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People who live or work in Newton Aycliffe are being asked for their comments on Sedgefield Borough Council's planning guidelines for the future of the former Avenue School Site at the centre of the town.

The redevelopment of the site is a once in a generation opportunity to revitalise the town and bring in more shopping, leisure facilities, community amenities and open

space and make the town more attractive for residents and visitors.

To help local people have their say, an exhibition is being held from Monday 2nd March to Sunday 8th March in the foyer of the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

The exhibition will show the proposed layout and key features of any future development of the site. Planners from Sedgefield Borough Council will be on hand for discussions on:

Tuesday 3rd March
9.30am-1.00pm
Thursday 5th March
3.30pm-7.30pm
Saturday 7th March
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JULIAN BROWN
Heighington's New P.C.

getting the village involved and if you wish to help or need advice they will be pleased to help you. I am very grateful for their efforts. Neighbourhood Watch is a valuable support in the fight against crime in your area, please lend your support to it.

Recently you should have received information from NHW about a property marking scheme, "Selectmark" this is a tried product where valuable, personal/household items are chemically etched with your house number and postcode. Making the property uniquely identifiable and therefore far less attractive to a potential thief/burglar. This scheme could be free to you if there is sufficient response from the household of Heighington. I strongly endorse this scheme, which is already running effectively in communities within the Darlington area and I urge you to contact NHW as soon as possible with your details if you wish to be included. Finally, please remember, criminals are operating in your area, please be vigilant, if you see anything suspicious contact me at Darlington police office 467681. I will also be pleased to speak to you about any crime prevention/community problems
Julian Brown

Table Top Sale

Greenfield School are holding a Table-Top Sale on Sunday March 22nd 1998 in aid of school funds, 10am to 12 noon. Home baking and refreshments will be available. Anyone wishing to book a table (£5 each), please contact the school on 300378 or 300386 (stallholders set up from 9.00am).

DREAM MAKE-OVER FOR SLIMFIT GIRLS



Three Local slimmers had their dream come true this week after losing a combined weight loss of 5 stone between them. Mandy Drake, June MacFarlane and Julie Woodcock are well known in Aycliffe for running successful Slimfit classes in the town. Beautiful Images of Darlington heard about the success of the multi choice plans offered by Slimfit and the fantastic weight losses they were producing and offered the chance of a lifetime for the three girls to have a full day of pampering, hairstyling and make up to create a beautiful portrait to keep forever. The girls said it was a really fun day but the best bit of all was having inches off their evening dresses pinned at the back for the photograph, due to them losing so much weight.

Many local companies have offered prizes and huge discounts exclusively to every Slimfit member reaching target and Beautiful Images are giving a free make-over day to one of those lucky members.

Mandy, June and Julie decided in August last year that their weight was creeping upwards even though they had a wealth of experience in slimming. It was time to look at the reasons for their weight gain and make some changes for the better. They have since found the answer to losing weight is finding the right diet to suit the individual as everyone's lifestyle is different. The fantastic multi choice plans on offer are based on portion control which is vital for successful weight loss. There is very little weighing and the plans are extremely easy to follow. The multi choice plans ensure that boredom doesn't become an issue, and combined with the support, motivation, weekly food demonstrations, ideas and tips has proved a huge success, with some members being up to 2 stone lighter after only 7 weeks.

Further information on 260060 or 0385 772029, alternatively just pop along to one of the classes held at The over 60's Club, Neville Parade, Tuesdays 10am or Sugar Hill Primary School, Sheraton Road, Tuesdays 5.30pm or 7.00pm.

BACK IN THE DRIVING SEAT



Local Rally driver Geoff Wright of Woodham is on the come-back trail after a long illness and business commitments.

He had an accident on his first rally, but last weekend won the 1600cc Class in the 1st round of the National Championships.

Geoff and his co-driver, Donna Harper were hoping to carry on, but their main sponsor has pulled out and jeopardised their chances of entering further rounds of the competition.

They still have support from Sherwoods of Darlington and Michelin Competition Tyres, but would be interested in hearing from any Aycliffe company for help or support in return for carrying their name on the car. Full details from Geoff on 310800

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Due to our commitments to improve our service for the clients, particularly disabled and elderly people, we are to run an "Open Surgery" on the 1st Wednesday of each month, commencing 4th February 1998 at the Carer's Centre, Upper Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham for the disabled and clients who are unable to manage the steps to our office. The Open Surgery will reduce the waiting time which we found we had with home visits and which we are now having to minimise.

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Dear Sir

Recent letters in the Newton News seem to indicate many residents are unhappy with our town centre which seems to have been designed with bits added on here and there. Variety of shopping appears inadequate with lack of competition to the supermarket and access to and from the town centre a cause for concern.

With the likely development of the former Avenue School Site we have a once in a generation opportunity to improve Newton Aycliffe town centre.

Perhaps it would be better to say this is a LAST CHANCE opportunity to improve our town centre in an attractive way to meet our needs.

As well as the planners considering shopping and leisure facilities it would be good to know if they are considering suitably managed taxi-ranks and an area of centralised bus stands within the new development instead of so much crossing of busy roads.

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UNWANTED T.V. COVERAGE ON TOWN VANDALS

On two nights this week the Pigeon Lofts at Travellers Green were attacked and virtually destroyed. A gang of 20 youths aged about 15 were responsible for the wanton destruction of gates, fences and rooves of four lofts.

They can also take blame for the death of many pigeons who have since died from the shock of the attack. "£1000's of damage, yet the police will do nothing" said Mr Tranter, one of the loft owner.

"We caught two of the youngsters in the act, but the police let them go and just shrugged their shoulders, as though it didn't matter" he added.

They don't usually respond at all, but have often told us we must catch them in the act, then when we do catch someone it is still the same lack of positive policing.

WE ARE WORSE OFF UNDER A LABOUR GOVERNMENT!

Dear Sir

I read with dismay that we are to have our Poll Tax increased by some 15% this year. Instead of increasing our Poll Tax I would suggest that the number of Councillors on the town be cut especially where there is more than one Councillor per household.

The other interested party in the household could by all means 'assist' the councillor partner without being a member, thus cutting allowances.

What happened to the word 'voluntary'? We can not afford the spend, spend, spend policy of labour at the residents' expense.

We have had five mortgage increases since the Labour Party came to power, they giving the power of bank rate back to the Bank of England, and we have to budget our housekeeping accordingly.

It would be a good example if the local Labour Council also lived within their means instead of asking the residents to put their hands in their pockets yet again.

Labour has not been in power one year and we are all financially worse off. Labour is no longer for the working man - we can't afford them.

At least Margaret Thatcher was a good housekeeper! Cut your cloth accordingly labour by cutting your expenses - a start would be second-class rail fare for courses, or better still use e-mail.

Yours truly
an EX Labour Voter

LETTER Village Aim for Top Prize

Dear Sir

Aycliffe Village Tidy Village Action Committee 1998

Your readers are probably already aware that Aycliffe Village came very close to the top last year in both the "Northumbria in Bloom" competition and the "Durham Tidy Village Competition" and the present members of the above committee are determined that we shall do even better this year.

However, our numbers are few and we seriously need more co-ordinated help from interested villagers with an hour or two to spare each week. The work is not onerous, very pleasant in fact, but we must start soon with our planning if we mean to succeed.

If you are unable to offer your services perhaps you could manage a donation towards the purchase of plants etc.

Offers of help to: Alan Oates, 27A Durham Road Tel 318663
Donations to David Lewis, 14 North Terrace Tel 319196 or Billy Blenkinsopp, 15 high Street Tel 308057

Yours sincerely
Alan S. Oates


**Not Enough
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Money**

The Lottery Board have awarded £2,295 to the Newton Aycliffe Over 55 Club for a five day holiday break for 27 people.

More applications for funding for Voluntary Groups are required from our area which has a very low number of requests.

Call 0345 919191 for an application pack.

Civic Ball Raised £880



The Annual Civic Ball for the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Counc. Mrs. Sarah Iveson, was held on Friday 20th February in the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The Guest Speaker this year was John Burton, agent to the Rt. Hon. Tony Blair, MP. Other guest included civic dignitaries from the surrounding area, local Councillors and residents of Great Aycliffe.

The Mayor's Charity this year is the Special Needs Playgroup which operates from St. Mary's School and a grand total of £880 was raised on this occasion. The Mayor would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and support.

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She became a resident at Defoe Court Nursing Home in September last year and in her own words says "I love it here. I've never been waited on so much in all my life and I am so happy; I just have to press my buzzer and I get all the attention I need. We had a concert party on Sunday and everyone sang "happy birthday to me. I can't believe I am 101"

Jessie thanks all the staff, but just for the party but for looking after her all of the time.

Jessie welcome friends and relatives to Defoe Court for her party on Wednesday 18th February and we wish her many more birthdays

TOWN RED CROSS WORKER RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOUR



The British Red Cross has given one of its highest honours to a volunteer at the Red Cross Shop in Newton Aycliffe this week. The Badge of Honour for Devoted Service was presented to Vera Astle as an individual who has demonstrated Red ongoing commitment and dedication to the work of the British Red cross over and above the call of duty.

The Award is only given to a small number of volunteers each year and has to be rigorously approved by the National Council of the British Red Cross.

Vera Astle is a deserving recipient of the award. She originally volunteered to work in the Newton Aycliffe Red Cross Shop in August 1991 and has since worked her way up to becoming the Volunteer Manager. Her capacity for hard work is enormous - not only does she fulfil her own duties but also covers for other people when sick or on holidays and plays a huge role in motivating other volunteers and raising money through her own profitable raffles. Vera was born in 1919 and her energy is a constant source of envy for younger volunteers in the shop!

Says Lynne McMahon, Retail Area Manager, "Vera is fundamental to the success of the Newton Aycliffe Shop. Funds from the shop go directly to support vulnerable people in the local community and it's no coincidence that this very profitable shop has such a persuasive saleswoman in Vera. We are delighted that Vera has received this award - no one is more deserving".

GAZZA MAY VISIT AYCLIFFE

If Gazza isn't playing for Rangers on Sunday 1st March he could be at Simpasture Playing Fields supporting Dunston who play Newton Aycliffe WMC in the Quarter final of the CIU cup.

In any event a mammoth crowd is expected for this important game which kicks off at 10.30am and the Council has been asked to rope off the pitch.

Paul Gascoigne played for Dunston team before turning pro and he returns home often to visit Dunston Club and watch the team play.

Women Entertained

To celebrate International Womens Day, Sedgefield Borough Council Leisure Services Arts Department are staging a special night of entertainment at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on Friday 6th March from 7.30pm.

Featuring an all women line-up there is singing from the Sedgefield Lyric Singers; Poetry with a difference from the Poetry Virgins; and the highly outrageous, completely over the top Camp Vamps, bringing you hits from the past and present, as you have never heard before.

Tickets are on sale now, priced at £1.00 - contact Box Office 01388 815627

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NEU 11815

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Cook required to work for local pub. Duties will involve, basic cooking, making sandwiches and general kitchen duties. Ideal applicant will possess food and hygiene certificate with previous kitchen experience

NEU 11834

Letter to the Editor Please See Through the Propaganda

Dear Sir,

Readers will be aware of a small but vocal opposition to the Town Council. This opposition does not express itself through the democratic processes of the Council Chamber, but by writing letters to the Newton News.

Its strategy is threefold:

1. to claim credit for improvements that have happened.
2. to represent the Council as financially wasteful and dishonest, and Councillors as self-seeking and beer-swilling.
3. to represent me as a vicious, unpleasant person.

I defend the freedom of people to campaign against the Council, but I trust that deeper-thinking members of the public have seen through this propaganda:

1. Surely everyone realises that everything done by the Council has been decided by the Labour Councillors in control.
2. Most Councillors are honest people, who genuinely want to serve the electors. Town Councillors put in many hours, without pay. It is in their political interests to make sensible decisions, and they try to do the best for Great Aycliffe. (And I am virtually teetotal.)
3. I write letters to the Newton News because I am press secretary to the Labour group on the Town Council. The Labour Councillors asked me to do this because I am an author and freelance journalist, as well as a teacher. When someone misrepresents the Town Council, it is my job to write and tell people the Council's side of things.

Next time you see a letter in the Newton News attacking the Town Council, please see through the propaganda. I will probably be writing the week after to tell you the truth!

Yours sincerely

John D Clare

Greenfield Race Night

Greenfield School are holding a third Race Night on Saturday 7th March from 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. until 11.00 p.m., (licensed bar).

All proceeds will go to the Butterwick Hospice Appeal in memory of Les Jones who died last year. Greenfield is hoping to raise at least £1500 towards this worthy cause.

Tickets, for over 18s only, are now available from reception in school at £2.50 each which includes a Pie and Peas Supper

A Grand Raffle will be incorporated into the evening

and winners will be notified through the Newton News following the Race Night.

Sincere thanks to Alexander-Skerne for sponsoring the evening plus the following for sponsoring races:- Aycliffe Engineering, Almit Metal Finishing, Julie's Cafe, Jones' family, Alexander-le-Skerne, Eaton, Appletree Joinery and Race News.

Many thanks to J & C Coaches for providing our main raffle prize - a 3 day mini cruise to Belgium and to numerous supporters who have kindly donated many, many prizes.

NEW PIPE PRODUCT MADE AT AYCLIFFE



Pipe UK, the Aycliffe based pipe manufacturer is celebrating its first anniversary with the launch of an innovative new product. The new pipes - call Multiplas - use a brand new design, which is being pioneered in pipes from 110 mm to 400 mm.

Pipe UK has invested £2.5 million in the plant and equipment for Multiplas. 30 new jobs have been created as a result of the new product line. The Multiplas pipes have been developed for the drainage and sewage markets.

They are manufactured using a streamlined form of extrusion process, which is new to the UK. The pipes have two PVC walls enclosing a cellular core. The "three layer" design of the pipes make them strong and light, whilst the materials used give the new pipe a real cost advantage over traditional concrete.

Oran Collins, General Manager at Pipe UK, said "Our large investment in a brand new state-of-the-art production equipment has enabled us to develop new production techniques for innovative products. Thirty new jobs have been created as we have implemented the designs and now we are ready to launch the product onto the UK market."

He added "Our trails have now been completed and the product has been thoroughly evaluated allowing us to launch Multiplas into the UK construction market. We expect the new pipe will be popular with companies wanting cost effective drainage and sewage pipes. It will make a real impact in terms of cost reduction in major highways and building projects."

DON'T JUDGE PEOPLE BY THEIR APPEARANCE

Dear Sir,

My name is Cheryl and I think I should let people know I have Leukaemia.

Basically I am writing about the attitude of people in the town towards other peoples' appearance.

When I was in town it got a little too hot in a shop so I took off the woolly hat I was wearing and was faced with people staring with disgust on their faces because my head is completely bald! This baldness is due to the chemotherapy which I have undergone. This reaction is not just from people who do not know me but also from people who I went to school with.

Instead of people just assuming that I have shaved my head why can't they just ask why I am completely bald. There is nothing worse than going about your business knowing that people are staring and laughing at you. After all how would they like it if they were in my position? It is upsetting enough for people with Leukaemia and we are the

ones who have to live with it. So please people have the heart to just ask, after all we don't bite!

I'm not after sympathy, just for people to show a bit of compassion before drawing their own wrong conclusions, and then would be a lot less disgruntled.

I would be grateful if you could print this letter in the Newton News so people might realise just how hurtful they are being to being ignorant.

Yours sincerely

Cheryldine Reynolds

Formerly Cheryldine Cannings.

Golden Weddings

Dear Sir,

The Town Council has traditionally celebrated people's Golden Wedding by giving flowers. Sometimes, it is possible to arrange a visit by the Mayor to the anniversary celebrations.

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This year, especially, Great Aycliffe Town Council is delighted to share its 50th Anniversary with couples who have been married for 50 years. If you live in Great Aycliffe, and are celebrating your golden wedding, please phone the Town Council on 300700. We share in your happiness, and will 'say with flowers'.

With thanks,

Councillor

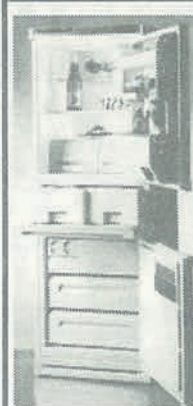
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Quiz Night at St. Marys

There is to be a Quiz Night in St. Mary's School Hall on Friday 13th March, 1998 at 7pm. Tickets are £1 per head (to include a glass of wine) with a maximum of 6 people on each team. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and booby prizes to the losers. Tickets can be obtained from the school secretary, Mrs. Hackworth, during school hours.

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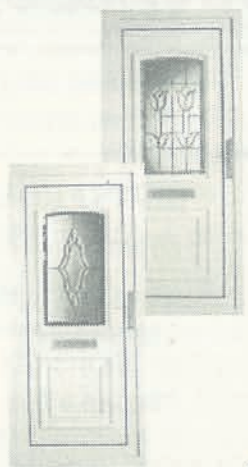


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AYCLIFFE TEAM LOSE TO CONSETT

Consett III - 29
Newton Aycliffe 14
The lads took the bus to Consett as predicted in last week's match report. This fixture was planned some weeks ago with an early kick-off so that the players could play a game, watch the England-Wales International, and then take in the sights and pubs of Consett. In the event, Aycliffe travelled badly, leaving late and three players short. Nonetheless, having had the foresight to put their kit on before the journey, Aycliffe took to the pitch immediately on arrival and proceeded to dominate the first 20 minutes with a fine display of rucking and open play against a large home side. Indeed, Aycliffe were ensconced in the opposition's half throughout this period and unfortunate not to score a number of tries. Consett then scored two quick tries against the run of play and it seemed as if the flood

gates would open. Such is the spirit among the Aycliffe squad however, that they never allowed Consett to dominate and pulled the game round so that by mid-way through the second half, they had scored two tries through Darryl Pettit which were converted by Cooper. At this stage both sides were playing to their strengths and the game could have gone either way. It was now that Aycliffe let themselves down. The referee gave a decision in favour of the homeside which caused a number of Aycliffe players to whinge pathetically during which time Consett ran in a try again a non-existent defence. Another try to Consett soon followed. Game over and the international - nice win England - and the tour of Consett followed. Peter Sheen took his passport to Meadomsley Road, just in case he missed the bus back. Next week, he's in Dublin while the lads are at home to Hartlepool Athletic. On Sunday, the Aycliffe vets play Tallents All Stars at Moore Lane - kick off 11am. Come and support, train (Thursdays 6.45pm) and play. You know it makes sense. Sponsors Great Lakes Chemicals

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CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL GROUPS

Are you a member of a local youth, community, church, parent & toddler, support, luncheon, etc, group or other voluntary organisation in the Borough of Sedgfield? If the answer is YES then we want to hear your voice at a conference for local groups. Use your voice to share your ideas with members of other groups. Discuss problems. Agree what should happen next. Find out what is

happening in the rest of the Borough. The Sedgfield Borough 'One Voice' Conference will take place on Wednesday 4th March 1998 at Trimdon Labour Club, from 9.30 - 3pm including lunch, creche and accessible transport from anywhere in the Borough if needed.. Please contact Carolyn Mitchell on 0191 3842785 for information and booking forms.

Cookery and Health Course

Come to a free Cookery and Health Course at The Silverdale Community House, 9/10 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe, starting on Friday, 13 March, 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon (8 week course)

There will be a Free Creche. Each week you will prepare, cook and eat delicious, nutritious and economic meals. Find out how to feed your family for less and keep yourself and family healthy. All food and equipment will be provided

If you would like to enrol for this course or would like more information on any of the other courses currently being held at the Community House, please drop in or telephone 307539. All welcome.

Town's Under 10's Football Team

Newton Aycliffe Youth A.F.C. will be training an under 10s football team for season 98/99. Will all boys who are interested please report to the Avenue playing field (opposite the Youth Centre) at 4.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March and ask for Norman. You must be under 10 as at 1-8-98 and at least 9 on or before 1-8-99.

Come and join our club we have players on or have boys on our books who have recently captained Durham County Boys Clubs and Sunderland Youth Squad at under 16 level (Andrew Pierce and Simon Ramsden)

World Day of Prayer

The "Women's World Day of Prayer" is on Friday 6th March, and to mark this event there will be a Service at Neville Parade Methodist Church at 1.30pm. All the churches in the Great Aycliffe area will be taking part and all ladies are invited

to come along and share in this international service, which this year was prepared by the Christian women of Madagascar, the theme being "Who is My Neighbour?". The speaker will be Mrs Helen Stott and after the service everyone is invited to stay for light refreshments.

St. Mary's P.T.A. A.G.M.

St. Mary's PTA are holding their Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 3rd March, 1998. This is a very important meeting as plans are made for the whole of the coming year's events and we would like to appeal to all the parents with children at St. Mary's School to do their best to attend. We cannot faithfully represent their views if we don't know what they are, so the more people who attend the better we can do this. Yours sincerely, Mrs. J. Watson, Secretary, St Mary's PTA

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With the Great Aycliffe Way due to be opened in June 1998, local people are being invited to make their mark on the landscape.

The walkway is a joint initiative between Great Aycliffe Town Council and Sedgefield Borough Council and this weekend will see the first of several tree and shrub planting projects along its route.

Where the path goes through formal parks (Woodham Park and Byerley Park) it is planned to establish more natural habitats to help wildlife and make the footpath more interesting for walkers. On Sunday 1st March there is a volunteer shrub planting project at Woodham Park. A variety of native shrubs including hawthorn, hazel, blackthorn and dogwood will be planted alongside the path. Community Groups and volunteers who may be willing to give a helping hand, will be very welcome. The project is suitable for children and under 16s should be accompanied by an adult. Tools (including junior spades) are all provided and no experience is necessary. Meet at 10.00am on Sunday 1st March on the new footpath in Woodham Park, just off Woodham Way. The project will finish around

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Huntsman News

League cup Quarter-Final
Huntsman - 6 Europa FC - 1
LEAGUE CUP glory is within touching distance for Huntsman - very much like another team I know, writes Martin Walker.

Huntsman are in the semi-finals of the competition which eluded them last year - only a week after being dumped out of the cup they currently hold, the ASE Cup.

Middlesbrough will once again battle it out on the hallowed turf of Wembley against Londoners Chelsea in their third successive cup final appearance after beating Liverpool last week, something that another team I know find very difficult to do. And with the Sunderland thrashing to boot - what a week it was for Boro fans. Anyway, Huntsman fans may well be in for the same kind of treat as they wait to see who they meet in the crucial semis.

Europa looked a little disorganised in the first half and Huntsman capitalised with two goals before half-time. Morgan Fielding scored a hat-trick and Rob, Chris and Martin Walker all scored.

Goalkeeper Tony Kent was adjudged Huntsman minger-of-the-match while Fielding won the man-of-the-match award.

This week, Huntsman visit DPD Heating as they carry on their League battle with the British Legion.

Huntsman need to win all remaining six fixtures to clinch the title which includes having to beat the Legion and last year's champions Fox and Hounds. But even then Huntsman would only be level with the Legion so goal difference could prove the decisive factor to the quest for honours.

Meanwhile Huntsman's Spanish Tour '98 now looks in jeopardy. The £299 all-inclusive package, with sponsors J & C Coaches, has only managed to find 28 willing players and fans.

The holiday is on general sale and we would like to invite you to come and support one of Aycliffe's pub sides on a ten-day trip that promises to be one to remember, if it goes!

Despite the fact it is all-inclusive and it's a Sunday morning pub side arranging it, there are only six

single players booked to go on the trip and there are quite a few couples who've paid deposits, including regulars of the pub who live in the village. Anyone who would like to go as a player, playing three friendlies against local opposition, is also welcome. So at least satisfy your curiosity by picking up a leaflet at the Huntsman pub or by phoning the team's full-back and J&C Coaches partner, Neville Jones at his Darlington shop on 466477.

Under 11's Football

Stockton West End U/11's - 3
Newton Aycliffe U/11's - 0
Last Sunday, Aycliffe Under 11's were involved in a relegation battle at Stockton but unfortunately were not quite able to match their opponents.

The lads started brightly enough with Anthony Ross flashing the ball narrowly wide after a solo run down the middle but after 10 minutes the home side took the lead from a corner.

Skipper Matthew Dodds then produced a brilliant goal-line clearance to prevent his side going two down but it was to no avail as Stockton scored twice more before half-time despite Scott Roscher's heroics in goal.

In the second half, with the wind behind them, Aycliffe looked more positive. Midfielder Liam Cooper thumped a shot just past the post before once again Anthony Ross shot narrowly wide after good work by Mattie Laverick-Elliott and Michael Rippon.

Overall, Aycliffe were disappointing after their good form of recent weeks but, with only a few games left now, the lads remain determined to try and avoid relegation back to the second division. Kyle Allen took the 'man of the match' award for a good all-round display at centre-half.

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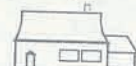
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JEAN BOWMAN and family wish to thank friends for their kind condolences, cards and flowers received during their recent sad bereavement
GRATEFUL THANKS to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our Blessed Lady for prayers answered - MRH
MAY THE Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, loved, adored and glorified throughout the whole world, now and forever. To be said six times a day for nine days and your prayers will be answered - MRH
I WOULD like to thank the person who found my wallet and handed it in to the reception at the Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th February at 2.30pm - Mr Churchward
HEATON Thank you to Tracy and Peter for our special gift of a beautiful grandson, Harry. Love from all Grandparents
HEATON Thank you Tracy and Peter for my nephew Harry, love Uncle "E"

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to Naughty Forty,
 love from Ron,
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Kathryn & Justin
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 Congratulations on your engagement, lots of love and best wishes from Mam and Dad

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BARRON - HAY I am very happy and proud to announce the safe arrival of my first beautiful grandchild, "Caitlin" to Michael and my daughter Sharon. Lovely niece for Simon and Shaun. Love always Mam XX
WHITEHEAD - Thompson. They have finally done it! Kathy and Justin become engaged on Saturday 7th March, lots of love and good luck for the future from Mum, Dad Thompson and Gunner
SUZY CHALK Have a lovely 21st birthday, love Mam and Dad XX
SUZY CHALK Happy 21st Suzy, love Ste and Kelly XX
SANDERSON Chris and Julie congratulations on the safe arrival of your beautiful daughter "Megan" on Tuesday 24th February. You must both feel so proud. With love and best wishes from both grateful families
HEATON Tracy and Peter wish to announce the safe arrival of their son "Harry", born 2-2-98. Thank you to friends and family for cards and beautiful presents received, thank you from all of us
HANDLEY Congratulations Julie and Ian on the birth of your first baby, a boy, "Liam Connor". This baby means so much to me. All my love Mam
ANGELINE TAYLOR Happy birthday, lots of love Dad, Mam and Thomas
BELL Alan and Claire congratulations and thank you both for a beautiful grandson and nephew "Jay". Born on the 20-2-98, 5lb 10oz. Love and best wishes from Mam, Dad and Jon XX
ASHLEY GILL Congratulations on winning 3 gold medals cups for roller skating. We are very proud of you, Nana and Grandad Gill
ANDREW DOCHERTY Happy 21st birthday, 26-2-98. Love Laura, Emma & Claire X
LEE Happy 18th birthday hope you have a great night on Friday. All my love for now and always Julie XX
LEE Happy 18th birthday, have fun on Friday, love Ann and Derek X
LEE Hope you have a brilliant 18th, love Tara X
LEE Happy 18th Lee, from Vince
MARK BROWN Have a happy 18th birthday, love from Mum, Dad and James XXX
McKENZIE On 22nd February, Ashby, Leies to Ian and Joanna a precious daughter "Erin Frances", 5lbs 13oz. 2nd granddaughter for Jean and Paddy, love from all the family
McKENZIE Congratulations Ian and Joanna on the birth of your lovely daughter "Erin Frances" from your living sister Susan, Chris and Sophie Louisa (USA)
TO OUR beautiful niece Emma on her 1st birthday, lots of love Uncle Gary and Auntie Michelle X
TO OUR darling granddaughter Emma on her 1st birthday, lots of hugs and kisses from Grandad and Nan Jack XXX
TO OUR great niece Emma on her 1st birthday, lots of love from Aunties and Uncles
TO MY little angel Emma on her 1st birthday, lots of love from Great Grandma Jean XX
PARTRIDGE Emma Louise. To a very special daughter on your 1st birthday. Lots of love and kisses from Mummy and Daddy XX
WENDY CURRIE Happy 16th birthday. Love from Fiona, Tracey, Sam and Kimberley XX

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 And then a toddler, cute and dear,
 He kept my heart year after year.
 All through his school years, a bright boy,
 He filled my heart with pride and joy.
 Through adolescent, teenage years,
 We'd share his doubts, and share his fears.
 Then into manhood, handsome, strong,
 My love for him, went on and on.
 When trouble came, he'd always see,
 How true a friend he had in me.
 Those private things, he'd tell no other,
 Confide and trust them to his mother.
 For years, a source of pride and joy,
 That was my Son, my darling boy.
 Then, with no warning, no, not one,
 God took away my precious Son.
 Now memories cannot replace,
 The presence of that lovely face.
 Nor can they touch, nor smile, nor start,
 To fill this hole, left in my heart.
 But memories are all I have,
 Of you my son, my big fine lad.
 You've gone ahead, to pave the way,
 For us, to meet again some day.
 And when my time on Earth is done,
 I'll meet you once again, My Son.
 With love on your 25th Birthday, Jimmy. Love you always Mam and Steve XXX

JIMMY SMITH 1st March. No birthday cards or gifts to send, but lots of love to him and memories on his birthday, going to our brother Jim. With love from Steven, Graham and John X
JIMMY SMITH 1st March. Thinking of you on your birthday Jimmy. Remembered for all we shared, Lee and Clare
JIMMY SMITH 1st March. Remembering my dear son his 24th birthday, not just today but every day, miss you Jimmy. Love from Dad XX
JIMMY SMITH 1st March. If I could have just one wish in the world, it would be for you to be here on your 25th. Love and miss you cousin Joanna X
JIMMY SMITH 1st March. Today is your birthday grandson, there's no cards or presents to buy, but my loving thoughts are with you always and in my heart you did not die. Love you always Jimmy from Granny X
JIMMY SMITH 1st March. If I could send a card to you, I'd write on it with love to a special lad, who broke our hearts when God took you up above. I'd send twenty five loving kisses and a rose with every one, because to us who love you, you are not forgotten, you are not gone. Auntie Margaret, Julia and Melanie XXX
TENNICK Lawrence William, February 27th. Treasured birthday memories of a dear Father, love always Judith and Craig XX
TENNICK Lawrence William, February 27th. Remember a dear Granda on his birthday, love from Anthony, Sarah and Timothy XXX
TENNICK Lawrence William, February 27th. Birthday wishes for a dear Father and Granda who would have been 80 today, love and remembered always. Dawn, Leigh, Matthew and Lewis XXX
BILLY JENNINGS 24th February. Today is the first birthday that we have spent apart, but you are always with me here in my heart. Behind my smile there lies a tear for you Billy, whom I loved so dear. Your ever loving wife Syl and your pets Brack, Bobby and Mouse
BILLY JENNINGS 24th February. If love could build a staircase and memories a lane. We'd climb the stairs to Heaven and bring you back again. Love now and always, daughter Julie, husband Ian and new baby Liam

In Memoriam

RENA HUMBLE 25-2-95. In loving memory of a special friend, love Firthy
DAVID LAVERY Treasured memories of a dear husband and dad who died 27th February 1991. Sadly missed and always in our thoughts, Lily, Derek and Ingrid
TERRY McCORMICK Died 3rd March 1996. A smile can hide my sadness, the tears can be wiped away. But the heartache of losing you, is with me every day. Missed and loved always, Stella
JAMES CLELLAND 2-3-96. Always in our thoughts love and miss you every day. Love Marina, daughters Debbie and Jayne, grandchildren Sarah and James
JIM CLELLAND 2-3-96. Our dear friend, thinking of you today and always, love Ann, Gary, Michael and Darren XX
NANCY DIXON Died 24-2-96. Remembered always with love daughters Margaret and Joan
JOE WHARTON Died 2nd March 1988. Loving memories of a dear husband, deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. God bless Joe, I love and miss you, Jessi
KEN THORNE 29-2-92. Dad, no finer person this world could hold, a helping hand a heart of gold, you left us quietly, your thoughts unknown, but you left us memories we are proud to own. Loved and sadly missed by your daughter Elaine XX
KEN THORNE 29-2-92. Deep in my heart your memory is kept, to love, to treasure and never forget. Loving wife Iris
WILLIAM JENNINGS In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day. Love always son Karl, daughter in law Sarah, granddaughter Amanda

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Aycliffe's 50th Anniversary Community and Industrial Fair Saturday 20th June 1998

As part of the Town's 50th Celebrations the Rotary Club are organising the Fair which is to be held at the Leisure Centre from 10a.m. to 4p.m.
All Clubs, Societies and Voluntary Organisations are invited to take part in the event by having a stall or putting by on a display of their activities. The event is specifically to enable organisations to publicise their Club or Society, talk to the public and hopefully attract new members.
If you wish to take part please can you complete and return the application form. Space will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis so please do not delay too long or you could well be disappointed!

APPLICATION FORM

To The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe c/o 30 Highside Road, Heighington Village, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6PG

Community & Industrial Fair, Saturday 20th June 1998

- We wish to:-
1. Take a stall
 2. Take a space and put on a display of activities on the stage
 3. Not take a stall but put on a display of our activities
 4. We may wish to attend and will advise you nearer the time, but understand that space may not be available.

Please tick as appropriate

Name of Organization.....

Contact Name..... Position in Organization.....

Address.....

Telephone no. Daytime..... Evening.....

Purpose of organization.....

If planning to put on a display, brief description please.....

The Rotary Club reserves the right to decline applications.

SIGN SING CHOIR

Dear Sir
With reference to your letter about the Singing Choir. The information is a little incorrect. The names printed last week were the children chosen to pick up the award for the whole choir, who are listed below.
Yes the children have raised £3000 for Sugarhill School and Deaf Organisations in this area. I was pleased to hear that the children have won the award which they do deserve. The choir started because I wanted to bring deaf awareness to this area. I started classes at lunch times in my son's school.
The children enjoy this very much. They have built bridges between deaf and hearing. I'm so pleased it took off this way. I did not expect it to go this far.
Stevie Miller, Katie Bain, Rebecca Brown, Amy Cogan, Robert Begg, Claire Chadwick, Craig Shaw, Tara Whitworth, Alicia Daniels, Gihan Serry, Katie Shepherd, Jessica Riley, Jade Carruthers, Leslie Chappell, Lindsay Carlton, Stephanie Derr, Kathleen Hackett, Laura Young, Christopher Bain, Christy Gibson, Lauren Bartlett, Taryn Begg, Madison Walsh, Sophie Turner, Claire Whitworth, Michaela Hodgson, Sarah Tron, Laura Relton, Jade Labron, Chetan Kotur, Ashleigh Chappell, Ashleigh Carlton, Charlotte Styles, Jennifer Bussey, Shameena Peacock, Daniel Hutchinson, Claire French, Lauren Brown, Eileen Dewar.
Yours sincerely
Mrs Margaret Bain
Sugarhill Sign Sing Choir

Acorn Players Easter Concert



Following another successful Pantomime last November, the young group are at the moment rehearsing a show entitled "ONCE UPON A CHILDHOOD". This will incorporate music, sketches and dance from shows, T.V., Nursery Rhymes and children's radio over the past 50 years.
It will be a show that will appeal to all members of the family, from the youngest child through to the Grandparents, so why not grab the chance of a night out as a family.
The show will take place at Woodham Comprehensive School on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th April at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced £2 for Adults and £1 for children, students and Senior Citizens. These may be obtained from Ann Harland at John Eliots Shoes in the Town Centre or from the school.
Mondays and Wednesdays between 7.30 and 9pm during rehearsals only.
This will be a very enjoyable show, so buy your tickets NOW and avoid disappointment as seats are limited. May we take this opportunity to thank the staff of Woodham Comprehensive School for all their help and support, past and present as without this our Pantomime would not have been possible.

MEDALS GALORE

In February at the City of Newcastle A.S.C. Open Age Group Meet Sedgfield 75 A.S.C. collected 5 gold medals, 4 silver, 5 bronze plus 19 final placings.
The weekend got off to a golden start, with club captain Alison Storey aged 16, winning the 800 metres Freestyle in a time of 10:21.56. More gold medal were collected over the weekend with club captain Matthew Bowden collecting gold in the 100 Breaststroke (15) in a meet record of 1:10.50 and silver in the 200m Breaststroke in a time of 2:36.63. Sisters Samantha (1) and Zoe Mitchell (13) both collected gold medals in the 100m Breaststroke (1:26.23 and 1:23.24) events with Zoe collecting a second gold in the 200m Breaststroke (2:59.89).
Congratulations to Natalie Thompson, Stephanie Surtees, and Sarah Kelly who worked well over the weekend to achieve personal best times. Coach John Moores was ecstatic at the results and urged all swimmers to maintain their regular training routines to ensure quality swims in future events.

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