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## Councils Still Talking About Avenue Site

Tony Moore has received a reply to his request for a progress report on the development of the Avenue School site. The County Council gave him the same answer as last time . . .

"The planning/development brief setting out the guidelines for use of the site has been requested from Sedgefield Borough Council. Once the information is available the marketing strategy will commence."

the ball back in the County Council's court and so the talking continues. What seems to be coming from the disposal of the site is the very high price the County Council is asking for the land. Rumour has it they are talking £millions which

might be the reason why no one shows any interest. Meanwhile the land stays vacant and unsightly, leaving everyone wondering who is going to make the first move to remodel and revitalise our town centre.

This seems to imply Sedgefield Council is dragging its feet, so we contacted Director of Planning, John Litherland for comment:

"The recently adopted Borough Local Plan provides a clear planning framework for the redevelopment of the Avenue School site. A draft planning brief was prepared on behalf of both Councils in May 1994 by independent consultants. We have said that we will assist the County Council further through the preparation of an update to this document.

However there is nothing to prevent the immediate marketing of the site for appropriate development," said John Litherland.  
Ed: The Planning Director's comment puts

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# GOOD RESULT FOR UNDER 16's AGAINST WHITBY

Aycliffe returned to League duty on Sunday 19/1 when they entertained Whitby at home. Whitby kicked-off and were hoping to avenge their 1-0 defeat earlier in the season. Aycliffe started pressing forward and Whitby had to defend stoutly as Aycliffe rained shots in on their goal. Aycliffe were playing some good football but could still not pierce the Whitby defence. Aycliffe still kept giving the ball away at times and even with so much possession it creates danger. Aycliffe dominated so much in the first half that Chris Wilson in the Aycliffe goal only touched the ball twice - half-time score 0-0. Aycliffe started the second half where they left off - good inter-play in midfield saw David Clay shoot just over the Whitby bar. Whitby did, at times, play some good football and push Aycliffe back but the Aycliffe defence were solid enough. Aycliffe opened the scoring after 55 mins when David Clay made an excellent run and slotted the ball in to the path of Louis Martin and he neatly netted to make it 1-0. Whitby, still in the game at 1-0, pressed forward but could not break through the Aycliffe defence. Strong play in Midfield by David Clay - Tony Briddick - Daniel Plews were Aycliffe's main assets. With 15 minutes left Aycliffe made a double substitution with Will Swinburn and Louis Martin coming off and Andrew Alderson and Steven Brown going on. With 10 minutes left Aycliffe were really under pressure when Whitby got a corner. They put the ball into the danger area and it ran loose, fortunately it was cleared but only for another Whitby corner. Once again Whitby put it right under the bar and a scramble lead to Chris Wilson diving on the loose ball. These Whitby attacks were few and far between but at 1-0 anything could happen, even though Aycliffe had so much possession. Determined runs by Aycliffe were getting more and more often as they pressed for the 2nd goal. Richard Bryan and Daniel Plews were making some good tackles in the Aycliffe defence as were Simon Clay, Daniel Chadwick and Gareth Richardson. With 5 minutes to go a brilliant solo run by David Clay saw him ghost past three Whitby defenders and hit the ball into the corner of the net past the helpless Whitby goalkeeper 2-0. It is hard when a team dominates so much but, because of the lack of goals, Aycliffe were still under pressure and very nervous. Whitby came for a point because of their low League position. The Whitby goalkeeper kept them in the game and he handled really well from crosses. Whitby played at times with seven men in defence which made it very difficult for Aycliffe to break down. Credit to the Aycliffe lads who just kept plugging away and in the end ran out 2-0 winners. This win keeps Aycliffe equal third place in the League, three points behind second place but with two games in hand and twelve pints behind WoodEarth with two games in hand. There were some good performances in the Aycliffe team but I would like to say it was a good team effort. One player stood out with his powerful runs, hard tackling and a great solo goal - Man of the match - David Clay.

# COUNTY CRIME FIGURES REDUCED

Police in County Durham are boasting the success of the 'domino effect' after figures released today reveal crime in the county is at a seven year low. Durham Constabulary dealt with a total of 47,451 crimes in the county last year - a drop of 10.5% from the previous year's total of 53,040. This is the lowest total for seven years, and the first time since the eighties that offences have been below the 50,000 mark. The figures mean crime has fallen in Durham every year since 1992, and by nearly a quarter in total since then. The latest drop follows an 11% fall recorded in 1995, the biggest reduction in England and Wales. Police believe a number of factors have brought about the fall, including an increased emphasis on scientific support and what has been christened the 'domino effect' - the cumulative results of three major initiatives launched in the county over the last few years. The crime strategy, launched in 1993 to target persistent offenders and improve the service to victims, was followed two years later by plans focusing on drugs, especially major dealers and community safety, with an emphasis on crime prevention and working in partnership with other agencies. "These latest figures are very encouraging, and reflect a great deal of hard work by officers and support staff throughout the year" said Durham Constabulary's Head of CID, Det. Ch. Supt. Alan Miller. "Success in one area has had a domino effect into others. For example, every time we mounted operations aimed at drug dealers the level of police activity seemed to dampen down crime in that part of the county and not just on a short-term basis either" he added. "The community safety plan has dovetailed with the crime strategy and allowed the force's six crime managers to play a greater co-ordinating role. They have been studying crime patterns, acting on the information obtained through local intelligence and targeting persistent offenders and hardening vulnerable premises" said Mr Miller. The presence of the National Training Centre for Scientific Support to Crime Investigation, based at Harperley Hall near Crook, has enabled detectives in Durham to keep right up to date with the latest developments in evidence gathering techniques. And the appliance of science at the headquarters-based fingerprint bureau has seen an increase in the number of positive identifications, while Durham is also starting to see the effects of the national DNA database, which is solving a number of offences on the basis of samples taken by forensic experts. Mr Miller also praised the work of the force's traffic officers, who have played a vital part in tackling travelling criminals without neglecting their traditional duties. The effect of the various measures taken can be seen in a 20% fall in house burglaries, a drop of 14% in auto-related crime and a reduction in violent crime (offences against the person) of just over 4%. Although the detection rate for all offences slipped a fraction to just under 30%, the force's outstanding record in tackling serious crimes continued, with more than eight out of ten serious offenders brought to book. Every murder bar one and all attempted murders and manslaughter were cleared up, as were nine out of ten reported rapes, serious woundings and indecent assaults. The most serious unsolved crime remains the killing of computer sales manager Julie Smailes, who was murdered in her Leadgate home last October. The only significant increase last year was in robberies, from 151 to 220. An unexpected increase in the number of street robberies or 'muggings', as opposed to organised raids by armed gangs, accounted for most of the rise. But although the latest statistics seem to offer proof that the force is beginning to win back much ground previously lost to the criminals, senior officers are not complacent, and are planning even further measures over the next twelve months. More technical equipment has been promised for scientific specialists, the newly-established surveillance unit will be undertaking more operations and an increasing number of minor crimes will be investigated by telephone, freeing up time for officers to deal with more serious offences. "I think there is a wider acceptance in the community that fighting crime is not just the responsibility of the police" said Det. Ch. Supt. Miller. "We need to work with the public and other agencies, such as local councils and businesses and they need to work with us. It's up to everyone to play their part."

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE POOL LEAGUE 1996-97 SEASON LEAGUE TABLE - WEEK 35

Team	Pl.	Sin.	Dou.	Capt	Overall
Southerne Club	31	127	24	23	174
British Legion A	31	133	19	17	169
British Legion B	29	120	24	16	160
OakTree	31	99	14	15	128
Acorn	30	88	12	21	124
Dandy Cart	30	76	15	19	110
Oakleaf Complex	31	82	11	8	101
The Iron Horse	30	74	15	10	99
Turbinia A	30	73	14	11	98
N/A Sorts Club	29	65	10	13	88

### Team Knockout Draw

Turbinia A	v	The Iron Horse
OakTree	v	British Legion A
Acorn	v	Oakleaf Complex
Southerne Club	v	British Legion B

Ties to be played by Sunday the 16th February.

# Rubbish Huntsman

Alexander le Skerne - 4 Huntsman - 1 In association with J & C Coaches. Rubbish Huntsman were dealt a hefty blow to their championship bandwagon when rivals Alexander le Skerne bagged maximum points at Hundens Lane, writes martin Walker. Director of football Stuart Hodgson blasted his side's apathetic performance, saying: "Ever since our good start to the season, we just haven't had the same gutsy determination and will to win". Alexander le Skerne took first half lead, but Jim McCabe cancelled that out with a bullet header from a corner. The home side then scored two more before the break to put them 3-1 up, and it was an uphill struggle for Huntsman, which they failed to overcome. Huntsman's defeat leaves the League open for the British Legion - but they seemed comfortable to take the championship without Huntsman's blip. Fox and Hounds are still looking strong, while Barnard Castle linger around the top five - but Huntsman would need nothing less than a miracle to achieve a runners-up spot. Having said that, anything in the top five would be a drastic improvement on past campaigns. Huntsman players remain confident of achieving a high position and there are still plenty of games to be played. The man-of-the-match was Neil Partridge and the Minger-of-the-match was 'Fish'. TEAM: Kent 5, PARTRIDGE 8, Lee 6, R. Walker 6, Travis 6, C. Walker 6, 'Fish' 3, McCabe 3, Fielding 6, Lothian 6, Marram 5, Subs: M. Walker 6, R. Hodgson 5. I apologise to Rob Lothian for last weeks report, in which I stated that he was the Minger-of-the-match against Quaker Sports. In fact, Tim Walker was

the Minger, but he deviously diverted my concentration whilst I was writing the article. I also apologise for the same report which linked Stuart Hodgson with the Newcastle hot-seat when Kenny Daglish had already taken the job. At the time of writing the article in question, the job at St. James Park was still vacant. Anyway, Hodgson wouldn't have gone Newcastle!!! Huntsman are this week scheduled to play at home to Hurworth Albion. This weeks posser: What team apart from Arsenal, had played in a record 11 FA Cup finals to 1986? (Answer next week) Last weeks posser: What are the full names of Middlesbrough's Brazilian inch Emerson and Juninho? (Answer - Emerson Moises Costa and Oswaldo Girolim Junior).

## TABLE TOP SALE

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Brigade are holding a table top sale at Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall Saturday 22nd March 1997. This is an ideal opportunity to sell off unwanted items at a you spring clean. We have already rented many of our available table spaces and only have a few left to rent. The hire of the tables which will be provided by The Brigade will be £5 and anyone interested in hiring should contact either Aycliffe 3208 or Aycliffe 301747 for more details. Along with this there will be coffee morning and cake stall and refreshments will be served throughout the evening which starts from 10.00am on Saturday. Everyone is invited to come along and admission is only 20p and it all happens at Neville Parade Methodist Church in Newton Aycliffe.

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Letter to the Editor




PUT CCTV TO WORK IN TOWN CENTRE

Dear Sir,  
Regarding the article in last week's Newton News, about a committee being formed about the state of the Town Centre - correct me if I am wrong, but it isn't 'aliens' who strew rubbish all over and daub graffiti on boarded up shops and walls and walkways; it is actually the people of NEWTON AYCLIFFE, even if it is a minority.  
I know it is the youths who do the spraying on boarded up shops, walls, walkways etc., but I have seen people drop litter (fag packets, crisp packets etc.) as if it is an unexploded bomb or a hand-grenade.  
Surely the committee, shopkeepers, parents, teachers, should try and educate the minority to keep their litter until they find a litter bin.  
Could the committee try and force the landlords to install a sophisticated C.C.T.V. in the Town Centre, to be operated at the close-by police station? The budding young Van Gogh's would sharp stop there evening misdemeanours if they thought they would be apprehended by the use of video technology.  
I know the landlords consider the Town Centre a meal ticket but some of the problems are closer to home - the truth is out there!  
Yours Sincerely  
Derek Dunning.  
*Ed: - The suggestion for C.C.T.V. coverage is sound as the equipment is there but unused!!*

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Letter to the Editor

HEARSE DRIVER VICTIMISED

Dear Sir,  
I am a Postman and recently appeared on the front page of the Northern Echo after I delivered the second delivery in my car on my way home.  
As the car is a Hearse, I inadvertently upset some residents of Ashfield.  
I sincerely apologise to them for any upset caused, however the events which have followed have made myself and my family's life 'HELL'.  
The national newspapers were camped on my doorstep for 2 days, after being informed by residents of Ashfield. My wife was unable to leave the house, my son was bullied at school, my mother was bullied into giving a story to a national newspaper. Both my wife's car and mine have been vandalised.

This culminated in myself almost being killed after the front wheel nuts had been loosened. The police are taking this matter very seriously.

As my wife has just suffered a miscarriage, all we wanted to do was to be left alone.

I am a member of the Classic Hearse Register, and although it may seem a strange hobby to many - I did not set out to upset anybody and feel that we have been unfairly victimised.

We are moving house to escape the pressure, and again would like to apologise for any upset caused but feel that we should now be left in peace to live our lives which is the same consideration which we give to others.  
Name & Address supplied

National Spring Clean Fixed For April

The Tidy Britain Group informs us that National Spring Clean this year is from 18th - 27th April.  
With the co-operation of Local Authorities it hopes to involve as many people as possible in spring cleaning our area.  
Litter still heads the list of the public's concern about the environment and we invite our readers to point out "Grot Spots" which need attention.

GRATITUDE TO COUNCIL FOR HOUSING HOMELESS YOUNGSTER

The Detached Youth Workers who highlighted the problem of homelessness in young people in Newton Aycliffe have asked us to thank the Borough Council for their consideration in providing accommodation for one young man.

He had been living in Darlington, but the cost of travelling daily to Newton Aycliffe left him in serious financial difficulty.

After assessing his case on its individual merit the Council decided they could offer him a flat, and he will continue to receive support from the Youth Workers.

They understand the apprehension of all Housing Authority's in accommodating young people under 18.

Unfortunately Aycliffe offers no alternative to youngsters but to squat with friends as there is a lack of bed & breakfast accommodation and no Hostel for them to use when they become homeless.

The situation has been made worse by the recent change in housing benefit and it is now more important than ever to re-evaluate the existing services.

Supervised accommodation is the best option, where the Council is not prepared to offer a youngster a full tenancy. Qualified Hostel workers, in addition to maintaining discipline, could help the young people with their problems.  
On this occasion, thanks to all those who helped, one youngster has received the right help, but we must not forget the rest, and this ongoing problem.

Somerfield Staff Win £154,385 on National Lottery

A syndicate of nine supermarket workers from Somerfield in Newton Aycliffe are celebrating a £154,385 National Lottery win.

And it was a double celebration for Tracy Nelson who picked the winning numbers ... the £17,153 she won on Saturday night made the perfect present for her 20th birthday on Sunday.

"Tracy's the calmest of any of us - I don't think it's quite sunk in for her yet", says syndicate leader, Jane Harvey.

Newton Aycliffe's phone lines were red hot on Saturday night. "I started screaming as soon as the numbers came out - I was literally right up in the air," says Jane. "My

husband made me give him the ticket to make sure I wasn't screaming for no reason, then I rang round the rest of the syndicate and screamed down the phone at them.

"In fact, I was so excited that the others couldn't understand me. My husband took the phone off me to explain, and then the others were screaming as much as me," laughed Jane. "We were all just ecstatic".

And the good mood has carried back to Somerfield, where the syndicate not only works, but also bought its winning

ticket. "None of us can stop smiling, and people keep coming up and congratulating us. It's a really brilliant feeling".

Cars are top of the shopping list for most of the winners. Christine Miller (34) will be treating herself to a new car - but first she has to learn to drive. And Melanie Evans may be treating her husband to a new car. "He's just taking lessons at the moment, so it's perfect timing", says Jane, who is hoping to buy a new car herself. "Maybe a Nova and definitely as soon as possible" she adds.

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# ABSEIL TO HELP CANCER CHARITY



Newton Aycliffe people are being offered the chance to taste 'the high life' in 1997.

However this doesn't involve living it up with the rich and famous but launching yourself into thin air more than 100 foot above land at the Memorial Hospital.

The annual Darlington Drop abseil, in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund, is taking place on Sunday 16 March. This popular event has seen over 300 people take up the abseil challenge.

Although many of the past abseilers have suffered from last minute nerves they have all safely touched down from the giddy heights of the hospital roof with a real sense of achievement.

"The Darlington Drop gets bigger and better each year. So many people want to enjoy the thrill of abseiling as well as helping Imperial Cancer to find cures for this dreadful disease" said Annabel Arkless, Imperial Cancer's Darlington Appeals Executive.

If you would like to take part in the event please call the Imperial Cancer events hot-line on 0113 231 9828 for information and a registration form.

Imperial Cancer Research Fund is dedicated to the prevention, treatment, cure and understanding of cancer. It's doctors and scientists are at the forefront of the world wide effort to defeat cancer.

Imperial Cancer relies almost entirely on voluntary funding to carry out its vital work.

# Run to Help The Aged

Help the Aged would like to offer those runners who have gained a place in the London Marathon our congratulations and a unique opportunity from Help the Aged.

In return for raising funds for the Charity, Help the Aged is able to send runners expenses paid to either the New York 1997 or Paris 1998 Marathons as part of the Help the Aged Team.

If you want to run for the Charity in the London Marathon, you will receive a team t-shirt, sweatshirt, running vest, an invitation to a team lunch in London and fund-raising advice from a local contact.

And of course, if you raise enough sponsorship to qualify for a place in the New York or Paris Marathon, you'll have to start training all over again!

If you'd like to find out more, please ring our central co-ordinator on 01787 224316.

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# CHIPBOARD FACTORY BOSS ANGRY WITH COUNCIL

George Reynolds, multimillionaire owner of Direct Worktops at Shildon, is so upset with Sedgefield Borough Council he is opening his new business out of the area.

A new Engineering Company he has formed, with 200 jobs, will be based in Wear Valley District because George is sick of what he calls a vendetta against him. He tells us he has also forestalled inward investment by an American firm in this Borough, warning them off, saying they would have trouble with the Local Authority.

The row stems from the Council's insistence that Direct Worktops modify equipment to reduce noise and dust levels, the subject of complaints from residential areas. George Reynolds denies his plant is noisier or dirtier than others in this area and believes the Council is conducting a vendetta.

The Company pays £250,000 a year in business rates and is one of the biggest employers in Shildon. The plant is the most modern in Europe and is spotlessly clean. "Our operation is cleaner than many food manufacturers and you could eat off our factory floor" said George.

Direct Worktops is accepted as a world leader and George has an international reputation for getting the job done at the right price. There is a saying in the trade: "DOING A REYNOLDS" which is a slogan for producing outstanding value.

George thinks the Council is gunning for him, but the Environmental Health Officers say this is untrue and they are bound to act on complaints and take tests. If the results show the levels are above an acceptable level the law calls for compliance.

Mr. Reynolds says that he will not modify his equipment until the same rules have been applied to other industrialists in this Borough.

# WOOLWORTH'S FREE COMPETITION

Woolworths' latest free competition is for children aged between 12 and 16 years, as the prize for the winner is the Independence Day video - rated 12.

Simply draw your own version of what an alien might look like on an A4 sheet of paper, and hand it in to the assistant at Woolworths in Aycliffe Town Centre.

The winner will receive the video, along with an Independence Day 'ID4' pin badge with its certificate of authenticity - exclusive to Woolworths.

Meanwhile, Woolies would like to invite customers to reserve their copy of 'Independence Day' with a deposit of just £1. The video is released on 10th February and a deposit also guarantees your exclusive 'ID4' badge.

The next Woolies competition for younger readers of the 'Newton News' will be in the next couple of weeks. Watch this space for a 'Hunchback' competition.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST. CLARE'S			
Saturday 5th April	10am - 12	Easter Coffee Morning	with
		Cake stall + other attractions	
Saturday 17th May	7pm	Concert by Shildon Town Band	
Tuesday 10th June	10am - 2pm	Craft Fair	
Saturday 5th July	2pm	Garden Party	
Thursday 2nd Oct.	7pm	Fashion Show by Mackays	
Saturday 1st Nov.	2pm	Autumn Fair	
Saturday 6th Dec.	10am - 2pm	Simply Christmas	

## LOCAL CHEMISTS EMERGENCY ROTA

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## READER COMPETITION THE LEGEND OF LOCH NESS THE MYSTERY UNFOLDS

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VIDEO

From the makers of "Four Weddings and a Funeral", an  
outstanding British family film, out soon to buy on video.

Celebrating yet another British film success, PolyGram Video is delighted to announce the release of LOCH NESS on video sell-through on 27th January 1997. Although the British film industry has basked in the success of many smash hit releases, like the elusive monster itself, a successful British family film has not been truly evident for many years.

This entertaining family movie, which took £2.5 million at the UK box office, brings together a tremendously talented Anglo-American cast including Ted Danson, Joely Richardson and Ian Hold. Complementing the star cast, LOCH NESS, benefits from the creative talents of the makers of Four Weddings and a Funeral and excellent special effects are provided by Jim Henson.

Loch Ness, and the legend of its mythical inhabitant, has captured the interest and imagination of people for hundreds of years and still today the legend lives on. In fact, since 1933 there have been over 10,000 alleged sightings of a "mysterious creature" lurking within the loch's murky depths! This, coupled with the excellent production on LOCH NESS, has ensured the film's success, which was released theatrically to much hype and critical acclaim.

"One of the most cheerful, enjoyable family adventures you could hope for ... it's funny, exciting and heart-warming by turns ... thoroughly entertaining" - The Daily Star.

Since it's video release, the film has been rented an amazing 1,000,000 times.

To win one of three copies we have up for grabs, find the 10 words the wordsearch above and return to Stevens (town centre) or Newton Press offices by 10th February 1997, winners will be announced week ending 15th February, 1997.

Name.....  
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## FLYMO IN BRITISH PROMOTION

Flymo, previous winners of the Queen's Award for Export, have been selected to feature in a ground breaking TV project by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office costing £1.5m, to raise awareness of the strengths of British Industry - targeting an estimated 750 million people worldwide from over 100 countries.

Flymo, Europe's largest Lawnmower manufacturer, along with around 50 top British Companies, have been selected to develop a series of half hour TV programmes - entitled 'In Good Company' - to illustrate 'Best Practice' activities from British organisations and to highlight an overall excellence in design, research, technology, and financial services.

Each programme (13 in all) will focus upon four UK companies and feature a diverse range of industries and professions. Beyond Flymo's representation of the DIY and garden sector, some of the major British organisations to be featured include Boots, ICI, Guinness Brewing, Tarmac and Coopers & Lybrand.

In announcing the scheme, Foreign Office Minister, Jeremy Hanley said: "We are banging the drum for Britain. This ground-breaking project is a wonderful example of Government working closely with industry and commerce. "Government has always believed that it should give solid support to the efforts of British Industry overseas".

Commenting on Flymo's commitment to the initiative,

Peter Ginger, Flymo's Managing Director, added: "Opening doors to export markets is vital and Flymo now exports nearly 50% of its overall product volume."

"To have the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a partner in that objective is a great opportunity and which we have seized" he added.

Film work is now underway and broadcasting will be in 1997.

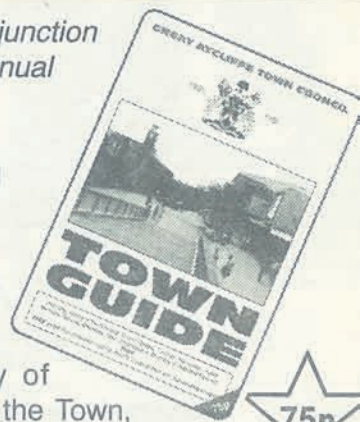
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# UNION CALLS TO OPPOSE POST OFFICE CHANGE

The Communication Workers Union has condemned proposals to sell of the Newton Aycliffe Counter Service to a private business and is calling for the public to campaign vigorously to oppose the move.

In particular the Union are concerned that the statements made by Post Office Counters Limited (POCL), in it's document 'a move for the better' are misleading. Phil Graham, CWU Branch Secretary said, "Contrary to POCL assurances, the closure of the office in Beveridge Way will lead to a loss of experienced staff who have the expertise to run a busy office. They will either have left the business or will have been moved on to other offices such as Darlington or Stockton. Those that stay are likely to be paid less for working longer hours". Mr. Graham also points out the POCL's own research admits that there are four times as many mistakes in franchised offices as there are in Crown offices. "There is also the question of confidentiality and public security to take into account", said Mr Graham. "Following past sell offs local businesses have expressed concern in many towns about the franchisee, who is a business competitor, gaining access to confidential information, i.e. takings". The effects on local business can be damaging as customers inevitably purchase goods and other consumables from the franchisee thereby unwittingly creating a monopoly for the new owner. In short the heart will be ripped out of local businesses and the

community they serve in Newton Aycliffe. Paul Russon, CWU Counters Representative based in Darlington Branch, agrees, "The British Post Office is famed as being the best in the world, customer confidentiality and security is paramount and this has been proven to diminish wherever the business has been sold to a private operator".

The CWU is also concerned about the effects on transferred staff who are not guaranteed the same working conditions and levels of pay. "Currently Counters Staff are expected to serve 95% of customers within five minutes (Some 8000 transactions a week at Beveridge Way). They are trained to deal with the pressures to achieve these targets. This will be lost forever if the office is sold off", said Mr Russon. The CWU reminds the public that a successful campaign of opposition was mounted in 1994 against similar plans to close the Beveridge Way counter. That campaign received tremendous support from Great Aycliffe Town Council. "We intend to mobilise that support once again" said Mr. Graham "People understand that a public service can only be properly maintained by offering the best service, with committed and professional staff, and with the service to the public at its heart".


TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
TOWN AND COUNTRY GENERAL  
DEVELOPMENT ORDER 1988  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS &  
CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990  
PUBLICITY FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Local Planning Authority has received the following applications:  

Application No.	Location and Proposed Development
7/97/0007 / DM	1 Neville Parade (rear unit), Newton Aycliffe CHANGE OF USE FROM HAIR- DRESSERS TO VETERINARY SURGERY (Applications for Planning Permission)

Copies of the applications and plans which have been received for consideration are available for inspection at the Council Offices, Spennymoor during normal office hours.  
Any representations about the proposals for planning permissions should be made, in writing, to me within 14 days from the date of the appearance of this Notice, or 21 days in any other case.  
Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 any representations made are available for public inspection.

J. LITHERLAND  
Director of Planning  
and Technical Services  
Council Offices  
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# YOUTH INVITED TO JOIN DRAMA GROUP

For young people with an interest in drama, there's a chance to join Spennymoor Youth Theatre - a small, friendly drama group which meets on Saturdays at the Spennymoor Settlement. Drama Workshops will be held every week and the group will be working towards a new production. People interested in costume, lighting, staging, writing and directing are also welcome, but will initially be asked to join in the drama exercises. No experience is needed, but young people should be of secondary school age or older, and be prepared to work hard as well as having fun. The first meeting for the Spring '97 Production was last Saturday, 18th January and the group will be open to newcomers for the next few weeks. For further information contact Pauline Murray at Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388) 816166 or Mike Hotson, Barnabyllybeck Productions on (01207) 561457, or just come along next Saturday.

# B.P. Scouts Jumble Sale

The Heighington Baden Powell Scouts Group are holding their Annual Jumble Sale at 10am in Heighington Village Hall on Saturday 25 January. Everyone is welcome at this most successful event!

# PEDESTRIAN ROAD SAFETY

Devil may care pedestrians who blindly walk out into traffic are to be targeted in a new road safety campaign launched in County Durham. Almost 53,000 leaflets and posters, backed up by Press and Radio advertising, will persuade adults to stop, look and listen, before they risk crossing. The aim is to make people wake up to the risks involved - especially when they cross between parked cars - and to watch their step. Casualty figures for 1995 show that 211 people - 128 of them men - were hurt in road accidents in the County. This compares with 230 in 1994 of which 143 were men. "The pedestrian casualty figures are coming down but the major cause of accidents is still the failure of adults to stop, look and listen before crossing the road", said David Holland, Durham County Council's senior road safety officer. "Quite a number of accidents happen when pedestrians cross between vehicles where they can't see the traffic and drivers can't see them. "It is not an ideal place to cross, but it there is no alternative, then people must take extra care. "Most casualties are in the 26 to 60 age group but the campaign applies to everyone - especially drivers, who, strangely enough, don't think of themselves as pedestrians even when they leave the car," he said. A series of radio advertisements will home in on risk-takers who may live life on the edge but are not totally reckless - until it comes to crossing the road. The final one depicts life for a young man in the aftermath of an accident. Other radio advertising is aimed at older people, determined to live their lives to the full but not become road accidents victims. They are urged to find a safe place to cross, wear light coloured clothing, keep checking for traffic and give themselves plenty of time to cross. Annual road safety campaigns by the County Council have seen adult pedestrian casualties fall from 270 in 1988 to 211 in 1995.

# HEALTH OF COUNTY DURHAM PEOPLE IMPROVES

The health of people living in County Durham is improving according to new information published by County Durham Health Authority. The latest Health of the Nation figures for the area indicate a striking fall in the number of deaths of people with coronary heart disease in people aged under 65. The figures decreased from 80.5 persons per 100,000 to 64.1. Deaths from lung cancer in men aged under 75 years showed a steady fall from 72.5 per 100,000 to 64.1. The picture for women is less clear. There has been a small reduction in the number of lung cancer deaths in women in recent years but the overall trend is increasing and this is a matter of considerable concern. The improvement in health is a credit to various initiatives across the county promoting healthy lifestyles for local people. These include:-

- \* Hands on Health project - which provides practical information on preparing cost effective health food.
- \* Exercise on Prescription schemes - to encourage and develop good exercise habits.
- \* The Action Aspirin campaign - which aims to encourage people who suffer from angina or have had a stroke or heart attack to take a daily 150mg dosage of Aspirin to decrease their chances of secondary heat attack or stroke.
- \* Smoking Cessation clinics.

- \* Heartbeat Awards for carers who provide healthy food.
  - \* Health Promotion Programmes in schools, work-places and GP surgeries. Areas for further work by the Health Authority include:-
  - \* Reduction of teenage pregnancies by improving sex education and accessibility to family planning advice.
  - \* Reduction of women smokers through cessation classes and health promotion programmes.
- John Woodhouse, Director of Public Health at County Durham Health Authority said: "This is excellent news. Although the health of people in County Durham is still relatively poor it is improving rapidly as a result of many organisations in the county working closely together - the NHS, Local Authorities, private industry and voluntary and community groups. It is crucial that we take very opportunity to develop new partnerships and continue to work together to improve the health of people living in the county". The information was revealed on 16th January 1997 at the launch of the Director of Public Health's annual Report 1996 at County Durham Health Authority's Board meeting.

# Letter to the Editor

## Volunteers Needed for School Crossing

Dear Sir,  
In response to many very concerned enquiries about the non-replacement of School Crossing Supervisors, particularly in Burn Lane and Westmorland Way. May I inform residents that, despite all County Council efforts by notice and requests for replacements, since September 1996, no responses have been received to train for that much-valued, volunteer public service. The active and reserve list is so depleted that cover for sickness, absences and retirements is not possible. It has to be appreciated that public service imposes major commitments in time and responsibilities on volunteers. Up to three times daily, five days a week, all weathers, over the school year. And, although there is a whole-hearted parental, child and community appreciation and gratitude of the service rendered, it has to be said, there is no great financial reward for doing so. We are in the hands of the community. Volunteers are truly needed and anyone who can and will volunteer, please contact County Hall direct.

Meanwhile, traffic congestion, parking and some driving is creating worries over obstructions and possible accidents outside of schools. Whilst it is appreciated that the vast majority are and will be, careful, sensible and responsible, drivers are requested, please, to exercise every care, tolerance and alert

awareness, for the safety and well-being of children and others, at school times. Long-term, I believe, unless schools are provided to serve expanding developments, in Woodham, Rope Moor, and Cobbler's Hall, traffic problems can only escalate and grow. All efforts, petitions, arguments for those schools and our M.P's supportive work, have not changed County Council policies. They sold school land, except for a nursery site. The Borough Council puts out more land for housing, increases need to travel to Town schools in areas never designed, or intended to cater for such volumes. I'll keep on pressing for school sites where needed, and the benefits of avoiding such traffic flows to Town schools. Meanwhile, in the circumstances, let's help each other and the children, as best me way. Don Fraser - Woodham, Aycliffe North Wards

  
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**HAPPY** birthday Beverly, all my love forever, Paul  
**HAPPY** Birthday Beverly, love from Syd and Christine  
**HAPPY** birthday Auntie Beverly from Adam XX

**BEVERLEY**, happy birthday, 27th January 1997, love from Stuart and Joanne, Chris and Michelle

**BEVERLEY** To our daughter on her birthday, happy birthday, love Mam and Dad

**BEVERLEY** To our sister, happy birthday from Curtis and Wesley

**MARGARET DAVIES** Happy birthday Mam, lots of love Joanne, Julia, Melanie and grandson Curtis XXX

**MERCER** 22-1-97, Happy birthday wishes to our little ray of sunshine, Danielle, who is 3 today, love and kisses from Nanna and Grandad

**MERCER** Happy 3rd birthday Danielle, love from Nanna Rose

**MERCER** 22-1-97, Hip Hip Hooray our niece, Danielle is 3 today, all our love Uncle Tony, Aunt Amanda and John

**MERCER** To our very special daughter Danielle, happy 3rd birthday, 22-1-97, all our love and kisses

**BRETT** To our special friend, Sabrina happy 9th birthday 22-1-97, love Karen, Russell and Danielle

**DOWNIE** Happy 21st Samantha, lots of love Sharon and Tony XX

**DOWNIE** Happy 21st birthday Samantha, lots of love Mam, Katrina and John-Thomas XX

**DOWNIE** Happy 21st Samantha (Mam) love Jack XX

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** Happy 2nd birthday, lots of love and kisses Great Gran Thornberry

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** Happy 2nd birthday love Daddy XX

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** Happy birthday, 2 today, Nana and Grandad Dawbney

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** Happy 2nd birthday, 29-1-97. Love always, Nana Sharp and Grandad "E" X

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** Happy 2nd birthday, love Uncle Danny XX

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** Happy 2nd birthday, Chicken, love Aunt Shell X

**JORDAN DAWBNEY** 29-1-97. Happy 2nd birthday darling, hope you enjoy your party love you always

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**CHRIS** Congratulations on reaching your 18th birthday Chris. Do you think your Mum will let you live much longer? Lots of love Nana Sheila

**GALLACHER**, Christine Have a nice day and remember life begins at forty, lots of love Mam and Dad XXX

**GALLACHER**, Christine happy 40th birthday Mam, lots of love always, Joanne and Martin XX

**GALLACHER**, Christine have a very happy 40th birthday you old bugger, stacks of love Pat

**GALLACHER**, Christine Happy 40th birthday Chunky, the bedboard will twang tonight, love you forever, Pat XXX

**GALLACHER**, Chrissy Wissey, hope you have a good time tonight, love from all the family XX

**GALLACHER**, Christine Hip Hip Hooray, Nana's 40 today, lots of love, hugs and kisses from Ryan XX

**GALLACHER**, Christine Congratulations Mam on your 40th birthday, it couldn't have happened to a nicer person, a part from us, lots of love David and Elaine XXX

**LOUISE KELLY** Happy 8th birthday love Mammy and Daddy

**LOUISE KELLY** Happy birthday, love Shane and Sharna

**JULIE & NEIL** The best birthday present I could have asked for, congratulations on the birth of your daughter, love Caroline

**AUNTIE JULIE & Uncle Neil** someone else to play with, love Bethany

**JULIE & NEIL** Congratulations on the birth of your daughter, love Steph, Keith and Connor

**JULIE & NEIL** Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby daughter, born 21-1-97. Lots of love and best wishes Mam XXX

**MILLWARD**, Samantha Happy 18th "Unny", love Lorraine & Demi-Lean XX

**HOLLY SWAINSTON** Happy 9th birthday to our daughter Holly, 23-1-97, lots of love Mam and Dad XX

**HOLLY** Happy 9th birthday to my big sister, lots of love Abby XX

**HARDAKER**, Rhiannon happy 18th birthday love from Mam, Ed, Gail and Amanda

**HARDAKER**, Rhiannon Happy 18th birthday hugs and kisses from Sarah, Richard and Andrew

**HARDAKER**, Rhiannon with love and kisses on your 18th birthday from Gran

**JIM WINTER** Happy 50th birthday, 24-1-97. With lots of love, Sheila

**WINTER** Happy 50th birthday Dad, have a good one, love Deborah, Darren, Gillian, Claire, Special love from granddaughter Charlotte

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## LABOUR

Sedgefield Constituency Aycliffe West Ward A.G.M., at Burnhill Methodist Church on 30th January 1997 at 7.30pm, all welcome

**NEVILLE**, Shafto and Simpature Ward Surgery. Your District and Town Councillors will be available for you to discuss your problems or complaints at Neville Parade Church on Saturday 1st February, between 11am-12noon

## JUMBLE SALE

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Friday 31st January

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## APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that I, David Hawksworth applied on 20-1-97 to the Sedgefield Borough Council in respect of the premises known as Gretna Hotel, Great North Road, Newton Aycliffe under the provisions of the local government act 1982, private places of entertainment (licensing) act 1967 for the grant of a licence for public music and dancing. During the intended opening hours of 11am-11pm Monday-Saturday, 12noon-10.30pm Sunday. Any objections to this application must be sent in writing to: Chief Executive Officer, Sedgefield Borough Council, Council Offices, Spennymoor, Co Durham DL16 6JQ, not later than 21 days after the date of this publication, stating the grounds of objection and a copy must be sent to the Gretna Hotel

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## In Memoriam

**OLIVE GREEN** Died 23rd January 1985. Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Sadly missed husband Tom, son Michael and Sandra also grandsons Paul and Andrew

**MCGARRIGLE**, Raymond Died 28-1-96. Silently you left me, you never said goodbye, I'm left with only memories and they will never die. Anne

**GLENDINNING**, Wes 23-1-92. A dearly loved husband, Dad and Grandad, long years my love since last I saw your face, you'll never be forgotten, God keep you in his grace. Loving wife Peggy and family, God bless

**PATRICK MURRAY** 21-1-95. Fold him O Jesus, in thine arms, and let him henceforth be a messenger of love between our human hearts and thee. Never forgotten Pat, Isobel, Kirsty and Adele

**EVA MAKIN** Fondest memories of a dear friend, sadly missed by Eva and family

**JEEVES** (nee Forest, formerly Hawman) Shirley, died 24th January 1987, aged 46. Gone but never forgotten, Jill

**SHIRLEY JEEVES** 10 years have come and gone in that time, we came along, give our Nanna all our love Emma and Daniel

**CARNAFFIN**, Norman 30th January 1987. Treasured memories of a dear Dad, in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day, Norman and Margaret

**CARNAFFIN**, Norman, 30th January 1987. In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandad, time passes, memories stay, fondly remembered every day. George and Cindy, grandchildren David and Michael

**CARNAFFIN**, Norman 30th January 1987. Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday, its the heartache of losing you that never goes away. Loved and missed always, Grace Ann and Bob

**CARNAFFIN**, Norman 30th January 1987. In a special corner of our hearts you will always stay, sadly missed by grandchildren Alan, John, Tracy, Neil and Bobby

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## Thank You

**IRIS HALL** would like to thank relatives, neighbours and friends for the cards and flowers she received during her recent stay in hospital

**KATHIE DIXON** and family wish to thank relatives and friends for the wonderful support given to them during their recent sad bereavement. Our thanks also to Rev. Pat Percival, Drs. McKinty and Saunders and staff at Bewick Crescent Surgery for their help and kindness and to the Co-operative Funeral Directors. Also for the many cards and messages of condolence and donations

**HEARTFELT** Thanks to the extremely brave person who pulled Chris from the car wreckage on 13-12-96. You probably saved his life. God bless you from Maureen and Chris

**MRS LIL MOORE** and family wish to sincerely thank relatives, friends and neighbours, Royal British Legion, Rev. David Bosworth and staff of John Meynell Funeral Service for the sympathy and kindness shown during our recent sad bereavement. Many thanks for cards and floral tributes. Thanks also to staff of Darlington Memorial Hospital and the staff of South Cleveland Hospital

**THANK YOU** To everyone who made my 18th birthday the greatest one yet! Special thanks to Mum, Dad, Zena, Tony, Richard, Sandra, Geoff, Stuart, Stephen and Helen with all my love Zoe

**AUNTIE ANN** and family thank Gerrard, Sharon and Luke for the lovely day we had at the Baptism and celebration of Cameron Spencer Crossen, 19-1-97. God bless you

**THANK YOU** To my wonderful family and friends for their love and support during me ups and downs of the last few months, and special thanks to everyone who gave up their time to transport me backwards and forwards for my numerous visits to hospital. Thanks to you all - Pat Avery

**NEWTON Aycliffe Sign Sing Choir** would like to thank everyone who donated money on Saturday 18th January in Somerfield. Thank you, we raised £100.94p. Donated to Newton Aycliffe Youth centre and Spennymoor Deaf Youth Club, awaiting to hand over a cheque.

**KEN BODDY**. All our love to Uncle Wilf, Aunt Betty for always being there when we needed you. Thank you Christine, Kenneth, Carol

**BODDY** Mrs Gladys Boddy and family wish to thank Ken's family and my family for all the help we received before and after their recent sad bereavement. Also Dr. Ramsay of Bewick Crescent Surgery Nurse Suzanne for care given to Ken. Rev Colin Jay for a beautiful funeral service. Also for cards of condolence, family floral tributes, funeral services John Meynell and staff for wonderful support

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## Deaths

## TAYLOR

January 20th (peacefully, a Aycliffe Nursing Home Newton Aycliffe). Thomas Edward (Harry) aged 84 years, beloved husband of the late Margaret, much loved father of Eddie, Alan and Reg, also a dearly loved father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Wednesday 29th January. Would friends, please meet 9.45am for service and cremation at Darlington Crematorium. Will be sadly missed by all. Family flowers only please.



## T. A Part Time Volunteers Wanted

Our largest Territorial Army medical unit is on a manhunt - and indeed, on a 'womanhunt', as it seeks further volunteers for part-time service.

The Unit, which provides medical support to the Regular Army, recruits not only medically qualified professionals, but also laypersons who receive full training to enable them to assist as Combat Medical Technicians. In addition the Unit also employs a range of other tradesmen such as electricians, joiners, engineers etc.

Whilst under training volunteers receive full Regular Army rates of pay and of course, an annual tax-free Bounty of up to £900.

The Unit has its Headquarters at the historic Fenham Barracks in

Newcastle and with squadrons at Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe and Coulby Newham in Middlesbrough it claims excellent coverage of the entire North East.

Training is not restricted to purely medical matters. There are courses on offer in subjects as diverse as Sports and Helicopter Handling.

Annual Camps of fifteen days' duration are held in a range of locations throughout North West Europe and opportunities exist for travel even further afield.

For example, members of the Unit have recently served for short periods in Hong Kong, Kenya, USA, The Falklands, Kenya, Cyprus, Ascension Island, Germany and Bosnia.

All in all, not a bad deal from a part-time job!

## EURO M.P. RETAINS TOP JOB



Stephen Hughes, Durham's Euro MP has been voted by the European Parliament in Strasbourg today to continue as Chairman of one of the Parliament's most important standing committees - that dealing with employment. The vote has sent a message that the Labour Party, as well as the other delegations of Europe, see Social Europe as crucial to the General Election in the UK.

The 90 strong Social Affairs and Employment Committee has responsibility for such things as: the monitoring of the European Social Fund which provides training and re-training monies to the regions of the EU; health and safety legislation; workers consultation and working environment conditions; elements of education and equality legislation as well as other aspects of 'Social Europe'.

Mr. Hughes won the support of his colleagues in Strasbourg as a result of the fair and evenhanded way in which he has guided the committee over the past two and a half years.

Speaking after his victory today, Stephen Hughes said: "I am pleased that I will continue as Chair of the Committee dealing with the issues of most concern to Europe's citizens in the lead-up to the general election and to the conclusion of the Intergovernmental Conference."

"I have enjoyed the challenge of working with colleagues from every political group and nationality within the EU and look forward to guiding the work of the committee into the end of the century."

"I am proud that the Labour Party have put Social Europe at the top of its agenda. I will continue to serve the people of the region to the best of my ability in this post."

## Golden Couples Invited to Palace Party

County Durham couples married in the same year as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh (1947) are being invited to celebrate their golden wedding anniversaries at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party this summer.

The Queen and Prince Philip are to host an extra Garden Party in July to mark the 50th anniversary of their wedding in 1947, and they are offering other couples who were married that year the chance to join them on the Royal lawn.

A total of 8,000 invitations (4,000 couples) are being made available nationally, and couples living in County Durham will be offered a pro-rata share along with eligible couples throughout the rest of the country.

Couples who would like to attend should write to Mr Kingsley Smith, the Clerk to the Lieutenancy, County Hall Durham, DL1 5UL enclosing a copy of their marriage certificate so that eligibility can be verified. All requests should be made in writing to the Lieutenancy Office before

St. Valentine's Day, Friday 14th February.

A ballot will be held the following month to determine which lucky couples receive the invitations.

Those chosen will be responsible for meeting their own transport and accommodation requirements and in order that as many couples as possible can attend the Garden Party, the event will be restricted to couples only. Children and grandchildren will not be invited unless their assistance is genuinely required to push wheelchairs, or in some other way.

Mr David Grant, Lord Lieutenant of County Durham said: "It is a wonderful gesture by Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to want to share their Golden Wedding celebrations with other couples from all over the country."

"I am sure it will be as memorable an occasion for them as it will be for all those other couples who are lucky enough to attend."

## Under 10's First League Defeat

21st Allstars U10's - 1 N / Aycliffe U 10's - 0 Last Sunday, Aycliffe Under 10's and their army of supporters visited 21st Allstars for their eagerly awaited top-of-the-table clash.

After the recent bad weather, the game was played in muddy conditions on a very big pitch and both teams took part in a pulsating hard-fought game, not for the faint-hearted.

After 9 minutes, Allstars' goalkeeper Scott Roscher came to the rescue with a brilliant save. Aycliffe continued to battle away and just before half-time, a low hard shot from Liam Cooper was cleared off the line by a home defender. Immediately after half-time, John Johnston's jinx run put through Mattie Laverick-Elliott but the goalkeeper pulled off a fine save.

Five minutes later, Liam Cooper's shot brushed past the post and then Michael Purves hit the other post with a left foot curler from the edge of the box.

Aycliffe continued to apply the pressure but out of the blue, with six minutes to go, Allstars caught our defence napping after a midfield dropped-ball and took the lead against the run of play. With the visiting supporters urging the lads on (and trying to keep warm at the same time!) Aycliffe desperately tried to force an equaliser but time ran out.

All-in-all, no-one deserved to lose this top-of-the-table thriller but "that's football". Even Kevin Keegan can't have had the pressure that team coach Neil Robinson endured! Aycliffe's defence of Andrew Richardson, Lee Skinner, Kyle Summersby and Stewie Owen were superb throughout the game and Andrew deservedly took the 'man of the match' award.

If the lads play with the same commitment in future weeks, this first league defeat of the season can be put behind them and promotion and even the championship is still very much within their reach.

"I just pity the poor parents having to wash the team strip!!"

## Coffee Morning

There is going to be a Coffee Morning at St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham on Saturday February 1st from 10am until 12 noon.

There will be a cake stall and also a mock Auction - Please come along, everyone is welcome.

## Cricket Coaching at Sports Complex for Youngsters

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club have organised a series of junior coaching sessions, aimed at under 13, under 15 and under 18 levels.

The Club intends to continue to develop their youth policy with teams at all levels playing in the 3D Durham County Cricket League.

Coaching at under 13 level begins on Wednesday 12th February from 6pm, the venue being Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. Professional coaching will be available from Richard Hawthorne, currently on the Lords ground staff and

Alan Courtney. Both are National Qualified Coaches.

Aycliffe's young cricketers Nets begin for all Club players, including juniors at the Oak Leaf Centre on Sunday February 9th booked from 10am until 12 pm running for 10 weeks. In order to raise funds the Club has organised 2 events - a race night is being held on Saturday March 1st at 7.30pm and a Sportsman's Dinner on March 7th 1997.

For further information on any of the above matters please contact Club Secretary Ron Mitchie on 301033.

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