

Forum Promises Action on Town Centre



by MARTIN WALKER

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE Town Centre Forum has taken its first step towards cleaning up the Centre and attracting top brand name stores to the Town.

Consisting of a shopkeepers' Committee, Councillors and Sanderson, Townend and Gilbert, agents of the landlords - the Forum has potential to prove a very profitable organisation for the good of the Town.

It held its first meeting on Tuesday 2nd September. Present at the meeting were: Graham Oldfield of Sanderson, Townend and Gilbert, Cllr Hogan and Chief Exec Mike Rice of Great Aycliffe Town Council, Mr. Alty, Cllr Ward and Cllr Sugget of Sedgfield Borough Council, Cllr Brown of Durham County Council, Mr Stevens from Boots, Mr Taylor from Floral Charm, Mr Wilkinson from Occasions, Mr Hughes from Leisure Promotions and Assistant Superintendent Rankin of Aycliffe Police Station.

It is going to take time for all of the targets discussed in the meeting to be met, but if all goes well the first objective will be achieved by Christmas.

Christmases in Newton Aycliffe have been celebrated about as much as Germany beating England in every important footballing clash. Last year saw a couple of strands of lights drooping across Beveridge Way, and a Christmas tree was on the roundabout by St. Mary's Church!

This year, a difference have been promised. To start off the Town will be a cleaner more social place to shop. The idea by the Forum of bringing in a Design Consultant to raise ideas on brightening up the Centre could well pay dividends.

There WILL be a tree in the Centre this year along with lights and the Council will be in touch with local schools to organise carol singers and/or a band to play carols during the festive season.

Furthermore, the promotion and publicity of any activities being arranged will be made in the local press. The Forum are determined to help shoppers in Newton Aycliffe enjoy shopping in the Town Centre this Christmas.

To clean up the Centre, two full-time caretakers have been employed and have been issued with a number of duties. Those duties are to 1) Patrol all areas, 2) Grit/Salt ramps, stairs and Town Centre, 3) Machine sweep Beveridge Way, walkways, ramps, loading/delivery areas and car parks, 4) Pick litter to Beveridge Way, Dalton Way, stairs, car parks, around planters and verges, 5) Grass cutting, 6) Weeding planted areas, 7) Planting out planters, 8) Water hanging baskets, 9) General repairs and maintenance, 10) Monitor the Close Circuit TV. Residents may have already noticed that police have started patrolling the Town Centre, some of which are non-uniform. Extra Close Circuit TV's are to be added in the Town and the system is to be upgraded. The caretakers will be on constant look-out for graffiti and if any is found it will be cleaned.

The biggest breakthrough of the Forum so far is the decision of employing a full-time attendant to the Public Toilets.

Repairs are still being made by contractors, which have been subsidised by the landlords and the Council, and baby changing facilities will also be a new feature in the female toilets. Repairs will be made whenever they are necessary.

Having a monument or statue of some kind in the middle of the Town Centre is another idea being discussed by the Forum. ST&G realise that the Town lacks a "focal-point" or a place for congregation, and that something like a monument would prove popular. The Forum are only too happy to listen to ideas on a "focal-point" for the Centre from residents of the Town.

The shopkeepers' Committee which includes Mr Stevens from Boots, Mr Taylor from Floral Charm and Mr Wilkinson from Occasions are very much involved with the discussions.

They raised the point of rental levels, and that although they admitted that the levels were fairly competitive in comparison with surrounding towns, they weren't getting their money's worth from the service charges they pay. Sanderson, Townend and Gilbert replied that if tenants have in the past felt aggrieved about the lack of service they've received, they will not from now on, after the new plans are put into action.

Similar plans to boost the "feel good factor" in the Town for Christmas will also be used for next year's 50th Anniversary celebrations. Vice-Chairman of the Committee for those celebrations, Cllr Terry Hogan, says that although it will take time, the main point is that they are actually negotiating with the Town's landlords.

"Residents of Aycliffe have to try and be patient," he said. "We all realise that the people of the Town have waited long enough for a better Town Centre, but now the wheels are in motion we can act on public reaction whereas in the past our hands have been tied."

Without doubt, the most long-term and arduous plan brought up in the meeting was that of the Avenue School site. It will be used for Retail development which will include Community facilities and car parking but at the same time will be integrated into the existing Town Centre thus strengthening the overall vitality, viability and attractiveness of the Town.

It hopes to promote and facilitate development opportunities for employment, houses, shopping, commerce and leisure in the whole of the Borough. The scheme must integrate with the current Centre by improving pedestrian links from the new site. For example, one proposal is to link Greenwell Road, that runs past Dalton Way, to run straight through the Avenue site to Burn Lane. The proposals for the Avenue site are exciting, but the Forum do concede that the reality of these plans will not emerge until at least the turn of the century. Cllr Hogan said "It is just impossible to re-develop the site before the millennium. These things take time and, although we are excited that the plans will attract big names to the Town, it will not be until after 2000 when we see changes being made."

Changes in the Town Centre will be noticeable in the very near future, and it's good to know that we now have an organisation that is willing to listen to residents of our Town and is trying its utmost to put words into action following years of dispute and unrest. The next meeting to discuss arrangements for Christmas is on Tuesday 7th October. The Forum's next meeting is on Tuesday 25th November.

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• Isle of Wight	Nov 17th	5 Days (HB) Sandown	£99.00
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• Blur	Dec 2nd	Newcastle Arena	£24.00
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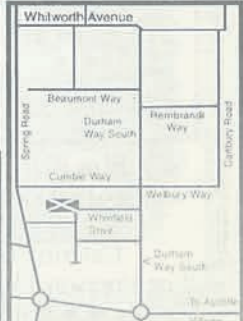
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Ofsted at Sugar Hill

Sugar Hill Primary School is a good school with many strengths, and which serves its pupils and their community (of which the school is a well-respected and integral part) well. The very good behaviour of the pupils, and their positive attitude to their work, are particularly strong features. The quality of teaching is also a strength of the school, not one unsatisfactory lesson was observed, with 70% of lessons being good or better, and 15% of lessons being very good. Good teaching was observed in every class throughout the school. Standards of attainment are in line with national age-related expectations in all subjects, and above them in mathematics, history, geography, I.T., and religious education. The high priority given to literacy, numeracy, and scientific development is reflected in the standards achieved at both key stages. Pupils read with accuracy, understanding, and enjoyment, and their ability to speak clearly and confidently is a notable feature of the school. In mathematics, attainment is consistently high, and pupils use numbers confidently, and often use information technology in support of their work. Very good attainment and progress is made in swimming.

A special strength of religious education is the pupils' good understanding of world faiths. Their spiritual development is promoted very successfully through assemblies and religious education, and by allowing them to engage in thoughtful consideration of faith, belief and prayer, they can attain self-knowledge through a thoughtful and reflective approach to teaching and learning which is observed across the whole of the curriculum.

The valuable contribution of part-time and non-teaching staff, and the very high level of support from adult helpers, has a positive impact upon the quality and range of the curriculum, which is further enriched by the educational visits and extracurricular activities enjoyed by the children. The Friends Of Sugar Hill Association, and the Sign and Sing Choir, have each contributed greatly to raising the standard of the school's environment, as well as increasing resources within the school. The school is seeking to extend the assessment model which it employs in the core subjects to the foundation subjects too. This will also enable the governing body to become more directly involved in having a strategic oversight of the curriculum, in addition to the very positive role which it plays in support of the work of the school.

The good standards of management provided by the senior management team are well supported by their committed and hard-working colleagues, and have resulted in the establishment of a very positive ethos within the school. This is reinforced by the professional development of the staff through in-service training, and their willing engagement in teamwork, which has contributed effectively to the successful development of the school.

Overall, the school provides good value for money.

School's Extended Day Scheme Leads to 30% Increase in Pupils



A Darlington junior school is celebrating a huge increase in pupil intake for this school year. One of the contributing factors to this rise is the introduction of their new "Extended day". The increase of 30% marks the highest ever number of pupils at Polam Hall Junior school. This year 163 girls will be attending the school. The innovative idea of the extended day came from Polam Hall Junior School Headmistress Angela Foster. As a working Mum herself Angela realised the difficulties of child care before and after school hours. Polam Hall's flexible, extended day allows a range

of options designed to help where parents are at work all day. Parents may bring their children to school as early as 8.00am and pick them up as late as 7.00pm. After school hours, girls are cared for by a qualified nursery nurse. In some circumstances arrangements can be made for pupils to stay over night or at weekends.

Angela Foster said "This increase demonstrates the confidence people have in our school. The popularity of the flexible school day also reflects the demand for independent education at primary school level". She added, "As I have two children of my own I understand the pressures that busy mums have to face. I still enjoy teaching young children myself and I am very happy to provide the flexibility of a homely environment as a modern answer to match the needs of both parents and daughters".

Horndale House to be Sold

Horndale House, a home for adults with learning difficulties, has been closed by Social Services and will be sold.

When this was first proposed in February last year there was a public outcry and a meeting was called to debate the issue. Counc. Tony Moore invited officials to be present and it was made clear to them that there was fierce local opposition to the idea. Yet they have gone ahead with the transfer of clients to a smaller house in School Aycliffe, considered to be better for the residents.

An attempt was made to obtain property nearer Horndale House so that the clients could stay within the community they knew, but local opposition prevented the purchase.

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Saturday 18th APRIL 1998 Easter Coffee morning 10am-12
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I myself am twenty one, I've played for Carlisle and my University team, and speaking from my own experience your standard of football doesn't have to be very good, although it would be nice.
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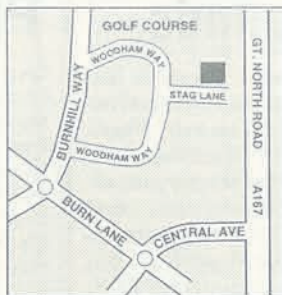
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Rugby Club News

Newton Aycliffe 1: 47
Horden III: 0

Against all odds Aycliffe turned out a full XV for their first game of the season and put in a stunning display of running rugby.

Two old-timers starred - fullback Tommy Cooper and hooker Peter Sheen, scoring three tries each - both denying their rapidly approaching fiftieth birthdays!

They controlled the game and Horden were often left standing in awe as driving run after run pushed them backwards.

The rest of the Aycliffe team rallied around their elders and

provided a wonderful example of fifteen man rugby for one of the largest crowds seen at Moore Lane for many a season.

The support play and handling reflected the quality coaching given by "I'm not fat" Malvern during the summer. Indeed it was Malvern who scored the 7th try after sprinting five metres to score under the posts. Daryl Petit kicked six conversions to defy the windy conditions.

This was a terrific start to the season for Aycliffe who are desperate for new players. After this game, however, the oldies could be in for the season.

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prize for the Best Individual Golfer went to L. Wadsworth from the Record Playground team, who scored 40 points. The Tournament was a great success with over £2,000 raised for the Pioneering Care Centre, to be built at Newton Aycliffe, and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Brian Avery, J.P. was delighted with the support for his two charities and would like to thank the sponsors, particularly major sponsors. Alexander Developments (North East) Limited, R.W. Chicken Scaffold and Noble Self Drive and everyone involved, for making the day so successful.

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For more information on Local Agenda 21, contact: Martyn Locklin (01325) 311089

Ben Dellow (0191) 383 3721



Great Aycliffe Town Council

NOTICE OF AUDIT

Local Government Finance Act 1982 (The Act)

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS and related documents for the year ended 31st MARCH 1997 of GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL will commence at 10.00am on MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 1997 at the offices of GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

THE ACCOUNTS and related documents will be available at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council for inspection by any person interested during office hours from the 6th October 1997.

THE AUDITOR will be Mrs. L Hunt of District Audit whose address is Suite C, 2nd Floor, Nickalls House, Metro Centre, Gateshead, NE11 9NH

THE AUDITOR will give to any local government elector for the area of Great Aycliffe, on the 27th October, 1997 at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council and subsequently until such time as the Auditor certifies the completion of the audit, an opportunity to question the Auditor about the accounts.

Any such elector or his representative may attend before the Auditor and make objections:

- as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 19 or 20 of the act.
- as to any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report in the public interest under Section 15(3) of the act.

No such objections may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the objection and the grounds on which it is made, and a copy of such notice has been sent to great Aycliffe Town Council

Dated Friday 19th September 1997

MICHAEL RICE
Chief Executive

Letter to the Editor

Widow Donates Fishing Tackle

Dear Sir,
Following the death of one of our members, Bill Coward, his widow has donated all his fishing gear

to the Club to be sold for our funds.

We have decided to Auction the equipment on Wednesday 24th September at Carpies Club on Aycliffe Industrial Estate at 8 p.m. prompt. Bill was an all-round fisherman and was noted for the quality of his fishing tackle. There are over 55 lots to be auctioned including Sea Boat Rods and Reels, Beach Rods and Reels, River Rods and Reels etc. There is also a good selection of hooks, lines, weights and books on everything concerning fishing.

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Keep Dogs off School Grounds

Could the residents in the vicinity of Walworth School, Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe, be aware that the grounds of the school are not accessible for the use of the general public. We would therefore appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that dogs, in particular, are not walked in the grounds where children play.
Mr. E. Bewick
Head Teacher



NEW SLIM CLUB LEADER

Please let your readers know about our change of day and Leader. We run a Weight Watcher Meeting in the Leisure Centre on Tuesday evening at 5.30pm.

The lady, who takes this meeting, is Margaret Jessop. She lost a total of 72lbs almost 10 years ago with Weight Watchers and has maintained that loss. Margaret has just moved to live in Woodham, and if you need any further information please do not hesitate to make contact.

71 Year old Granddad to Climb 19,500 Mount Kilimanjaro

Cecil Barker, 71 year old retired Insurance Advisor is to climb the 19,500 ft. Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of the Princess Diana Hospice Appeal.

own expense, next month, and is looking for people or companies to sponsor his climb. If you wish to support Cecil and the Hospice Appeal ring him on 315675 or write to 10 Mulgrave Court, Woodham, Newton Aycliffe.

Cecil is married to Joan and they have two sons and six grandchildren. He travels to Africa, at his

INDOOR BOWLING PRESENTATIONS

Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowling Club held their Summer Season Presentation Evening at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

Manager Vicky Sheldon presented the trophies to the following Four Wood Singles: Winner Mr. D. Dodd, R/u Mr. K. Dunning.

Two Wood Singles: Winner: Mr. W. Tilley, R/u Mrs J. Beswick. Four Wood Pairs: Winners: Mrs E. Helm & Mr W. Tilley R/u Mrs J. Beswick & Mr. T. Shaw.

Mixed Triples League Winners: Mrs. E. Helm, Mrs. J. Basham, Mr. D. Dodd.

Men's Triples League Winners: Mr. K. Dunning, Mr. J. French, Master Steven Smith, Mr. G. Thubron.

Ladies Pairs League: Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. E. Turner, Mrs. W. Ward.

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"DIRE STRAITS" RE-BORN



"Dire Straits" were one of the most successful and best loved bands the world has ever seen and fans are longing to see this music performed again. This is now possible with the formation of "Brothers in Arms" who recreate the Dire Straits sound at a special Concert to be held at Spennymoor Leisure Centre live on Saturday 11th October. The Show starts at 7.30 pm and tickets, price £7 each, can be booked by ringing (01388) 815827.



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Great Comeback for Aycliffe Under 11's

Hartburn 4 Aycliffe U12's 4
The new season began in lively fashion on Sunday with a proverbial game of two halves. Aycliffe, newly promoted to Div. 2 of the Teesside Junior Alliance League, found the opposition in top form in the first half. Playing with a strong wind Hartburn stung the boys with

four goals for no reply, one of which was a penalty. Some great blocks by keeper David Judge kept the score at a reachable total. Two subs, Brendan Hindle and Craig Taylor stiffened things up at the restart and Man of the Match, Adrian Clark, got the lads back in touch with two brilliant strikes. The first was from a 35 yard free kick which the keeper couldn't hold and Jonathan Kellel tapped in. The second, a mere 20 yard effort which sailed past the keeper. Aycliffe were then on their toes and Craig Cherrie lashed in the third with his first kick of the game. More pressure brought the equaliser, Zack Ayre cracking home from close range. The final score of 4-4 was probably a fair result, but the team must improve on their first half performance to make an impact in what promises to be a tough league.

Famous Evangelist Visits Aycliffe Church

The Christian Life Centre at Woodham are hosting a week of Revival and Renewal Evenings during September 21st - 28th with international evangelist Andrew Elmes. Meetings are at 7 pm on Sunday 21st, 10.30 am and 7.30 pm Monday to Saturday inclusive and 10.30 am and 7 pm on Sunday 28th. There will be prayer for the sick and admission is free with everyone welcome to attend. Further information on 301760.

Council's Sports Coaching Courses for Youngsters

The children may have only just gone back to school, but the half term holiday which begins on Monday 20th October is only five weeks away. Bookings are now being taken for Great Aycliffe Town Council's Super Sports Skills Childrens' Coaching Courses in Football or Golf at the Oak Leaf Sports and Golf Complexes in School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. The football coaching course is organised in conjunction with Durham Football Association and is

open to children aged 5 - 16 years of age. Qualified coaches are employed by Durham Football Association to ensure quality coaching. In the event of poor weather, indoor tuition will be provided for the younger children. Golf Coaching is sponsored by the Golf Foundation and carried out by our resident professional in groups of 12. The Courses cater for all levels of skill, from the absolute beginner to the more advanced players. The majority of the time the children will be on the driving range, but weather permitting will also include tuition on the Course. The fee is £7.00 for either football or golf and covers the loan of sports equipment. All children who take part will receive a certificate. Further information and application forms can be obtained from Mrs. M. Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. Telephone (01325) 300700.

40 mph Speed Limit Proposed for Greenfield Way

Durham County Council are proposing to introduce a 40mph speed limit on Greenfield Way. A mini roundabout is also planned for the junction at Meadowfield Way near the Southerne Club. Since 1989 there have been 30 accidents at this spot with two fatalities. Other areas of the town are being reviewed to calm traffic generally, with the hope of reducing the number of accidents and congestion.

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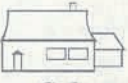
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hurt at comments accusing
him of doing what 99% of
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appealing for an offside
decision during a game.
Martin Walker's report
made the mistake of
mentioning Mr. Preston by
name.
However his reply accused
Huntsman FC of being
unsporting, and as a
member of the team I
consider this untrue and
insulting!
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years and during this time
they have received three
football strips from
Durham FC for good
conduct.
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of only 2 bookings a year
and our "sending offs" total
only four in the 8 years.
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JANE CROFT (Jean) The pain in our hearts is hurting, because God has took you away, no cards or gifts can we give you on this special day. Thinking of you Mam on your birthday, love Walter, June and Grandson Mark

JEAN CROFT Our hearts are broken now you have gone, but our love for you mother still lives on, sadly missed. Thinking of you on your birthday love Denise, Gary and Anthony

JANE CROFT Beloved mother and grandmother. We know you cannot be with us on this your special day. Because God took you, and with him you must stay. So good night mother until we meet again. You'll always be special, our mum, our grandma and a special friend, love Liz, Joe, Angela and Joseph

JEAN CROFT Most treasured memories of a darling wife, your death was sudden, the shock severe, love is special if it's right. Your love was special, so special, loving you always, forgetting you never, my loving wife on your birthday, loving husband James Croft

JANE CROFT Fondest memories of you mother on this day, the pain and hurt I'm feeling will never go away. Remembering you on your birthday, love Jimmy

PALLISTER George Edward, 16th September. Remembering you on your birthday Dad, is not hard to forget, because you were one of the best. We miss you every day. Good night and God bless Dad. Love from Margaret and Rick, Vicki, Claire, Lisa and Craig XX

DARRYL GIBBS 27th September. We often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheek. They say in time you do forget, to some that will be true. But not a day begins nor ends, when we don't think of you. Happy birthday Darryl love always Mam and David

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In Memory

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FLOWER Arranging classes resume in Aycliffe Village Hall, 7pm on Thursday 25th September. All welcome, for further information telephone Elizabeth Lewis 319196

HEIGHINGTON Village Craft Fayre. Because of last years success, heighington Village is to host another craft fayre to be held in the Village Hall on 25th October. If you want further details or wish to book a table to display and sell our products, please do not hesitate to telephone Aycliffe 314622, book early

A MURDER Mystery evening has been arranged at Heighington Village Hall on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm. Buffet, bring your own drinks. Tickets £6, no concessions available from Val Matthews on 312483 or Brenda Armstrong on 313328 in aid of church funds

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Get Rid of the Car Cigarette Lighter

The Director General of Britain's leading cancer charity is calling on enlightened car manufacturers to go back to the drawing board and design something useful to take the place of dashboard cigarette lighters in cars. Gordon McVie of the Cancer Research Campaign says:

"The dashboard cigarette lighter is now completely obsolete. In an age when more than three quarters of motorists are non smokers, we are still confronted by an outdated accessory which most of us never use.

"Car manufacturers must come up with a viable alternative and the dashboard cigarette lighter should be consigned to the ashcan of history.

"Our research shows that non-smokers are put at risk by being exposed to other peoples smoke. We estimate that at least 300 people die each year in the UK from lung cancer caused by passive smoking. In a confined space like a car, people are more exposed to the risks."

Drivers who smoke in their cars not only face the threat of cancer but could be setting themselves up for a nasty accident.

Thanks

HART - The family of the late George Hart wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for their lovely flowers and cards. Also thanks to Rev Colin Jay for his kindness and comforting words

THE CRICKET Club would like to thank everyone who donated prizes: Newton Aycliffe Sports Club, Boots, Cellar 5, 4 Seasons Chop Suey House, Hazelbank Wines, Thames Butchers, Bettys Fish Shop, EF McMahon Fruiterers, Dewhursts the Butchers, R I Kemp (Neville Pharmacy) and Paul Gittins. With much thanks - The Leek Club

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ANOTHER AWARD FOR REDWORTH HALL HOTEL

Redworth Hall Hotel and Country Club, has received national recognition in the 1997 Fitness Industry Association Awards.

Redworth Hall Health Club has been ranked in the top six Health Clubs in the country in the category for clubs with up to 1500 members. The club was visited and assessed on many attributes such as investment in training, attention to detail, quality of fitness programming, marketing and overall impression, as well as other qualities.

The present facilities includes a 13 meter pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, squash courts, aerobics suite, tennis courts, indoor children's play area, outdoor children's adventureland, snooker table, Emmanais Beauty Salon and Saks hair Salon. Following this success the club is now pleased to announce developments which will further enhance the clubs national position. In the developments which are due for opening in January 1998, nine new beauty rooms and a Cardio-vascular gym will be provided.



Great Aycliffe Town Council

ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Sarah J. Iveson, will be holding her Annual Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Sunday 21st September, 1997 at 11.00am. Councillor Mrs. Iveson would like to extend a cordial invitation to parishioners to join her for morning service on this occasion. Coffee and biscuits will be served in the adjoining school hall at the conclusion of the service

SUCCESS FOR SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH TRAINEES

Alan Walker

After seventeen years of working as a Postman/Delivery Driver for Royal Mail, 44 yew old Alan Walker developed arthritis and was unable to continue his job. Having tried, unsuccessfully, for three years to secure alternative employment, Alan joined Sedgefield Borough Training under the provision of Training of Work on the 11th November 1996 and chose to study Administration. Alan's main objective was to gain practical experience and skills in clerical work and acquire a basic knowledge of information technology to improve his employment prospects. He hoped to work in an occupation where he would be dealing with people and was placed with a local Medical Centre. After a period of only four weeks he was offered permanent employment as a Medical Receptionist. Alan was able to continue with his training whilst employed and achieved R.S.A. Administration - N.V.Q. Level II and R.S.A. CLAIT in May. Alan feels Sedgefield Borough Training helped restore his confidence, provided him with the opportunity to learn new skills, and helped him to gain employment.

Lynsey Booth

Lynsey's original career plan was to continue at school and complete her 'A' levels before going to college to complete a degree. She then decided it would be better to obtain her qualifications while gaining experience in a working environment. In September 1997, Lynsey joined Sedgefield Borough Council's Modern Apprenticeship Programme after being successful in gaining a position with Fujitsu Microelectronics Limited the multi-national micro-chip manufacturer. While working at Fujitsu, Lynsey has gained valuable experience within the Personnel and Finance Departments. In Personnel, she has been involved in the recruitment process and payroll. Time has also been spent on the Reception Desk where she has dealt with numerous visitors to the company. She recently achieved an N.V.Q. Level 2 in Administration and is now working towards the Level 3. From September 1997, Lynsey will attend Bishop Auckland College to study for the B.T.E.C. Higher National Certificate in Business and Finance and will also continue her studies with Sedgefield Borough by working towards the Customer Service Level 3 N.V.Q.

DEFEAT!

British Legion - 3
Huntsman - 1
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HUNTSMAN couldn't break down British Legion's resilient defence as the home side capitalised on kamikaze defending, writes Martin Walker. Huntsman's last two week's have been surrounded by controversy - and last week they failed to break away from the fold. On the whole, they didn't play badly against the Legion - it was once again the finishing in front of goal that proved to be the difference. Legion took a 1-0 lead from the penalty spot in the first half, but Huntsman were, in all fairness, matching the Moore Lane side stride for stride - and Chris Walker eventually equalised after two attempts on goal. But in the second half, squandered goal opportunities were all too frequent - and Legion finished the chances they had to win the game. Huntsman clearly miss the instinctive goalscoring talent of the injured Morgan Fielding, while top goalscorer Rob Lothian is also finding it hard of late to find the back of the net. Huntsman's man-of-the-match was undecided between me and Jim McCabe, but I am sporting enough to award it to Theo McCabe. The minger-of-the-match was Martin Haigh. TEAM: Kent 6, Travis 7, McCabe 8, Hamrond 6, Lothian 6, Haigh 6, C.Walker 7, M.Walker 8 T. Walker 6 (Stokell 6). Mr.X 6, Marram 7.

Hartlepool Turn on the Skill with 4 goals against Aycliffe

After winning promotion from Division 2 of the Teesside Alliance League last year, Aycliffe Under 11's opened their current campaign last Sunday against a skilful Hartlepool team. Against the wind in the first half, the lads took time to settle & the visitors took full advantage racing to 2-0 lead. After this initial setback, Aycliffe began to pressurise their opponents & Matthew Dodds was unlucky with a long range effort. In the second half, Hartlepool scored a third direct from a free kick with the referee ruling that the entire visiting forward line in an offside position were

not interfering with play. Kyle Allen then produced a goal-saving tackle before the visitors scored a fourth from a corner once again giving goalkeeper Scott Roscher no chance. In the dying moments, the lads forced several corners with Graham Johnson, Craig Johnston and David Turgoose all being denied a late consolation goal. Stewie Owen took the 'man of the match' award for his all-round effort. The lads now know what is required of them in the 1st Division & will be looking to rectify matters against 2nd Division champions 21st Allstars next week.

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