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Rotary Club Involved in 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Town

Great Aycliffe Town Council have welcomed the Rotary Club's involvement in Newton Aycliffe's 50th Anniversary Celebrations, held this year from 20-28th June.

The 8-day celebration will commence on Saturday 20th June with a giant Community and Industrial Fair held in the Leisure Centre.

Our MP and Prime Minister Tony Blair, has indicated he will attend, subject to National and International duty taking him elsewhere.

Sedgefield Borough Council has donated the use of the Leisure Centre to stage this mammoth fair which will run all day and carry stalls, displays and exhibitions depicting community life and work in the new town.

The Rotary Club held a similar event a few years ago, but for this special year, industrialists are being invited to mount displays, showing goods and services at Aycliffe which accommodates nearly 250 businesses, employing over 10,000 people.

The programme has not yet been finalised by the Town Council, but the Rotary Club is also involved with the final event of the celebrations, an interdenominational Service of Thanksgiving - again held in the main hall of the Leisure Centre, courtesy of the Borough Council.

This special commemorative Service will be a very big civic event with all the towns churches participating. It is hoped every public service will be represented, police, fire, schools, uniformed and voluntary organisations and all those who contribute to the towns welfare.

A draft Order of Service has already been produced by the town clergy and includes rousing hymns, led by our town band, readings and it is hoped, an address by Tony Blair.

Other dignitaries will include the Mayors of Town and Borough, Councillors, the Bishop of Durham, Chairman of the Methodist District and many others, who have yet to respond to invitations. The town's first official residents, Don and Eve Perry will be in attendance and Don will read Psalm 24. It has also been suggested an "Aycliffe Angel" reads a lesson.

It will be a memorable event and with good support from all involved will provide a fitting tribute to the 50 years past, an appropriate end to the celebrations, and a point in time to look forward to the next fifty years.

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pool. In a more local setting Aycliffe runners were in good form for the Quaker Handicap with Ian Monkman 1st, Mick Brunskill 2nd, Dave Middleton 7th Cec (Sunderland supporter) Sugden 13th and John Burnside 14th. In the extremely tough Hamsterley 5.5 miles fell race Colin Gibson gave a good performance to finish 7th (44 minutes) with a determined Roy Cook finished well in 11th place.

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FORMER A.D.C. CHAIRMAN PATRON OF TOWN'S NEW ARTS COLLEGE

Greenfield Comprehensive School, Newton Aycliffe, learnt recently that it is to become one of 33 new Specialist Colleges across the country.

Announced by the Department for Education and Employment this wonderful news came as the 'icing on the cake' for Greenfield in a year in which they have not only seen their best ever GCSE Examination Results, but were also granted £867,000 from the Arts Council of England (supported by the National Lottery) to create a Community Arts Centre.

In order to be able to bid for this status, the school had to raise £100,000 of private sector sponsorship. Now their application has been successful, this money will be matched by the DFEE, as well as the school receiving nearly £65,000 a year for at least the next three years

Fund-raiser Karen Robson, the school's Deputy Head says "the support we have received from our sponsors has been tremendous; without their faith in the vision we have been putting across for the school, none of this would have been possible". A total of 24 companies have backed the project and Karen has been particularly delighted with the support received locally.

Vital encouragement for the venture has also come from the school's many community partners and a wide variety of arts organisations across the area, as well as the Local Education Authority. (Director of Education, Keith Mitchell officially launched the bid at the school, along with the Chief Executive of County Durham and Darlington TEC, Dr David Hall, back in March).

Headteacher, David Tate comments further "the key aim of the school is creating success through partnership - the announcement reflects the effective working relationships we have built up over a number of years and it is important to us that we open up our arts facilities and expertise to as many local people as possible. Shared commitment to the school's plans should provide many exciting opportunities in the coming years".

It is particularly pleasing that all of this will be going on during the year of celebrations for Newton Aycliffe's 50th Anniversary as a new town and within a Borough, County and L.E.A. where there is now a commendable presence of specialist schools and a network of links and support, surely second to none across the country.

The school begins to operate officially as an Arts College in September, 1998 and as well as the award allowing the school to put into place superb new Visual Arts facilities, the aims include improving the range and standard of arts qualifications on offer (from sculpture and photography, to dance, music and drama), improving resource for arts theatres, exhibitions and arts focused residential opportunities and allowing all sorts of extra arts experiences both within and outside of the normal school day.

"None of this will take away from the students' normal experience of the National Curriculum", stresses the school's other Deputy Head, Mike Thornton "it can, in fact, only enhance it."

One of the biggest beneficiaries across the school will, in fact, be Information Technology, will students being able to not only visit the galleries of the world via the Internet, but also gain state of the art design, animation and graphics experience with some of the latest programmes and even share arts experiences with students from other counties and cultures via video-conferencing links. This makes it particularly apt that the patron of the Arts College is Denis Stevenson OBE, an ex Chairman of the Aycliffe Peterlee Development Corporation, now Chairman of the Pearson Group, of the Trustees of the Tate Gallery and author of a report commissioned by PM Tony Blair on Information and Communications Technology in Education.

The school clearly believes that increased participation in, and enjoyment of, the arts will help develop those skills essential for work and leisure in the 21st century. Greenfield intends that as a Specialist Arts College it will become a focus for creativity and excellence, not only enriching the lives of its own students, but enhancing the social environment of both the community and the region. Further details 300378.

Letter to the Editor

Have you ever been told you are too old?

Dear Editor

Has any reader ever been told they are not suitable for a job because of how old they are? Has your age ever prevented you from having medical treatment, getting credit or fair treatment? Have you ever been refused a product or service because of your age?

With the help of Age Concern, I have put forward a Private Member's Bill in Parliament to start addressing the often hidden problem of age discrimination. The Employment (Age Limits in Advertisements) Bill aims to ban age limits in job advertisements, taking a first step towards encouraging employers to think about a person's skills, rather than their age. Too many people are excluded from opportunities that the rest of society takes for granted, simply because of how old they are.

Although my bill focuses on employment, age discrimination takes many forms. I would like to hear from you if you have experienced age discrimination in any way. Please write to me at the address below with your experiences; please also encourage your local MP to support my bill when it is debated in Parliament on Friday 6 February.

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Yours

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Little Jimmy Krankie will be counting all his Christmas money this year to put into his new Foundation Savings Account from Darlington Building Society.

The Krankies comedy duo called into the new Cornmill Branch of the Society and were pleased to highlight the Foundation Account which is available to all savers under 18 years of age and pay an excellent rate of 6.4% on balances of £1 and over. This rate will be increased to 6.75% from January, 1998 and is one of the highest interest rates on offer to young savers in the area.

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Peter Rowley, chief executive of Darlington Building Society said, "Little Jimmy Krankie has made a wise decision in opening a Foundation Account. This Account was only launched last year and already many thousands of local young people have taken advantage of the high interest rate of 6.4% and the very flexible and attractive terms and conditions. However we will be checking Jimmy's certificate very closely to ensure he is eligible for such a top quality Account".

New Offices Burgled as Staff Prepare to Move in

This week, just a few days before their newly built office extension was due to open, burglars hit the premises of Linden Group at Leaside on the Industrial Park.

Director John Billany was devastated. Newly installed computers were taken and the new office

vandalised by the mindless criminals. A great deal of time and money has been invested in building the new office and installing new office furniture and equipment. All the staff were looking forward to moving into smart new premises which provided extra amenities and comfort.

This has set the Comp back in many ways, least the financial which is considerable.

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Holiday Spanish NCFE (2nd term of 3)
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WEDNESDAY:

Basic Education (begins 14-1-98) - Dressmaking
Yoga (6-7.30pm, begins 14-1-98)
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Something Different with Paint (home decoration)
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Emergency First Aid (5 week course)
Painting and Drawing - Upholstery
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THURSDAY:

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OPERATION BULLSEYE CUT CHRISTMAS CRIMEWAVE

DETECTIVES are hailing the 'tremendous' results achieved by a month-long crackdown on burglars and thieves in County Durham and Darlington.

The seasonal blitz on offenders - codenamed 'Bullseye' - was launched at the start of the month. The operation, the biggest ever of its type by Durham Constabulary, was aimed at persistent offenders involved in a wide range of crimes.

It followed detailed analysis of intelligence reports which had targeted both individuals and areas known to be crime 'hot spots'.

'Bullseye' led to 133 arrests for offences including burglary, handling stolen goods, vehicle crime, drugs dealing and shoplifting. Dozens of swoops on houses, garages and other premises led to over £250,000 worth of property being recovered and drugs valued at more than £30,000 being seized.

The operation also included high-profile patrols along the borders with neighbouring police forces and in known car crime 'hot spots', particularly in Durham and Chester-le-Street.

Detective Superintendent Ian SCOTT, who co-ordinated 'Bullseye', said the efforts by

the police had prevented a great deal of heartache and misery for local people in the run-up to Christmas.

"These results are tremendous, and show 'Bullseye' definitely hit the target. We have constantly warned those who commit crimes that we know who they are and we intend to stop them.

The success of 'Bullseye' means we have taken out many habitual criminals who otherwise would have been very active over the festive period," said Det Supt Scott. 29 arrests were made in Darlington for offences including theft from vehicles, deception and house burglary. 38 magistrates search warrants were acted upon, and property (£10,000) and drugs (£2,500) were recovered.

Sedgefield officers made 15 arrests and seized goods worth £14,000. High-visibility patrols in Newton Aycliffe led to a big decrease in shoplifting offences, as well as acts of anti-social behaviour.

Operations like 'Bullseye' - and there will be more in the future - are playing their part in helping to make County Durham a safer place in which to work, live and invest," said Det Supt Scott.

NEW HEALTH PLAN FOR DURHAM

County Durham Health Authority today launched its plan for commissioning health services for next year.

The plan "The Strategic Financial Framework 1998/99" reflects the Government's policy to replace the internal market and has been produced

in close partnership with the NHS Trusts and GP's in the County.

As well as continuing to ensure that the full range of health services are provided for people living in the County the plan specifies areas where improvements in services will be achieved.

These include:

The further development of the South Durham Cancer Unit, involving Bishop Auckland Hospitals NHS Trust and Darlington Memorial Hospital NHS Trust using their combined expertise to provide care for the more common cancers across the south of Co. Durham. Next year patients attending both these hospitals with the rarer forms of cancer will receive their specialist care from South Tees Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. Previously patients from the Bishop Auckland area were referred to Newcastle. This joint link will ensure top quality care for patients across the south of the County.

The confirmation of a new specialist spinal injuries service for the northern region at South Tees Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, involving the relocation of the service from Hexham General Hospital to a purpose built centre in Middlesbrough. The centre will have all the back up specialist services required to support people with serious spinal injuries.

The introduction of a new bone densitometry service in Co. Durham. The new service will be provided at Darlington Memorial hospital and at Dryburn Hospital. Around 2000 people a year will benefit from the service, who would previously have had to travel outside of the County for the service which can help detect osteoporosis.

COUNTY YOUTH EXCHANGE VISITS WITH GERMANY

Teenagers in County Durham with a spirit of adventure are wanted for an international exchange visit with a difference.

A party of 20 young people aged between 14 and 17 from the County's twin town of Tübingen in Germany, are to visit next Easter.

After spending the Easter break with their County Durham host family, they will then go to the Lake District for a week of outdoor adventure activities - with their hosts.

Brian Stobie, Durham County Council's international exchange officer, said the week's programme at Howtown outdoor education centre at Ullswater would be fully supervised and give teenagers the opportunity to try their hand at rock climbing, Canadian canoeing, abseiling,

gully scrambling and raft building.

All meals for the week at Howtown and transport to and from the Lakes are included in the +£65 price.

"It's a brilliant way to spend the Easter holidays for both our German visitors and the host families," he said.

"It's an opportunity for the hosts and guests to get to know each other living as a family then go together for an action packed week in the Lake District."

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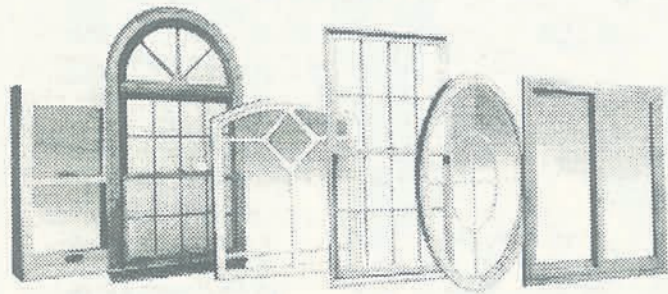
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HUNTSMAN FC OFF TO FLYING START

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Huntsman 5

The Huntsman got 1998 off to a flying start at the weekend with an impressive result against one of the fancied teams from the league, writes Tim Walker.

A beauty by Martin Walker put the visitors one-nil up before DCSS got a lucky break to put things level in an otherwise drab first half.

The second half saw both teams come out with more inspired commitment and the watching sidelines looked on in anticipation of a bit of excitement.

Are You a Radio Cleveland Listener?

Dear Sir,

I write to you as Chair of the BBC Radio Cleveland Advisory Council. The Council meets six times a year and is made up of a dozen "lay" people from the community. The members discuss BBC Radio Cleveland programmes and local policies, providing valuable information and a link with the people we serve in the surrounding area.

We try and ensure we have a cross section of ages, occupations and an even mix of men and women, and that membership comes from around the broadcast area. Councillors serve for three years.

We are now seeking to recruit six new members in total from the areas of Richmond, Hartlepool, Billingham, Bishop Auckland, Redcar and Guisborough. The purpose of this letter is to find out if any of your readers would be interested in becoming members.

It is important that applicants are enthusiastic radio listeners and can act as "ears" on the programmes Radio Cleveland broadcast. Also, we invite members of the Council to discuss the BBC as a whole and then views and ideas of the Council are fed back, through myself, to the Regional Advisory Council.

If anyone is interested in joining us they should write to me at Radio Cleveland enclosing details of themselves and their interests and their day time telephone number by the end of January 1998.

Yours faithfully

Helen Pickering
Chair, BBC Radio Council
Cleveland Advisory Council

World Day of Prayer

In preparation for the "Women's World Day of Prayer", a day of Bible Study and fellowship is being held in St Clare's Church hall on Tuesday 20th January from 10.00am to 2.00pm. This year's theme is "Who is my Neighbour?"

The leader will be Mrs Helen Stott, and ladies from all the churches in Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village are invited to come along to share in this event. Please bring a Packed Lunch, tea and coffee will be available.

Then the game bore fruit when Martin Walker was sent crashing to the ground and the Dave Lee-look-alike referee awarded the Huntsman a penalty, converted by Morgan Fielding.

Before the match resumed however, DCSS were reduced to ten men when a few harsh criticisms of the ref saw one of their players get his marching orders.

After that it became one-way traffic, much to the discontentment of the natives who shrieked and chanted like an All-Blacks Rugby team, all under the direction of their staff-wielding chief.

It was by now an electrifying atmosphere, the Huntsman relished this, lifting their game way beyond their opponents and further goals from Wayne Marram, Chris "Emmo" Walker and another from Morgan Fielding, sealed a comfortable win.

This week sees a local derby between the Huntsman and Europa in the League Cup at Horndale Playing Fields, kick-off 10.30am.

A final note to Martin Walker who has given up the reins of Huntsman match reporter, after quite some time, to work for the Evening Gazette. Best wishes to Martin from everyone involved with the club.

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NEU 11650

MERGER OF FIVE COUNTY NHS TRUSTS

Mergers involving five NHS trusts in Durham have been given the go-ahead by Baroness Jay, Minister for Health.

From April 1 1998 the trusts, North Durham Acute, Community Healthcare North Durham, South Durham, Bishop Auckland Hospitals and Darlington Memorial Hospital - will be dissolved and three new trusts will be formed.

The new organisations will be as follows:
South Durham Health Care NHS Trust - will provide integrated hospital and community services for people living in the south of the county.

North Durham Health Care NHS Trust - will provide integrated hospital and community services for people living in the north of the county.
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Results are as follows:

BALLET
Bronze Medal: M McTague, HC; N Jelly H; W Fowler D; D Matthews H; R Taylor H; T Stobbs H; K Gibson H; K Embleton H; A Turner H.
Silver Medal: S Bennett H; G Lee H; S Graham D; G Marsh D.
Gold Medal: L Tyldsley HC Bronze Star: T Pennington D, S Park D
Gold Star: V Carter D 1st Shield: C Lynch H

CHARACTER
Bronze Medal: G Howe HC; C Hodgson HC; W Fowler H Silver Medal: R Jelly H
Gold Medal: S Park H Gold Star: V Carter H

TAP
Bronze Medal: J Morgan HC; R Taylor HC; W Fowler H; K Gibson HC; T Stobbs HC; A Turner HC; K Embleton HC; C Robertson D; C Morrison D
Silver Medal: G Tyldsley HC; R Jelly HC; H Robertson D; T Pennington H; G Marsh D; L Tyldsley H; S Graham H Bronze Star: S Park D Silver Star: V Carter H; M Wilson D Gold Star: C Lynch D

SONG & DANCE: Silver Medal: G Tyldsley H; L Tyldsley HC Gold Medal: S Park H Silver Star: V Carter D

MODERN Bronze Medal: S Bennett H; K Jamieson HC; W Fowler D; A Turner H; D Matthews H; K Embleton HC; J Dowson H; G Marsh D; L Wilson D; A Anderson HC
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OWN ARRANGEMENT Bronze Medal: S Park D

ACROBATIC Bronze Medal: M Wilson D; G Marsh D; L Wilson D; S Graham D Gold Medal: S Park H

TAP Pre-Prep: K Muir HC; H McFarlane HC; A Jones HC; S Doyle HC; G Teal HC; S Dowson HC. Prep: H McTague HC; C Jones HC; N Jelly HC; D Matthews H; N Young HC; J Morgan D; K Gibson D; T Stobbs D; A Turner D Primary: C Hodgson HC; H Long HC Grade One: D Marsh D; G Marsh D; S Graham H; W Fowler H; D Lochore D Grade Three: L Wilson D; S Park H; V Carter H; S Graham D; C Lynch HC; D Collins D; M Wilson D; L Tyldsley H; C Morrison H; C Robertson H

BALLET
Prep: H Long H; N Jelly H; K Jamieson H; K Matthews H; D Matthews D; T Stobbs D; K Gibson D; A Turner D Primary: S Bennett D; G Lee H Intro to Grade 1: R Jelly HC; G Howe HC; G Tyldsley H; C Hodgson HC; G Marsh H; K Embleton D; S Graham HC; W Fowler D Grade 1: H Robertson H Grade 2: L Tyldsley H; D Collins H; V Carter H; S Park D Grade 3: N Ebdon D; C Lynch H; S Graham HC

MIME
Bronze Medal: H McFarlane H; A Jones H; K Muir D; G Teal H; S Dowson H; S Doyle H Silver Medal: J Wakefield HC; C Jones H; N Young H

ACROBATIC Bronze Level 2: H Long H Prep: K Gibson D; T Stobbs D; A Turner H; D Matthews H Primary: G Tyldsley H; W Fowler D; H Long H; K Jamieson HC Grade 1: G Marsh D; L Wilson D Grade 2: M Wilson D

MODERN
Prep: S Bennett D; K Jamieson D; D Matthews D; K Matthews H
Primary: W Fowler D; H Robertson D; K Gibson D; G Marsh D; L Wilson D; A Turner D; A Anderson H Grade 1: J Dawson H; G Tyldsley HC Grade 2: K Embleton HC; T Stobbs H; T Pennington HC Grade 3: V Carter HC Grade 5: N Ebdon D

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The visit - from July 31 to August 10 - is being arranged by Durham County Council's international exchange office with three options on offer, all of which involve staying with Russian families for at least three nights.

The first option is seven nights in an hotel, three with a family and 11 excursions for about £650.

The second offers seven nights in an hotel, three with a family and four excursions for about £550 and the third, costing about £375, is for those who wish to stay with friendship families in Kostroma for the whole of the visit, but includes four excursions.

"Hundreds of people from the County have been to Kostroma, many as pupils, and have established strong friendships. This is a chance to go back to Kostroma to see them," said Brian Stobie, the County Council's international exchange officer.

"It's not a destination you can easily pick up in a holiday brochure and already the numbers wanting to go are encouraging.

"We'll be flying from Newcastle and the visit is designed to allow people to discover the real Russia," he said.

Basic language lessons will be offered prior to the visit and a member of the international exchange office will accompany the party but it is stressed that it is not an escorted tour of Russia.

Kostroma - which is about 250 miles north of Moscow - was founded on the banks of the River Volga in 1152 by the Knight Yuri Dolgoruky and its symbol - a golden galley against a blue background - was granted by the Empress Catherine the Second. The city, which retains its eighteenth century architecture, has played an important role in the history of Russia.

In 1613, in Ipatyevsky monastery, Mikhail Feodorovich of the Romanov boyar family, was invited to reign in Russia.

Anyone wanting to take part in the visit should contact the international exchange office on 0191 383 3631.

Aycliffe Athletics

Mick Beadle turned in an excellent debut performance for Aycliffe at the Gateshead Lunchtime Handicap 5k Series.

Mick produced a marvellous 23.36 around an undulating course on a bitterly cold winters day in December to announce his entrance to competitive racing.

Also competing were Richard Harvey who made good use of his Handicap to finish 4th. Peter Milburn returned to form to finish well up the field in 18.50. Performance of the day went to club captain Ian Monkman who had 3rd fastest time on the day with 16.59.

Between Christmas and New Year saw Aycliffe athletes in action at the Guisboro Woods race. This race is recognised as probably the toughest 6 mile race in the area with icy cold water draining off the moors and extreme gradients to contend with, times were moderate.

Mick Brunskill 12th and Paul Guy 17th, led the way under 42 minutes. Next home was Colin Gibson in 45 minutes (46th), holding off the first lady runner. Last in for Aycliffe was Dave Middleton who jogged around in 50 minutes, due to failure to bring the correct footwear. Newton Aycliffe AC want to wish everybody a happy new year.

Scouts
Bag Pack to Raise
Funds

1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Scout Group would like to thank Management and staff at Somerfield Stores in Newton Aycliffe for allowing them to do a bag pack for group funds on the 20th December. They would especially like to thank all of the check-out operators who helped to make the job enjoyable by giving encouragement to the Scouts and Wolf Cubs involved and above all a very big thank you to all that gave generously. Once again a very big thank you to everyone.

Thank You

ANDREW, Liz, Ronnie, Pauline and Kevin Mitchell would like to say a big thank you to everybody for the cards, flowers and presents, also the kind thoughts and help over the past couple of weeks. Once again thank you all

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HALL Elsie and family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the sympathy and support received from relatives, friends, neighbours, colleagues (both past and present) and from those in various professions who carried out their work with dedication, care and respect. The kindness shown by you has been truly appreciated by us all during this time of our very sad loss

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HARRISON & OLSEN Congratulations Mam and Keith (Oily) on your engagement, love and kisses Heidi

ANNA YOUNG 16-1-98. Hip Hip Hooray Anna is 3 today, loads of love from Mammy and Daddy and a big hug from Amber XXX

COLLIER Happy 21st birthday Shaun, all my love forever, Karen XXX

EDDY MILLER Hip Hip Hooray Grandad is 60 today, even though he's going grey we all love you anyway. Love and kisses from Darren, Samantha, James, Danny and your little miracle Chloe-Marie XX

EDDY MILLER 15-1-98. Happy birthday Dad, all my love Mandy and Gary XX

RYAN BANNISTER Happy 2nd birthday love from Mammy and Daddy and big brother Stephen

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JOAN RACE 15-1-9 Always missed, each day forever, love from your loving husband Harry XXX

JOAN RACE 15-1-96 M the winds of love blow gently and whisper for you to be that we will always love you and wish you were here, love from daughters Joan and Peggy

KEVIN DINSLEY 17-1-93 heart of gold stops beating hard working hands to rest God broke our hearts to protect us, he only takes the best Teresa, Kevin, Michelle, Louise, Mark, Ian and grandchildren

VINCENT GALLAGHER 13-1-96. Always in my thoughts, sadly missed, loving wife Lily

MARTHA DIXON Died 14 January 1993. Loving memories of a dear mother and grandmother, though of everyday, son Neil, daughter-in-law Ann and family

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Talk on History of Middridge

Dear Sirs
I am writing on behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Family History Society, inform your readers of our next open meeting.
On Wednesday 28th January, Mr. J Clare will be giving a talk on The History of Middridge, this is to be an open meeting and everyone is welcome. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm at The Church of the Latter Day Saints, Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe.

We are a friendly group of people with a common interest in Family History and we would welcome any new members. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month and

we have a varied programme of events ranging from speakers to Problem and Answer Nights, Quiz Nights and visits to Billingham Family History Centre.
As we are an independent group and have no connection with The Church of the Latter Day Saints we remain very grateful to the Church for allowing us the use of its premises for the Society's meetings.
Further information about the Newton Aycliffe Family History Society please contact Eric Musgrave (Chairman) 01325 315538.
Yours sincerely
Sue Laskey
On Behalf of the Society

UNDER 11's FOOTBALL TEAM CHASE ELUSIVE FIRST WIN

Over the Christmas period, Aycliffe Under 11's had two difficult league fixtures to encounter. Just before the break they entertained a skilful, high-flying Marton team and lost 3-0.
After holding their own for most of the first half, the lads conceded a very dubious free-kick outside the area but, after goalkeeper Scott Roscher had saved the first effort. The referee allowed Marton a second chance for 'encroaching' and they made

no mistake the second time. Shortly after the re-start, Matthew Dodds was unlucky with a header from an inswinging corner but 10 minutes later the visitors scored a second & netted a third shortly afterwards. Aycliffe had several half-chances in the closing minutes with Liam Cooper just heading wide and substitute David Turgoose having two shots saved. Skipper Matthew Dodds took the 'man of the match' award.
Last week, the lads travelled to Hartlepool but were defeated 3-1 in a game of numerous chances for the home side. Man of the match Scott Roscher performed heroics for Aycliffe pulling off several brilliant saves but they were all in vain as the lads only reward was a scrambled goal by Michael Purves.
Despite struggling this season in the First Division, the lads are still fully committed and, in conjunction with team coach Alan Johnston would like to extend their thanks and best wishes in the new year to the team's supporters, sponsors Tyne Tees Leyland Daf and the Newton Press for publishing the match reports. This week (18th January), the team entertains fellow strugglers North Ormesby at their new home venue of Greenfield School (k.o. 11 am). All supporters, old and new, are welcome to cheer on the lads for hopefully their first win of the season.

Top Choir Visits Town For Concert

At long last we have been able to get THE CAROL ANDREW SINGERS to perform in concert in Newton Aycliffe. For many years now enthusiasts of this marvellous group of singers have had to travel out of town to listen to them but on Saturday 24th January they will be singing at Neville Parade Methodist Church. The concert starts at 7pm and entry is by ticket only, the price of which is £2.50.
The Carol Andrew Singers, based in Darlington and formed in 1987, now number 49 voices. Some are semi professional soloists taking leading roles in operas, celebrity concerts and major religious works.
The choir competed in the International Eisteddfod representing England and reached 4th in the world in the 1995 set piece.
They performed in the Royal College of Music when they reached the quarter finals of the BBC Choir of the Year, televised in 1993. They now broadcast regularly each Christmas on Classic FM.
We are very pleased to have the opportunity to bring one of the finest mixed voice choirs in the North to Newton Aycliffe and if you would like to join us arrangements for the purchase of tickets can be made by ringing 315538.

LOCK YOUR BIKE OR LOSE IT!

IS YOUR CHILD'S BIKE CODED ?

Many residents of Great Aycliffe will have bought their children or grandchildren bikes this Christmas. Did you get it security marked when you bought it ? If not the Great Aycliffe Crime Prevention Panel have a limited number of free Selectamark security marking kits to code your child's bike and place it on the national security register.
In order to be able to do this you MUST accompany your child, an older brother or sister will not be acceptable, as we have to have proof of ownership, preferably a receipt and we must know which shop the bike was purchased from and when. If you require a bike to be marked which is already stamped, because it is second hand, we need to know details of the original owner. If you have the bike separately insured or covered by your household or all risks policy we have to register the name of the Insurance Company, the date of the policy and the policy number. This may seem a bit pedantic however, they are not the requirements of the Crime Prevention Panel but the requirements of the National Bicycle Security Register. Perhaps you could write the details required on a piece of paper before you come to speed things up a bit. Please do not be offended if one of our Panel members refuses to mark your bike, without full details we are not allowed to mark or register your child's bike.

We are marking bikes at five venues, Sugar Hill School, School Aycliffe Community Hall, The Navy Club, Aycliffe Village Community Centre and St Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham. Please take your child's bike to your nearest venue. At the time of writing three dates and times have been confirmed, they are as follows:
School Aycliffe Community Hall - Sunday 25th January between 10 am and 12 noon.
The Navy Club - Saturday 14th February between 12 noon and 2 pm.
Sugar Hill School - Wednesday 18th February between 12 noon and 2 pm.
The other two dates and times will be published in the Newton News prior to bike marking and posters will be put up in the relevant areas to remind you.
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in February for the A.A.A. Trials. Everyone wishes her the
best of luck.

LACK OF ORGANISERS COULD CLOSE VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

Dear Sir

At our AGM on Monday 12th
January we had an attendance
of 24 members. Reports were
given by the Chairman, who
because the Secretary took ill
in June, had taken on that post
as well.

We have had a good year with
8 outings and an excellent
"Christmas Party".

The Treasurer reported that we
were financially sound and
that was why we all received
such a good present at
Christmas.

We were unable to elect any
officers or a committee as only
four people volunteered to
serve. This was very
disappointing as it was felt we
needed at least 7 people to run
the Club and if we can't get
them the club would have to
close, after 32 years of
existence.

So, we are appealing to
members, who don't attend
very often, and to past
members, and hopefully new
ones, to come forward and
volunteer to help keep the club
going.

If no help is forthcoming, the
club will close on January 25th
1998. We will hold a meeting
on Monday 19th January at
2pm in the Village Hall and
also on January 26th, if you are
willing to help please attend.
Rosemary Boynton
Heighington

Songs of Praise

On Sunday 18 January at
6pm, Burnhill Way
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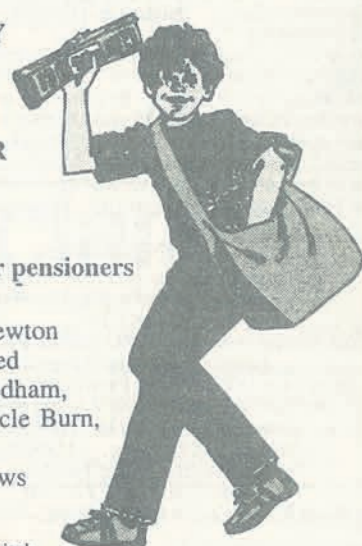
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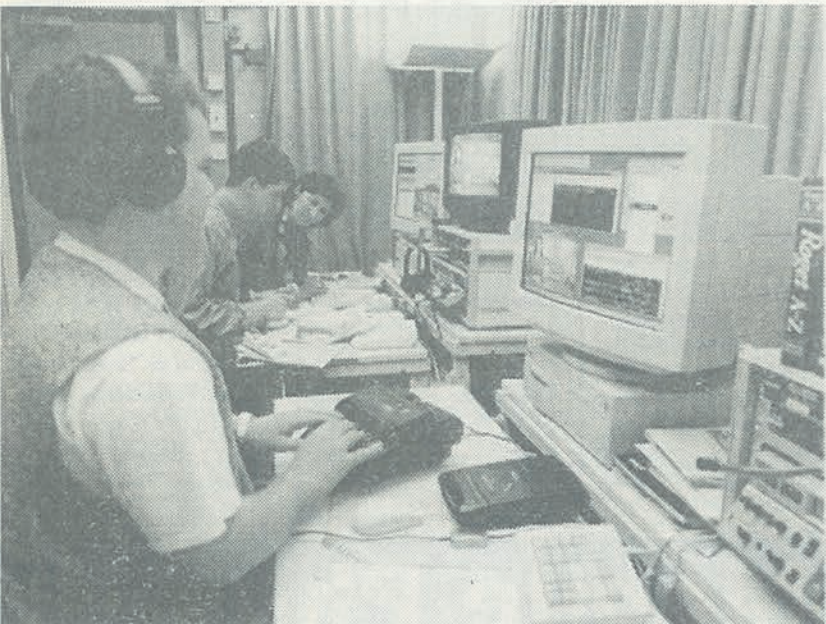
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v BBC service in the North East and Cumbria is about to help out.

otitles aren't just for the deaf and hard of hearing - although with around a fifth of all people in this
a having a hearing difficulty of some sort, they do make up the main audience. Until now the BBC
n't been able to provide subtitles for all its regional programmes. But on January the 12th at
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vs straight off the screen.

otitles will be provided for the flagship "Look North" programme at 6.30pm weekdays, for the
ch and evening bulletins, and the weekend news and sport. There will also be subtitles for our
ekly current affairs programme "Close Up North".

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s is the first time the BBC has provided subtitles for its regional programmes in the North East and
mbria. It is part of the expansion into new areas such as on-line services and regional Ceefax. 3)
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v service started in November.

e team is based around a stenographer, who using a special keyboard can type live at around 260
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