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## Front Page Letter

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the claim that the writer was  
bitten by a flea and no member  
of staff made the comment  
contained in the letter that  
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staff or visitors being bitten by  
fleas.

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services that the premises are  
cleaned daily and inspected to  
ensure the contractors meet the

standards set. We are also  
visited quarterly by a  
researcher using the "mystery  
shopping" technique to  
monitor our compliance with  
the Jobseekers Charter.  
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integral part of this inspection.  
I am sorry the writer does not  
like the smell on the stairways.  
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a perfumed air freshener to  
help maintain a pleasant  
environment. Contrary to what  
the correspondent suggests, we  
do open windows to allow in  
fresh air.

"Aycliffe Resident" also makes  
a point about wheelchair  
access. Whilst I accept that the  
main public entrance to the  
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alternative entrance with a lift  
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stairs.

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the matter I will be very happy  
to meet him or her.

Perhaps I could end by  
highlighting some of our  
achievements in the past year.  
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## BIG INVESTMENT IN COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE

County Durham Health  
Authority will be investing  
an additional £5.6 million  
in health services for the  
people of County Durham  
for 1997/98.

In total over £400 million  
will be spent on health  
services during the 1997/  
98 financial year including  
£77 million by County  
Durham's 49 GP fund-  
holding practices.

Additional investments  
will include:

\* An extra £2 million for  
resettling patients with  
mental health problems  
and with learning  
difficulties.

\* An extra £770,000 on  
developing primary,  
community and continuing  
care, this includes  
additional funding for  
district nurses, health  
visitors, community  
psychiatric nurses, speech  
therapists, community  
midwives, together with a  
recruitment scheme for  
new general practitioners  
known as "Career Start".

\* An additional £500,000  
towards practice staffing in  
GP surgeries.

\* An extra £600,000 for  
patients who need to be  
treated outside of normal  
arrangements with  
hospitals and other  
organisations providing  
health care.

\* An extra £740,000 for  
hospital care making a  
total of £230 million for  
hospitals and community  
services over the year. This  
includes £300,000 for the  
development of cancer  
services.

\* A further £820,000 for  
the redeveloped Bishop  
Auckland General  
Hospital, making a total of  
nearly £2.3 million  
reserved for the new  
hospital.

\* An initial £620,000 for  
the redeveloped Dryburn  
Hospital.

The Health Authority is  
also making an additional  
£755,000 available for  
continuing care, adult  
intensive/high dependency  
care and mental health  
services.

Andrew Young, acting  
chief executive of County  
Durham Health Authority  
said "we are extremely  
pleased to announce  
further investment in  
health services for people  
living in the County. The  
increases reflect local  
health needs and contribute  
towards our aim of  
improving the health of the  
population."

"We will be spending over  
£1 million a day on health  
services for people resident  
in the County, almost £13  
a week for every man,  
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# SHILDON BRASS BAND GIVE CONCERT



Photo by Andy Banks

Shildon Town Band at the Concert they gave at St. Clares Church recently. The band are looking for more members and interested musicians of all ages are asked to contact the Secretary Mrs. Skipper on 364072.

## ARE YOU SWITCHED ON TO PREVENT BURGLARY?

Durham Police in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch are offering timer switches at less than half price to residents of Newton Aycliffe as part of their crime prevention campaign. The aim is to encourage householders to take a simple step in protecting their homes whilst the house is unoccupied. Time Switches would enable a light to come on, and/or music or television to give the appearance that someone is at home. Normally £15.26 the switches are available for only £6.99p - so you get two for the price of one! A limited number are available on a first come first served basis from Newton Aycliffe Police Station, Community Force H.Q. at Chilton Depot, and Upex at School Aycliffe Lane. PLEASE CUT OUT AND PRODUCE THIS REPORT. Switches can also be reserved by ringing 742616, 315315 or (01388) 721351. Crime Prevention Officer Alan Penman at Aycliffe said this is an excellent offer and a good method to help stop your house being burgled.

is also available on page 698 of BBC Ceefax, and on the Internet: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/enginfo/>.

## ORGANIC MEAT AVAILABLE IN SUPERMARKETS

County Durham supermarkets could soon be displaying a range of organic beef, lamb, pork, chicken and even organic sausages and bacon - as well as the already prominently displayed organic fruit and vegetables.

Local Euro MP Stephen Hughes voted with the European Parliament this week to agree a new Euro labelling for organic meat. Mr Hughes, Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon explained "Today's supermarket displays of organic fruit and vegetables result from the EU agreeing a Euro-wide definition for organic plants. This enables organically grown fruit and vegetables from all over Europe to be sold in British and continental supermarkets.

Now the European Parliament has agreed a definition of organic meat. So County Durham shoppers can expect to see bigger and better displays of organic chicken, lamb, pork and beef and perhaps even organic sausages, bacon and meat pies in supermarkets."

Meat labelled organic will

have to be: bred from herds reared organically; fed strictly defined natural food (without lots of pesticides or other chemicals); given the absolute minimum of drugs necessary on health grounds; allowed milk as the only authorised feed of animal origin.

Stephen Hughes added "This Euro classification of organic meat will do a lot to boost organic farming - because it opens organic meat to one of the largest and richest markets in the world. It will be good for the environment, better for farm animals and improve consumer choice in healthier food."

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## Letter Town Centre Is Not All Bad

Dear Sir,  
In many ways I have to agree with last week's letter on the sorry state of our Town Centre. But all is not as bleak as stated - we do have a very good Elliot's Shoe Shop with staff that couldn't be bettered for service and friendliness. A good Butchers in the Thames Centre, McKays, excellent Supermarkets, fine Chemists, lovely Floral Charm and many more.  
I would love to see the Town Centre improved, but let's say "thank you" to all the people who work hard in our shops and do try hard to give us a good service.  
S. Goldsborough  
Derwent Place

## Do you Object?

Two public notices issued recently may be of interest to those readers who wish to make representations to the local planning authorities. Footpath No. 4 in Aycliffe Village is to be diverted to help development. Details of the proposal are available at the Council Offices, Green Lane, Spennymoor. Objections need to be made to the Borough Council by 27th June.

Redworth Hall has made an application to prune overhanging trees on their boundary with the Village. Objections to this proposal should be made to the Darlington Borough Council.

## Huntsman End of Season Round-up

Mixed fortunes for Huntsman this season on and off the pitch: the atmosphere has been truly excellent writes *Martin Walker*. They were lucky to be afloat financially. Every player had to £10 and Gaffer Stuart Hodgson loaned the Club £150 to cover a local firm J & C Coaches came to the rescue with a luxury holiday raffle prize which kept the Club steady.

By the new year Huntsman were sound and on the field - challenging the British Legion team for top honours. Hodgson appointed Dave Lee as his Assistant in his absence before announcing he was stepping down as Manager.

We gifted the Championship, finishing 5th, but won a place in the final of the ASE Cup and beat Halfmoon 4-1 to bring silverware to the Club for the first time.

An end of season Draw and a new shirt sponsor deal with Blenheim Furniture put the Club in good shape.

Team Round-up:

**Morgan Fielding** cruised to "J & C Coaches Huntsman Player of the Year" with a total of 12 'Man of the Match' awards, 24 goals and 28 goals.

**Neil Partridge** "Blenheim's Player's Player of the Year" has played a quality season in defence.

**Martin Haigh** won the Gareth Elvidge 'Minger of the Season' award after his compilation of these awards outshone anyone else. **Stuart Hodgson** played only 4 games in goal. Conceded five, an excellent season as Manager.

**Dave Lee** played 22 games in his final season as a player. Russell Hodgson an out-spoken full back who has constantly dogged his name-sake about being a scapegoat!

**Neville Jones**, our mate from J & C played one game and so he'll be back next season fitter than ever after a gruelling fitness course.

**Tony Kent** Good season for 'Kenty', played 25 games and conceded 49 goals.

**Rob Lothian** - the Jockanese Falcon, or Log played 19 games after signing two months into the Season. Scored 23 goals.

**Jim McCabe** - Theo scored 10 goals which isn't bad since he played most of the season as a centre back.

**Wayne Marram** was neck and neck with Fielding as top goalscorer and finished one behind on 27 goals from 30 games.

**Dale Nelson** spent most of his time on the subs bench - started only 3 games.

**Antony Travis** - Another good year for 'Bickel' taking his right midfield place by the scruff of the neck.

**Chris Walker** - Ever present with 31 appearances. Scored 12 goals.

**Martin Walker** - A disappointing year - unlucky not to be picked and dropped on most occasions (in my view). Played 18 games scored 10 goals.

**Rob Walker** had a solid year, played 26 games and scored once.

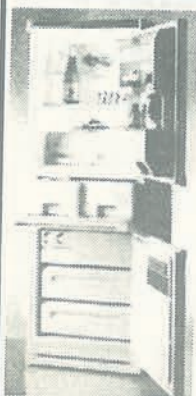
**Timothy Francis Walker** adopted a left full-back position. T goals from 23 games.

Thanks to the following: **J & C Coaches** for donating holiday which have secured the Club's future. We can't thank them enough for their substantial support. Stan and Jen Fuller at the Huntsman Pub for food, hospitality and putting up with our behaviour!

**Blenheim Furniture** for sponsorship which will help us invest in new equipment. Newton News for reports and supporting our Pri Draw. The players would like to give a special thanks to **Fran and Esther Helm** for their continued support washing kit and providing half time refreshments.

Read "The History of Hodgson at the Huntsman" in a future issue of the "Newton News" containing extracts from his autobiography - good crack!

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# Letter to the Editor

## Beware of Lonely Hearts Ads

Dear Sir,  
I write in the hope of highlighting a practice some unwary single/lone mothers use in their efforts to find a partner, which could and has put some children at risk. The act of putting ads in "lonely hearts" columns is something I would not normally condemn, except when mothers state they are looking for a person who loves children.

I understand that not all who use these columns are suspect and many genuine people have found happiness, but a great many have also found heartache not only for themselves but for their children.

The stark reality is that paedophiles use columns such as these to search for new prey,

first by gaining the trust of the unsuspecting mother then moving on to abuse the child. I am aware that "Newton News" does not have a lonely hearts column, but our daily paper does and frequently carries adverts from mothers which state they have children. I have worked with children and young adults for many years, some of whom, have been abused, and it saddens me to see an advertisement carrying the innocent statement "MUST LOVE CHILDREN" knowing it can result in such dire consequences.

The increase in child abuse and the Authority's inability to stop it, prompts me to write this letter, and should it help to make one person aware of the possible dangers, it will have been well worth the effort.  
P. F. Harrison

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## MAYOR OPENS LANSING'S NEW HEADQUARTERS



Photo by Andy Banks

The Official Opening of Lansing Linde Castle's Newton Aycliffe H.Q. was carried out by the Mayor Sarah Iveson. An "Open Day" followed attended by almost 150 customers. Demonstrations and tours round the new premises took place throughout the day enabling customers to view the comprehensive range of services offered by the Company which has invested over £1.5 million in Aycliffe.

Lansing Linde Castle Engineer Ray Gash demonstrates the H16D Fork Lift Truck.

## 5 - Side Football Cup Winners



The second Bank Holiday Five-a-side Tournament of 1997 at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex saw Alexander-le-Skerne and RAB Kickers qualify for the Final with both teams winning their respective groups.

Alexander-le-Skerne took the honours in a closely fought game beating RAB 2 - 1. This victory was even more noteworthy due to the fact that the winners had two injured players in the last 10 minutes. But with the help of some excellent goalkeeping they became the May Day Champions.

## Invitation to Compete at the Great Aycliffe Show

People visit the Great Aycliffe Show for many different reasons, some to see the full programme of entertainment in the Arena and Playhouse Marquee, some just to browse in the craft or trade stalls, lots of children come to experience the free activities which are provided on site, but many hundreds of people take part in the competitions which are a major part of the Really Great Aycliffe Show.

This year's Show has many competitions which people of all ages take part in. The Handcraft Exhibition has 77 classifications ranging from home cooking and hand knitting to photography, wine and embroidery for age groups 4 - 104.

The Golf Tournament was a great success with children and adults in its first year in 1996 and shows all the signs of increasing in popularity for 1997 as does the Badminton Tournament which has singles or doubles competitions for children aged from under 12 to under 16 years.

The five-a-side Football Knockout is almost full, with only two team places left in the Senior age groups for those currently attending 3rd, 4th or 5th year in secondary school.

Anyone who has a pet can enter it into the Pet Parade which will be held on Sunday morning at the Show. Entries in the past have ranged from prize dogs to goldfish!

If you would like further information or application forms for any of the competitions please complete the slip below and return it to Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

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## Help for Childrens Society

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The hotel is enjoying strong sales with marked increase in business particularly residential conferences. there has also been a rise in demand from local business to use the hotel for meetings and Manager Nigel Dibb attributes this to

the fact that the hotel offers the professional friendly service comparable with the demand.

The Eden Arms is a helping to attract additional revenue into the area from visitors on short holiday breaks.

Further investment in the hotel of £375,000 is to be made this year in the refurbishment of bedrooms and kitchen equipment.

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# TOWN BAND TAKES CHANGE OF DIRECTION

Over the past three years Aycliffe Brass band has undergone major changes. It has changed its name to Aycliffe and Brancepeth following a merger with their band which has a history of over 100 years being originally the Willington Temperance Band, founded in 1886. The band recently appointed Michael Priestley as Musical Director.

Following a Music Degree at Bretton Hall College he

has taught at Easington and Yoden Hall Schools before moving to Woodham Comprehensive where he has been Head of Music for 9 years.

He started his involvement in music by playing the cornet with Guiseley Brass Band at the age of 13 and renewed his interest and association with brass bands by joining Aycliffe & Brancepeth last year. Michael was appointed Musical Director in January.

Recently the band was promoted to the third section of the Durham Brass Band League and at present is thriving.

However new members of all ages are always welcome. Tuition is available and the loan of instruments to anyone interested in joining this friendly and enthusiastic group which meets for rehearsals in their own room at Appletree Joinery premises on the Industrial Estate.

Please contact the Secretary on (01325) 257228.



Photos by Andy Banks

Above Left Michael Priestley, newly appointed Musical Director photographed with the Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band.

Left: The band in rehearsal conducted by Michael.

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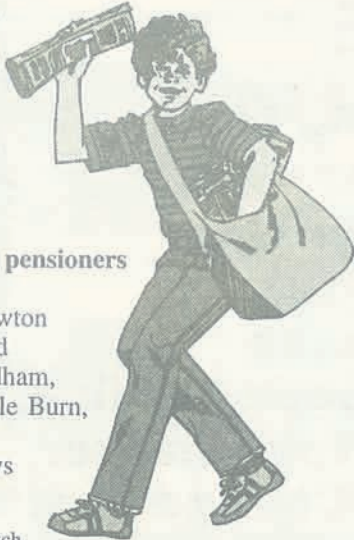
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## SWIM CLUB'S GREAT HAUL OF MEDALS

Last weekend 17th May at the Northumberland and Durham Counties A.S.A. Centennial Team Finals held at Felling Swimming Pool, Sedgefield 75 A.S.C. collected three gold medals, one silver medal, one bronze medal and five placing.

The medal haul began in the morning with the twelve years old boys 4 x 50m Medley Team of Ian Storey (Back), Andrew Cairns (Breast), Christopher Bowden (Fly) and Mark Richardson (Free) collecting the gold medal in a time of 2:22.00. In the afternoon session Ian, Chris and Mark were joined by Christopher Walsh in the 4 X 50m Freestyle team collecting the bronze medal in a time of 2:12.00.

The twelve year old girls collected gold medals in the 4 x 50m Freestyle (2:07.52) and 4 x 50m Medley events (2:23.61). The golden girls are: Carol Moban (Back), Zoe Mitchell (Breast), Jill Hunter (Fly) and Angela Winstanley-Smith.

A silver medal went to Sedgfield's Junior Men in the 4 x 50m Freestyle team in a time of 1:47.32. Mark Surtees, Iain Cairns, Barry Walker and Chris Daly. This foursome also collected a 4th position in the 4 x 50m Medley Team in a time of 2:04.03. Eleven year old girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Team of Beverley Vickers, Samantha Mitchell, Natatie Thompson and Leanne Boddy finished 4th in a time of 2:24.43. The same team finished 4th in the Medley event in a time of 2:42.06.

14/15 boys Mark Surtees, Iain Cairns, David Farmer and Michael Turnbull finished in 4th position in the 4 x 50m Freestyle event in a time of 1:54.03.

The Junior Ladies, Kathleen Mohan, Sarah Kelly, Lyndsey Atkinson and Kimberley Vickers finished in 6th position in the 4 x 50m Freestyle (1:59.81).

Congratulations to all those swimmers who attended and supported their team mates at the event very narrowly missing finals themselves: Liam Bell, Stephen Turnbull, Scott Carpenter, Ben Pamaby, Katie Hewitson, Angela Kelly, Michelle Stamp, Stephanie Brain, David Courtley, Mark Walton, George Carpenter, Andrew Green, Tarryn Samuel, Lyndsey Needham, Stephanie Surtees, Alison Storey and Vicky Blair.

Thank you to the coaches on pool side and the many parents who supported the swimmers throughout a very busy day.

## Double Burglary

Dear Sir,  
What are things coming to? In the space of 2 months we've had two motorbikes stolen and our garden shed broken into. We have done no harm to anyone yet thieves come onto our property and steal our possessions which we have worked hard to pay for. Do these people realise the hurt they cause? They may think its okay as we are insured, but it doesn't make us feel any better!

My husband nearly lost his job because without his motorbike he had no means of getting to work.

Yours in disgust,  
M.T.

## COFFEE MORNING

St. Elizabeth's Church will hold a Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale in the Church Hall on Sat. 7th June from 9.30 am - 12 noon. Attractions include Nearly New Stall, Cakes & Pies, Raffle.

Any items for the Jumble Sale would be welcome - anything left will go to a Charity Shop.

## DIRECTOR VISITS SCHOOL

Keith Mitchell, Director of Education, personally congratulated Horndale School Staff on the consistently high standard of their work, particularly identified as a major strength by the Ofsted Inspectors recently. The Director visited the school last week and met the staff and pupils to share in their success.

## Family Service

A Family Service will be held at St. Clares Church on Sunday 8th June at 10.30 a.m. A warm welcome is extended to all, but especially to young families to share in an informal all-age service. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards.

## CRAFT SALE

A Craft Sale and Coffee Morning is to be held on Tuesday 3rd June at St. Clares Church Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. Hand-made craft items for the home and children will be on sale along with light refreshments.

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**Thursday 12th - Judging of the Children's Poster Competition.**

For further details or to join in these events, please contact Louise or Shirley at The Carers Centre on 01325 308100.

Completed entries should be sent to: Mrs. M. Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council,  
Council Offices, P.O. Box 2, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe

**Congratulations for some great achievements:**  
Natalie Thompson, Beverley Vickers, Ian Storey, Iain Cairns, Michael Turnbull, Lindsey Atkinson, Alison Storey, Kimberley Vickers, Sara Kelly, Mark Richardson and Samantha Mitchell.

For further information contact Sue Peacock, Community Relations, British Gas Tel 0131 559 5507

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successfully.

I enclose photographs of two ladies who attend the  
Woodham community Centre meeting on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.  
Carol Gill who lives at Aycliffe now weighs 8 stone and  
Millie Duffin (left) who lives in Woodham has lost 8 stones!

Kath Moss, Area Manager

Pleasant  
Pub to  
Visit

Dear Sir,

We have visited our re-vamped  
local pub "The Aycliffe Arms"  
and were pleasantly surprised  
by the nice friendly  
atmosphere provided by the  
regulars.

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Thanks  
for Help

Dear Sir,

May I express sincere thanks  
to a number of people who  
helped me when I took ill in the  
Town Centre on Tuesday 20th  
May.

I was told later that two young  
boys managed to get me into  
"Your More Store" where the  
staff were really helpful and  
understanding and called an  
ambulance.

Again, very many thanks,  
W.P.

Doctor's  
New Baby

Dr. Luder, daughter of Dr.  
Howard Martin, had a baby  
boy this week. Sebastian  
weighed 6lb 4 oz. and  
mother and son are both  
doing well. Dr. Luder will be  
back at work after her 10  
week maternity leave.

Her last maternity leave  
caused the break-up of the  
Pease Way Surgery  
partnership and a battle over  
the ownership of the  
premises is at present being  
fought in Court with a  
judgement expected in July.

Shafto  
House  
Awards

Two members of staff at  
Shafto House have been  
awarded certificates on  
achieving NVQ Level II in  
Direct Care.  
Care Assistant Alison Pyle  
and Carol Foster, Assistant  
Residential Manager took  
2 1/2 years and a lot of hard  
work to gain the award.

Coffee  
Morning

A Coffee Morning and  
Grand Sale is to be held on  
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a.m. until 12 noon.  
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Sunderland  
Supporters  
Meeting

Sunderland AFC Supporters  
Association's AGM will be  
held on Sat. 7th June at 12.30  
pm at the British Legion  
Club, Macmillan Road,  
Newton Aycliffe. All  
members are required to  
attend.

Town's Junior  
Footballers  
in Blackpool

Last weekend the Newton Aycliffe YFC Under 13's team  
manager, Joe Blackett, took a squad of 14 players to Blackpool  
for the Lytham Soccer Tournament 1997, in competition against  
25 teams from the N. East, Yorks, Lanc's and Midlands.

The Boys gave a highly creditable account of themselves in reaching  
the Semi-final's where they lost 1-0 to the eventual winners, Kader  
YFC from Teesside.

In the group matches the boys were winners with a Played 5, Won 4,  
Drawn 1, series of results all of which were achieved through solid  
performances from all the team.

## Game 1 - v GPT Colts - Coventry - Won 5-0

The boys led at half-time 1-0 through a strike by David Pickering  
following a strong run into the penalty area after good approach work  
by Phil Dodds and Matty Abraham down the left. In the second half  
the lads benefited from their slick approach play to score a further  
four, through Pickering, Adam Charlton - A 20 yarder into the roof  
of the net - and two late strikes from sub Darren Clothier.

## Game 2 - v Roach Dynamos - Bury - Won 1-0

In a hard fought contest played in torrential rain, the town took the  
lead in the first half following great interplay between Pickering, Chase  
McMullen and David Baldwin who crossed for Dodds to score at the  
far post, a move nearly repeated minutes later. Dynamos exerted strong  
pressure in the second half but the defensive pairing of Karl Wills  
and Michael Middleton were outstanding and ably supported by  
goalkeeper Michael Leighton who made an excellent save in the last  
minute.

## Game 3 - v South Elmsal - Pontefract - Draw 2-2

On a now water-logged pitch Pickering put the under 13's in front  
after a strong run from Midfield - Two defensive mistakes, one a  
penalty, allowed Sth. Elmsall to lead 2-1 at half time. The boys  
equalised early in the second half when they beat the keeper with a  
low shot into the corner following good work from McMullen in an  
evenly fought contest neither side could find a winner.

## Game 4 - v Lambton St. - Sunderland - Won 5-0

The boys totally dominated this game as Lambton St. had no answers  
to the strong running Aycliffe forwards who missed several goal  
scoring opportunities - A Pickering hat-trick, Dodds and McMullen,  
were the Aycliffe scorers.

## Game 5 - v Michelin Colts - Burnley - Won 1-0

The first half was evenly contested with Sub-keeper Shaun Bell  
showing good handling to keep scores level. The stronger running  
Aycliffe side gradually exerted pressure which resulted in Baldwin  
being pulled down in the penalty box, allowing McMullen to score  
despite a valiant effort by the keeper.

## Quarter Final - v Guissy Gremlins - Won on Penalty Shoot-out after 1-1 draw.

Against a much taller team the lads took the lead in the 1st half through  
a goal from McMullen direct from a free kick 'A La Shearer' style,  
only for slack defending allowing the opponents to equalise almost  
immediately from a free-kick. In an evenly contested second half  
neither side could find a winner.  
Despite late Aycliffe pressure in the resultant penalty shoot-out,  
Leighton made a fine save which then left Aycliffe needing to score  
to progress from their last attempt. Left full back Steven Brown  
showed no nerve as he fired a left foot shot high into the roof of the  
net.

## Semi-Final - v - Kader YFC - Teesside - Lost 1-0

Against a well organised and physically stronger side the boys had to  
battle throughout. Wills and Middleton were ably supported by John  
Craggs who in his defensive midfield role, but despite some good  
saves throughout the match a rare goalkeeping error allowed Kader  
to score and deservedly progress to the final.

The performances by the Boys were a credit to themselves and  
the town - Well done to you all!



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### Shaun Stevenson



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How will you ever get  
us back for this one?  
Love Debra & Mandy

IAN PALMER Happy 17th  
anniversary (31-5-97) all my  
love Valerie XX

SHAUN STEVENSON  
Happy 30th birthday Daddy,  
love and kisses Naomi and  
Kurtis

ARROWSMITH - RYAN  
congratulations Theresa and  
Stu on your wedding day, 22-  
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ARROWSMITH - RYAN  
Congratulations on your  
wedding day, Stuart and  
Theresa, love and very best  
wishes for your future, Mary,  
Ken and family

HARTLEY Laura (3-6-97)  
teenager at last! Happy  
birthday sis, love Caroline XX

ELISE BRAZIER Happy 1st  
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girl, we love you so much,  
Mummy and Daddy XXX

ELISE BRAZIER To a  
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one on 30-5-97, love and miss  
you Gran XX

ELISE BRAZIER Happy 1st  
birthday, love, hugs and kisses  
from Jacqueline, Jim, Lori and  
Stacy

BRAZIER Hip Hip Hooray,  
Elise is one today, lots of love  
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Cameron

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granddaughter, love Nana  
Myra and Grandad Joe

ELISE BRAZIER Happy 1st  
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Auntie Linda, Uncle Andrew  
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and Kathleen

REBECCA DOUGLAS Well  
done Rebecca for coming first  
in the hair dressing  
competition on the 20th May  
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We are all proud of you, love  
from Mam, Dad, Andrew and  
all the family

DANIEL & REBECCA  
Congratulations, Auntie  
Margaret and Adam

DANIEL & REBECCA on  
the birth of your beautiful  
daughter "Bethany" (26-5-  
97). Love Mam, Dad and  
Simon

DANIEL & REBECCA Well  
done, love Zoe and Andrew

JAMIE GIBSON To our little  
treasure, happy 4th birthday  
love Mammy and Daddy XX

JAMIE GIBSON happy 4th  
birthday little bro, lots of love  
Kirsty X

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love always Diane XX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dad,  
love Scott, Paul, Jill and Harry  
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### Louise Crosby



18 on 1-6-97  
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are. Lots of love on  
your 18th from  
Mam and Dad

LOUISE CROSBY 1-6-97,  
happy 18th birthday Louise,  
all my love today and always  
Paul

### Louise



Happy 18th Louise  
Lots of love Allison,  
Bryan, Mark & Craig

### June Porter



To the best Mam in  
the world, happy 65th  
birthday. Lots of love  
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Angela, Anne, John,  
Coleen, Anthony and  
your grandchildren  
Andrew, Jenny, Helen,  
Rebecca, Daniel  
and Baby ??

HAPPY 12th birthday Scott,  
love Mam and Dad XX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Scott,  
love Paul, Jill and Harry XX

SCOTT NORRIS Happy  
18th birthday love Joanne and  
Tom

JOHNSON Happy 2nd  
birthday to our dear  
granddaughter Francesca,  
love you lots, Love Nana and  
Grandad XX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Francesca, my little princess,  
love Terri-Ann X

JOHNSON happy 1st  
anniversary Lisa and Paul, a  
happy year for you both, love  
Mam and Dad XX

JOHNSON Francesca Louise,  
to our very special and  
precious little girl, happy 2nd  
birthday, we love you more  
than words can say. You are  
the most precious thing life  
can bring. You have brought  
the sunshine into all our lives.  
All our love Mammy and  
Daddy

## In Memoriam

MAUREEN MURPHY 3-6-  
96. A dear Mam and Nanna,  
we think of you each day and  
miss very much, God bless  
you, love Peter and Melissa  
XX

ATESS KENNETH  
FOSTER Died 2-6-96. Today,  
tomorrow, our whole lives  
through, we will love ad  
remember you. Your loving  
family Susan, John, Simon  
and grandchildren Paul,  
Sandra, Michael and Adam

ATESS KENNETH  
FOSTER Died 2-6-96. No-  
one sees my broken heart that  
lies beneath my smile, many  
times I've cried, you left me  
beautiful memories, your love  
is still my guide and though I  
cannot see you, you are  
always by my side. Your  
loving wife Audrey

EDNA JOSE Died 3rd June  
1995. In loving memory of a  
special wife, always in our  
thoughts, very sadly missed,  
your loving husband John,  
daughter Carole, grandson  
Damien, love you always  
XXX

EDNA JOSE 3rd June 1995.  
Treasured memories of a good  
friend and neighbour,  
remembered by Irene

BILLY BURRELL A loving  
brother, simple words but very  
true, we will always love and  
remember you. Deeply missed  
brother Steve, sisters Mena,  
Jenny, Theresa and Sophia  
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## TICKETS FOR "COUNTRY NITE" AVAILABLE

A limited number of tickets for the Country 'Nite' are now available from the Oak Leaf Sports and Golf Complexes at School Aycliffe, Thames Centre Butchers and Paul Gittins in the Town Centre plus Julie's Cafe on the Industrial Estate and J&A Headstart at Neville Parade.

Tickets are priced at only £2 each which can be redeemed against the cost of food purchased at the Country 'Nite'.

The Country 'Nite' will be held in the Playhouse Marquee on the Showfield on Saturday 28th of June starting at 7pm. It promises to be a great night out, with real good, live performances by 'Two for Texas' and Peter Bergg will be playing lots of great sounds from the Country scene.

Entry is by ticket only and as there will be a licensed bar in the marquee only those aged 18 and over will be admitted.

A free disco for children will be held on Friday 27th June in the Sports Hall of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, as well as Paul Gittins Roadshow disco. Entry will be restricted to 200 for the ages show below:

5 - 7 years	5pm - 6pm (with parents only)
8 - 10 years	6.15pm - 7.45pm
11 - 16 years	8pm - 10pm

Tickets for the Country 'Nite' and further information for all entertainment is available from Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

## BETTER F.M. RECEPTION

Following a period of test transmissions, started on 27th March 1997, a new BBC transmitting station at BILSDALE now brings good FM national radio reception, including stereo, to an extra 300,000 people in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and the surrounding areas; including Darlington, Guisborough, Newton Aycliffe, Northallerton, Richmond, Sedgefield and Stockton-on-Tees.

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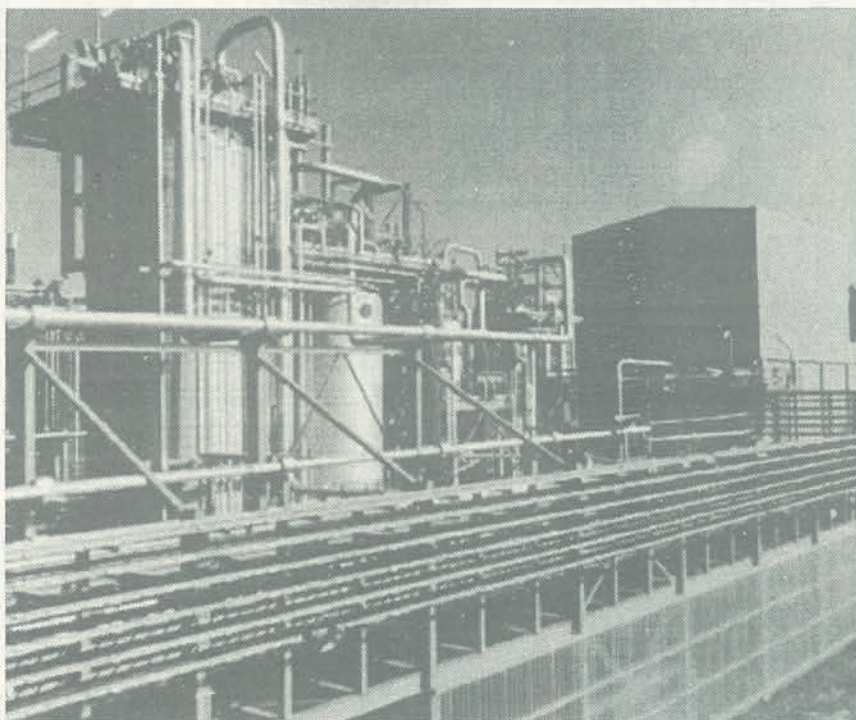
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**BBC Engineering Information**  
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Further Engineering Information about this and other BBC services is also available on page 698 of BBC Ceefax, and on the Internet: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/enginfo/>.

## £15 Million Contract Completed



Kvaerner Redpath, part of the oil and gas business area of international diversified industrial group Kvaerner, has completed a £15 million multi discipline construction services contract for Hydro Polymer's PVC manufacturing plant at Newton Aycliffe. The project was carried out on a "non-confrontational" alliance basis and it is notable that Kvaerner Redpath has now successfully completed approximately £100 million of engineering construction projects with this particular approach. Kvaerner Redpath's scope of work on the new PVC resin production unit included pipework

fabrication and installation of electrical and instrumentation systems and mechanical equipment, as well as management of other disciplines within the alliance including civil, piling and steelwork erection. The alliance enabled all disciplines to be managed as a single entity with reimbursement linked to performance.

Tony Rae, Kvaerner Redpath's Business Development Director, said "Kvaerner continue to be at the forefront of this type of contract involving all parties, including the client, at all stages of the project. The alliance enabled ourselves and the

client to address potential problems at an early stage to the benefit of all parties. Safety was of paramount performance for everyone involved, with Kvaerner redpath having to meet Hydro Polymer's clearly defined safety performance targets before the contract was awarded. It must also be noted that the project was the winner of Kvaerner Redpath's Safety Award for 1996 which can be attributed to the high level of safety management employed". The completion of this contract by Kvaerner Redpath coincides with Hydro Polymer's 50 year celebration of PVC production at Newton Aycliffe.

## New Director of Arts Appointed at Darlington

Peter Cutchie, Artistic Director of the Queen's Hall Arts Centre in Hexham has been appointed Head of Theatre and Arts, responsible for Darlington Borough Council's two arts venues; Darlington Civic Theatre and Arts Centre.

No stranger to Darlington, Peter Cutchie worked at Darlington Civic Theatre as Assistant House Manager from 1979 to 1982.

Since then he has worked at a number of leading arts venues throughout the country, including The Arts Centre, University of Warwick, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Theatre Royal, Glasgow and the Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham.

His work in Hexham over the last five years will leave a legacy of achievements.

In particular, the establishment of Theatre Sans Frontières - regular visitors in recent years to Darlington Arts Centre - as Hexham's resident theatre company, an extensive out-reach and education programme and lottery funding for a major feasibility study.

A member of the Board of Northern Arts, Peter is a well known and respected member of the arts world both regionally and nationally and his appointment is good news for the arts in the Town. Peter will commence duties in Darlington in July and stresses that he is particularly looking forward to working with and developing the arts in Darlington as the new millennium approaches.

On accepting the position

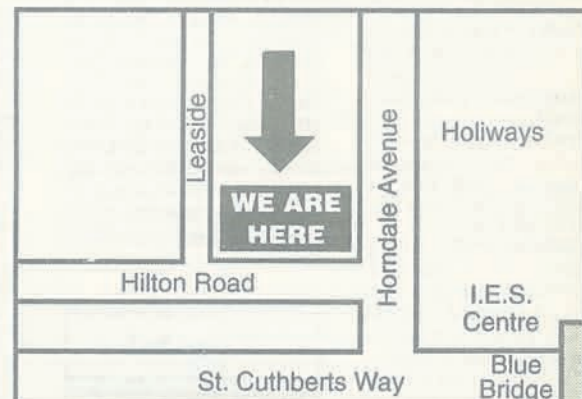
Peter said: "I am really looking forward to coming back to Darlington, a town that I and all my family regard as home and particularly pleased to be joining Darlington Borough Council at this time with the opportunities that will come with the new unitary authority."

Councillor Dorothy L. Chair of Leisure Services Committee, Darlington Borough Council commented on the appointment saying: "I am delighted that we have been able to attract such an admirable and well-qualified manager to the post of Head of Theatre and Arts. I credit to the achievements already made in Darlington in recent years and I have no doubt that Peter Cutchie will contribute much to the provision in the area. I wish him all the very best and forward to welcoming him to the Town in July".

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