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FRONT PAGE LETTERS

"PENSIONERS GOLF FEES ARE FAIR"

Last week's complaint about golf course fees came, typically, not from an Aycliffe resident, but from someone who lives in Toft Hill!

The Town Council has been fair, and every fair-minded person in Newton Aycliffe must surely see this.

It is normal for Golf Clubs to charge more to play at weekends and to offer lower rates to attract more usage on weekdays. At £100, a five day over 60s season ticket is much lower than any reasonable person could ask or expect and £140 for a full over 60s season ticket - which allows members to play at weekends and in competitions - is genuinely an exceptionally low price compared with other courses.

Also, last year the Oak Leaf Club became a member of the Durham County Seniors' Privilege scheme. Under this scheme members of other clubs can play a free round of golf on the Oak Leaf course. Reciprocally, any senior members of the Oak Leaf club can play a free round at 27 golf clubs on County Durham; if senior members take advantage of this, it alone could be worth up to £250 a year. The Council wants to offer low prices for pensioners, who perhaps cannot afford the fees asked at other courses.

However, as Councillor Blenkinsopp properly explained, we also have to take into account the needs of other course users. And we have obligations to the ratepayers, most of whom

do not play golf, but who - in essence - meet the bill for any subsidy the Council chooses to offer.

Yours faithfully
Martyn D. Locklyn
Vice-Chairman, GATC
Rec. Committee

"DELAYS NOT CAUSED BY TOWN COUNCIL"

Councillor Fraser is talking nonsense when he blames the Town Council for delays over the Avenue site. The Town Council's decision to consider a "town centre presence" did not delay the development a single second.

Three years ago, we thought it would be helpful to put a Town Council building on the site - maybe some offices, or a community centre. We asked the County Council to tell us the possible costs, when they told us that it would require up to £2.5 million, PLUS running costs (equivalent, perhaps to a 30% increase in the rates) we dropped the idea.

We thought it was much more important for us to lobby the planners to give the Cubby and the Youth Centre a town centre location.

Councillor Fraser mocks us as "the decision makers" but what is wrong with the decisions we made? We decided that we would like a building in the town centre, so we decided to find out what it could cost, then we decided we could not afford it. These strike me as the sensible decisions of responsible Councillors.

What different decisions would Councillor Fraser have made?
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Woodham prides itself on being a family club and especially encourages those who feel it is too late. So don't just sit there, contact Garry Wallis on 311119 or visit the club at Woodham Community Centre on Sundays between 10.30-12 noon or Tuesdays 6.30-8pm.



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The zone final of the Ladies National Singles proved to be an exhibition in singles play between Aycliffe's Brenda Mangles and Thornaby's Norma Shaw M.B.E. Brenda put the pressure on from the first end and the ex World Champion knew she had a game on her hands. Brenda never let up and won by 21 shots to 11 shots, taking her through to the Area Final in Sunderland on 12 February at 12.30 pm and putting her through to the last 32 in England. The men played Hartlepool in their Inter-club match picking up only 3 points out of a possible 12. The Vets in their Inter-club match played Durham but only managed to pick up 1 point out of 5.



LETTER Attendance Allowances

Dear Sir,
 May I give my annual Financial account to the electors of the Woodham Ward, as promised in 1987, and each election since I was elected to represent the Ward.
Attendance Allowances:
 Sedgefield Borough Council 1997-98: £2,206.16p
 Income Tax paid 1997-98 £507.38p
 Balance £1,698.78p.
 Great Aycliffe Town Council 1997-98: £Nil Claimed.
 I have attended all Committee meetings of both councils which I am elected to and have taken an active part in all Ward and Council matters under discussion.
 I have not attended any Conferences, Civic functions or any other Council Functions at the public expense in 1997-98.
 My vote against both Borough Council Tax and Town Council Precept, was recorded, for obvious reasons, but especially so, when Workers and Pension increases have been in line with inflation, or less, and Domestic increases have tested every family's provision, with Benefits for those entitled, subjected to a past government thinking.

As to Ward case-work, I've actively promoted all referred to me, given information and support as best I may. Done my best to represent the interests and continued well-being of all the Ward and the Town in and out of Council Committees.

As to the balance of Attendance money paid to me 1997-98 by Sedgefield Borough Council I can say in all honesty, that apart from stationery and postage required, I've donated to good causes, far in excess of that balance of payments made. I did so in the good faith that Woodham Ward electors would understand why I did so.

Yours faithfully,
 Don Fraser. Woodham Ward
 SBC & GATC.

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SAKS Offer Hair Loss & Thinning Treatment

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sorts of remedies have been claimed over the years, but most should be viewed with a healthy degree of scepticism. However, trials have demonstrated that Intervention Hair Loss starts to have an effect after just 48 hours. Whilst it will not bring hair back to completely bald heads, it will work on areas of the scalp where hair is thinning. Though the product has been available only recently clients in the 55 Saks Salons around the UK are already reporting positive results. Available at Saks, Intervention Hairloss is an easy-to-use formula applied daily for six weeks, twice a year. Contact Saks on 01388 776996 to book a complimentary consultation.

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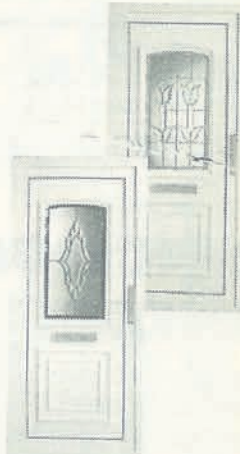
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EXPANDING IN DARLINGTON

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Age Concern Bucks helped 281 people, most of them housebound, claim more than £380,000 in new benefits last year. The benefits advisors are volunteers and they often support people whose initial application for benefits has failed to negotiate the complex appeals system successfully. Neighbours, everybody needs good neighbours - and the benefits advisors at **Concern Carlisle and District**. Mrs B, housebound at the age of 90, was struggling to make ends meet on her state pension until her neighbour contacted the benefits advisors at Age Concern on her behalf. She now receives an attendance allowance of £34.30 a week, plus £53.75 in income support, making a grand total of an extra £88.05 a week.

Mr G's now got a new lease of life also thanks to AC Carlisle and District. Aged 91 he decided he wanted to live with older people and approached Age Concern for a list of sheltered housing. He's now in a dream flat and Age Concern also made sure he claimed income support, attendance allowance, council tax, housing benefit and meals on wheels.

Age Concern Norwich's Welfare Rights Visiting Service works three days a week. Volunteers concentrate on helping disabled and housebound clients to make claims for attendance allowance. The service responds to about 750 calls and helps people to claim around £900,000 a year. Mr S from **Warwickshire** is 78. He has recently lost his wife and is disabled by arthritis and poor sight - but can now look forward to a proper holiday this year thanks to his local Age Concern. They have helped him to claim new benefits including attendance allowance and he is now at least £80 a week better off. The money has made "a wonderful difference to his life".

Two part-time stall and nine volunteers take **AC Swindon's** Welfare Rights Service to people's homes and to local ethnic minorities clubs. One of their visits to a day centre resulted in seven new claims for Attendance Allowance at one go, and in one year the service helped people to claim £600,000.

A Darlington company, started just a year ago, is already predicting that it will soon be taking on more employees. **OUTWOOD** boasts its product is so exciting, that most local councils, leisure centres and supermarkets are already customers. **SO WHAT IS THIS EXCITING NEW PRODUCT?** It is high quality fencing and outdoor furniture which is made from **RECYCLED** plastics. "No-one wants to compromise on design, performance or cost and with our technique, they don't need to do so," says Salad Director, Bill Stephenson, who was in at the start.

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The company has already designed several popular products with the assistance of Dave Raper, Works manager, and two

fabricators, Bob Bryson and Peter Gill, who are all former Magnet workers. Waste-bins, special seating, a pergola at a local school for handicapped children, seating in swimming baths, and even a recycled garden shed have been produced. Even more promising, an Australian wine-grower has just been in touch about ordering 1 million posts as his current rotting wooden ones are killing his vines!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Pupils from Woodham Comprehensive in Newton Aycliffe had a very special master class in cake making from Mike Reynolds, head chef at the Swallow Eden Arms Hotel in Rushyford. Mike invited the group, who are all studying housecraft, along to test out his new state-of-the-art kitchen. As the pupils got to work the delicious smell of cakes baking was soon wafting through the kitchen which has been created at a cost of £250,000.

Over the last few months the kitchen has been completely refurbished and is now double its original size. In addition it has been equipped with top of the range equipment from Zanussi. Much of this equipment has been specially created for the kitchen at the Swallow Eden Arms and makes it the flagship kitchen for the hotel group.

Seen here showing off their special 'Eden Arms' pastries are (from L to R) Rachel Mitchie, Lisa Waters, Katie Suckling and Rachel Jones with head chef, Michael Reynolds.

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Sally West, Age Concern's own expert on pensions and benefits, has written the 26th edition of this jargon-free guide for older people on how they can negotiate the maze of

- * retirement pensions
- * housing and council tax benefits
- * benefits for disabled people
- * income support and the social fund
- * paying for fuel, insulation and repairs
- * paying for residential care
- * and help with legal and health costs.

The 152-page book is published annually to coincide with the Your Rights Week campaign for improved benefit take-up among older people. Since it was first published in 1973, *Your Rights* has sold more than 2.6 million copies, helping not only older people directly, but also their carers and benefits advice professionals.

Your Rights 1998/99: a guide to money benefits for older people is priced £3.99. It is available from local Age Concern groups, good bookshops or by calling freephone 0800 00 99 66. This freephone information line will be available every day from 7am to 7pm for the sale of *Your Rights*, and also for people to request free information packs.

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Barron Group Awarded "Top Recruiting Dealer 97"

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The Barron Group, which is the North's premier retailer of all leisure vehicles, has its North East base at Burtree Gate, near Darlington. Bob Black, Chairman of the Caravan Club was in Birmingham at the National Boat, Caravan and Leisure Show to present the award, certificate and celebratory champagne to Michael Hold, Managing Director of the Barron Group.

Commenting, Bob Black said, "Dealers across the country recruit thousands of new members each year. The Barron Group have been one of our most consistent performers through the years in this and many other areas, so it comes as no great surprise to see them topping the list."

Michael Hold said, "This award demonstrates our continuing commitment to attracting new converts to the touring industry. We are leading the drive to change the perception that some people have of the modern day tourers. This announcement of record levels of membership by The Caravan Club shows that there are still thousands of people out there who are ready to take up the leisure pursuit of touring in a motorhome, folding camper or tourer, and enjoy the freedom that they bring."

Anniversary of St Georges Day Raid

The 80th anniversary of a daring St. George's Day raid by the Royal Navy on the Belgian port of Zeebrugge was marked at the DLI Museum on April 25th.

Retired head teacher and author Harry Moses of Newton Aycliffe told how the Royal Navy set out to block the canal system that allowed German U-boats access to the North Sea.

Nine Victoria Crosses were awarded, including one posthumously to George Bradford of Darlington, whose brother, Roland, had been awarded a VC in 1916. They were the only brothers to win the honour during the First World War.

Harry, author of *The Faithful Sixth*. The History of the 6th Battalion DLI, is currently working on a history of the 8th Battalion DLI. He became interested in the Zeebrugge Raid while researching the 'Fighting Bradford' brothers of Darlington.

"In Spring 1918, the Allies were fighting with their backs to the wall, said Harry. "Germany had launched a massive offensive on the Western Front and was threatening to break through to the Channel, and at sea, the U-boat menace had not been beaten.

"People at home were beginning to despair. Such was the mood in Britain when the Royal Navy launched the Zeebrugge Raid on St. George's Day - April 23, 1918. "Its aim was simple - to block the canal system that carried German U-boats from the safe harbour at Bruges, through Zeebrugge and Ostend into the North Sea.

"The raid was carried out with great courage. Nine Victoria Crosses were awarded, but the cost was high - 176 men were killed, over 460 wounded and 49 taken prisoner.

"George Bradford, a Lieutenant Commander, was in command of a storming party on board the Iris - an old Mersey ferry.

"When it was found impossible to secure the Iris, he grabbed an anchor and jumped across the gap. He must have known that he would be killed.

"He successfully wedged the anchor, before he was riddled with machine gun bullets and fell into the sea between the ship and the wall," said Harry. Tickets for the talk are available in advance by post at £3 with a +2 concession and £1 for season ticket holders and Friends of the Museum.

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The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) has warned its members and their clients to be wary of bogus rating consultants. ACCA said that it is concerned that businesses will be persuaded to part with money in exchange for poor quality advice on the next rates revaluation.

The next revaluation will take place in April 2000 and bogus ratings consultants are already approaching businesses. David Harvey, secretary of the ACCA Small Business Committee, said "it is important to check the credentials of any consultants who claim to be able to advise on rating issues. We have received reports that many businesses have already been approached. Rating is a subject which is central to the livelihood of most ventures, and we regard sound advice on this subject as crucial."

Businesses were revalued on 01 April 1998. There is still time to appeal against current year valuation on several main grounds. If an appeal is successful it could be backdated for a year. David Harvey commented that many rating consultants will ask for cash as an upfront payment. "Check the status of the so-called adviser and refuse to pay any money until

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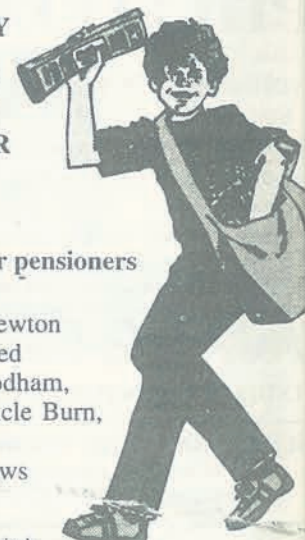
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AN unseen army of 'private eyes' could soon be mounting an extended watch for crime and disorder across County Durham. A county-wide survey has been launched by Durham Constabulary to pin-point the growing spread of privately-run closed-circuit (CCTV) security cameras installed by business and commerce. And once all the cameras have been located and catalogued, some operators may be invited to help a new and formidable police-led crime-fighting partnership that could play a significant role in the investigation of both major and minor crime. The force has recruited the help of the county's seven district councils, along with Darlington Borough Council to conduct a survey of 16,000 business and commercial premises. Leaflets asking for CCTV

details are currently being sent out by the eight authorities with community charge forms and the returns will be used to prepare a unique "directory" of where cameras are sited. "People are installing cameras as part of security systems for their individual premises. But many do not realise the out-of-hours role such equipment could play in the fight against crime, supplementing publicly-run systems," said PC Mike Wilkinson of the force's criminal justice department. "It may prove very useful if some operators were to switch their cameras onto the front of their premises where they would be able to provide a record of what is going on in the street outside at night and at weekends," he added. Private cameras in recent times have provided crucial information for police investigating terrorist bombings in London and Manchester, as well as the murder of a toddler in Liverpool. But they are also increasingly providing "priceless" evidence of town centre crime and disorder, particularly at night and weekends. "When a crime has been committed it may be possible to go to premises known to have a camera and retrieve vital evidence before it is unwittingly overplayed or destroyed. The potential is enormous and embraces both major as well as minor crime. But we need to spell out that potential to the owners of individual premises and we cannot do that until this survey, which we could not have done without the help of the local authorities, is complete," added PC Wilkinson. The survey is part of a review by the force of the way it handles the evidential use of tapes from video cameras. One of the spin-offs of the

work is that it will also provide an up-to-date list of keyholders of premises. "By working together it is possible the extended use of these cameras could create a formidable force, a network of eyes on the streets that will not only improve the protection in the locality but benefit the quality of life of the wider community," said PC Wilkinson.

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EASY WAYS TO SAY

If all your friends are getting into something you don't really want to be a part of, it's often hard to avoid just going along with the sake of your mates. Take smoking, for example. Even if you're one of those who smoke started in their teens, and the rest of those took it up because their friends did. But even people who have only smoked for a short time will tell you that they'd never started - so if you can avoid it now, you'll be grateful later.

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He has magnificent wings.

He would use those wings to fly
back home to me, I know he would
He would wrap them tight around me,
Keep the pain out, if he could.
He will comfort and protect me,
keep me safe and free from harm.
When chilling winds of fate do blow,
protect me from the storm.

He will always stay beside me,
through the good times and the bad,
And when I'm at my lowest
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He is right here, at my shoulder,
so I'll never be alone.

There's an angel here, beside me,
Who I'm proud to call "My Son"

Love you always my son, Mam and Steve XXX

ITH, James Michael - A to remember, so precious brief, left memories to grow up together, now, though we're apart, our love for brother lives deep in our hearts. Special memories of our brother, died 4th May 1997. From Steven, Graham & XXX

MY SMITH Died 4th May. It's been a long sad year since you closed your eyes, but you left us with lovely memories and there are no sad goodbyes, miss so much Jimmy, love you always Granny X

MY SMITH 4th May. It's a year since I lost you son, he hurt inside still carries daily though, a silent tear, I wish that you were here, from Dad X

MY SMITH Died 4th May 1997. Spread your wings fly, guide your spirit safe sheltered, a thousand times that we can still love, love and miss you, Aunt Margaret and us X

ODHEAD, Ryan Andrew, 94 to 5-5-94. Our darling our baby son. No-one the heartache. Now that he's gone. We still see your face, we still speak your name, but the future without just isn't the same. It'd be full of laughter, instead of full of tears, for a darling boy. If we could have one more day, we'd wish that wish and that wish would never go away. We miss you so much from Mummy and Daddy

ODHEAD, Ryan Andrew, brother I want to say, I you'd never go away. I you a lot, I miss you like you're the best baby I ever had. Lots of love and kisses from Craig.

ODHEAD, Ryan Andrew, 94 to 5-5-94. Wherever we go, whatever we do, not a day goes by, we don't think of his little note we send to Heaven above, our baby brother, with all our love and love. Thinking of ways Charly and Tony

ODHEAD, Ryan Andrew, 94 to 5-5-94. Gentle Jesus love, please give ryan all the love Auntie Tracey, Uncle and Jade XX

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DARRYL GIBBS Died 29th April 1996. In memory of a dear son. When the shades of night are falling and I'm sitting all alone, in my heart there comes a longing, if only you could come home, your smile has gone forever, your hand I cannot touch, but I'll never lose the memories, of the one I loved so much. May the winds of love blow softly and whisper I love you, love always Mam X

IRENE SPENCE Died 7-5-97. In loving memory of a dear friend, one year has passed, since you were taken from us, not a day goes by that we don't think of you. We will always remember you in our hearts. Sadly missed, Maggie and Mick

RITA MILLER - Loving memories of my dear wife, died 3rd May, 1985. Husband Jack and family

EDNA WALTON Died 28-4-93. They say there is a reason, they say time will heal, but neither time nor reason will change the way we feel. Remembering you always, forgetting you never. Love Lisa, Eric, Paul, Sarah, Ian, Tim and Annette

SALKELD, Tracey Jane. Another year has passed me by, whilst on my own, I still sit and cry. I listen to your songs one by one, God had chosen you and now you're gone. I still think of the time, I still think of the place, wishing you were here, cos I miss ya Trace. Donna, Les, Lyn and Drew XX

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JODEY SLATER 4th May, 7th birthday. No presents to give, no parties to have, just precious memories to hold. Love you always my Jodey, love, your brother Daniel, Enock and Buster XXX

JODEY SLATER - Gentle Jesus up above please give Jodey all our love. Love Uncle Ivor, Auntie Gail, Kerry and David XX

JODEY SLATER - The love that you gave and shared, the laughter you filled the air with, the aura that surrounded you will always be in my heart. Even in hard times, you cared for others, younger or older, what more could a father want from his child. One day together again, love you always my Jodey

JODEY SLATER - 7th Birthday, May 4th. We were so lucky to have a granddaughter like you, so gentle and true. Silly little tales you would tell me as we walked to school. Life will never be the same without you. Dear Lord take care of our angel, I'm sure she's taking care of you, God bless you on your birthday, Nanna and Grandad Hill. Jodey you have not died in vain

JODEY SLATER - 4-5-91. For a very special niece on your 7th birthday. I miss and love you very much, all my love Auntie Mavis

PETER MCKENZIE 3rd May, birthday memories of a dear brother and uncle, deeply missed and loved, Emily, David and family

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DUNBAR Ian and Joanne would like to announce the arrival of thier baby daughter "Mia Jaden Eunice" on 23-4-98 and would like to thank all family and friends for lovely cards and flowers and gifts and also a big thank you to midwives and staff at Darlington Memorial Hospital

DUNBAR Congratulations Ian and Joanne on the birth of your daughter "Mia Jaden" on 23-4-98. Love from Mam and John

SMITH Congratulations to Angela and Cameron on the birth of "Callum Sean" a brother for Niall, love Mam

DONNA AND BRI CONGRATULATIONS on the birth of a beautiful little girl, "Bobbie" love Mam and Dad

M c N A U G H T O N Congratulations Andrew and Denise on the birth of our darling grandson, "Conor James" Born 27th April, a little brother for Steven, all our love and best wishes from Mum and Steve

Thank you

MARY FAWCETT and family would like to thank everyone concerned for flowers, cards and donations to the Butterwick Hospice during the recent bereavement of David, sadly missed, but will never be forgotten

WEST - Eleanor and Mel would like to thank all family and friends who joined them to celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary on Saturday. Thank you for all the lovely cards, vouchers and presents received. Special thanks to Betty for the marvellous buffet, Sharon for the lovely cake and not forgetting "Our Garry" for the brilliant disco

THANKS For everyone's help when I knocked off my bike on Thursday at the Youth Centre roundabout; especially Adrian (Thames Centre Butchers) and Karen for all the running about. Also to the ambulance men and police - Yvonne

MRS TOOLE and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for cards of condolence and floral tributes received after the sad loss of Kevin. Special thanks to Rev Chamberlain and Bryan Shepherd Funeral Directors

McLUCKIE June, Tony, Ann Linda and Laura would like to thank relatives, neighbours and friends for the beautiful cards and support received at the sudden death of Fred on 14th April, also thanks to bryan Shepherd and staff for their care and support and the Vicar of St Clares Church

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PAUL STEVENS Congratulations on getting a pace at University, love Mam, Dad and Sarah

PAUL STEVENS 2-5-98. Happy 18th birthday, have a great day, love Mam, Dad and Sarah

NEIL ADDISON Congratulations on your 18th birthday, 30-4-98, love Mam and Dad

NEIL ADDISON happy 18th birthday little bruv, love Rachel and Peter

NEIL ADDISON Best wishes on your 18th birthday, have a great day, love Mary, John, Diane and Neil

McCONVILLE Bill and Linda are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter Amy Louise to Jason Andrew Hamilton, the eldest son of Dru and Jennifer Hamilton on Saturday 25th April. Congratulations and lots of love from both families

DAWSON Shaun and Sarah congratulations to you both on passing your grades, love Auntie Tracey, Claire and Lee

HARRISON DEAN Happy 18th, 30-4-98, luv Mam

HARRISON DEAN happy 18th big brother, luv Wayne and Ricky

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"Billy West" - 9.00pm

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE Scout Supporters Association - Winning numbers from draw held on 18th April 1047, 3112, 3356, 1257, 3191, 0189, 3098, 3778, 3496, 2404, 1314, 3522. Total raised from draw and folk night, £172, thanks to all who bought tickets and donated prizes.

Jumble Sale

St. Marys School
Friday 8th May, 1998
from 6.30pm

Jumble, bric-a-brac, nearly new, toys, raffle, tea, coffe etc. come along and get some bargains

ON WEDNESDAY 13th May at 7pm there will be a Memorial Service for the late Rev. K. Kilby at Neville Parade Methodist Church. We shall be giving thanks for his life and ministry and warmly invite those people who were unable to attend his funeral at Winhill, near to Burton-on-Trent

JUNIOR Badminton Club (6-14 years, boys or girls), Woodham Community Centre, Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm, 75p plus 75p membership

LEARN TO PAINT and draw - whether absolute beginner or experienced artist, you are welcome to the new art classes at the Greenfield Centre, Newton Aycliffe, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. For further details call Tricia McLaughlin on 01325 319471 or the Greenfield Centre on 01325 300378

PLAYSTATION, N64, Saturn, Snes and Mega to rent, £3-£5 per week. Wednesday and Thursday in Aycliffe, if you would like us to call please ring 01325 489929

JUMBLE SALE at Avon Court on Saturday 2nd May at 11am

Personal

JUNE'S HAT HIRE

Beautiful hats for all occasions

Tel: Aycliffe 310967
Showroom D'ton 355128
Wedding Flowers arranged at reasonable prices

CRAFTY Cakes for any occasion, cakes made and iced or just iced Tel 316084

LIFT Required Monday to Friday from Aycliffe to Thornaby to start work for 10am, will share petrol costs Tel 317933, Yvonne

REGISTERED childminder (NCMA) has vacancy, 0-5 years, full/part time, enquiries welcome Tel Andrew 310552

OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Slimming World Open Day together with the "Welcome Home" offer encouraged over 150 members to class last week. Existing and new members said how much they enjoyed the afternoon exchanging ideas and recipes with members from various classes. It gave the public a chance to meet some of the team and ask questions about Slimming World classes in Aycliffe. Consultants Brenda and Debbie commented how much they had enjoyed talking all afternoon about the eating plans and every aspect of Slimming World, there members, I'm sure will agree it's hard to shut them up at the best of times.

The team would like to thank Vi, Florence and Shiela to name but a few members and also Lynn and Helen who really were a great help on the day, all in all a great time was. If you were unable to attend the Open Day and would like to know more about Slimming World ring Debbie on 01325 300615

Lost & Found

LOST at St Oswalds Park navy Adidas jacket with an illuminous green stripe Tel 310937

Accommodation

TO LET

Two bedroom house with central heating in Newton Aycliffe.

Bond £250,
Rent £70 per week
DSS considered
Tel 01325 378337

JUBILEE GUEST House, 2 Bury Road, unemployed welcome Tel 319850

Wanted

HOUSES CLEARED

CASH PAID for antiques, old & modern furniture, tables, chairs, drawers, china cabinets, dressers also old china, linen, clocks pictures, jewellery etc.

(01388) 608042

3 PIECE Suites, fridges and cookers wanted, cash paid Tel 01388 608042 anytime

For Sale

BEDDING and hanging basket plants, Travellers Green Nursery Tel 312453

FUSCHIA's, trailing and outdoor hanging basket plants from 40p each - Travellers Green Nursery Tel 01325 312453

10' 4 BERTH caravan, electrics, gas bottle, £150 no dealers Tel 382483

2 WHITE wicker conservatory chairs, table to match, £20 ONO Tel 313795

PETROL BLUE three piece suite, oak arms, nice condition £65 ONO Tel 312772

GIRLS Mountain bike, suit 5-7 years, excellent condition £30 Tel 316045

TWO x 2 seater settees, blue and burgundy pattern, excellent condition £50 each ONO Tel 321670

