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Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Club has used the Community Bus for away fixtures to West Denton, York and North Shields during the 2013-14 bowling season. Club secretary Michael Spencer said "We can only speak highly of the service and encourage other community groups to avail themselves of it". Our thanks to Dorothy Bowman who is the

contact for this service on telephone number 01325 308094 Club members are pictured boarding at Oak Leaf Complex for The Parks at North Shields on

Sunday 9th March 2014.

Calling all Young Performers

Are you between the age of 5 and 18? Do you love to sing and move to your favourite tunes? Or maybe you prefer to rap? If the answer is yes then you need to come along to Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre on a Saturday morning and join a 'Popnosis' Class.

Classes cost just £3 per week and are split into two age groups. The Jammin' Junior's Session is for 5 to 11 year olds and runs from 10am -11am. The Slammin' Seniors Session is for 12 to 18 year olds and runs from 11am until 12pm. Popnosis is a musical fusion



of dance moves and singing Popnosis is more exciting than a choir, cooler than a glee club and more structured than karaoke! You don't have to be a great singer or dancer you just need to love music. A programme of songs will be learned over a term which will culminate in a performance for family and friends. Popnosis aims to build confidence, promote teamwork and performance skills and allow children and teenagers to express themselves through music while having fun in a noncompetitive activity.

Corrinn Chambers is running the sessions. She works for the Citizens Advice Bureau as a debt worker. In her spare time teaches Fitsteps and Popnosis. She started ballroom and Latin dancing at the age of 6 and danced competitively until she was 16 years old

Corrin is also is a qualified Zumba Instructor but is concentrating on bringing Fitsteps classes to local communities.

Corrinn has qualifications Childhood Studies and wishes to pursue a career working with children and is currently training as a Teaching Assistant. She sees Popnosis as a much needed activity for local children who have a love of music and performing. Contact Corrinn on 07921711297.

Aycliffe Cancer Support Group Seeks Funds

Allison White founder of a new group for cancer sufferers wishes to thank everyone for their support at the last two meetings held at Neville Parade Methodist Church. A Macmillan Welfare Rights officer attended the last meeting

which was very useful and informative.

The members have decided their name will be Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. Each month they will invite a guest speaker and will be arranging various activities to help people get their confidence back as well as an opportunity to meet new friends and get the support they need.

Day trips or Lunch outings are vital to prevent people just sitting at home getting lonely Allison is appealing for funds as many people diagnosed with cancer struggle financially. If any company or local

orgnaisation would like to fundraise for the group or simply would just like to donate please contact Allison. Next meeting is on 3rd April when there are three guest speakers. Contact Allison on 0776 2258696.





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> Saturday 29th March - "Understudies" For more information on bands go to www.turbiniapub.co.uk or 313034 Free Function Room - Free Disco/Karaoke

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Free Jackets from "Helping Hands"





Aycliffe Support Group "Helping Hands" are giving away warm jackets those who are in financial difficulty. If you need one why not join us at our "Drop in" on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 1.30pm -3.00pm at St Clare's, Church Hall on St Cuthbert's Way, Newton Aycliffe.

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The Rating is a national scheme run by the Food Standards Agency in partnership with local authorities. It provides consumers with information about hygiene standards in food premises.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP Chief Executive says "PCP are committed to providing a high quality service and place of business to our visitors, service users, tenants, volunteers and staff. The Mall Coffee Shop is an extremely popular cafe with customers of all ages and offers a selection of freshly prepared food at affordable prices. Consumers can now be reassured everything from the way food is handled to the cleanliness of the establishment is worthy of the best standard possible.

PCP has also just launched its new menu and fresh sandwich and salad bar. People can choose their sandwich, salad and jacket potato fillings from a variety of fresh and tasty ingredients.

The new menu provides visitors with a range of healthy, hot and cold, low fat options that are satisfying and delicious. And for those with a sweet tooth they serve a range of homemade cakes. Please look out for meal deals

and Hot Specials on a Friday which will be advertised via PCP's facebook page: / PCPandCentre, twitter feed: @PioneeringCare and website: pcp.uk.net. The Mall Coffee Shop is open

Monday to Friday 9.30am -3.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am – 1.00pm.

If you are looking for a venue The Mall Coffee Shop and Conservatory can be open out of hours and hired for special occasions, a catering service is also available. Further details tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net: www. pcp.uk.net

AYCLIFFE OPTICIANS WANT YOUR OLD SPECS

Newton Aycliffe residents have been doing their bit for charity by donating unwanted pairs of glasses to people in the developing world. The town's Specsavers store

has received more than 1500 pairs of glasses in the last year and the donations are still rolling in. The old or unwanted specs are recycled by Vision Aid Overseas, a charity which specialises in providing eyecare for those in poverty-stricken countries around the world. The money made from recycling the glasses is then used to fund the charity's work.

Since its inception in 1987, the UK-based charity has



Left to right: Supervisor Jeremy Moss, Audiologist Nicola Woodhead, with Dispensing Assistants Sarah Coe & Adam Mason

people in the developing world.

World. Fiona Curtis, Director of Specsavers in Newton Aycliffe says: 'We would really like to thank the public

for being so generous with their donations. 'Vision Aid Overseas is a

fantastic organisation and we would love to continue to support the charity with

the help of the community.

We would like to encourage

anyone with old glasses to

drop them off at our in-store collection point.' Vision Aid Overseas works in

Africa to transform access to

eyecare services and is part of the Vision 2020 initiative to

eliminate avoidable blindness

Since 2003 Specsavers stores have collected and

recycled more than a quarter

of a million glasses for the

charity, and have raised over £550,000. As part of its work with Vision Aid Overseas, Specsavers has made a

significant commitment to improving eyecare provision in Zambia. Previously

there had been very limited

provision for the one in four Zambians who desperately require it, with just a handful

qualified optometrists ving the 12million

serving the 12million population. Last winter saw the official

opening of the country's first optometry training centre by

Dame Mary Perkins, Vision Aid Overseas' Ambassador for Zambia. The Chainama

College in the capital city of

Lusaka is a clinical facility

where students gain valuable experience working with patients. 24 are currently

training to become qualified optometrists. Specsavers has

set a target to fund vision

centres in the country's eight

further provinces, with four of

these now open.

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"Newton News" **Suggests Aycliffe for New Railway College Government Consultation** The Government is gathering

information to help make a decision on where the main site for a new high speed rail college would be best located to meet its aims.

to meet its aims. This college will be an important part of the government's strategy for providing a national high speed rail network for Britain. It will concentrate on designing and delivering the high level skills needed for high speed rail and other major engineering projects of the future, including High Speed 2 (HS2). The college will run as a

national centre, with links to a network of other existing providers and employers in the rail sector. Selecting a location for the main site will be the first important step in its creation. The main requirements for the location include:

·links with employers and other providers in the rail industry

•ease of access for learners •how the location can help rebalance the economic geography of the country size and availability of a suitable site

·affordability and value for money helped more than one million

A final decision on the preferred location is expected



2FJ he consultation document can be found at: https:// www.gov.uk/government/ consultations/high-speedrail-college-possiblelocation. This will be available from 00:15 on Friday 7th March 2014.

News has Newton responded by suggesting a site at Aycliffe Business Park which has recently been extended by Durham **County Council.**

This area is the original home of the Railways and Hitachi Rail are currently building a new multi million pound factory here to be in production in 2015/16.

Aycliffe Business Park is also the preferred site for a new University Training College, the bid for which

has just been submitted. It would seem logical and a cost saving move to combine

Two entertainers young Aycliffe from are running The Broken Heart Metal Music Festival in aid of the British Heart Foundation on Saturday 22nd March at the

11pm. Tickets are £5 available from the Youth Centre and at the door on the day, but once all the tickets are sold the event will be full!

Youth Centre, from noon till

The festival is the brainchild of Evan Jones and Brian Lockey. Evan is the lead singer of the band Shotgun Syndrome and Brian is the bassist.

They decided on BHF as Brian volunteers in the shop in the town and Evan lost his Nana (Ann Jones) at age 47 to heart problems.

All the bands are giving their time free and more information from shotgun syndrom/broken heart festival on facebook

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as Aberdeen and Dorset for

their meeting which was held

in the Holiday Inn, formerly

the Aston Hotel, Aycliffe. Forty six representatives attended the meeting which

included an illustrated talk by Paul Jarman of Beamish who

spoke about the upsurge in

interest in Beamish over the

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transport.

Dressed as Book Characters Aycliffe and District Bus



On World Book Day the staff and children from Sugar Hill Nursery came dressed as their favourite book character. We enjoyed sharing our favourite books with our friends and doing lots of fun reading and book related activities. Our favourite book at the moment is "The Gruffalo".

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WORLD BOOK DAY

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There were some terrific costumes that had a great deal of thought and effort put into them, with the best costumes in each class awarded a prize during a special literacy themed assembly. In the afternoon, the children

Jen and Stan Fuller whose

sister in-law Jennifer Murray

at the British Legion in

Four musicians including Stan Fuller. Georgio and

Georgia Lee, entertained a

full house, enjoying bingo,

Monies raised on the evening

were matched by Barclays Bank taking the total to nearly £4,000 with thanks to

the Fullers for organising the

'Butterwick Hospice have

given fantastic support to

Jennifer Murray and our late

Butterwick

organised a very successful fundraising night

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raffle and tombola.

formed teams to compete in a book quiz. The questions children's tested the knowledge on some famous works in children's literature and the quiz generated a competitive, yet fun, atmosphere in the classroom. yet fun. World Book Day is an which important event. brings public attention to something which occurs at Stephenson Way all year round; promoting reading for pleasure. The school actively encourages children to read regularly, with an incentive scheme which allows for children to earn the right to buy books they want to read for the school through regular home reading.

Charity Night Raised Nearly £4,000



last 2 years.

During the weekend visits included viewing of the workshops on the Society's Business Park to see the current restoration project

REPORT POTHOLES

It has been a generally mild winter, but there has still been damage to road surfaces around the town. When a hole in the road surface reaches 30cm (some people say 15cm) long by 4cm deep it is a 'pothole' and needs reporting. If the County Council does not know about a pothole, it is not liable for any damage it causes. As soon as the County Council is made aware of the location of a pothole, however, it becomes liable, unless it has put that pothole on a schedule for repair. Repair-time for potholes is variable, and determined by the risk posed, taking into account 'lots of factors including traffic flows and the position of the pothole relative to the normal track taken'. But all reported potholes must be investigated and scheduled for repair. Readers of the Newton News can therefore make our town a pothole-free zone. Whether you are a walker, cyclist or motorist, if you spot a pothole which is of a reportable size, report it to the County Council's Highways Action Line: by phone on 0191 370 6000 email to hal@durham. gov.uk or using the online form at http://www.durham. gov.uk/Pages/HALIncident. aspx

and to Locomotion at Shildon a conducted tour of NRM which included for the the opportunity to get onto the footplate of the two remaining A4 Pacifics before their departure back to North America.

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Jennifer Murray, Stan and Jen Fuller with Helen Kirby

friend Lee El-Hakim and we supported this fundraiser are grateful to the British Legion and everyone who including Redworth Hall and Stan and Jen.

other local businesses." said

Help Bulb Planting

at West

Park

The news that Great Aycliffe

Town Council's Environment

Officer Steve Cooper is

holding a planting session

in West Park on Wednesday

The time at which Steve has

organised this session 5.30 pm gives working people time to get home and come

and park to come along either

to help in the planting or to

of a venture to encourage

everyone to become involved

in making this very beautiful

support those doing so. We are at the starting line

19th March is fantastic.

Dear Sir.

JUMPING JACKS MEETING

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Following Paul Ryder's fundraiser at the Thames Shopping Centre in Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 7th March the next group meeting of Jumping Jacks is on Tuesday the 18th of March between 1-3 pm with entertainment, refreshments, games and a chance to meet old and new friends.

The venue is St Clare's Church, St Cuthberts Way and Paul is looking forward to meeting a few new and current members.





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Aycliffe Biogas Win "Best Newcomer" Award

east's only anaerobic digestion plant are celebrating after picking up a prestigious North East Business Award. Pictured is Antony Warren, Director of Emerald Biogas with the award

Emerald Biogas was awarded the Best Newcomer prize, and the night was topped off by sister company John Warren ABP, which provides the collection services for Emerald Biogas, walking away with two prizes – one for its Services and the other for Low carbon, Corporate Responsibility & Environment.

It is a major coup for the company, whose facility in Newton Aycliffe only became operational in 2013, and is now providing food recycling services for major retailers like Sainsbury's, Marks and Spencer and a host of food manufacturers, hotels, restaurants and take-away outlets across the region.

Amongst the things that impressed the judges were its achievements over the last year which include:

Reducing the 'food miles' of its customers by an average of 96% - a total of 60,344 miles per annum, by providing a local facility that stops them having to travel to Glasgow or Doncaster to recycle waste Diverting 50,000 tonnes of waste from landfill every year and turning this into enough electricity to supply 2,000 homes,

Development of a biofertiliser which is now being

North East businessaward 2014-necc

around Newton Avcliffe, and outlets, amongst others Ambitious expansion plans for the future which could see the company quadruple in size

The Durham and Wearside awards were held at Ramside Hall, and the success now means that Emerald Biogas and John Warren ABP will both go through to the regional final at Hardwick Hall on 1 May, where they are hoping for further success

Emerald Biogas is the North East's first commercial food waste anaerobic digestion facility. The £8m facility, which is based in Newton Aycliffe, has been designed to recycle food waste -



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Emerald Biogas then recycles it using state-of-the-art anaerobic digestion technology to create valuable new commodities such as renewable energy and biofertiliser for agricultural land.

Ian Bainbridge, Director of Emerald Biogas, said: "This is a really great achievement and one we're very proud of. It has taken a lot of hard work and commitment from a lot of people to get Emerald Biogas up and running and it is fantastic to get this recognition. We have ambitious plans for growth in the future and we're working with local businesses here in Newton Aycliffe to supply them with heat and power directly.'

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Residents in Great Aycliffe and Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP) board meets later this month.

The GAMP board will be meeting on Tuesday, 18 March 2014, between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, at Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre and local people are invited to go along to observe proceedings. The meeting will include presentations on the council's Medium Term Financial Plan, community resilience and an update from the Durham Constabulary.

Attendees can also raise any neighbourhood issues that they would like the board to address. These should be put in writing and sent in advance.

To register to attend the meeting, call: 01325 327441 durham.gov.uk



On Thursday 13th February, Woodham Academy students participated in the regional finals of the VEX Robotic Challenge at the Regional Technology Centre in Sunderland. The event was funded by One North East, the STEMnet contract holders for County Durham and Tees Valley.

Nine secondary schools from Leeds to Blyth were involved in the construction of robots in the "Toss Up" Challenge, with five of the teams from Durham schools.

From the start of the action at 10.00 a.m., the event was a closely fought contest, with teams competing against one another in the warm up sessions. After lunch, the knockout heats began with partnerships formed between the different schools. The alliances then competed head to head against one another in a series of stand offs. The Woodham Academy contingent fought valiantly to a tight end result. The final knockout saw the Ferryhill/Temple Moor team vanquish the Park View/Tanfield line-up and snatch victory.

These two teams now go forward to the national finals, sponsored by Autodesk software, at the Big Bang Challenge event in Birmingham in from 13 - 16 March. A team of year 9 Woodham Academy students are participating in the event in preparation for next year's challenge.



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CLASSIC CAR DRIVE

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The Butterwick Hospice Mid-Summer Classic Car Drive or Sunday 8th June 2014 is a new event which aims to bring awareness to the Out-Reach Day Hospice at the Richardson Hospital in Barnard Castle.

The 95 mile drive will start at the Jersey Farm Hotel, Barnard Castle and will finish at the Bowes Museum and is open to all classic cars built before 1st January 2000. The route will visit Teesdale, Northumberland Fells and Bollihope Common. The entry fee of ± 30 per car will include a morning coffee at the trate of the common them before to the head boxes.

start and a soup and bun lunch for two at the lunch stop. For entry and general queries contact Helen Kirby on 01388 660644 or email helenkirby@butterwick.org.uk Entries close Tuesday 27th May.

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From Monday 10 March, postmen and women will use new delivery methods such as vans and trolleys to deliver letters and the growing numbers of parcels to customers. Royal Mail will be writing to every address in the DL5 sectors 4 to 7 and sector 9 Postcode areas about the changes it is making.

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In Newton Aycliffe, Royal Mail has invested in twelve new vans and thirty-five trolleys to enable postmen and women to deliver the mail more efficiently. These changes can require a

period of adjustment for staff. However, Royal Mail will be doing everything possible to maintain a high level of service and thanks customers for their understanding. Royal Mail Delivery

Bob Director, Storey, said: "We are proud of the high regard in which our postmen and women are held in Newton Aycliffe. The changes to delivery routes will mean that a member of our local and experienced team will still be delivering to our customers in Newton Aycliffe." "The local delivery team

and I are fully committed to providing a high quality of service that is as reliable and friendly as customers have come to expect from Royal Mail in Newton Aycliffe over many years." Why we are making these

changes The way in which we communicate with each other has changed dramatically. Unfortunately, fewer letters are now posted every day and



lunchtime. efficient as possible. We also • The time customers receive mail will depend on where they live on the new delivery route. This may be later or possibly earlier than current delivery times.

we may need to adjust delivery arrangements and times.

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On Monday 10th February, six enthusiastic Year 9 students from Woodham Academy attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) project introduction day at GlaxoSmithKline in Barnard Castle.

The project, organised by the Engineering Development Trust (EDT), is aimed at 12-14 year olds to encourage them to consider a career in engineering. The students watched a presentation about Glaxo given by

the staff that will be assisting them with their project before having a tour of the manufacturing plant. After lunch they took part in a mini 'Dragons Den', winning with a design for a new environmentally friendly heating system for their school. The team will now spend the next 10 weeks working on their Go4SET project which has the theme of 'A healthy school'. Their initial idea is to devise a way for the waste from the school kitchens to be used to produce gas to heat the ovens. The next event will be the presentation and judging of the projects which will take place at Newcastle University in June. The winners of this regional event will then go to London to present their project at the national finals.

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club recorded their sixth successive

victory in Durham and Northumberland Division 3 with

the previous week's

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NEWTON NEWS

Ben Nevis Fun Climb for Town Charity Looking forward to hearing community.

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Aycliffe charity "Helping Hands" volunteers are taking a Sponsored Rock Climb equivalent to Ben Nevis to raise much needed funds:

It wil be held at Rock Antics in the Leisure Centre on Saturday 5th April at 10am. Newton News readers are asked to consider taking part. It's going to be FUN and the money raised will support many people who are facing tough times in our own



The next "Feel Good Film Show" at St Clare's Church, on WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH, features SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN" starring Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristin Scott Thomas. Blunt The impossible idea of salmon introducing to waterways the of Yemen, the possibility that Loads hope can spring. and charm, laughs of come and be cheered up. Tea and coffee at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1-15pm. Everyone is most welcome Bring a spot to join us. of lunch with you, tables are set out, and enjoy a friendly social occasion. Further details from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

It was a very busy weekend last week for several gymnasts from Athena Gymnastic Academy which

is based in both Shildon and Newton Aycliffe as they competed in South Shields in the North of England NDP acro regional finals at the Temple Park Leisure Centre. The competition for a place in the finals in Sophie Stoke was hotly contested by many clubs within the North East with clubs represented from Durham, Teesside and Tyneside, all competing for that valued place in the finals. The gymnasts from Athena, many who were competing in a major competition for the first time, all did the club and



from you soon. Alwyn White

Director of Fun

it's coaches really proud and came away with some really good scores. The club sent teams to the competition of which 4 medalled in the relevant grades. The gymnasts from Athena that took part were: Womens' Group: Group: Amber McNeal, Frances Andelin

& Katie Andelin, Abbie Ramsey, Shakira Palmer, Andelin, Rebecca Carr, Katie McLaren, Chloe Miller, Zoe Jackson, Maddy Wood, Charlotte Dent. Mixed Pairs: Arran Fuller and Amelia Dent, Daniel Wilkinson & Esther Young Mixed Pairs: Calvin Beaton & Isabel Petty, Joseph Dunn & Evie Tombling

dangerous when they played simple rugby and inside centre Darrell McLaren scored two Aycliffe to Welcome Celtic Nation

As if often the way at this time of the year, the Northern League fixture computer has suddenly provided Newton Aycliffe FC with a glut of

games. Following on from the midweek game away at Dunston, this weekend sees the Royal Blues make the trip to Whitley Bay. Boss Allan Oliver will be looking to build on the positive away performance at Bishop Auckland in both of

those games. However it is the next week at HQ that is really looking interesting. Big Spending Celtic Nation are the visitors to Moore Lane Park in a rearranged game on Wednesday 19th (7.30pm) before Aycliffe host strugglers Team North on Saturday 22nd

(3.00pm). Celtic Nation bring their expensively assembled squad to Aycliffe at a time when they are locked in a 4-way tussle with Aycliffe's near neighbours Spennymoor, Shildon, and West Auckland. The South West Durham trio will all be looking to Aycliffe to do them a favour! What adds extra spice to the run-in, is that the Cumbrians and Spennymoor are both seeking promotion, whereas Shildon and West are happy to remain in the Northern League for now. And given that Avcliffe still have to play each of the others in the run-in, it's fair to say

Allan Oliver and his men will have a big say on where the

Then, next Saturday, Aycliffe will be looking to put another dent into Team North's hopes of survival. At present Aycliffe have a reasonable points cushion over the students, but with the games coming thick and fast, things can change quickly. After last seasons nervous end

to the season, Aycliffe will be looking to get the win against Team North that will mean they can start to relax and enjoy the last few weeks. Off the field, Aycliffe still

have tickets available for their evening with 'The Three Legends'. These are priced at Just £10 and include a pie and pea supper. The event is taking place at The Big Club' on Friday 28th March. Please see any member of the committee for more details

tries before the half was up with Before Tinkler converting one. the half was over Tinkler had added a penalty goal to leave the score 22 - 0.

Town Rugby Team

and

Aycliffe made some substitutions at half time, but it was business as usual as the pace of Adam Gascoigne saw him increase the lead and Littlefair added his second before Richmondshire finally got on the scoreboard from a penalty. Gascoigne added his second and Sam Daltry had a try disallowed to give Aycliffe a 41 - 3 lead. The visitors had refused to give up all game, and they now camped themselves in Aycliffe's 22 for almost 10 minutes On a number of occasions, they

seemed bound to score but they were marginally short as Aycliffe were determined to stop their line being breached. Finally, Aycliffe were able to break out and they were scored the final try with the first score of the season for Chris Wilson who stepped inside two players off the wing. At the end, the score was 46 - 3 to Aycliffe. The result, together with good wins for the teams above them, make it look likely the Aycliffe will finish the season in third place in the league, but they still have difficult games to come and will hope that other sides slip up. On 15 March, Aycliffe visit bottom of the table Jarrovians. Newton Aycliffe are sponsored by Boola Clothing Aycliffe and Hayward Home Appliances, trading as Serviceforce Visit the website at www.pitchero.com/ clubs/newtonaycliffe.



Every Monday night at the Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre you can now keep fit and stay trim taking part in a Fitsteps fitness class. Fitsteps is a mix of ballroom and latin dance steps fused together to create a really fun, energetic workout.

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Huntsman Crash out Against Witton Park | Promotion for Aycliffe Team in First Season

Huntsman played only their second game of 2014 against Witton Park on 9th of March in the Darlington Charity Cup, and suffered an unfortunate 4-1 defeat.

The manager made one change from the side which lost its 100% league record two week earlier with Jamie Herd replacing the injured Anth Cox. The game got underway with Huntsman eager to impose themselves on the game but they quickly went a goal down when skipper Lee Redpath failed to clear and the ball broke to the Witton centre forward who slipped the ball into the back of the net from 12 yards. The Huntsman were all over the shop but managed to get a grip and slowly began to get into the game, soaking up pressure and hitting on the break. Michael Sproates on the right wing was causing Witton lots of problems and he beat his man and squared a cross back which was blocked by an arm the referee waved play on to the dismay of the Huntsman players. They weren't to be undone though

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the league in tenth place.

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fourth place as they lost 7-1

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and Sproates once again got in down the right after good play by Bates in the middle of the park, Sproates pulled it back to Dave Neale who was denied by a great save but Witton failed to clear and Shaun Sproates was on hand to poke home from close range to make it all level with 25 minutes on the clock Huntsman bossed the rest of the half, Michael Sproates fired just wide before Dave Neale drilled a shot off the base of the post. However a with only a minute till half time Huntsman good work was undone when they switched off from a corner and Witton took a quick one, working a one two before firing a shot into the 2-1 at half time. shot into the bottom corner.

The onslaught from Witton was expected after the break but it never materialised and Huntsman kept themselves in the game, and slowly began to get back on top. Andrew to get back on top. Andrew Richardson replaced Herd from the bench and impressed with some great forward runs. Shaun Sproates again went close as

did Michael Sproates however on 75 minutes Huntsman had the best chance to equalise as Shaun Sproates raced clear with only the goalkeeper to beat he decided to pass when it was easier to score, a chance which should have been taken to make for an interesting last 15 minutes.

Huntsman continued to push for an equaliser and a change in formation left them a little more open and Witton Park put the game out of sight with 5 minutes to go when a cross was glanced on at the near post a sucker punch. Heads dropped and Witton added a 4th to put a gloss on the scoreline which on reflection didn't do the game justice.

Man of the Match went to Michael Sproates who terrorised the Witton backline all morning. Huntsman are back in league action this weekend against Three Crowns where they hope to get their first victory of 2014 and push on in their quest for the Division 2 title



After last week's win over The British Legion, Newton Aycliffe Sports Club travelled play 4th placed Tomkins of Darlington, knowing a win would guarantee promotion to the 1st Division at their first

attempt in their first season. A delayed kick off added to the tension, but Aycliffe started the more brightly of the two, dominating the early exchanges. A formation change to 4-1-3-2 saw the return of Paul Cook, playing in front of the back four and Connor Hughes returning after a season blighted with injury to the centre of midfield. Chris Jones was partnered with Glenn Hendrix up front for the first time this season. For all of the possession

Sports Club had, the Tomkins goalkeeper was never really challenged until a penalty was awarded after 10 minutes.

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pace from the centre forward. The second goal came on the half hour mark, good link up play again between the front two which saw Jones flick over the head of the defender for Hendrix to chase in a drill

visitors

home the second. The second half was a more even affair with the home side digging deep to try and stop the Sports Clubs march to the top flight. Sloppy defending caught the Sports Club out and the home side took advantage to give them a chance of a

comeback and they scored on 55 minutes to make it 1-2 and a chance to get back in the game However, the Aycliffe side responded quickly and Glenn Hendrix netted his brace to regain the two goal advantage. The Sports Club then had fresh worries with both Ryan Stonehouse and Mark Craggs pulling up with Hamstring problems, and Gareth Boyes struggling with a similar problem – so a couple of quick

changes were made. Anth Campbell came on for Stonehouse and David Teder slotting into an unfamiliar role of Centre Half as cover for

Mark Craggs – with Gareth Boyes deciding to stay on the pitch and help to steady the ship.

Tomkins took advantage of the changes and powered through to make it 2-3, but with time quickly running out NASC FC managed to hold on for the win and gain promotion in the Darlington Sunday Invitational League.

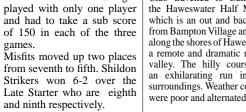
Congratulations to the entire squad for their participation so far this season and with the League Title and the League Cup still up for grabs, there's still plenty to play for this

🛞 NAFC & 🛞 NAJFC jointly An Evening with The North East Three Longards Chris Jones stepped up and confidently slotted the ball home to make it 1-0 to the SLAVEN, MALCOLM MACDONALD AND RICHA Newton Ayelliffe WMC Aycliffe remained on top and the new strike partnership was developing well with good interaction. Hendrix took up Friday 28th March - 7.30pm the role of playing the wider draising night at the big c ced at £15.00. This is a ticl of the two and gave the home sides left back a tough job, n. Tick ted availability so get calling to secure ed on the night go to NAFC and NAJFC struggling to mark him with good movement, strength and

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Forster from Aycliffe Running Club travelled to Cumbria for the Haweswater Half Marathon which is an out and back course from Bampton Village and passes along the shores of Haweswater in a remote and dramatic mountain valley. The hilly course offers an exhilarating run in unique surroundings. Weather conditions were poor and alternated between





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4 members of Aycliffe Running Club went to the Hackworth Park 1st birthday run at Shildon on Saturday 8th March. Ste Smith finished in 4th position and achieved a new PB of 20:39, Sandra Collins was 12th in 22:49 and also a PB, next was Penny Johnson 30th in 26:17 and Rob Nicholson 35th in 27:47. It was a good turnout for Aycliffe Running Club on Sunday 9th March for the inaugural Town and Gown Durham City 10K. The run was organised by the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign to raise funds to help fight the genetic, currently incurable muscle wasting condition. Over 300 runners took part in the race which started and finished at the Graham sports ground at Maiden Castle and followed a route taking in the sights of Durham

fells were hidden in the mist.

However, Chris completed the

course in a time of 2 hours and

5 seconds.

including the banks of the River Wear, the Cathedral, Castle and Market Place. The sun shone on the runners and it was a lovely spring day. First home for Aycliffe was Martyn Knox in 41:14 followed by Peter Milbum in 41:27. Nigel Holmes was next in a personal best time of 43:26 followed by Robert Young in 45:40. It was Andrew Greenall's first ever race and he finished the

course in 46:39. Four Club members chose the Stockton Winter 5K Trail Race at Ropner Park on Sunday 9th March. Peter Smith was first home in 20:42 followed by John Burnside 20:47 and Kelly Smith 22:51. Sue Milburn was glad to get back into running again after injury and illness and, although ran slower than she is used to, finished in a respectable time of

24:19. For informations about Avcliffe Running Club and their training sessions see http://www. ayclifferunningclub.org.uk

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Project Manager, Alwvn White, said "we do not want anyone to suffer in silence, Helping Hands is here to help those in financial crisis. People often say that there are people worse off than them when in fact they so very much need the help we can offer. Please don't hesitate to phone the charity helpline.



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to a bake sale for the Sports Academy's dance troupe and also The Great Woodham Sarnie Off. On one side of the hall students

haggled and shouted orders for baked treats and on the other, students worked in frenzied groups creating and assembling spectacular sandwiches - some of which were more like works of art than edible goods. The Great Woodham Sarnie Off was a humanities house competition with a twist. Students were asked to create a sandwich of their choice that represented a country or culture.

The competition was open to all year groups that are part of the house system rather than just Years 7 & 8 or Years 9 & 10 as

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house competitions are usually Each year was judged run. individually and there were even and staff entries.

The judges were specially chosen as the two people who had the best credentials in the school to judge such a competition – Linda the head chef and Michelle the sandwich They deliberated for maker. quite a while with some heated debate over who should be the winner, but eventually they decided on who they felt were the rightful champions.

From Year 10 the winning entry was from Grace, Ellie and Emma who submitted a ten story egg and cress sandwich shaped to resemble the Big Ben, complete with cucumber slices as the clock faces. There were two entries from Year 8 that the judges deliberated over for a

long time. A Chinese dragon sandwich from Lisa and coronation chicken sandwich shaped to resemble the royal crown from Megan. In the end, it was decided that Megan take 1st place due to the outstanding shaping of the bread and relevancy of the filling. With the most entries from Year 7, it was a very close call, but in the end, Euan, Logan, Kieran and Jacob clinched it with their incredibly imaginative Indian sandwich complete with mango chutney, naan bread, onion

bhajis and popodoms. In 2nd place was a fantastic group effort to represent France and in 3rd was a sandwich encompassing all things British ... even teabags!

British... eVen teabags! Woodham Headteacher, Christine Forsyth, says, "the Great Woodham Sarnie Off was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all. When children are happy they are ready to learn and do well?" and do well"

Shrove Tuesday Celebrations at St Clare's



A very big THANK YOU from St Clare's Church to all who supported our Shrove Tuesday Fundraising Pancake Lunch. We raised £180 towards

Roof Appeal Fund, and the Godfrey Bennett kindly donated £50 from his charity shop "All Sorts", situated to the side of the church for those who have not yet visited him. We have two unclaimed raffle

number 564 (wine) prizes and 569 (chocolates). Please collect them from St Clare's any morning during the next two weeks.

Once again many thanks to all who attended, wo hope you enjoyed yourselves. A final very special thank you to our wonderful and smart waiters Joe and Robin, who were kept busy all lunch time.

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On the stroke of HT we took the lead when Alfie fired in a free kick, which was well saved by the keeper but there was Tom Jasper to knock the ball home.

The second half was scrappy but the lads dug deep and defended superbly. Zack in goal had safe hands to gobble up all that was thrown at him. Alfie and Joseph were superb in defence, but the whole team had to put a shift in as Mount Pleasant pushed us back.

The last 5 minutes was a tense affair but we stood firm and held out for a hard fought 1-0 victory. MoM Alfie Nichol-Brown and Joseph Birchall, gave outstanding defensive work today. That's us up to second in the league and if results go our way in the up and coming weeks we can gain promotion.



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our community. As well as the gardening activities, there will be free refreshments and a chance to tell PCP what activities you would like to see happen at the Pioneering Care Centre.

There will be an opportunity to make your own seed pots and chat to Horticultural Specialist Howard Leslie, who will be delivering PCP's new project Plot to Plate, starting on Wednesday 2 April. The 'Plot to Plate' project

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Birthday Remembrance

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PAUL CLARK Missing you so much, you are always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. With all our love, Adam, Diane, Matthew and Sarah xxx

LORNA ROBERTS 15/03/1924. With an ache in my heart I whisper low, Happy 90th Birthday Mam, I miss you so much, all my love Beverly x FRANK 18th March. Birthday remembrance to Frank. Happy remembrance to Frank. Happy birthday sweetheart, your first away from us. You were a very special Husband, it's hard to believe you are not here. I could always depend on you to get me through thick and thin and always be on my side. Don't know how I have got through this year. So God put your arms around him and give him a kiss for me and tell him that I love him and miss him every minute of every day. From his loving Wife, always, Pauline and Son Frank xxx

DICKINSON Walter James 15th March 1940. Wonderful memories of a very loving Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle, who will always be in our thoughts and hearts. We all miss you more than words can say. Lots of love, Denise, Steve and all the bairns xxxxx

Obituary

TOWLER, Lynne of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully on 9th March, aged 69 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Peter; Much loved Mam to David, Stephen, Robert, Angie and the late Gayle; Grandmother to Charlotte, Christopher, Catherine and Gareth; Also a Great Grandmother. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church on Thursday 20th March at 10.45am. Followed by interment at the West Cemetery. Family flowers only. donations in lieu, if so desired, to Cancer Research. Donation

box available at Church. BLENKINSOPP 9th March 2014, peacefully at home, Phyllis aged 76 years of Aycliffe Village. Loving Wife of the late Jim: much loved Mam of Ian; treasured Motherin-Law of Jackie: dearly loved Gran to Nicola and Graham; also a Great Gran to Zach and Mia; devoted and sadly missed Sister to Pat, Joyce. Ena, Val and Susan. Funeral Wednesday 19th March. Would friends please meet at 1.15p.m. for Service at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village followed by cremation Coundon Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if so desired, to Bishop Auckland Lung Cancer Trust Fund, c/o Seaton Leng & Son Ltd., 59a Bondgate, Darlington, DL3 7JR.

In Memoriam

John Embleton



Died 16th March 2013 A year has gone, since that sad day. You broke our hearts and slipped away. But forever in our thoughts vou will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. Loving Wife, Lesley and Son Christopher xxx

ETTA WALLER Passed away 4th March, 2014. Peacefully. You will be missed so much and I am so proud to have had the best Aunty ever. Love Tracy Bradley Tyler x

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FRANK REED 17-4-1007. Never a day goes by without vou in our thoughts. Always in our hearts. You were one and far

March. Wish we could say it in person to you, "Happy Birthday Dad and Grandad". Love always, Diane, Kevin, Luke and Hannah xxx MARY HIND 15th March 2009. You were a wonderful loving Mam and a devoted Nana We miss you so much, you are always in our thoughts and our hearts. Never forgotten. All our love, Janet, Tony and David xxx

some small way, memories of vou come my way. No more tomorrows for us to share. But yesterdays memories will always be there. Love always, Ann and family xxx

Congratulations

Carol Gaskarth (nee Wood)



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What a great show the young Aycliffe band "White Vinyl" put on last Saturday night at Planet Leisure. The lead singer William Kirton who is well known for entertaining the crowds in Aycliffe for a number of years, was well up for the

sure he got the focus with some great solo displays, wandering all over the room with his guitar. Local band "The Unsound" were watching the gig and lead

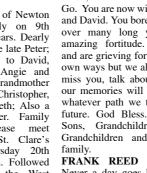
N' Roses – Nightrain". At the end "White Vinyl" was taken over by "The Unsound" with special guest appearance from guest AYTPs sound man Tom Bussey on drums for an rendition unplanned



any battle of the bands competition. Coming up over the next few weeks, lots of Aycliffe young talented stars in gig and on top form. Steven Grainger made competitions starting with "Woodham's Got Talent" with a number of AYTP members taking part. We will bring you a report next week. Also in national competitions is AYTP singer "Alice Jordan"

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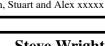
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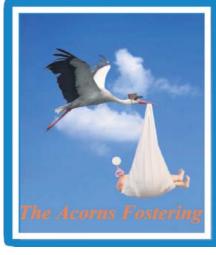
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SPARTANS PREPARING HARD FOR NEW SEASON

Newton Avcliffe Spartans are busy preparing for their new campaign in the British Baseball Federation (BBF) Northern AA Division and the team's 2014 schedule has been announced. It has been a busy off-season and new General Manager and Head Coach Mike Holton has been putting the squad through their paces over the winter months. The team has been training weekly indoors, at Woodham Academy in Newton Avcliffe and with the recent hint of better weather the team have enjoyed some productive training sessions in the fresh air at their home field at Shildon.

2013 saw The Spartans improve as a team, narrowly missing out on the playoffs and with a good mix of players returning from last season and new players joining in the off-season, there is plenty of optimism that The Spartans can mount a real challenge for the title in 2014. Mike explained further, 'We've had a great off season, really working to improve some of the fundamentals of the game of baseball which we hope will translate when we start the season next month'. 'The core of the squad that served us well in 2013 are back, plus we've added some players with good experience, such as Steve Rixon, who has played baseball to a high standard back in his native Australia.' The Spartans begin their season

on Sunday 13th April with a home double header against Harrogate Cubs

Spartans 2014 Schedule 13/4 v Harrogate Cubs

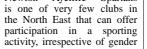
27/4 v Liverpool Trojans 4/5 v Manchester A's

11/5 v Sheffield Bladerunners 18/5 at Oldham North Stars

25/5 at Bolton Robots of Doom 1/6 v Hull Scorpions 8/6 v Bolton Robots of Doom 22/6 at Harrogate Cubs

29/6 v at Liverpool Trojans 6/7 at Hull Scorpions 20/7 at Sheffield Bladerunners 3/8 v Oldham North Stars 17/8 at Manchester A's

Newton Aycliffe Spartans Baseball Club is seeking to partner with commercial organisations across County Durham to promote baseball as an alternative sport within the community and be part of the exciting development and growth of the club. The club are looking for game day sponsors and title sponsors. Every penny in sponsorship is invested back into the club to help fund the adult team, develop the junior team and outreach programme working towards bringing the sport to more areas of the North East of England. Newton Aycliffe Spartans is one of very few clubs in



ARTANS Spartans Head Coach, Mike Holton (right), player Ian Porley

from the age of 8 (through the Club's junior programme). The club's vision is to increase participation in outdoor sport where can develop life skills such as team work and leadership as well as building self-confidence and for both adult and youth players to gain the health benefits of outdoor sport participation. Newton Aycliffe Spartans Baseball Club activity encourages equality, openness, fairness and sportsmanship. Any commitment large or

small is welcomed by the club. Please contact Mike Holton at mike@mikeholton. net for further information or contact the club via www newtonaycliffespartans.co.uk www.facebook.com/ newtonaycliffespartans



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