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Organisers of the Great Aycliffe Show today paid tribute to the thousands of competitors who turned up to show exhibits and take part in the many competitions held during the dreadful weather conditions of this year's Show. Visitors, volunteers and stall holders were also to be congratulated for braving the elements and retaining their sense of humour despite the worst "show weather" ever seen. The decision was taken to continue with a limited programme of events to avoid disappointing the large numbers of people normally involved in the show.

The torrential rain on Saturday caused the suspension of both the Football and Golf Tournaments which will now be re-run; Football on Sunday 13th July and Golf on the weekend of 19/20th July (weather permitting!!) The Handcraft Exhibition was hastily re-arranged inside the Oak Leaf Sports Complex where only fourteen of the four hundred exhibitors failed to turn up to show their exhibits.

Badminton and Bowls competition were unaffected by the weather and went ahead as scheduled. The Whippets did not seem to mind the conditions at all when they raced on Sunday and still had the energy to bark while their owners were presented with trophies by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe Cllr. Mrs Sarah J Iveson.

Some of the entertainment booked for the Playhouse Marquee was accommodated in another smaller marquee as the marquee hire firm was unable to finish erection of all the marquees and organisers re-scheduled performances where possible. The Friday teen disco was a great hit with the children and teenagers and the Country Nite on Saturday was declared a huge success by all who attended.

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people to get to the swimming pool with separate forms of transport. We looked at newspaper articles and wrote a conversation we thought the buyer and seller would have over the phone. One of the other things we had to do was design a bike and cost it. Overall, we thought it was a good day and thoroughly enjoyed it. By Alistair Peach

Aycliffe Village School News

The local school children, at Aycliffe Village Primary School had a fun filled day with Mr Shorthouse. He came as a representative of the Sustrans organisation. He did some different activities with different groups of children. They included doing puzzles, making bikes and a telephone conversation between the buyer and seller. He also talked to children about how fit we can get, and the less pollution we will make, if we are

travelling short distances, if we use bikes. This is what the children had to say about the day with Mr Shorthouse. "It was great designing the bikes"; "The day was very interesting and educational"; "Mr Shorthouse made me wake up and realise how much I can use my bike in safety". As you can see the children enjoyed their day, and are looking forward to more days in the future with Mr Shorthouse. By Laura Jackson

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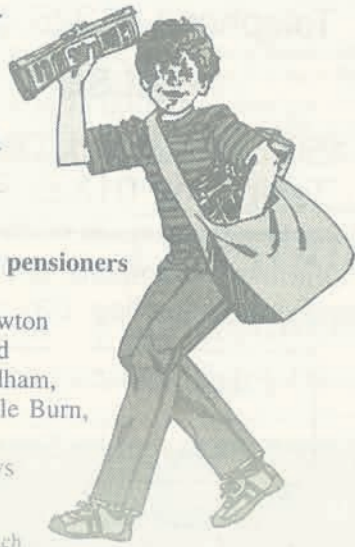
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Cycleforce NOTES



P.C. Sarah Bullick's Cycleforce initiative is a great success in building good relationships with the police and public and preventing crime.

The aim is to provide high visibility patrols of problem areas such as the town centre, school grounds, subways, halls and the Burn. The Bike helps Sarah get to these places easily and quickly. This regular column will highlight some of the petty crimes and serve as a warning to residents to be on your guard in the fight against crime.

SHED BURGLARIES are on the increase reports P.C. Bullick. Bikes, garden equipment and tools are being targeted with the thief gaining access by taking off door hinges. RING 314401 if you can help the police.

Remember alarms costing only £7 are available from the Police Station. BOGUS OFFICIALS may knock on your door! Use a door chain, check identity and if in doubt ring the relevant authority and don't allow them inside. Only allow the "officer" to enter those rooms necessary to complete the work.

HOUSE BURGLARY can be prevented with simple and inexpensive security measures. Keep an eye on your neighbour's property and report anything suspicious on 314401.

A PROLIFIC BURGLAR in the town is on the loose! Be extra vigilant and check your locks and windows at night and when you are out.

**MY CHILD WOULDN'T
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**DO YOU KNOW WHAT
YOUR CHILD IS DOING ?**

UNRULY GANGS continue to cause concern and the Police intend to reduce the problem with positive action. Don't be surprised if they arrive at your house with your child or send you a formal letter of warning regarding their anti-social behaviour.

Middridge FETE

Middridge Village holds the Annual Summer Fete this weekend commencing 2 p.m.

There is plenty to interest all the family with children's entertainment, competitions, refreshments and sideshows.

Stalls include cakes, bric-a-brac, toys, plants and grocery etc. Music will be provided by Paul Gittins and the Grand Draw will be made at 4 p.m.

Woodham Burn Infants School Receives Glowing OFSTED Report

An outstanding accolade for pupils, parents, staff and governors was given by OFSTED inspectors to Woodham Burn Infants School following an inspection in May. The inspectors found Woodham Burn Infants School to be a very good school with many strengths in which a team of dedicated and hardworking staff provide a consistently good quality of education. They noted the quality of the teaching as a strength of the school - teachers know their children well and have high expectations of them.

Inspectors found attainment to be at least in line with national age related expectations in all subjects with high attainment in many subjects. The results of national testing at 7 in 1995 and 1996 mirror these findings and provide an indication of the strength of the school.

Pupils are praised for their very good attitudes to work. They are attentive in lessons, concentrate for relatively long periods of time and are well motivated and keen to succeed. Relationships are very good. Pupils are friendly, polite and helpful to one another and with adults. There are extremely good relationships between pupils and between pupils and other teachers. Pupils behaviour is described as exemplary. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the pupils is a noted strength of the school. The school provides a very positive ethos, which is reflected in the day to day experience of the pupils. The school is very welcoming to visitors and emphasis is placed on nurturing the already strong links with the local and wider community. The expertise of parents and visitors is valued and their contributions enhance the curriculum. The pupils spiritual development is delivered through well planned collective worship and a strength is the weekly family assembly attended by friends and parents of the school where pupils are given the opportunity to share their work and celebrate their achievements.

The high quality of care and support that pupils receive is noted as another strength of the school. The school provides a happy secure and well disciplined family atmosphere where pupils can flourish. Relationships within the school are excellent, the staff provide very positive role models and the headteacher sets an excellent example.

Inspectors noted the very effective partnership between home and school as a considerable strength and that parents hold the school in high regard and are proud of its achievements. A very positive feature of the school is the high quality of support in classrooms provided by adult volunteers including parents student members of the local community and the caretaker who uses her own time to support many activities.

The headteacher is praised as providing very strong, caring and effective leadership which sets the tone for the school. She provides very clear educational direction and sets a very good example in all her work. In this she receives excellent support from the governing body, the deputy headteacher and the secretary. Her accessibility and the high level of support staff are clear strengths of the school. The schools appropriate set of aims reflect the high expectations of the headteacher (support from parents of these aims is significantly high - over 95% of parents agree that the school enables their children to reach a high standard of work and are happy with the attitudes and values the school teaches). The management and deployment of resources by the headteacher and governors make a positive impact on raising achievement in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Staff are well deployed. The accommodation is clean and tidy and provides a stimulating learning environment with outstanding displays of children's work. The excellent management of the schools resources within the constraints of a very tight budget promote the educational standards achieved. The school provides very good value for money.

The report ends with the inspectors stating that to maintain the high quality of education provided, and to promote further development the school should now build upon the many strengths that already exist for school improvement and the governing body and staff should seek to; ensure that skills are further developed into all curriculum areas; develop further format procedures by which the governing body can maintain and evaluate the curriculum; develop further the role of the curriculum co-ordinator in order to share curriculum expertise.

The headteacher, Mrs Patricia Henderson, congratulates the children, staff, parents and governors on such an excellent report. She is delighted that the many strengths of the school have been recognised by OFSTED. However, Mrs Henderson states there is no place for complacency at Woodham Burn Infants School and that she and all staff will strive to further develop this delightful school

New Season for Young Footballers

The 97-98 season is getting closer and the Club is now hoping to run nine teams. We are now recruiting players in age groups under 10 to under 18's. The Under 18's will play only on Saturdays. Under 13's training begins on Sunday 13th July at 11 a.m. Any footballers interested should meet at the Avenue Playing Fields. Further information from

Rob Tarling 319586 or John Bates 316501.

The Under 16's are managed by Stephen Cunliffe and Richard Linton as Eddie Turner has retired. Training starts on Wednesday 16th July at 6.30 pm. at the Avenue Playing Fields, and interested players should just turn up on the night. Further information on 310620 or 307232.

MORE CASH TO IMPROVE FACTORIES

In 1996 Sedgfield Borough Council launched an Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme, to encourage companies located on Aycliffe Industrial Park to improve the external appearance of their site and premises. The first year of scheme has been a success and further funding has been secured from the European Regional Development Fund and Sedgfield Borough Council is enable to continue. Projects which will

significantly enhance the aesthetic quality of buildings in prominent locations will be given priority. For further information on the Council's Environmental Improvement Grants please contact either David Greatorex or Jeremy Wright at Sedgfield Business Centre on 307270

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Show Visitors Made the Best of Bad Weather



Photographs of some who ventured out in between the rain storms.



The Council paid tribute to those who supported the Show despite the atrocious weather. We ought to pay similar compliments to the organiser Marie Robinson, the Council sub-committee and staff whose ambitions for the 1997 event were completely squashed. They tried valiantly to make the best of the situation and succeeded in getting something out of the week-end and we congratulate them all for their brave efforts in the face of such appalling conditions.

Civic Reception for "Aycliffe Angels"

Great Aycliffe Town Council hosted a buffet lunch for nearly 300 "Aycliffe Angels" on Monday of this week. The "Angels" were welcomed by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Cllr Mrs S J Iveson.

Queen Elizabeth and Queen mother had written to one of the "Angels" and her letter was read out to the delight of those present.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor presented certificates and badges to the "Angels" on behalf of the Council, in recognition of their contribution to the war effort.

It was an emotional day; old friendships were renewed; new ones made; memories recalled and the old favourites sung with gusto and not a little pride.

Great Aycliffe Town Council has approached the Royal British Legion at Newton Aycliffe who will be happy to see the "Angels" take part in this years Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Great Aycliffe Town Council also intends to commission a permanent memorial to the "Angels" as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations

Avenue Reunion

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made our reunion a great success. A special thank you to those of you who travelled from afar: Paul Robson, Denise Garthwaite, Marie Gittins and Sandra Hubey.

Thanks to Newton Press for placing the adverts and organising the disco. Finally, a special thank you for the excellent donation, we raised for our friend "Rena Humble" who was there in our thoughts (86 was raised)

I hope you all had as good night as I did.

Thank you everyone

Love Learning (Elliott)

PS Don't forget the reunion in the year 2000!!!

Council to Take Legal Action Against Vandals

At each meeting of the Council's Environment Committee, a report is submitted outlining acts of vandalism to the property which the Council provides for the public of Newton Aycliffe.

Damage to swings, slides, tennis courts etc. costs the Council and therefore, ultimately, the Council Tax payer, significant sums of money each year.

I will be reporting to my Council on Sedgefield Borough Council's Community Safety Strategy welcoming the aims within it. It is however, ultimately a question of the development of civic responsibility and good

citizenship, but this will be a long term process.

In the meantime the council will pursue vigorously legal action against anyone damaging the facilities which it provides for the public of Newton Aycliffe

150 Mile Bike Ride?

One of the three young men cycling the Coast to Coast route on July 19, 20, 21st has withdrawn leaving a place for another daring man. Peugeot have supplied the bikes - do you have the time and energy? The sponsored ride is in aid of a Youth Centre project to install access and toilets for the disabled. Ring 300212.

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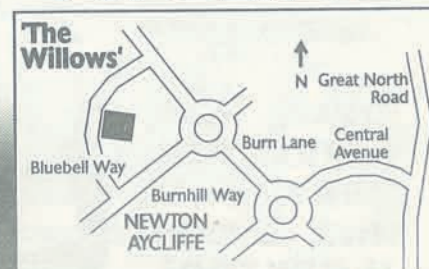
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Finally the day arrived and after lunch we travelled in cars to the cricket ground. There were 20 schools taking part and after a quick warm-up we started

playing. If we weren't playing for a few minutes, we supported our teams, Heighington G and Heighington F. Winning our first 4 games, things were getting exciting. In the last two matches, there was some super bowling and catching. So we won all our games of cricket! An excited crowd of children gathered around Nick Brown, the event organiser as he gave certificates to everyone. Now with only 5 schools winning all their games the tension was mounting!

We knew we would come somewhere between 1st and 5th... but where? Heighington F came 3rd and Heighington G came 2nd! What a score, we were very pleased and went home with big smiles on our faces!

By Joanne Newbould
Age 11

Letter Impolite Ladies!

Dear Sir,
Whilst walking my dogs near Taylor Walk, my pup did her business, which I scooped and bagged leaving it next to a wall until I returned that way, after I had walked my friends children home, as the scoop bin is in the opposite direction.

Two ladies saw fit to attack me verbally even after I explained I would be back in a few minutes to move the bag. Their attitude was very hostile and threatening in front of children. I consider myself a responsible dog owner and whilst I sympathise with anyone who has a problem with dog dirt on greens it is wrong to "gang up" on someone. You could be picking on an innocent person and I ask these ladies to be more polite next time.

Dog Owner
Name & address supplied.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A short story written by an ex-soldier from Newton Aycliffe has been short-listed for a £1000 prize on offer by the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds and the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society.

Dennis Fisher's short story "The Humorous Faithful Durham's" is an amusing account of the evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940. Mr Fisher, a former coal miner, wrote his story after reading that the Royal Armouries Museum and the Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society are sponsoring a short story competition with 31000 on offer for the best entry - fiction or non-fiction - on a choice of one of the following three themes either "Military Life", "Wartime" or "Peace". Perhaps you can do better, or have a more interesting story to tell? Entry is open

to everyone, including children, and must be no more than 1000 words in length. All entrants will also receive a ticket to the Museum.

A panel of distinguished judges will invite the winner and their family to a prize giving at the Royal Armouries on 29th December. The winning entry will be advertised nationally on Christmas Eve.

Each entry should be accompanied by £5 (which includes a £4 donation to the charity and £1 for administration). The deadline for entries is 30th July and should be sent to competition Secretary, Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society, Broadway House, The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1RL. Telephone 0113 243 3300

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possible to make us feel safe and provided a nice young lady to tidy floors etc. I feel we have been well cared for, considering it was a mammoth job! All has gone quite smoothly and the new kitchens and bathrooms are super. Many thanks,
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"OLIVER" AUDITIONS

Spennymoor Youth Theatre Group were overwhelmed with the response from Aycliffe kids to audition for "Oliver".

Over 140 turned up following the announcement in Newton News. The cast was chosen from some exceptional talent and nine youngsters were chosen from Aycliffe including the leading role.

More details after rehearsals start in September.

Car Wash Raised £114

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association wish to thank everyone who supported the Car Wash on Sunday 15th June when a total of £114 was raised. Another Car Wash and TableTop Sale will be held on Sunday 13th July at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way. The car wash is from 10am - 5 pm and the Sale will start at 2 pm. To reserve a table costing £5 please ring 318901 or 307397. Please continue to give your support.

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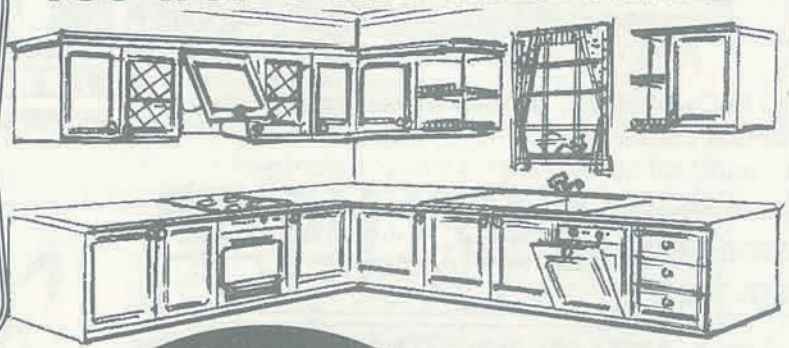
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MAGNIFICENT CONCERT AT WOODHAM SCHOOL



Above: Woodham School Choir

Below: Mike Priestley conducts



I was one of the privileged few last week to attend the Musical Concert staged by Woodham Comprehensive School in conjunction with Aycliffe & Brancepeth Band. I say "few" accusingly, as it was disappointing to see empty seats for what was excellent live entertainment at a nominal charge to raise funds for musical instruments

for schoolchildren. We hear that Aycliffe offers little in entertainment yet when events like this are offered they receive poor support. If people, including parents, made the effort to get of their backsides, they would have really enjoyed this superb performance. Our town band under new conductor Mike Priestley, were magnificent and deserve more community outings for more residents to appreciate the quality of their repertoire.

And they are more than willing to offer their services to any organisation who require an added attraction for their event. The School Choir led by Miss Ambury was a real joy to listen to and brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience. Woodham Comp is justifiably proud of these youngsters including the instrumentalists who displayed great talent.

Miss Ambury's solos were breathtaking and I have rarely heard better - even on the professional stage. She takes maternity leave soon and we wish her well, looking forward to the return of a truly gifted teacher. The School generously invited the Town's Rotary Club to organise a raffle at this event for a charity of their choice. They were so impressed with the Concert they gave the £83 proceeds plus another £217 to the Musical Instrument fund.

St. Mary's Fete Raised £3,800

After the frightful weather on Saturday which forced them to hire a marquee for the fete, it turned out to be a huge success, raising over £3800 for the church. But without the support of the many various companies who donated prizes and the townspeople who came and spent their money this wouldn't be possible. On behalf of St Marys - a big thank you. Below is the list of winning numbers from the Grand Draw which must be claimed by 26th July: 5309; 1713; 2591; 7309; 0016; 7231; 6625; 6518; 3525; 1337. Hamper Draw: 499; 267; 121; 302; 940; 145; 010; 363; 952; 103; 702; 165; 143.

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Letter to the Editor

BEWARE OF PET POISONER

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Last week, however, someone poisoned the mother who had kits, which of course led to their death too. This same ferret was also fostering kits of another mother which had been killed earlier, presumably by the

same person or persons. Another ferret of ours was stolen a few days before her young was due and when we found her she was ripped open and had to be destroyed. This is a warning to other ferret owners to take special precautions - remember these animals cannot give an alarm when attacked.
Yours sincerely,
Ferret owner

Thai Sport Taught at College

Bishop Auckland College is to be launched as the National Development Centre of Excellence for Muay Thai, the national sport of Thailand on 8th July 1997.

A top delegation from the Thai Government, headed by General Tianchai Sitsicumpun, the ex-deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, will fly to this country to perform the official opening. Muay Thai is a 2000 year old art steeped in tradition, which teaches total physical fitness and self defence.

Even more importantly the cultural aspects of the art such as self-discipline, self-control and respect greatly enhance human growth and development.

The college in partnership with the International Amateur Muay Thai Federation (IAMTF) Department of Physical Education of Thailand and the Cultural Commission of Thailand, will be the bodies appointed by The Government of Thailand to promote this art worldwide. The college will become the sole National Development Centre of Excellence of Muay Thai in the UK and will be instrumental in the organising of Regional and Area Development Centres of Excellence. This will be the blue print for growth in Europe.

The IAMTF has representation in 70 countries worldwide and the college will become a focal point for world wide activities. The college is proud to share in this unique cultural development which demonstrates the commitment and high esteem the Thai government holds for the college. This is reflected in a trade delegation that will be visiting the college in the near future

Honours for Karate Club



On Sunday 22nd June, Newton Aycliffe Karate Club represented the town at the "1997 Aiwaki Northern Junior Open Karate Championships" at Catterick. Which was made possible by the kind donation of Mr Dave Whiting whose parents live on the town. Team Kata consisting of Tarnia Bambrook, Adam Dodds and Shaun Dawson won 1st place in the team event.

Adam Dodds came 3rd in Boys 11-12 years. Shaun Clark, 1st place in Boys 16-18 years. Vicky Brewster, 1st place in girls 11-12 years.

The Boys and Girls 10 years and Under Team consisting of John Wardle, Michael Payne and Mark Harper came in 3rd place. Many thanks to Mr Dave Whiting from Newton Aycliffe Karate club for his kind support

Store Helps Junior RSPB Raffle

The Junior Section of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds would like to give thanks to Somerfield who allowed the sale of tickets in their store (as the rain prevented us from being at Great Aycliffe Show) also to all the following who donated prizes for the recent raffle: Somerfield, Black & Decker, VC Carpets, JR's Videos Occasions, Paul Gittins, Boots, Maynews, Thames Butchers, Simpature PO, Cellar 5, Boyes, Granada, Stevens, Moss, Mr R Kemp and the hairdressers at Neville Parade.

Winning Numbers were: YELLOW 419, 221, 119, 138, 373, 161, 31; PINK 259, 427, 111, 321, 312, 190, 351, 228, 222, 256, 93; ORANGE 214, 82, 16, 1; GREY 64, 37, 85, 63; GREEN 302, 140.

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Look Who's 50

Lots of love on your 50th birthday, Tommy. From your loving wife Cath, Sharon and Alan, Craig, Tracey and Kay. Happy birthday Granda, love from Stacey & Amy

Bob Ketch

40 TODAY 4-7-97
Happy Birthday son Love from Mam and Danny

BOB KETCH 4th July, Congratulations on your 40th birthday. Hope you have a great day with all my love from Maria

BOB KETCH Happy 40th birthday Dad, we love you loads, from your ever-loving kids, Wingnut, Trigger and Bucket Nut (Michael, Leanne and Lyan) XX

BOB KETCH Happy 40th Bob, (Don't worry it's not that bad!) From Paul and Angie

STEVEN MASSON Congratulations on your graduation Steven, love from Michelle, Paul, Angie, Richard and Stephen

VANESSA O'BRIEN congratulations on achieving 2-1 with honours on Crimin and psychology, good luck and best wishes for the future. Love Mam and Dad, Mark and Sharon XXX

JILL BEGG, Helen Walsh, Linda Kerrigan and Margaret Malcolm congratulations on passing stage 1 Sign Language exam, well done Margaret Bain and Joan Bain

KARINA PALMER Congratulations on passing your exams with distinction, love from Gran and Grandad

KARINA PALMER Congratulations on passing your exams with distinction, love from Dad, Rose, Jason and Craig

KARINA PALMER Congratulations on passing your exams with distinction, love from Kay, Rob, Katie and Sophie

LYNN WHITFIELD Have the most happiness on your birthday, lots of love Joel

HELLO LYNN You thought you'd saved yourself the grief, by sneaking off to Tenerife! But gotcha, happy 40th birthday, love Anne, Alan, Peggy and Norman

JORDAN WOODHEAD Hip Hip Hooray my darling grandson is 1 today, lots of love and kisses from Grandma and Uncle Karl XX

JORDAN WOODHEAD Happy 1st birthday sweetheart (5-7-97) lots of love, hugs and kisses Mammy ad Daddy XX

JORDAN WOODHEAD For a smashing little grandson on his 1st birthday, lots of love Gran and Granda XX

THORPE Hip Hip Hooray baby Steven is one today, Mam, Dad, Kimbly, Donna, Claire

MICHAEL Happy 6th birthday with love from Auntie Jen

MICHAEL LEWIS H: ppy birthday to our grandson, Michael, you are 6 today and a lot of surprises in store, a trip to Alton Towers is just one, have a lovely day. From Nana and Grandad White

MICHAEL LEWIS Happy 6th birthday for 10th July, love you lots, from Mammy and Daddy XX

ELLIS Courtney Louise, lots of love on your special day, love Nanna and grandad

ELLIS Courtney Louise Best wishes on your special day, lots of love Granda and Grandma

ELLIS Courtney Louise, lots of love on your Christening, love Auntie Lisa and uncle Dave

ELLIS Courtney Louise Happy Christening, 6-7-97, lots of love Great Grandma and Great Uncle Vernon

CLAIRE LOUISE Happy birthday, 4-7-97, it's all down hill now, pet. All my love Alan XX

BALDRY My old mate, who's birthday it is on Thursday? The big 30, love and kisses from Julie, Daniel and Kelly X

BALDRY Nicola, you are 30 my dear, the wrinkles are starting to appear, I know you won't like to be told, but the truth is clear, you are getting old. Have a great day. Love you lots, Dorothy and Cec XX

COCKERILL Karl and Tina congratulations on your wedding day, 5-7-97, all the best for the future, lots of love Nicholas and James X

KARL COCKERILL 7-7-97, happy 21st chick, hope you enjoy it, also I can't wait for the 5th to become your wife, love always and forever Tina XX

WATKINS Leigh-Ann 7-7-97, happy 3rd birthday to our darling granddaughter, lots of hugs and kisses from Nana and Grandad XXX

WATKINS Leigh-Ann Happy 3rd birthday to our precious little girl, with love from Mammy and Daddy

TURNBULL Tom and Elaine are proud to announce the safe arrival of their 1st Grandchild "Joseph Nicholas", 27-6-97 weighing 7lbs 9/2oz. A very welcome nephew for Thomas, Craig and Lisa. Mother and baby both well, father as well as can be expected. Well done Leigh and Vicky

BURNS I-7-97. Best wishes on your 28th birthday, Gillian, all our love Mam and sister Susan XX

BURNS Happy birthday mammy! Love and kisses from your two special little boys, Michael & Mason XXX

SARAH CHARLTON Happy 21st birthday to a special sister and Auntie, love Angie and Rebekah

SHARNA KELLY Happy birthday, all our love Mammy, Daddy, Louise and Shane

SHANE KELLY Happy birthday, all our love Mammy, Daddy, Louise and Sharna

LEIGH Happy birthday, I've found my angel, all my love Joe

MUMMY Happy birthday, lots of love Tamsin and Jordan

AUDREY McVAY Happy birthday on this your special day, lots of love from all the family

SHARON & SHIRL Congratulations on the birth of your baby girl "Kayla Eden" a beautiful sister for Amanda and Aaron, love and best wishes to you all from Pamela

MARTIN LUNN July 4th, Hip Hip Hooray our own Yankee Doodle Dandy is five today. The list is too endless, so here's a big kiss and lots of love from all your family

MARTIN LUNN Happy birthday to my big cousin, love Caitlin Rose

VALERIE GRAVELING Hip Hip Hooray, you are 60 today, now you can collect your bus pass, all our love Carol, Tracy, Peter, Mike and Scott XX

In Memoriam

Avenue Comp. Reunion
27th June 1997

RENA
You were in all our thoughts, wish you were there. Love from your Avenue Pals

DENISE CONNELL (Sister)
We've never lost a sister before, so we didn't know how it would feel. But now you've gone, this pain inside, we're not sure will ever heal. You were so brave and fought so long, but the battle you couldn't win. That you have gone from the ones you love, to us seems like a sin. You shared our joys and helped our ills, we all relied on you. You always did your best to help, like you there are so few. The eldest and the wisest, we all held you on high. We know you'll still be there for us, when we look up to the sky. We know that God will welcome you, your own star he'll make shine bright. To let us know you're always there, on this and every night. We love you always, Dawn, Alan, Shirley and Janet

DENISE CONNELL (Great Aunt)
You've gone before we know you, and that makes us so sad, we'll never get know, the best great aunt we would have had. But our mummies and daddies, will tell us all about you, the way you led the family, your kindness and humour too, so as your candle flickers out, watch us grow and learn, and guide us how to lead our lives, and help our candles burn. From the ones who weren't quite old enough or lucky enough to know you. Love Lexie and Owen XX

DENISE CONNELL Every time God takes someone like her, it makes to harder to believe in him. John & Jackie

DENISE CONNELL (nee Gray) died 29-6-97, aged 40 years. For all your warm endearing ways, God bless you. For bringing sunshine to my days, God bless you. For being all the things you are. My guiding light, my shining star. My best and dearest friend by far Thank you and God bless you. Love always and forever, Beryl X

DENISE CONNELL (Auntie)
Auntie Denise you are and always will be in our hearts. Love Steven, Suzanne, Emma and Cliff XXX

DENISE CONNELL (Auntie)
Auntie Denise we love you, we will miss you, love Sean, Christopher, Donna, Liam and Katie XXX

DENISE CONNELL (Sister)
Words cannot express the way we feel, but our thoughts of you will be real. Love Dawn and Shirley XXX

DENISE CONNELL (Gray)
We always loved you, we will never forget you, peace after pain, love Mam and Dad

BOB TOMLINSON Died 8th July 1995. God must have thought you were special Bob, to take you like he did. He only takes the very best and this he surely did. To some you may be forgotten, to some part of the past. But to those who loved you truly, your memory will always last. Reunited with Mam and Dad, love you forever, John, Jean and Kim

ROBERT TOMLINSON Died 8th July 1995. Treasured memories of a very dear Dad and Grandad. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered everyday. You daughter Hayley, son Mark and grandson Marc XX

PETER WHARTON Died 9th July 1983. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you, that never goes away. I love and miss you Peter. Mam, God bless Dad, love Vikki (little princess)

TERENCE CURRIE (Terry)
In loving memory of Terry 26-6-95. I had a husband in a million, I loved him to the end. I lost two precious things in life, my husband and my best friend. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, it's the heartache of losing you, that never goes away. I'm missing you more and more each day. Why did God have to take you away, time may hide my sadness, like a smile that hides the tears, but loving memories hold you fast, despite the passing years. Always in my thoughts, forever in my heart. All my love and sadly missed, your loving wife May XX

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MRS MILDRED PRICE of Gilpin Court would like to thank all her friends and relatives for attending her 90th birthday celebrations on Saturday 28th June. Also to thank Jackie the warden for her kindness to her. Thank you also for all the gifts and flowers received - a day fit for a queen - Mildred Price

RUTH WELDON Wishes to thank all my many friends and colleagues for the send off and gifts given to me on my retirement from Shafto House and Co Durham Care, also my deepest appreciation to my wonderful family

BARRASS Jenny and Bob would like to thank all relatives, friends and workmates for all the presents and those who attended the wedding, many thanks to one and all

A BIG Thank you to everyone who helped with and came to our engagement party. Also a very special thanks to Mandy and Christine who made our night a one we'll never forget. Love from Lisa and Anth X

STEED Peter and Gillian would like to thank everyone for the lovely presents and cards they received on their son, Mason's Christening on 29-6-97

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Sponsored Bike Ride to York



The Darlington F.C. Magazine "Tinsed" Annual Sponsored Bike Ride went to York and back, last week. They set off from Cycleways at Newton Aycliffe where our photographer obtained this shot.

Penrith and back raising over £800 for Darlington Hospital's Childrens Ward. Seven of the squad are from the town and work at Plymo. They paid their own expenses and accommodation costs, but are pleased to acknowledge

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