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Letter

8th February.
I think that most long standing residents of Newton Aycliffe must see this Town through rose tinted glasses.
Don't they realise that something must be done before Aycliffe loses all of its credibility.
As far as the Avenue Site is concerned the suggestions made were boring and some were old fashioned.
Firstly, as for leaving the area free for car parking - what's the point? Aycliffe doesn't have enough trade for a large area to be used for a car park. Surely the Multi Storey car park is quite ample.
As for leaving the fields free for football fields, what with the recreation centre, the Oakleaf plus many more playing fields doesn't Aycliffe have enough sport facilities.
Also, what about using the Avenue site for an ornamental park with trees and a bandstand, doesn't Aycliffe need something that will bring in trade rather than having a bandstand that will not stay as a thing of beauty due to the amount of vandalism in this Town.
In another letter by John D Clare, it said that this Town does not need a McDonalds or a bowling alley, I would like to ask why?

Aycliffe holds nothing for young people to do, no wonder there is a lot more vandalism and violence not to mention underage drinking and drugs.
I think a Bowling Alley or even a one screen Cinema would produce a lot of trade and give Aycliffe a bit more credit and the youngsters something to do.
Not only that, it won't affect the trade of the shops in the Town Centre, it may even help increase it.
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Yours Sincerely
J. Gallacher

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES PAIRED

Due to the shortage of Catholic priests, the Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle has looked at those parishes in the Diocese which can be 'paired up'. Two such parishes affected by this 'pairing' are St. Joseph's & St. Mary's in Newton Aycliffe.

Fr. Keith Walker left St. Joseph's recently for St. Joseph's, Blaydon, where he has been appointed Parish Priest. Fr. Keith is not being replaced and, as a result of this, Fr. Michael Weymes, Parish Priest of St. Mary's, has now been appointed Parish Priest of St. Joseph's as well.

With only one priest in the Town now serving both parishes, it is impossible to keep the number of weekend Masses at their previous levels, and with effect from the first Sunday in Lent (16th February) the Weekend Masses in Newton Aycliffe will be reduced from 4 to 3. The 9am Mass in St. Mary's will be cancelled. St. Joseph's Mass will change to 9.30am. Due to the popularity of the Saturday Vigil Mass and a possible increase in attendance, the 6.30pm Vigil Mass will be relocated to St. Mary's which has a larger capacity. Weekday Masses will also be affected.

Fr. Michael hopes that, with the new times of Masses for the Catholic Community of Newton Aycliffe, all will be generous in their understanding of these changes and will continue to support the parishes in the usual way.

See below for list of changes.

DAY	ST. MARY'S	ST. JOSEPH'S
Sat	Mass 10am Vigil Mass 6.30pm	*
Sun	Mass 11am	Mass 9.30am
Mon	Communion Service 7pm	*
Tue	Mass 9.15am	Communion Service 7pm
Wed	*	Mass 9.15am
Thu	*	Exposition 6-7pm Mass 7pm
Fri	Exposition 6-7pm Mass 7pm	*
Confessions	Fri. 7.30pm & Sat. 10.30am	Thursday 6 - 6.30pm
LENT		
	St. Mary's	St. Joseph's
Ash Wed.	Mass 11am & 7pm	Mass 9.15am
Prayer Group	Sunday 6 - 7pm	*
Scripture Grp	Thursday 7 - 8pm	*
Stations of Cross	Friday 6.30pm	Thursday 6.30pm
Lenten Soup Kit.	Friday 12 - 1pm	*
Youth Group	Thursday 7.30 - 9pm	*
'On Fire'	1st Wed. of month	*
HOLY WEEK		
	St. Mary's	St. Joseph's
Penitential Service	Sunday 16 March 7pm	*
Palm Sunday	Vigil Mass (Sat) 6.30pm Sunday 11am	9.30am
Maundy Thurs.	7pm	*
Good Fri.	3pm	12 noon
Holy Sat.	8pm	*
Easter Sun.	11pm	9.30am

BAD LUCK AGAINST W.V. ATHLETIC

On Sunday 8th February Newton Aycliffe entertained West View Athletic in the last sixteen of the North Riding Cup.

Aycliffe started off well with the ball being in the opposition half for the first ten minutes but Aycliffe failed to turn their pressure into goals.

After 10 mins West View Athletic knocked a long ball over Aycliffe's defence, for their striker to round keeper Emmerson and slot into an empty net.

Aycliffe then went chasing the equaliser with Tarling having a good volley cleared off the line, Cairns also went close but the West View keeper was in fine form.

West View Athletic increased their lead with their second foray into the Aycliffe half with a repeated move of their first goal.

Just before half-time Aycliffe reduced the deficit, when Aycliffe got a corner, which was quickly taken between Craddock and Cairns with Cairns knocking the ball to Aycliffe's Man of the Match Sean Tarling to hit a fierce shot into the right corner of the West View Athletic goal - Half-time Newton Aycliffe 1 West View Athletic 2.

Aycliffe started the second half playing some good passing, which resulted in their equaliser, when Tarling and Craddock played a lovely one-

two, with Craddock whipping the ball across the box for the unmarked Cairns to equalise. Two minutes later Aycliffe's defence once again were caught with the long ball and West View Athletic restored their one-goal lead.

Aycliffe introduced Wright for Laing and went chasing the equaliser, when he knocked a good ball across but Craddock's header went over the bar.

Aycliffe did equalise when Tarling picked up a loose ball in Midfield and played an accurate pass to Cairns who slotted in passed West View Athletic keeper. Cairns then hit the post as Aycliffe went for the winner and Turnbull put a good chance wide.

With three minutes to go West View Athletic scored the winner, a carbon copy of the three previous goals that they had scored, but Aycliffe keeper Emmerson could count himself unlucky as he saved the initial shot but the ball rebounded back to the striker who rounded Emmerson and put the ball into empty net. Final Score Newton Aycliffe 3 West View Athletic 4.

Aycliffe's team: Emmerson, Byrne, Craggs, Vickerstaff, Throne, Craddock, Laing (Wright), Tarling, Turnbull, Cairns, Bowtell - Subs: Bates J, Bates C, Jones, Peddelty, Dickinson.

Hard Luck Lads

LEGION THRASHED

It has been a bizarre two weeks for Huntsman Football Club, writes Martin Walker - in association with J & C Coaches.

Two weeks ago, they thrashed neighbours and arch rivals British Legion 5-1, joining them at the top of the League. But last week, rumours were rife that Stuart Hodgson was quitting his job as Director of Football at the Club.

Huntsman's convincing result against the Legion underlined that this season, they are serious challengers for the title. The Legion started well and hit the woodwork on three occasions - but Morgan Fielding opened the scoring to put Huntsman ahead.

Legion equalised after a scramble in the penalty area. But after the break, Huntsman ran riot with two quick goals from Rob Lothian and Fielding.

"Huntsman looked like they were going to score with every attack", said Legion boss George Topping after the match.

Jim McCabe and Chris Walker both notched with well taken goals and Huntsman left it at that - they were almost embarrassed for the poor Legion.

Man-of-the-match was Morgan Fielding and the mingers-of-

the-match were British Legion.

Exclusive: Speculation at the Huntsman suggests that Stuart Hodgson will resign within the next week.

The rumours have rocked the World of Soccer, as Hodgson looked set for a marathon career with the Huntsman.

An insider, a close friend to Hodgson, said: "Stuart feels that he has took the Club as far as he can take them and he doesn't want to be involved with football at this stage of his life".

Club officials have denied the rumours, while Chairman Tony Travis said: "It's absolute rubbish. Stuart is at the peak of his managerial career - and there's no way that he's leaving the Huntsman at this, a crucial stage of the season for the Club".

I will be meeting Hodgson after Huntsman's League encounter with AFC Cockerton this Sunday and next week I will reveal whether Hodgson stays or goes.

Plus: "The History of Hodgson...at the Huntsman", in next week's 'Newton News'. This weeks poser: What Englishman was nicknamed 'Atilla the Hun' by his Italian fans? (Answer next week).

The last poser: What is Northampton Town's nickname? (Answer: The Cobblers).

Win for New Maske

On Sunday, 3rd Feb. Newton Aycliffe played New Maske Sports Club at New Maske and straight from the kickoff Aycliffe pinned New Maske in their half, this went on for about 15 minutes, but Aycliffe couldn't make their pressure count.

With their first encounter into Aycliffe's half New Maske scored a good through ball which caught Aycliffe's defence napping and the New Maske player beat Aycliffe's keeper Emmerson.

Aycliffe then went looking for the equaliser and were rewarded just before half-time when Cairns hit a fierce shot over the New Maske keeper into the right corner.

Half time Aycliffe 1, New Maske 1.

The second half began just as the first half started with all the pressure from Aycliffe. Three minutes into the second half Tarling split the New Maske defence with a perfect through ball for Cairns to slot past the advancing New Maske keeper. Aycliffe then introduced Laing into the fray. Aycliffe still

pressed forward to try to increase their lead but to no avail, Jones was then introduced to the Aycliffe team. New Maske were then thrown a lifeline when Vickerstaff committed a foul, keeper Emmerson was very unlucky not to save it but could only parry it into the corner and not round the post, 2-2.

Aycliffe then went close with Tarling having a good shot saved and Craddock with a shot wide.

With three minutes to go New Maske were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the Aycliffe box. The free-kick hit Aycliffe's wall but went to New Maske's striker who placed the ball past Emmerson into the right-hand corner. Full time 2-3.

Aycliffe man-of-the-match was Michael Cairns for his two goal, all round performance. Aycliffe Team:- Emmerson, Bates C, (Bates J), Craggs, Vickerstaff, Thorne, Craddock, Wright, (Laing), Tarling, Turnbull, (Jones), Cairns, Peddelty. Subs: Byrne, Dickinson.

Hard Luck Lads

Swimming Results

Last weekend at the Derwentside Distance Meet (held at Hebburn Swimming Pool), Sedgefield 75 swimmers collected 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals and 1 fifth position.

Fourteen personal best times were achieved making the gala a huge success for the 15 swimmers who attended.

The medal haul was lead by the 12 year olds:

Jill Hunter	Gold	400m I.M.	5:45.59 (15 sec PB)
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Zoe Mitchell	Gold	200m Breast	2:59.87 (02 sec PB)
Adam Burton	Silver	400m Free	5:13.68 (20 sec PB)
Ian Storey	Bronze	400m Free	5:18.67 (17 sec PB)
Chris Bowden	Bronze	200m Fly	3:04.86 (01 sec PB)
Angela Smith	5th	400m Free	3:16.89 (20 sec PB)
Alison Storey	(15)	200m Back	2:44.04 (10 sec PB)
		400m Free	5:11.71 (13 sec PB)
		200m Fly	2:51.93 (14 sec PB)

Lindsey Atkinson (15)	400m Free	4:49.70 (10 sec PB)
	200m Fly	2:40.97 (08 sec PB)
Beverley Vickers (11)	200m Back	3:08.18 (02 sec PB)

Congratulations to all those who attended the gala and narrowly missed achieving personal best times: Samantha Mitchell (11), Andrew Cairns (12), Sarah Kelly (14), Kimberley Vickers (13), Lindsey Needham (13) and Carol Mohan (12).

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Aycliffe Lose to Kader

On Sunday 9/2/97 Newton Aycliffe under 16's entertained 1st Division Kader with a place in the quarter final of the North Riding Cup at stake.

Kader started the game and looked impressive. Aycliffe were not playing to their full potential and where lacking in pace. The midfield struggled against a side that broke out of defence with speed and quick passing.

Following some good work in midfield Kader opened the scoring, after 30 minutes Kader could have gone further ahead but for Chris Wilson who saved well by the post then when he raced off his line and dived at the oncoming players feet to save well half - time 1-0 to Kader.

The second half saw Aycliffe's midfield not working at all which meant that their attacks were few. Kader scored their 2nd goal after 55 minutes through a misjudged high ball, this allowed a Kader forward to run onto and score.

After 70 minutes Kader scored following another misjudged high ball similar to their second.

Aycliffe could not do anything in reply - final score 3-0 to Kader. Aycliffe were beaten by a really good 1st division side.

The Lansing Linde-Nelson and Chipchase-Great Lakes Man-of-the-match was Chris Wilson. As previously mentioned in Newton News Aycliffe Youth AFC runs seven teams from under 10s to under 16s. This gives the young children in our area an interest and a chance to try and achieve something to be proud of.

The club has all the high running costs associated with running 7 teams. The club is very grateful that Great Lakes came forward with a donation to help the young children.

LEAGUE LEADERS BEAT AYCLIFFE UNDER 10's

Aycliffe U10's - 0 Cleveland Juniors - 4

Last Sunday, Aycliffe Under 10's were once again in Cup action, this time at home to 1st Division leaders Cleveland Juniors in the North Riding Cup.

In an attempt to stifle the much stronger visiting side, team coach Neil Robinson played five lads in midfield and straight from the kick-off the tactics seemed to work, as Aycliffe's youngsters battled to thwart their opponents.

Twice in the opening moments, John Johnston had good runs down the right wing but, against the run of play, Cleveland opened the scoring when a through ball enabled a visiting forward to give goalkeeper Scott Roscher no chance. Everyone thought the Cleveland forward was offside but the man who matters (in black & white!) didn't.

Liam Cooper's deft flick then set up Carl Robinson whose shot flashed past the post. Just before the break however, Aycliffe's defence were virtually non-existent as a visiting head nodded the ball into the net straight from a corner. Minutes later, centre-half Lee Skinner made a tremendous goal-line clearance to keep the half-time score 0-2.

Against the wind in the second half, Aycliffe continued to battle away and were unlucky to concede a third as Cleveland's speedy forwards once again finished off a through ball over the home defence. Scott Roscher then pulled off a tremendous point-blank save before Cleveland added a fourth. In the dying

minutes substitute goalkeeper Michael Francis pushed a thunderous shot against post and Lee Skinner was unlucky with a 40 yard rifter which hit the far post rolled along the goal-line safety.

Against a strong, big, skilful of lads who lead the Division, Aycliffe fought tremendously well and a score-line did not reflect determination and battling qualities. Midfielder Matt Dodds was awarded the 'Man of the Match' for his outstanding tenacity but the whole team deserve praise for not buckling. This week (16th), the return to league action v home game against 2nd Division Billingham Boys (11am) Vane Road Primary School and a win will enable them to leap over them. Thank you all the support last week a hope to see you all again next week.

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Letter to the Editor

NO PERSONAL ATTACK ON COUNCILLOR TONY MOORE

Dear Sir,

Two years ago, I was elected Town Councillor for the Byerley Park ward. I became Vice-Chairman of the Council's Environment Committee. Last year, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen met, as usual, to draft a budget for the Council. We wanted to improve the town's play areas. As part of this, it was proposed to spend £10,000 on the Byerley Park play area. Of course, we didn't have enough money to do everything we wanted! Should we spend less on play areas? At this point, I was able to say that Byerley Park's play area was new and only had two pieces of play equipment. I was listened to, and Byerley Park kept its money.

There was nothing bigoted or corrupt about this. It is simply one example of me doing my job: looking after the people of my ward. And because I am a LABOUR Councillor, I was able to do so WHERE IT COUNTS - at the point of decision.

Now I am only a Town Councillor, and a play area is only a small thing, but readers will realise that - as things work for the Byerley Park play area at Great Aycliffe Town Council - so they work for the Avenue site at the

County Council.

Britain is a democracy, but the government is elected, not to take a consensus, but to implement its own policies. This is why Labour must win the General Election this year; to STOP THE TORIES DOING TORY THINGS! But what works at Whitehall operates at County Hall. My letter did not attack Mr Moore personally. It stated a simple, selfish truth - that Aycliffe would have more say at the point of decision if we had Labour County Councillors. Mr Moore knows this is true. That's why his reply was so hostile!

I refuse to react to his abuse and I don't care much for raking up the past. I care about Aycliffe's future. Labour County Councillors are able to speak out WHERE IT COUNTS.

That's why we need FOUR Labour voices at County Hall, so they can speak out ... for us.

Yours faithfully
John D Clare
PS.
May I state absolutely - as I informed the Full Council on 29 Jan. - that I did not reveal anything to the press about what was said at the Appeals Committee meeting. Mr Moore's letter misrepresents the truth in this matter.

Coffee Mornings

St. Francis Church, Horndale are to hold Coffee Mornings on the third Saturday in every month, commencing on Saturday 15th February, 10 - 12am.

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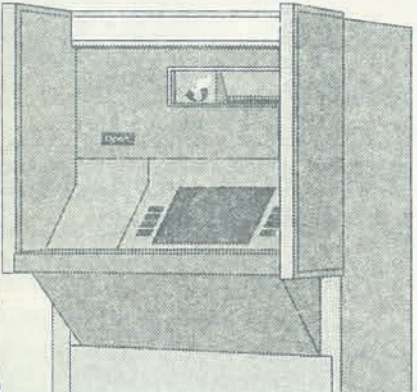
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A male student at Durham University has been admitted to hospital with suspected meningococcal meningitis.

The student is described as very poorly. Close contacts of the student have been given antibiotics as a precaution and students at the University have been provided with information and advice and offered reassurance about the infection. Preliminary laboratory tests indicate that the type of meningococcal meningitis is different from that contracted by a female student at the University two weeks ago and as such the cases are not believed to be linked.

Dr. David Walker, consultant in communicable disease control at County Durham Health Authority said: "I would like to reassure people that this case is an isolated one and the chances of anyone developing the illness through contact with the student are very small."

"Whilst there has been increased awareness of cases of meningitis we are not seeing an increase in the number of cases in County Durham".

Meningococcal infection is caused by a bacterium called meningococcus which lives naturally at the back of the throat in many people without causing any problems.

The signs and symptoms of meningococcal infection include headaches, high

temperatures, vomiting, neck stiffness, joint pains, drowsiness, bright lights hurting eyes, fits and coma.

If anyone develops these symptoms they should contact their GP. The National Meningitis Trust has a 24 hour Helpline 0345 538118.

£1,000 for Romania

Dear Sir,

Last years harvest 'Four Power' appeal, to send flour, rice and sugar to needy children in Romania proved a great success.

Between them the four Churches of the Parish of Great Aycliffe, together with a number of schools in the town, collected three tons of produce and £1000 towards shipping costs.

The Romanian Orphanages Trust which organised the appeal, send their thanks to the people of the town for their generosity on behalf of all the children who will benefit.

With many thanks
Colin Jay

COUNCILLORS SHOULD FIGHT ON OUR BEHALF

Dear Editor,

Is Councillor John D Clare on the same planet? Of course Aycliffe doesn't generate enough spending power, there is nowhere to spend anything.

The townspeople of Aycliffe generate ample funds towards Sedgfield and Durham Council coffers with very little in return.

We see the outlying areas being improved while our Town Centre deteriorates. Yet Councillor Clare's underlying agenda is to sell the Avenue Site land for houses to provide more funds - for whose benefit? Why not build a new Town Centre? - Limit the number of each type of retail outlet

& set the rents at an attractive level, (allow our local shopkeepers first refusal), incorporate the library, youth club and cubby and provide a theatre/picture house or other facilities which at present we are required to travel to.

The landlords of the existing Town Centre have had it their own way for too long. Demand they improve the area or issue a compulsory purchase order on behalf of Aycliffe's residents.

Our Local Councillors should remember that it was the people of Aycliffe who elected them, so isn't it about time that they did

TALLENTS WIN "NORTHERN 1996 COMPANY OF THE YEAR"

Tallents, Aycliffe's very successful automobile chassis manufacturer, continues to attract prestigious accolades from the industry - and top business awards from all quarters.

The Company have just won the Barclay's 1996 Northern Business Award and managing Director Bernard Robinson accepted the 'Company of the Year' honour on behalf of his workforce.

Previous winners include Fujitsu and Nissan, so Tallents are justifiably proud of this achievement.

The company produce parts for Ford, Rover, Honda and Landrover and are very hopeful in securing extra business from Nissan who announced their expansion plans recently to produce a new car.

Tallents export 65% of their manufacturing output, mostly to Europe and they are recognised as world leaders in their specialised service to the automobile industry.

The Company has enjoyed great success in recent years - in 1979 they had a workforce of under 200 with less than £2million turnover, today they have

850 workers and a turnover in excess of £80million.

Germany's 14th largest company, Thyssen of Essen, acquired Tallents in 1992 but the success of the Company is well known to be down to the dynamic management under Bernard Robinson and a highly skilled and motivated workforce.

HEALING

The Christian Life Centre, Woodham, are holding a Healing Service on Sunday 23rd February at 7pm.

There will be prayers for the sick and people with needs during the service and everyone is welcome to attend.

Free transport to the Church is provided if needed. Please telephone Christian Life Centre on 301760.

Pupils Visit County Hall

Children from Aycliffe Village Primary School were invited to County Hall in Durham on Wednesday 5th February to take part in a presentation about Local Agenda 21.

Local Agenda 21 in County Durham is about sustainability in the 21st Century.

Children from the village school talked about the work they do to manage the school grounds, thereby making the external environment both attractive and a learning resource.

A sustainable future is of vital importance to all young people.

Hopefully the seeds of caring for the environment are developing in the children at Aycliffe Village Primary School.

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COUNTY COUNCIL DON'T WANT £MILLIONS FOR AVENUE SITE!

The County Council's Solicitor has replied to Tony Moore's comments in Newton News regarding the Avenue site....

Dear Sir,

I am advised by Sedgfield Borough Council that the draft brief should be ready for consultation towards the end of March 1997 though they would eventually be seeking ratification of the document from the Development Committee in

due course.

In the meantime, factual information is being drawn together for the preparation of draft sale particulars.

No price guide has been prepared by this Authority therefore the £millions being talked about would appear to be only rumour, unless a prospective buyer has made known their assessment.

Yours sincerely
V Pearson
County Secretary & Solicitor

GARAGE HELPS CHARITY



'BP CENTRAL' customers donated over 9000 'That's Entertainment' tokens received for fuel purchases. Upon redemption, the tokens provided Electronic gifts including a Sony VCR, Playstation - complete with Ridge Racer - and three Sony Walkmans. All items were very greatly received by Ms. Joy Higginson on behalf of 'Children North East'.

Both Dennis Watson and Joy Higginson would like to sincerely thank all 'BP CENTRAL' customers for their splendid generosity and support towards 'Children North East', a very worthy local charity.

Photo Shows: Joy Higginson and Dennis Watson of 'BP CENTRAL', Newton Aycliffe.

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FIRST AND FOREMOST

POPPY APPEAL RAISED £6,800

Dear Sir,
May we, through the 'Newton News' thank the people of Newton Aycliffe and immediate areas for the amounts of £6,800 collected for the Poppy Appeal.

It is made up of £2,902.50 collected on the town, the streets (house to house),

pubs and clubs and shops. Donations of £3,437.50 from the Royal British Legion Branch and Club, Ladies Section various sub units within the R.B.L. Club and St. Clares' Church and £460 raised on wreaths.

Yours sincerely
R Nicholson
Hon. Poppy Appeal Organiser

CHURCH PLANS TO PROVIDE TOWN CENTRE THEATRE

You've seen it in the Movies - when the pioneer settlers in America set up their townships and needed amenities, all the township rallied round. Some provided materials, some special skills, and all worked together to raise the building. Nowadays things are not so simple. We start an appeal for money. When we have raised enough money we spend it on professional advice. Then we seek prices from building contractors who, in turn, subcontract parts, each taking their profit margin. And our government stand by and expect to take 17 1/2% vat on the lot! So we appeal for yet more money.

Is this the best way to achieve a building required by the community? Can't we get back some of that pioneer spirit (and save that 17 1/2% tax into the bargain!)?

This community needs a stage suitable for amateur stage productions. St. Clare's Church has a hall with a reasonable-sized stage which is disused, and lacks backstage facilities. There is sufficient Church land behind the stage to build these facilities.

The Great Aycliffe P.C.C has agreed to such an extension if the means can be found to build it. So we could have our community amateur productions!

Within our community we have a wide range of business, some making the materials, having skilled workers, and using the equipment needed to build and equip these facilities. In addition we have skilled persons in the community who could help us in their spare time.

All we need is for these to offer to make their help available and for those who have no

material or skill, to purchase for us the things we lack.

The project is being coordinated by the Halls Committee of St. Clare's. An application is being made to the Arts Council Lottery Fund for part of the money required and letters have been sent out to all businesses on the Industrial Estates asking for their help.

Later, as the building progresses, the appeal will be extended to shops and smaller business, the hope being that these will buy the smaller items required to fit out the stage and to provide seating for the Hall.

It is intended that the final result will be a moderately sized, moderately equipped stage, capable of serving the basic needs of amateur dramatics and other stage activities, catering for an audience in the region of 150 and three meeting rooms available for existing and future special interest societies.

It is intended that the Hall will be equipped with facilities such as Induction Loop for the hard of hearing, and particular attention will be paid to access for those with disabilities. It is hoped to equip the stage with good sound and lighting equipment. However, the level of equipment will depend on the level of support received.

Where there's a will, there's a way!

If you wish to know more about what is proposed, or to offer your help and support, please contact Stewart Black.

Stewart can be contacted at the Hall on most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturday mornings or telephone him on 301134.

AYCLIFFE SHOW POSTER COMPETITION

Great Aycliffe Town Council are looking for a new poster to advertise this year's Show.

It should be bright and cheerful and show some of the things that the Show has to offer.

Your poster should be on paper no bigger than A3 and it can be coloured using crayon, paint, felt tip etc.

You must write your full name, age and address on the back of the poster.

You must be aged 16 or under to enter.

Here are some things that will be at the Show this year:

The Bandit Monster Truck, A Human Cannon Ball, Eagle and Vulture show, Motorcycle Stunt Show, Dog Agility Displays - p a teen disco, Brass Band, Pipe Band, Dance Troup, Gymnastic displays, re-enactments, Fairground, Football competition, Badminton tournament, Free Q Bikes, Free Pulsar La Activity Centre, F Bouncy Castles, F Toddler Soft Play, F Face Painting.....

Your entry should be s before Monday 1 March to Marie Robins Great Aycliffe To Council, Council Office School Aycliffe La Newton Aycliffe, Durham. - (Don't forget to write your name, age address on the back!)

SALE FEVER

Sale fever strikes Help the Aged as the charity says, 'grab a bargain and keep warm'.

With all garment prices slashed in half, Help the Aged shops will be the place to bag a bargain and more. The winter months bring home to us all how vulnerable everyone is to the cold. Older people are especially at risk, with around 30,000 dying every winter.

By spending your money at Help the Aged, not only do you get double the clothes for your money, you are also helping those older people in need.

The sale starts on Thursday 13 February and lasts for nine days, so local people have plenty of time to check out the sale offers.

Customers can also pick up any of the charity's free information and advice leaflets.

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You will also be entitled to 25% off Gas and Electricity once these utilities have become deregulated (Gas 1997, Electricity 1998).

For more information contact:
Paul or Stuart on 300212

BORO APPEAL

Middlesbrough Football Club, acting through their Solicitors, Boote Edgar Esterkin, have formally lodged with the Football Association its Notice of Appeal against the decision of an F.A. Premier League Commission given on the 14th January 1997 deducting 3 points and imposing a financial penalty of £50,000. Simon Ledbrooke, the Partner responsible for the conduct of the Appeal at Boote Edgar Esterkin confirmed that Middlesbrough Football Club were also seeking the leave of the Board of Appeal to be represented at the hearing of the Appeal by Leading Counsel, Mr George Carman QC and the Junior Counsel, Mr Hugh Tomlinson.

MIDDRIDGE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

The annual General meeting of the Association will be held in Midridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 12th March, 1997 at 7.30pm. The agenda will be posted on the notice board outside the Hall at least 7 days before the AGM.

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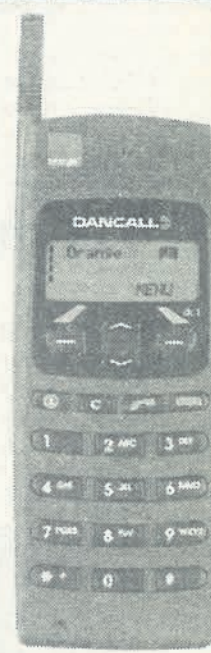
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Silence Broken on Clerk's Case

Dear Sir,
At a Full Town Council meeting, held on 29th January, Councillors discussed the findings of the two Committees which had met to decide Mr Farquhar's case.
Before we held that discussion, we excluded the press and public and voted unanimously that the discussion should be 'exempt' - i.e. that it should be absolutely confidential. We felt that to break silence before Mr Farquhar's Industrial Tribunal would damage the Town and people of Newton Aycliffe.
I was disappointed, therefore, to see a Town Councillor not only writing in a letter to last week's 'Newton News' what we said on 29th January, but revealing who said it - and then accusing another Councillor of speaking to the press and indulging in gutter politics.
Why did Councillor Moore vote for Councillors to keep this matter confidential, but then not do so himself? Billy Blenkinsopp
Town Councillor

Letter to the Editor COUNCIL CAUSE TOO MANY DELAYS

Dear Sir,
The County Council waited for our Town Council's views before responding to Post Office Counters consultation.
Aycliffe Town Council opposed in principle, but acknowledged it unlikely the proposal would be overturned!
Have the Town Council any powers to monitor services in private business premises, on private land? I don't believe so!
Was there any support for protesting people? A Public Meeting? No mention!
The Labour Party publicise opposition to the break-up of public services and it's effects on jobs and local people. In Aycliffe our Town Councillors objected, IN PRINCIPLE!
I agreed with Aycliffe people and made it clear in public, in Councils and to those affected by it.
As to J D Clare's 'song and dance' on the Avenue site, HIS Labour Group decided to seek a late 'presence' on the Avenue site. (Details published in Newton News 17/6/95) but it depends on funding from National Lottery, Commission for New Towns and from the EEC!
Time-taking and unpredictable bids, has anyone seen any reports on those Bids?
The Town Council have 4000 square metres on the site and

created more planning, re-costing, consultation for County and Borough Councils and more delays and conditions for any developers to cope with.
Newton Aycliffe has strong competition from Spennymoor, Shildon, Bishop Auckland and the powerful new Unitary-Darlington Council.
Here, WE have delays, extended consultation, Lottery and EEC bids. From a TOWN COUNCIL THAT QUIT THE TOWN CENTRE YEARS AGO!
People should write in to the Newton News expressing their views, an Open Forum would be more democratic and non-political.
After sacking a bereaved, ill, long-serving Town Clerk, when expectations were high on a Town Council responding more positively to relocation of Post Office Services, what did we get?
Personal attacks on non Labour Councillors which left unanswered serious questions to be asked of the Town Council and focused attention nicely elsewhere?
Don Fraser
Woodham & Aycliffe North Wards

Village Over 50's A.G.M.

Heighington 50's & 60's Club held their AGM on 3rd February. There was only one change in committee when Mrs E Lumsden was elected Hon. Secretary.

Concern was expressed over the decline of members. We have 34 at present but feel there must be many lonely 50's & 60's in the area who might like to join us for a pleasant two hours each Monday. In the hopes that more will join us we are altering the format of our meetings by having board games - e.g. Scrabble, Draughts, Chess, Darts, 5s & 3s and Carpet Bowls - continuing our monthly exercise with Mrs Cotton (all done sitting down) and talks and entertainment hopefully every few weeks and at least 20 mins 'natter time' each meeting, plus 'afternoon tea' every now and then.

We will continue with our usual outings in the summer.
Mr D Grover provides a 'pick up and drop off' service for anyone requiring a lift at a very reasonable charge.
So please come and join us, we're sure you will enjoy it and find it is 40p well spent.
This includes refreshments and a free raffle ticket for our weekly draw. Starts 2pm at the Village Hall each Monday.
For any further information please contact Mrs E Lumsden (sec) on 316305 or the Chairman on 319939.

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VALENTINES GREETINGS



Derek Snowball
Happy Valentines Day
to the one I love, Vicky

Dave Mason
I love you, from your
favourite nurse

**Mark
Wetheridge**
Love you today and
always, "you are my
life". From Sue XX

Norman
Happy Valentines Day
I love you and miss
you. From your
"Frozen Pea" XX

Mr Love Spuds
Happy Valentines Day.
Love from Duchess

Tiger (Tigger)
Happy Valentines Day
Roar tonight, butt,
don't make kids!!
Your loving Goat

Katie
Happy Valentines Day.
Love always Maryk X

Ade
Happy Valentines Day
Love you forever,
Wiggy XXX

John Easton
To my gorgeous, loving
boyfriend, the best
thing in my life. I love
you more than words
can say, you are the
sunshine in my day.
From Caroline with
loads of love, kisses
and cuddles.

Richard Buckle
To the one I love,
with all my love on
Valentines Day.
from Zoe XXX

Lee Forster
Happy Valentines Day
to the one I love,
Allison

Mark
Be my Valentine,
love always Ollie

**Richard
Chappell**
Be my Valentine now
and forever,
all my love Michelle

**Nigel
Merryweather**
Never apart, maybe in
body, but never in my
heart, I love you baby,
Caroline XXX

Darren
Happy Valentines Day
to my one and only
true love
Vicky W, XXX

**Valentines
Greetings**
to "C",
my one true
love. From "S"

Beverley
on the 1st anniversary
of our marriage,
14-2-96. I would like
to say that "I love
you more today than
yesterday, but not as
much as tomorrow!
All my love forever,
Paul XXX

Paul
Happy 1st Anniversary
(14-2-96)
remembering this
special day together
today, love always
and forever Beverley

Joanne
To my one and
only Valentine,
all my love
Stuart XXX

Mish Mash
Happy Valentines Day
my little luv bucket.
Love always
Guess who!!

**Thomas
Bowtell**
Happy Valentines Day
Love from
Guess Who??
(In Year 2)

Flapper
Happy Valentines Day
all my love forever
Mish-Mash
XXX

**Mark
Barron**
I will always love you,
loads of love
You know who??

**Anita
Davies**
Happy 7th Wedding
Anniversary on
Valentines Day
14-2-90
Lots of love
Nige XXX

SHANE DENTON Happy Valentines Day
forever in my heart, always in my bed, love you
always Kim XXX

CONNIE I love you, will you marry me? Love
Mikey

ANDREW Happy Valentines Day, love ya loads
Louise XXX

FELCHER Happy Valentines Day from your
Felchess

DAVEY BABY Happy Valentines Day love ya.
From Helen

COOKE You haven't got a Valentines Dad, but
you've got me and I love you heaps. PS Don't
you dare pop off while I'm away, who loves ya
baby, Bev XX

PATON Happy Valentines Day to my wonderful
Husband, Gene. Sorry I won't be there, but I will
be thinking of you. Thanks for looking after Dad.
All my love Bev XX

ALAN BELL Happy Valentines Day darling
husband, all my love always Claire X

MARTIN WALKER Roses are red, violets are
blue, a message to say that "I love you"! Love
from Lisa XX

JIM THEO McCABE Violets are blue, roses are
red, you'll not be so lucky, when you are
"handcuffed" to the bed, from Karen

JEFF RACE Happy Valentines Day, can't wait
till May for our wedding, all my love Lynn XXX

MARIA MAYOH Happy Valentines Day, lots of
love. From Paul XXX

PAUL COMPTON Happy Valentines Day, love
from Maria XX

DARREN ABLEWHITE (Half Moon Face)
Roses are red, violets are blue, I've got a chin just
like you, love Rocky Dennis (and sister)

STEPHEN KENNEDY Love you always and
forever, love from ??? (Bottoms up)

SCOTT FARRELL I love you forever and
always Catherine

HEY FRECKLE MAN! Did anyone tell you,
you are the best? I know this will be the greatest
Valentines Day ever! You and me always and
forever, Suzie XX

VICKY HARMAN If I knew the place where
wishes come true, that's where I'd go for my
wishes for you, and you'd never know trouble or
heart-hurt or sadness, and your life would be
sunshine and your days filled with gladness. But
all I can do is to ask God above to keep you forever
in his infinite love... And I want you to know,
and I think that you do - I treasure your friendship
and love and admire you, too...and all the good
wishes a heart can make are sent today for
friendships sake. Just a little thought that might
let you see, just how very much your love and
friendship means to me, lots of love, Lee

BECCY H Always on my mind, forever in my
heart, PS Happy 18th XX

PORK PIE'S DAD Love you always, from Belly
Busters Mam Happy birthday, lots of love from
the girls Ailsa, Danielle and Claudia

ADRIAN Happy 1st Valentines Day together, love
you now and always Sarah XX

LYNN EVERIDGE The best thing that has ever
happened to me, is you. Be my valentines forever.
From Jeff.

MARK BARRON (My Toyboy to be) be my
Valentine, Love Ollie - PS See you next Saturday

SEXY EYES Love ya stacks, little Parky XX

PAUL, I will always love you to the ends of the
earth, Lorraine

MALLY To my baby on Valentines Day, I send
all my love Nicola XXX

PENELOPE Happy Valentines Day my frozen
pea is missing you, I love you more than you'll
ever know, all my love Norman XXX

MARK B Happy Valentines Day, love you always
Julie "H" XXX

PAT GALLACHER To my one and only
Valentine, lots of love always, Chrissy XXX

LAURA Happy Valentines love you so much, now
and always, Ken XX

DEAN "SEX MACHINE" YOUNG To my true
love, love always Lisa XXX

PAUL Happy Valentines Day, all my love forever,
from Natasha XXX

DARREN MUNCASTER I love you more today
then yesterday, but less than tomorrow. Happy
Valentines Day, love you lots Maxine XXX

Unlucky Against Southbank F.C.

**Southbank FC - 3
Aycliffe U11's - 1**

Fellow promotion battlers Southbank proved tougher opposition than recent teams had done for Aycliffe and after a close opening, indecision in Aycliffe's defence allowed Southbank to plunder two quick goals.

It took Aycliffe until the 2nd Half to really wake up. The Midfield started to work harder and a few good chances were created, but then came the killer blow. Southbank were awarded a penalty which was converted although man of the match Joe McTague got his hands to it.

At 3-0 down Aycliffe might have given up but they pressed the Southbank defence back with great work by Adrian Clark and James Black and a final touch was all that was missing on a number of occasions.

Aycliffe then got a deserved goal as once again good passing and a great ball by Jonathan Kellet put in Michael Carr. He finished calmly with a low drive and Aycliffe stepped up again.

Meanwhile at the other end Ryan Stonehouse was playing brilliantly as sweeper and

Captain David Judge had his hands full trying to contain the lively Southbank attack. Sadly the ref. decided his hands were also full of the ball and awarded penalty no. 2.

The cheer from the travelling fans, as Joe McTague saved the spot kick, echoed justice.

Fuelled by the change of fortune, Aycliffe pushed again and when David Palmer's run ended with a crude challenge by the beaten Southbank defender, the cries for a penalty rang out. The ref. played on, Adrian Clark's superb tackle released Michael Carr, he passed to Jonathan. Kellet who finished the move off. This was not to be Aycliffe's day as the ref. disallowed the goal for offside?

The final score flattered Southbank and although Aycliffe were guilty of ball watching in the early stages they'll take the 2nd half performance as a guide to how they really can play, and for the next home tie at Greenfield School on the 16th, which kicks off at 11am, they'll be hoping for the luck to be on their side.

A final word of thanks goes to Randolph Coach Works for the new football strip, the boys were overjoyed at receiving the kit and will wear it with pride.

Taken Aback by Borough Reply

Dear Sir,

Ref. my letter to Sedgfield Borough Council in last weeks issue of the Newton News regarding double glazing in Clarence Chare.

I am completely taken aback by there reply that the replacements installed are in the same style as the originals, the original windows in these houses where of a metal construction with no bars at the bottom, they had a vent at the top also the centre pane was just plain without any vents or bars.

They say it is the first time they have heard it was a problem, there are others who share the same views as I do.

I know that it is not possible for individual tenants to choose what they would like, but surely you could have submitted at least three designs at the meeting you held with the tenants on home improvements, then taken a vote and opted for the most popular design, what could have been more simple!

Name & Address supplied

**MIDDLESBROUGH FC
COCA COLA CUP SEMI FINAL GAMES**

Tickets for the 1st Leg Stockport v Middlesbrough game have now all sold out. **DO NOT** travel without a ticket.

**2nd Leg - at Middlesbrough
Wed. 12 March 1997 - Kickoff 8.00pm**

Postal applications are now being accepted from Boro Red Book holders. Voucher S is required fully completed. Any Voucher S which is incorrectly or not fully completed will be returned and no ticket will be guaranteed.

Your **PATRON NO.** which can be found on the inside cover of your Boro Red Book (Number beginning with an S or T) is the **MOST** important piece of information - **do not quote your book number.**

Cash sales will **ONLY** be accepted from Boro Red Book holders on Thursday 20th February at the main West Stand No. 1 ticket office from 9.30am - 7.30pm. Please note this is the only remaining day when cash applications will be accepted.

NORTH/WEST/EAST - Boro Red Book holders, please make your application for this game as soon as possible as South/South East Corner Boro Red Book holders may be sold YOUR seat if your correctly completed Voucher S application is not received in the Ticket Office by 6pm on Saturday 22nd February 1997. (This is the closing date for **ALL** Boro Red Book holders).

NORTH/WEST/EAST - Boro Red Book holders should receive semi final ticket(s) by Thursday 27th February, if you have not received your ticket(s) please **CONTACT THE TICKET OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**

PLEASE CHECK THE CONTENTS OF YOUR ENVELOPE TO ENSURE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE CORRECT TICKET(S). - Any error cannot be rectified once unclaimed seats have been sold to South/South East Corner Boro Red Book holders.

SOUTH/SOUTH EAST CORNER - Boro Red Book holders please apply as above, however you are not guaranteed your seat for this game. Please submit your voucher S application with a covering letter indicating your preference of stand. South/South East Corner applications will be dealt with in strict dated order. It is therefore in your best interest that you apply **NOW** and your application will be kept on file and dealt with from Friday 28th February.

SOUTH/SOUTH EAST CORNER - Boro Red Book holders should receive either semi final ticket(s) or returned application by Wednesday 5th March, if you have not received any communication by this date **CONTACT THE TICKET OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**

General Sale details will be announced at a later date, however you may submit a postal application now.

Please note all Credit/Debit Cards incur a £1.00 booking fee per transaction.

Ticket prices and information can be obtained by ringing (01642) 877809. *This is not a premium rate line, normal rates apply.*

Competition Winners

The winners of our "Loch Ness" video competition were: Miss Clare Peacock of MacMillan Road; Mrs J Gell of Aycliffe Village and Katherine Auster of The Grange, Woodham. Congratulations to all our winners, prizes will be with you very soon.

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IAN BAIN

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WESLEY TARN Happy 18th birthday from Mam and Dad

WESLEY TARN Happy 18th birthday to my little brother from Kurtis and Leanne

WESLEY TARN Happy 18th birthday to the trainee surgeon, love from Beverley and Paul XX

ANDERSON Tanya-Lee, happy 18th birthday, 11-2-97, lots of love for future years. Mam, Alan, Michael and James XXX

LEE, CLAIRE and our baby nephew Morgan Lee, Congratulations from Michelle and Chris
THOMPSON Ann and jim are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Leanne to Matthew Fisk, congratulations to both of you

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ABRAHAM Happy 13th birthday Matthew, love from Mam, Dad, Alexander and Graham

ABRAHAM Teenager at last, Matthew, happy 13th birthday love Grandma and Grandad

OLIVIA JANE DUNN 15-2-97. Happy 1st birthday to our little angel. Love Mammy, Daddy and your big brother Ryan William X
GLADYS BEADLE Happy birthday Mam for 16th, have a great day, lots of love Sue. PS: Congratulations to Angela and Sean on their recent engagement

MEL PUNSHON Happy birthday darling, all my love Julie XX

MEL PUNSHON Happy birthday Mel, love from Michelle XX

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TO MY BEST friends Miss Pamela Wilson, happy 18th birthday Pet !! Lots of love Kerry XX

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ALF ELGEY 14-2-94. A dear Grandad, a day never goes by without us thinking of you. Sadly missed by Granddaughter Louise, Great Granddaughters Michaela and Beth

ALF ELGEY 14-2-94. A dear Dad, sadly missed, never forgotten, Daughter Brenda

ALF ELGEY Treasured memories of a dear Grandad, deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Love Granddaughter Lisa and Kevin

ALF ELGEY Gentle Jesus up above, please give Grandad a great big hug, from Great Grandson Gordon, Gary and Great Granddaughter Billy-Jean

McCAFFREY 10-3-94. Dear Mam, I'm missing you more and more each day, why did God have to take you away, I miss the way you used to smile. The one that made me want to travel a mile. The kids, I know, they miss you too, but that is why someday we'll be with you, I know it's that time of year again, but there isn't a way that I can hide the pain, I hope you know I love you with all my heart, and that there'll be a day when we are never going to part. Love always your dear daughter Patricia XX

BAXTER Precious memories of our dear niece, Melissa. Time slips by, but memories stay as near and dear as yesterday. Sadly missed Auntie Brenda, Uncle Harry and family XX
MELISSA BAXTER 13-2-89. I hide away in darkness, with my sorrow and despair, the noise of constant sobbing, as I'm huddled in your chair. Sometimes I think I'm dreaming, and I never want to wake, for you are here beside me, sitting by the lake. Your arms wrapped around me, your head upon my chest. Planning out the future, or which dress you like the best. I reach to kiss your tender face, and touch your golden hair, and then my dream just shatters sitting huddled in your chair. A kiss and hug for Wayne, love you both Mam and Dad XX

DEREK WALKER 12-2-96. Though you're no longer with us, every day we find in one way or another, you're back there in our mind. We might hear a piece of music, and at once our mind is stirred, back to a treasured moment, that we have shared. We never try to stop them, we just let them flow through, it's just our way of spending time, once again with you. Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather, deeply missed by Wife Margaret and Daughter Pauline, Sons Colin, Steven, Shaun and Mark, Daughters-in-Law Audrey, Carla, Michelle - Will always be in our thoughts

DEREK WALKER Our thoughts remember the good times. From the Salkeld family (Pete)
JIM BURNS To a special Dad and Grandad, simple words but very true, we will always love and remember you. Love you always, from Daughter Gillian, Peter and Grandson Michael XX

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OAK LEAF Golf Club A.G.M., 27th February 1997 at the Sports Complex Function Room, 7.00pm

Thank You

I WOULD Like to thank all of my passengers who so generously contributed towards my fundraising activities over the last twelve months. A total of £349.55 was raised and has been presented to St. Teresa's Hospice. Barrie Green, J&C Coaches

THANKS TO Lee and Claire for a beautiful grandson, Morgan Lee born on 11-2-97. Lots of love Mam and Dad Hutchison

Phil and Josie Askew



Ruby Anniversary

9th February 1997

We walked into the room, to a "Surprise Surprise", but no Cilla Black to be seen for miles. A terrific party our sons and daughters organised. Lots of gifts, friends and family coming from miles. The tears of joy streamed from our eyes, thank you all for the wonderful surprise.

JOHN ROSS Would like to say a big thanks to everyone from Aycliffe Working Men's Club, Aycliffe Sports Club and 3M who sponsored him. With your help he managed to raise £344.30p which will go to the Leukaemia and Haematology Support Fund. Once again a big thank you. **MARY MUTTON** - I would like to thank all my friends and especially my family for making my birthday very special with all the flowers, gifts and cards. **S.H.A.G.S.** From Woodham Golf Club, thank you very much for your kind donation for Adam Mitchinson, it was very much appreciated

STARK Mrs. Peggy Stark and family wish to sincerely thank relatives, friends and neighbours for letters, cards of condolence and floral tributes received during our sad loss. Many thanks for the care given to Joe by Doctor Ramsey and partners and Nurses and staff of Bewick Crescent Surgery

THE FAMILY Of the late Jean Croft wish to thank friends and neighbours for their cards and messages of condolence, following their sad loss. Special thanks to Doctors and Staff of Bishop Auckland General ITU and to the Rev Colin Jay for his comforting words. Also thank you to Co-operative Funeral Services for their caring service.

TAYLOR 28-1-97. The family of the late Stan Taylor would like to thank all friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, letters and kindness shown during their recent sad loss. Also thanks to the Rev. Michelle Ferguson for her kindness and comforting service.

MARY WHALEN I would like to thank my family and friends and the Ladies Section of the Big Club for the lovely cards, flowers and presents I received on my 70th birthday. Thank you to all concerned for making my birthday special.

THANK YOU to the person who handed my card into the Abbey National on 7-2-97
ANGELA & Gary would like to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and gifts Gareth received on his Christening. Many thanks **MANY THANKS** To Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Chew, Andrea, Emma and everyone who helped and donated for the Blue Peter Appeal which raised £109.02. - Kayleigh Harle

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