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At the meeting of the Policy and Resources Meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council the Committee had to decide on how we would replace Councillor Len Cockfield who recently resigned from the Town Council.

would like to take this opportunity to thank Len for the many years of commitment he gave to our town. Although he was of a different party to the controlling group, he never

failed to put his opinions

This led to more balanced debates on many issues and although I often disagreed with Len's point of view I respected him for his commitment and integrity.

Len will be replaced by cooption by the council. The cooption will take place because no one was prepared to call a bye election.

This is pattern which is becoming prevalent. It is increasingly difficult to persuade people to stand for the Town Council. Aycliffe Town Council is made up of 30 elected members and the tendency is for many of the members to be elected unopposed or co-opted.. The next elections for the Town Council will take place next year and it will be good for democracy if more residents of Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village stand for election.

The columns in the "Newton News" are full of letters from people who have strong opinions as to how our local Council should be run. Next year is when they have the opportunity to show their commitment to the community of Great Aycliffe, by standing for election.

Members of the Council will usually attend eight meetings a month and the majority of these meetings are held on an evening.

Contrary to the myths which circulate from time to time, members will not receive any payment for attending these meetings or any expenses for travelling to the Council

Payment will be made for attendance at meetings outside of Newton Aycliffe. At the time of writing this letter the total expenditure for members expenses since April 1997 is less than £250.

I have been a town councillor for almost eleven years and I believe during this time I have attended almost two thousand

Front Page LETTER

Council meetings, or meetings with officers of the Council. I have also travelled over nine thousand miles in my car to these meetings.

As of today 1 have received eight pounds as expenses and this money was donated to a local charity.

Members will therefore not become rich from serving on the Town Council but they may receive some satisfaction from voluntary service to our community. Bob Fleming

Leader of Great Ayeliffe Town

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Middlesbrough F. C. on the Wembley Trail

The vast majority of Middlesbrough's 28,500 Red Book and season ticket holders have applied for tickets for the club's Coca-Cola Cup Final clash against Chelsea on Sunday 29th March.

Within the first week of the tickets going on sale, thousands of postal applications have flooded into the club's special PO Box and club staff are now busy processing the applications.

Every Red Book and season ticket holder is guaranteed a ticket for Wembley but no tickets will be sent out until March 10th at the earliest. Only is applicants have not received their tickets by Wednesday 18th March should they contact

Boro have been allocated the tunnel end of Wembley stadium. All Boro Red Book and season ticket holders are guaranteed a ticket for the game provided their correctly completed application is received before Tuesday 10th March. All applications should be posted to PO Box 1986, Middlesbrough TS3 6TB. Applications will NOT be accepted at the Cellnet Riverside Stadium.

The club has received the following allocations for Wembley: 1200 for the Olympic Gallery at £90 each; 300 for the Olympic Gallery at £70 each; 3300 at £53 each; 4000 at £46 each; 10000 at £40 each; 6200 at £34 each; 6500 et £36 each; 6200 at £34 each; 6500 at £26 each; 500 at £20 each

The club has already been inundated with callers asking about discounted family tickets. Only 2200 of these were received for Wembley and they will be allocated to those applicants who have applied for tickets in the £40 and £26 price range and who have children under the age of 16 in their party. However, there are already far more applicants in this price range than the 2200 tickets available at discounted rates and the half price tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis from those applications already received.

An announcements will be made on or around 20th

March with regards to any general sale of tickets. Meanwhile, the police at Wembley Stadium have used a statement warning fans only to buy their tickets from authorised distributors. Supporters who buy tickets from a tout, will NOT be allowed into the stadium.

CRIME VICTIMS HELP POLICE GET TO GRIPS WITH OFFENDERS

FED-UP crime victims have played a significant role in pushing down levels of offending across County Durham to a new low. Latest statistics confirm Durham Constabulary dealt with 44,487 reported crimes in 1997 - over six per cent fewer than the 47,451 recorded in the, previous 12 among.

Detective Superintendent David Grey, head of the County's CID, said while the cumulative effect of a number of home-grown police initiatives in Durham had underpinned the latest successes, growing public resentment to the activities of persistent offenders had made a welcome and important contribution.

"The public's new-found intolerance of anti-social behaviour and persistent offenders is helping us get to grips with crime. Very often the victims know or have reasonable suspicion of who is responsible for committing an offence. In the past they may have been reluctant, for one reason or another, to come forward. But there seems to be a noticeable change in attitudes.

"People are justifiably browned off when thieves ruin their lives and as a result they are prepared to do something about it by coming to us with information or reporting suspicious incidents or people acting suspiciously," added the superintendent.

Key elements of the force's tailor-made community-based style of policing are the hundreds of partnerships which have been established with local authorities and core agencies in both the public, and private sectors.

Neighbourhood Watch - which embraces half of the 200,000 homes across County Durham and Darlington - and the introduction of a special scheme to help those who are targets of repeat offending, have also played an important and continuing role in the overall success during the year, said Det. Supt. Grey.

Crime hit an all-time high in Durham in 1993 when a total of 62,813 offences were recorded. Since then year-on-year reductions, on one occasion the highest fall in England and Wales, have produced a cumulative percentage fall of a third. (-5% in 94: -11% in 1995; -11% in 1996; and -6.2% in 1997)

During 1997 the number of house burglaries fell by three per cent to 5,737 (5,889) while vehicle crime slipped by 13 per cent from 12,596 to 10,996. Violent crime, which included six murders (7 in 1996), four attempted murders (7), one manslaughter (10) and 75 rapes (59) rose slightly from 2,472 to 2,416.

"We feel our crime strategy, launched four years ago and still being evolved, is really starting to bite home. It in turn is reinforced by the wider force-wide use of intelligence, allowing uniformed officers greater opportunities and time to investigate offences.

"The use of all the information provided by our intelligence gathering focuses and co-ordinates the work of uniformed officers, detectives and civilian back-up, in particular an increased emphasis on scientific support and fingerprints. At the same time cooperation between neighbouring forces is helping combat the activities of travelling thieves" said Det. Supt Grey"

In the face of the latest successes the superintendent has, however, struck a cautionary note about the future collation of crime statistics to moot changing Government requirements.

"Some minor offences which in the past we have not been required to record as crimes, will from April of this year be picked up in the returns of every police force. The result will be a statistical rise in some offending," he added.

Employers Invited to T.A. Open Day



Zoe Clark of Woolworths is shown round the Exhibition at the T.A. Unit by Corporal Glynis Hole

At an Open Day recently, industry leaders and Local Government Officers learned all about the benefits that would accrue to them by having more of their employees join the Territorial Army - as well as what those who joined might et out of it.

The working lunch had been organised by 201 (Northern) Field Hospital (Volunteers) at Newton Ayeliffe TA Centre in Greenwell Way. As spokesman, Captain John Martin said, "It's obvious what the TA soldier gets out of it, up to £1,200 in their first year, a new trade and the chance to travel and make new friends. What is perhaps not so clear is the amount of benefit the employer gets and at no cost. They will have someone who is more self-assured and confident and not afraid to respond to a new challenge'

At the TA Centre employers were shown a video which explained the benefits that both recruit and civil employer might expect and were treated to an exhibition and a presentation by one of the unit Officers.

So impressive was the display that one of the employers enlisted on the spot herself and others expressed a keen interest on what was on offer.

The manager of the Newton Aycliffe branch of Woolworths sent along representative Zoe Clark, a potential management trainee to see what it was all about and she said later, "It was very impressive. I'll probably join myself and 1 certainly will encourage others to take part".

Darlington College of Technology representatives Donna Joyce and Jim Harker are Lecturers in the Department of Catering there and as a result of their visit they have both decided to enlist. They have also organised a 'Look at Life'-type weekend where they will in March take 24 of their catering students to Otterburn for the weekend as guests of this important TA unit to see what goes on. Said Jim "It seems a fantastic opportunity for our students to earn something extra whilst at college but it will also extend their range of experiences. But it's not just the Army way of catering they learn. They could learn other trades instead. Travel, training,

Indeed, there are opportunities in all trades one might expect in any hospital from nursing and First Aid to security - and and all paid at Regular Army rates of pay.



Senior Lecturer from Darlington, Donna Joyce and Jim Harker with Corporal Hole at the Open Day

CRIME PREVENTION

The local Crime Prevention Panel are looking for new members to bring fresh ideas to the group.

The AGM is to be held at Ayeliffe Young People's Centre on Friday 27th March at 7pm, and eveyone is welcome.

Representatives from all areas of the town need to be involved if their concerns are to be addressed. The new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator attends the Panel and it would be useful if people from those areas affected by crime would take an interest and join in the discussions.

Mothers Day Treat at Hackworth Museum

Why not treat your mum on Mothers Day with a trip to the Timothy Hackworth Museum? A special Victorian Mothers Day event is being held on 22nd March from 1 1.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. with traditional Victorian scones with jam and cream and tea or coffee and every mother, grandmother or aunt will be given a commemorative plant.

Visitors will be able to take a nostalgic look back at how life used to be in the 1860's.

The kitchen will be laid out just as Mrs. Hackworth would have left it, with its open fire, heavy cast iron pots and pans and huge carthenware dishes. With sometimes up to ten people in the family, being a mother was no easy task in those days. As you browse through the rest of the house into the parlour and bedrooms you really get a feel of the Victorian lifestyle.

The museum shop, along with a local craft stall and home made cakes, will no doubt tempt visitors to the Victorian Mothers Day and the Merlin Locomotive will also be in steam and rides will depart from Soho Junction every 15 minutes. There is also a cross stitch exhibition.

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NEW FITNESS CENTRE ENS WITH GREAT OFFER

Classic World of Fitness are opening their 7th Fitness Centre this weekend in the IES Centre off Horndale Road. The regional group who also have clubs in Darlington and Bishop Auckland have spent £150,000 on the redevelopment of Newbodies Fitness Centre.

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Martyn Brown, Managing Director who used to live and work in Newton Aycliffe, said "We have transformed the old gym and developed a fitness centre for everyone whether you are a beginner, advanced trainers or just want to keep fit. We aim to provide affordable fitness facilities so everyone has the chance to look good and feel healthy".

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GARDENS GUILD

Now is the time to be thinking of your hanging baskets and patio tubs and to help you, the Guild will have the plants in plug form from Sunday 8th March. Onion sets and Shallots are

now also on sale, with a full range of flower and vegetable seeds.

New members are welcome to join us at the Guild, you will find us at the entrance to the Clarence Chare allotments

Meeting on Benefit Claims

Dear Sir

The worry about the benefits integrity bureau has prompted many calls from people with a disability requesting advice. It is well known that worry causes stress, however stress can increase pain and for this reason we are pleased to announce that we have arranged for Liz Petty from the benefits agency to talk about recent developments and how they will affect claimants.

Her talk will start.at 7pm in St Elizabeths Church Hall on 12th March, admission is free and refreshments will be available, everybody welcome.

Yours faithfully

Newton Aycliffe Being Steered Toward "Learning Town" Status

Last week saw the publication of a new government consultation paper "The Learning Age". This has been heralded by some as the start of a learning revolution which will transform Britain and have the same degree of impact as the Industrial Revolution in the last century. As David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment commented, "people must be allowed to develop learning where they wish to and how they wish to." The idea is that instead of going to institutions to team, the institutions will come to the people, wherever

Steps have already been taken to facilitate this in Aycliffe. The idea of Newton Aycliffe as a Learning Town was launched at an inaugural meeting at Greenfield School fast July, and since then a number of Steering Group meetings have been held to attempt to bring the idea closer to reality.

The aim is to encourage everyone to see Lifetime Learning as taking advantage of learning opportunities throughout their lives, not just at school. It goes further than this though, in that the Steering Group (which includes representatives from local industry, government, community and education) are working together to promote learning not only as a key issue to advance people's personal prospects, but also the economic future of the whole

The main focus for this year's activities is a plan to set up a "One Stop Learning Shop" in the Town Centre. This will provide facilities for everyone to see just what education, training and learning facilities are open to them locally. People will be able to get advice and guidance and, hopefully, be able to use the latest Information and Communications Technology to help them (Cyber-Cafe here we come!).

Remember, "who learns wins...... Lifetime learning is now a necessity for all. We must acquire new knowledge and skills throughout our lives to help us improve our chances of getting a job, of getting promotion or of improving our leisure time. Above all, learning should be fun!

The Steering Group hopes to be able to display some of its plans at the Rotary "Community and Business Fair' in June and will be carrying out some market research to see what people would like out of the Learning Town.

In the meantime, should you have any queries or questions, or wish to attend one of our meetings, please contact Karen Robson, Deputy Headteacher, Greenfield School and Chair person of Learning Town Steering Group.

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On Friday 6th February 1998 six year ten pupils from Woodham Comprehensive School visited the Alpha 103.2 radio studios in Darlington. On arrival they were met by one of the DJs who kindly took time out from his busy schedule to show them around and answer any questions which they had. The six and Mr. Berry were shown two studios which are among the most up to date and modem in the country, one of which had a DJ actually broadcasting on air while they were inside. Unlike most studios theirs was controlled completely by computers. Even the CDs are loaded by computer rather

After an enjoyable time it was time to get down to business. The group who are currently setting up a radio station at their school were taken up stairs to the conference room where they met the programme director. He showed them the types of system they could incorporate into their school and also lists of equipment and prices. The whole day was very enjoyable and we would like to thank everyone at

Late last year the group travelled to Teesside to the TFM studios where they met Graham Ledger the Production Manager who answered all of their questions brilliantly and made the whole prospect of setting up a radio station seem less daunting. Also met were two DJs one of whom was preparing for a show and another on air. The group were given advice by Club TFM DJ Neil Bentley along with a musical exclusive and were spoken to on air by David Tighe who demonstrated how it was all done. Setting up the radio station is still in the early stages, money for equipment being our greatest hurdle. Everyone at the school is very keen for the project to get off the ground and all involved believe it would be an asset to the school. We would be grateful if anyone has any equipment they could donate to us or any money which we could add to our funds.

If you wish to help please contact Mr. Berry at Woodham Comprehensive.

Letter to the Editor

GRAVEYARD THIEVES CAUSE DISTRESS

Dear Editor,

May I once again bring to your attention, the matter of ornaments being "stolen" from graves at our cemetery.

On visiting my Son's grave on Sunday 1st March, to place flowers for his birthday, I was appalled to find that a grey garden ornament, in the form of a Cocker Spaniel, had been "stolen."

I only placed the ornament there a week ago, so you can imagine my disgust, especially as it was actually stolen on his birthday.

The ornament in question, was present on the grave on Saturday evening, so it has obviously been removed on Saturday night.

On mentioning this to Les, the cemetery attendant, he told me that numerous ornaments had been taken from various graves during Saturday night, and had all been placed onto one particular grave. Most of these, have now been returned to their rightful positions, but up to present, my Son's spaniel has not been found.

In my opinion, and I dare say that of many other people, anyone who can stoop so low as to steal from the dead, is absolute scum, whether they are children, teenagers, or

adults, and their hands should drop off.

So if your daughter or son has recently acquired a grey garden ornament, in the form of a Cocker Spaniel, may 1 inform you that they did not find it, or buy it as they probably told you, but stole it from my Son's grave, and I would appreciate its quick return.

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OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE



Students and staff at Bishop Auckland College are in a celebratory mood this week having just received copies of the newly published Inspection Report from the Further Education Funding Council. Bishop Auckland College was the first College in the Northern region to be inspected using the national college Self Assessment framework. Ninety percent of the College's provision was graded outstanding/good by the FEFC inspection team.

Joanna Tait, Principal of the College says "The period covered by this excellent report was a record one for the College with over 16,000 students across South and West Durham choosing us for their education and training. All our staff put a lot of effort and hard work into developing the provisions and services of the College. We and the Governors are absolutely delighted that the Report confirmed our views that we do a good job. We are particularly grateful to all our partners who have worked with us to achieve these further education opportunities and standards for young and mature students

PRAISE FOR TOWN'S NEVILLE PARADE SHOPPING PRECINCT

Dear Editor.

I felt I had to write to say how much I enjoy shopping at Neville Parade shops. Having purchased a new puppy several weeks ago I needed to take him to the local vets which was situated at Neville Parade. While I was there with him I called into the local Greengrocer/Pet food supplier and also into the local Co-op for bread and milk. Since then I have called at the shops

easier than going into town. I can park directly outside the

shops, the choice of shops is almost as good as the town centre except for a bakers, which as I could do with losing a few pounds is maybe a blessing, (unless you need a charity shop, bank or building society all of which our town centre has in abundance). The staff in all the shops I have used have always been helpful

and friendly and a pleasure to talk to, never making you feel rushed and prepared to look for anything you can't find.

All in all except for my main shop, which I go into Darlington for or on a Friday when I need to go the bank, I intend to do all my extra shopping at Neville Parade from now on.

Yours, Avcliffe Resident.

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Obituary Thelma Bainbridge

We regret to record the death of Thelma, one time loyal employee of Newton Press, whose cheerful personality and wise counselling always appreciated by all who came to know

Thelma was the wife of the Town's Gents Hairdresser, Fred and cared for him in his long illness before he died.

The Howarth family, and all who knew Thelma at Newton Press, extend their sincere sympathy to the Bainbridge family and share in their sad loss of a lovely lady.

Town's Rugby Team Lacked Commitment

Aycliffe struggled badly this weekend. The root cause was an absence of players. Two games were planned for last weekend - a re-arranged game against Winlaton on Saturday and a fixture against Tallents (All Stars" on Sunday.

In the event, Saturdays game away was cancelled at the last minute because only nine players turned out. On Sunday, a game took place with ten players on either side with Aycliffe only fielding Seven men, many promised their presence for the Sunday game but few appeared. A sad weekend for rugby in Aycliffe. While Peter Sheen was enjoying a gallon of Guinness in Dublin, coach Malvern and fixture secretary Heslop were stuck with cancelling a game and letting an opposition team down at the last minute.

One observer suggested that watching Newcastle Falcons was more important than playing the game, who's to say? The reality is that without players the town's only rugby club will cease to function.

Golf Club

The Oak Leaf Golf Club officers for 1998/99 season

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The Juniors have been admitted into the Durham County Junior Golf Society League.

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ABSEILING FOR CANCER CHARITY



Darlington Nurse Susan Brodhurst will be throwing herself off the Memorial Hospital again this year... but all in the name of charity.

This time Susan of Newburn Court Newton Aycliffe, wants others to join her on Sunday 15th March and sign up for the 110ft abseil challenge to make money for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Susan has a special reason for supporting the charity. In 1992 she was diagnosed with breast cancer which led to her having a lumpectomy, followed by radiotherapy treatment. When the cancer returned two years later, Susan had to undergo a mastectomy

chemotherapy treatment. Supporting Imperial Cancer's vital research is the main reason for Susan's repeat abseil.

"It's so important to keep

I'm doing something positive to help all those people with cancer' said Susan.

Anyone who wants to join Susan on 15th March can ring 0113 2319828 for an entry pack It promises to be a really exciting day and we hope to raise more than £15,000 this

The imperial Cancer Research Fund is dedicated to the understanding, prevention, treatment and cure of all forms of cancer. Its doctors and scientists are at the forefront of the worldwide effort to defeat this disease. The charity relies almost entirely on voluntary funding to carry out its vital work

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The pupils at our local school, The Woodham Comprehensive, Enjoy facilities galore, Both lavish and expensive.

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Having undergone a stringent audit by BM Trada Certification Limited, Flymo have illustrated the committed adoption of an Environmental Management System (EMS) within their overall Company strategy.

As a longer term priority, Flymo - as part of its product vision - is now developing products with lower weight and materials usage, lower operating noise, and, with an increased product and packaging recyclability.



Beyond seeking environmental accreditation to support their worldwide business - currently involving exports to over 50 countries - Flymo has also been involved within the North East region as a Partner Organisation in the County Durham Local Agenda 21 Process* "Sustainability in Action, Pm whereby industry and organisations are finding that the benefits of reducing waste and pollution can be economic as well as environmental. Specifically within the Sedgefield Borough area, Flyrno have l,o be, involved in the "Going for Green" initiative - a scheme to encourage everyone to make changes in their daily habits to help improve and preserve the environment. The organisation has held environmental awareness training sessions for its Own workforce and donated products for use in tidying allotments around the West Comforth area

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On Sunday 1st March, Newton Aycliffe Ladies FC travelled to play Stockton Ladies at Stockton Football Ground.

On a very large pitch Newton Aycliffe ladies started brightly, defending tightly and trying to make probing runs from midfield. Stockton ladies proved to be formidable opponents, well organised and very physical but Aycliffe ladies challenged for every ball.

Stockton were relieved to go one up midway through the first half with a well taken goal giving goalkeeper Lisa Forbes little chance.

Aycliffe continued to play good football relying on skill rather than becoming involved in a physical confrontation. only to go further behind to a hotly disputed goal, a Stockton player pushing the ball home from an obvious offside position.

Undaunted when Tara Woodward scored, the first ever goal for Aycliffe ladies, stroking the ball into the net from just outside the penalty area, after a well worked move involving Sarah Alexander and Carol Haigh. Half Time 2-1

The second half started in much the same way Aycliffe trying to press by Stockton ladies took control and only good defensive work with Carol Jones outstanding kept them at bay.

Aycliffe rallied and came back into the game with Claire Towers prompting from midfield. Against the run of

play Stockton went further ahead on a breakaway and shortly after made it 4-1. After goalkeeper Lisa, made an excellent save only for the ball to break loose to an unmarked Stockton player who tapped

Aycliffe again responded with good football, giving a run out to all players and although tiring scored a second goal after exerting pressure in the Stockton penalty area the ball broke for Tracey Adams to make the final score 4-2 to Stockton.

The game was played in marvellous spirit and although there were many good individual performances these connected with them are.

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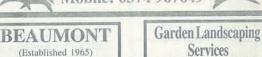
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Lydia Jade Tennick



(3rd March, 1998) Happy 1st Birthday to a very special little girl. Lots of love and kisses from Mammy X

Thank You

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

following people for an excellent party: Isobel and Janet for the superb food; Helen and Andy for the being there usual brilliant selves and Mick's nuts for their own brand of fun! Also to everyone for the presents and cards, finally a special thank you to Ken, Dan, Chris and Matt, you guys never cease to amaze me - I love you

A SPECIAL Thank you to Charlotte, Sue and Bridgette, love Gillian and Callum X

A BIG Thank you to family and friends for the help and support on the birth of our beautiful daughter "Chloe Marie" born 15-12-97. Also thank you to BAGH and doctors and to all the staff on special unit and Bewick Crescent surgery from Andress and John

SANDERSON Chris and Julie would like to thank everyone who has sent cards, presents and flowers after the birth of their beautiful daughter "Megan". Also thanks to Pease Way Ante Natal staff and Bishop Auckland General Hospital

St. JOSEPH'S School, Mr. Hugh Brady would like to thank the following people for their generous donations towards the purchase of school football equipment: Tolwood Multifasteners, Gretna Wacky Warehouse, John Melvin, Brenda Robinson, Freddy Todd, Dennis Ayres, Southerne Comforters and St Joseph's PTA. Thanks again to everyone concerned. Total raised £430.20p

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sister Susan, Chris and Sophie

WHEATLEY Congratulations Nicky and Jos on the birth of your beautiful baby boy "Connor". Well done Nicky, all

KAREN RACE Big 40 12-3-98. love Mam and Alan WILSON Happy birthday Michael and Sean, love from

Nana and Grandad Parker LEANNE HOWARD 12th March, happy birthday, all our love Mam, Dad, Jemma, Nanna, Gran and Granda and all the family

McCORMICK Elizabeth Happy birthday to a lovely girl, we cannot believe you are 5! Love you lots, Mam and Dad & Smudge, of course! McCORMICK Our gorgeous girl Anna Elizabeth is five years old on Friday 6th March. Lots of love and birthday wishes, Nana and Grandad

ANNA McCORMICK on the 6th is FIVE, hope your disco party makes you jive, love grandad and grandma

EALES James Reece, happy 4th birthday for 6th March, lots of love and kisses from randma and Granda HAWKES Athol and Joanna,

happy 30th wedding anniversary, 5th March, with love from Lisa, Janet and all the ROSEMARY DOUGLAS To someone special on her

birthday, with all my love, your loving husband Gordon XX BROWN & COUSINS Angela and Anthony, congratulations on your wedding day, 7-3-98. Love Christine and Laura XX

COUSINS & BROWN Congratulations Anthony and Angela on your wedding, March 7th. Love and best wishes for the future Mam, Dad and Andrew
JOHN FLACK Happy

birthday Daddy, lots of love from Chloe Marie X IRENE MILLER Happy birthday, and may all your

wishes come true, have a nice love Eddie BELL Claire-Louise. Thank you for our beautiful baby boy. Jay Thomas, 20-2-98. 5lbs

10oz. My love always to you both, Alan XXX BELL Jay Thomas, welcome to the world son. Born 20-2-98. Our pride and joy. All our love

Mammy and Daddy XXX JAY BELL To a special grandson and nephew, born 20-2-98. All our love Nan, Dean

HIP HIP Hooray Lesley is 30 today, 10-2-98. Lots of love all today, 10-2-36. Lots of foreign the family, special hugs from Leanne and Janine TENNICK Lydia Jade Happy 1st birthday to our little

treasure. Hugs and kisses. Lots of love from Gran, Granda, Aunty Leanne and Aunty Joanne XXXX STEED 11-3-98. Hugs and

kisses Mason on your 1st birthday. Lots of love Gran and Auntie Susan XX ERROL DEARE The big 40,

happy birthday to our oldest friends for Sunday from Ken, Bren and all the family JOSHUA GIBSON Happy birthday big brother, lots of love Beth, also lots of love Mam and Dad

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The Japanese buyers from organisations such as Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Hitachi Zosen, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Toshiba will be attending Key Contacts - Japan, at Slaley Hall, Northumberland, between 1 " - 3rd June, to meet with local engineering companies.

networking event, enabling local exporting companies to have faceto-face meetings with Japanese buyers and promote their products. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Northern Development Company (NDC) support this event.

Key Contacts - Japan is a major 'Meet the Buyer' style

David Bowles, Director of Operations, NDC, said: 'This is a wonderful opportunity for companies to access a major market and develop vital contacts which will hopefully lead to firm orders and business opportunities.

Japan is a very important market for British companies. But it requires determination and diligence to succeed. Price, quality and reliability are critical to success, which is rewarded by strong customer loyalty and repeat business.

This is a major opportunity. I would urge the Region's engineering companies to contact Steve Wilson to find out more about this initiative and reserve a

place as soon as possible as Key Contacts - Japan is bound to prove a popular event."

With access to worldwide markets, Japanese companies draw upon their considerable resources and supplier networks to win major international contracts.

As part of Key Contacts - Japan over 35 representatives from Japanese procurement centres in the UK and Europe are expected to attend the event. Each representative will have specific purchasing requirements and the authority to enter into business agreements with new suppliers, from the Region.

Manufacturers of industrial products, including those producing components for the power, marine, environmental and engineering sectors, are urged to attend. Key Contacts - Japan will provide a useful inroad into developing links with major Japanese corporations.

Places for Key Contacts - Japan are strictly limited. Companies interested in finding out further details should contact Steve Wilson, International Trade Manager, NDC, at NDC's Teesside Office Tel: 01642 330 100, Fax: 01642 330101

Aycliffe Athletics which sadly drops us into the

Susan Milburn won the Gateshead Lunchtime Handicap in a time of 20.35. This was a tremendous effort from Sue who only arrived at the venue with seconds to spare, mainly due to the arrival of a more spectacular competitor (the angel of the north).

Despite late arrival and losing her way in the race, Sue turned on the style to win easily. Also competing was Richard Harvey who produced an impressive 19.30, which was his best run of the series.

In the South Shields XC. Aycliffe athletes produced some good performances, notably Mick Brinskull 24th, Peter Milburn 39th, Dave Askew 65th, Colin Gibson 166th, Alan Wilkes 256th and Chris White 262nd. This gave a total score of 803 points

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relegation zone. We now face a head to head showdown with Elvet Harriers

in the final meeting at Prudhoe in a few weeks time to decide our fate. Also running on the day were Rob Nicholson 295th, John Armstrong 318th and Dave Thompson who was distracted at the start 335th.

JobCentre Vacancies

Part-time Cleaning Supervisor £3.30 per hour 5-8pm Mon-Thurs 1-4pm Friday

Part time cleaner urgently required on Newton Ayeliffe Industrial Estate. General office duties will include hoovering, dusting, cleaning toilets and mopping. Must be reliable, experience preferred but training will be given.

NEU 11887 Part-time Cleaner £3.00 per hour 4-715pm Mon-Thurs 1-4pm Friday

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NEU 11886 Part-time Foot Canvassers £35.00 per appointment

Part time foot canvassers required for South Durham and Cleveland area. Duties will involve calling at private homes to arrange interviews for a representative to discuss replacement windows. No experience necassary as full training will be given but must be enthusiastic and of smart appearance. Transport will be provided to area of work

NEU 11866

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
- Not take a stall but put on a display of our activities
- 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
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.

Huntsman Heading For The Top

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Huntsman powered their way to 2nd place in the league and turned up the heat in the championship race, writes Martin Walker.

They have a game in hand over league leaders British Legion, who are yet to visit the Huntsman - but this Sunday undoubtedly brings their second biggest challenge of the campaign.

A visit to Fox & Hounds could make or break the title-run for the Woodham side.

Victory would set-up an almighty showdown on Easter Sunday, when Huntsman are scheduled to face the Legion. But defeat would be costly and would ultimately crush Huntsmans title aspirations. They played OK against basement outfit DPD Heating, but they really could and should have netted a lot more goals.

Unlikely goalscorer Tony
Travis, who later won the
minger of the match award,
scored a career first hat trick,
while midfielder Dave
Briddick netted two. Chris
Walker got the other one

Walker got the other one.
Despite not scoring, Morgan
Fielding won the man of the
match award - his tenth of the
season. Apologies to Martin
Haigh who won the man of the
match award two weeks ago,
but wasn't acclaimed in last
weeks repot, shoddy
journalism really!

Letter to the Editor Sedgefield Borough Councillors' Expenses Reported

Dear S

I list below the civic expenses of Sedgefield Borough Council for 1998/99. The figures are taken from page 42 of the Policy and Resources Committee, held on the 19th February 1998. At Sedgefield Borough Council the makeup of the Council is 47 Labour and 2 Opposition.

Council Members Allowance £221,000.00 Council Members Telephone £12,000.00 Mayors Allowance £3,900.00 Hospitality £15,000.00 Town Twinning £7,700.00 Conference Expenses £17,000.00 Members Insurances £700.00 Office Accommodation £19,900.00 Borough Council Elections £6,800.00 Civic Car £27,600.00 Fixtures and Fittings £1,500.00 TOTAL £333,100.00 Yours faithfully

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