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# TOWN COUNCIL OBJECTS TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Town Council have objected to three planning applications currently being determined by the Borough Council, concerned that all will have a detrimental effect on their location.

Numerous concerns were expressed on the application by Woodham Golf Club who want to erect extensions to their existing buildings to provide a new Conference and Banqueting suite with additional Leisure Club and associated facilities. The Council is doubtful whether the site can provide sufficient car parking, and as there is only one access point the increased traffic would cause annoyance and congestion.

There was also a potential adverse effect on surrounding residents both from the physical aspect and siting of the extension and of the noise and nuisance likely to be generated.

The Council was also very concerned that the increased traffic would exacerbate the existing pressure on the C35 which runs adjacent to the Golf course. With regard to the proposed development at the former Aycliffe Hospital site, the Town Council agreed to inform Darlington Borough that they were concerned that the increased traffic from and to the site would cause major problems. An application from the Gretna Inn to build a 41 bedroom Wayfarer Lodge was thought by our Town Council to be wholly inappropriate for the site.

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7 years and under, 8 - 10 years, 11 - 13 years, Over 14 years. Any medium may be used in the creation of the poster i.e. crayon, paint, felt tip pens, collage etc. and they can be of any size. The theme of the poster should be fire and firework safety.

Please note that all entries must be received at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 21st October 1997 and should have written clearly on the reverse of the poster, the name, address (plus school if appropriate) and age of the artist.

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe will present prizes of £8.00, £7.00 and £6.00 (1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively) in each of the age categories at a formal presentation in the Function Room of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex prior to the Display on Wednesday 5th November.

Winners will be notified by post.

Further information is available from Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Telephone (01325) 300700

## HUNTSMEN SCORE 11 AGAINST TURKS

Turks' Head - 0  
Huntsman - 11  
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**RAMPANT** Huntsman steamrolled a lacklustre Darlington side as chance after chance was laid on a plate.

For the third week running, Director of Football Dave Lee kept with the 'Champs' McCabe-Martin Walker strike partnership. Once again they proved their worth - McCabe bagging a hat-trick with Walker scoring four but nearly winning the minger-of-the-match award after missing several chances.

The actual minger was Morgan Fielding even after

scoring two and setting up many he had to sell a Domino card in the Huntsman wearing a dress and wig - well, if you play like a woman you must be made to look like a woman. Chris Walker scored one and won the man-of-the-match award.

**TEAM:** Lee 7, Travis 8, Lothian 8, Hammond 8, R.Walker 8, (R.Hodgson 8), Briddick 8 (Haigh 8), Fielding 7. **C.WALKER 9**, Marram 8, M.Walker 8, McCabe 8 (Cherrie 7).

This week, Huntsman play AFC Cockerton for the second time in three weeks - this time on home territory, with another home fixture next week against Fox and Hounds last year's League champions.

## The Wackiest Customer?



A presentation was made this week to Michael Derek for being the first person to achieve 115 visits to the Gretna Green since its reopening.

Pictured presenting a certificate and gift is Terri Kent (Wacky Warehouse Supervisor) and Wesley (Wacky Gang Leader). The presentation took place on one of our Wacky Gang Nights which are held on a Tuesday.

## AYCLIFFE ATHLETICS

At the Selby half marathon Julia Atkinson was in sparkling form, returning to her old stamping ground, storming home in 1.30.44. Julia, a PE teacher, ran magnificently to return as 4th lady on a very windy course.

Sue Milburn, competing in her longest race since injury came home 9th lady in 1.36.10.

At the New Marske 10k, first home for Aycliffe was the impressive Paul Guy (37), closely followed by Mick Brunskill (38) next came supervet Derek Smith (40) with Ces Sugden and Christine Brunskill battling it out for next place (42).

### REMINDER

Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club, sponsored by Hydro Polymers, invite you along

to their indoor circuit session (6-7pm) on a Tuesday evening at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Suitable for any age group and all abilities catered for.

## FESTIVAL RAISED £62,572

At the final meeting of the Management Committee it was announced that the Flower Festival held at Durham Cathedral had been a resounding success and that the proceeds from the Festival, including the Country Market, the Crafts Fair, and the Preview Party, amounted to £62,572. Our sincere thanks are due to the Northumberland and Durham Area of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies and to all who contributed towards making this one of the most successful Flower Festivals ever held in the country.

## Leisure Centre Events

### Charity Dance

A charity dance will take place in the Sycamore Suite at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 18th October at 7.30pm

### Roller Disco

A roller disco session takes place in the Red Hall at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 18th October starting at 7.30pm

### Basketball

Newton Aycliffe Polar Bears Basketball Team go head to head with the team Cougars from Consett at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Wednesday 22nd October in a County Cup match. Tip off 7pm, all welcome

### 5-a-side Football

Teams are invited to join the 5-a-side league at Newton Aycliffe Leisure centre, vacancies have now opened for the Tuesday night league, for further details contact Peter Boddy at the leisure centre or Tel 300800

## ALL IN THE WORST POSSIBLE TASTE

On October 11th a Bad Taste and Bad Table event was held in Heighington Village Hall to raise funds for the village Baden Powell Scout Groups.

Many people arrived dressed in the most bizarre gear - there seemed to be an outbreak of tank tops, gawdy shirts, croched waistcoats, shocking pink handbags, amazing hats.

A variety of tights were spotted including lurid green, silver, leopard skin striped and even tartan! Tables in the hall quickly became adorned with some most unusual decorations, which certainly caused a lot of interest.



(Cartoon: Pam Dobinson)

A grand raffle draw was held during the evening with very generous donations from many local firms and businesses including Fujitsu, Perstorp Waverite, The George and Dragon, The Cumby Arms, Saks at Redworth, Redworth Hall Hotel, Pizzaline, Mackays Clothes Store, McDonalds at Newton Park, 3Ms, and Oakleaf Sports Centre.

The support from all of these is really appreciated, and certainly contributed to the success of the event. An auction for a novelty toilet seat, and an anti raffle with horrendous prizes to be avoided at all costs also helped to boost funds. A great time was had by all who attended and approximately £800 was raised. Many thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped with the planning, and to those who helped with the catering and clearing up afterwards.

A few very bad taste items of clothing and a couple of weird decorations were left behind in the hall - should anyone dare to claim them!

Barbara Hemingway

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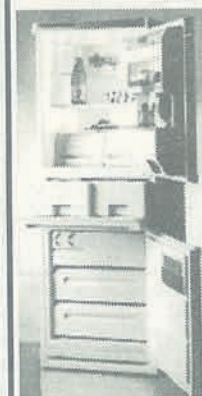
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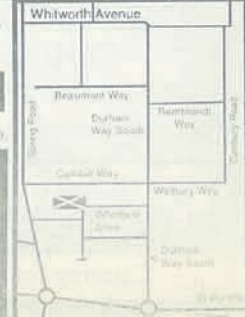
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# Loss of Historical Spade and First Sod of Earth

The spade used to cut the first sod of earth at the birth of Newton Aycliffe, 50 years ago, is still missing. As we celebrate the golden anniversary next year, the Town Council is anxious that this important item of memorabilia are found and placed in safe keeping. The spade is chrome plated and engraved with details of the historic

occasion. The actual sod of earth was also kept and is in a small wood casket, also inscribed. Their disappearance was once linked with the departure of Town Clerk, John Farquhar, but he has no idea where they are now and tells us he last saw them in the Council offices. It would be a real shame if those items are lost, and as they have no value it is difficult to imagine anyone wishing to hang on to them. Information leading to the recovery of these items would be gratefully received by the Chief Executive Mike Rice on 300700.

## Ladies Weekend

As part of ladies weekend at Neville Parade Methodist Church, on Monday 27th October there is to be an evening of musical entertainment provided by a singing quartet. The evening will start at 7.30pm and refreshments will be served afterwards. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us, both men and women, to listen to these singers who are recommended not to be missed.

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NEU 11133  
Newton Aycliffe Jobcentre change of opening times  
As from Monday 13th October 1997 our opening hours will be as follows:  
Monday 9-4.45pm  
Tuesday 9-4.45pm  
Wednesday 10-4.45pm  
Thursday 9-4.45pm  
Friday 9-4.30pm

## Planning Brief for Avenue School Site This Month!

Dear Sir,  
before the May elections, I was assured at County Hall the Avenue site was to be marketed this Summer, and I told my Ward.  
I've since been told the Planning Brief, prepared by the Borough Council, will not be presented until later this month!  
If agreed, public consultation will then take place. Following that, and any amendments, the site will, eventually, be marketed. A Sedgefield 'Summer of Discontent' for Newton Aycliffe?  
Our Town Council are silent on costings for their presence on the site, or how the long-suffering source of GATC revenue, the ratepayers, might have to pay for it?  
Recently, Cllr. Hogan preached 'patience' in the Town Centre Forum! I've been told '2000 A.D.' too often to be a coincidence? Is an over-long delay due to a G.A.T.C. Millennium Bid to fund a joint Community / GATC development?  
As to a monument in the town I'm often told we have one: Broken glass, filth, litter-laden - waist high in overgrown weeds. A sad, desolate, bedraggled eyesore, shaming so many in our Town!  
The former Avenue Site is waiting for three local councils to get their act together and develop it for the benefit of Aycliffe.  
The long-suffering folk of Newton Aycliffe, longing to be proud of THEIR whole Town Centre, are driven to despair over so many years of council inaction. Since May we've had co-ordinated delay! The site is still sunk in a slump of post-election apathy - A wind-swept wilderness waffled over in comfort at the blunted points of decision?  
But what's new about that, for New Town Aycliffe?  
Cllr. Don Fraser, Woodham Ward, S.B.C. & G.A.T.C.

## Scottish Hotel Group Buys Redworth Hall

On 20th October, Redworth Hall comes under the ownership of Scottish Highland Hotels, based in Glasgow.  
The group bought Redworth and its sister hotel, Hellaby Hall in Doncaster, for £12.8 million.  
There would appear to be no major changes for Redworth, which enjoys healthy trading and helped give their former owners a £1.1 million operating profit on hotels for year ending 31st March. Wiggins, however, retain ownership of the lad at redworth, acquired to provide a golf course, we understand a revised planning application will be submitted for this development very soon.  
The previous scheme fell foul of the planners who refused permission because the proposed golf course would interfere with ancient sites in the woodland.

## Party for Loyal Employees



Darlington Building Society hosted a Long Service Awards Ceremony this week which culminated in a visit to "Surprise Party" at the Civic Theatre in Darlington. Fifteen members of staff received their Long Service Awards to recognise a total of 3 79 years of service, an average of over 25 years per staff member. The evening commenced with the official presentation of the Awards at the Society's Principal Office, Sentinel House and, following a buffet supper the entourage transferred to the Civic Theatre to continue the party. The longest serving Darlington Building Society

staff member, David Crozier who is the Society's Branch Manager in Redcar, has clocked up 36 years continuous service having joined the Society on 20th February 1961. Barry Byers, Mortgage Sales Manager, joined Darlington Building Society 2 weeks later on 6th March, 1961 so between the two of them they have amassed over 72 years employment with the area's local building society. Peter Rowley chief executive of Darlington Building Society said, "Presenting these Long Service Awards to such hard working and dedicated staff is both an honour and a privilege." He continued, "It is a

remarkable achievement in today's workplace to have been with the same organisation for an extended period of time. All 15 members of staff receiving awards have been with the society for at least 20 years and during their periods of employment have seen many changes. However one area that has not changed is our dedication to looking after the local interests of all our customers. We are a people business that looks after its employees as well as its members and this is one reason why so many of our staff dedicate their working Fives to Darlington Building Society."

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## Don't Build a New Supermarket

Dear Sir  
I am writing with regard to the letter in last week's "Newton News", and the proposal for the Avenue School site.  
It was suggested that a Supermarket be built on this land, but has anybody given a thought to us, the people, whose homes face and back onto this land? What about our quality of life if anything like this is built, or do we not matter, are we just another statistic to sweep away under the carpet?  
Can anybody imagine having something like that in their back yard, with boy racers turning the car park, which would have to be built, into a racing track, and lorries delivering all hours of the day and night? Can anyone say that they would like to live in or near a place like that?  
There is a huge amount of land on the trading estate or Industrial park as it is now called. Why not build a hypermarket there?

I agree small shop units, built where the actual school stood, would not impair any ones life, but to build on the playing field, when so many young people use it to play football, practice golf, and play cricket and tennis in the summer, seems such a shame.  
Surely residents in both Burn Lane and Faulkner Road should be consulted by the Council, whatever they propose to do with this site, as it will affect our lives.  
Yours faithfully  
C Hutchinson (Mrs)

## TOY FAIR

A Toy Fair is to be held in St Clares Church Hall on Tuesday 21st October from 10-12 noon. There will be a selection of new and good second-hand toys, books, jigsaws etc on sale at reasonable prices. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds are for the Parish Development Fund

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# Record Results for Greenfield

Governors of Greenfield School, at their meeting this morning, congratulated students and staff for the excellent GCSE examination results achieved this year. Detailed examination statistics provided by the National Council for Educational Research and Training indicated that there had been improvement on all measures. The percentage of students achieving five high grades A\* - C showed a 13% increase to a total of 43.3%.

Governors agreed that the significant improvement had come following the introduction, four years ago, of a range of measures designed to raise levels of achievement across the school. Headteacher David Tale praised the hard work of staff and students and stated:-

Staff, students and parents should be very proud of these achievements. Everyone at school was delighted that the hard work had been rewarded. A particular target we have had for a number of years has been to raise the performance of students and this year there was a significant improvement with 100% of our boys gaining five grades A\* - C."

As noted by Governors that the last academic year had been a very rewarding for Greenfield and the Community. In the year was the announcement of a successful lottery bid of £100,000 to provide a Community Arts Education extension. In August the school had record examination results.

Over 1000 students who left Greenfield Comprehensive School this summer have received invitation to the school's annual Certificate and Special Awards Presentation Evening. This year the prestigious event is to be held on Tuesday 4th November and the principal guest and speaker will be the Bishop of Durham.

This year has special significance for the school which has just celebrated its twenty years and celebrates this with outstanding examination results.

The Bishop of Durham will be presenting GCSE Certificate and Special Awards. Whilst there were many outstanding achievements, one award - the Mayor's Trophy - is annually presented to the student with the highest overall academic achievement. This year the recipient will be Stephen Smith who obtained nine Grade A passes including six Grade

A is no stranger where receiving awards is concerned. His round ability has resulted in him receiving The Craig Memorial Footballer of the Year Award. He represented the school and District at football and is now an apprentice with Darlington FC whilst following a full time level programme at Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College.

# Mary's P.T.A. Christmas Craft Evening

The above event was a huge success and the P.T.A. would like to thank everyone who attended on the evening. There are four raffle prizes, the winners are 263, 280, 82 and 100. These can be collected from the school Secretary during school hours.

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations of raffle tickets: The Greta Green, shop, Julie Kent (Mrs.), Angela Denham (Mrs.), Trisha Hughes (Artist), Judith (Jewellery) and a Davies (Decoupage). We will be repeating this next year so look out for it.

The next fundraising event is the Christmas Fair which will be held on Friday 21st November at 6pm. There will be lots of stalls for both adults and children, (books, bric-a-brac, cake stall, toys, Christmas decorations etc)

and there will also be loads of games and activities and chances to win prizes, (tombolas, raffles, bottle stall, name the doll, find the treasure etc.) Also Santa will be taking his orders for Christmas day so make a date in your diary now and we look forward to seeing you on the 21st November. Mrs. J. Watson,

## "Oklahoma"

The Ferryhill Operatic Society will perform "Oklahoma" in the Community Hall at Ferryhill Station From Tuesday 4th - Saturday 8th November nightly at 7 p.m. Admission: Balcony £5, Floor £4.50p Senior Citizens & children £4.25p (exc. Sat). Tickets available from any member and by ringing 01740 656110.

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something for everyone that morning so why not come along and pick up a bargain. There are still a limited number of tables which are still only £5 if you find you can sell something that morning. To book you table or for further information please ring either Aycliffe (01325) 320876 or 301747.

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# SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thursday was our Harvest Festival at Heighington Primary School and Year 6 held an assembly for the parents to come and watch. We told the adults and children about :- Giving, Food processing, Where our food comes from as well as how we harvest food. We had different instruments playing Harvest songs and everyone joined in.

Many children brought Harvest gifts for the elderly people in the village and these made a wonderful display in our hall. After lunch Year 6 collected some of the boxes of food and delivered them to the elderly people who live close to the school. The rest of the Junior children helped to deliver the rest of the boxes after school. In total we delivered 100 boxes around the village. The people were very pleased with the Harvest gifts we gave them.

Diane Bowe and Sarah Knox YEAR 6.

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## RUGBY NEWS

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Aycliffe faced their strongest challenge of the season so far. The Durham side were man for man taller and heavier than their opponents and could have been expected to run away with the game. In fact Aycliffe had territorial advantage for much of the first twenty minutes before one or two silly penalties allowed the home side possession and territorial advantage.

At half time the score was 22-10 to Durham and this score did not reflect the even balance of the game which saw Aycliffe out rucking their opponents who were stronger in the maul and set pieces. Aycliffe made a number of changes at half

time and the scrummage steadied reducing Durham's set piece dominance. Nonetheless Aycliffe had to be courageous in defence to resist a very strong running Durham side. When they played with belief Aycliffe again showed the continuing improvement of recent weeks. There was some exhilarating running from Kevin Greathead and Daryl Pettit with Pettit scoring two tries, converting one and adding a penalty to his points tally.

Peter Sheen was once again on the score sheet with a try late in the second half. Aycliffe still lack strength in depth so if you want to play rugby see us at Moore Lane on Thursdays at 7pm. Team sponsors Great Lakes Chemicals

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## Town's Youth Football Club Runs 8 Teams

Another football season has started for Newton Aycliffe Youth AFC. This season is going to be harder for the club because it now runs 8 teams from under 10s to under 16' on a Sunday and under 18s on a Saturday.

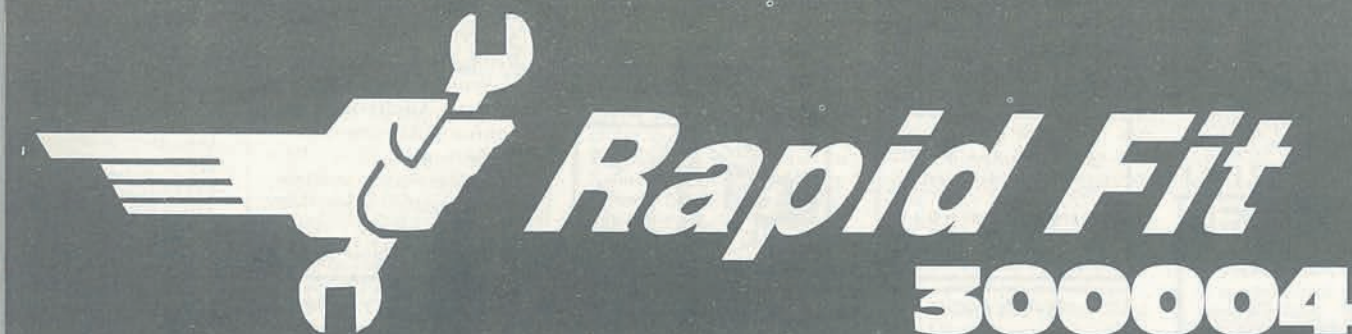
Last Season the club was very proud to have won the Fair Play Trophy for the second year in a row. This is a tremendous achievement and everyone who is concerned with the club should be congratulated, now for three!! The young players at the club put everything into their game and these youngsters are the future of football in Newton Aycliffe. Every week they turn up for training and team talks, then they play on Sundays and now Saturdays

The managers and parents give them tremendous

encouragement, if it was not for the parents helping with transport the club would find it very difficult to continue.

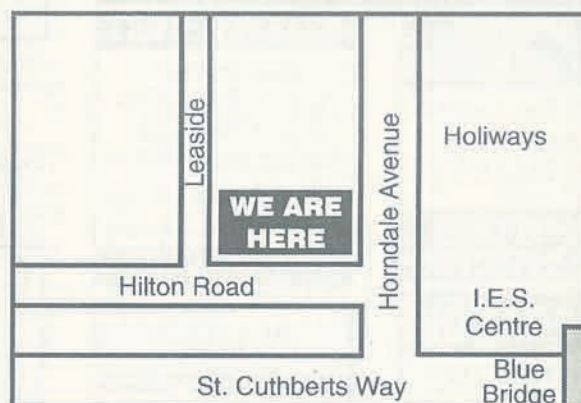
The club needs all the help and support it can get to run the 8 teams. Last season the club received help for Lancing Linde, Nelson and Chipchase, Randolph Coach Works and Great Lakes as well as other donations for the annual presentation night. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with donations to the club.

If any company or persons are willing to support or help with sponsorship and donations please contact Keith on 318731 or Brian on 316269. Come and help the club carry on with the future of football in Newton Aycliffe



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embankment (battery).  
About half way through we  
saw some cows Mr. Coates  
asked Christopher if he would  
get a stick out of his  
rucksack.At the end of the  
embankment we saw two  
buildings one was Bridge  
Cottage and the Railway  
Bridge Inn, they were both  
named after a bridge which  
carried the road over the  
incline but now the bridge has  
been demolished.We followed the line through  
a cutting (cut) to reach the  
site of Etherley Engine  
House where we ate our lunch  
sitting in the empty reservoir  
which used to store the water  
for the steam engine.After our lunch we walked  
down the east incline but at  
the bottom of the incline we  
followed a road because the  
railway runs onto private  
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further on we crossed the  
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towards Brusselton.  
Here we were lucky enough  
to see a fox which crossed  
our path. We had an amazing  
moment in a field of horses  
when several foals charged  
towards us but one of the  
mares rounded them up when  
we bravely stood our ground  
and the teachers turned pale.  
At the top of the incline we  
found Brusselton Engine  
House and saw a Stockton  
Darlington Railway plaque  
HI, on one of the Cottages.  
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Keeley, congratulations on the  
birth of your son (he's  
gorgeous) lots of love Tony,  
Irene, Jenna and Jade XXX

HANCOCK Gary and Keeley  
Thank you for our love great  
grandson, lots of love Grandad  
and Grandma Longstaff

HOWARTH Stuart, Joanne  
and Adam, every happiness in  
your new home, thanks for  
being so patient, we got there  
in the end!! Love Tony, Irene  
and family

STEVENS Happy birthday  
Mummy, love Ben

STEVENS Happy birthday  
Shelley, love ya Stiv

RHIANNON & PHIL  
Congratulations on your  
engagement may all your  
dreams come true, love from  
Mum, Ed and all the family

ANDY CLARKE Happy  
16th birthday, all our love  
Mam and Dad XXX

ANDY CLARKE Happy  
16th birthday, love always  
Auntie Karen, Uncle Allan  
XXX

ANDY CLARKE Happy  
16th birthday, lots of love  
Nana XX

ANDY CLARKE Happy  
16th birthday, lots of love  
Auntie Carol and Keith,  
Grandma and Grandad and the  
rest of the family - Don't  
forget our Keith's on the 19th  
October, love Carol and the  
family

MARK POOLEY Happy  
birthday Daddy, lots of love  
Shannon

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birthday Mark, all my love  
Joanne

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there. Love you always, from  
your loving wife Cora

RON HUTCHINSON Happy  
birthday grandad, all my love  
Samantha

RONALD HUTCHINSON  
Happy birthday Dad, 19th  
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aged 5 years. Precious are our  
memories, dear little Cara, we  
can no more get to hold you  
or see your lovely smile, for  
God thought you too special  
and took you back meanwhile.  
Although we cannot see or  
feel your gentle touch, you  
know that still we think of you  
and love you just as much.  
And so until we meet, love  
will never die and never fade  
away. Sleep on our blue eyed  
treasure you are so sorely  
missed. Granny and Grandad  
XXX

CARA LOUISE KELLY,  
20th October. Thinking of you  
today and always Cara, Auntie  
Jackie and Samantha XX

CARA LOUISE KELLY  
October 20th 1995. A precious  
little gift from God, one that  
we thought would stay, we  
never dreamed the day would  
come, that you would be taken  
away. Life is lonely without  
you, two cruel relentless years,  
a million golden memories, a  
million wretched tears. We  
always loved you, we always  
will, Mummy, Daddy, Stuart,  
Liam and Callum XXX

BETTY HENDERSON  
Treasured memories we have  
to hold we still miss you so  
much, loved always, Maureen,  
Steve and family

AUNTIE BETTY - I can still  
see your everlasting smile and  
feel the warmth you held, even  
though you were taken from  
me like a flower in winter, but  
in my heart your petals  
remain. Love you always  
Kelsey Michelle

BETTY HENDERSON 2  
years have gone by, the pain  
is still there but we are  
sustained by the love care and  
consideration you showed  
even though you knew you  
would not be here. I salute  
once again the magnificent  
courage you displayed until  
the very end. I could only  
describe you as "above them  
all". Eternal memories, Tom

STONEBRIDGE Alfred  
John. Died 24-6-97. You were  
taken Dad on this sad day,  
when all your paid was taken  
away. We were with you for  
the very last time, we held  
your hand when you tried to  
smile. Above the pain above  
the mess, rest in peace Dad,  
good night and God bless.  
Your loving daughters and  
son-in-laws Rosemary and  
Richy, Pauline and Ken, Jean  
and Lance XXXXXX

HARRIET BRUMWELL  
Died 18-10-93. To be with you  
in the same old way, would be  
our dearest wish today, our  
love forever, Jeannette, Owen  
and Carl

MURIEL BELL October  
17th 1996. No tomorrows for  
us to share, but yesterday's  
memories will always be  
there. With love from Betty H  
and chums

TOMMY MOLLON Died  
19th October 1995 and  
birthday memories for 28th  
October. A dear Dad, Grandad  
and great grandad. There  
comes a time when we all  
must part, but you left too soon  
and broke our hearts, to some  
you might be forgotten, to  
some part of the past, but to  
us who truly loved you, your  
memory will always last.  
From Edie and Foxy,  
Grandchildren Peter, Denise,  
Wayne, Nicola and Shannon  
and Great Grandson Jack  
XXX

PEGGY CARNAFFIN 23rd  
October 1989. Treasured  
memories of a dear Mam, in  
our hearts you will always  
stay, loved and remembered  
every day, Norman and  
Margaret

PEGGY CARNAFFIN 23rd  
October 1989. In loving  
memory of a dear Mam and  
Grandma, Time passes,  
memories stay, fondly  
remembered every day,  
George and Cindy,  
grandchildren David and  
Michael

PEGGY CARNAFFIN 23rd  
October 1989. Remembering  
you is easy we do it everyday,  
its the heartache of losing you  
that never goes away. Loved  
and missed always Grace Ann  
and Bob

PEGGY CARNAFFIN 23rd  
October 1989. In a special  
corner of our hearts you will  
always stay, sadly missed by  
grandchildren Alan, John,  
Tracy, Neil and Bobby

### Thanks

HURST, Neil, Carrie, Samuel  
and Joseph wish to thank  
everyone who attended the  
Baptism of Louis James and  
for all their good wishes, cards  
and gifts, but most of all for  
making it such a special day  
for all of us. Louis James  
sends a special "thank you" to  
Avril and Jack for being his  
Godparents and an even  
bigger "thank you" to Samuel  
and Joseph for being such  
wonderful big brothers XX

TOMMY OWEN - Charlotte,  
David and Lesley wish to  
thank all relatives, friends and  
neighbours for the many  
letters, cards, flowers and kind  
expressions of sympathy on  
the sad loss of Tommy. Thank  
you also to the Doctors at  
Bewick Crescent surgery, the  
Rev Colin Jay and Co-op  
Funeral Directors for their  
comforting words and  
thoughtfulness

I WOULD Like to thank the  
lady who handed my purse in  
at Kwik-Save on Tuesday 14th  
October, yours thankfully, Mrs  
G Downes

ALLISON - Tom, Nora and  
Thomas would like to thank  
family, friends, neighbours,  
doctors, nurses, Ward 41,  
MacMillan House, Butterwick  
Hospice, ex-teachers, Great  
Lakes and Julies special  
friends for their kindness,  
letters, flowers and donations.  
You will never know how  
much it has helped us all.

ARTHUR McADAM  
Margaret and family would  
like to thank friends, relations  
and neighbours for the mass  
cards, sympathy cards,  
flowers and support following  
their recent sad bereavement.  
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Dr Ramsey, Dr Connelly and  
hospital staff, Ward 44 and the  
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