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Front Page Letter

TOWN COUNCIL CALL SPECIAL MEETING ON **DEVLOPMENT OF** AVENUE SCHOOL SITE

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have read with interest recent letters in the 'Newton News' about how the Avenue should developed.

As a result, as leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council, I brought the matter to a recent meeting of the Council's Environment Committee.

It was decided to call a special Council Meeting to reassess remind to planners what the people of Aycliffe want from the site.

Representatives from Sedgefield Borough Council and Durham County Council will be invited to that meeting. I assure readers of the 'Newton News', as a Town and a Borough Councillor, that I will ensure that all their development of the site - and their fears about its future - will be fully represented at that meeting.

Yours faithfully Bob Councillor Fleming

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T.A. Men Join Regulars Overseas



Three members of 124 Recovery Company (Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers) volunteers at Newton Aycliffe have volunteered their skills and expertise to the regular army in the former Yugoslavia.

Lance Corporal Adrian Sheehan aged 30, from Newton Aycliffe, left to start training for an operational tour in the former Yugoslavia on 3rd March. Adrian is a Class 2 Recovery Mechanic at 124 Recovery Company, (Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers) in Newton Aycliffe. He joined the TA in 1995 after recovering from cancer. He was diagnosed shortly after finishing a 10 year career with the Royal Engineers serving in Germany, Belgium, Cyprus, Canada and the Falkland Islands. It took 18 months of treatment before he was able to overcome his illness. He

said he couldn't wait to get back into 'green', and the TA gave him just that chance. In his training to become a Recovery Mechanic he excelled all expectations and gained the title of Best Student at a recent camp because, not only had he attained the basic class 3 but he also achieved the higher grade of Class 2. He explained, "my exceptional result was probably due to the fact that it was an interesting course and my previous army technical experience also helped." Along side him on this trip will be Craftsman Jason Atkinson, aged 28 from Crook and Craftsman Shaun Stollery aged 32 from Darlington. Shaun returned from an operational tour of the former Yugoslavia in November 1996. He said "It's one off the best things I've ever done. I highly recommend it. My TA training has allowed me to work alongside my Regular Army counterparts. I'm really looking forward to this next tour." If you want to have the opportunity to do something like this then why not join the TA and 'Be the Best'.

If you are interested and want to learn a new skill, why not give us a ring at Newton Aycliffe on

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FACTORY BOSS FIGHTS COUNCIL

George Reynolds, owner of Direct Worktops at Shildon was in Aycliffe this week measuring the noise levels of our factories.

He is at loggerheads with Sedgefield Borough Council who say he has to lower the decibel count at his plant or face legal enforcement.

George who has already spent £1.3million on noise control, insists his factory is no noisier than others and has taken time off to prove the point.

He has purchased the same equipment used by the Council's Environment Officers to take readings of factories in this area and has come up with some amazing findings.

The Council say he must operate at no more than 65 decibels during the day and 55 at night and he is just over this limit.

But readings at factories and plants Mr. Reynolds visited show that they are noisier than Direct Worktops.

Fujitsu and Hydro Polymers perimeter readings show 78 decibels and if a car goes by it shoots up another 6 decibels.

Newton Press, with only two printing machines running, registers 78 decibels.

At an Engineering firm at Hackworth Industrial Estate in Shildon, which is only 400 yards away from a residential area, the decibel count was 76.

George Reynolds says he will go to Court and plead guilty to being over the British Standard, but if he has to comply he will insist that every other factory in the Borough does the same and the cost would be astronomical.

"I believe I have proved the Council to be wrong" said George. "Either it is a definite case victimisation or the levels are set too low" he added. The Borough Council comments are as follows:

"In May 1995 the planning permission for the factory contained conditions relating to noise, and at a recent meeting the Council's Development Committee was informed that the Company was in breach of these conditions.

As a result the Committee agreed that Notices be served on the Company in an effort to get it to comply.

The Committee also agreed that in the event of the Notices not being complied with, enforcement action would be

The permitted levels of noise from the site - both day-time and night time have been set in accordance with British Standards, with the intention of protecting the public from unnecessary disturbance and must not be confused with a Statutory Noise Nuisance under the Environment Protection Act which is based upon different criteria. These noise levels imposed by the Council also comply with the guidelines set by the World Health Organisation and are considered to be reasonable and achievable."

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club's Leek Club are holding an Easter Money Draw.

There are 10 prizes: 1st £100; 2nd £75; 3rd £50; 4th £25; 5th £15; 6th £10; 7th £5; 8th £5; 9th £5: 10th £5

Only 1000 tickets are to be sold, which are available from any Leek Club member.

Tickets are 50p each - to be drawn on 27th March 1997 - (promoted by the committee).

MARTIAL ART CLASS

Newton Aycliffe's local Jaruenmong Muay Thai Camp have begun a New Starters Class at a new venue.

Jaruenmong Muay Thai has the reputation for having superb training as is evident from the results of the competitions entered.

It is not only in the ring where the quality of the Camp is evident. The Instructors place a high significance on respect and loyalty.

Muay Thai can be a positive attribute to many people of differing ages, background and

The new Senior starters class is held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Beveridge Arcade, on Sunday from 3 -

Mail Order Warning

I would like to warn readers of the 'Newton News' about doing any business with a Mail Order Catalogue called 'HEALTHOUSE Liverpool'.

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repaid. These sort of firms should be blacklisted as they don't deserve good honest custom.

Yours Sincerely J. Lawler Greathead Crescent

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CONSERVATION AREAS) REGULATIONS 1990 PUBLICITY FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS The Local Planning Authority has received the following

(Applications for Planning Permission)

Location and Proposed Development

North Briton Pub, High Street, Aycliffe 7/97/0076/DM

> ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION TO PUBLIC HOUSE

(Applications for Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)

Copies of the applications and plans which have been received for consideration are available for inspection at the Council Offices, Spennymoor during normal office

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

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 any representations made are available for public inspection.

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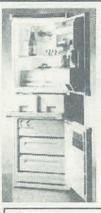
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Sedgefield District Victim Support held a fund-raising day during Victim Support Week.

This included a tombola stall in Newton Aycliffe town centre on Friday 28th February.

The staff and volunteers were encouraged by the positive response they received. The total amount raised via donations and the tonibola was £166.

Our sincere thanks go to the following donations:-

Aladdins Cave, Boots, Boyes, The Builders Arms, Celtar 5, Floral Charm, The Gretna Hotel, Hardings, Taylors Newsforce, Occasions and all members of the public who supported us.

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The sponsored Challenge started at 6am and finished at about 9pm and was carried out in lovely weather raising over £600 for Howtown's Charitable Trust which provides funds to enable 'needy' children to attend its excellent Outdoor Centre by providing financial support when, without it, they would be unable to attend.

Many thanks are in order to those who gave this event support by making donations these included Flymo and Fujitsu but particularly the many small 'sponsors

Picture shows members of Woodham Teaching Staff (Mike Priestly, Gary Culter, Bill Robson) handing over a cheque to Mr Steve Mitchell, Director of Howtown Centre of Outdoor Education in Cumbria.

Race

The Grocers Benevolent

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Can We Afford Town Centre Presence?

My vote against relocation, delivery of services from our Town Centre Post Office, was recorded. Was any other?

Is this the same man who campaigned as a 'Local Independent Candidate' being 'A best voice for Aycliffe'? Was voted on committees as an Independent, then joined the Labour Party? Now he condemns Councillors who

important conversion to

D.C.C. aim to market the Avenue site this summer. Developments will depend on the planning brief and

June 1996, on prime locations they could have important 'siteimpact'.

£2,450,000, the development costs might double that. Where will £2-£5 million come from? Lottery Funding depends on tenure of site GATC don't have. Lottery money is not a substitute for anything Councils could or should provide for.

The Commission for New site for education use to D.C.C. 'claw-back' compensation by C.N.T. for increased site values!

The site was not part of transfers to the Town Council. Have they got one penny from C.N.T. for claims made on their transfers? How can GATC get money from C.N.T. for options on a County Council site? Is this proposed GATC funding a

Office or the Recreation Centre? Residents use both and would cost £2-£5 million! Site-

With Council Taxes set to take how much more can residents presence'? Don Fraser

Woodham & Ayc. Nth Wards

Aycliffe Thai Boxers Compete with Best in Bangkok

Newton Aycliffe's local Jaruenmong (Kings Cobra) Muay Thai Camp's British Champions Gary McAlister and Lee Smith returned to Britain last week having achieved great success in Bangkok at the World Championships.

Competing against the best in the World from 60 countries, Newton Aycliffe's own Champions reached the Quarter Finals. Despite a severe foot injury in his first fight Lee continued to compete.

These young men have brought fame and recognition to the Town and its Muay Thai Camp, Jaruenmong (Kings Cobra) in a land on the other side of the

Within the Halls of Bangkok National Stadium hangs a huge portrait of Lee Smith.

Further along are pictures from the visit to Newton Aycliffe by the International Thai Delegation from 2 years ago and Gary McAlister's campaign is entered in the year book

Despite the difficulties faced by these International Amateur Athletes in getting to the Championships they have brought fame and glory to this Town and we should be proud and supportive of them.

Thank you Lee and Gary and Well Done!

Home for the Winter



Robert Lister, former Golf Pro at the Oakleaf Sports Complex is back home in School Aycliffe waiting for the new season when he resumes his teaching job at a Golf Club in Austria. He is giving lessons at Ramside Hall Golf Course where he will be pleased to see old and new clients. Robert can be contacted on 311439 or 0802 419639 for lessons Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Night

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10 Races on film with tote betting, Bar and light refreshments.

Ref. Cllr. Blenkinsopp's letter. Socialism?

commercial interest shown.

voice alternatives?

Will he publish when he joined the Labour Party? When he has been so silent about such an

The County Council sent costing on GATC options, in Costings were: (a) £2,050,000 (b) £1,000,000 (c)

Newton Aycliffe is not in an area which qualifies for EEC funding. That funding for this region is under stringent

Towns transferred the Avenue 'Change of Use' will attract

realistic option? If GATC want a Town Centre

presence, why not in the Library? Or, in the Housing both have good access. Neither

off like GATC rockets in April, pay for a local Council



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Good Result for U10's

Hardwick Youth U10 - 1 Newton Aycliffe U10 - 6 Last Sunday, Aycliffe Under 10's travelled to galestricken Stockton and came away with a thoroughly professional victory which, with leaders Allstars not in league action, enabled them to regain top spot.

Against a howling gale in the first half, it was all hands to the pump to survive until half-time and Michael Francis made a good save within the first five minutes. 3 minutes later, in Aycliffe's first real attack John Johnston popped up in the box to put the lads ahead. Aycliffe's defence were using the offside trap to excellent effect but for some reason after a home corner the referee ignored three Hardwick forwards lying offside and the home side equalised. A half-time score of 1-1 was a great achievement by the youngsters.

With the wind behind them in the second half, Aycliffe tore into the opposition and within minutes Stewie Owen

cracked home a left-footer from the edge of the box. John Johnston then lobbed the keeper for Aycliffe's third before Carl Robinson slotted in a rebound and Stewie Owen added his second. Towards the end Michael Rippon was unlucky when his shot was somehow blocked on the line but Marc Smith cracked home Aycliffe's sixth after a precision through ball by Mattie Laverick-Elliott.

All-in-all, a well disciplined performance by the lads with some exquisite finishing by the forwards, just like Ken Wagstaffe. - (for younger readers he was Hull City's hero of the 60's).

Stewie Owen was awarded the man-of-the-match for his two goals & left-foot trickery.

This Sunday (9th) the lads entertain Tontine Juniors at Vane Road Primary School (KO 11.00am). If anyone can cast a spell so we have a calm, wind-free morning, it will be greatly appreciated. All supporters welcome.

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Under 12's Draw with

On Sunday 23rd Feb. Aycliffe Under 12's played Stockton West End in a League game.

Aycliffe Under 12's kicked against the wind in the first half and put up a very strong display with J Bates playing well at the back and Aycliffe man-of-match Craddock solid in midfield.

The chances in the first half were very scarce with Craddock going close with a header from a good cross by Wright.

Stockton took the lead just before half-time, 0-1.

With the wind Aycliffe grew in stature and got the equaliser when Peddelty laid a good ball to Cairns then drew a couple of defenders away, for Cairns to turn and put it past the Stockton's keeper.

Aycliffe then introduced Turnbull into the game, who made an impact straight away by scoring Aycliffe's second goal with a hard right shot into the right corner.

Aycliffe then kept their lead when Dickinson produced an excellent save to push a fierce shot round the post.

Aycliffe then brought Laing and Craggs on to replace some tired legs

With just one minute left Aycliffe were caught trying to play offside, the ball went over the top and a Stockton striker put the ball over Dickinson to equalise. Final Score 2-2.

Team: Dickinson, Bates J, Bates C, (Craggs), Vickerstaff, Thorne, Craddock, Wright, Bowtell, Tarling, (Turnbull), Cairns, Peddelty (Laing).

Subs: Jones, Emmerson. Hard Luck Lads!

Sanyo 'Adopt' Byerley Park School



As part of Sanyo's drive towards environmental management, it was decided to adopt a school, to impress on the next generation the necessity of environmental protection. To this end Sanyo adopted the children of Byerley Park Infants and Junior School. Along with a competition to design the best environmental poster, the children were promised a visit to the Aycliffe site to see microwave ovens being built and to see what Sanyo are doing to improve the environment. The children were accompanied by Mr Alan Hunt the School Headmaster and the response from the children was very enthusiastic, asking some very searching questions. The winners of the environmental posters were presented with their prizes at an earlier presentation. Alan Newey the Environmental Health and Safety Officer remarked that the standard was very high and that other companies could well benefit from similar adoption schemes. The simplistic views and suggestions from the children were a real eye opener.

Picture shows the children of Byerley Park School, along with Mr Hunt (Headmaster), Alan Newey (Environmental Health and Safety Officer) and Leigh Nicholson (Personnel Assistant) at Sanyo.

HUNTSMEN SLAM

Chairman Tony Travis called for a higher standard of referees after their defeat, which leaves the Club with as much chance of winning the League as Middlesbrough escaping relegation from the

Premiership - but I tell you what, I'd love it, absolutely love it, if

Blunder ref. Gary Preston, put in charge of this crucial match for

Huntsman, was incompetent of stamping any authority on the game.

D.C.S. players moaned at him throughout - two of which should

have been shown cards. Then when a home side attacker broke away

to score amid shouts of off-side from Huntsman defenders, Preston's

would have been if he had given off-side could well have foundation.

Assistant gaffer Dave Lee was furious with the ref. and also furious

with his players. He said: "I've never seen such a low standard of

refereeing, but we were absolutely rubbish, and we can't pin the

defeat on decisions that went against us during the game. Doing

that just worsens our position both during a game and at the end of

Huntsman didn't have a man-of-the-match, but Tony Kent was

TEAM: Kent 4, R. Walker 6, Lee 6, McCabe 6, Partridge 7, T. Walker 7, Travis 6, C. Walker 6, M. Walker 6, Marram 6. Subs: Fielding 7, Ledbetter 6, R. Hodgson 6.

The result fades any hopes of a top position for Huntsman come the end of the season - but they can battle on for a runner-up spot. British Legion can now walk away with the championship providing

(Up to and including 2/3/97)

This week, Huntsman play at home to Hole in the Wall. These two are yet to meet this season - but it should be an entertaining game.

This weeks poser: Who was the first England player to be the leading scorer at the end of the World Cup finals? (Answer next

week) Last weeks poser: Bronzed icon Neil Partridge - he works

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they don't slip up between now and the end of the campaign.

Huntsman didn't help themselves in the first place. They matche the schoolboy refereeing with a schoolboy standard of play - and

paid the price with a costly defeat.

the day in the League table."

adjudged the minger-of-the-match.

P W D
British Legion 16 14 1
Huntsman 18 12 3

Huntsman

excuse was that the goal-scorer wasn't interfering with play?! Suspicions that he was afraid what the reaction of the D.C.S. players

No Escape From Dirty Dog Owners

Dear Editor,

When we recently moved into an area where there are no grass verges outside the houses, I thought our problems with dog-dirt would be over.

No such luck! - The people who use our street as a short-cut from the Burn to the Town Centre, let their dogs relieve themselves on the pavements anyway,

even if it is right outside someone else's front gate

There is no hope at all of there ever being a solution to this problem, when the evidence before our eyes is that the majority of dogowners just don't care, no matter how much people complain.

Yours faithfully (Name & Address supplied

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ire being accused of jacking up" rents of shops hey own in Newton Aycliffe. A prospective tenant was told e would have to submit a bid or the shop exceeding £4,000 er annum.

And as there was another nterested party an element of ompetition was introduced esulting in bids over £5,000. Inlike the sealed tender policy

Council each bidder knew what the other was bidding. Now other shopkeepers in the area, who are paying half this amount, are worried that they will have to come up to this

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The "Benchmark" system is responsible for the demise of our town centre. Landlords obtain a higher rent from a newcomer and then existing tenants have to pay the same, as it can be proved at an arbitration hearing that a market level has been established.

We asked the Borough Council to comment:

Sedgefield Borough Council had two vacant shops to let in Newton Aycliffe. One was advertised in October 1996 at offers over £4,000pa. three offers of between £4,000 and £4,300pa were received and the highest offer was accepted.

Another shop was advertised during October at offers over £5,000pa. Four offers of between £5,000 and £5,200 were received. As two offers of £5,200pa were tendered, both these parties were given the opportunity to re-tender. The highest re-tendered sum of £5,360pa was accepted and the other offer was placed as first reserve. Unfortunately, neither party was able to proceed. The shop was re-advertised in January 1997. Only one offer, of £4,600pa was received and this was accepted by the

It is the Council's policy to offer vacant shops for let on the open market and, as the examples above show, the rents we have

The leases for Council owned shops allow for rents to be increased to open market rental value at an agreed review date. Figures recently tendered for similar properties are considered when reviews are due. This does not mean, however, that rents will double as shops vary greatly in size and this is obviously a consideration in fixing the rent. It is also worth noting that as a result of differing rent review patterns, some tenants are paying rents, now, which were set over five years ago.

been offered prove that our

"guide figures" were realistic.

The Council's property dealings are governed by status and Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 prevents the Council for granting a lease for less than the best figure that can be reasonably obtained. That said, the Council appreciates the contribution local shopping parades make to the community and will endeavour to support small shopkeepers, wherever possible.

Yours sincerely John Wilkinson Valuations & Estates Manager

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Thanks for Support says Tony Moore

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank everyone for the many letters and telephone calls of support which I have received. I can assure them that I will not give up my campaign for better shopping facilities for the residents of our Town and I would hope that the other two Labour County Councillors will do the

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Not only that, but motherhood is definitely in the air at Greggs, with a record number of pregnant staff at the moment seven mums-to-be and a further six new mums, making up a true baker's dozen. Greggs produces three products

specifically for Mothers Day. Their heart-shaped biscuit and two sizes of sponge cake have been selling at a rate of 36,000 a week.

Staff in the bakery have had to work extra shifts to cope with the demand.

"It seems as though people in the north east really appreciate their mums" commented Greggs of Gosforth Managing Director, Graham Randel. "We get a lot of strapping lads coming in to buy stottles for their lunch and then they show that they have a soft spot for their mum by asking for a Mother's Day cake as well.

When asked about the baby boom at the company, Mr Randel said: "well, we're beginning to wonder whether it's something in the dough. We'll have to review our recipes. It's extraordinary. I've never known so many of our female staff embracing motherhood all at the same time' Lesley Sewell, who is

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pressing to put the tie beyond doubt with Aycliffe man-of-thematch Craddock going close but the Bulkhaul keeper made a brilliant save to push the ball against the post.

Aycliffe then introduced Laing and Jones into the match.

Aycliffe then increased their lead when Turnbull made an excellent run down the wing and crossed the ball for Byrne to have a simple tap in. - Final Score 3-0.

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on your 21st birthday, hope you have a lovely day, love

HIND PAUL Congratulations on your 21st birthday, love Auntie Jackie, Uncle Tony and

PAUL HIND Happy 21st birthday on the 6th March, don't get too inebriated! Love Ronnie and Jean XX PAUL HIND Wishing you a happy 21st birthday Paul, hope you enjoy your day, love your Great Aunties

LIAM DODDS To a very special son on his 3rd birthday 7-3-97, lots of love from Mammy and Daddy LIAM JAMES DODDS

Happy 3rd birthday lots of hugs and kisses from Grandma and Granda

LIAM DODDS Happy 3rd birthday, lots of love and kisses from Nana and

Grandad NICKY "Oxley" Elliott, best wife and mam in the world, loads of love big phsyco and little phsyco Wayn & Kelsey

Simon Lawson



Simon our son you really are nothing but trouble, for your Ma and Pa, you're always skint, you're never in, you're bedroom looks

like a rubbish bin, always untidy, a real big pain, how we wish you were a baby again! But today you are 18, so go have some fun, In your green Astra car, happy birthday dear son love from Mam & Dad

CANT Hooray, Hooray, Grandma is 41 today, now you have a reason to get drunk, Happy Birthday, lots of love Kieran James XXX CANT Hooray, Hooray, Mother is 41 today, happy birthday, love from Louise and Craig XXX
CANT Happy birthday to

my drinking partner, Barbara

from Sylvia CANT Happy birthday Barbara, the woman with the cleanest house in Aycliffe, from the cleaning lady Rachelle James

Kenny Shaw & Stephen Trotter

Congratulations on passing the Vehicle Inspectorate Course on Passenger Service Vehicle Inspection,

Procedures and Standards from all at K&J Travel Coaches

TREVOR SHAW 9-3-97 Congratulations, 50 years young and not looking a day younger, Kenny and Jackie TREVOR SHAW 9-3-97 hi ho hi ho Uncle Trev's 50, love Darren, Donna, Dean and Liam

TREVOR SHAW Congratulations on being the oldest coach driver at K & J Travel Coaches, best wishes from all the staff

MINNIS Marion and Gordon wish to thank relatives and friend who joined us in our "Golden Wedding" celebrations, many thanks for the beautiful flowers, presents and cards and the pleasure of your company on such a happy evening
JOHNSON Hip Hip Hooray

Jake Lewis Johnson is 3 today! 5-3-97. Lots of love Mammy and Hannah XXX JOHNSON Jake Lewis love Auntie Lil and Uncle Andy XXX

JEAN DAWSON With love to a dear Mother and Nana on your 70th birthday from sons, daughters, in-laws, grandchildren and great

grandchildren SIMON LAWSON Love and best wishes on your 18th birthday from Grandma and Grandad

SIMON LAWSON Happy 18th birthday Simon, love

SIMON LAWSON Happy 18th birthday from your Fairy Godmother

TENNICK Stephen and Hilary are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their first Grandchild, Lydia Jade, lots of love Catherine and Trevor, from Mam, Dad, Leanne and Joanne XX

TENNICK Catherine congratulations on the birth of Lydia Jade, love Bob, Sheila, Paul, Michelle, Mandy and Dean

In Memoriam

SYKES Coral and George

Anniversary Mam and Dad,

birthday Mum 10-3-97, with love Zow and Richard XX

Elizabeth happy 4th

birthday, lots of love, kisses

and cuddles, Mammy, Daddy and Smudge XXX McCORMICK Happy 4th

birthday to our gorgeous girl, Anna Elizabeth, love from

APPLEBY Joe & Olive

congratulations on your

anniversary, love John,

Barbara, Andrew, Julie XX

HIP HIP HOORAY James

Eales is 3 today, have a

lovely birthday son, lots of love Mammy XXX

JAMES EALES 6th march,

happy 3rd birthday darling,

love from Grandma and

JAMES EALES Happy birthday sweetheart, love

from Auntie Sharon, Uncle

Public Notice

ASHWOOD ARTS

Blue Bridge Centre

Horndale Avenue - 300185 Decoupage and framing specialists. Same/next day

service. Over 40 wood mouldings and 50 mount colours to choose from and 1000's of prints, glue, glaze

etc. etc. Classes in decoupage take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and

Wednesday daytime. Ring or call in for further details Mon-Thur 9.30-4.30pm

Friday 9.30-3.00pm Sat 9.30am-12.30pm Tue/Wed Eve 7-8.45pm

LADIES - Like to earn extra

cash? Why not join Ann

Summers or book a party

and receive a mystery gift etc. Tel 312698 JUMBLE SALE on Tuesday 11th March at 10am

in St Clares Church Hall -

proceeds for church funds LADIES NIGHT "Sister Surprise" (Comedy Drag)

plus Lorenzo and Disco.

Admission by ticket £4, strictly over 18s only,

Saturday 22nd March from

7.30-11.45pm at Aycliffe

GARDENS Guild The Hut

is open Sunday mornings 10am to 12 noon. Shallots and Onion Sets now in stock,

GOODS VEHICLE

OPERATORS LICENCE

Michael John Fulford trading as Jannah International of 14

Colwell Court, Newton

Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 7PS is applying to change an existing license as follows. To

add an operating centre to

keep 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers at Aycliffe Truck Stop, Carlbury Road, Aycliffe Industrial Park, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5

6BE. Owners or occupiers of

land (including buildings)

near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or

enjoyment of that land would

be affected, should make

written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at

North Eastern Traffic Area,

Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating

their reasons within 21 days of

this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the

applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available

Jumble Sale

St. Mary's School

Friday 14th March

from 6.30pm

Jumblé, nearly new, bric-a-brac, books, toys,

tombola, tea, coffee, etc come along for the bargains

St. MICHAEL'S Church, Heighington Jumble Sale in the Village Hall, Friday 15th

March at 10am

Traffic

from the T Commissioners Office.

Village Hall Tel 300028

new members welcome

Robert and Charlie

Granda

Wedding

Nana and Grandad Jack

alnd happy

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10-3-97

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 McCAFFREY

Treasured memories of a Wife, Mother, Ggrandma. Died 10th March 1994. Always remembered by Frank, Margaret, Patrick, Robert, Stephen and Trish STAN MOSSOP 12-3-95 There are places I'll remember all my life. Though some have changed, some forever, not for better, some have gone and some remain, all these places had their moments with you and your friends, I can still recall, some are dead and some are living in my life, I've loved them all, especially you Dad - Trev MAUREEN MURPHY Those who have Mum's, love them while you may, because I wish with all my heart, that mine was here today. I speak your name with love and pride, I smile through tears, I try to hide, I thank you for the time we shared, the love you gave, the way you cared, you left a place no-one can fill. I loved you then and always will. Miss you Mam - love Paula X

JOYCE MORGAN 6-3-95. Always in our hearts and thoughts, sadly missed, love Margaret, Andy, Andrew

and Kayleigh

JOYCE MORGAN 6-3-96. Missed and loved always, love John, Jacqueline., Emma and Matthew

JOYCE MORGAN Died 6-3-95. Gone from our home, but not from our hearts, missing you Mam and Nanny, all our love Colin, Lesley, Neil and Sean YOUNG WILLIAM 12-3-

93. In memory of a dear Dad. Four long years since that sad day, but memories of you will always stay, love and miss you, Jean, Jim, Grandchildren and great Grandchildren

BILLY DODD 8-3-85. This comes with love dear husband, for all the things you did, that always made me very proud and glad I married you, will miss and

love you always, loving wife Olive HARRY SEDGWICK 9-3-93. Our hearts are full of memories, with pride we speak your name, life goes on without you Dad, but nothing is the same, loved and missed always, Stephen, Paul, Loraine and Kenny X HARRY SEDGWICK 9-3-93. We shared so much together, laughter, joy and tears, to me who loved you dearly, they were very happy years. If I could have one wish come true, it would be to start my life anew with you, loving wife Margaret X HARRY SEDGWICK 9-3-93. Loving memories of a dear Grandad, I had a Grandad in million, I loved him to the end, I lost two precious things in life a Grandad and my friend, will love you always, Amanda, Ann-Marie, Lee, Toni-Marie and Machaela XX

Holidays

TO LET 2 weeks (last week in July, 1st week in August), luxury apartment in Terremolinos, Spain, 10 minutes from Malaga airport, right on the beach, £165 each week Tel 311956

Birthday Remembrance

JIMMY ELLWOOD 9th March with fondest love to Dad and Grandad, Pauline, Julie, John, Michael XXX

Mother's Day Remembrance

WENDY BOWTELL To the best Mam in the world, love you always Mam, Katie, Paul and Thomas FREDA BROWN March

10th. I remember you on Mothers Day, I remember you on your birthday, but I don't need these Mam, because you are in every breath and thought I have and you are with me in everything I do. Loving daughter Val and friend

Catherine XXX
JANE WAKE (Burrell)
Time may hide the sadness,
like a smile that hides the tears, but loving memories hold you fast, despite the passing years. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts, all our love son Steve, daughters Mena, Jenny, Theresa and Sophia JEAN GRADY It is so hard without you, your love, your friendship and your shoulder to cry on, especially on this special day. Mam you will always be in our hearts and our thoughts, we all miss you Mam, sadly missed Kim, Kelly and Lee XXX JEAN GRADY To a great

nana who is always in our dreams and who watches over us, thinking of you Aidan and Reece For Sale

CONCRETE Bird Baths £15 each, Concrete Patio Tubs £12 each Tel 313924 SEED POTATOES Now in stock, 15 varieties all at 32p lb ALSO Onion Sets seeds from 50p packet - Parkin Ness Tel 304022

EXERCISE BIKE £10, Titleist golf woods, 1, 3 and 5 £30, 22' wooden ladder £15 Tel 317554
NEW FRIDGES £90;

Freezers £95; Fridge Freezers £150; Electric Cookers £160; Autowashers £209; Pine Single Beds £89; Double Beds £109 Bargain Buys Tel 321678 BRYAN ADAMS ticket at

Newcastle Arena for 1st April, cost £20, will accept £15 Tel 316623

UNIT Whicker and cane, 6ft, 4 shelves, rounded top, £40 Tel 313764

8 LIMITED Edition plates by Wedgwood: Country Days series by Chris Howells plus plate shelving £100 Tel 317257 CHEST Freezer, good condition £40 Tel 315715 CAPDEN SHED 26 466

GARDEN SHED 8ft x 6ft good condition £90 ONO buyer dismantles Tel 317257 TABLE TOP fridge, good condition £20 ONO 317257 LEEDS UTD (LP) F.A. Cup Final V Arsenal 1972, good condition, open to offers Tel 317257

Sits Vacant

GEORGE Piercebridge needs extra weekend cook/chef, full time deputy head waitress/er Tel 01325 374576

Mother's Day Greetings

MARIAN CLEWES - To a very special mother on her own special day, lots of love always Wendy, Valerie, Julie and families XXX

MARIAN CLEWES - To a wonderful Nana on Mother's Day, lots of love Kimberley, Christopher, Yolanda and Michael XXXX

JOANNE HOWARTH To the world's greatest Mam,

love from your little angel, Adam XXX GRANDMA BLACKLOCK With lots of hugs on

Mother's Day love Adam XXX MARGARET BLACKLOCK To the premier babysitter on Mother's Day, love Joanne & Stuart

BEVERLEY HOWARTH - With this verse we'd like to say, how much we love you every day, for all you do is plain to see, you are the best for Matthew and for me All our love from Carrie and Matthew

KAREN THOMPSON Mam you are amazing, you've always been there to help us through life when we needed you there, if we don't always tell you just what you are worth, your love can't be measured by things on the earth, whenever we are near you, we always feel glad, because Mam you are the bestest friend we have ever had. Happy Mothers Day, lots of love Danielle and John XX

SAMME To Mammy - Happy Mothers Day, you are the best, I love you, Liam John XXX MAM/NANNA You are simply the best and we love you, Jeannette, Liam John XX

GRANMA SAMME Happy Mothers Day, all our love Jeannette, Liam John XX

TO THE BEST Mum in the world, Happy Mothers Day, your darling little girl, Stacey, I love you Mummy CAROLYN QUINN Happy Mothers Day Mam, lots of love Michelle, Wayne, Lorraine, Louise, Rhys and Sherri-

CAROLYN QUIN Happy Mothers Day Nanna, lots of love Jordan XXX MICHELLE QUIN Happy Mothers Day Mam, lots of

love Jordan BERYL ANTONCICH Happy Mothers Day Mam, lots

of love from Peter and Gillian NORMA BURNS To a very special Mam on Mothers Day, lots of love from Gillian and Peter

IRIS MASON Sending lots of love on Mothers Day, love Gary, Gail, Lesley and Peter. PS Happy anniversary

JOYCE WILLIS Happy Mothers Day Nan, lots of love

Mandy, Liam and Lauren XX HAPPY MOTHERS DAY Mammal, sorry I can't be there, but I'll see you on Monday, have a lovely day, I

love you Lauren XXX PENDER JULIE Mammy, thank you for everyday, we

both love you forever, hugs and kisses Michelle and JOAN MORRISON Just to let you know how much we

love and appreciate you, not only today, but always, hope your day is as special as you are, Happy Mothers Day, love from Lisa, Aaron and Chanel XXX CORAL SYKES Thanks for being the best Mum in the

world and for always being there for me, with all my love, today and always Zoe XXX

DIANE WILLIAMS To a special Mam and Grandma, we love you loads, love Julie, Rod, Michelle, Melissa