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Newton Aycliffe's iconic Town Centre clock will remain in situ when the demolition of that end of Beveridge Way starts in March.

Churchill House will come down, the shops beneath and those shops shown on the right of the tower will

owners have decided the clock tower can stand alone for the Town Centre.

it is there - the new plans will bring it back to the 60's when you could see down Beveridge Way from Stephenson Way.

Cars had access then and could park outside shops as old photos of the town centre show on the Newton News website. We are assured this new open aspect suitably landscaped, will be a very attractive improvement to the town centre.

The town clock was always going to be preserved as part of the refurbishment. One proposal was to take it down, brick by brick and rebuild the tower as a feature in the middle of the pedestrian walkway. Everyone will agree leaving it in place is the better option and will help the

as an important landmark As it stands now, the town centre is enclosed and visitors are unaware

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The owners of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre are pleased to confirm they are moving ahead with the demolition of Churchill House in March

As a major part of the redevelopment we will be retaining the clock tower and clock. There will however, be a short period when the clock is stopped as the works continue and a new electrical supply is put in place.

This fourth phase in the redevelopment of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre will enable, later this year, Durham County Council to complete its planned relocation of the town library and the creation of a new customer access point at the Leisure Centre.

Brvan Haldane Town Centre Manager

Give Away Fashion Show BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Woodham Golf Club was a hive of activity as the Helping Hands team hosted another Fashion Show Giveaway. At 7.00pm everyone took their seats to hear more on the award winning charity 'Lifeline Community Action' and see the range of clothing that the team had very carefully selected.

Unlike previous Shows this was different! A huge range of clothing was modelled on the evening by our team of volunteers, and first up was a stunning range of evening dresses and formal wear, then they got wrapped up in a variety of winter wear including coats, fleeces and jumpers. Finally they took to the catwalk in cosy PJ's, Onesies, Dressing Gowns and Slippers.

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provided for the guests and we all got the chance to have a chat and get to know each other better. The evening ended on a fabulous note, with lots of excitement. hustle and bustle around the room as our guests had the opportunity to browse the range of wonderful clothing and footwear and then choose five items to take home, free of charge. There was something for everyone men and women, young and

Most of the models were from Life Church in Newton Aycliffe who meet every Thursday at Greenfield School main hall at 6.30pm, but we were also supported by staff from the Ladder Centre in Ferryhill and Sainsbury's at Cobbler's Hall. As always support received from John and Mandy and their staff at Woodham Golf Club was outstanding - they helped to ensure the smooth running of the evening and that a great time was had by all who



Housing Stonham represented and Ed from the Home Group project said our clients were treated with dignity and respect whilst also feeling comfortable at attending the event. It was nice to see that something a bit different was put on, which helped suit the needs of some of our clients". One of the guests at the event said "we were all made to feel very welcome and all of us enjoyed the evening".

Helping Hands thoroughly enjoyed putting on the fashion show and are very much looking forward to the next one.

If you are someone who would benefit from a free place at the next Fashion Show, or you know someone who would, please contact: lifeline.action@googlemail. com Telephone or text 07936

Watch Your Back Garden

A number of thefts of bicycles have been reported in the Darlington area and residents are asked to be aware of Scrap Metal operators taking items left in gardens by entering through gates.

People have spotted men looking over and under gates to see if there are any easy pickings and making off with goods not meant for collection or disposal.

If you see any suspicious activities please ring the



Woodham Village Community celebrating Association securing funding to extend their ever popular community centre. Built over 28 years ago Woodham Community Centre is an extremely well-used and popular community building.
On average over 630 people per week use the centre and take part in a wide range of activities.

To improve the centre and to meet the needs of its users the Community Association has secured funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) extend the building building provide additional storage and dedicated male/female changing facilities. Funding was secured through GAMP's Area Budget allocation; Cllr's John Clare, Mike Dixon and Joan Gray's Neighbourhood Budget allocations and through the centres own funds

David Sutton Lloyd, Treasurer for Woodham Village Community Association, said: 'The committee have worked

hard over the years to provide a modern centre for our community. This funding will allow us to improve the centre even further and meet the needs of local groups and residents. It is also hoped that the improved facilities will encourage groups to remain at our centre instead of moving to venues outside of

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator,

said: "Supporting the town's voluntary organisations is a priority for GAMP and assisting the Woodham Community Centre with funding has allowed the volunteers there to progress their plans and create a safe and welcoming environment for local residents.

It is planned that work on extending the building will start in early spring 2015.

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Saturday 28th February - "FEED THE BEAR"

Gig Pit Review: From a previous gig at the TURBINIA, well! What can I say? Awesome! What a brill band this lot are! Very friendly and full of banter to a rather small audience. Steve was, as Marky had predicted, all over the place, within 30 seconds of the first track kickin in! On the tables, on the floor, snogging the dog, the works! Mansell was extremely accommodating with Steve singing to him on the floor, Animal on drums was great to watch, bare chested. The tattoo on his back is MEGGGGAAL Love it! Some fab renditions of some of my favourite tracks, including Alice Cooper, Faces, Bowie, Nazareth and a couple of AC/DC tracks in the first set. Have to say I thought "Highway to Hell" and "Whole Lotta Rosie" was fabulous. Proper loud and ear-splitting, just how we like it. Second set gave us "California Man" (Mott the Hoople), "Bad Bad Boy", "Sin City", "Don't Believe a Word", and a track I've not heard in ages - "Black Knight". A couple of Zep tracks and "Cat Scratch Fever" for an encore rounded of an absolutely brilliant gig at the Turbinia, I for one thoroughly enjoyed Feed The Bear, and look forward to their (guaranteed) return here soon!!

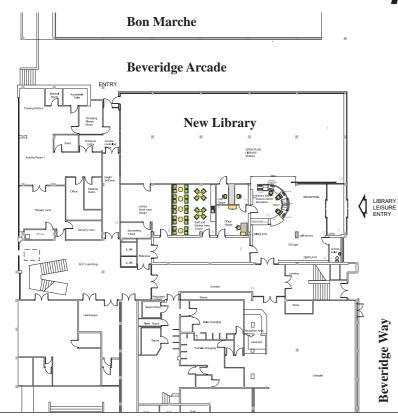
Nice one lads, some happy punters here!!

Saturday 7th March - "AVATAR"

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Plans for New Town Library Mayor's Dinner Raises



Plans have been produced by the County Council showing a new Library and other council being provided facilities in premises adjacent to the Leisure Centre in Beveridge Arcade opposite Bon Marche. The current Library, now in a portable building, will be transferred to the new location following demolition of the shops and Churchill House at the top of Beveridge Way. This is expected to start in March by which time the Council should have all the approvals in place. The drawings show existing shops being converted to an open plan library and offices with a new main entrance off Beveridge Way to the Library Leisure Centre. The new build will offer a large Community Room.

toilets and space for a Cafe. The aim is to provide a new facility whilst modernising the existing building.

The AGM of the Aycliffe and

accredited museum was held on Saturday 21st February.

attended by 30 members and

friends in another significant year in its 34 years existence. It became a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

on the 1st September 2014

after 32 years as an ordinary registered charity and saw the

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Annual Mayor's Charity Civic Ball was hosted by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Wendy Hillary, on Friday, 20th February 2015 at Redworth Hall Hotel. Entertainment provided by Dave Lynn with dancing provided by John Melvin.

The fund raising at the event was in aid of the nominated Charities during her Year in Office and this year the Mayor has chosen Cruse Bereavement Care and County Durham School Benevolent Fund.

A special thanks to Barclays Bank who match funded the evening's fund raising when a total amount of £2,131.38 was made for the charities. Mrs. Denese Cartwright, Vice-President of the Rotary Club gave an excellent response to the Mayor on behalf of the guests.
Councillor Mrs. Hillary

would like to take this opportunity to thank Ebac (Norfrost) Ltd. for supplying a Chest Freezer to be raffled along with a voucher for meals from Redworth Hall. The Mayor thanked fellow Councillors and friends who supported her during the year by donating gifts for the fund raising.

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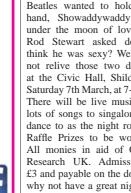
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United Coach following an engine failure whilst returning from Morecambe in May 2014. The engine rebuild, together with work on the gearbox, lasted 8 months. Sourcing 60 year old parts is becoming a problem these days in spite of the Society's connections. Society members have carried out this work in its workshop and members and friends at the AGM saw first hand the reemergence of this unique local coach. Norman Taylor, chief mechanic pronounced it now to be 'sound as a bell'

Now that the coach is back in service the workshop will see the return of the 1940 United tow truck which had to be mothballed whilst the coach was under repair. truck is yet another unique local vehicle and is an example of United's economical solution to the issues of heavy recovery. Delivered to United in 1940 as a double decker, during Battle of Britain year, the chassis was stripped of its bus body in the 1950's and had a 1925 crane fitted from an even older tow truck. We now hope to see the vehicle back in service in 2016. The 2015 running season will commence in April and a varied programme of events will be attended.

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schoolchildren in County Durham have benefitted from vital cycle safety training since it began in 2009.

Bikeability, the Governmentapproved national standard for cycle training, is the modern-day cycling proficiency course developed to give young people the knowledge, skills and confidence they need on the

It has been run by Durham County Council's road safety team since 2009 and now a major milestone has been reached as more than 20,000 children have successfully completed the training.
Paul Watson, the council's road

safety manager, said: "To date, we have now trained a total of 20,853 pupils from primary schools throughout the county since we began six years ago.
"We are absolutely delighted to

reach this milestone as not only does the Bikeability training provide children with essential cycling skills and confidence, but it also promotes road safety awareness and longer term health and fitness.

"Our aim is for every child in County Durham to have successfully completed level two of the training by the time they leave primary school.

The Bikeability course takes place over three progressive levels. Level one is held on the school playground focuses on basic control skills such as braking safely, riding in a straight line, riding around

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Wednesday 11th March 2015

Council Meeting

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obstacles and using gears effectively.

Level two involves on-road training that takes place on risk-assessed quiet local roads in real traffic conditions. Pupils learn road positioning, how to pass parked cars and left and turns into major and minor

Level three is an advanced phase for secondary school students and sessions are held on busier roads with more complex junctions.

Bikeability sessions prove really beneficial for the children. It increases their confidence to be able to use their newfound skills on the road as well as preparing them to be able to safely deal with cars and other road users. The road safety team recently secured £20,000 of Department of Transport funding to deliver level one Bikeability training

to an extra 1,000 pupils in the county.

Richardson, Bike-Andrew ability cycle training instructor, said: "The training gives young riders crucial experience that develops decision-making skills, enabling them to cycle safely in traffic. The sessions are fun too, with pupils telling us that they help them become more confident when riding their bicycles."

Let's Have **Town Council Awards**

Can I first congratulate Susan Sadler on winning the County Council Chairman's Award and say well done to those who were short-listed. I nominated Honest John along with others and may I thank everyone who endorsed his nomination. I am sure he will carry on his good work as always, supporting our community and one day will be recognised.

I would like to suggest our Town Council make a similar annual award to recognise people who give their time freely to help others.

Ferryhill give a Citizen's Award every year - why can't we? The winner receives a certificate and a nominal monetary voucher. I ask my fellow residents to support this idea for Great Aycliffe.

Maud Gray

Former Councillor and Mayor Editor: Newton News made this suggestion a few years ago, but the Council did not follow it through. The only award the Council make, very rarely, is to confer Honorary Freeman on long serving Councillors.

Saturday

20,000 Schoolchildren Benefit Tobacco Crime Sniffed Out! EDITORIAL

A haul of suspected smuggled and fake tobacco was seized during a series of raids in the Bishop Auckland area.

A total of 1.45kg or 29 pouches of suspected smuggled hand rolling tobacco and 9,600 cigarettes believed to be 'cheap whites', which are made exclusively for the illegal market, were seized.

The raids were carried out by Durham County Council's Trading Standards officers using sniffer dogs, supplied by BWY Canine, and were supported by officers from Shildon Neighbourhood Policing Team and Bishop Neighbourhood Auckland Policing Team at a private home and allotments on Wednesday (18 February).

None of the seized tobacco was found to carry the required UK Government health warnings. It was the latest in a series of operations carried out by council's specialist team, which is tasked with stemming the supply of illicit tobacco in

The taskforce uses every tool available to stay one step ahead of criminals, including the sniffer dogs, which help find tobacco concealed wherever it may be hidden, including secret compartments which are often difficult to detect by conventional search methods. Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and

consumer protection, Durham County Council, said: "Thanks to a wealth of intelligence from the public and honest businesses we are taking effective action against the illicit tobacco trade in the county.

"The use of tobacco dogs makes it easier for us to search



large premises quickly and with minimal fuss and means there is no easy way for suppliers to evade detection. These dealers, if left unchecked, will continue to undermine the work of the stop smoking services and sidestep the controls in place to restrict young people's access to tobacco.

"Anyone found guilty of supplying counterfeit tobacco could face up to 10 years in jail and unlimited fines. In addition, their assets may be seized through proceeds of crime action.

"Stemming the supply of cheap and illicit tobacco is an essential tool in our fight to reduce smoking harm and achieve our vision of a smokefree future for our children. We will continue to seek the harshest penalties against those

who persist in this criminal

behaviour."

Information about illegal tobacco can be reported in confidence to Trading Standards on 03000 261 016 or by emailing tradingstandards@ durham.gov.uk. For more information visit www.durham. gov.uk/illegaltobacco.

County Plan

The County Council have declared their disappointment over the rejection by a planning inspector of their plan for the future of Durham County, but others have been more forthright in their reaction.

How can one man have so much power to say the plan is flawed and should be withdrawn? He must realise how many years, effort, research and expense has gone into producing the plan?

It is noticeable that he has the same disregard for Melton Borough Council whose plan is also unacceptable. This is insulting to those who have compiled, consulted and agreed the plan. This Secretary of appointed Inspector is

behaving like a feudal Lord. There is some consolation that the proposals for Aycliffe were acceptable and maybe the emphasis on development in the north of the county, around Durham City, was overmuch.

There may be parts which can be tweaked and revised after meaningful discussion and negotiation, but to dismiss the plan out of hand is deplorable and if anything is to be dismissed it is the Inspector himself whose overall attitude appears disrespectful offensive.

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Working with midwives, health visitors and other professional groups to provide support directly to those in most need, Helping Hands volunteers carefully collect, sort and package clothing, toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new parents.

The need for the Baby Basics project was identified through the fantastic work currently

undertaken by being Helping Hands Team. So far, 3000 people have benefited in variety of ways including receiving essential household parcels and attending fashion show giveaways, we feel that the Baby Basics project will allow us to further develop our work and help new mums and dads both practically and generously, demonstrating the care of supporters.

Pictured are Helping Hands volunteers Alwyn White and Linzi Nicholls with a sample of the Baby Basics pack. The range of items in the pack could include larger items depending on successful individual grant applications.

If you know someone who needs our help please ring Linzi on 07936 431232.

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Anger Over Planning Inspector's Criticism of County Durham Plan

As you will be aware from last week's newspapers, Planning Inspector Harold Stephens has 'panned' the emerging County Durham Plan (CDP). Since then, a number of people have asked me whether I am 'humiliated' by the decision, on which I would like to share my personal opinion here.

Actually, far from being humiliated, I am very angry at the decision. Underlying Inspector Stephen's criticisms of the County Plan was that it is based, he claims, on unrealistic assumptions' about jobs growth.

In fact, the Plan was based on an aspiration that, in twenty years time, County Durham might have a 73% employment rate. In other words, the aspiration of the CDP was that we might after twenty years of hard work and growth - have managed to claw our way to be economically 'average' for the UK. That was our 'unrealistic' aspiration – to eventually be 'average'!

Do you see now why I am so angry? Like some latter-day Richard II to the rebels of 1381, Mr Stephens is saying to us: 'Peasants ye are, and peasants ye shall remain'. And – more than this – he is telling the County Council to go away and PLAN always to be an area of economic deprivation ... to plan for

In my view, it is untenable in every way to expect the County Council to produce a Plan which will aim to leave us in 2035 economically weaker than we were in 2008. All this would not be quite so disgusting if the government had not recently changed its financial relationship with the County Council, declaring that local government grants will no longer be allocated on the basis of 'need', but on 'opportunity' - the preparedness of an area to embrace growth

know. Newton Aycliffe have embraced this idea - readers will remember our mass-meeting to tell the planners to give us MORE industrial expansion land.

But the inspector's decision is telling us is that economic opportunity is not for us. Presumably it is for the south east and the rich. Mr Stephens' vision for us is to know our place and stay poor. County Counc. John Clare

Flying the Flag for

Great Aycliffe Town Council have registered to take part in the marking of Commonwealth Day by raising and flying the Commonwealth Flag at a small ceremony at the flagpole outside of St. Clare's Church.

Mr. Andrew Bailey, Town Clerk, will commence by reading a message from HM The Queen followed by a message from His Excellency Kamalesh Sharma, Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

The Mayor, Wendy Hillary, will read the 'Commonwealth Affirmation' and, together with the Chairman, Meghan Cumming and Vice-Chairman, Charlotte Kirton of Newton Aycliffe Youth Council, will raise the Commonwealth Flag whilst the Commonwealth Anthem is played.

Rev. Debbie Loughran from the Parish of Great Aycliffe will read a prayer for the Commonwealth. Everyone wishing to attend the event should meet at St. Clare's Flagpole prior to 10 a.m. on Monday, 9th March 2015.

Mother's Day Lunch On Sunday 15th March we will be serving Sunday Lunch in the Function Room between 12 noon and 2pm 2 Course Carvery £8.95 per adult £6.50 per child (under 12's, pre-book ing is Essential payment required on booking So go on, All Mothers receive a FREE spoil her, School Aycliffe Lane, Gift Iglass of she deserves it! **Newton Avcliffe** Co Durham, DL5 6QZ Bucks Fizz Tel no 01325 300600

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Kurling Age Wednesdays 1 – 2pm. New Age Kurling is a form of the original curling game but adapted so that it can be played indoors rather than on ice. The game can be played by both able-bodied and disabled people of all ages.

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Come along and enjoy the newly released blockbuster movie The Boxtrolls for just Kidsflicks children's cinema club based in St. Clare's Movie Hall, will show this film, about a young orphaned boy named Egg who tries to save his underground friends from danger.

Saturday 7th March at 2pm. with a super sweetie shop, hot chocolate and cakes available. We have plenty of seats so bring your friends. The film will finish at 3.30pm, Eddy Adam and Kate Hopper have raised concerns about three of the footbridges that cross Woodham Burn in West Park. These bridges form part of a footpath network enabling residents who live around the park to access local shops, public transport, schools and sports facilities, as well as access to leisure

pursuits enjoyed by the wider

community available within the park itself. Following public safety concerns raised by Councillors Adam and Hopper, Durham County Council undertook structural inspections and has placed a temporary closure order on one of the footbridges. Further investigations by the councillors has revealed that all three footbridges have not been part of the Council's programme, which is why they are in a poor condition. This unforeseen

maintenance expenditure will

essential County maintenance projects a time of huge Government cut backs.

Over Park Lakes?

Therefore, Council officers are planning to consult with Great Aycliffe Town Council, local residents and their identified support groups to establish whether it is cost effective to maintain and retain all three footbridges.

Cllrs Adam and Hopper are in discussions with the Head of Technical and Neighbourhood services to investigate possible funding sources to try and secure the retention of all three footbridges.

If you believe all three footbridges should be retained, please contact Cllr Adam on eddy.adam@durham.gov.uk or Cllr Hopper on kate.hopper@durham.gov.uk Alternatively, attend your local residents association or join the Friends of West Park group – details of meetings are advertised in the Newton News



Councillors Eddie Adam and Kate Hopper



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Little Free Library Launched at Greenfield



On Monday 23rd February months of hard work from young people at Greenfield Community College and volunteers at Greenfield Arts was revealed as we launched our "Little Free Library."

Since September 2014 a group of Greenfield students have been meeting to be enthuse over and be inspired to love reading and love books. They named themselves "Book Buzz" and have been researching ways to share their enthusiasm with their fellow students and the community.

Greenfield Arts' asked their male Cree volunteers to help Book Buzz design and construct the Little Free library, which will be placed in Greenfield Arts' outside space for young people and the community to access. A little free library is a "take a book, return a book" gathering

place where people share their favourite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. The Book Buzz group have received many donations of books from authors and the community and are now looking forward to launching the library!

North East author Andy Croft joined Book Buzz and the Cree volunteers on 23rd February, to officially open the library for use and give a reading from one of his fantastic books to the group alongside other Greenfield students, staff and representatives from the project's supporters. This was followed by a workshop for the group and the Cree volunteers, where they wrote their own stories to be included



in an anthology, which will be published and available to borrow from the little free library later this year.

Greenfield Arts and Book Buzz would like to thank the Cree volunteers for their help, and Horndale Residents Association and GAMP AAP for providing funds to support the project. The Cree project at Greenfield Arts is funded by East Durham Trust.

AYCLIFFE FELL WALKERS AT WHITBY

Aycliffe Fell Walkers take a well-earned break during their recent sun-drenched walk along the Yorkshire Coast, on route to Whitby. If you are interested in joining this group contact Alan Holmes, Phone: 01325 488225 / Mob: 07791 239008 www. afwc.org.uk

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Rose Lodge Celebrates



It was all smiles, singing and dancing at Rose Lodge Care Home in Carers Way as residents and staff enjoyed jiving and singing along to live entertainment from performer Mark Hodgson.

The party was organised to celebrate the home's amazing results in the 'Your Care Rating' national residents' survey in which care home residents across the country rate the care and services they receive. Rose Lodge was

hailed for providing a top rate service by the residents themselves, receiving an overall performance score of 964 out of 1,000, beating the national average figure of 872 and topping their previous year's rating of 958.

Care Manager Nicola Wheatley said: "We were delighted with our Your Care Rating score and wanted to throw a party to thank residents for agreeing to take part and offering their feedback."

"It's so important that residents have the opportunity to voice their opinions about the home and the care they receive here. We are committed to continually raising standards which is why we felt it was so important that residents had the chance to participate in the survey."

Nicola said she was thrilled that the party was such a success: "We all had a lot of fun, it was the perfect way to celebrate a great achievement for Rose Lodge."

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Step into Spring with Shildon & District Flower Club at their next meeting on Monday 2nd March, 7.30pm, at Shildon Civic Hall.

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It was a fantastic day for the students, who qualified in 8th place out of 14, making it into the quarterfinals. This is Greenfield's first year at the

pleased with their result! Over the course of the day and

the competition the students had the opportunity to test their impressive problem solving skills. They had to engineer solutions to the challenges they were presented with - with great results! The students had a great time at the event, enjoying the opportunity to develop their STEM skills further, with one commenting "It's exciting to take part in a competition for STEM!



Boosts Development



Nearly four in ten parents never read with their baby, missing out on an early boost to develop their child's reading skills, according to a new report from Booktrust.

Research has shown that if a parent reads to their infant every day they will be almost 12 months ahead

of those who are read to less often, in terms of reading and language skills.

Yet parents and carers appear unaware about the importance of sharing books with babies between the ages of 0-11 months.

Head of Early Years Booktrust, Nicole Walker said: 'It's never too early start enjoying books with your child - even tiny babies that are too young to understand the story will be soothed and calmed by your voice when you share a book with them.

'The more words a baby is exposed to, the better prepared they are to eventually start reading on their own; and above all reading together is fun.

Developing the habit of reading with your baby right from their first days will teach them that reading is something to be enjoyed and that attitude will foster a love of reading that will take them through school and into adulthood.

Even reading to them three to five times a week gives them a six-month headstart.

The poll commissioned by Booktrust asked parents and guardians 'how often, if at all, do you read with your child? This includes occasions when you read to your child or your child reads to you'. This was answered by 2415 parents and guardians – 1519 mums and 896 dads with children

parents never read with their baby between the ages of 0-11 months and 38% of parents are reading with their babies every day. The report also showed a significant increase in the number of parents reading to their child when they reached one year old, with 57% of parents reading with

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By the time you read this, I would have handed a letter to the Chancellor for funding.

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Film Show

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guest speaker, Edwina Currie, who will be available to chat about her latest exploits on I'm a Celebrity, Get me Out of Here, with an opportunity to win one of her latest books, signed!

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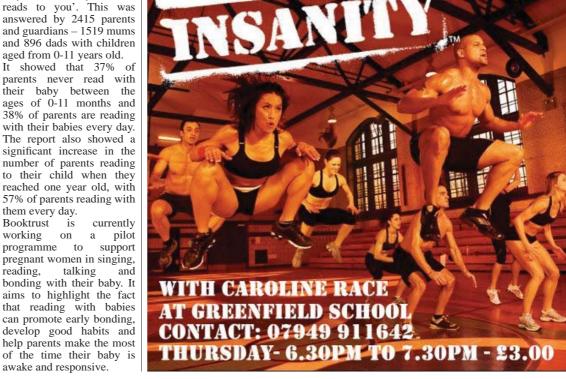
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Families made tasty Spring Rolls and pancakes at our ever popular Family Cooking session led by Jan of Season to Taste, and we rounded off the week with weaving at Moore Lane Eco Centre. After a busy week we are now planning our activities for Easter, in the meantime our weekly Art Club runs on Mondays 3:45-4:45pm for young people – contact us on 01325 379048 for more



New Manager's Big **Plans for Eden Arms**



The new Manager at the Eden Arms was in the Army Artillery for eight years before deciding on a career in the hotel industry taking him first to Whitby and then Llandudno.

Laurie Simpson was born in Harrogate and joined the Army in 1995 where he learnt valuable lessons in teamwork and leadership.

He first trained as Breakfast and progressed

Manager and Restaurant then Assistant Manager Southlands Hotel in New Scarborough.

He moved to the Eden Arms as Deputy Mananger in 2011 where he generated new business including marketing the Leisure Club. His skills were recognised and he was promoted to General Manager in 2013. Over the next few years Laurie will be aiming to develop the hotel as a main attraction in this area.

He currently lives in Sedgefield with his partner Victoria and their 7 year old daughter

Drowning Prevention

The UK's Drowning Prevention Charity has this week announced four brand new roles to reach deeper into communities to combat drowning and save lives.

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) recognises that drowning is a national, social issue and works tirelessly to reduce the number of unnecessary deaths each year.

One way to do this is to educate at a local level and the new Community Drowning Prevention Co-ordinators will cover the UK and Ireland to do this, working alongside the charity's 10,000 volunteers.

They set out on the road as the issue of drowning is again in the public arena as a number of students have recently lost their lives in tragic circumstances.

In their unique roles, our Community Drowning Prevention Coordinators will strive to work with and serve communities at a local level to drive home our water safety messages and education. The move follows a year of campaigning by the RLSS UK. resulting in an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for water safety and drowning prevention.

For more information on the Community Drowning Prevention Co-ordinators and how they could help your community visit www.rlss.org.uk. For more information on the RLSS Visit: www.rlss.org.uk Follow us on Twitter - @RLSSUK Facebook page - www.facebook.com/RLSSUK - Call - 01789 773994



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AYCLIFFE FIRM'S BUNGEE JUMP TO HELP HOSPICE



1st March 9 On Sunday from employees JDP Contracting Services are scaling the heights of Middlesbrough Transporter Bridge, throwing themselves off and bouncing back up (and down!) all in aid of Butterwick Hospice Care.

The bungee jump is part of a continued effort to raise funds for the local Hospice and JDP hope to raise £2000 by the end of the year, and have set up a Fundraising committee, who are extremely enthusiastic to start working together.

Chris Hyde, Managing Director of JDP Contracting, and long time supporter of Butterwick, said "We have nominated Butterwick Hospice as our Charity of the Year and are delighted to assist in whatever way we can to such a worthy cause.

Laura Douthwaite, Corporate Partnerships Executive "It costs Butterwick Hospice Care over £4M a year to provide free care to the local community and support from local businesses like JDP Contracting is essential to help fund this. It is fantastic to see all of the staff getting involved I look forward to working with

in such an amazing manner and them in the future.





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Lisa Cook has pointed out that she and her family are on this postcard Newton Press printed 35 years ago. She saw this photo of our thriving town centre market on our website of old Aycliffe photos which anvone with the internet can access: www.newtonnews.co.uk - Lisa lost her copy and was so happy to see her Mother and Nana in the photo. Readers can recognise them in the foreground as the lady in cream coat with a young girl and Nana is stood with Lisa's brother by the lamp post. Lisa's Mam and Nana have both passed away and Lisa who was 10, is now 44.



part of PCP's Growing Together project Colour your Life has organised a free 10 week course for adults starting Monday 2 March 10am-1pm.

Participants attending the 'Digrarticipants attending the 'Digin' course will learn from a
horticultural specialist and
gain hands on experience in
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The benefits earned from this project will be improved physical health from increased activity and feeling better from being outside and meeting new people. You will feel healthier and wealthier from eating your own grown produce and there will also be opportunities for volunteering.

This project forms part of PCP's aim to develop a socially inclusive community garden set in the grounds of the Pioneering Care Centre that everyone can enjoy

If you don't want to get your hands too dirty by signing up to a 10 week course there's lots of other ways to get involved.

Come along to the Big Dig Community Event on Saturday 21 March 10am - 1pm and find out about family activities and exciting future plans for the community garden.

If you're enthusiastic about

gardening, or would just like to join in and make a difference your local community, involved in the nation's biggest community gardening volunteering event, The Big Dig. The garden is a good size with grassed areas, flower beds, water features, wildlife corner, pleasant seating and an allotment. On the day volunteers will be helping to clear the site, getting it ready for people to enjoy the outdoor space this spring and summer. Refreshments and tools will be provided and helpers can take away their very own seed pots.

If you have as little as half an hour to spare and would like to get involved in the Big Dig Event, your help would be gratefully appreciated. Or to find out more about PCP's Growing Together project please along on Saturday 21 March between 10am-1pm to the

Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Avcliffe DL5 4SF. Contact PCP on 01325 321234 enquiries@pcp.uk.net Further information is also on PCP's website: pcp.uk.net and Facebook page: /PCPandCentre

Stopping County Plan Offers Opportunity for Great Aycliffe " Full speed ahead" says Town Council Leader

Following the publication last week of the Inspector's Interim Views on the Legal Compliance and Soundness of the Submitted County Durham Plan, I have been contacted by numerous people, asking me how does the Inspector's comments affect the Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan?

First let me make a few observations that I have taken from the report, which is 29 pages long and contains paragraphs, observations will be brief.

The report ripped apart the County Plan and has effectively left it in tatters. Mr Howard Stephens, the Inspector's, main objections and observations are based on the aim of making the Durham Central Area, that is Durham City and the immediate area, 'boom city', encroaching on green open space areas. creating urban sprawl in a city of International Heritage status. He also objected to large areas of housing development and industrial development North of the city, which would break into large areas of green open

He comments unrealistic 'contains assumptions', 'it is evidence flawed', 'Some developments are not justified or deliverable' and 'the Plan would not meet the Government's soundness test' In his conclusion, he gives the County three options: • To continue with the Plan but he would conclude that the Plan is unsound.

• Pause for six months, but he casts doubt on whether the numerous problems could be overcome, or

 Withdraw the Plan entirely. How does the report influence

how Great Aycliffe should progress its Neighbourhood I believe it will be many months, if not years, for the County to address the many issues raised by Inspector. During that period, the communities in the County will be left vulnerable to speculative and unplanned development.

It is essential the community of Great Aycliffe proceeds as quickly as possible with our Neighbourhood Plan, in order that our wishes for the future not frustrated by such developments.



Councillor Bob Fleming

Fortunately, in his report, Mr Stephens does not object to the proposed scale of development in the South of the County, includes Newton which Aycliffe. Indeed, in paragraph 60 of the report, he writes 'There is broad agreement that the larger, more sustainable settlements should be the focus of proportionately more of the development that is envisaged to be delivered in the County Durham Plan.

Larger settlements such as Durham City, Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe are inherently more sustainable. due to higher order level of services and facilities that are

present with corresponding employment opportunities and supporting infrastructure'

The rejection of the County does not stop Plan. Neighbourhood There have been many Neighbourhood Plans written and accepted where there was not yet a County Plan. Indeed, the delay of the County Durham Plan is an opportunity for our Neighbourhood Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan came after the County Plan, Neighbourhood Plan would have to conform to it. Now, if the County Plan came after the Neighbourhood Plan, the County Plan will be expected to conform to our Neighbourhood Plan.

Finally, we must press on with our Plan, but at the same time take notice of the Inspector's perceived failings of the County Plan. We must avoid unrealistic ambitions. We must produce evidence to support our objectives. Our objectives should be justified and deliverable and the Plan must pass the Government's soundness tests

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Newton Aycliffe enjoyed return to winning ways with an excellent performance at Whitley Bay. The three points from the trip to the seaside was fully deserved with Aycliffe putting recent disappointments behind them

Right from the start Aycliffe took a positive approach to the game with the Bay defenders given no time to settle on the ball. Aycliffe's midfield & forwards chased and harried for every ball trying to force mistakes from their opponents' defence

After 14 mins Jordan Laidler had the first serious attempt with a free-kick from 30yds which just crept over the bar. Eight minutes later the first Forthcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 24 February (home) - Sunderland RCA 7:30pm Saturday 28 February (home) - Billingham Synthonia 3:00pm Tuesday 3 March (away) - Washington 7:30pm - League Cup QF

goal came. Martin Young won the ball midfield, shrugging off a challenge and fired home from outside the box. Just two minutes later Young got his second with another from similar range after charging through the Bay midfield.

Aycliffe's relentless pressure continued and after 29mins Stuart Banks saw his shot from 20vds denied by the crossbar. After 38mins Paul Garthwaite scored Aycliffe's third goal. The ball found Banks on the right who squared it to his skipper to finish.

the Avcliffe goal. For a brief moment Aycliffe fans began to worry but any fears were laid to rest just two minutes later when Banks took advantage of a fortuitous rebound to shoot home.

Not surprisingly Whitley Bay

made a change for the second

half bringing on prolific

game became more difficult

for Aycliffe but chances still

65mins Banks forced a double

Whitley Bay pulled a goal back

after with twenty minutes left.

With the entire Aycliffe team

back to defend a corner their

efforts proved unsuccessful. The ball fell to Robbie Bird

who fired past James Winter in

goalscorer Paul Chow.

presented themselves.

save from the Bay keeper.

That settled the matter & Avcliffe were able to celebrate a league win for the first time in four games. This result puts Aycliffe 17th in the Ebac Northern League Division One table with two vital games in the next week against teams below them in the league

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Aycliffe Beat Seasiders Newton Aycliffe Juniors Results

U8's - After a good win in our last fixture we were hopeful of building on that against a well organised Wynyard team. A tight first half saw us go behind to a couple of goals, but managing to get back into the game with a goal from Jason before the break! We pressed hard in the second half with some good play from Thomas and Lewis upfront only to be denied on numerous occasions by the Wynyard keeper and letting a couple of goals in towards the end after some great saves from Sam sealed the Match for them! The second game was tight affair with Rob. Kiera, Lleyton and Joe putting in good performances with Parker strong in goal only to get edged out in the end. Well done to the whole squad for a battling display. MOTM Thomas

U9's TJFA - continued their excellent season with a 2-0 home win against Bishop Auckland St. Mary's. Goals from Jacob and Charlie either side of half time were enough for the win in a dominant display. Jake was as industrious as ever down the flank, supported well in attack by Lucas and Zack. Defensively Harry, Chloe and Aaron were excellent with Thomas in goal keeping a clean sheet.

U9's RUSSELL FOSTER

First game v Wrekenton Nou Camp - a very good side with a 1-0 win, but NAJFC had their best performance of the season as we dominated play from start to finish. Dom was superb in goal, Ollie and Sam excelled in defence, breaking up play. Evan worked tirelessly in midfield, Taylor and Isaac created chances from the wings, with Bo and Ted alternating up front to keep the pressure on. - The Wrekenton manager said it was the hardest game they had for a long time. Our second game saw a 3-1 defeat to Waldridge Park Glanton. Ollie started in goal, Ted in defence, Sam and Evan midfield, Taylor and Bo wide, with Dom up front. Aycliffe quickly got on top in the game, taking the lead with a goal from Dom early on, finishing well. Waldridge equalised shortly after which Ollie couldn't keep out. We slipped to a 3-1 deficit after half time. The last ten minutes was tense, everyone gave it their best effort! These two games mean that NAJFC finished the Winter League Division 8 in 4th place, with 6 wins and 7 defeats

from 13 games.

U10's faced tough opposition away to Billingham with only players available due to hols. Billingham attacked and came close on a couple of occassions Juniors fought defending well until Billingham scored - 1-0 at half time. NA came out a different team in the second half and pressured Billingham into an own goal. The game was close with 5 mins to go and Billingham put on fresh legs and scored twice. 3-1. Well done lads, great

U11's - On a bitterly cold morning they were against local rivals Youth Centre Falcons, The decision was made to start players who would usually be subs to freshen things up Falcons were the 1st to score. but the lads continued to play. creating opportunities, looking to draw level. This paid off when Adam ran onto a well placed goal kick, beat the defender and slotted the ball home. The Falcons were then awarded a penalty minutes later to end the half 2-1 to the Falcons. We started the 2nd half with three changes, Kyle. Dylan S & Dylan H, made way for Ethan, Zak & Jake, and 5 mins

into the half Nicholas came on for Jamie. The Falcons added two goals in quick succession. but the lads didn't give up and always looked dangerous on the attack. They were rewarded when Adam took a great shot and it flew into the right hand side of the goal. The Falcons were awarded a 2nd penalty, to put them 5-2 ahead. Adam's got his hatrick with another well placed shot. to end the game 5-3 to the Falcons. Man of the Match was Adam, who scored superb individual goals, the first time he's been asked to play in the CF position. We need to get back to basics, and play the passing game we've proved we can play, Let's put this game behind us and come

uns game benind us and come back fighting next time.
U13's were unbeaten going into the match but had 2 players missing. They still had a strong 14.and the first half was close with no dominant performance. We fell behind after failing to clear and the All Stars striker finished well - HT 0-1. We got off to the worst possible start finding ourselves 0-3 down 5 minutes into the second half so changed a few things around. We pushed forward and got caught again - 0-4 and that's how it finished. Let's put this one behind us lads and regroup for next week, if we recapture the form of the past few weeks, we can beat anyone! MOTM was Logan Armstrong who never stopped running all game. U14's 12th game of the season on Sunday, was away to top of the league Hardwick Youth who had only been beat once this season and by our lads! exceptionally difficult conditions we put in a great

performance by taking the game to Hardwick, who struggled to get near us in the first half. We created chances and after 17 minutes finally took the lead. Newton Aycliffe continued to play some fantastic one touch football but despite creating 6 7 good chances and 3 one ones we just couldn't find that second goal. We continued to more than match Hardwick despite some poor refereeing decisions going against us. With 20 minutes to go Hardwick found the net to level the score. I am not one for having a go at refs but this particular individual was shocking and ruined a good game. Decisions continued to go against us and in the last 10 minutes heads went down through frustration and Hardwick went on to scorea further 2 goals. No points for us, but we are clearly heading in the right direction as I received a text from their manager after the game saying: "your lads played some fantastic football and in the first half we couldn't

get anywhere near you' U16's were at home to Northallerton Juniors and with the away fixture being a high scoring game (7 - 5) to them we knew this could possible turn out the same! How surprised we were when at half time we were 3 - 0 up! 2 from Ben Thompson back from injury and 1 from Ethan Tarn. The lads were told at half time to expect them to come at us strong and having the wind in their favour it was going to be tough. The conditions were terrible with heavy freezing cold rain and sleet! They went for it and got level at 3 - 3 with 15 mins to go, but we pushed for a winner

Declan Maughan scored direct from it we thought we could hold out for the win! Credit to them they pushed and scored 2 quick goals to secure the win. 4 - 5. Aycliffe MOM was chosen by the Match Official who awarded it to Kieran Maughan. 3 more games to go, chin up lads!! Cheers Damian U23's faced a tough task at home against Gusiborough FC, an excellent passing side

and one of the favourites to

win the league. Aycliffe closed Guisborough down very

quickly, Michael Howe replaced

Allison, following injury and

Howe made an immediate

Guisborough

impact holding the ball up well and laying it off to Winwood who hit a terrific strike from 20 yards which dipped under the bar to give Aycliffe a 1-0 lead, which remained till half time. Aycliffe displayed excellent Aycliffe displayed excellent commitment battling for everything and despite a good spell of Gusiborough pressure Aycliffe continued to deny the visitors. They finally put the game beyond doubt with 2 minutes to go when Smith played the ball forward to Howe who kept two defenders at hay who kept two defenders at bay and placed a low shot into the bottom corner to give Aycliffe a deserved 2-0 lead. The score remained 2-0 to Aycliffe who thoroughly deserved their hard fought win against an excellent Gusiborough side. The referee awarded the M.O.M to Adam Smith who had a terrific game creating a number of chances in the first half and playing a very mature and disciplined role in the second half when Gusiborough were pressing for

Greenfield Netball Club



Greenfield's local netball club is going from strength to strength with a win at the 'Back to Netball' tournament held at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington on the 8th February, and most recently both U14 and U16 squads coming 2nd and 4th in their group rounds for their annual half term netball competition.

This coincides with the continued success of Greenfield Community College Netball teams. However it was felt there was real need for more competitive netball for young people across the Sedgefield area. With this in mind Ellie Barnes, a PE teacher at the school, formed the community based at Greenfield Community College, four years

ago. The club includes an U14 and U16 squad where players come from different secondary schools across South West Durham. Many players have gone on to be selected for North and South Durham County Academies, so Aycliffe Angels has been a successful pathway to the next level of Netball for these young players.

The interest of the club has grown in the past few years where it is has welcomed 'Back to Netball' a session for ladies ages 16 upwards where they can enjoy keeping fit and playing netball whatever their ability. The ladies can choose to play competitively in the local Durham City league and enter tournaments. With the most recent one being such

success the club is proving to be a popular choice for the ladies weekly fitness regime. Most recently the club has launched 'Little Angels', a session aimed at 5-11 year olds to help develop basic motor skills and introducing key netball techiques from a young age boys and girls.

The club runs all of its sessions on a Tuesday evening: Little Angels 4-5pm

Aycliffe Angels Juniors 5-6pm Aycliffe Angels 16+ 6-7pm All sessions are free for your first one then £2 afterwards.

The club welcomes new members every week so if you would like get involved feel free to contact Ellie Barnes (ellie. barnes@greenfieldschool.net) for more information.

day at Summerhill, Hartlepool, with three age category wins and three in the first ten.

This was the 7th of the Stockton Winter Trail series over 5k and conditions were no worse than you would expect this time of the year.

Peter Milburn was first home for the club and 7th overall in 20:38 and was also 1st V/55 and just a few seconds behind was Graham Atkinson, 9th in 20:59 and 1st V/50, followed by Lee Wren, 10th in 21:01. On the previous day it was the

newer members of the club who excelled. The event being the Sedgefield Park Run.

John Surtees was the outright winner in 18:42 just 1 second below his best for the course. Michelle Jane also got a course PB of 24:19 and it was a "1st timer" for Michelle Amir at 24:26.

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Field Day for Veterans Youth Football Round Up



The Under 16s went down to the odd goal against Hartlepool in awful conditions at the Oak Leaf. Having started well they conceded two goals in five minutes both to set pieces. Aycliffe had two efforts that both hit the woodwork but another set piece wasn't dealt with it and it was 3-0 at half time. Jimmy Cameron twice for 2-3 and game on. With minutes remaining the lads had two chances to level it but it wasn't to be. Man of the Match was J. Reay. Final Score 2-3.

Under 13s made the long trip to Whitby to face league challengers Fishburn Park. started well, and overall playing some decent stuff, unfortunately switched off a couple of times allowing the hosts' taking full advantage. The manager believe's they are capable of winning these types of games and on another day could have taken all 3 points. Goals from a Chloe Ryan header, a Keiron Todd penalty and the best goal of the game from Josh Richardson! Player of the match went to Cameron Nicholson. Final score 6-3. Under 13 Girls entertained

Washington Wildcats on Saturday and this performance was easily the best yet. The girls showed grit and determination to grind this one out. After keeping the Wildcats at bay in the opening few minutes, Chloe Ryan slotted home to make it 1-0. Second half saw changes in midfield. Wildcats won a free kick over by the touch line and somehow it found it's way over everyone for 1-1. Game on! The girls' continued to pass with confidence and got their reward as Lottie Hall shrugged off two defenders before unleashing a fantastic left foot bullet high into the net!! Well deserved 3 points. Final score

Derby day for Under 11 Falcons against Aycliffe Juniors. The boys started well and deservedly took the lead through a well taken goal by K Gillham. Juniors applied pressure and punished the Falcons to make it 1-1. The boys re-took the lead from the penalty spot as W. Mawston cooly slotted home. Half time 2-1. Second half they added through K. Gillham, T. Jasper. W. Mawston added the 5th (his 2nd) again from the penalty spot. Juniors added a 2nd, and not long afterwards the Juniors forward completed his hat-trick with a long range effort. The game was now even and both teams battled hard. Full time 5-3. Man of the Match was W. Mawston

Under 12 Falcons 3 - 3 U12 Eagles. A really entertaining

Falcons and Eagles giving both Youthy teams 11 a side experience in preparation for the move up next season. 3 times the Eagles went ahead and 3 times the Falcons came back. Both teams played firm, fair competitive football and were a credit to the football club. Thanks again to Matthew Morton who refereed the game well. Well done everyone involved.

11 v 11 friendly between the

The Under 11 Eagles weren't at the races against Redcar Town away, finding themselves down in the first few minutes. Soon the Eagles started to look dangerous on the front foot. Adam Lowe then hit the post from a penalty kick and the opposition went up the other end and scored. The Eagles did manage a goal after some fantastic passing. Adam Hicks tucked away the goal to make it 3-1 at half time. Second half the Eagles were by far the stronger looking team going forward They hit the post twice and Redcar keeper made some great saves. With all this pushing forward we left ourselves short at the back and Redcar scored a sucker punch of a goal. Man of the Match was Aaron Ross for his second half display. Final score 4-1

10 Eagles were Under at Darlington playing a rearranged fixture. Aycliffe started on the front foot with 3 or 4 chances going begging in front of the Darlington goal. Darlington tried to play passing football but Aycliffe pressed them hard when eventually the ball fell to Brennan Fitz who the made a weaving run to the by line and coolly passed the ball to Brandon Addy who

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Maureen Holland

Town's PHAB Runner

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"I have run 5 marathons and thought my friends might be less inspired to sponsor me this time, so I registered to do a triathlon as well." The Outlaw Triathlon event is in May in Nottingham with a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile cycle ride and half a marathon.

Penny then set other cycling goals. With the help of local

slotted home 0-1. In truth the

game carried on this way with

a few scares from Darlington

around our goal but our defence

stood firm. Good football from

both teams. Full time 0-1 to the

Eagles and Brennan Fitz gained

the Man of the Match award.

Under 8 Falcons were at home to local rivals Heighington on

a very cold day. Both teams

put on a brave face to play. An excellent strike from

Cole Gaskarth gave the boys the lead. Heighington pulled

one back, half time 1-1. Tom

Dearden was very cold but

still pulled off a couple good saves to keep us level. Travis

Dixon, added to his impressive

tally with a hat-trick. The game

ended a 4-1 win to the Falcons.

Man of the Match went to Dylan Stewart. The second

game was 1-0 to the Falcons.

Dylan Stewart scoring the only

goal with Harry Bates keeping

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Tyler Woodward grabbing Heighington's goal, before

Falcons took advantage of a

tiring Heighington with the

game finishing 4-1 to the hosts.

MoM and Goal scorer was

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to Daniel Pouton's inch perfect

pass, finding Tyler Kilburn-

Robinson. Hardwick pressed

to pull it back to 1-1 before the

break, which saw Heighington

make a few changes and

come up on fire in the second

half, going 2-1 up thanks to

Matthew Goads determination

to pick out Cameron Ewin, who

found the back of the net with

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Under 14's TJFA Division 4.

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Good Form Continued

It was the old cliché 'A game of two halves' as Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club continued their good form in Durham and Northumberland Division 3 with a 31 – 10 victory at Moore Lane over Prudhoe and Stocksfield. Aycliffe were able to pick from strength and featured a very strong subs bench.

strong subs bench.

Prudhoe began well with their scrummage well on top and good lineout possession, but from the start it was Aycliffe's backs that were to have the edge. The scoring began when Luke Crossen tore the defence to pieces with a mazy run before feeding the ball to Gareth Parsonage, whose side stepping run saw him touch down under the posts. Luke Tinkler added the conversion.

Soon after, Tinkler set Crossen for a try and added the conversion. A third try followed when Adam Gascoigne's offload to Crossen put him into space and he headed for the line. A last ditch tackle stopped the run but Tom Hogan-Wharton starting his first game at centre, was on hand to pick up and cross the line. Tinkler again added the extra ick up and cross the line.

points. There then followed two tries in two minutes from Gascoigne. First a double move saw him cross the line unopposed and then he ran around the defence from deep inside his own half. At the break Avcliffe led 31 – 0 with the

bonus point in the bag. Prudhoe realised that they were only going to get joy if they kept the ball with the forwards and this is what they did in the second half. After much pressure, they

finally powered over for a try to get on the scoreboard.

Aycliffe lost precision in their play and what little ball the backs got, they were unable to use to any great effect. The visitors added another try and were on the attack as the game wound up, a sharp snow squall added to Aycliffe's discomfort, but held Prudhoe out to record a 31 - 10 win, their 8th win in the last 9 league games.

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MARY GALLAGHER 25th February 2011, Remembering you on this day. Comforted by so many memories. Love always Vince, Clare, Paul, Victoria, Amanda & Flynn

Thank You

ATHOL (Ben) BENNETT The family of the late Athol (Ben) Bennett would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind words of comfort since the passing of Ben. Thank you to Gary for driving the Armstrong Siddely and the Co-op for their support and guidance. Special thanks to Father Dennis Tindale for a personal and comforting ce, also Amanda from the Royal Legion for the catering and Victoria from the Royal Telegraph for her hospitality and kindness. We were touched by the generosity of people who donated to the Herriot Hospice, a fantastic total of £330 was collected and

forwarded to the charity. **ANN DIXON** I would like to thank family and friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and presents received on her 70th birthday. Also to my Daughters, Judith and Sharon for photos and beautiful decorations; Terry and Neil for the entertainment. Love,

THE FAMILY of the late Jennie Storr would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their cards, flowers, kind words and sympathy, following the loss of our dear Granny. Thanks to all who attended Granny's Service and made it such a special day. Thanks to all who helped us care for Granny; District Nurses, Bewick Crescent Surgery, the lovely girls from DaleCare; DMH and all staff at St Teresa's Hospice. Also thanks to Coop Funeral Care for ensuring Granny's day went so well. And to Pam Lovelass, for the beautiful Service, which she delivered with such sincerity. Thank you all xx

Birthday Remembrance



John Robert **Farmer**

Another birthday has come around there is nothing I can do but sit for a while and picture your smile, just like I always do. Birthday wishes I send today to a star in the sky not far away. Engraved in gold on a cloud above, just for you John, with all my love. Miss and love you, your loving Wife Mary xxxx DAD. Instead of a card we

send our love, instead of a gift, a prayer to the one we thought the world of and miss beyond compare. Remembering our Dad on his birthday. Our thoughts are with you today and every day. Happy birthday Dad. Love, Paula, Brett, David and Christine xxxx GRANDAD. It's your birthday again Grandad and we know the bightest star in the sky tonight is our Grandad saying good night. Love you, Jack, Jayden, Harry and Oliver xxxx



Obituary

SHOULDER, Peacefully at Jane, aged 78 years. Much loved Mum of Steve, Lynne, Les, Allan and Anita; a loving Mother-in-Law, Grandma and Great Grandma; also Sister of Bob and Anne. Will family and friends please meet for Service and cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Monday 2nd March at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired, may be made to The Great North Air Ambulance, plate provided at the crematorium. Everyone welcome back to the Royal British Legion afterwards.

HILLARY, Kathleen (nee Houfe) suddenly on 21st February at home. Beloved Wife, Mother, Nana and Friend. Family and friends please meet for Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 27th February for 3.30pm

JOYCE CATHERINE

ORAM – Passed away after a short illness on 22nd February. aged 86 years. Loving Mum, Nan, Great-Nan and Sister. Service to be held at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Friday 6th March at 11.00am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to Aycliffe Care 'Residents Comfort

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Temporary Cleaner

(12½ hours per week to cover maternity leave) Grade 1 Point 10 – 11 (£4,844 - £5,138)

Casual Cleaners

Grade 1 Point 10 -11 (£7.43 to £7.88)

Greenfield Community College wishes to appoint a temporary cleaner to cover a period of maternity leave. Working hours during term time will be 3:30 – 6:00 pm and during periods of school holidays 7:00 am to 9:30 am Monday to Friday.

The school also wishes to appoint a pool of casual cleaners to work flexibility on an 'as and when required basis' to cover for staff absences

Duties of both posts will include cleaning designated areas of the school to a high standard as directed by cleaning supervisor.

Applications packs are available from Susan Mouviassi on 01325 300378 or via e-mail at susan.mouyiassi@ greenfieldschool.net.

Only applications received on the school's application form and completed in full by the specified date will be considered.

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Closing date 5pm Wednesday 11th March 2015

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Grade 1 Point 10-11

Salary £14,338–£15,207 per annum (£7.43–£7.88 per hour)

Greenfield Community College wishes to appoint a pool of exam invigilators to provide an efficient and effective invigilation support service to the school and ensuring the integrity of its examinations.

Applicants must be available for work Monday to Friday (8:30 am – 4:00 pm) during May and June each year. For this academic year applicants must be available from 5th May 2015 to 22nd June 2015.

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Congratulations

Daniel Large

Happy Birthday

With lots of love from

Carrie, Bump, Alex and Lilly xxxxxxx

Beth Gibson

24th February 2015 ave fun killing Zombies!

Happy 21st Birthday

24th February 2015 **Lots** of love on your special day and always. From Mam and Roy. Hope you have a great weekend.

Happy 21st birthday from Sam and Sophie xxx

Sending you lots of love on your 21st from Gareth, Megan, Rosie, Angela, Charlie, Emma and all your family x Happy 21st birthday Beth. of love from Ryan xxx **BETH** Enjoy your 21st. Lots of love from Nana Bug and Lucky xxx

MASON LAWTON 02/03/15. Happy 2nd birthday to the best Grandson and Nephew in the world! Lots and of love and kisses Grandma, Grandad & Aunty Faith xxxx

LAWTON MASON 02/03/15. Happy 2nd Birthday to our gorgeous boy! 2 already, where has the time gone? Love you all the world! Mammy & Daddy xxxxxxxxxxx

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YEAR 2 IN OLYMPIC LEGACY EVENT



Greenfield Community Young Sports College's Leaders planned and another high delivered quality event for year 2 students before half term. Local students took part in a range of skills and sporting challenges to develop their fundamental movement skills and co-ordination. Activities included golf, tennis, jumping, aiming, throwing, catching, running

and boccia challenges. Great fun was had by all. Throughout the morning Greenfield Young leaders were a credit to themselves and the school, as were the year 2 pupils who took part. Greenfield's Young Leaders demonstrated a range of important life skills and abilities, including creativity, in the challenges they designed and great empathy and support for

the young people they were

working with.

It was a great pleasure to see important attributes such as communication and confidence develop throughout the day, alongside the enthusiasm, determination and commitment of all involved. Well done to St Joseph's who finished first and well done to all who took part.

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