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windows were removed and boarded up and urgent investigation undertaken by L.E.A. officials.

With few opening windows the school became hot and there was little or no ventilation. Mr. Harness, the headteacher, was left with no choice but to send half the pupils home until the windows could be repaired or replaced.

For the next two weeks this will hit year 7 and 8 pupils as other Year groups are involved in exams

problem has The highlighted the sorry state of many of our schools. of Central Years Government neglect have created a massive backlog of repairs.

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Mr. Harness said "In his last budget Kenneth Clarke allocated £50m nationwide for school repairs. Schools in County Durham, alone would need more than that to deal with even the most urgent repairs. Durham County Council has done its best and always allocated more than their central government allocation. I bitterly regret disrupting the education of young people but their health and safety must come first.

We are working flat out to put right the problems but any repairs must be fully tested and cleared before I will bring pupils back into large areas of the school.

It would appear that Mr. Blair has taken the matter very seriously, asking David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education to intervene and help bring about a rapid solution to Woodham's problem.

New Manager

Woodham Comprehensive School is leading the way in creating links with local industry and the community with the appointment of Business Manager, Lisa Buckham.

The Governors have made the appointment in order to ensure the professional management of the school and to see that the needs of the pupils and local industry are met.

Woodham will shortly be preparing to bid for government funding to achieve Technology College status.

This would bring a significant amount of resources for hi-tec education to Newton Aycliffe so that students will be better equipped for employment in local manufacturing and service industries.

The new Business Manager will be able to dedicate time to talking to businesses to assess their views of the skills required by the future work-force in an effort to ensure funds are used effectively, should the bid be successful.

If any local business would like to find out more abut this initiative or about the school generally then Lisa can be contacted on:

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Wayne Marram rammed his critics' words down their throats last Sunday as he cooly slotted his 26th goal of the season to win the match for Huntsman, writes Martin Walker.

It was a lacklustre game with very little to comment on - but for the vote of Martin Haigh as the minger-of-the-match which confirmed him as the Gareth Elvidge Minger-of-the-season. Marram took his goal with confidence, rounding the 'keeper after a quality through ball by Tim Walker to net from 15 yards.

Jim McCabe very nearly won the minger vote for not bothering to play - that would have sealed the Minger-of-theseason award for the balding scotchman.

Anyway, no postmortems, as they say - the little ninja Martin Haigh is the Minger-of-theseason. Man of the match was

Neil Partridge. TEAM: Kent 7, Hodgson 7, T. Walker 7, R. Walker 7, PARTRIDGE 8, Lothian 7, Travis 7, Haigh 5, C. Walker 6, M. Walker 7, Marram 7. Subs: Nelson 7.

Previous Huntsman League result: AFC Cockerton - 0, Huntsman - 2. - This wasn't a brilliant performance, quite poor in fact, but it didn't really matter as Huntsman's season draws to a close.

Huntsman play in their first major Cup Final in over five years on Friday May 9th.

Cleveland Bridge play host to the ASE Cup Final between Huntsman and Halfmoon Rangers. Read that blow by blow report in next week's 'Newton News'

This weeks poser: Who scored both of England's semifinal goals in the 1966 World

Cup? (Answer next week)
Last weeks poser: Who
captained Scotland to a draw with Brazil in the 1974 World Cup? (Answer: Billy

apart from the above, there is

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operation which covers the areas

of Newton Aycliffe, Shildon and

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I think that this is a succinct and

accurate explanation of the

facts, and hope that it puts our

customer's minds at rest, since

I have encountered several

concerns over the last few days.

Pharmacist/Manager at Moss Chemist

Yours faithfully

John Webber

Holiday of the year.

CHEMISTS' HOURS

With regard to your article in last weeks 'Newton News' concerning chemists' hours, I feel it is necessary, in order to avoid any further confusion, to clarify the situation.

Currently, there are three pharmacies in Newton Aycliffe Boots, the Neville Pharmacy and ourselves at Moss Chemist (formerly Roberts).

All three currently close at 6pm during week days, and not 5.30pm as stated in the article. (This has been the case, regarding the Neville Pharmacy and ourselves, for well in excess of 30 years!)

Having contacted the Bewick Crescent and Pease Way surgeries, all staff employed therein are fully aware that all pharmacies in Newton Aycliffe are open until 6pm. I am, therefore, at a loss as to where the times quoted in your article were obtained from, especially bearing in mind that opening hours are clearly labelled on the front door of each pharmacy.

In addition, pharmacies both in Shildon (e.g. Hancock and Ainsley) and Bishop Auckland (e.g. another branch of Moss Chemists) are also open until 6pm and not 5.30pm as quoted). If an emergency prescription is issued after 6pm this can be obtained by contacting the police who will then arrange for a pharmacist to dispense the urgent medication in question. Finally, in response to the suggestion that pharmacists should get together to provide cover, can I simply say that

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Dear Sir,

We would like to say a big thank you to Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre for the Charity Dance, London & Manchester Insurance Co. and Lee Green Dance Centre.

Also a very special thank you to all the staff at 3M and Distriparts.

And to all friends and family for the gifts and donations of money received.

We have raised £850 for the R.V.I. Tiny Lives Fund and £150 so far for Bishop Auckland Special Care Baby

Thanking you all once again. Amanda & Neil Partridge

Bishop Auckland Store Helps "Guide Dogs for the Blind"



Alex Cross, Branch Co-ordinator for Aycliffe Guide Dogs for the Blind, with his dog Aarron, presenting David Russel (Manager) and Julie Kelly (Admin Manager) of Morrisons, with a framed picture. The presentation was to mark the £350 collected from Staff and customers of the Bishop Auckland store. Photo: Andy Banks

RAFFLE WINNERS

These are the winning numbers of the Raffle drawn on Sunday 27th April 1997 at the Oak Tree, Newton Aycliffe in aid of National Animal Sanctuaries Support League: 0125 - 3992 - 0961 - 7203 -6683 - 4773 - 5451 - 2061 9416 - 4401 - 6608 - 0863 9767.

Thanks to all those who bought and sold our raffle tickets your support is very much appreciated.

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FALSE RUMOUR

There is no truth in the rumour that Elmfield Primary School is to close in 1998.

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Once again, my sincere thanks. Yours faithfully Tony Moore

Council Organise Second Junior

Young people from 9 to 16 years are invited to take part in Sedgefield Borough's second Junior Duathlon which takes place in Spennymoor on Saturday, 14th June

Duathlon

Last year's Duathlon was a great success, with some outstanding individual performances and lots of enthusiasm among the participants - some coming from as far away as Newcastle and Middlesbrough.

The Duathlon starts with a swimming event Spennymoor Leisure Centre, Followed by a running event at Merrington Lane Playing

Everyone will then return to the Leisure Centre and the winning times will be announced. There are medals for the winners in each of five age groups and a T. Shirt and Certificate for everyone who takes part.

For enthusiasts, training sessions are being held every Saturdays at Spennymoor Leisure Centre from 6pm to 7pm starting on 17th May.

The Junior Duathlon will start at 6pm on Saturday 14th June and has been sponsored by Record Playground Ltd. and K & J Travel Coaches.

It is being organised by Sedgefield Borough Council and is the only Junior Duathlon in County Durham. Cost of entry is £4 and 50p per session for the training sessions.

Entry forms are available from Leisure Centres in Sedgefield Borough or from Andy Coulthard. Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388) 816166.

First Hole in One for Teenager



Andrew Pierce of Hurworth Hunt scored his first "Hole in One" at Woodham Golf Club on Monday 28thMay, 1997.

He has only been playing golf for 2 years and got his ace on the 8th hole a par 3.

Andrew, who is 14 years old and a pupil of Woodham Comprehensive, has overtaken his Dad who has played for 20 years and has yet to get a hole in one.

Nevertheless his father Malcolm is very proud of his son and hopes he will continue to do well in the sport. Photo: Andy Banks

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Not only was he going through the contents of the bag, but he was also reading the letters and documents. I saw him put at least one of these items into his

When I got home I rang the site Manager Mr. John Stevenson to complain about the incident. He agreed with me this sort of

thing should not happen and that he would go to the site and have a word with the people on the site.

He also informed me that this was all he could do, as the people at the site have a license to go through the rubbish and take out whatever they want, and do whatever they want with it.

Mr. Stevenson also said that people disposing of this sort of waste should be more careful and perhaps use other means of disposal.

I personally agree with him on this matter, but obviously not everyone is as security minded and these are the people who, if the right sort of documents fell into the wrong hands, could be in for a very nasty surprise. Yours faithfully G.C.

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varied programme of well known popular music to suit all tastes.

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Proceeds are for the Parish Development Fund.



LITTLE JOE WINS BOOT'S "BABY OF THE YEAR" HEAT



Little Joseph Peter Thompson of Lockyer Close has been named the Boots store winner in the 1997 Baby of the Year regional competition heats. Joseph's hobbies already include switching the phones off and getting into mischief.

Joseph is seen here receiving his prize of a Postman Pat feeding set and cutlery dish, a nursery rhyme tape, and not forgetting the proud mum a copy of the Baby Love CD, a rock and pop compilation just for mum, from Cheryl Ellis Boots Supervisor and Michelle Woodcock Healthcare Assistant.

The baby's photograph will now be judged alongside other store winners from all over the country at Boots Head Office. Out of thousands of entries, four lucky finalists will then be invited to London's Ritz Hotel for the final - all hoping to win the star prize of a Thomson Super Family Holiday for four at the Hotel Taurus Park, Costa Brava.

The competition - now in its 13th year is helping to support Tommy's Campaign by passing on donations made by parents entering the competition. The money will help fund research into premature birth, miscarriage and stillbirth, working towards every woman having a happy, healthy baby. The competition is run by Boots in association with Maws by Tommy Tippee.

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that the school plays an important and positive role in the life of the local community. There are strong links with community organisations. Parents and other volunteers spend planned time in school making a positive contribution to children's learning.

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The school promotes politeness, good manners and good relationships. Adults in school provide good role models. Pupils receive clear guidance of right and wrong and are encouraged to develop understanding of moral issues at community and world wide

Pupils behaviour is good. There is strong emphasis on developing attitudes and values which will enable pupils to become constructive members of the community.

The school provides a safe healthy environment. Displays celebrating pupils efforts add to the bright stimulating atmosphere and there is a high level of cleanliness

Most teaching is characterised by good classroom management and good relationships which have a positive effect on children's learning. 87% of lessons were rated as satisfactory or better.

Provision and teaching for pupils with special educational needs is good. Provision for and teaching early years pupils was also singled out for praise and all pupils were judged as having a positive attitude to learning and apply themselves

Key issues for action identified by inspectors included increasing expectations and levels of achievements in Maths and English at Key

Also the school needs to complete the updating of curriculum guidance documentation and job descriptions. The report recognises that these are issues that the school had already begun to address.

The report concluded that, given resources available and the characteristics of intake, the school provides value for

Distriparts Receive **Top Award**

Distriparts UK, the Spares Division of the Electrolux Group, was presented with the prestigious Investors in People Award by Tony Blair on Polling Day, 1st May.

Investors in People is widely recognised as a major initiative which aims to ensure that training and development of all employees contributes to business success.

Operations Director, Phil Fellows, proudly received the award on behalf of Distriparts UK. "I signed a commitment early in 1994 declaring our intention to develop the skills of all our employees. This programme required a great deal of effort on the part of every member of the Distriparts UK team and I am delighted that we have been successful. It has resulted in a significant improvement to the level of service offered to our customers" comments Phil

The recognition of the value of its staff to business has been the key to Distriparts recent success. Regular reviews of all employees training needs and implementation of action plans have proved very successful, whilst quarterly Customer Satisfaction surveyors have been carried out to monitor key service criteria. "We have all taken great satisfaction in developing the skills resource and seeing the positive results shown by subsequent surveys," remarked Phil Fellows

Distriparts UK see this award as a platform for an ongoing process of improvement with the aim to provide an even better service to their customers in the future.

"We Need the Money" says Euro MP

Stephen Hughes, MEP for Durham, last week addressed delegates to the European Commission's Conference on Cohesion and the Reform of the Structural Funds.

The Structural Funds are comprised of Social Fund money to the regions for training and retraining and regional fund money for bridge and road building, etc.

Speaking in Brussels Stephen Hughes said; - "We in the North East have received large allocations of this found in and it is engistly improved. it is crucially important to our recovery from industrial decline that we continue to do

Dance School Excel in Competition

The Mary & Diane Macadam Schools of Dancing travelled to Peterlee on the Bank Holiday weekend to take part in the North East Society of Performing Arts Dancing Competition.

Sections were entered in Tap, Modern, Acrobatic, Song & Dance and Character.

Out of 64 sections entered 42 1st places, 22 2nd places, and 20 3rd places were won by the pupils in solos, duets, trios and troupes.

Mary and Diane would like to say congratulations to all who participated and thank you for making this our 21st year of the School being on the town a great one, we are proud of you all.

OUR CHEMISTS GIVE EXCELLENT SERVICE

Re the letter in last weeks issue from J. Cockburn and J. Katai regarding Chemists' opening

May I correct the above two people as they are misinformed? R. I. Kemp Ltd., 6 Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe is open until six o'clock (6pm) EVERY week day and until five o'clock (5pm) on Saturdays and has kept those hours for many years. Frequently the shop remains open until well beyond 6pm while the pharmacist dispenses if surgeries are exceptionally

If a prescription is exceedingly urgent the police can be contacted on 314401 and they will get in touch with a

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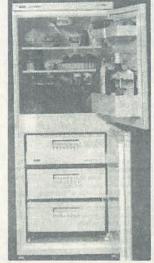
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Above: Vera Armstrong before her diet and afterwards (right)

Sadly many people think that when we get older it's not possible to lose weight! Fortunately Vera Armstrong, at the tender age of 70, decided after reading so much about Slimming World in the Newton News, that she would give it a try. She joined Debbie Wilson's class on a Thursday night at St.

Clare's Church and she has never looked back. She is now almost 5 stone lighter and, because she is at her own chosen target, she attends class every week free of charge. Vera says "I feel wonderful, 20 years younger, my only regret is that I didn't do it

SOCCER 16's

Wilson.

A summary of the season for the

under 16's is, they could have

done far better they should have

done far better because they

were capable and had the ability.

Inconsistency was the big

problem but a big well done to

all the lads for a good season.

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opportunity, with special

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Aycliffe under 16's finished their season off with a home fixture against League Champions Woodgarth.

Woodgarth have not been beaten in the League all season so Aycliffe went out to try and be the first team to do so. The early exchanges were even

as both sides strived for the opening goal. After 15 minutes Lee Foster got kicked in the face (what a bruiser), Lee continued after

treatment. In the 20th minute Chris Wilson saved a penalty after Gareth handled. Richardson Woodgarth are a good side and in the 25th minute looked certain to go ahead but Chris Wilson pulled out another great save to keep the score at Half-

time at 0-0. The 2nd half was only 2 minutes old when Aycliffe went ahead, Scott Brassell crossed and Louis Martin headed home 1-0.

Aycliffe were fighting for everything which unsettled Woodgarth.

In the 60th minute Chris Wilson once again pulled off a brilliant save. Woodgarth were really pressing for the equaliser, but Aycliffe

defence were holding well. The 66th minute saw a great clearance off the line by Stuart

Douthwaite. Just when Aycliffe thought they were going to win up popped Woodgarth with the equaliser

This was a great team performance but with some brilliant saves this weeks manof-the-match without a doubt goes to Chris (superglue)

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boys to record the Club's official FA Cup Final song, Let's dance (Riverside Mix). The two Middlesbrough-born artists were delighted to link up with Boro to record a re-make of Rea's top 20 hit, Let's

Dance. The Riverside Mix, written and produced by Rea, features Mortimer and members of the FA Cup Final squad singing new Boro-style lyrics.

Players whose voices can be heard on the single include Craig Hignett, Curtis Fleming, Derek Whyte, Neil Cox. Bryan Robson and Viv Anderson.

They put down their vocals in a special recording session at Stockton's Castlegate Studios after initial recording and mixing at Rea's own Sol Studios in Berkshire. Of the track, Mortimer said:

"We hope it will be a big hit

but just making it was great fun. I watch Boro whenever I can but meeting and working with all the lads was a dream come true". Let's Dance (The Riverside Mix), on the Magnet Label, part of East West Records, hits

also included. A video, featuring Mortimer and the players will also be released.

the streets on May 12th on CD

and tape. A second track, Let's

Dance (Wembley 97 Mix), is

Town Centre Toilets

Dalton Way toilets are owned by Sedgefield Borough Council. Because of its financial position, Sedgefield Borough Council has decided to discontinue their use.

Great Aycliffe Town Council has declared that it will underwrite the running costs of the toilets, until the end of June 1997. Before that date it will need to make a decision on whether the toilets should remain open in the long term.

To enable the Council to come to a decision on the future of the toilets, it would be grateful if you would complete the attached form and return it to: Mr. M. Rice, Chief Executive, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 6QF.

The following information may be useful: -

The annual running cost of the toilets is currently nearly £19,000. The ladies' toilet is currently staffed. The gent's toilet

* If both toilets were staffed, the cost would be in the region of £30,000 per annum. Works of repair are needed to both toilets, (£1,400

approximately to the gents, £750 approximately to the Vandal proof equipment could be provided in both toilets

at an approximate cost of £16,000. No charge is currently made to the public for the use of either toilets.

* The toilets are open 9am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday (4pm Wednesday) * They are not open on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

* There are 24 hour facilities at the premises.

What do you want the Council to do? Yes No Do you wish the Public Toilets to remain open? Would you prefer to see both the gents and ladies toilets staffed?

Are you satisfied with the current hours of opening? - If not, what alternatives would you suggest

Are you satisfied with the current conditions? - If not, should the Council (a) spend money to undertake basic repairs or should it (b) seek to upgrade the facilities?

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May, love and best wishes from Dad, Rose and Karina

PALMER Craig and Jason, happy 15th birthday on the 12th May, love and best wishes from Uncle Rob, Auntie Kay, Katie and Sophie PALMER Jason and Craig happy 15th birthday on 12th May, love and best wishes from Gran and Grandad

MARSHALL - BELL 17th May. The engagement is announced between Miss S. Ann Marshall (Chiropodist), only daughter of Freda and the late Ronald Marshall and Mr. J. Phillip Bell, only son of Graham and Margaret Bell of Darlington. Congratulations from both families

Amy Shepherd

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BETHANY ALDRED A very happy first birthday to Bethany, a much loved goddaughter, with love and best wishes from Rachel and

ALDRED Bethany Lauren, 15-5-97, happy 1st birthday rugrat! Lots of love Mammy

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Happy 18th Dirthday, 1ots of love Mark and Angus XX MICHELLE HARRISON May 9th, happy 18th birthday, lots of love Mam and Dad XX HARRISON Happy 18th birthday Michelle, lots of love Gran and Arthur Gran and Arthur HARRY W

WEIGHELL Happy 60th Harry, all my love

HARRY WEIGHELL Happy 60th Dad, all my love as always Penny and Rodger

HARRY WEIGHELL Happy 60th birthday Granda, you are the best, Daniel and

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Deaths

SWINTON Newton Aycliffe. May 5th (peacefully in hospital) of Sharp Road. Les aged 72 years dearly loved husband of Jean, much loved dad of Gary and John, also a much loved father in law of Denise and cherished grandad of Kirsty and Jacqueline.
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service at St Clare's Church,
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Internment in Newton

Aycliffe Cemetery
SMITH James Michael
(Jimmy) suddenly on 4th May
1997, aged 24 years. Jim you are a special son, you've always been around. The last few months it seems your world has all turned upside down. For me, who knows and loves you, 'twas a little price to pay, to stand beside my first born son, and help him all the way, but now you are taken from me, and I pray to God above, he'll protect you and continue to send you your Mother's love. Sleep tight Jim, love Mam XX

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from all the family

THOMAS HOWLETT 115-97. Although you are not here today we miss you loads and still grieve each day. Love you always Dad, love Alison, Penny, John, Marty and Reece

In Memoriam

MEADOWS In loving memory of my dear wife who died on 8th May 1988. Sadly missed by Jim and family.

TERRY DONNELLY 9th May 1993. Time heals the pain, but doesn't take away the memories loving way the memories.

the memories, loving you always, Hillary and family MATTY PURVIS Died 7-5-94. We will always miss you. You are in our thoughts every day, it only seem's like yesterday you were shaking your hand over our head. Rest in peace up there. Love Paul, Mags, Katie, Chris, Davey and

Paula XX
DILYS KENT You left me on
12th May 1995. You will
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love you, John

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just a memory, you are ours to love and remember as long as life lasts. Mam, Dad, Marilyn, Alan, Graham and Michael NIGEL DONALDSON May 11th 1994. Treasured memories of a very dear nephew, always in our thoughts, love Auntie Doreen, Uncle Harry, Anne and family NIGEL DONALDSON 11-5-94. Beloved nephew and 94. Beloved nephew and cousin. A simple message warm and true, dearest Nigel we so love you, very sadly missed by his Uncle Paddy, Auntie Jean, Susan and Ian WILLIAM TURNBULL Died 12th May 1990. Time

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the memories, missing you, Yvonne, Nicola and Anthony

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Thank You

ROBERT DIXON - Mrs Dixon and family, of the late Robert Dixon would like to thank relatives and friends for their cards of Dixon would like to thank relatives and friends for their cards of condolence and beautiful floral tributes following their sad loss. Our special thanks to Dr Trewby and all the staff on Ward 43 of Darlington Memorial Hospital for all the care they gave him, also to all the Doctors at Bewick Crescent, Newton Aycliffe. Thank you to the Funeral Directors for their kindness and sympathy shown, thank you to Reverend Michelle for a beautiful service and a special thank you to Julie Grayson, June Heels and Sylvia Brooks for all their help at this sad time.

CAYGILL - BRIDGES Elaine and Andrew would like to thank family and friends for gifts received for their daughter "Eves" christening on 4-5-97. Special thanks to godparents and Mam and Dad (Caygill) for all your help and many thanks to Sandy Flynn (catering)

Flynn (catering)
THANK YOU To Mam, Tony, Dad, Pat, Steven, Nanna and all

my friends and family for making my 18th birthday so special, lots of love from Joanne XX THANK YOU To Lynn, Gary and everyone at Leslie's Fish Bar

for making my 18th one to remember, Loads of love from Joanne JOHNSON Ray, Liz and family would like to thank relatives and friends for all the cards of condolence and floral tributes received on the sad loss of their son "Neil". Also thanks to Father Michael and John Meynell for their care and help.

y special by you all from start to finish All gifts, flowers, cards and good wishes from you were just perfect. Special thanks to Cec, Julie, Daniel and Kelly (also daughter No 2). My love and thanks to you all - Dorothy XX

BIG TENT FOR BIG BREW-UP

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA), Forces Help, are asking Newtonians for their help to get SSAFA-FHS in to the Guinness Book of Records and raise funds.

Our 'Big Brew Up' on Wednesday 11th June should achieve it and is gathering momentum, The Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers based in Newton Aycliffe are supporting the 'Brew Up' in a big way, a tent will be erected in the town centre opposite Somerfields supermarket, hosting many attractions but, more to the

point, they will be selling tea at 20p per cup. The idea is for as many people

as possible to drink tea at an organised event on the 11th June 1997.

SSAFA Forces Help need your help to help others in need.

If you know of any service person, or ex service person or their dependants who are in need, then please come along to the event, where our representatives will be on hand, or in case of urgency, contact me

on the number below. Any Newtonians willing to put on an event should contact the Divisional Secretary for further details on 01325 314012.

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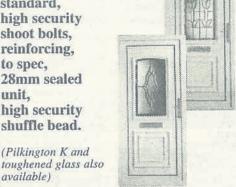
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LOCAL DANCERS **QUALIFY FOR BLACKPOOL CONTEST**

On Sunday 27th April at Redcar Bowl, Stepping Out School of Dance brought back 14, 1st place medals. Clare Walton with 44 competitors and 70 supporters went to the area qualifying heats for Nationwide IDTA competition at Blackpool later on in the year, where representatives from the other areas in Britain come together to compete for the Nationwide Titles.

Out of the 44 competitors 41 of them have qualified to dance at Blackpool.

1st aged 3-5yrs Rosette Solo

1st aged 6-8yrs Rosette Solo

1st 3-5yrs Rosette Rock n Roll

1st under 16 Rock n Roll

1st under 25 Rock n Roll

1st under 9s grades pairs

1st under 12 Solo

1st over 25 Solo

1st under 12 pairs

1st under 16 pairs

1st over 25 pairs

1st under 12 Team

1st over 25 team

The results were as follows:

Kelly McWaters Stacey McMullen Danielle Simpson Trish Leonard

K. McWaters & S. Craggs D. Simpson & K. Simpson Craig Wade & Kate Hymer T. Leonard & S. Williams Kelly McWaters C. Wade & K. Hymer Vicki Grice & Kelly Simpson

Trish Leonard & Sue Williams 1st over 25 Rock n roll Kaos En vogue

Other finalists: Jessica Hutchinson, Nichola Frankland, Rebecca Bolton, Melanie Leonard, Natalie Berry, Sara Willis, Brooke Fenwick, Lauren Sayers, Laura Scott, Zoe Cooke, Rebecca Bell, Lynsey Black, Jamie McWaters, Samantha Cooke, Lucy Johns, Stacey Wilson, Debbie Rolfe, Elise Sowerby, Samantha Slater, Joanne Duffy, Elizabeth Lewis, Malcolm Duffy, Rachel Crocher and Kayleigh Smith. Semi-finalists:

Lisa Wayman, Ashley Robinson, Terri Cochrane, Emma Crocher, Stacey Rivers, Alison Paling.

Recalled and Other Dancers:

Nicola Dowd, Sarah Jane Cochrane, Gemma Walton.

For details of classes near you contact: - Clare Walton IDTA (AF) on 01388 420809.

Newton Aycliffe - POOL LEAGUE

Final Table					
TEAM	PL	SIN	PAIRS	CAPT	OVERALL
Southerne Club	38	157	30	27	214
British Legion 'B'	38	157	32	21	210
British Legion 'A'	.38	159	25	22	206
The Acorn	38	108	15	26	152
The Oaktree	38	115	16	17	148
Aycliffe Arms	38	96	20	23	139
The Iron Horse	38	99	16	12	129
Turbinia 'A'	38	96	15	14	125
N/A Sports Club	38	91	13	16	121
Oakleaf Complex	38	91	14	13	120

Open Evening at Greenfield Centre

The Greenfield Centre, based at Greenfield School, is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 13 May, 7pm -8.30pm as a pre launch to Adult Learners' Week 19 - 25 May 1997.

You are invited to come and view the work undertaken by the students who attend the Centre on an evening as part of the community education wing of the increasingly successful Greenfield Comprehensive School.

Work in Decoupage, Egg Decoration, Parchment Craft and Pottery and course work in Computer studies and Languages will be on display. There will be a number of demonstrations taking place in Cake Decoration and Sugar Craft, Drawing and Painting, Floral Art and Craft. Some items will be on sale to the public.

Please come along and see what the Centre has to offer it can be fun learning!

The proposed programme of courses for September will be available and as we are now in partnership with Bishop Auckland College we are able to offer a wide variety of courses with financial support for those unwaged, recipients of a range of benefits and those on retirement pensions.

If you would like further information please contact Frances Vickerstaff, head of Centre on Aycliffe 300378 on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evening between 6pm and 9pm.

"I WANT TO REPRESENT AL

Dear Readers, May I, through the columns of the Newton News, thank the 3,337 people who voted for me in the County Council election for the Aycliffe North ward. I must record my particular thanks to my agent Alan Gray, to the many Labour Party workers who delivered leaflets and knocked doors and, above all, to my wife and family for their love and encouragement. In the event, the result was something of a landslide, and reflects people's desire for

society to take a new direction.

I am very aware of the responsibility placed upon me.

In the coming months, I w have to 'learn the ropes' as County Councillor. I want to represent all t residents of Aycliffe Norward, and I am alwa

available on 313828 for a resident who wishes to ask i about a County Council issu Newton Aycliffe is my hor of thirty years, and I want see it flourish and grow congratulate Newt Aycliffe's other Cour Councillors on their election and promise to work with the to the benefit of the town. Yours faithfully Terry Hogan

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