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"Everyone always seems to do so much to help the old folk that we wanted to do something in return", explained Elizabeth. "I hate to think of the bairns suffering with cancer so taking part in the Darlington Drop is the ideal way to help".

The event is taking place on Sunday 16 March. If you would like to join Elizabeth and Mary at the abseil then please call Imperial Cancer's event hotline on (0113) 231 9828 for an information pack.

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 worldwide effort to defeat cancer. Imperial Cancer relies almost entirely on voluntary funding to carry out its

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FLYMO IN FINAL FOR

Flymo, based in Newton Aycliffe, Europe's leading lawnmower brand - have reached the final of the illustrious UK Manufacturing Excellence Awards.

Flymo, previous winners of Queen's Awards for both Export and Technological Achievement, delighted by the news this week that they have won through to the final stage of the Manufacturing Excellence Awards organised to encourage and highlight the achievements of the country's manufacturing sector within an increasingly competitive world marketplace.

The prizes, awarded every two years, are organised by two of the largest and most prestigious professional engineering bodies in the world, the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

Flymo, since their inception in 1965, have operated within the powered gardening arena, with a consistent strategy of developing and marketing a range of innovative, easy to use products strongly

promoted and underpinned by quality in both manufacture and field performance. From their Aycliffe plant, the Company now produces over one million units per annum and for its achievements, was awarded the "Best Manufacturer" title at the 1994 North East Business Awards.

Having passed through two levels of appraisal, Flymo will now be -'Flying' the flag for the North East at the finals of the competition in London on 11th March, facing strong competition from teams representing Rolls Royce, Jaguar and GEC Plessey.

Commenting on the Awards, Andrew Mackay - Flymo UK Marketing Manager said: - "Flymo continue to manufacturing and design innovation as a source of competitive advantage. For some time, Flymo has been categorised as 'Best in Class' within the powered gardening sector. The value of challenging for such an Award is that it has enabled Flymo the benchmark and assess itself against other UK industries."

College Open Evening

On Thursday 27th February from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College is holding its final Open Evening.

This is an opportunity for prospective students and parents to look at the facilities

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and to talk to staff and students about the courses available in September 1997. In addition, at 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm, the Principal, David Heaton, will give a general talk about the College.

An extensive range of academic and vocational courses is offered to suit most abilities. The College provides the widest choice of A Levels in the area with more than 30 subjects available; many of these also offer a number of syllabuses and options. The popularity and reputation of the vocational courses continues to grow with GNVQs in four key areas -Health and Social Care, Business, Leisure and Tourism and Media Studies.

There is a thriving adult education programme and the success of students on the Access Course and the Art and Design Foundation Course confirms that mature students can be confident of a high quality learning

Those uncertain about their career plans may consult the College Careers Counsellor or alternatively one of the advisers from the Careers Service who will also be present during the evening. The Vice Principal, Bob Tuddenham, invites those who have not yet visited the College to come to this evening. "We encourage students to look at all the alternatives so that an informed choice can be made. This Open Evening is an opportunity to find out what Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College can offer.'

A record intake of over 600, new full-time students enrolled at the College in September 1996. More than 340 students who completed their Advanced Level examinations at the College last summer progressed to universities in all parts of the country.

Under 11's on Target for Promotion

Aycliffe Under 11s - 8 Newham Rangers - 0 A great boost to the goal difference and another clean sheet for Aycliffe saw off Newham Rangers in a game affected by strong winds.

Playing with the wind in the 1st half, Newham created one or two chances but never looked likely to score, whereas Aycliffe's passing opened up play and produced openings

Within five minutes Aycliffe had scored as Jonathan Kellet ran at the defence only to see his shot rebound of the post with Michael Carr clipping the ball into the net. As the game wore on it was obvious that Aycliffe were going to dominate the 2nd half, and so it proved.

Shortly after the restart Brendan Hindle and David Judge combined to set Jonathan Kellet away and his perfect through ball was met by David Palmer who slammed it home. David Judge then got on the score sheet himself with a spectacular 35 yard effort. The defence cleared the ball but David struck a great reply and caught the keeper off his line

Ryan Wilson made it 4 as he returned a poor goal kick showing opportunism as he finished stylishly.

Some fine passing created no5

as the ball was played lon out of defence to Jona Kellet who played in Bre Hindle he then finished o move of the game.

Next came David Teder run at goal ended in a or one with the keeper which

slotted home superbly. The next goal nearly res in a headed effort by Donnelly but the ball cl the crossbar and bounced into play to be smashed

Sean himself. Finally, Brendan Hindle's his second and Aycliffe's e to complete the rout.

This win keeps Aycliffe place and promotion remains the number one to

Gardens Gu

The Garden's Guild S Hut will be open on Sur 2nd March 10am to 12 n Onion sets are in st although the plant seed and plugs will not be on until Sunday 9th March The Guild is a volun organisation run gardeners for gardeners is situated at the entran Clarence Chare allotm and caravan site.

New members will be n welcome - also we needing members to joil committee.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING GENERAL **DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995**

PUBLICITY FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Local Planning Authority has received the following applications:

Application No. 7/97/0035/DM

Location and Proposed Development Land at Aycliffe Equestrian Centre, Aycliffe Equestrian Centre, Woodham Newton Aycliffe RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Any representations about the proposals for planning per missions should be made, in writing, to me within 14 day from the date of the appearance of this Notice, or 21 day in any other case.

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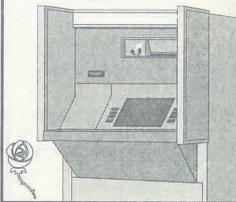
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auty expert Melanie Baldry looks good and feels good ause, not only is it her business to do that, but she has powen the award as 'Saks Beauty Salon of the Year'. d that has made super-achiever Melanie very proud the Saks Salon which she set up just a year ago, within Saks Hair Salon premises in Newgate Street, Bishop

chanie, aged 25, lives at The Grange in Woodham. She ended the Avenue Comprehensive School and has been

Beauty Therapist for 7 years.

e's shown national judges that her beauty salon is the st by demonstrating how a year-long activity programme s wooed a growing number of tentative County Durham ams and housewives to become loyal clients. Her client se has grown in 12 months to the level that impressed legs, along with her list of PR activities, charity events declars figures.

elanie was awarded the title at a recent national nference for the 50 Saks and Command Performance ir and beauty franchises in England and Scotland.

elanie came back to Bishop Auckland clutching a special pphy which is on display in the salon, and also the rtificate for being a top Beauty Achiever of the year. te came second nationally to Margaret Kerr, of St.

ocal girl and franchise manager, Melanie, is clearly proud her success. She said: "I am honoured to have won top lon in the country, and runner us as achiever. It's a ntastic record in the short time that Bishop Auckland aks has operated a beauty salon"

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Letter to the Editor

DISAGREEMENT WITHOUT BEING ABUSIVE

Dear Sir,

May I thank everyone who has written to me about the Avenue site, particularly Joanne Gallacher, who wrote so well in last week's 'Newton-News'.

Joanne did what many correspondents were unable to do: she disagreed without becoming abusive. And I agree with her:

I TOO WANT - a good entertainment complex on the Avenue site, with a bowling alley, a cinema and a MacDonalds. Alternatively, I want a high quality shopping mall.

But the question is not, 'What do we want' but 'What can we get!! And I don't think that such dreams are realistic possibilities.

It is not the job of the Town Council to provide such things: we have to wait for private enterprise to see an opportunity to make money out of Aycliffe and I don't think Aycliffe is large enough to attract a really good development. I HOPE - that I'm wrong. Perhaps County Hall will get a wonderful proposal tomorrow. But at the moment, no commercial developer has shown interest in the site. And this matter has dragged on for five years already!
IFEAR - that the Avenue site will fail to attract a first-class commercial development. I fear that we will end up with a second-rate, cheapskate development, which the County Council has to accept because government rules

force it to accept the highest

Newton Aycliffe is growing all the time, and so is its buying power. But I FEAR that in the future, when we could attract a thriving commercial centre, we will not be able to develop the Avenue site because of a few tacky retail units which we built foolishly in the 1990's and which are owned by a London developer who begrudges investment but maximises rents.

LET'S WAIT - perhaps, if we can't get a good mall or an entertainment complex now - we need to leave commercial development until we can do the job properly.

Let's tidy up the site into a nice park, which will allow us to 'seize the moment' when we get the chance in the future!

Yours faithfully

John D Clare

Letter to the Editor £60 AN HOUR TO REPRESENT

Dear Sir,

Newton Aycliffe Town Council is employing a Barrister to represent it in a forthcoming Industrial Tribunal in relation to the dismissal of the Town Clerk.

I believe the Town's Taxpayers have a right to know the cost of hiring this Barrister. It will cost £60 per hour (for meeting and preparing for the Tribunal) currently estimated at just over two hours - £600 for the Tribunal and £400 for each day thereafter.

At the Council meeting I strongly opposed the hiring of a Barrister and I pointed out that the Chief Executive is a trained Solicitor and is surely qualified to represent the Council's interest. I also pointed out that numerous voluntary organisations in the Town are desperately in need of cash injections but the Council always pleads poverty.

Too often the best interests of the Town are sacrificed on the altar of party politics.

I am sure the dominance of Local Government by party politics undermines effective local democracy and I believe it is essential therefore that elected representatives should not be forced to tow the party line.

As we have seen in the

past with the closure of the Avenue Comprehensive School, the attempted closure of Greenfield Comprehensive, the closure of Greenfield Aged Persons Home and the forthcoming closure of Horndale House, decisions are often taken which are not in the best interests of this Town, by the Labour controlled County, District and Town Councils. Yours sincerely

Tony Moore County Councillor

Collection For Victim Support

Victim Support is the National Charity which gives emotional support and practical help to Victims of Crime.

Victims of Crime. This year Victim Support week runs from February 22nd - March 1st.

To coincide with this Victim Support, Sedgefield District, will be fundraising in Newton Aycliffe town centre on Friday 28th February.

We will be holding a tombola stall and also a street collection between the hours of 10am and 4pm.

Please support your local Victim Support Scheme by either making a donation or trying your luck on our tombola stall.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

For further information or enquiries please contact:-Sue Hayles, Co-ordinator, Sedgefield Victim Support - Tel: 319263.

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WE INHERITED POORLY PLANNED TOWN CENTRE

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,
I should like to add to the ongoing debate about the future of our Town Centre.

Few would argue that the people of Aycliffe have inherited, from the 1970's Town planners, the legacy of a poor quality Town Centre. The architecture is disastrous and the whole Centre can feel dark, intimidating and unsafe. Surely this legacy does not have to be permanent.

Other North East towns and cities are actively regenerating their rundown areas. Morrisons have just announced their intention to build a new Town Centre for Killingworth, and Boots have started to rebuild part of the centre of Durham. The Tyne and Wear Development Corporation are making dramatic improvements to the quayside in Newcastle. To utilise the Avenue Site for a

to the quayside in Newcastle. To utilise the Avenue Site for a park would be a criminal waste of a marvellous opportunity. The absentee landlords appear to have only a financial interest in the Town Centre and despite the admirable intentions of the shopkeepers, will probably not be persuaded into effecting anything more than running repairs to the fabric of their buildings. However, if the Avenue site were thoughtfully

developed as a new Centre in competition with the existing and the present businesses encouraged to move into the new buildings, the landlords, deprived of their rent, would soon be forced to take decisive action.

Either, they would have to invest to improve significantly their shopping environment, in order to compete with the new Centre. Or they might be forced to cut their losses and sell the buildings to local property managers, at a low price, for them to improve.

This overall strategy would provide the opportunity to demolish some of the worst architecture and to enhance the remainder by the addition of traditional pitched roofs and new brickwork facades. The pedestrian areas could be substantially improved. Generally, a more open, safe and appealing environment could be created.

A community the size of Aycliffe needs and deserves a pleasant and thriving Town Centre. Our Councillors should work together to attract the necessary investment in order to achieve this aim.

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Yours sincerely N J Watts Alverton Drive

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Woodham Community Association Seek Chairman and **Treasurer - Urgently**

At an emergency meeting this week both the Chairman and Treasurer of Woodham Community Association tendered their resignations and as there is no one on the Committee available to take over these positions it was decided to appeal for volunteers.

The Secretary, Keith Bell has asked "Newton News" to help in the search for nominations from the Wodham community.

"These are important positions which must be filled or we face an uncertain future" said Keith. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and nominations are invited for Chairman and Treasurer to be elected at that meeting.

There must be people in Woodham who have a little spare time they can give to serve their community. The Centre itself provides a vital service to many organisations both young and old. It is run in an excellent way by the committee and the finances are very sound. Please consider this appeal seriously and ring the Secretary on 307905 if you require more details

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'ACTIV' started on January 7th and provides transport from school to the Centre every school day 3pm - 6pm during term time. Refreshments are available for children on arrival. Other activities available include computers, short tennis, snooker, games etc.

ACTIV' is funded initially by Durham TEC which has enabled the scheme to purchase quality equipment. For more information please contact Christian Life Centre, Woodham,

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Letter to the Editor

TONY MOORE HAS EARNED RESPECT

Re. Councillor John Clare's scathing letter about Councillor Tony Moore. Councillor Clare is a comparative newcomer in the field of politics, coopted I believe to Aycliffe Town Council. I am taking it upon myself to further his education, so here beginneth the first lesson:-1. A good Councillor does not resort to guttersnipe politics. The result will bring disrespect of the electorate.

2. You have to prove your worth by facing an electorate who will decide whether you are the sort of Councillor they wish to represent them and work for the interest of the community. Remember Councillor Clare they can just as soon vote you out,

People power is achieving more in this day and age then it ever did.

3. I would suggest that you emulate Councillor Moore, he has 25 years experience behind him as a Councillor, and you could learn a lot from him. He has faced the electorate many times, and has been into office continually, proving that he has earned the respect of the people in this town. He is a quiet! man who has learned the value of listening to his constituents, then quietly gets on with doing the best he possibly can in their interests.

What do you expect our Independent Councillors to do for us when you must be aware of the fact that they are heavily outvoted in all meetings, at County, Borough, and Local levels. I challenge Councillor Clare to support our Independent Councillor in future meetings, if you think what they are saying is right.

It's your moral duty to your constituents to oppose your own party if you think they are wrong. It's happening at National Level - not all of Tony Blair's followers agree with him about everything, and they let it be known.

I will follow Councillor Clare's political career with interest, and would like to see in the years to come that he has earned as much trust and respect as Councillor Tony Moore. G White

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FOOTBALL STAR PRESIDENT OF TOWN BRANCH



Sunderland AFC's record signing Niall Quinn has become the Honorary President of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Sunderland Supporters Association. He replaces previous President Brian Atkinson who left the Club at the end of last season to join Darlington FC.

Niall attended the Branch's Christmas function, along with 1973 Cup Final hero Mick Horswell and, after discussions with the Committee, agreed to become the new President.

The Branch, based at Newton Ayeliffe British Legion, has been in existence for three years and continues to go from strength to strength.

They are now recognised as one of the most pro-active and best organised Branches in the Association and the agreement of Niall to become President is a further feather in their cap.

As well as running coaches to both home and away games, they also organise various functions and have monthly meetings to discuss matters that concern the supporters and the football club in

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 27 February 1997 at the British Legion Club starting at 8.00pm. Existing members plus anybody else with an interest in Sunderland AFC are welcome to attend.

Further information on the Club and forthcoming functions/buses can be obtained from Secretary Stan Hall on 01325 313172.

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Heighington School's Sponsored Event Day

Quite recently Heighington Primary School had a sponsored event day. It was held on Thursday, 30th January 1997.

Parents, brothers or sisters, other relatives and friends could sponsor a child and give them money to give in to the school.
The Junior children did

ball bouncing, hockey slalom, running, skipping and bouncing a ball on a bat.

The Infant children did kicking a ball, hitting a ball, throwing a ball and catching a ball. How many times they did each event depended on their age. If they were 4 years old they did each event 4 times and if they were 5 years old they did each event 5 times.

Our target of money was £1200, we raised an amazing £1268.26.

The money was spent on a fabulous multi-media system for the library.

We can't forget to thank all the parents and relatives who helped us so much in getting our new exciting computer.

Bryan James

DEREGULATION OF TELEPHONES

Newton Press, since 1995, has been involved in telecommunications in Newton Aycliffe. Firstly by becoming agents for Cellnet and Vodaphone, then by moving up to a much superior service from the Darlington based company "Orange".

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Save Trees Cut the Size of Papers

Dear Sir.

Your correspondents letter in last weeks 'Newton News' gives misplaced praise to 'TreeSavers'. It is appalling that anyone can be profiting by the over use of paper and having a title that leads people to believe they are saving trees.

Several arrogant accusations are made regarding those who do not put out their papers for collection, with the rash comments that people 'lack thought for the environment and future generations'.

The thoughtlessness for the environment begins with the growing of trees on vast areas of land worldwide on what are no more than Tree Farms, where planting creates habitats for wildlife for a few years, only to be cut down and replanted, leaving vast tracts void of wildlife.

This could be avoided by most of us considering whether we really need a newspaper with umpteen supplements almost requiring a shopping trolley to carry it.

Also those thick freesheets which we allow to be shoved through our doors which seldom contain any news items not previously reported and are apparently rapidly thrown out, these can be stopped by informing the distributor. Many are now in favour of a tax on the delivery of free sheets, with a requirement of the publishers to ascertain whether people wish to have them through their letter-boxes.

It is good to see some areas of Newton Aycliffe where residents do not put out papers on the streets, these people appear to value their environment, perhaps others, when they come to advertise their homes for sale, may reconsider the self degrading of their own areas with bundles of papers.

Sedgefield Borough Council operate an adequate refuse collection service with wheelie bins suitable to collect all our household waste including unwanted papers.

The 'Newton News' is excluded from the above comments regarding freesheets - as it is of modest size and contains much local news, information and comment.

Name & Address supplied

Letter to the Editor

Town Council Against Post Office Changes

Dear Sir,

Councillor Fraser's letter last week annoyed me.

He knows full well that many Labour Councillors are deeply hostile to the moving of the Post Office - especially for the effect it will have on the Post Office staff.

Yet he makes it sound as though he is the only Councillor who cares about this matter.

He also knows full well that there is absolutely nothing that he, or the Town Council, or public opinion, or protests or petitions can do to stop it. And why? Because the Tory Government has moved Post Office Counters into the private sector, where it is

answerable to its investors, not to the public.

Councillor Fraser speaks of the 70 years of Labour politics as though they were a tragedy, not a blessing. May I remind him that 70 years ago children were running around in winter in bare feet and thin cotton dresses and the mine owners were screwing down the pitmen to longer hours for less pay.

The only tragedy is that for the last 17 years the Tories have been trying to take us back to those days!

I challenge Councillor Fraser to tell us how he will vote at the General Election - Labour or Tory?

Billy Blenkinsopp Town Councillor

MENTALLY BANKRUPT COUNCILLORS!

Dear Sir,

There is nothing quite as depressing as reading about elected public officials sniping at each other instead of coming up with ideas that can drive this Town forward to being a more pleasant place to live, work and shop in.

If we get the government we deserve, then the reason we have such mentally bankrupt public representatives is our fault for electing them unopposed time after time. Surely in a Town this size we ought to be able, irrespective of party wrangling, to come up with people who are able enough and can devote the time to get the Town into a shape that we can all be

proud of.

However if we do not take a pride in our own immediate environment, as patently many do not letting their houses and gardens look scruffy, allowing their children to abuse their own environment and deface it with litter and graffiti, then even such people have an uphill task.

At the risk of being naïve, let us look positively at what we all can do to improve our own few square yards of living space and respect other people's.

Maybe then we will get the Town we deserve. Yours faithfully Chris Greenwell Crosby Road

Under 10's Best Performance

N/A Under 10s - 5 Billingham Boys - 1

Last Sunday, Aycliffe Under 10's returned to League action & beat second placed Billingham with one of their best performances of the season in atrocious, windy conditions. Battling against a biting wind in the first half, Aycliffe's midfield soon imposed themselves on the game with Matthew Dodds having a header cleared off the line and Liam Cooper rattling the side-

After 10 minutes however a through ball caught out the Aycliffe defence allowing a Billingham forward to put the visitors ahead giving goalkeeper Michael Francis no chance.

Against the wind, Ayeliffe continued to force the pace and Liam Cooper brought a spectacular save from the visiting goalkeeper with a thunderous shot.

Minutes later, Liam was not to be denied when he pounced on a rebound from Carl Robinson's cracking shot to level the scores just before halftime.

In the second half, with the wind behind them, Aycliffe totally dominated proceedings. After two minutes Mattie Laverick-Elliott had a shot cleared off the line before Stewie Owen cracked home a thunderous free kick from the edge of the area after Liam Cooper had been brought down.

John Johnston was then unlucky as his shot hit the crossbar and his follow-up header hit the post.

Liam Cooper then took on the visiting defence and almost broke the back of the net with a screamer from the edge of the box. Substitute Michael Purves was then pushed in the penalty area and cracked home the penalty himself to score Aycliffe's fourth.

There was still time for Mattie Laverick-Elliott to have another effort cleared off the line before he was able to head home Aycliffe's fifth.

Stewie Owen was adjudged
'man of the match' for his
excellent defensive duties and
always causing havoc with his
dead-ball skills. A welldeserved win for the lads who
all gave 100% commitment in
appalling conditions after their
two recent cup-tie defeats. Even
the parents were playing
football on the sidelines to try
and keep warm!

NEWTON AYCLIFFE JUDO CLUB

Grading Results

Senior members of the Judo Club took part in the senior grading held at Sunderland's Crowtree Leisure Centre on Monday 10th February.

Congratulations to Janet Cartwright who competed brilliantly winning top green belt. Steve Coad also fought well winning brown belt 1st Kyu although Mike Connell fought extremely well, no points this time.

On Sunday 16/2 the junior members of the Club competed in the junior gradings held at Darlington's Larchfield Centre all competed well and were a credit to the Club gaining the following results:

- 8th Mon - 8th Mon Tom Morgan Leon Pugh James Sanderson - 6th Mon - 8th Mon Andrew Cartwright - 6th Mon 5th Mon - 7th John Atkinson Mon Natalie Ross - 6th Mon Nikki Ross - 3rd Mon - 5th - 4th Mon Ashley Bailey - 5th Geoffrey Richardson - 1st Mon 4th Mon - 1st Mon Garath Purvis Mon Peter Bagle - Novice - 3rd Mon Georgina Richardson Lydsay Peters 2nd Mon

Shaun Robinson - Novice - 1st Mon
Congratulations also to Jim Ross, Steve Coad and Mike Kent who
all successfully completed the B.J.A. Club Coach Course and are
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Both Senior and Junior members of the Club are competing in a 3 star competition at Newcastle's Lightfoot Centre on Sunday 23rd February, Good luck to all.

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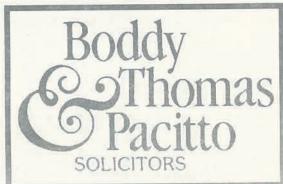
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Or, why not choose an Escort Freedom which comes with all of the above and a 1.4 litre engine for the lower price of £10,495 on the road, making it definitely one of the cars to be seen in this season.

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The latest Woolworths competition is 'Hunchback of Notre Dame', which is released on 26th February. If you are between 6 and 12 years old, draw your entry of Esmerelda and Hunchback together on a blank A4 sheet

When completed hand it in to an Assistant in Woolworths before Saturday 1st March 1997.

The winner will receive the Hunchback video and a goodie bag and the runner-up will win a Woolies good bag. The winner of the 'Independence Day' competition was

14 year old David Payne.

David's picture was the Woolie's team favourite and he

won the Independence Day video. The next competition will be in next week's 'Newton

News'. It will give children the chance of winning a bouquet of flowers for their mother on Mother's Day (9th March) - so don't miss that in next week's issue.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE POOL LEAGUE 1996 - 1997 SEASON

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British Legion 'A'	35	144	22	20	186
British Legion 'B'	33	138	28	18	184
the Acom	34	101	14	24	142
Oaktree	34	106	16	16	138
Dandy Cart	34	86	18	22	126
Iron Horse	34	87	15	11	113
Turbinia 'A'	34	83	14	13	110
Oakleaf Complex	33	87	11	9	107
N/A Sports Club	34	75	12	15	103
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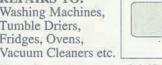
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Under 16's Lose

On Sunday 16/2 Aycliffe Under 16's, who are 3rd in the League, entertained 4th place Nunthorpe.

The weather was wet and windy, Nunthorpe had the first half advantage of the wind and it didn't take them long to score from a cross that should have been cut out by Chris Wilson in the 6th minute.

After 10 minutes, following a push in the back, Aycliffe were warded a penalty, Will Swinburn stepped up and hit it wide - I must say that he was going to take it three times but Nunthorpe players were pushing an Aycliffe player on the edge of the box, the referee blamed this on Steven Brown, when it was not his fault -Nunthorpe went further ahead after 15 minutes following some good football which split the Aycliffe defence.

Steven Brown was given the yellow card after 30 minutes for a bad foul. Aycliffe held on until half-time to keep it at 2-0 to Nunthorpe.

Aycliffe very nearly scored early in the 2nd half but the ball was cleared of the line. With the wind behind them Aycliffe reduced the arrears after 50 minutes with a rare Will Swinburn header.

This should have been a signal for Aycliffe to press forward but instead it was the opposite, Aycliffe lost their shape and allowed Nunthorpe to take control. Nunthorpe scored twice within ten minutes. The first was bad defending and the second was a bad fumble from Chris Wilson. Aycliffe reduced the arrears again from a Will Swinburn free kick which the Nunthorpe goalkeeper fumbled and Andrew Etherington followed in to score with one

Aycliffe must learn to use the conditions to their full advantage and not to lose their shape.

This was a very poor team performance when they know they can do far, far better.

In association with Lansing Linde - Nelson, Chipchase and Great Lakes - Daniel Plews was Man-of-the-Match.

TRAVELLERS **TALES**

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Samantha Greenwood



19th February 1997 Happy 18th birthday Have a great party Lots of love Mam XX

GREENWOOD, Samantha Happy birthday to my Mammy on her 18th birthday from your little boy Declan with lots of love and kisses

GREENWOOD, Samantha Have a great 18th birthday, all our love Andrea and Martin GREENWOOD, Samantha all my love on your 18th birthday from Nana GREENWOOD, Samantha is

18 today, she's had some fun along the way, but now it's legal and party time, she's getting drunk on beer and wine, you'll get plenty of prezzies and lots of loot, and when you can't walk our car has a boot. We hope you have a really great day, with lots of laughs long the way. From Mandy, Jeff, Nicola and David GREENWOOD Samantha happy 18th birthday, lots of love Linzi, Catherine - PS enjoy your party PICKERSGILL, Andrew

Happy 18th birthday, love Mam, Dad and Lisa JOANNE SMITH 27-2-97 Happy 18th birthday lots of love from Mam, Dad, David

and Sarah ANDREW DOCHERTY 26-2-97, Just to wish you a very happy birthday, loadsa love Claire XXX MATTHEW FISK

Congratulations on your engagement to Leanne Thompson, 11-2-97, all the best to you both, love Mum and sisters and families DANIEL BARNES 19-2-97,

to my little pride and joy, happy 1st birthday, lots of love and kisses Mammy and Alan TO MY GREEK God, happy birthday, lots of love Tracy

HAPPY 30th Birthday Ginger Mary, love from everyone at Elderwood JULIE TEMPLE 23rd

February, congratulations on your 21st birthday, suppose I'll have to stop calling you baby now? Lots of love from Mam and Dad Mortimer, Marti and Pellow XX

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JOEL HOGGARTH Happy birthday to a lovely grandson, love Gran and Grandad PEACOCK 21-2-97 Happy

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love Ali, Coxy, Kyle
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Lyndsey Black, 20-2-97, have
a great time, love Firthy X
IRIS HILL (23-2-97) Congratulations Mam on your 70th birthday, also celebrating 45 years of marriage, love to Mam and Dad, have a lovely day Sandra XX IRIS HILL 23-2-97. Best

wishes Iris on your special day (Sunday). Also congratulations to you both on your 45th wedding anniversary, have a lovely day, Shirley XX

IRIS HILL Congratulations on your birthday Aunty Iris, lots of love Denise, Gemma and Amy XXX

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JOHN AARAN HUGHES 22nd Feb 1992. The days are long and lonely, the nights are longer still, the tears we cry we hide inside, the pain is never seen. Till the day we meet again, our hearts are broken in two, but our love for you sweetheart, will keep to see us through. Always and forever in our thoughts Mam, Dad, Garry, Paul, Vicky and Nan RENA HUMBLE 25-2-95. Two years have come and passed us by, but we still find tears to make us cry, in our hearts you will always stay, thoughts of a dear friend will never fade away, love Firthy RENA HUMBLE 24-2-95 Sadly missed, always in our thoughts, love from Swires LINDA SMITH 22-2-96. Thinking of you today and everyday, Ian

LINDA SMITH 22-2-96. Love you, miss you Adam LINDA SMITH Nana we really miss you, you were the best nana, we will never forget you, love Lyndsay & Aidan LINDA SMITH 22-2-96. It's

a year since I lost my Mam, my best friend and a piece of me, but in my heart and in my head your still with me every second of the day, I love you and miss you more than anything Mam, until the day we are together again love. we are together again, love

LINDA SMITH 22-2-96. A year has passed since we last saw you Linda, but we love and miss you more and more each day, Ann, Joanne, Louise LINDA SMITH Missing you today and every day, love always Debbie, Jade and Ellie LINDA SMITH Loving thoughts and dar sister, love

LINDA SMITH Died 22nd February 1996. My thoughts of you Linda are in a lovely garden, at rest, gardens we so much enjoyed. Fond much enjoyed. Fond memories of many happy times, Aunty Elsie LINDA SMITH 22-2-96.

Loving thoughts of a dear cousin, rest peacefully, Norma, Ray and family LINDA SMITH Died 22nd February 1996. Dearest and most treasured friend, the ones

we love don't go away, she walks beside us every day, in our hearts forever, Margaret JONES Precious memories of a special Mam, fell asleep 22nd February 1996. They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal, but neither time

nor reason, will change the way I fell. For no-one knows the heartache, that lies beyond my smiles, no-one knows how many times, I've broken down and cried. I want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt, you are so wonderful to think of Mam, but so hard to live without. Loved and missed sop much your daughter Melanie XX JONES Precious memories of

my wife, June, fell asleep February 22nd 1996. Thank you for the years we shared, the love you gave, the way you cared, behind my smile is a broken heart, for the wife I loved with all my heart. So sadly missed, your loving husband Bryan XX EDITH NEW (nee Verney)

Died 25th February 1996. Dear wife, mother and nana, always in our hearts you will remain, with all our love till we meet again. Brian and

ALLINSON Mary Elizabeth 24-2-94. Forever in our thoughts, love and miss you, Mam from Chris and Brian NANEY DIXON Died 24-2-96. Time heals many things, but not the memory this day

brings, remembered always with love daughters Margaret and Joan JOE HOBSON 22-2-93.

Never more than a thought away, sadly missed, love Jean and Auntie FERGUSON Stuart, died 17-2-96. The tears on our

pillow we can wash away, the pain in our hearts will always stay. Loving daughter Irene & family X
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would like to thank family and friends for their kindness, support, beautiful floral tributes and cards during their recent sad loss. Special thanks also to Michelle for her sermon and prayers. RAY PLUMB I would like to

thank everyone who attended my surprise birthday party and particularly anyone involved in its organisation for a very special night to remember. Again, thanks for the cards and generous gifts, all were much appreciated.
MRS S ALLINSON (Sally)

would like to thank all my many friends, the committee and members of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion for the lovely cards and good wishes received during my recent stay in hospital. A special thanks to all my family and Dr Cunliffe for their care and support STELLA MOSSOP I wish to

thank all my friends at Avon Court, also Kelly and Stephen, Avril and Peter, Peggy and Susan for the gifts and cards received on my birthday and the lovely day out - thank you

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HUNTSMEN TO LOSE MANANGER

Huntsman - 6 AFC Cockerton - 0 in association with J&C Coaches.

Huntsman simply cleared this minor hurdle in their quest for league glory last Sunday after Stuart Hodgson issued a major Club statement, writes Martin Walker.

Hodgson kept with his side that thrashed British Legion 5-1 three weeks ago - but for the exclusion of Martin Haigh, who is likely to be out of action for the rest of the season after a hernia operation.

The five-man defence, with three in midfield and two up from, wasn't working as well as the derby clash with the Legion, but Huntsman weren't made to fight for maximum points



Wayne Marram, who was brought back into the side after Haigh's departure, scored twice while Morgan Fielding also

Jim Theo McCabe broke away for the love shackles of Karen - ball and chain, handcuffs etc., - to score midway through the second half. 'Scapegoat' brothers, myself and Russel Hodgson, were brought on for the final half hour and we both

The result keeps Huntsman joint top of the league with neighbours British Legion.

The Man-of-the-match was again Morgan Fielding, while the Minger-of-the-match award was given to gaffer Stuart Hodgson - for reasons that will soon become apparent.

TEAM: Kent 7, R. Walker 8, D. Lee 8, McCabe 8, Partridge 8, T. Walker 8, C. Walker 7, Travis 7, FIELDING 9, Lothian 7, Marram 8. Subs: M. Walker 8, R. Hodgson 8.

This week, Huntsman travel to Shildon as they take on out of form Fox and Hounds in the second round of the ASE Cup. Huntsman are likely to be without striker Rob Lothian.

HODGSON RESIGNING? -Director of Football Stuart Hodgson (pictured) has landed himself a lucrative position down in London - and will only be in the North East on

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He will inevitably miss some weekends - which has prompted him to appoint an Assistant Manager. The Assistant will pick the side when Hodgson isn't available. Hodgson will be home on most occasions and, when he is, the Assistant will work hand in hand with Hodgson to run the side. This arrangement is only until the end of the season.



Hodgson has said in the past that he will never appoint an Assistant while he's in the hotseat but these extreme circumstances have altered

Experienced centre-back and wise-talking Dave Lee is the man who Hodgson has decided to do the job. Some are already saying that Hodgson is grooming Lee for the top job in the summer, when Hodgson is expected to resign from the Club completely. But Lee will have his work cut

out to achieve what Hodgson has already achieved - the most successful every season for Huntsman.

Due to a couple of problems, the 'History of Hodgson ...at the Huntsman' cannot be included with this weeks report. Besides, it would probably be a little more fitting nearer the end of the season.

This weeks poser: What Nation was the first to win the World Cup on home soil after 1934? (Answer next week).

Last weeks poser: What Englishman was nicknamed 'Atilla the Hun' by his Italian fans? (Answer: Mark Hateley).

Diary **Dates for** Country

Sunday, 23rd February Circular Walk to Trimdon

A 9 mile walk including Winterton and the site of the former Fishburn Coke Works, now with its developing woodlands and pond. Lunch stop at pub in Trimdon (bring sandwiches) and return to Sedgefield via Salters Lane and

Butterwick Moor. Monday, 24th Feb Group Meeting

7.30pm at the Parish Hall in Sedgefield. Sedgefield Parish (not Borough) matters only. Monday, 21st April

Group Meeting 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Sedgefield

Sunday, 27th April Thorpe Thewles

An extension of the Shotton Circular to include the Castle Eden Walkway. Pub lunch in Thorpe Thewles before returning via Stillington (12 miles)

Unless stated otherwise the meeting point for the above events is outside the Post Office, Rectory Sedgefield, at 10am. (This is on the south side of the village green).

Please note that children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear boots or strong shoes since some of the paths may be very muddy.

It is also recommended that all walkers carry waterproof clothing.

For more information please contact the group's Chairman, Ken Brown on 01740 620871 (evenings) or 01325 351736 (daytime) or Secretary, Geoff Hughes on 01740 620928.

Family Service

Everyone is invited to share in the FAMILY WORSHIP at Burnhill Way Methodist Church (near the Turbinia) on Sunday 23rd February at 10.45am.

This is a special service suitable for everyone from the youngest to the oldest and this month the theme will be 'Thinking'.

Also, on Sunday 23rd in the evening at 6pm Burnhill Way Church is holding a SONGS OF PRAISE service where we shall have a good sing of some favourite hymns.

Once again the service will be suitable for all ages and everyone is welcome.

TA v Aycliffe RUFC (Vets) xv Aycliffe lost narrowly in this closely battled fixture. The TA maintained a lead throughout the game which was totally against the run of

It seemed Aycliffe could not 'walk and chew gum' at the same time on Sunday.

'Stormin' Norman Hardwick tried to rally his pack with quiet words of psycho-analytical philosophies (and other bodily threats) to no avail.

The final quarter of the match was an abundance of blood, sweat, guts, Complan and Grecian 2000.

Aycliffe made some excellent attacks but time ran out for them and their valiant 'over

The TA won 13-12. At least Flyn's diner had a good day! Can I apologise for omitting the last couple of games reports - It is now back to normal! Thanks for coming. Sponsored by Great Lakes Chemicals (Europe) Ltd.

Query on Heavy

Residents of Hopelands in Heighington Village were very curious to hear why there was a heavy police presence in their area last

Friday night at 1am. They report seeing six panda cars, two patrol cars, a riot van and a police dog handling team - all there for

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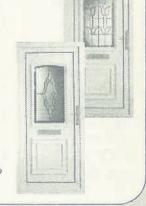


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