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Left to right Baroness Neville-Rolfe, Pamela Petty and Amanda Hird of Ebac

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Business Minister in the House of Lords, Baroness Neville-Rolfe, visited Newton Aycliffe based appliances manufacturer Ebac to learn how a Regional Growth Fund grant is supporting its new

production line, which will deliver the only UK made washing machines on the market. The line is being developed with support from a £1m Regional Growth Fund (RGF) grant from the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills and a £6m injection from the company's own funds. Work to establish the production line follows

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Newton News Gets Results

Dear Sir,
I wanted to let you know how pleased I have been with the response from the Newton News. It is clearly a paper which is widely read and trusted in Aycliffe. Well done and keep it up and I think we will need to put an appeal in for more volunteers now! I will be in touch.

Kay White | Area Manager

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Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is encouraging people to get involved in its big plans to develop a socially inclusive garden in the grounds of the Pioneering Care Centre.

Last year the garden was transformed into a hive of growing activity with thanks to participants attending a 'Plot to Plate' project. The idea became a reality with thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP's) 'Your Money, Your Area,

Your Views' Community Grants Fund.

PCP wants to build on this success and create an area that can be used for social and therapeutic horticulture activities. The vision is to use the entire garden area for a variety of learning and leisure projects to bring the local community together. To get these ideas started there are a number of ways you can get involved:

Family half term activity: Green Finger Fun Workshop - Thursday 19 February 1 -

3pm. Indoor fun activities making story stones and wind chimes whilst finding out more about the PCP's secret garden plans.

Dig-in: 10 week course for adults starting Monday 2 March 10am - 12noon. Learn about and take part in wildlife and organic gardening and growing your own vegetables whilst meeting new people.

Big Dig Community Event: Saturday 21 March 10am - 1pm. If you're enthusiastic about gardening, or would just like to join in and make a difference in your local community, get involved in the nation's biggest community gardening volunteering event, The Big Dig.

Dig Art: 10 week course for families starting at Easter. Garden fun for all the family making artwork from materials gathered from the garden. Make outdoor sculptures using reflective, tactile, musical and recycled objects.

The health benefits of gardening are well recognised. Gardening can have a positive impact on physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

For further information contact the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or find PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: /PCPandCentre

Baroness at Ebac

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five years of planning and ongoing research and development, which includes the views of thousands of consumers.

The company aims to double its 200-strong workforce as it expands its product range, having already started producing Norfrost Chest Freezers at its premises in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham.

Baroness Neville-Rolfe was given an update on the development of washing machine production by Ebac managing director Pamela Petty and met members of the team working on the exciting venture.

Pamela Petty said: "The RGF process has worked well for Ebac, enabling the company to establish the manufacture of washing machines.

"Around three million washing machines are bought in the UK each year, all of them imported. We have spent years exploring not only the feasibility of manufacturing washing machines, but also the processes involved and we are very confident of having a high quality, competitive product on the market in 2015. The money from the Regional Growth made all of this possible and will undoubtedly reap returns for Ebac, the North East and the country as a whole.

"Baroness Neville-Rolfe was very supportive of our objectives and impressed with the level of detail that has gone into the planning, which will soon become a reality.

"From a personal point of view I would encourage other companies to take advantage of the RGF grants and the support offered throughout the application and drawdown process. This is the type of initiative that strengthens the economy and encourages business to invest, grow and create jobs." Speaking on the company's video the Baroness said: "I am delighted that the Government has been able to help with a grant towards the cost of this project."

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"UKIP in Aycliffe is the Answer" says Town Councillor

Firstly can I thank the officer from Durham County Council for the information printed in Newton News on how they are dealing with asbestos in schools. Elmfield School was

closed in 2009, due to lack of demand for children's places. I never wish to offend anyone, but my great concern is the way the Elmfield Action Committee chaired by

Labour Councillor Kate Hopper with other Labour Councillors Eddy Adam and Mike Dixon are very focused on the sale of this school land and the playing field area, for housing and to fund a public building on that land for the ward.

Elsewhere in the county a similar situation is being investigated by a Government Inspector over a multi-million pound housing development involving the sale of a school playing field, nature reserve and recycling centre. The County Council are now having to review their processes. I intend to bring the proposed use of Elmfield land to the attention of this Government Inspector. What has happened since 2009 in providing new Schools in Durham County? I hope our two councillors take note as this is what they should be fighting for rather than housing.

New state-of-the-art Schools built since 2009 include Brandon, Esh Whinning, Kirk Merrington, Greenland Community School., Shotton Hall, Durham Trinity School, an Academy also at Shotton Hall, Sedgefield Community College and North Durham Academy - all closed and moved to newly built schools.

This can be done at Elmfield if our County Councillors start doing what is required

for the West Ward instead of following what the Labour controlled council want to happen.

They are only interested in building new houses, but if we look around the West Ward and Newton Aycliffe generally there are many houses standing empty. If a Community Centre is built on the Elmfield site I am only too pleased I will not be living next to it! Just take a look at the one we have in the west ward, Silverdale House. Vast amounts of ratepayers money has been spent on it and still doesn't function in the best interests of the public.

The two West Ward councillors Adam and Hopper said in their election leaflet they would support this and invest their time and energy in a concerted effort to make it work better for the public. I do not feel this promise has been fulfilled! The following is a list of expenditure:

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These items were applied for, to be used at the centre for community use, to enhance activities for young people using Silverdale House. The equipment purchased was to provide a valuable resource for all members of the community that access Silverdale House. This is not happening since Durham County Council withdrew funding on all public buildings.

As a result and despite having invested over £16,000 the building has not been open and available for the public to take advantage of all the facilities and equipment available - this is a huge shame considering the amount of public money that has been spent here!

To me Aycliffe is the LOST town in Durham County - we need all our councillors to start speaking up for the benefit of residents and let's start to get things done! Ratepayers money has been spent on the Neighbourhood Plan and one of the high priorities and suggested improvements to our area is the need for a Retail Park for Newton Aycliffe - I believe this would be a huge benefit

to residents and and we need to move forward with this as soon as possible! I am aware private companies drive this type of venture forward, but they need to know there is land available along with the council's support. We must press this issue as Aycliffe can only benefit from the delivery of such a facility! I also believe UKIP would be the perfect Party to bring essential improvements to the table and drive forward

these type of initiatives that can only benefit and serve to improve the day to day lives of hard working residents of Newton Aycliffe both young and old. There have been many promises made along the way by various parties but I firmly believe UKIP are best placed and best motivated to deliver positive results rather than those making empty promises!
Alderman George Gray,
West Ward Councillor

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Thus, for 12 years, New Labour ignored the North East where they had safe seats and spent disproportionately in the south to try and win and keep the southern seats. Before he won the election Tony Blair said that he had to make New Labour a more 'centralist' party with wider appeal. This he did, and ignored the North East and his / our constituency thereafter! The Coalition Government is just doing the same but with a smaller 'pot' of money to spend.

Tell it like it is Mr Clare, don't ignore or try and re-write history! David Cameron is only echoing Tony Blair. The difference is that New Labour supporters in the North East thought that Blair would be true to his North East power base; however history shows

that he was more preoccupied with the 'Tony Blair legacy' (and getting his snout into the Westminster trough). In the end he stepped down and handed his 'poisoned chalice' to Gordon Brown who had "prudently" sold our gold reserves at the bottom of the market and then proceeded to "prudently" bankrupt the country.

There are fewer unemployed people in the North East now than there were at the end of 12 years of New Labour. However, the south have got 12 new jobs to every 1 in the North East. Could this be that the non-Labour Councils in the south are working with the Coalition Government better than the North East Labour Councils?

The fact of the matter is that all governments of whatever political persuasion have courted the southern voter because that is where they have to win seats; they spend money in the south.

A shed load of money is to be spent on HS2 and it doesn't even reach the North East proper! Why has no North East Labour politician suggested we start building HS2 at Newcastle and end it in the South? This way, the money would be spent up front in the North East economy and HS2 would increasingly improve travel here before it is completed and drains further money south out of the North East.

The sad fact for Labour voters is that a vote for Labour is a vote for a Westminster focused government. Neither Labour nor the Conservatives see wooing North East voters a priority. Labour need to

concentrate on the threat to their Scottish power-base while the Coalition Parties have to fend off UKIP. The only hope for the North East is a protest vote (e.g. for the Green Party or UKIP). Only then will a Westminster Government have to heed how the North East votes.

Alastair P. G. Welsh
Ayclife Village

Log on and Register to Vote at Election

Voters are being urged not to miss out on the chance to have their say in this year's general election. All households in County Durham have been issued with a letter listing everyone at the property who is on the electoral register.

Anyone whose name is not on the letter and is, therefore, not registered is encouraged to go online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and register as part of National Voter registration Day on 5th February.

David Collingwood, Durham County Council's electoral services manager, said: "Anyone not yet registered to vote should do so as soon as possible in order to be able to have their say. We're also urging people to use National Voter Registration Day to spread the message among family and friends who may not have registered yet that it only takes a few minutes to complete the form online."

The county council is running a number of initiatives to encourage residents to register to

vote, including working with local schools and Durham University to get students registered. Sixth formers at North Durham Academy in Stanley have also been working with the council to produce a video encouraging others to register. View the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcYqRXjdsLw>

Kay Jenkins, the Electoral Commission's head of English regions, said: "National Voter Registration Day exists because it is important that anyone who is eligible to be on the register, but has not yet registered, does so."

"Young people, students and people who move frequently are much less likely to be registered to vote. We're urging them to use the day as an opportunity to get on to the electoral register."

To request a paper copy of the registration form, contact the electoral registration office on 03000 26 12 12 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Vane Road School playground by John Williamson

Weekly Bike Rides

Weekly bike rides for all ages and abilities are taking place across County Durham to help people stay fit and healthy. The group cycles, organised by Durham County Council as part of the national Bike4Life programme, are led by trained experts and volunteers. They are free and you don't even need a bike or helmet as these can be provided if needed.

The rides, up to two hours, are all at recreational and leisurely pace with regular breaks and can be divided into different ability groups.

Joanne Heron, physical activity officer (cycling), Durham County Council, said: "Cycling is a great way to improve your health and wellbeing and also the chance to explore the outdoors, meet new people and get to know your local area."

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I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce Ray and Miriam Turnbull, originally from Sunderland, who have joined me to help take the business forward. They bring a warm, caring, family atmosphere to the shop and also mirror my values, which are to go the extra mile or 10 to get the job done. As far as business goes, I couldn't be happier with the progress that we have made in 2014. Rightmove statistics show that, after only one year, we are the **fastest selling Estate Agent in Newton Aycliffe**. To top off a fantastic year, we had a magic month in **December** where **we sold an amazing 22 properties**. Not bad for what is supposed to be the slowest month of the year!

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AUTHOR BETS ON GRAND NATIONAL WINNER NAMED AFTER HIS BOOK TITLE

It is nearing the calendar dates for those prestigious jump races: The Cheltenham Gold Cup, The Aintree Grand National and The Scottish Grand National. Newtonian Steven Corner, a lecturer at Darlington College, has driven his passion for National Hunt racing into his second novel, 'The Whispering Pegasus.'

The story follows a fictional local trainer, jockey and former SAS member, John Brennan, as they fight to keep John's brother's prized chaser safe so he can rank alongside Red Rum, Arkle and Desert Orchid.

Steven has presented his novel to the 1968 Grand National winning trainer, Mr Denys Smith, whose yard was based at South Church, Bishop Auckland. Denys trained the winner, Red Alligator and retained the services of Aintree legend jockey, Brian Fletcher, who later rode Red Rum twice to National victory. It was the exploits of Denys and Brian that inspired Steven to write his novel.

The author has also placed a bet with Coral Racing that a horse bearing the name, 'Whispering Pegasus' will go on to win the Grand National within ten years. The bookies must think this outcome is achievable and have offered odds of 200-1! Mr Corner has placed a bet of £20 and the slip is held in a Coral Shop



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Mr Corner has contacted jump trainers like Jonjo O'Neil and local Sedgefield owner, John Wade, to ask if they would consider naming one of their future jump stars, 'Whispering Pegasus'.

The rules of horse racing forbid horses having names longer than 18 characters: Whispering Pegasus is within these rules and there is no jump race, in training, that bears this name. "I think the real question is whether the eventual real horse can match the deeds of the fictional horse", concludes Mr Corner. The Whispering Pegasus is available as a paperback or eBook from Amazon and the Racing Post Online Shop.

Friends A.G.M.

The Friends of West Park hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th February at 7pm in the upstairs lounge at the British Legion Club. All residents welcome

HEAD TEACHERS GET A 'D MINUS' ON FAMILY HOLIDAYS

Mums and Dads in Durham have told Government and local authorities they must try harder and stop fining mums and dads who take their children out of school for family holidays in term time.

According to a nationwide survey of 7,000 households – 179 in Durham - a massive 68% of parents complained that head teachers deserved a D minus and should not have the right to penalise parents, with 57% adding that it was now time to stagger school holidays. Even worse some 70% accused the Government of once again acting like a nanny state over the issue while calling for an immediate change in the law to allow parents to take their children on holiday – anytime.

The survey, commissioned by Questor Insurance Services, based in Rainham, Kent, was not totally one sided. Of those that supported the school policy 52% said taking children away in term time disrupted their education and made it difficult for the school.

"The survey was originally intended to establish the views of households about travel insurance," said Andrew Lawrence, managing director of Questor, "and we were not

expecting such a response to the second part of our questionnaire which covered holiday habits. It really does seem that parents feel strongly about this issue."

These views were reinforced with 77% of parents saying it was not selfish to take children on holiday in term time with predictably 30% of those saying it gives hard pressed families the chance of a less expensive holiday; 38% saying such occasions were good for a child's education and the rest claiming it was better for a family to have quality time together than no holiday at all.

ACORN Residents' February Meeting

Popular Aycliffe residents group ACORN will be holding their regular monthly meeting on February 12th at the Royal British Legion, Commencing with a meeting of the junior group "little ACORNS" from 5.30 pm where plans are being made for future events and trips. Feedback from a visit to South Lakeland Zoo on February 7th will be given to help the group improve. Plans are currently being made for the amazing Easter petting zoo which will feature all manner of animals and reptiles.

It is anticipated this year the amount of creatures will be substantially increased and various other pursuits will also be provided. If you are an animal oriented group such as the dogs trust, business selling pet food or community organisation wishing to meet the public we would welcome your attendance.

The main ACORN meeting will take place from 6pm featuring our speaker for the evening Louise Harlandson who will be talking about the role of Durham Community Action in the community. ACORN will also be discussing local issues affecting the local area with representatives of the police, town councillors and county councillors.

Consistently growing in membership since its inception in January 2012 ACORN regularly have 50 people attending monthly meetings and many more take an interest through Facebook and other media. ACORN welcomes anyone with an interest in Newton Aycliffe to come along and join in the fun.

Any enquiries should be addressed to Ken Robson Tel 01325 321471

AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK GROUP'S 2nd BIRTHDAY

The Aycliffe Business Park Group met last week to celebrate their 2nd birthday and were hosted at Ebac's Heighington Lane Factory where they are producing refrigeration equipment.

Over 50 people representing Aycliffe businesses enjoyed a hot breakfast and coffee while networking and hearing the Steering Group's plans for 2015.

Chairperson Kerina Clark gave a summary of a successful 2014 and commented on the progress of Aycliffe businesses generally.

"Bringing Aycliffe business leaders together has justified our existence as more and more talk to each other and recognise they can obtain goods and services on their doorstep," said Kerina.

2015 should see a more formal organisation as the Steering Group move towards drafting a constitution for adoption by members with the aim of obtaining funding to employ staff to run events. The general administration, is currently carried out by volunteers who already have very busy lives.

Events including networking, seminars etc. will be held in most months of the year and businesses are encouraged to use the website which carries details and also some very useful information to help Aycliffe businesses: www.aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk



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History Talk

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Young People Join Community Groups



Newtonians James Pirie from Baliol Green and Clare Brennan, who lives at Haslewood Road, have both volunteered to represent young people on groups from the town discussing and contributing to the Neighbourhood Plan. The students both attend St John's School & Sixth Form College (A Catholic Academy) and were very keen to be involved in the planning of their town. They will be at the big open event at the Youth and Community Centre on the 21st February from 10am - 12 noon when the tasks of

the various groups will be outlined by Angela Corner the Neighbourhood Plan officer. Woodham Academy and Greefield College students will also be volunteering to put young people's views on the future of Newton Aycliffe. "It is gratifying to see our young people coming forward to take part in the planning of their town. We hope people from the community will show their support and come forward to give their time to this important process" said Angela Corner.

Conservative Candidate Knocking on Doors



Scott Wood from Darlington is a former Army Tank Commander, selected by the Conservative Party as Parliamentary Candidate for the Sedgefield constituency. Now 40, he spent two decades serving in the Royal Tank Regiment and Chemical Biological Radiological & Nuclear Regiment, with deployments to Northern Ireland, Afghanistan and Iraq on peace and stability operations. Following his return to civilian life last year, he opened a restaurant. He is proud to be selected as he has always been interested in politics. "My focus is to create a more equal and fair society allowing everyone to have a voice and a better secure future. I want to see more jobs, better housing, flights at our local airport, a control on immigration, lower taxes, the best schools, working communities and a working economy" said Scott. Contact: 01325 462283. Facebook: Scott-Wood-For-Sedgefield-MP. Twitter: scottwood29. www.scottwood.org.uk

Keepmoat Build Homes on Three New Sites

Housing and regeneration specialist, Keepmoat, who are currently building homes at Cobblers Hall, continue to grow its presence in the North East by acquiring three new sites that will lead to an investment of £34m in the region. Land in Stockton will be used to build 174 new homes 144 for sale and 30 affordable homes for Tristar Homes. The £18m project will be part of a regeneration partnership

initiative involving Stockton Borough Council and the HCA. Work started on site in January and the first homes will be ready to occupy in late spring. Through Durham Villages Regeneration Company, Keepmoat's joint venture with Durham County Council, they will be building 81 new homes in Sherburn Hill - 80 for sale and 5 affordable homes for Isos Housing. Work has started on site in the last few weeks and the local community will be

able to view the show homes in July. The site of the former St Stephen's School in Longbenton is set to be developed with 41 new dwellings, 31 for sale and 10 affordable homes for Isos Housing. The scheme, which is the latest purchase by Keepmoat from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, is worth £5m. Works to demolish the former school have now started and the first homes will be completed in early summer.

Ian Prescott, Land and Partnership Director of Keepmoat, commented: "We are delighted to continue to grow in the North East and these three new site acquisitions are set to make a significant positive impact on local communities, even more so as we plan to use local labour wherever possible to complete the developments." For more information regarding Keepmoat, please visit www.keepmoat.com

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GAMP Aids Aycliffe's "Helping Hands" Charity

Project Co-ordinator Appointed

Lifeline Community Action (Helping Hands) has recently appointed a full-time Project Coordinator to take forward the ever increasing workload of the charity over the next year. Lindsey Davidson joins the organisation after successfully being interviewed for the post in January. Lindsey, said: "I am looking forward to supporting the work of Lifeline Community Action and helping to meet the needs of local residents who require our support".

Lifeline Community Action (LCA) is a registered crisis intervention charity that works across County Durham. In the last year they have been able to support over 2,000 people with a high proportion of clients coming from the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area.

The charity currently supports almost 200 people each month. People are referred to the charity by; Social Services, Jobcentre Plus, other voluntary and community agencies or by current beneficiaries. Volunteers then work with



households to establish what an individual or family's needs are and which relevant support would make the most difference. Most of the people benefiting have severe financial problems, are in financial crisis and/or in crippling debt. Chair of Trustees Alwyn White, said: "We feel that we have appointed a confident and competent coordinator and that Lindsey will be able to support the charity in order for us to look further ahead, to ensure we are benefiting families and individuals at their time of need".

Lifeline Community Action were able to employ Lindsey via support from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) through the Neighbourhood Budget allocations of Councillor's Joan Gray, Mike Dixon, John Clare, Jed Hillary, Sarah Iveson, Eddy Adam, and Kate Hopper, Garfield

Western Foundation, and a private benefactor. Alwyn White, said: "On behalf of the trustees and volunteers at Lifeline Community Action, we are extremely grateful for the generous contributions everyone has made. It means we can expand our services and help even more people over the next year".

Greenfield Students Attend Holocaust Commemoration



A group of year 8 students from Greenfield Community College visited Durham Cathedral to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau last week. The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day was to keep the memory alive. During the morning, students participated in workshops in which they heard personal stories of the horrors of the Holocaust and the lasting impact on families for generations as well as considering the lessons we can learn. Also, students reflected on why prejudice and discrimination still needs tackling in today's society. In the afternoon, students listened to the incredible and very moving story of Eva Clarke who was born in Mauthausen concentration camp. She and her mother were the only survivors of their family, 15 members of whom were killed in Auschwitz. Neave, one of the students on the trip from Year 8

said the day was 'very educational and reflective, and it is important to remember all the victims of genocide and to keep the memory alive. I won't forget it and I hope all who attended won't. This day made me want to stop genocide and anything like this happening again.' Georgia, another student, also commented: 'listening to people telling their own stories and their families was very heartfelt.' Greenfield students gained a huge amount from a very thought provoking and moving day.

REVENGE AGAINST FERRYHILL BOWLERS

Great Aycliffe's recent game in the Durham & District Inter Club Triples at home to Ferryhill ended in an 8-0 victory for the home side and thus avenged their away defeat earlier in the season. However the game was closer than the score suggests as only five shots separated the teams on the overall score. The last end was the deciding factor as at this stage Ferryhill were ahead on one rink and drawing another with only one shot difference between the sides. Fortunately for the home side, unlike their last game where they capitulated on the last two ends, they dug in and managed to score on both rinks to pull off an unlikely victory. Final scores: R Jones 13-10 B Johnstone, M Ormerod 14-13 R Jefferson, P Whittaker 9-8 K Seymour

Aycliffe Village News

COMMITTEE MEETING: There is a committee meeting of Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association on Monday, February 9th, at the village hall at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

BREAKFAST CLUB: The next breakfast club takes place on Saturday, February 14th, at Aycliffe Village Hall from 10am (please note new time). Thanks go to Joy Marie Hair Design for sponsoring the club this month. There will be bacon, egg or sausage buns on offer, as well as cups of tea or coffee. Plus, there will be activities for children and a book stall. All proceeds go to the village hall.

BABY SENSORY CLASSES: For parents and carers with babies up to 13 months, there is a sensory class at Aycliffe Village Hall on Tuesdays at 10am. For details, call Carly on 07881 922076.

NEEDLE AND THREAD: Anyone with a sewing project, such as patchwork, knitting, crochet or rag rugging, is welcome to go along to this friendly needle and thread group at Aycliffe Village Hall on Tuesday, February 17th, from 7-9pm. For more details, call Tricia Johnson on 01325 314735.

BINGO: It's eyes down at a bingo session at Aycliffe Village Hall on Wednesday, February 18th, at 7.30pm; all are welcome.

JUNIOR DISCO: There is a junior disco on Friday, February 27th, at the village hall from 6.30pm to 8pm. There will be dancing, refreshments and glitter tattoos on offer. The cost is £1 and proceeds go to the village hall.

WI MEETING: The next meeting of Aycliffe Village WI is on Wednesday, February 25th, at the village hall when Sue Fox gives a talk on Inspiring Women For 100 Years, as this year is the centenary of the WI movement. The challenge is for Crafted or Baked Sweethearts. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. For more information, call Sue on 07775-680804.

PACT MEETING: The neighbourhood policing team will be at Aycliffe Village Hall on Saturday, February 28th, from 11am to noon, to answer any concerns from residents about local issues.

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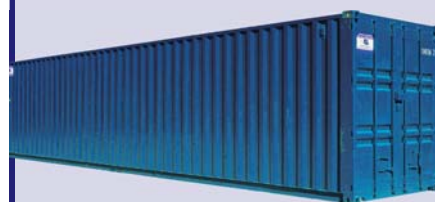
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Some, equipped with new confidence and skills have gone on to bigger and greater things, achieving high posts in their chosen profession. The Rotary Club funds the course which includes team building, and adventure training at Hebdon Bridge from August 3rd to 7th, 2015. Two young people will be chosen for the course and applications close on 31st

PETITION TO RE-OPEN MAIN LINE RAILWAY STATION

Dear Sir,
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was closed in 1953, but the main line still runs through the village. If we re-open this station local people could access educational opportunities and the jobs market in Durham, Chester-le-Street, and Newcastle much more quickly by rail.

To this end I have launched a petition on the campaign website "www.38degrees" calling on The Ministry of Transport and Network Rail to re open the station at Aycliffe for local trains to stop there. Trains travel from Darlington calling at Chester-le-Street and on to Newcastle from early in the morning to late at night. Couldn't that same local services stop at Aycliffe? When railways were nationalised Aycliffe Station was designated for closure and this was a mistake. Was any account taken of the increased demand created by the new town? Network Rail manage the through-put of faster trains around the Chester le Street service. Why can't they do the same for Aycliffe? The current station for Newton Aycliffe is only on the Darlington to Bishop Auckland branch line. Please sign the petition on

WHAT'S ON AT THE AGNEW

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Aycliffe Spiritualist Church: Monday: 7pm to 9pm Contact Alan 07947 869910
Young People's Football Class: Tuesdays by 6 week sessions: Contact Dale 07411 009487
Art Class: Tuesday: 1pm to 3pm: Contact Andy 0191-3732485
Tai Chi Class: Tuesday: 6-45pm to 8pm: Contact Brett 01325-320239 evenings
PK All Stars Youth Club: Saturday: 10-30am to 12noon: alternative weeks started 31st January.
For all other bookings such as Birthday Parties please ring Ron on 07749 236853 at any time.

Messy Church on Valentine's Day

The first Messy Church of 2015 will be on February 14th @ 4pm and of course we will be celebrating LOVE.

St. Clare's Church welcomes all families with young children to come and join them for lots of fun, craft activities based around the theme of transforming Love.

We begin @ 3.45pm with registration, then all join together to find out the focus of the afternoon. After a short informal story/

song/prayer we encourage families to explore the activities together until 5pm when tea is served. Warming soup with love hearts for everyone and of course the absolutely essential cakes! Please come along, begin the year trying something new and meet lots of new friends. Messy Church welcomes you all. There will be an offertory collection box for the afternoon. Contact is Helen on 01325 319002.

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compiled by County Councillor John Clare

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- If you run a voluntary/community children's group, you and your helpers need the cavos.org.uk/never-do-nothing/ safeguarding training – free until end of February. Phone 01388 811115
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- If you are in the voluntary/community sector, why haven't you signed up for the @durhamvoice newsletter? www.durhamvoice.org.uk/
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May I thank Syd Howarth of Newton Press, Jan of Cosy Kitchen and Liane and Lesley from DISC for their time and understanding in attempting to find me alternative accommodation.
Honest John
(still open until October)

Greenfield Students to Help with Neighbourhood Plan



Sam Robinson, Thomas Burns, Amber Dolby and Millie Greener

Four Year 11 students (pictured above) from Greenfield Community College have volunteered to help with the town's Neighbourhood Plan and will sit on one of the specialist groups discussing the future of Newton Aycliffe. These young people will be attending the Open Morning on Saturday 21st February where adult volunteers from our community willing to sit on sub groups will meet to hear how the next stage of Great Aycliffe's Neighbourhood Plan will develop.

Newton Aycliffe Women's Institute

A great start to 2015 with our Annual General Meeting where members enjoyed a Fish and Chip Supper and then asked to vote for the President of Newton Aycliffe WI for next year, when we elected Lyn Swift. Our speaker for the evening was Tina Bickerdike from Durham County Federation who enlightened members how WI is moving forward as we celebrate 100 years. It was of interest to new members as to how WI is involved in a number of issues.

Newton Aycliffe WI thanks "Honest John" for his kind donation which was much appreciated and members were asked to look in their closets and cupboards to see if they had any clothing or bric-a-brac for Honest John's stall to help others in the community. Our next meeting will be held at St Clare's Church Hall on Tuesday 10th February 7pm for 7.15 start. We welcome old and new members and for further information please contact Lyn on 314805.

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time away from caring leads them to feelings of depression. That's why, for people giving and receiving care alike, regular respite is an absolute lifeline. I work for Revitalise, a national charity that provides respite breaks in a holiday environment for disabled people and carers, including people living with Alzheimer's and dementia. We passionately believe that everybody deserves a break and that the care we give to each individual we support should be as unique as they are. We simply wouldn't be able to continue providing a respite lifeline for

disabled people and carers without the help of our amazing supporters, whose generosity enables us to turn the hope of a break into a reality. To find out more about our breaks - including our specialist Alzheimer's Weeks - and for ways to support us, please visit www.revitalise.org.uk or call 0303 303 0147.

Support for Increase in Police Budget

A proposal to apply a small increase to the police element (precept) of Council Tax has been supported by the Durham Police and Crime Panel, at the Panel's meeting this week. Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner, sought views from residents about the proposed precept increase, as part of his annual consultation, at events in shopping centres and community meetings, online and by telephone throughout January. Residents who gave their views overwhelmingly agreed in favour of paying a small increase in the police element of the Council Tax, from April 2015. An increase of 1.98% to the amount of Council Tax which goes to the police service will raise around £0.5m per year, and keep the equivalent of at least 10 police officers on the streets. Mr Hogg said: "In the face of austerity and the ongoing Government cuts

to police budgets, I am very conscious of the challenge that people face in terms of their household finances. "I have taken residents' views from the consultation into account. I am committed to ensuring that the police have the resources they need to continue to provide an excellent service to the public." For an individual household, this equates to just £2.11 over the year, or 4p a week for the average house in Band A. Mr Hogg continues to monitor the work Durham Constabulary has undertaken to increase value for money and to protect community policing. Members of the public can still give their views on Mr Hogg's draft Police & Crime Plan 2015-17, via his website at: www.durham-pcc.gov.uk, by Facebook or Twitter (search for Durham PCC), or by telephone on: 03000 264631, before 15th February 2015.

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The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) is warning that despite 50 years of seat belt laws, far too many drivers and passengers are still putting themselves and others in great danger by not wearing them. The first seat belt law came into force in January 1965, which saw all new cars in the UK required to have seat belt anchorage points on the outer front seats – and

paved the way for far-reaching compulsory seat belt wearing laws in the decades after. Statistics from the Department of Transport show that of the 232 car occupants killed in 2013 (for which seatbelt data was recorded), 45 were not wearing a seat belt – a shocking 19%, or nearly one-fifth.

According to Safer Roads, 2,000 people a year are saved by wearing seat belts. They say in the event of an accident if unrestrained, you will hit the windscreen, or the front seat in the case of a rear seat passenger at a force of 30 to 60 times your own body weight. The effectiveness of seat belts as a life saving device is without question. Research has found that for drivers seat belts are 50% effective at preventing fatal injuries, 45% effective at preventing serious injuries and 25% effective at preventing minor injuries. It also found for front seat passengers,

seat belts are 45% effective at preventing fatal or serious injuries, and 20% effective at preventing minor injuries. Quite apart from safety factors, drivers caught without a seat belt face on-the-spot fines of £100 and three penalty points. If prosecuted, the maximum fine is £500.

Back in 1965 all new cars sold were required to have seat belt anchorage points for the front outer seats. In 1967 the law was changed so all new cars were required to have seat belts fitted. In 1968, seat belts were required to be retro-fitted to all cars sold from 1965. The biggest development in seat belt development came in 1983 when it became compulsory for front seat occupants to wear one. 31 January marked the 32nd anniversary of the passing of the front seat belt law in the UK.

In 1989 it became compulsory for all children under 14 to wear a seat belt

in the rear, and finally in 1991 it was required that all rear seat occupants wear a seat belt.

After the 1983 law was passed, there was an immediate 25% reduction in driver fatalities and a 29% reduction in fatal injuries among front seat passengers. Despite that, the 2013 statistics show there is still a section of the driving population that continues to ignore the law, despite it being in place for more than three decades.

Kevin Delaney, IAM head of road safety, said: "The biggest problem is complacency. "Quite simply people feel it will never happen to them. They think if they are driving locally and at a low speed they will be OK. Statistics show that many accidents not only take place at low speeds but also within a few miles of

home – so people are mistaken if they think that makes them safer."

Although putting on a seat belt is habitual to many car occupants today, evidence from the DfT's THINK! campaign has found that people are less likely to belt up on short or familiar journeys.

Kevin added: "The trouble is if people are not wearing a seat belt and find themselves heading towards an accident, it is far too late to do anything about it."

He called for continued campaigning by government, police and road safety bodies to ensure the issue of wearing seatbelts remains a priority message.

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income which is below 60% of the median (i.e. the measurement of 'poverty' used by the DWP) *AND* your fuel has to cost more than a 'typical' household. Thus, only people who are in poverty can be regarded as being in fuel poverty, and then only if they are faced with higher-than-typical fuel costs. As a result of this change to the formula, the number of people recorded as being in fuel poverty has fallen dramatically. And I am sure that all the people out there struggling trying to pay their energy bills this winter will want to thank the coalition government for that clarification. If you are feeling the pinch with fuel costs this winter, there are some ideas here: <http://bit.ly/KeepingWarm> John D Clare

Breakfast Bonanza



Sugar Hill Primary School has always attached great importance to the benefits of a healthy breakfast, and its Breakfast Club is well-established and enjoyed by hundreds of its pupils each week. As part of the 'Shake up your wake up' campaign organised by AHDB, pupils and

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Woodham Academy has strong links with numerous post 16 providers in the local area and regularly works with them to support students in progressing into post 16 education. On Tuesday 22nd January, 20 tutors from Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College interviewed students at the school to study A-Level courses in September 2015. 'All students were successful at interview and were offered conditional places. They looked smart and were very articulate' said Anita Blackburn, Vice Principal of Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, 'they are a real credit to the school'. This is one of many series of interviews taking place at Woodham Academy, the next being New College Durham and Carmel Sixth Form College, and demonstrates the far reaching links that the school has with colleges both in the local area and further afield.

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Proposals to Devolve Power to the North

Business leaders, residents and partner agencies across the North East are being invited to influence ambitious proposals which will see the area's Combined Authority lobby Government for significant devolved powers to boost economic growth in the region.

A letter inviting feedback on the North East Combined Authority's devolution prospectus is being issued across key partners and the business community. In addition a number of meetings are also being arranged over the coming weeks to discuss and develop the key issues in more detail with residents, the business community and other stakeholders across the neca area.

It follows last week's Leadership Board meeting at which neca unanimously agreed wide-ranging outline proposals for devolution of power, funding and responsibilities to the North East.

The devolution bid resulted from an invitation from Chancellor George Osborne and Greg Clark, Government Minister for Universities, Science and Cities, to begin discussions over how economic prosperity and future decisions around skills, investment and transport can be influenced and strengthened via the devolution of powers to the region.

A high level of consensus has already been achieved on these outline proposals and neca will work closely with the North East LEP and other organisations to ensure that the proposals support delivery of 'More and Better Jobs', the North East's Strategic Economic Plan.

Cllr Simon Henig, Chair of neca said "We have been clear from the outset that we are committed to strengthening our economy by working with, and listening to, all stakeholders on key issues. Our proposals for regional powers over budgets and decision-making offer us all an important opportunity to collectively develop proposals which best suit our area, our businesses and our people.

"I am looking forward to receiving feedback on our outline proposals which have the potential to enable us to boost our region's economic prosperity and ensure decisions about the North East's economic future relating to skills, investment and transport are taken in the region."

Feedback on the initial devolution prospectus will form the basis of early discussions with Government. Details of this can be found here: http://www.northeastca.gov.uk/sites/default/files/minutes_document/NECADevolutionProspectus.pdf

Scattered Families Make Aged Care Decisions Harder

- **Adults in the North East live over 60 miles from older parents.**
- **Separation means special occasions become alarm calls for older relatives' welfare.**
- **Arranging care for elderly parents can be challenging, but long distances are making this harder for families.**

The growing distance between families across the North East is making planning care for elderly parents more difficult, according to research released today by Bupa.

Adults in the North East who are aged 35 and over and who are likely to be in a position of finding care for an older relative, now live nearly an average 61 miles, or a one-hour drive, from their older parents.

So when it comes to making important decisions about care for elderly relatives, many families are forced to research and manage options from a distance without getting to know an area.

Bupa says remote planning is a particular concern during January, as living far apart means that for nearly a sixth (14%) of adults in the North East the festive period is one of the few set times that they see parents and other older relatives.

The festive period acted as wake-up call for families who are spread out across the country and came together at Christmas, only to notice that their parent's health has worsened. This year, one-in-twenty (5%) adults over 35 in

the North East said they were either worried about, or saw an actual deterioration, in their parent's health after spending time with them over the festive period.

Bupa's elderly care support line regularly fields calls from concerned sons and daughters trying to find care for an elderly parent who lives in a different part of the country, and often during their lunch break, as they grab whatever time they can to find help.

The support line was set up a year ago to address the growing need for impartial advice on care options ranging from care in your own home, and supporting people living with dementia, to paying for care, and finding care homes. The line, which is available to everyone, received over 20,000 calls in its first year.

Rebecca Pearson, Operations Director for Bupa Care Services said: "We know many people face the prospect of finding care for loved ones who live hundreds of miles away and it's not unusual to hear from someone in London trying to arrange care for an elderly parent in Derby; or a family in Newcastle looking for support

in Liverpool.

"We regularly speak to people who feel a sense of helplessness that they do not have time to visit care homes or do the hands-on care research they would like to.

"There is some great advice available online but sometimes it's better to talk to someone to discuss your options and what might be the best solution involved. Our advice line is there for that very reason – to give anyone who needs it support when it comes to elderly care."

You don't need to be a Bupa customer to call the support line. Advisors are on hand seven days a week with free and impartial advice on a range of aged care issues, including arranging care in your own home, support for people living with dementia, paying for aged care, and finding care homes for respite, short or long-term stays.

To speak to an advisor call 0333 920 1992 or visit <http://www.bupa.co.uk/care-services/care-journey-guide> for more information.

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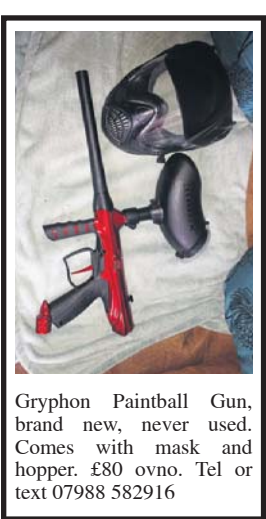
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Births

AGNEW Kyle and Bekki would like to announce the arrival of their baby boy "Alfie Agnew", who was born on Sunday 11th February, weighing 6lb 14oz. Bekki, manager at Stephen Russel would like to thank all her fantastic clients for their unbelievable cards, gifts and kind words. Your generosity has been wonderful. See you all soon. Love, Bekki, Kyle and Alfie

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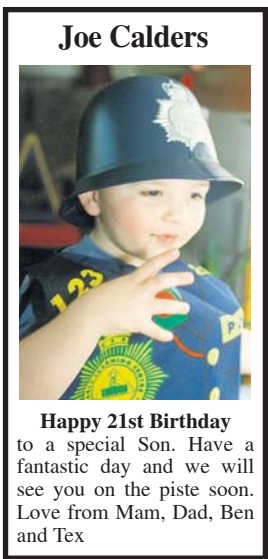
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Obituary

Joanne McCourt
(Turner)

30th January 2015, passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Dearly loved Wife of Stephen McCourt; Much loved Mother to Michelle, Susan, Neil and Katie; Fun loving YaYa to Cameron, Evie, Clayton, Finley, Amelia, Dylan and Heidi. Forever in all our hearts. Funeral Service Wednesday 11th February at 12.30pm, St. Clare's Church, followed by burial at 1.00pm in West Cemetery. Donations welcome in aid of Meningitis.

James Barry McBride

Suddenly on 26th January. James Barry, aged 70 years. Much loved Husband of Joan; loving Dad of David and Steven; Father-in-Law of Amy and Juliette; also a much loved Grandad of Jack and Callum. Will family and friends please meet for Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Monday 9th February at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired may be made to MacMillan Nurses, plate provided at the crematorium.

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Town's Baseball Club Receive New Pitching Equipment



Aycliffe Baseball club with their new equipment. Adan White from GAMP is on the left and Councillor Sarah Iveson with Mike Holton (right)

Newton Aycliffe Spartans Baseball Club have unveiled their new pitching machine and a large portable batting net, which has been purchased with help from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) and local County Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary.

Newton Aycliffe Spartans was set up to help bring Baseball back to the North East of England. The Club was formed in 2011 and plays in the BBF Northern AA League against teams like Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool.

Mike Holton, General Manager said: "The club is looking to develop and through the purchase of this equipment we hope to further improve the

skills of our players and also increase our ability to offer taster and starter programmes to the Aycliffe community."

Over the past 3 years the club has grown from strength to strength, and in 2014 the Spartans were crowned British Baseball Federation's AA Northern Division Champions. The club's junior programme has seen a steady increase in numbers. However, due to a lack of local competition the club sees the purchase of new equipment as a great way to keep the current juniors engaged as well as a tool to recruit new juniors. The club will also use the equipment to support the training of the adult team. Mike Holden, said: "As a club the Spartans have

made great strides in recent years, both on and off the field, with over 18 junior members playing baseball from the age of 10 to 16 years, as well as fielding a successful senior team. We would like to thank the GAMP and Councillors Iveson and Hillary for their support"

Newton Aycliffe Spartans are always keen to recruit new players; anyone interested in trying Baseball can attend sessions at Woodham Academy: Tuesday evenings: Juniors (10-16 years) 6pm-7pm; Adults (16+) 7pm-9pm

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The weather again was the winner last weekend as it claimed most of our matches. Thankfully, the Under 11 Falcons were able to play their first game for 6 weeks away to Marton, who were top of the league with 10 wins and 1 draw - prior to this match.

The boys started brightly, with lots of energy in midfield from Liam Horner and Will Mawston, who had a couple of chances early on.

Tom Jasper played a sublime through ball splitting the Marton back line for Kieran Gillard to run on to. The Marton defenders managed to recover and snuff out the chance.

Some great corners were swung in by the Falcons, one effort cleared off the line from Will Mawston with their keeper beaten.

Marton had a pacy attack that

caught us out a couple of times, they scored a well worked goal with a tidy finish, then a little later a very high ball wasn't properly dealt with by us inside our area, it broke to the player on the edge of our box and it was slotted away coolly right into the bottom corner.

The defence of Declan Alfie and Cameron were playing the ball out well from the back despite the pressing game from Marton. Half time was 2-0 when it could have conceivably been 0-2.

The Falcons pressed and took onboard their instructions to play the ball shorter rather than looking long as we did a little often in the first half.

We then conceded a penalty after 5 minutes of the 2nd half, Declan Scott found himself isolated against a very quick forward, Declan showed

great pace himself to get in a challenge getting a good bit of the ball, referee gave a penalty which was probably the right call.

At 3-0 we still pressed, Kieran Gillham was unlucky with a great strike that rebounded off the crossbar. Marton scored another late on to complete the scoring.

A great effort from the boys, stand out performances were Declan Scott and Cameron Vaughan in the first half dealing with lots of high balls, also very well done to Ethan who was playing his first competitive match. He got around 20 mins of game time, making at least one very fine clearance under pressure. Man of the Match was Declan Scott for a fine first half display at right back, then an equally combative performance at centre back in the second.

U8 Eagles v Leven Athletic.

Very proud of all the boys, in what was very cold, difficult conditions. Both teams found the match hard going on a boggy pitch. The Eagles battled hard in a tough match and had a lot of possession and tried to maintain their passing game.

The Eagles fly on to their next match keeping their unbeaten run in the league. Well done boys on a terrific performance on yet another cold match day.

Bring on the warm weather! After last weekend's great result for the Under 15 Falcons, the boys were nominated for the 'Team Performance of the Week' on the very popular 'Grassroots' Facebook page.

I am pleased to announce that they won it and now go forward to the 'Performance of the Month' for January for all teams in the Teesside Junior Football Alliance. Well done! Finally, the Under 13 Girls' are holding a Blackpool Tournament Fundraising 'Pig Racing Night' at Newton Aycliffe Navy Club on Saturday 14th March from 7.30pm onwards. The night includes the very popular racing pigs, raffles, games, disco and buffet. A great family night is guaranteed! Tickets are £3. Please contact Helen Clark on 07904 886885 for further details.

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AYCLIFFE TRIUMPH AGAINST CONDITIONS

Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club travelled to old friends Jarrovians on a bitterly cold January afternoon for the latest Durham and Northumberland Division 3 fixture, and the resulting victory saw them regain 3rd place in the league.

A whole raft of unavailabilities meant the Aycliffe could only muster a squad of 16 players and Jamie Whelan had to play at prop forward for the first time in his career. James Thacker made an early return on his birthday after almost 12 months out with injury. The pitch was heavy with numerous puddles which suited Jarrovians' scrummaging game.

Aycliffe began well and, from a maul after a lineout, Thacker cut inside and scored under the posts. Darryl Pettit added the conversion. Aycliffe added a further try when, after Jarrovians kicked into touch, a quick lineout resulted in Jonny Griffiths scoring. Pettit again converted. A third try arrived when Adam Gascoigne showed the defence a clean pair of heels along the touchline and Pettit added his third kick. The Jarrovians pack were well on top in the scrums, but they did not have enough pace around the park to make the most of this possession, and any breaks were quickly snaffled out by the back-row of Deryk Cairns, Andy Littlefair and Ash Elliott. On the half hour, another Gascoigne try made the bonus point safe for Aycliffe; the score at half time was 26-0 to Aycliffe.

With the players now suffering badly from the cold, the game began to lose its shape and the home side came more into the match. Aycliffe's cause was not helped when injuries reduced them to 14 men with 30 minutes to go. Eventually the second half stalemate was broken when Thacker powered his way through three defenders to score. Littlefair completed the scoring when he broke away from a ruck and was just able to reach the corner ahead of the tacklers. Both teams are to be congratulated for the efforts they put in in the foul conditions, in a game that was always competitive

and played in good spirit throughout. At the final whistle, the score was 36 - 0 to Aycliffe.

Aycliffe travel again next week for their match at Seaham on 7th February; kick-off 2:15. These games are always close, low-scoring encounters and, with the teams separated by only 5 points in the league, this will probably not be any different. Aycliffe rugby is sponsored by S Cars and Whitehouse Funeral Service

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