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JUNIOR DISCO

A Junior Disco is to be held on Friday 18th February at Aycliffe Village Hall, from 6.30pm until 8.00pm. Admission is £1. Refreshments and "Tuck Shop" available. Everyone welcome. The age limit is 12yrs and parents with very young children must stay with their children. Please bring along your CDs if you have a specific request for the DJ to play.

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The School's Cross Country northern Championships run at Sedburgh saw some very notable performances, with Gregg Upton back as 1st counter for Durham in the minor's race, Chris Gaffney 7th counter in the Junior Boy's, Abbi Wilson 4th Counter and Natalie Cross 11th counter in the Inter Girl's.

Phil Moore was a distinguished 7th counter in the Inter Boy's and Lewis Moses a comfortable 4th counter in the Senior Boy's event. All these athletes will have the opportunity of representing Durham area at Norwich in the National Championships.

The North of England Cross Country Championships at Consett recently saw Chris Gaffney in excellent form to take 24th place in a field of 150+ runners, for the U13 boy's event. Sister Amy fared quite well to finish in 131st place in the U15 girl's race.

The U15 boys saw the improving James Askew up to 169th place overall. In the U17 Women's race Abbi Wilson managed a creditable 47th in 21 mins, ahead of Natalie Cross who was 70th in 22 mins. In the U17 men's our only representative was Phil Moore who finished 105th in 24 mins.

The U20 men's race saw Lewis Moses back in 26th place for 28 mins, ahead of Adam Ingram 68th and Adam Harker in 72nd place. A big field for the Senior Women's race saw our two representatives battling it out, with Julia Atkinson taking 77nd place in 35.59, with Sue Milburn 80th only 20 secs behind.

We had 5 runners in the Senior Men's, which had an impressive field of nearly 600 runners. First back was Peter Milburn in 242nd, with George Reid in 291st, Dave Caygill 432nd, Kevin Greenall 472nd and Ian Wade in 504th.

Letters to the Editor Assembly Prattle

Dear Sir,

What a relief to read of our County and District Councils getting their act together in opposition to the proposals of the North East Assembly's Regional Spatial Strategy. I believe that urbanised 'vision' for development on Tyneside, Teesside and Wearside, could in effect create another Category 'D' Planning status for rural Durham and Northumberland.

A similar 'vision' proposed by the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly was given short shrift by Yorkshire ALA, the Association of Local Authorities, for similar reasons outlined in the Newton News.

The Yorkshire councils reacted collectively by cutting their contributions to the Y & H Assembly by a thumping £750,000.

Some were reported as saying their Assembly had a little rural relevance, was dominated by the urban members, wasted time and money on endless conferences, committees and glossy reports that could be better invested in local council's own services.

A lot less of our money to squander on Assembly prattle would concentrate their minds on Durham's regeneration needs?

We do need to cut the cackle of these unwanted prattling classes. And County Durham Council's should emulate Yorkshire and cut their contributions stringently to the North East Assembly.

Why should we fund those who advocate policies and plans so detrimental to our local renewal and development?

These people have no mandate from our electorate who pay the bills, so why fund an unwanted Talking Shop with money, which could be far better invested in so many essential local services?

Yours faithfully,
Don Fraser

Neville Community Centre

Wednesday 23rd February **Jumble Sale** 5.00pm-6.30pm. Good quality jumble required please.

Saturday 26th February **Craft Fayre** 10am-4pm. Ring 313924.

Saturday 12th March **Antique Fayre** 10am-4pm. Tables available to hire.

Sunday 27th March **Sponsored Walk** on Great Aycliffe Way 1.30pm. Do try and join us, we need you please. Memory Lane Music Hall, Middlesbrough Theatre Wednesday 20th July 2.30pm. £10 inclusive of coach. Ring 313924. Songs from Judy Garland, Doris Day, The Platters and Elvis Presley- it sounds like Memory Lane.

Gardeners Rota now being prepared. For Spring 2005 £5 per hour for senior citizens. If you would like to go on our list ring Peter Beaty 313924.

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Interested in joining our **Art Classes** for Decoupage or cross-stitch? Just turn up on Thursday 10-12. Ask for Betty White.

We are starting a video club shortly, do you have any videos you can let us have? Ring 313924.

Teddies wanted for our next Tombola please.

With thanks, Peter Beaty

Planning Policies

Dear Editor

Last week's Newton News highlighted the response by local authorities in the region to the draft document, which outlines the policy for planning in the region until 2016.

All local authorities have grave reservations about the policies. The draft is 132 pages long and most people have little or no idea what is in it. It forms the basis upon which local planning policies will be drawn up and when approved, local planning officers will be obliged to conform to it's recommendations.

In other words if a planning application conforms with the strategy and the local plans based upon it, it will be approved.

Most people will not be aware of the effect of this until an application affecting their locality comes before planning committee and they will find that any objections they may have may well be rejected. It is important that the strategy reflects the wishes of the community in the region.

The draft has been prepared by the Regional Assembly, an unelected body appointed by the government. This was the point of the recent referendum which endeavoured to have an elected body who could reflect local views on matters such as this.

It is conceded by government that national planning guidelines do not always reflect local considerations and in order to do so a regional input is required. How best can this be achieved? Only by asking local elected representatives. This was rejected by a majority of residents and the implications are with us now.

Yours faithfully,
Councillor Keith Henderson

Public Meeting on Council House Sell Off

A Public Meeting has been called to urge residents not to vote for the transfer of Council Houses to a Private Housing Association. Special speakers are being brought in to persuade tenants that it is not in their interest to allow the Council to transfer ownership of the town's housing stock.

The meeting is to be held on **Friday 25th February** in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at 7 p.m.

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Please come along and meet up with old friends and see the newly refurbished parts of the school. If you have any photographs or memorabilia you could lend us for a special 40th anniversary exhibition we would be most grateful if you could contact us.

For a complimentary ticket for the reunion please contact school on 01388 603246, e-mail staff@stjohnsrc.org.uk

WATERPOLO SQUAD WIN

Sedgefield 75 Waterpolo squad played a men's game against Durham University at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Sedgefield once again played a very young team of 13,14,15 and 16 year olds and despite the much older students physical advantage Sedgefield won 17-13. The University team had no answer to Sedgefield's Scott Carpenter, 16, the country's leading junior player who scored 13 goals, with his blend of speed, power and clever movement. The other goals were scored by Joel Woods and David Morgan, one each and Chris Gilbertson 2.

Ryan Caws only 13 made a very promising debut at this level.

Sedgefield's other players were Luke Thompson, Frazer Foulds and Michael Scott.

ROTARY CLUB REVIVES COMMUNITY FAIR

Town Organisations Given Free Exhibition Stands

If you run or are involved in any form of Hobbies Club, Social Group, Self Help organisation, voluntary group, locally based Charitable Organisation, Sports Club, in fact any kind of group that relies on membership for its own support and benefit, no matter how small or large, then this is the opportunity to show the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas what you do and recruit new members. AND IT IS ENTIRELY FREE!

The Rotary Club of

Newton Aycliffe with total support of Great Aycliffe Town Council and Sedgefield District Council are organising a Community Fair in the Leisure Centre in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre to take place on **Saturday 7th May 2005**.

Stands will be allocated free of charge to all bona fide groups to show to the general public exactly what they do and how any one interested can join in their activities. Admission to the Community Fair will also be free.

The last time this event was held six years ago,

over 70 organisations were represented, all of whom agreed that the event was extremely worthwhile and effective for them in raising profiles and attracting new members to their different organisations. Take this opportunity NOW to register your interest, remember Toddlers to OAP's there is something for everyone in this town....but people need to be told about it! It's free...you have nothing to lose....and everything to gain. Please complete the form below:

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If anyone would like to read this in return for a donation to the club ring Ernie Wilson on 314606.

Newton Aycliffe Family History Society

"EMIGRATION TO NEW ZEALAND 1879"

Speaker - Mr Lawrence Jones

Everyone is welcome to this "Open Meeting" at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 23rd February 2005 at 7.30pm Free Admission & Car Parking Enquiries: (01325) 315538 or (01325) 315959 www.communitate.co.uk/nc/nafhs

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Old Time Dancing

Dear Sir
After publishing my letter last week concerning Old Time Dancing the response has been encouraging so I have booked the Southerne Club as a venue. The Southerne Club have agreed to put on a bar to enhance the atmosphere. To male dancers, please come along as you are in short supply. Everyone is welcome to either dance or watch. The starting time is 7pm, 21st February 2005. There will be a small charge of £1 to pay for the room hire. Please come along and support what could be your local dance. For further enquiries contact Cllr Enid Paylor 313697

Letters to the Editor Councillors and M.P.'s Surgeries

Dear Newton News,
Jane & Keith Furlong seemed surprised that no one but them turned up at their ward meeting. Could the reason be that councillors holding surgeries so that they may listen to and inform their electorate of any concerns they may have, is a very rare event?
Page 8 of the last issue of Newton News carried a statutory notice of two impending committee meetings and it reminded me of seeing the same notice early last year when I was concerned about the state of the water in the lakes at West Park.
I wrote to the Town Council well within the prescribed time and attended the meeting on the given night. The committee I wrote to were meeting first and I waited for my letter to be read out but it never happened. The public were asked to leave while the committee members carried out one of their silly for "our ears only" exercises and when the public were invited to return the councillors had all changed their hats and were now sitting as the other committee.
When I enquired about my letter they informed me that it would not be discussed, and when I stated that my letter had been submitted well within the time scale and asked for the reason it was not being discussed, I was given no reason.
If the Furlong's think that councillors holding surgeries is something everyone should take notice of and attend they should look for the reason why. Is there an upcoming election or something along those lines because I don't know of any Labour Party councillors who hold periodic surgeries. They appear to follow the lead of our absent Member of Parliament, Tony Blair, who doesn't answer letters let alone hold surgeries.
Regards,
Peter Dolan
Ed: We have to defend those local Councillors who we know hold regular surgeries, but have to agree with the correspondent's criticism of our M.P. who, as he states, does not hold surgeries!

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LOCOMOTION'S BID TO WIN 2005 MUSEUM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Locomotion, The National Railway Museum at Shildon has every reason to celebrate as they are in the top ten finalists for "The Gulbenkian Prize" for museum of the year. The award is the UK's largest arts prize and is given for the most exciting and innovative museum project large or small. Locomotion could be awarded a purse of £100,000 following a visit and inspection by judges later this month. Locomotion has already indicated that if they were fortunate enough to win the prize money they would plough it straight back into the museum, thus enhancing their visitor experience. Locomotion is the only contender representing the North of England with the nearest rival coming from Birmingham. Locomotion needs your help to win the prestigious prize. To register your support log onto www.thegulbenkianprize.org.uk and express your views and visitor experiences to help Locomotion become the Gulbenkian Museum of the year 2005. Councillor Marie Predki, Mayor of Sedgfield Borough Council expressed that it is not the quantity of comments, it's the quality and urged everyone to get on line and register their support. The retail sector within the town are also backing the bid, pictured here is

Chairman of the Shildon Chamber of Trade and local Butcher Brian Stoker who said "the museum is not only a fantastic facility it has given the region such a boost and really put Shildon on the map."
Gary Huntingdon, Shildon Town Councils Mayor said that the local Town Council were proud to back the bid for the town's superb facility. Children from both St John's Primary and Thorn Hill Primary in Shildon paid a visit to Locomotion to show their support for the bid with each child holding a letter that spell out the website address for the Gulbenkian web site, www.thegulbenkianprize.org.uk urging everyone to register their support for the campaign. For more information about the Gulbenkian award and future events tel 01388 816166 ex 4512
STRONG SUPPORT:
(l to r) Children from both St John's Primary School and Thorn Hill Primary School join Mayor of Sedgfield Borough, Cllr Marie Predki, Chairman of the Shildon Chamber of Trade and local Butcher Brian Stoker and Gary Huntingdon Shildon Town Council's Mayor to show their support for Locomotion's bid to become the Gulbenkian Museum of the Year 2005.



Primary Schools Raise Over £2000

A Sponsored Swim in aid of the Tsunami Disaster Fund, was held recently at Sugar Hill School Pool. Little Swimmers aged between seven and eleven, many just beginners, from St Joseph's, Stephenson Way, Sugar Hill and Vane Road Schools, jointly raised an incredible £2047.08 for the Disaster Fund. The terrific noise as they took turns non-stop at timekeeping, swimming and waving and shouting encouragement to each other surely must have been heard across the town centre!
Their enthusiasm and team work was a real credit to them all, as indeed were their efforts in seeking sponsorship. Perhaps some sponsors did not appreciate the extremely high level of commitment of these children and were taken by surprise at the end result? Whatever; they must all have 'paid up', for the sum achieved was truly phenomenal from only thirteen classes. I would like to say a Big Thank You to all participants and their very generous sponsors. The money raised has been paid into the Disaster Fund Account at Barclays Bank in the town. Mrs AC Bean, Swimming Teacher, Sugar Hill School Pool

LOCOMOTION IN BLOOM

Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon will be the venue this year for the Shildon and District Flower Club, Silver Jubilee celebration that takes place from the 4th - 6th of March 2005.
Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon will host the launch of the show on Friday the 4th of March at 12 noon. The Mayor of Sedgfield Borough Council, Councillor Marie Predki will officiate the opening and welcome 'John Thexton' from The Eden Valley in Cumbria who will give a series of floral demonstrations entitled 'In Motion'.
John's had previously exhibited at West Minster Abbey for her Majesty the Queen and also for Prime Minister Tony Blair, which was a display that commemorated Commonwealth Day.
Tickets for the 'In Motion' demonstration at 1.30pm should be purchased in advance and are £4.00 inclusive of refreshments; proceeds will go to the Mayor's chosen charity The Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland. This floral spectacular is open to the public from Friday 4th March from 12.30pm until 4.00pm, Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm and Sunday the 6th of March for a special Mothers Day celebration there is a craft fete and cream teas will be served from the platform 7 café throughout the day.
The museum site will have a variety of interpretations of flowers interacting with railway heritage and memorabilia and for Harry Potter fans there is one display in particular that will appeal.
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Mobility Club

On May 7th the club will be having a stall in the Leisure Centre to promote the club also to hold a raffle and the sale of bric a brac to raise funds. If any of your readers have any unwanted items which they think would be suitable would they please ring Press Officer Ernie Wilson on 314606 and he will arrange collection.

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH'S YOUNG PEOPLE SUM IT UP!

Three local 16-year-olds represented Sedgefield Borough at the Government's Delivering Sustainable Communities Summit 2005 in Manchester. Kelly Shaw from Chilton and Grant Parker and Robert Begg from Newton Aycliffe attended the 'Youth Summit Up' event with 150 other young people from around the country. They put forward their views on issues affecting their lives, such as having somewhere safe to play and hangout, homelessness, leisure and participation. The debate highlighted several issues of national concern, which are currently being tackled here in the Borough. This includes improved communication and participation between young people and public services, improved access to information and more support to young children and their families. Our young people contributed fully to the discussions and are keen to encourage other Borough youngsters to become involved in bettering their local communities. Kelly commented: "It's good to see the Government involving young people more in these events as they should be setting an example. I am already looking forward to next year".

Kelly, Grant and Robert are part of a joint Borough Council and Investing in Children project group, along with Zoe Thompson and Joanne Gash from Ferryhill. The group has interviewed over 100 children and young people from around the Borough to discover the best methods the Borough Council can communicate with them. The group has recently completed a report for the Borough Council that highlights the three most popular methods, all of which are IT related - websites, email and text. Popular non-IT methods included a newsletter for young people, graffiti boards and focus groups on issues of particular relevance to young people. The group is now working with the Borough Council to implement some of the methods, as part of the wider Services for Children and Young People improvement plan. A Charter setting out what local children and young people can expect from the Borough Council will be published in Spring 2005. For more details on the 'Communication Techniques' report and the Council's improvement plan. www.sedgefield.gov.uk

Launch of Ideal Home & Garden Show in Scotland

Summertime... and the living is easy
Are your home and garden looking hot for the summer? If you are preparing for some seasonal entertaining, just looking forward to relaxing in the sunshine or wanting to turn your living space into a sanctuary but need some direction, all your problems could be solved at an exciting new show this spring at the SECC in Glasgow. The first ever Ideal Home & Garden Show in Scotland, exhibiting a host of great ideas for both indoors and outdoors. The new show will take on a seasonal focus, offering the latest in all garden and leisure products as well as showcasing trends in home interiors for the spring and summer months ahead. This is your chance to browse and buy the latest styles for the home and outdoor living. Key attractions at the show will include: a Masterclass Demonstration Theatre hosted by BBC Beechgrove Garden's Lynn Harris; contemporary room designs and small space garden solutions for the summer; the Freestyle Men's Gadget Zone, a free one to one interior design service, and a stunning central feature of gloriously colourful spring gardens designed by Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Flowers. According to recent research, over 85% of Scots have gardens and 75% of us use them for relaxing, while 57% enjoy barbecues and entertaining friends outdoors. With 50% possessing a patio and 70% garden furniture, it is obvious that we enjoy making the most of our gardens - when weather permits. Show manager, Robin Beaman, comments: "With such a focus on the garden as part of today's lifestyle, we are delighted to be launching our new show at this time of year, when people's thoughts turn to the outdoors as well as indoors. Gardens have now become an extension of the home as people want to enjoy relaxing and entertaining friends in an outdoor environment that is as stylish and comfortable as the inside of their home." If you want to have your home and garden both looking fresh and ready for some easy living for next summer, visit the Ideal Home & Garden Show at the SECC, Glasgow, from 8th-17th April 2005. Newton News has joined forces with the Ideal Home & Garden Show to offer FIVE lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the show. To enter the competition simply answer the following question and send your entry to IHS, c/o Newton Press, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DX.

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THE BOROUGH'S FUTURE - 16-year-olds Kelly Shaw from Chilton and Grant Parker and Robert Begg from Newton Aycliffe are joined in Manchester by Sedgefield Borough Council strategy officer Katy Austin (second right)

SPENNYMOOR'S BOXING CHAMPIONS



Spennymoor Boxing Academy's brilliant season continues, hot on the heels of a sensational victory over the recent visit from the Australia select.

The club now proudly boasts six north east champions, a combination of three juniors and three seniors as they come into the 2005/06 boxing season. This is a great achievement and one that will go down in their record books, beating the previous record set over a decade ago in 1991 when the club had 5 champions. All the clubs members follow a strict, hard and disciplined training regime. However, performance of the season has to go to Stuey McCrone who defeated Britain's number two Mark Denton to proudly gain the British middle-weight championship title. This epic encounter was his 100th contest for the club.

Adam Jackson at 38kgs became Golden Belt North East Champion and both Ben Jackson at 36kgs and Reece Smailes at 52kgs gained 'Golden Gloves schoolboy North East Champion' titles. Finally in the 2004/05

season Gary Reay was rewarded with a North East featherweight title and Stuart Hall a North East bantam weight title. The club is hoping that their bright young stars can go onto greater achievements with Ben Jackson, Reece Smailes (junior competitors), Stuey McCrone, Mark Denton and Gary Reay who all have the opportunity to win national honours and England vests in the near future. Coaches Robbie Ellis and Gary Hodgson have coached the 90 strong club with a combination of both male and female members. The clubs international globe trotting has taken them to countries such as Canada, New Zealand, Sweden and The United States to name but a few and these trips have given the club a wealth of experience that is visibly evident in their style and confidence when they are in the ring.

The club are in training for the forthcoming bouts at their next major "Fight Night" when they will be matched against their opponents from Nottingham and Lincolnshire on April 22nd at Spennymoor

Leisure Centre. Interest is already gaining momentum so book your table now to avoid disappointment tel Spennymoor Leisure Centre on 01388 815827 or Robert Ellis on 07968 205043. Their next planned trip is to take a representative team from the club to Australia in a re-match of their former opponents in October this year. (1 to r, top row) Gary Reay, Adam Jackson, Stuey McCrone, Ben Jackson and Stuart Hall. (Bottom row) Reece Smailes.

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OBITUARY HARRY HARDING

1926-2005

Harry was born in Moorsholm, on the North
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the youngest son of the
four surviving children of
Elizabeth and Matthew
Harding.

He enjoyed a very happy
childhood in that small
farming community and at
11 years old he passed his
scholarship to attend
Guisborough Grammar
School, where he excelled
at cricket and football as
well as achieving credits for
his academic work. Instead
of going straight to
University he was called up
for his National Service in
the Royal Navy, where he
taught Latin for three
years.

At the age of 21 he began
his University career at
Leeds; he recently told one
of his grandsons that he
studied Latin because he
found it easy and it gave
him time to play sport and
go dancing.

Harry's captaincy of the
university cricket and
football teams have him
opening to make
appearances for Leeds
United reserves. He left
University aged 24 with BA
degrees in Latin and
Geography.

Harry went on to work for
a pearl factory, which he
later owned. His love of
dancing led him to meet
Olive Fenton from
Middlesbrough who he
married in 1954. The love
of his life Angela was born
3 years later, and when
Angela was 6 months old
he started a retail toy shop
which was the first shop in
the brand new town centre
of Newton Aycliffe. Part of
his business was the
delivering of paraffin
around the town in his little
pink van. Two work
colleagues, who I should
mention, were Margaret
Kirtley and Mary Redshaw
who continued to work for
Harry until his retirement
in 1991. Harry's business
commitments did not
interfere with his love of
sport, he captained Newton
Aycliffe in the Durham
County Cricket League, where
he played alongside
his good friend and
neighbour Billy Lamb,
finally finishing his formal
cricket career for his home
village of Moorsholm.
Having said that even last

year he was still the nearest
thing that the Rotary Club
had to a slow spin bowler!
Since his university years,
Harry was a keen Bridge
player making friends
around the world,
including great mates from
the Island of Tonga and
Jersey.

For many years he played
Bridge with Stan Payne
reaching a very high
standard, coming 13th in
the country at the National
Championships. In later
years he had several Bridge
partners including his good
friend Joy Owen. I
remember once asking
Harry how he enjoyed his
cruise to the North of
Norway on the Cumbria
and what he thought of the
scenery, to which he replied
he hadn't seen a great deal
as he had been playing
bridge!

In 1977 his good friend
Geoff Batchelor asked him
to join the Rotary Club of
Newton Aycliffe as a
founder member. He
declined at first saying he
didn't want to join a bunch
of Boy Scouts! Fortunately
he relented and became an
active and enthusiastic
member, the fellowship
and friendship of his fellow
members becoming
extremely important to
Harry and Angela.

Harry was elected as
President of the Rotary
Club in 1983/4 and was
awarded the highest
honour, a Paul Harris
Fellowship for his service
to the community.

Harry was always prepared
to put his name forward for
any activity, be it collecting
with Santa at Christmas or
as a member of the club
Quoits, Bowls or cricket
team. His Latin skills also
came in very handy in the
club quiz team. Harry's
quiet humour will be sadly
missed at our meetings,
though his driving, when
going to or from events,
most certainly will not.
Harry leaves one daughter
Angela, her husband
Michael and two grandsons
Matthew and Chris who he
loved dearly and of whom
he was extremely proud.

WOODHAM GOLF CLUB

The Semi-Finalists are
now known for the
Winter League after the
latest round of match play
on Sunday 13th February.
Top performance on the
day was from Gary
Thompson and Paul
Clark, who not only won
their match by 2&1 but
also came out on top of
the Friendly Fours
Competition, which was
played simultaneously.
Their score of 45 pts, beat
David C. Brown and Peter
Cowan by four points.
Another Winter League
semi final pairing, Jeff
Doidge and Ken Crocher
took third place in the
Friendly Fours and also
won their match play by
3&2. The other two
Winter League semi
finalists are Sean Blythe
and Ian Robinson who
won 4&2, and Norman
Ryder and Peter Tarn who
beat a gallant Alan Kelley,
who played alone, by
3&2. The final two point
scoring positions in the
Friendly Fours went to
Graeme Kavanagh &
Dennis Noble and Phil
Coates and Barry Clothier.
In the Ladies Winter
League, Liz Nelson held
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The food they tasted were traditional Chinese foods, such as Chicken and black bean sauce, spring rolls, prawn crackers and sweet and sour Chicken. Some children even dressed in traditional Chinese outfits. This celebration was new and interesting for many of the children and they all enjoyed a taste of Chinese culture. Here are some of their comments:

Dale, aged 11: I liked using chop-sticks because it was a new experience.

Oscar, aged 8: I loved the chicken noodle soup, I haven't tried it before.

Claudia, aged 9: This was a new experience for me, I found I enjoyed the chicken with Black bean sauce.

Rebekah, aged 10: I liked chicken noodle soup.

James, aged 5: I enjoyed eating my fortune cookie. They told us things about our life.



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ELLAR, Ray and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the love and support shown on the sad loss of Ena, also for the cards of condolence, floral tributes and donations received for the British Heart Foundation. Special thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of the Jubilee Medical Group and Bishop Auckland Hospital. To MR. David Lovejoy and Mr. William Pattison for their lovely service. Many thanks also to Penny and staff at John Meynell Funeral Service.
HEILBRON the family of the late Elizabeth (Beth) wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards of condolence and for the beautiful floral tributes received during this time of sadness. Special thanks to Brenda, Carol, Ann and Mally for all their help and care.
LOUISE PEACOCK would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely presents and cards received for her 21st birthday. I had a smashing week of "Celebrations" Thanks to Ann-Dennis for the Buffet. Thanks to all the girls on the Darts Team for my cake.
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Memoriam

STIV 17th February 2004. A year since we laughed and talked, a year since you last held me in your arms, a year since we last kissed, a year since we said our last goodbye. You may not be here, but everyday in my heart, we talk, we laugh, I'm in your arms, we kiss and we never say goodbye. You are my true love and I'm so very lucky to have shared my life with you. All my love forever, Shelley xxx

DAD I miss you more than you'll ever know, I wish you were still here. I love you so very much. Little Stiv xxx
STEVEN'S Gentle Jesus up above, please give Uncle Paul a great big hug. Love always, Samantha xx

STIV 17.2.04 It's not what we write, it's not what we say. It's how we remember you, in our own special way. Remembered always Dave, Lesley and Stewie xx

STEVEN'S PAUL 17th February 2004. We will always love you, miss you and remember you. There will always be a "Big Hole" in our family that no-one could ever fill. You were a very special person. All our love, Marie, Geoff, Becky, Kirsty, Betty and Dave xx

WINTERINGHAM Walter, died 19th February 2003. I hear his voice is silent hours, when the house is quiet and still. I feel the touch of his unseen hand, guiding and helping me still. Sadly missed, your devoted wife, Freda xx

WINTERINGHAM Walter, Dad there comes a time we all must part, but you left too soon and broke our hearts. We know that you are now in peace, our thoughts of you will never cease. Too dearly loved to be forgotten. Your loving daughter, Sharon and son-in-law Sid xx

RILEY BRIAN (22.2.04) life is dark Bri without you to brighten it for me. But the warmth of our love remains. I miss you desperately (give our Ste a hug from me) Ann xx

RILEY BRIAN (22.2.04) We hadn't chance for "Goodbyes" If we had a big thank you would have been in order. Thanks from your sons Jeff, Bri and our late Steve for the upbringing you gave us and for being our precious Dad. Thanks also from your daughters-in-law Vicky, Angie and Christine for being dependable, a strength of support, loving and affectionate. A special thank you from your grandchildren Megan, Gabrielle, Alex and Luke who dearly miss their loyal and heroic Grandpa. A year passed Dad, the sun still rises, shines and disappears into the sunset - then bounces back the next day just like you did Dad. We miss you, all our love forever.

RILEY BRIAN 22.02.04 It's been a year now Bri since you were taken away. Now there's no Saturday Night or Match of the Day. The house is the same, save for one empty chair. Saturday nights aren't the same, now we don't see you there. Loving memories of a dear brother-in-law, uncle and friend. Reunited with his precious son Stephen. Love, Luke, Joyce and Colin xx

RILEY BRIAN 22.2.04 Treasured memories of a dear brother. In God's care you sleep above, in our hearts you stay with love. Remembered with much love. From Sister Marjorie and brother-in-law Walter

DAVID LAVERY Loving memories of a dear husband and Dad who died 27th February 1991. Sadly missed and remembered always. Lily, Derek, Ingrid and family xx

LEN HARROP died 18.2.04 A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. If love alone would have saved you, you never would have died. We all love and miss you. Love from, all the family.

THOMAS HENRY BELL 14th February 02. It's been 3 years since you went away to a place so far away. The love we shared will never die till we meet again at another time. Love always, Peggy and all the family

INNERD GEORGE Although fourteen years have passed, sometimes it just seems like yesterday that we laughed together. Thank you Dad for all the happiness you gave me and all the memories I hold dear. So clear to me now I feel you near to me now. All my love, your loving son Andrew and from Julie too xx

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HAPPY 7TH BIRTHDAY Mamma. Love from, Uncle Simon, Auntie Mireille, Bryn and Aron xx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mackenzie "Fiddly Fingers" Jackman. Love, Nanny and Davy xx

MACKENZIE JACKMAN Happy 7th birthday Sweetheart. Love ya loads. Love, Rachael and Kieran xx

COCKFIELD Happy 1st birthday to our special grandson Jamie on 21/2/05. Lots of love and kisses from, Gran-Grandad and Gran Tommy xx

COCKFIELD Happy 1st birthday to our special son Jamie on 21/2/05 Lots of love and kisses from, Mammy, Daddy and big brother Matthew xx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Carl 17.2.05 Love you stacks. Suzy, Jack, Courtney and Brooke xxx

NICOLE WETHERIDGE Happy 1st birthday Gorgeous Girl (18th February) Love from, Mammy, Daddy and big sister Danielle xx

ELISSA COLLIN 19th February Happy 6th birthday. Love from, Auntie Beverley, Uncle Eddie and Jordan xx

ELISSA ROSE COLLIN 19/2/05 Happy 6th birthday to our Little Princess. Loads of love from, Mammy, Daddy and Connor xx

ELISSA ROSE COLLIN 19/2/05 Happy 6th birthday to our special granddaughter. Love from, Grandma and Grandad Collin xx

IAN TOWLER Happy 21st birthday Ian. Love, Mam, Dad, Garry, Michael, Lee and Gran xx

DAVID WILSON 16.2.02 Happy 3rd birthday. We love you lots. Love, Mammy, Daddy and your sisters and brother.

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Happy 40th Birthday - 17th February 2005
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Liam Corey



18 YEARS OLD 18th February 2005
Happy birthday Liam, what happened? Loads of love, Mam, Paul, Becci, Lewis and Nicola xxx

Happy 18th Liam, lots of love, Nanna and Uncle Peter

Happy 18th Liam. Love Dad, Lesley, James and Bethany, Nanna Shaw and all your Aunties, Uncles and Cousins

Happy birthday Liam, have a great night, lots of love, Michelle, Damian and Nathan

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Lee Atkinson



Happy 18th Birthday Best wishes for your 18th birthday Lee. Hope you had a brilliant time, one to remember. Love, Nan and Grandad xxx

Congratulations on your 18th birthday Lee! Hope you had a good night Sunday and enjoyed your surprise limousine. Love, Lisa xxx

18 on Valentines day Lee, hope you enjoyed your birthday weekend. Luv n hugs from Emilie, Georgia, Gina and Paul xxx

Hope you had a wicked time on your 18th birthday Lee. The Limo was great. Lots of love, Elisa xxx

Tony



Happy 40th Birthday Love from Mam, Sonia, Andrea, Doug and the girls

Eloise Tarling



21st February 2005
Still as cute! Have a great 18th! Love you loads, Mam and Phill xxx

ATKINSON Tina, happy birthday. Love, The Millers xxx

EMMA WATSON Happy 18th birthday. Love you loads. Love, Mam and Dad xx

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PEACOCK Happy 50th birthday to my loving daughter Christine. Lots of love from, your Mam xx

HEIGHINGTON PARISH LITTER GROUP

On Saturday 26 February a Litter Pick will take place. At 10 am groups of residents will meet together outside the village halls in Heighington and Redworth, and it is hoped another group will meet in the Chestnuts, School Aycliffe. The aim is to remove litter from the verges of some of the main roads running through the parish. This is the first event organised by the newly formed Litter Group and we are hoping for a really good turnout.

The Litter Group grew out of a Parish Appraisal organised by Heighington Parish Council. A questionnaire comprising 69 questions covered a wide range of social, environmental and economic matters. It was completed by a remarkable 535 households, 64% of all households in the parish. From the responses it was clear that the extent of litter concerns many people in the Parish.

Recently Encams (Environmental Campaigns - the new name for Keep Britain Tidy) issued a report saying that the North East was the dirtiest part of the country. The Litter Group intends to make sure that Heighington Parish is one of the cleanest parts of the country. If you would like to get involved in this event please go along to one of the places mentioned above on the day. Further details of this and future events can be obtained by telephoning 01325 312123.

OBITUARY THELMA HALL



We regret to report the death of former Town Centre shopkeeper, Thelma Hall, who died peacefully aged 67 on Monday 14th February after a year's illness.

Thelma was a lovely lady whose kindness and compassion for others was well known. Beloved wife of Brian they ran "Halls Fabrics" in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre for 10 years.

Thelma, who was born in Stillington moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1961 and for a while worked at Tallents.

Brian had Bluebell Garage at the time and after selling that business they opened a new shop selling materials and haberdashery.

Thelma was a keen charity worker in her spare time and was Secretary for Age Concern. In recent years she was heavily involved in the Friends of Senior Citizens and saw the move into the former Over 60's Club to form the Neville Community Centre.

She was a tireless worker and will be sorely missed. Always aware of her terminal illness she met it bravely and planned her own funeral, telling her husband Brian it would be harder for him than her.

This has proved to be right and even though Brian was prepared he is still deeply affected by the loss. Thelma leaves two sisters, Maureen and Doris, a brother Thomas and brother in law James.

The Funeral Service will be held at St. Clares Church on Wednesday 23rd February at 1.15pm followed by cremation at Darlington Crematorium at 2.15pm.

TOWN SCHOOLS GET THE YELLOW RECYCLING BUG

Sixteen schools across Sedgefield Borough are competing in this year's Yellow Woods Challenge - the educational, fun and environmental campaign.

The scheme is organised by Yellow Pages and the Woodland Trust working in association with Sedgefield Borough Council and The Butterwick Hospice.

Kirk, the recycling bug and campaign mascot, wants schoolchildren, families and friends to take old Yellow Pages directories to school for recycling.

The directories then go to local company, Foreman Recycling, to be reprocessed and used in the manufacture of cardboard boxes.

The Yellow Woods Challenge urges children to get into the recycling habit and learn about paper and woodland conservation through Kirk's lively

teaching materials.

Schools collecting the most directories per pupil win cash prizes from Yellow Pages. For every pound awarded to schools, a matching pound goes to the Woodland Trust to support its new tree planting campaign 'Tree For All' enabling schools to plant native tree saplings in their grounds.

Ruth Clayton, Waste Management Officer with Sedgefield Borough Council, said: "This is the fifth year of the Yellow Pages scheme. We hope it is something teachers, parents and pupils all look forward to in the school calendar. It not only keeps old directories out of landfill sites, but also helps deliver the recycling message to schools." Residents who do not have a child at school can recycle their Yellow Pages at any Sedgefield Borough Council paper bank.



BUG ALERT - Kirk the recycling mascot, visits pupils at Stephenson Way Primary School, Newton Aycliffe to boost the yellow pages appeal

Community Fair

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are very pleased with the response so far from Organisations requiring stalls at the Community Fair on Saturday 7th May. So far more than thirty different groups and organisations have requested space but there is still room for more!

If you belong to or run any kind of Club or Hobbies Group, Voluntary Service Organisation, Activities Group or Association the people of this area want to know about it. This is an ideal opportunity to recruit new members for your activity or show others the attractions of a particular hobby.

We would like to hear from groups of all kinds and in particular hobbies groups such as Fishing Clubs, Photography Clubs, Speciality Pet Clubs, Music Groups, Folk Clubs, Aquarists, Garden Clubs, Bird Fanciers, Cycling Clubs, Ramblers, Climbers, Swimmers, Language Clubs etc.etc. Remember this is a first class way to promote your particular interest to others, increase membership and benefit your Club and IT IS FREE!! Complete the coupon in this paper (page 2) now or ring Roger Curtis on 01325 314854 for further information.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 22nd February 2005

Environment Committee - 7.15pm

Tuesday 22nd February 2005

Recreation Committee - 7.15pm

QUESTION TIME

A period of up to 30 minutes has been set aside for the public to ask questions of appropriate members of the Council at its Council Meeting. Questions should relate to the work of the Council or affect the Parish in some way and they should be given in writing to the Town Clerk at least five clear days prior to the date upon which they will be asked.

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

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St. CLARE'S Church, Sunday 6th March - 9.45am. Family Service for Mothering Sunday. Creche & Children's Area. Flowers and Cards. Cakes and Refreshments. All welcome

St. CLARE'S Church is holding a Mother's Day Dinner in St Clare's Bistro on Saturday 5th March at 7.00pm. Four Course Dinner £6.50. Tickets & Booking Form from: Parish Office: St. Clare's Church - Tel. 321711 or 313613 - Early Booking Advised

JUMBLE SALE in aid of Tsunami Earthquake Victims at Civic Hall, Shildon on Saturday 12th March at 1pm. Free admission

"THE CLAIRVOYANT HOUR" for charity at Woodham Village Community Centre, Thursday 24th February 7.30pm sharp. £3 at the door.

HANNAH'S D of E GOLDEN MOMENT

Golden girl Hannah Stace is off to the palace to receive her Duke of Edinburgh's Award - from the Duke.

Hannah, age 22, of Bishop Auckland will be at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh on Thursday, February 17, to receive her Gold Award from Prince Philip.

A millennium volunteer project officer for the conservation charity British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), Hannah started her Bronze Award at King James I Community College when she was 14. Over the last eight years, she had worked on a variety of projects to gain her Silver and now Gold Award, including art research and water polo at university.

"Hannah has been a marvellous volunteer with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group, spending many Sunday evenings at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre supporting young members through their Awards, organising stock and looking after day to day finances," said Sue Turnbull, from Durham County Council's Education in the Community Service and the County Duke of Edinburgh's Award development officer.

"After initially working in sports marketing in London, Hannah carried out her Gold Award expedition in the Lake District and realised her love of outdoor life was greater than sports marketing in the city," she said.

A job as a Youth Hostel warden led to her current role with BTCV. Hannah will meet up in Edinburgh with youth worker Keith Rodway from Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre who guided her through The Award.



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