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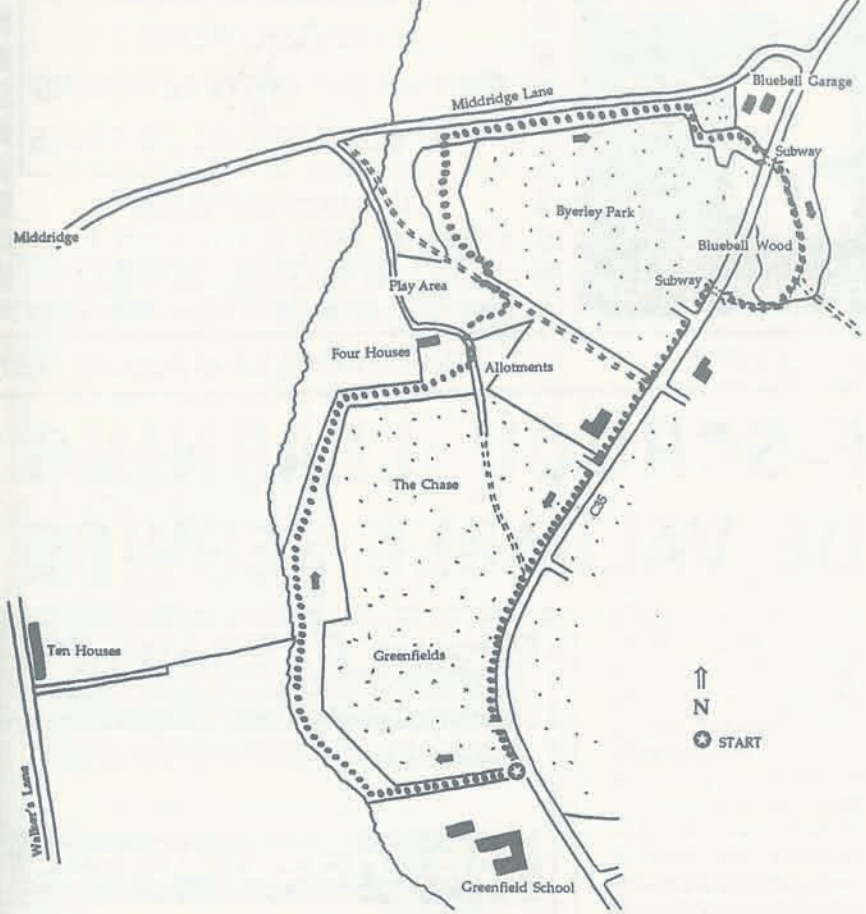
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In the Middle Ages, the area now occupied by the Greenfields, Chase and Byerley Park housing estates was called Middridge Moor. It was a pasture area used by the farmers of Middridge to graze their sheep and cattle.

Greenfield School car park is a good starting point for this walk. Leaving the school entrance, turn left down the narrow strip of woodland that runs alongside the Greenfields housing estate, until you reach the small beck at the bottom. Turn right, and follow the path along the stream through the wood behind the Greenfields estate.

Leaving the wood, carry straight along the path, following the fence round behind The Chase. KEEP DOGS ON THE LEAD, because there are horses in the adjoining fields. Continue round until you reach the back lane by the Byerley Park allotments. Exit into the lane through the gap in the hedge and turn left (towards Four Houses). In the Middle Ages, this road was the main wayleave from Middridge to the village pasture.

Almost immediately turn right through a metal 'kissing gate'. Pass through the new Town Council play area, go through another metal kissing gate, and then turn left onto the tarmac path.

Turn immediately right again, following the tarmac path which runs round behind the Byerley Park estate and then down beside Middridge Lane to Bluebell Garage.

Go through the subway into Bluebell Wood. This wood - which was once a local quarry - could be beautiful, if it wasn't for the vandalism.

At the end of the wood, turn right and walk up to the main road. Cross the road (or use the subway). Turn left and walk back to Greenfield School along the footpath which runs parallel to the road.

John D. Clare

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- NEU 11184**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### CHECK YOUR FOOD AT THE SHOP IS AT THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE

Dear Sir,  
This week I was forced to report Bells Store at Washington Crescent, for selling meat and dairy products from a fridge which was 10 degrees above the required temperature of 8 degrees. It came to my attention after buying one of their trifles and being sick after one mouthful! I returned it to the shop and my money was returned, but I was horrified that they continued to sell food from this faulty fridge even when I showed a member of staff another item on display which smelt awful and looked worse.

The shop's disregard for public health was absolutely outrageous and I was tempted to picket the shop to warn others whose health might suffer from eating food from the fridge. I ask readers to be particularly careful during this hot spell to check that food from any shop has been properly refrigerated.

Yours sincerely,  
Maria Dean

Ed: We spoke to the Council Health Officer who confirmed a complaint had been received and they would act accordingly if the

equipment was operating below the required temperature.

Bells Store head office spokesman, Mr. Graham, said action had been taken and all food removed from the fridge which had a faulty compressor unit. Temporary equipment would be fitted, pending the arrival of a complete new fridge, which had been ordered at a cost of £10,500.

The 21st Annual Show will be held at Heighington Village Hall this Saturday 23rd August at 1.30pm. On display will be Horticultural and Agricultural produce and an exhibition of art and home produce, handwriting, photography etc. A dog show (under KC rules) is also arranged for 2pm on the village green. Admission is 50p and 30p for senior citizens and children.

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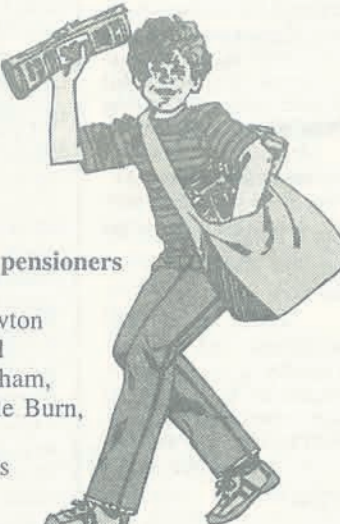
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The Royal Shakespeare Company return to Darlington with Cyrano de Bergerac - swashbuckling drama performed with the style and panache you'd expect from the RSC (14-18 Oct) and the award Winning English Touring Theatre bring Shakespeare's Measure for Measure (4 -8 Nov).

For inspiring drama look out for To Kill a Mockingbird (18-22 Nov) and a brand new play by Lin Coghlan With Love from Nicolae (Oct 2-4) which will appeal to parents and teenagers alike.

The stage is not short of major celebrities either. The Surprise Party (6-11 Oct) has an all-star cast including Peter Duncan, Matthew Kelly and Ruth Madoc to name bid a few. The Ken Dodd Laughter Show (17-20 Sept) is a complete sell-out and promises to be a hysterical evening's entertainment for those lucky ticket-holders.

For the children, Playdays is back (23 - 27 Sept) and as popular as ever.

For music lovers there's That'll be the Day (Sept 14-15) which takes a fun look at the music of the last 3 decades, and for which we've had to put on an extra performance due to popular demand, and Joe Brown and Marty Wilde are back with the Solid Gold Rock'N' Roll Show (2 Nov).

There's tap-dancing with a difference with the dynamic and powerful Tap Dogs (10-15 Nov) tickets for which are selling fast Travelling Opera return with lively new English versions of The Magic Flute (29-30 Sept) and La Traviata (1 Oct). And in complete contrast, no discerning female who's ever attended a hen night should miss Girls' Night Out (24-29 Nov) which is guaranteed to be raunchy, raucous and hilarious.

The season rounds off with this years pantomime The Adventures of Robin Hood starring Home and Away heart-throb Shane Ammann, the ever popular Krankies and children's TV icon Otis the Aardvark We are delighted that the Dadington Building Society has renewed its support for the Autumn Season and that once again the Cornmill is sponsoring our pantomime.

Peter Cutchie, the new Head of Theatre & Arts, said "I'm delighted to be joining Dadington Arts at the beginning of such a varied season containing so many quality productions, and I'm glad to be here for such a milestone as the 90th Birthday at the Civic Theatre."

Letter to the Editor

Disappointed with Aycliffe

Dear Sir,

I am on holiday in Newton Aycliffe and I have tried everywhere to buy picture postcards of the town, but could find none to send to my friends.

May I also mention the Boating Lake where one end has little water and the other is covered in slime - not a pretty sight.

My other complaint is the Burn which is filled with rubbish. The amount of dog dirt lying around is also quite disgusting for visitors.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N. Bond, Moreton in the Marsh, Glos.

Shopkeepers please note that Newton Press has a selection of colour photos of Newton Aycliffe available at wholesale prices.

Town's Boating Lake Spoilt

Dear Sir

Gone are the ducks and swans along with their babies from our boating lake, now we are only left with our most unwanted visitor, beer cans and bottles.

The good weather has brought a lot of drinkers to our boating lake and some have been very responsible, putting all their rubbish in the bin, only to have it scattered in and around the lake by our uncaring youngsters.

On 15th August there were in excess of 30 beer cans along with bottles, glasses, tyres and most dangerous of all Bells plastic carrier bags.

Who is to blame; Parents; the Council; Bells Stores; the Police; our quibbling Councillors?

Our boating lake is quite beautiful in all seasons, it is a shame to see it spoilt in this way.

I welcome any reply

Richie Bainbridge

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The British Diabetic Association Research, Drawn 23rd September 1997. You could win a Peugeot 306 1.9XLD car. Volunteers are required to sell tickets to friends, please ring Peter Beaty on 313924 after 6pm or if you would like to send a donation put it in an envelope and post it to BDA c/o 5 Ainsty Hunt, The Chase, Newton Aycliffe.

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Pub's Peacocks Were Killed

Since the Newton News published the story of the Blacksmiths missing peacocks at Preston le Skerne, the pub has been inundated with kind enquiries about them So much so, that at last a man called into the pub to say that he had ran them over with his vehicle on the road close by.

Apparently Penny died immediately while Charlie was badly hurt. Not knowing who they belonged to, they had been taken to a vet where Charlie was put to sleep, which also explains how they vanished without trace.

The pub staff are relieved that the peacocks did not suffer at the hands of thieves and were properly attended.

On a brighter note, two of the baby rabbits born on 2nd April have turned out to be male. As only female rabbits are kept in the beer garden, the Blacksmiths are willing to give away the two males to a good, kind home.

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Letter to the Editor

War Work Should Never be Glorified

Dear Sir

Aycliffe Angels

Cllr. Moore works commendably for his social area, but I find insanelly appalling his advocacy of honouring ammunition workers.

I hope that you will be able to print this letter and wonder how the local clergy and congregations view this latest project. It is being given the label of respectability apparently by being considered at the ceremonial branch of the cabinet office. What a cynical farce...

On a personal note my own father remained buried for days under rubble and filth during the 1940 blitz - 57 years ago. I am not likely to forget having to identify that mutilated body later at the temporary mortuary (significantly a converted slaughter house).

The bomb (or bombs) which destroyed him was manufactured by ammunition workers. My mothers besides suffering shock, grief and loss lived (existed) some 24 years on a niggardly pension of £2 to £3 per week, with no help save the little I could afford, many others suffered in the same way.

"Man's immunity to man" promotes and makes possible the manufacture of weapons and I cannot refrain from expressing my absolute disgust at the idea of this latest "honouring".

In essence I resent the justification for any warfare as a British subject I too remember immense suffering inflicted on the so-called enemies of our country eg: at Hamburg, Dresden, Berlin etc.

I write this letter in sincere protest against any "honouring". I hope thoughtful people will join me in so doing.

Yours faithfully

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results. The children are well behaved, well mannered, independent, caring and readily take turns. Moral, spiritual, social and cultural development is appropriately fostered. Activities are well planned to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum in all areas of learning. The quality of teaching is good. The manager effectively leads the team of qualified and experienced Nursery Nurses who have a secure knowledge of all areas of learning. They work well together, interact well with children, questioning them to extend learning and understanding and have high expectations for children's behaviour and attainment. Teaching, planning and assessment are constantly

monitored to improve quality. Children have equal access to all activities, work at their own level with adult support where needed. Staff give good support to the less able and to children for whom English is an additional language and provide appropriate work to extend the more able. The nursery is a very pleasant, light and stimulating environment with an enclosed outdoor play area. It is well equipped, the accommodation is good and resources are well rotated. There is an "open door" policy and parents/carers are welcome at any time. Partnership with parents is good. They are kept well informed about all aspects of

the nursery by notice boards, newsletters, open evenings and are encouraged to participate in nursery events. A full copy of the report will be made available to all parents. Mr. C H Stafford, Mrs. Patricia Cutmore, the staff and parents are delighted with the report and the tremendous team spirit the nursery has generated. The main aim of the staff is to offer a quality service in a happy and caring environment. The recommendations of the report will be incorporated into the present management plans in order to build on the existing strengths of the nursery Playday Nursery 15, Simpature Gate, Newton Aycliffe.



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Leah-Anne Higham, a Durham University student from Cassop near Coxhoe, has, in addition to her studies, a second string to her bow. For Leah-Anne, who is 21 and in her final year as a biochemist, is also a keen member of her local Territorial Army unit, 201 (Northern) Field Hospital (V) at The Barnard Armoury, Newton Aycliffe where she is training to be a Combat Medical Technician (CMT). "It certainly adds extra interest to my life," she said, "I get to travel, get involved in anything from shooting to abseiling. - and I get paid, too!" Now in her final year as a student, and nearing the end of her basic training as a CMT, Leah-Anne hopes soon to be a fully qualified as a biochemist as well as a part-time soldier. She hopes for promotion as well! (Officers please note!)



## CYCLEFORCE NOTES

by P.C. SARAH BULLICK, Aycliffe Police Station

## Keeping Children Safe

**KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE FROM DRUGS**  
Possession of drugs like heroin, cocaine, LSD or cannabis is illegal and can even result in death! If your children take illegal drugs it can only lead to other crimes in an effort to maintain their habit. They may for example steal or shoplift while feeling "high" they may turn to other crimes like stealing cars which could not only endanger their lives but those of the public in general. If your child takes drugs you may notice he or she:  
\*Changes mood suddenly \* is bad tempered or aggressive  
\* eats less \* stops sport, hobbies, schoolwork or seeing friends  
\* gets sleepy \* tells lies  
You may also notice:  
\* money and property disappear  
\* smells, stains or marks on body or clothes  
\* powders, tablets, burnt tin foil or needles  
If your child is taking drugs the dangers are from accidents while intoxicated, accidental overdose or becoming addicted. Drugs also have nasty side-effects which include hallucinations, mental and emotional disorders, infections, sores, blood poisoning and other illnesses.

### SOLVENTS

Solvents are found in products like glue, lighter fuels, paint, petrol and aerosols. When their vapours are inhaled, they produce a similar effect to alcohol but with devastating consequences as is all too often demonstrated. It is an offence to sell solvents to someone under 18, if you have reason to believe they intend to inhale the, Sniffing the vapours from solvents can depress bodily functions like breathing and heart rate and cause disorientation and unconsciousness. Solvent sniffers can lose control of their behaviour and become more reckless and less able to deal with danger. Death can be caused by suffocation or from fight or exertion through the effect it has on the heart. Some who have sniffed until they are unconscious can die through choking on their own vomit.

### ALCOHOL

Alcohol is also a substance that is open to abuse by young people. heavy drinking and drunkenness are more common in late teens although children as young as 14 and 16 years are becoming involved. The chances of coming to harm - hangovers and sickness, fights, trouble with the police and accidents resulting in injury or even death are much greater. With the recent changes in police law relating to confiscation of alcohol from persons under 18 years or persons over 18 years who are likely to pass alcohol or consume alcohol in the company of anyone under 18 years, make it easier for police to deal with groups drinking and the nuisance and disorder that these groups create. Names and addresses must be supplied on police request. Failure to comply will result in arrest and a possible court appearance.

### RECENT CRIMES IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE

A number of vehicles which have a spare wheel underslung in a cradle at the rear of the vehicle have had their spare wheel stolen. Please take extra security precautions to prevent your car becoming a target. If you have a garage use it, and if your car is vulnerable to this type of attack try and park the rear of your vehicle up against a wall or other solid object to make access as difficult as possible. Also, with the warm weather now upon us, don't forget to close/lock all downstairs windows or any that may be vulnerable and take all washing in off the line when unattended - its easy pickings for the opportunist thief and the cost of replacing stolen clothing soon mounts up!

## EVENING CLASSES

A varied and exciting programme of adult and community evening courses begin in September at The Greenfield Centre, based at Greenfield Comprehensive School.

Academic and recreational courses are available. If you wish to improve your qualifications or just study for enjoyment then we have something for you. There is a lot on offer from Computer skills, languages, basic counselling, crafts to introduction to hill climbing, rock climbing (13 - 16 year olds), fine dancing, oriental cooking to name but a few.

To find out more, watch this space or pick up a programme from the local library. More information will be printed each week about the different courses with enrolment details in the September edition. The Centre is closed until Tuesday 9 September. Normal hours of opening are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

## Aycliffe Athletics

On a red hot Sunday (10th August) over a new super tough hilly course. 4 Aycliffe athletics completed the Blackhill Bounders 10K Race at Consett. We are pleased to welcome back one of our most promising junior athletes after a five year career break, Paul Guy, now 22, made his comeback to the racing scene with a creditable 42.30. First home for the club was Peter Milburn 42.04, followed by Mick and Christine Brunskill in 44.52, Sue Milburn was next home for the club in 46.30. Colin Gibson

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# STUDENT TO TEACH IN AFRICA



A Northern Outdoor Equipment Supplier is donating a tent and equipment from their Darlington branch, to a student who is going to Africa to spend a year teaching. The Outdoor Shop owned by Barrons Great Outdoors has donated a dome shaped Freeman's Jupiter tent worth £69 to Morvyn Jackson, 18, who lives in Darlington. She is taking a year out from university to travel to Namibia to teach English at primary level. Morvyn relied on the generosity of companies such as Barrons as she had to raise £2,950 of the total £3,450 required to finance the year long trip as the Project Trust provides £500. The Project Trust stipulates that the trip must be to a non-European country and must benefit the local community. Angela Charlton who manages the shop at Burtree, near Darlington said, "We are delighted to be able to help Morvyn in such an exciting and worthwhile project." Morvyn Jackson said, "I am very grateful for the tent and equipment. Barrons Great Outdoors have been fantastic as has everybody who has helped me get to Africa. I felt that rather than wasting a year out before going to university I could see a bit of the world while helping those who have not had the same educational opportunities as myself"

# What Happens To Your Waste Packet?



This week we ask - Are you a green consumer? With the theme of packaging.

Every day when making decisions in our own homes about the things we purchase from the supermarket, we have an effect on the World Environment. All of us should become "Green Consumers" - careful about what we buy, and what it is wrapped up in "the packaging" and once consumed, what happens to the packaging? Can it be recycled safely without harming the environment? And was it necessary in the first? Will it - "do the journey only once" - and go to the Landfill site?

All of these questions are being asked by "Green Consumers". all over the world, people are becoming more and more aware of the effect there own buying has on the environment. This we call "Thinking Globally and Acting Locally" you must also become more aware and question yourself about your purchases as you fill your shopping trolley.

Food for thought! Each year in the UK Alone we use and discard over 2 billion pet food cans! Think of the size of the hole needed to accommodate that.

For more information contact Martyn D. Locklin on 311089 or Ben Dellow on 01913833361 Source for can fact (Green consumer guide 1988)

# HELP FOR CEREBRAL PALSY CHILD

Two Newtonians have responded to last week's appeal to help 2 year old Cerebral Palsy victim, Adam Mitchinson, who needs expensive private treatment.

A great North runner is collecting sponsorship and another reader is taking a parachute jump to raise cash.

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## MALE CHOIR CONCERT

The Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir presents a Concert on Saturday 18th October in the Dolphin Centre, Darlington commencing 7.30 p.m. The concert is in aid of "Save the Children" and tickets are available from Dressers, Williams Music Shop and the Dolphin Centre price £4 for adults and £3 for Senior Citizens and Leisure Savers.

# ARE YOU CLAIMING ALL YOUR BENEFITS?

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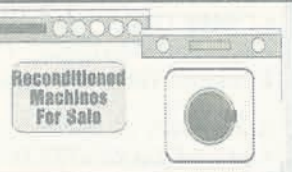


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Centre  
FilmsDue to a rescheduling of the  
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events, film night has  
changed from Sunday to  
Tuesday. To launch the  
opening of the new season,  
the foyer of the Arts Centre  
will be transformed into a  
piano bar with local pianist  
AA Hart at the Steinway  
playing "music from the  
movies" from 7.15pm on  
Tuesday 9 September -  
Photocell opportunity.The season begins with a  
screening of Shine at 8pm (9  
Sept), and an excellent  
selection of films follows.  
The epic love story The  
English Patient (16 Sept),  
Kenneth Branagh's Hamlet  
(23 Sept, at 7pm) and  
Woody Allen in fine form in  
Everyone Says I Love You  
(30 Sept) guarantee that  
September is a month not to  
miss.October delights include Baz  
Luhrmann's Romeo & Juliet  
(7 Oct) in an audacious  
modern US setting, Koyla  
(14 Oct) the delightful  
Oscar-winning Czech film,  
Microcosmos (21 Oct) a  
spectacular nature film for  
half term (2pm & 8pm) and  
the magical Margarets  
Museum (28 Oct) starring  
Helena Bonham-Carter.In November, there's When  
We Were Kings (4 Nov)  
featuring Mohammed Ali  
and George Foreman, the  
touching and delicately  
observed Big Night (11  
Nov), and the season rounds  
off with Private Parts (25  
Nov) the autobiography of  
New York "shock-jock"  
Howard Stern.Additionally, and not listed,  
is a film showing as part of  
our New Writing From  
Australia Day (Saturday 27  
Sept). Following a day of  
workshops and readings,  
award-winning playwright  
Hannie Rayson introduces  
the film version of her play  
Hotel Sorrento (15) starring  
Joan Plowright. Tickets are  
available for the whole day,  
or for the film only.Carers'  
RegisterA new carers' register for  
people who informally look  
after relatives or friends is  
being set up in County  
Durham.It is thought there could be  
up to 55,000 people in the  
County who look after  
someone without being  
employed or paid to do so.  
Now Durham County  
Council's Social Services  
Department is urging carers  
to join a newly set up a  
register which will be used to  
collect basic details about  
carers, their responsibilities,  
and their circumstances so  
that future services can be  
developed based on accurate  
information."I would encourage all carers  
to take the time to complete  
the form as it is only with  
their co-operation that we  
will be able to get a true  
picture of the number of  
carers in the County and  
what their circumstances are.""Any personal information  
given will be treated in  
confidence," he said.  
Carers who would like to be  
included on the register can  
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information.

## Hospitals Merge

Following extensive discussions the NHS trusts in County Durham  
are proposing a number of mergers, with the full support of County  
Durham Health Authority.

The proposal is as follows:

\* (One acute and community Trust in South Durham - involving  
the merger of Bishop Auckland hospitals NHS Trust, Darlington  
Memorial Hospital NHS Trust and the community service from  
South Durham NHS Trust.\* One acute and community Trust in North Durham - involving the  
merger of North Durham Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and the  
community services from Community Health Care: North Durham  
NHS Trust.\* One County wide Trust providing mental health and learning  
disability services involving the merger of these services from  
Community Health Care: North Durham NHS Trust and South  
Durham NHS Trust.Jim Easton, director of purchasing at County Durham Health  
Authority said "The proposal is about improving patient care. The  
changes concern the management of services not the actual range  
or location of health services provided.""The proposal supports the existing plans for developing services  
including the new developments in mental health and the new  
hospitals in Bishop Auckland and Durham City."The proposal is backed by all the Trust involved and the Health  
Authority. Should it be accepted by the NHS Executive Regional  
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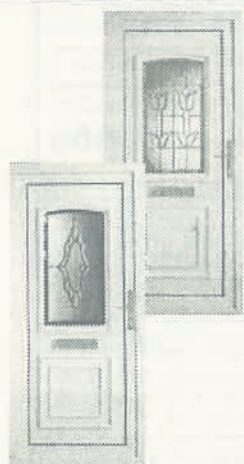
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**Huntsmen Winning Start****Halfmoon Rangers 3  
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in association with J&C Coaches and Blenheim Furniture. Rob Lothian fired Huntsman to a winning start last week with a four goal solo show writes Martin Walker.

Last year's ASE Cup winners looked a little shaky in the first half and went into half time level at 2-2.

Minger of the Week Wayne Marram squandered chance after chance and quite rightly won the dreaded award.

Although Lothian seemed uninterested in long spells during the game - he was deadly when it mattered and may well have grabbed more than four.

Man of the Match Morgan Fielding who has found form in midfield - partnered well with Chris Walker until Walker was replaced by new signing Rob Cherrie midway through the second half.

Manager Dave Lee's choice of a 5-3-2 formation seemed to be paying dividends when Huntsman went 1-0 up after just 10 minutes, But Halfmoon came back into the game and punished Huntsmans lack of midfield presence by equalising before taking a shock lead.

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**World's Biggest Coffee Morning**

Naughty but nice Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey from the BBC hit 'Men Behaving Badly' are getting their teeth into Macmillan Cancer Relief's biggest annual fundraiser - the World's Biggest Coffee Morning with Nescafe.

The 1997 festivities will take place on Friday, October 3rd. Last year's event won itself another Guinness Book of Records World Record when 513,659 people attended 14, 652 coffee mornings held simultaneously across the country and a staggering £1.5 million was raised in less than four hours with coffee drinkers quaffing over 35, 000 gallons of the stuff. Macmillan believe that the World's Biggest Coffee Morning with Nescafe is possibly the biggest public participation event in Britain, with people in schools, offices, factories and shops all taking their coffee breaks at the same time, making a donation in exchange for their cuppa.

Martin (Gary in the TV hit) said today: "I can't speak in the morning until I've had my gallon of coffee so it's no problem at all for me to do my bit! The event raises a vast amount of money to help Macmillan continue its brilliant work and I'm thrilled to have been asked to help get as many punters involved as possible. Readers should call the Hotline on 01372 807000 to sign up. If you're going to have a coffee of a morning, why not do it for Macmillan?!"

**TABLE TOP SALE IN AID OF DISABLED**

A Big Table Top Sale is to be held in the Youth Centre on Saturday 20th September from 10 a.m. - 2p.m.

Tables can be booked now from Peter Beaty on 313924, but hurry as they are limited.

The Sale is in aid of the Youth Centre's latest appeal

to raise cash to provide special toilets and improved access for the disabled.

Any reader willing to help with a fundraising event for this worthwhile cause would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the Youth Leader, Mike Horne on 312520.

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