239.



Keiron O'Donnell



Ryan Jones



*Freestyle Pairs Winners – Annis Race and Chloe Farley
(Photos supplied by Lee Green Dance School)*



On Monday 06th January 2014 at around 20:10 Police attended an incident at the traffic lights on the A167 at the Junction of Central Avenue where a White LDV minibus had been approaching the lights when two young males have thrown a brick through the passenger side door window.

Luckily the driver of the vehicle was not hurt and no passengers were on board at the time. This incident has resulted in damage to the minibus window but it could have been much more serious and could have resulted in serious injury.

If you have witnessed this incident or can offer any information please contact Police on 101 and quote reference number DHM-06012014-0360. Many thanks, PC 2702 Hobson.

Cost of Care Connect

Dear Sir,
thank you for printing the information regarding Care Connect which is a very valuable service to the elderly and infirm.

There seems to be a big discrepancy according to the figures which show 13,400 free users and 4,700 paying customers.

I pay £213 annually from my hard earned pension and believe the 13,400 non payers could spare 25p a week to help keep costs down.

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Running Club News

On 21st December 2013 Trish Kay represented Aycliffe Running Club at the annual Ronnie Walker Saltwell 10K England's oldest road race. In an undulating 3 lap course in and around Saltwell Park in Gateshead Trish ran well to finish in 52:16.

On Sunday 29th December 12 members of the Club joined 700 runners for the Jolly Holly Jog 10K at Ripon which was chip timed for the first time. The race had mixed terrain with slippery descents, a steep grassy bank and lots of mud and puddles.

The course set out from Hell Wath field, through Mackershaw Woods and Studley Park before finishing on waterlogged fields. First to finish for Aycliffe was Peter Milburn in 42:52 then John Burnside 45:51, Peter Smith 46:24, Graeme Miles 49:16, Kevin Greenall 51:18, Naomi Kellett 51:38, John Young 52:10, Sue Milburn 54:14, Gary Minns 54:32, Chris Forster 55:18, Mick Brunskill 58:36 and Anne Kellett 61:44.

On 4th January Trish Kay started off the New Year running the 5K Riverside Park run at Chester Le Street and finished 10th female in 24:16. On the same day at Hackworth Park, Shildon Sandra Collins finished in 9th in 23:46 and Colin Gibson 10th in 24:08.

On Sunday 5th January, 3 members of Aycliffe Running Club travelled to Hart village for The Old Monks race, a challenging, course through woods and fields, on public footpaths and bridleways. The course, approximately 5.5 miles, was very muddy and icy in places. First home for Aycliffe was Rob Nicholson in

51:16 followed by Julie Nisbet in 53:10 and Bev Phillippo in 54:18.

Wynyard Park 5K was the chosen race on the same day for 5 members of the Club. The conditions were cold, icy and muddy in parts and the course was cut slightly short due to a gate not being open towards the end.

First home was Peter Smith in a great time, 16th position and 2nd 050 in 19.31, followed by John Burnside in 27th and 1st 055 in 20.15, followed by Sue Milburn 51st in 22:17 and 1st 055, then Kelly Smith in 60th in 23.01, followed by Ally Chesney 85th in 25.46, then Ross Garland 111th in 29.36. For more information on the Club and their training sessions visit www.ayclifferunningclub.org.uk

STUDENTS LEARN TO SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



As part of our cultural programme, a trio of former and emotional enrichment professional footballers

recently visited Stephenson Way as part of the "Show Racism the Red Card" initiative.

Dean Gordon, Trevor Benjamin and Richard Offiong led group discussions with our two Year 6 classes which made the children consider what it would be like to be the subject of a racist comment and the need to understand other people's feelings. The footballers revealed personal stories as part of the talk, which showed the children that even successful sports people can be the victims of abuse.

The children listened intently and asked some excellent questions as they were shown that racism can be much more than simply verbal abuse and can run much deeper. The speakers played out scenarios where the children were asked to judge whether they considered racism to have occurred. The Year 6 children clearly engaged with the footballers and could be heard thoughtfully discussing and considering the issues which arose in the lesson.

After the discussions, the footballers led the students in a footballing fitness session, to demonstrate both activities that can be used to keep fit to play football and methods for using football training to keep fit. The children fully enjoyed the day and the footballers proved to be fantastic role models for the children. The issues raised during the day made the children consider an important issue and taught them to be considerate of different races and cultures. Overall, the day was a huge success and we look forward to inviting the scheme back into school on a regular basis.

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Woodham Karate Gratings



Zanshin-Kai Karate, based in Woodham Community Centre, finished 2013 with a black belt grading at which: Marc Harrison was promoted to 3rd Dan.

A big well done to the following students of which three are junior students and one a mum and son team achieving black belts on the same day.

Fiona Alton 1st Dan, Mackenzie Alton 1st Dan (Junior), Katie Fenton 1st Dan (Junior) & Liam Collingwood 1st Dan (Junior)

This was followed by a coloured belt grading, which was well attended and the instructors were very pleased with both the standard and enthusiasm shown by all students.

Each successfully earned their new belts: Kriss Wall, Gav Tones, Mathew Butterworth, Darcy Greaves - 8th Kyu Yellow Belt Aaron Busby - 7th Kyu Orange Belt Pete Doughty - 5th Kyu Blue Belt

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encouragement and knowledge are provided by local artist Adrian Moule, who took responsibility for the group's development in 2003 and acts as volunteer project manager. The group have received some funding in the twelve years from various sources including Northern Rock and Heritage Lottery; however most of their funding comes from within, with participants contributing each week towards the cost of rent of the space and materials. The group continues

to grow in numbers and aspirations, with participants benefitting from the welcoming atmosphere and being creative, some have even gone on to study art and design at college and university level after joining the group. This exhibition showcases the talent currently within the group, with almost every regular participant exhibiting at least one piece of work in this group exhibition. The work will include painting, drawing, printmaking, textiles, bookmaking, sculpture and more and is a great opportunity to see what they do.

The exhibition will be open from Thursday 8th January- Wednesday 29th January 2014, the gallery is open Monday to Thursday 10am - 9pm and Friday 10am - 4pm and is free. For more information visit the website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. For more information about Phoenix Art Group contact Adrian phoenixartgroup1@hotmail.com.

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COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Dear Sir,
 I was interested in the article regarding commercial vehicles parking for days on end in laybys. As well as this, commercial vans are parking on residential roads for days on end.

Whilst people who drive the vans are entitled to holidays like the rest of us why should we all have to look at the eyesores of large vans parked in residential areas. On a safety issue, these vans are usually parked with the majority of the van on the pavement and, as your previous letter writer said - this causes children and other pedestrians into the road and certainly people with pushchairs or wheelchairs have to deal with unnecessary distress

up and down kerbs and indeed walking into the road.

Should not the companies who own these vehicles make provision for parking their vans in some other designated area and have some respect for others living in the community. The police used to issue warning letters regarding the offence of parking on the pavement but these were never actioned and therefore were ignored after a couple of days.

The owners of these company vans and their drivers are doing no favours for their business reputation when they pay little respect for residents and visitors to the area.

Marion Waites

BIGGER DEMAND FOR FOODBANK



Ernie and June Temple

Dear Sir,
 Now we are in the New Year may we give readers of Newton News an update on the Foodbank based at St. Clare's Church Hall. The past year was very busy with a marked increase in people needing help. Up to

December 2013 the Foodbank provided non-perishable food to over 1500 adults and children in this area. To match the increase in demand there has been an overwhelming response by Newtonians donating food as individuals or by groups collecting food on our behalf. We must thank Great Aycliffe Town Council, local businesses, stores in the town, schools and churches who have made collections at harvest time and Christmas. Everyone has given generously so that we were able to cope with the demand and have enough food over to keep us going into the new year.

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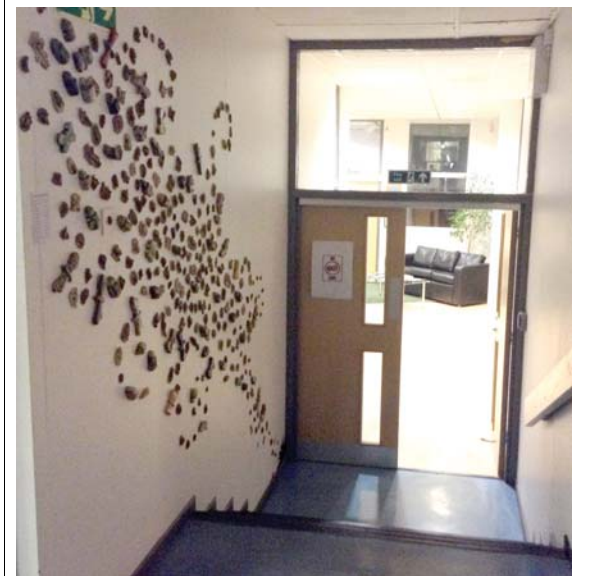


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Students and teachers at Woodham Academy were delighted to present their first Year 10 Art exhibition at the academy. The exhibition was held just before the Christmas break to celebrate the success of the current year 10 students who've been creating some fantastic artwork since selecting GCSE Art as an option subject at the end of Year 8.

Students exhibited a range of coursework produced for their portraiture project as well as a sample of work from the Nature's Little Creatures unit.

Staff and parents were overwhelmed by the personal and touching nature of some of the portrait projects in particular. The exhibition also gave students the opportunity to showcase their insect installation inspired by the ceramic artist Anna Collette Hunt whose work they went to visit at Yorkshire Sculpture Park earlier in the year.

The student installation contains over 300 individual insects all hand made by students and assembled as a group to represent Hunt's swarm of insects rising up in the stairwell. The artist herself gave her seal of approval commenting "Wow how amazing!"

They look fantastic" when the work was posted on the department's Instagram account, which was a great boost for the students. This is not the first time successful contemporary artists and famous people have commented on Woodham Academy students' work through social media. You can follow Woodham Academy on Twitter @woodhamart or Instagram woodham_art or on the Woodham Art facebook page.

If any parent missed the chance to see the exhibition on the night the work will be on display in the Art gallery until the end of February. Don't miss Woodham Academy's annual Year 11 exhibition later on in the year

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Aycliffe training centre, Louise Clark is bringing a wealth of experience to her new role, co-ordinating contact with young people whilst crucially raising awareness with local employers whose support is vital. Working closely with every trainee, Louise will offer practical information on how to gain experience in their chosen area of work, build and develop their confidence and motivation. Louise is looking forward to making contact with local young people and a range of employers to ensure the success of this exciting new initiative.



Contact Louise Clark on 328442 or 07881 377825.

In Memoriam

DEMI HESLOP 01/09/06-08/01/07. 7 years ago today my beautiful Daughter was so cruelly taken away. Life without you will never be the same, but Mammy’s promise to you is one day we will all be back together again. But until that day arrives Demi, I will miss and love you with every beat of my heart. Love you all the world and back again. Love, Mammy xxxx

DEMI HESLOP For our special Sister. We are sending a dove to Heaven above with a parcel on its wings, be careful when you open it, it’s full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, wrapped in a million hugs to say how much we miss you and to send you all our love. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain, to walk with us throughout our life, until we’re together again. Love you all the world Demi. Love, Shannon, Daniel and Megan xxxx

DEMI HESLOP 01/09/06-08/01/07. Thinking of our beautiful Granddaughter “Demi”. Your right to grow to mature and play, so cruelly denied in a brutal way. Thinking of you always Demi. Will love you forever. Grandma and Granda, Love You xxxx

DEMI HESLOP 01/09/06-08/01/07. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Love, Great Gran xxxx

DEMI HESLOP Thinking of you today, like we do every day, with love. Auntie Glennis, Uncle John, Auntie Yvonne, Uncle Tony and Uncle Bill

DEMI HESLOP Thinking of you today sweetheart. Love, Auntie Annette and Uncle John
SAMANTHA MADDISON Twenty years ago you were taken away, but we think about you and miss you every day. A dear Sister and Auntie. Love, Robert, Nicola, Alex and Lauren

SAMANTHA MADDISON 12th January 1994. Words could never explain the pain, that came from losing you. Now the memories you’ve left will last a lifetime through. You were such a special Daughter, and as you went about each day. It was certain that a rainbow, was never far away. You’re missed so very much, and this world is not the same. And it would be such a blessing, just to see you once again. Good night, sleep tight. Love always, Mam, Dad and family

LOL GREEN Died 11th January 2003. Loved and remembered always. From Sue xxxx

JEAN PARKER 11-1-2009. Memories of a special Mam and Nanna. Love, Kay, Mike, Michael, Sean and Zoe xxx

JEAN PARKER 11-1-2009. Thinking of a dear Mam. Miss you. Love, Mandy xxx

BILL GATENBY 13th January 1990. Though absent you are always near, still loved and missed. From Wife Mary and family xxx

AGNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Tuesday evening has become available at Agnew Community Centre from 6-30pm in our main hall. We would prefer a long term booking for a minimum of 2 hours at a cost of £9 per hour. For additional information or to book, contact Ron on 07749 236853 at any time or during office hours on 01325-321504.

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Wednesday: Tai Chi Class, 7pm to 8pm. (Hall).

Wednesday: Art & Craft Workshop 3-45pm to 5-45pm meeting room.

Thursday: Arriba Weight Loss Challenge 6.15pm to 8.15pm (Hall).

Friday: PK All Stars Youth Club [7-11yrs], 6pm to 7.30pm (Hall).

The meeting room has some unbooked times with the day time being available from £5 per hour and the evening from £6 per hour.

Weekends bookings available for birthday parties, training or a variety of uses to suit your needs and your pocket. Ring Ron for help on the above numbers or by email: agnewcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

Luncheon Club at the Methodist Church

Dea Sir,
 One of the things I like about Newton News are the Good News stories and the way in which that Newtonians are presented in such a positive and caring light. With that in mind I thought that, from time to time, I ought to share some Good News stories.

On Tuesday 7th January folk gathered at Neville Parade Methodist Church to share a three course meal together. Every Tuesday during term time, a small, faithful band of volunteers prepare and serve up to 25 people with a good, hearty meal. Throughout 2013 over 1000 meals were served. There is always room for more and Liz Bates who organises the Luncheon Club would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to start coming along. There is a nominal charge of £3, lunch is served at Noon and Liz can be contacted on 310182.

Rev Graham Morgan
 Methodist Circuit Minister

Birthday Remembrance

GRACE HEDLEY 12th January. Lord look around your garden, for an angel with a smile. It won’t be hard to find her, she must stand out a mile. Put your arms around her, and give her all our love. Wish her “happy birthday”, we only wish we could. Happy birthday to a very special Mam. Lots of love, Anne, Grace, Keith, John and Ruth xxxx

WHARTON PEART, Noah Harry. 12-1-2007. Happy birthday little man. Love and miss you, from Nana and Grandad Peart

IAN HAIGH Thinking of you on this your 70th Birthday. Treasured memories of you Dad. Love, Kevin, Vicky, Elisha and Emily xxx

McLUCKIE Dear Daughter Ann. 13th January. Somewhere over the rainbow, where true love never dies, you live in a beautiful garden, beneath blue and golden skies. To that garden I often wander, where your face I gently touch and tell you I love you so very very much. Still missed, Mam, Tony and family xxx

DORIS ICETON 11th January. Sending you all my love Mam on your 95th birthday. Sharon xxx

DORIS ICETON Thinking of you Nana on your 95th birthday. All my love, Stephen xxx

Congratulations



Vera Reed



Happy Birthday

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Lilly Grace Bell



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Benett Grindlay



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Obituary

John Snowball



of Newton Aycliffe died 1st January 2014, aged 88. Beloved Husband of the late Joyce and Father of John Jnr.

Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 17th January, 11.45am. Donations in lieu of flowers to the British Red Cross.

BRUNSKILL. On 2nd January. Sheila (nee Hanratty) aged 77 years. Much loved Mam of Colin. Will family and friends please meet for Service and Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Monday 13th January at 3.30pm.

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WIN FOR FALCONS

Under 10 falcons hosted local rivals Aycliffe Juniors on a cold January morning. After a two week break for Xmas I was hoping the lads would start as we finished before Xmas with a win.

We were put on the back foot inside the first minute as Juniors went in front with their first attack of the game. It took us 5 minutes to get a grip of the game, but once we did we started passing the ball around and creating chances with Juniors keeper making a string of good saves.

Eventually we drew level through Liam Horner. We added a second through Tom Jasper just before half time to lead 2-1. The Second half was an even contest with both teams

creating chances. Some solid goalkeeping from Zack Cooke and great defending from Joe Lowery, Alfie Nichol-Brown and Jack Gray kept Juniors at bay.

We were still very dangerous on the attack and used our wings well. We added a third goal late on to kill the game off through Liam Horner. MoM Alfie Nichol-Brown, was solid in defence and was quick to get us on the front foot.

A good performance on the day by all, and a hard fought three points. We move up to 4th in the table with a tough away fixture next week to third in the table Mount Pleasant. Just a quick word on the return of Dylan Redpath who has been out with a serious illness and came on towards the end. Glad to have you back!

Town's Rugby Club Presentation Caps Win

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club celebrated receiving their RFU Club Accreditation by beating Washington by 8 tries to 1 at Moore Lane. The current Durham RFU President John Scott visited the club to present them with their award. This award is credit to the clubs ongoing commitment to improve, facilities, recruit new players and train players to coaching and refereeing standards and ultimately promote rugby union as a great sport in the immediate area.

Despite a number of players being unavailable, Aycliffe were able to select a strong team with the return of Jeff Hodgson, Gareth Parsonage and Craig Holmes.

Washington have always had a strong pack of forwards and so it proved again. They had the edge in the scrums and took the lead with a penalty goal. Aycliffe struck back quickly when a tap penalty by Chris Richards was scored by Luke Tinkler. Washington's pack then made the most of a 5-metre scrum with a pushover try; the conversion giving them a 5-point lead. Aycliffe tied the scores when, from another tap penalty, the ball was quickly passed out to Gareth Parsonage on the wing. Yet another tap penalty produced Aycliffe's third try when Jeff Hodgson powered over, with Tinkler adding the conversion. The scoring in the first half was completed when good handling in the backs saw Luke Crossen cross in the corner to secure the bonus point. The score at the break was 22 - 10. Aycliffe were well on top



in the second half, with the back row performing well: Andy Littlefair and Warren Parsonage were punching holes in the opposition, and Chris Knight put in a fine stint of tackling, hooker Sam Daltry was also excellent with his rucking.

Despite the scrum problems, the lineup was dominant, with Ronnie Gilyeat winning more than his share of ball. The first try of the half took some time to arrive, but when it did, it was Hodgson who added is second. James Thacker scored two tries in quick succession to put the game beyond Washington's reach. The visitors had a number of penalties, but chose to take the kicks at goal rather than go for the try, adding a further 6 points to their total. The game finished with a try from Holmes and a fourth conversion from Tinkler for a 48 - 16 win.

Aycliffe's next game will be a visit to high-flying Winton Vulcans on 11th January.

The game will kick-off at 2.15pm. Newton Aycliffe are sponsored by Boola Clothing Aycliffe and Hayward Home Appliances, trading as Serviceforce. Visit the website at www.pitchero.com/clubs/newtonaycliffe.

Planet Leisure Bowling League

It was a fantastic week for the Pinheads who beat fourth placed team M&M's 8-0 to top the league by eleven points.

The Clangers stay in second place as they lost 8-0 to the Shildon Strikers and move off bottom of the league to eighth place, Bowl Movement are now in fifth place with a 6-2 win over the Wenwees who stay in third place. The Strike Force went down to sixth as they only managed a 4-4 draw with the Late Starters who are ninth.

The Misfits drop two places to seventh as they too only had a 4-4 draw with the Optimist at bottom of the league.

The High game with handicap was taken off Stephen Row at 250. It is now held by Paul Wilkinson with a game total of 259 with handicap.

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AYCLIFFE F.C. SIGN WOODHAM ACADEMY TEACHER

Whilst the Northern League fixture computer has left Aycliffe without a game for 2 weeks, boss Allan Oliver has certainly not been sat with his feet up enjoying the Christmas festivities, making several changes to his playing squad in readiness for a sustained assault on the top half of the table.

He has seen numerous injuries to key defenders this season, with experienced duo John Close and Stephen Gibson missing significant chunks of the season through injury. With the versatile James Oliver also being absent with niggling injuries on occasion, it has forced Oliver into reshuffling his pack. Midfielder Martin Young has been deployed in defensive positions recently, with great success.

However Oliver has moved to bring in experienced defensive cover in the shape of Woodham Academy teach Liam Clough. Formerly of Team Northumbria and more recently Sunderland RCA, Clough is exactly the type of player Aycliffe have lacked. He can operate either at Centre back or left back, and will provide an experienced head in the dressing room.

It will also offer his pupils in the Woodham Academy the chance to see their teacher

play, and who knows, maybe get their own back on him if he has criticised their performances!

Aycliffe have also seen another couple of players depart the Club. Midfielder Freddie Woodhouse has chosen to accept an offer to play closer to home for Billingham Synthonia.

The popular midfielder will be missed by players and supporters alike, having racked up over 100 games for the Royal Blues. Few will forget his Easter debut in 2010 when he scored a hat-trick in the 10-2 victory over Crook. Following Woodhouse out of Moore Lane Park is powerful striker Dan Wilson. Hopes were high for Wilson following his debut performance against Whitley Bay. However he has seen his chances limited in recent weeks due to the form of Tom Atkinson and Jamie Owens, and submitted a transfer request last week. He has re-joined former club Tow Law.

Following their 2 week break, Aycliffe face a trip to Marske on Saturday (11th Jan) followed by a 'double header' with Crook. Aycliffe travel to Crook on Wednesday 15th before finally a home game, against the same opposition on Saturday 18th.

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