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## COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR YOUTH SPORT IS COMMENDABLE

Dear Sir,

I write as the Oakleaf Golf Club Junior Liaison Officer to thank the Great Aycliffe Town Council for their support to Junior Golf, not just Juniors who are in our Golf Club.

A) They provide season tickets for junior golfers at a rate that can accommodate all pockets: Under 16 years £21; 16-18 years in full time education £21; 16 - 18 years £36; 18 - 21 years in full time education £36; and 18 - 21 years £51.50. Surely prices that will take some beating.  
B) Have provided the golf club juniors with ten sweaters and ties for our team playing in league games.

C) Have provided us the courtesy of the course for our league opponents.  
D) Have instituted a golf working party, which has already created greater harmony between the Town Council and Golf Club and together are striving to make the golf course an even better amenity not only for the residents of Great Aycliffe, but to attract more of the pay as you play and more revenue for our Council  
E) Have provided an opportunity for us to deal with officers of the

Council: Mr. M Rice (Chief Executive); Mr A Bailey (Director of Leisure and Environment) who have been most helpful and courteous in all our dealings with them  
F) The professional Mr Clive Burgess and his wife Denise for their help in all things to do with junior golf. The membership fees to the golf club for Juniors are under 17 £5 and 17 to 21 £10 and this includes insurance.

At this time we have 34 junior members who are a credit to their club, with six members having just played in a competition for the British Heart Foundation on raising over £300 for this charity, they are: Gavin Atherton, Melvyn Taylor, Warren Dowson, Richard Thorne, Christopher Healey and Kieran Conroy, well done to you all.  
I believe the game of golf to be not only a great sport but a great help to youngsters in building their self confidence.

reliability, manners and sportsmanship.

So it is my belief that it is to our Town Council's credit that they support not only golf but sport in general.

## FRONT PAGE LETTER

I say it is money well spent and maybe it brings less bad headlines concerning the towns youngsters than that we have seen lately.  
Ron Mitchie Junior Liaison Officer

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Sunday 3rd May Newton Aycliffe Sports Club junior footballers had a busy weekend. The under 11's travelled to Aysome Football Club to earn a very creditable 3-3 draw, the scorers for NASC were Shaun Spreates (2) and Darren Bosmworth.

The under 9's entertained Darlington Albion, once again all teams had a good turnout of both children and parents. The under 9's fielded two sides each playing two games.

Results and scorers were as follows:

NASC 1 - Darl. Albion 1 scorer Jonathon Clark  
NASC 4 - Darl. Albion 0 scorer Jonathon Clark, Joel Hoggarth (2), Craig Shaw

NASC 3 - Darl. Albion 1 scorer Adam Thompson, Mark Slade, Luke Black  
NASC 2 - Darl. Albion 1 scorers Adam Thompson, Jason Steel.

Any children, boys or girls in years 3 to 6 at Junior School interested in playing junior football can come along to the sports club on Wednesday nights 6.30pm till 8.00 pm or Sunday mornings 10.30 am till 12.00 o'clock or for further details contact Steve Taylor 312226, Alan Batey 320902 or Peter Sproates 321449.

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PRIME MINISTER VISITS HYDRO



Gilda Guzman, Support Technologist and Stuart Kilburn, Business Director meet Prime Minister Tony Blair at Hydro Polymers on 8th May. Right shows photo of the visit by Harold Wilson 50 years ago to open the plant at Aycliffe.



The Prime Minister, Mr Tony Blair, toured Hydro Polymers Limited last week, almost fifty years since Harold Wilson officially opened the plant, formerly Bakelite, on 20th July 1948. Hydro Polymers is now one of only two UK companies producing PVC (polyvinyl chloride) the main ingredient of the PVC materials used in many household, medical, commercial and industrial products. The company is the largest single-site PVC compounder in Europe. In June 1997, Hydro Polymers inaugurated 'D-Plant', a £35 million, 60kt expansion which has proprietary Hydro technology.

In addition to the new resin plant, a further £5 million expansion in PVC compounding is currently underway. Between 1995 and 1998, Norsk Hydro will have invested over £50 million in expanding and modernising PVC resin and compound manufacturing at Aycliffe, almost doubling the scale of the operation.

During the visit, the company demonstrated, in particular, its training and safety achievements. In March 1998, Hydro Polymers was awarded Norsk Hydro's President's Safety Award, making the Newton Aycliffe operation Hydro's safest, worldwide. Hydro Polymers is part of the Petrochemicals Division of Norsk Hydro ASA, Norway's largest publicly quoted company. It is one of the leading suppliers of mineral fertilizer, industrial chemicals, oil and gas, aluminium, magnesium, electrical power, plastic materials and farmed salmon. Hydro is currently represented in more than 100 countries with just over half its 35,000 employees working outside of Norway.

Aycliffe Ladies Compete in London

Christine Wheatly and Bev Hutchinson performed well in London, both finishing in 4 hrs 47 mins - A superb effort in their first Marathon. Mick Brunskill was first home in 3 hrs 3 mins, with Rob Nicholson next in 3 hrs 22 mins. Peter and Sue Milburn competed in the Marske 10k race on a very windy night. Peter ran 37 mins and Sue 45 mins. In the Quakers Bunny Hop, run on Easter Monday, Mick Brunskill was 2nd overall (32 mins) with Colin Gibson 1st o/40 (35mins) and Alan Wilkes (38 mins) 1st o/55.

Thanks!

Dear Sir,  
May I, through the pages of the Newton News, express my thanks to Great Lakes Chemicals and Perstorp for their kind donation to the Junior Section of the Oakleaf Golf Club. This has enabled us to commence a coaching scheme to be run by the resident professional Clive Burgess, in which up to twenty youngsters can take part in. Also thanks to the following businessmen for sponsorship on our recent race night: Alan Bailey (Cumby Arms); Roger Saunders (Saunders Office Systems); Syd Howarth (Newton Press) and Ian (Save Garage). The profit enabled us to purchase ten golf shirts for our new Junior team. Ron Mitchie Junior Liaison Officer.

WINNING SLIMMER



Local slimmer, Pauline McGregor pictured above receiving prize from Slimfit Consultants. June MacFarlane and Julie Woodcock is one of the lucky few to receive one of the exclusive prizes up for grabs at the towns local Slimming classes. Pauline, who has lost 2 stone 9lbs won a luxury make-over day with Beautiful Images in Darlington. Pauline won the prize for achieving her target weight. Aged 58 she joined her local Slimfit class after gaining weight following an operation which made her unable to walk without the aid of sticks. She spent the last part of 1997 feeling low and gradually gaining more weight. Early in 1998 she contacted Slimfit with the hope of solving her desperate situation. Other slimming classes had not worked for Pauline in the past and although she believed she could lose weight she was looking for the right kind of help, support and motivation to guide her. Pauline said: "The consultants at Slimfit are always on hand to help everyone and I felt confident seeing the hard work and fresh new ideas that the girls put into the classes, I found the plans much better than anything I have done before. I take pleasure in the foods that I eat again. My faith has been restored in losing and keeping control of my weight. Pauline was thrilled to win the prize as she had always secretly dreamed of having the opportunity of a day of pampering and glamour but says that the best prize of all is being 2 stones 9lbs slimmer.

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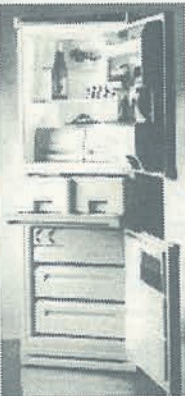
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Dear Sir,  
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# BACK FROM NEW ZEALAND TO OFFER OSTEOPATHY

Melanie Rowland from school Aycliffe has recently returned to the area after working as an Osteopath in New Zealand.

She will be available for consultation at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on Monday and Thursday evenings commencing 11 May 1998. As an Osteopath, she diagnoses and treats faults in the musculo-skeletal system. Osteopathy is directed to freeing the joints, muscles and soft tissues by a variety of manipulative techniques and to treat people of different ages suffering from a variety of conditions.



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A detailed case history is taken, followed by an examination and orthopaedic tests. Findings are explained to the patient and appropriate osteopathic treatment applied if necessary.

Allow 30 minutes per session, Melanie does not charge for the initial consultation or examination (so if she feels osteopathic treatment would not benefit you, which is rare, there is no charge). However, she does charge for treatment which +20.00 per session. For bookings contact Oak Leaf Sports Complex - telephone 01 325-300600 or for further information contact Melanie on 01 388774831.

## Heighington Drop In Centre

## USE IT OR LOSE IT...

This facility for children 12-16yrs in the Methodist Hall, Heighington has been run by local adult volunteers since Nov '97. It has been a venue for children to meet, talk, listen to music and play games, e.g. Snooker, Pool and Cards. Also tea, coffee and sweets are available.

The Drop In Centre has attracted growing numbers of local children, who meet each Friday between 7 & 10pm and was, up until Easter 98, a successful venture.

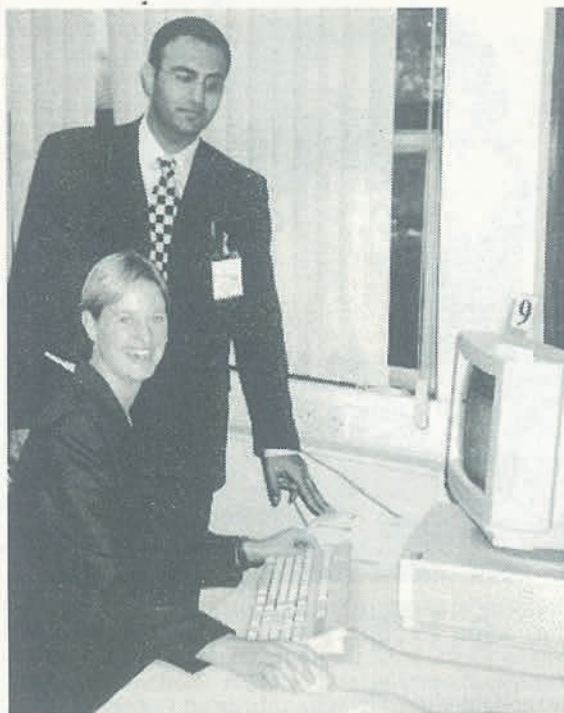
In recent weeks however attendances have dropped right off, which could mean that this free village facility may close.

The Drop In Centre was started to provide a much needed facility for local children who complained that there was nothing for them to do in this village. Parents, do your children attend? If not, why not come along and see us! This facility needs your support, we need new members and more adult supervisors and quickly. If attendances do not improve in a few weeks then this facility may well close. PC 276 Brown Darlington Police 381279

## RABBIT THEFT

Townpeople are warned that there is a Rabbit thief around who is taking children's pets from gardens. In the latest incident the heartless criminal even took the hutch!

# Newtonian Returns to Open Training Centre



Asif gives Computer Tuition to a Student

Asif Abraham an ex-pupil of local Greenfield Comprehensive School has returned to Newton Aycliffe to set up a Computer Training Centre, which offers free computer training to everybody.

He left Newton Aycliffe over 12 years ago moving to Scotland, and returns home to offer something back to the community he grew up in.

"My interests in computers began in my early years at Greenfield Comprehensive when I was introduced to computers by Mr McGregor, my computer

studies teacher and it was his influence that led me to pursue a career in Information Technology" said Asif

It is Asif's responsibility to set up the Computer Training Centre in Newton Aycliffe, when we asked how he felt about this project he said "I have been working for Tekra for about 2 years and I have set up computer learning centre's all over the UK, but when I heard about the prospect of one in Newton Aycliffe I was very pleased as I hope to help some of my school mates and teachers to improve on their

computer skills".

The Computer Training Centre is a project in partnership with Tekra, for whom Asif works and Bishop Auckland College, Bishop Auckland College told us that all the computer courses offered at the centre will be free of charge and will cover word-processing, spreadsheets and databases, using 45 of the latest computers.

The courses are offered to everybody over 16, whether they are working or not, whether they have used a computer before or not. The aim of the project is to take the college into the community, and make available this facility to everybody.

"The job market is currently very competitive and everybody needs to constantly brush up their computer skills and this is a great way for people to get professional training at no cost and also obtain a professional City and Guilds qualification if required. From experience there will be a very high demand for these courses" explained Asif.

"This centre is an important part of the Aycliffe Learning Town Partnership" said Kim Davis, Assistant Principal of Bishop Auckland College.

"Bishop Auckland College aims to take learning opportunities to the people in the town and further developments with partners are planned for the next 2

years".

The Centre will be placed in the Thames Centre but enrolment for the free computer course is taking place at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in Beveridge Way from 13th May 1998.

For more information contact Bishop Auckland College on 01388 443000 or 01388 443030.

## Tennis Coaching

On the 25th & 26th June Greenfield School will be organising two days of Tennis Coaching as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations for Newton Aycliffe.

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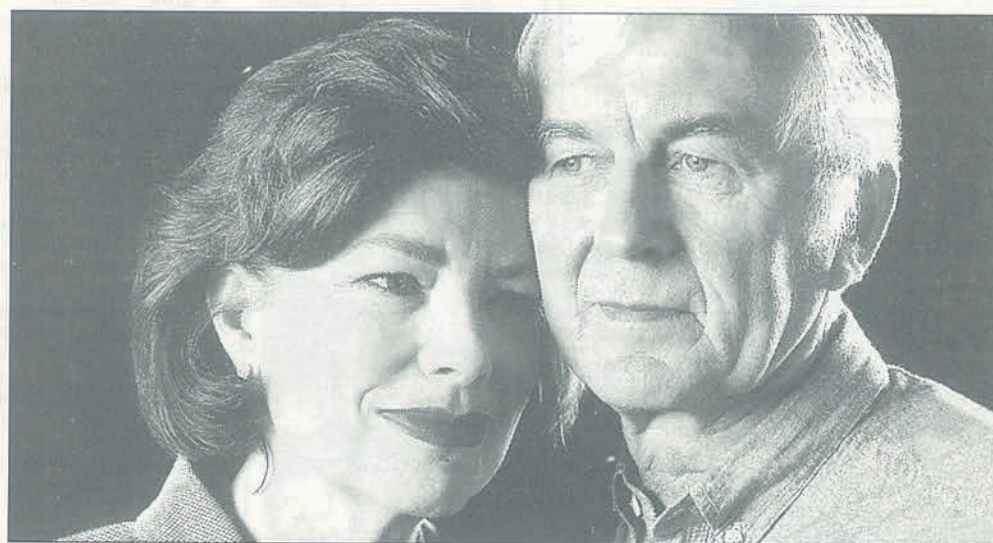
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## BRITISH LEGION WIN THE DOUBLE

The Royal British Legion did the double last weekend when they beat Half Moon in the League Cup Final and then they beat Fox & Hounds in the League to secure the two points needed to win the League Championship. In the League Cup Final everyone expected a tight hard

game but the goals came thick and fast.

After 8 minutes David Walsh opened the scoring for the Legion, the 20th minute saw Legion defender Paul Robinson handle in the box and Half Moon made it 1-1 from the spot kick.

The game was end to end and in the 30th minute Ian Swainston made in 2-1 to the Legion. In the 40th minute Legion forward Mark Delucia headed in but the goal was disallowed and from the quick free kick Half Moon went straight up field and equalised 2-2 half time.

The second half continued in the same pattern as the first as in the 47th minute Half Moon went ahead 3-2. The Legion levelled when captain Darren Griffiths netted from the penalty spot, 5 minutes later some poor defending by the Legion saw Half Moon go ahead 4-3.

The Legion pulled it level in the 65th minute when David Walsh was cynically brought down by the Half Moon goalkeeper, Darren Griffiths hammered home his second spot kick 4-4.

In the 78th minute Doug Grant put the legion in front and in the 88th minute Doug ran on to a long free kick to volley home Legions sixth and put the game beyond Half Moon. Final score 6-4 to the Legion.

Both teams gave there all in an entertaining game for the spectators. Darren Griffiths stepped up to lift the League Cup for the legion.

In the league both Legion and Fox and Hounds could end up champions depending on results, but the Legion only needed to win to take the championship title.

In a very tense game Legion could and should have had the game won with easy chances going begging.

It was very fitting that in the 86th minute following some neat football Mark Delucia crossed for man of the match Brian Gough to slide in and net the winner and the championship for the Legion. Congratulations to all the Legion team and the Management.

Reports by Keith Brassell.



## WINNING NUMBERS

Winning No's in the NASSL Grand Prize Draw on Sunday 26th April 1998 were as follows:  
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## HORNDALE HOUSE TO BE AUCTIONED

Notices have appeared in newspapers that Horndale House is to be auctioned.

# AYCLIFFE BEAT OLD RIVALS

Newton Aycliffe 14 Shildon 12

Winning ways continued for Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club this week when the players needed all their renewed spirit to beat old rivals Shildon.

The match was played at Moore Lane since Shildon's ground was considered unplayable due to the recent bad weather, even the Moore Lane pitch suffered with surface water and the going was heavy and this match saw interjections of hail stones and gale force winds.

In the first half Aycliffe were playing against the wind. Early encounters in the scrum saw the Aycliffe forwards loose their ball against the head in open play, the Shildon forwards ran hard and fast in their usual rough and ready style and the omens looked bad for the home side.

During the first half Aycliffe simply gave the ball away through a succession of handling errors and four penalties conceded saw Shildon winning 12-0 at half time. The only good news for Aycliffe at this stage was that the scrumage had improved considerably.

With the wind behind them in the second half Aycliffe began to play with more control, the Aycliffe pack

began to dominate their opposition who were pushed off their own ball. Much of the game was now being played in Shildon territory.

Dave Dent capitalised on good scrum ball and linked through to score Aycliffe's first try.

Coach Bob Malvern converted after a further strong scrumage when Shildon were pushed off their ball again, Gary Bower playing at flanker nipped at the corner to score a well deserved second try which was again beautifully converted by Malvern 'The Boot'.

This was a memorable victory not just for the result but because of a father and son appearance from Peter Sheen and his boy John. This is surely the first time that this has happened in Aycliffe's history.

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## REDWORTH VILLAGE DRAW

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# Under 14's Runners Up

Under 14's Footballers  
League Runners-up  
by 1 point deficit.

Last Friday the boys travelled to Stockton to play Hartburn Juniors needing a win to ensure at least a play-off for 2nd place with Harton Hall Drive who were also playing that evening.

As it transpired Hall Drive topped points leaving the boys clear runners-up as a result of a comprehensive 0 victory.

Hartburn were totally outplayed throughout the game by the town boys who have an outstanding team performance.

After several close attempts at goal the boys took the lead with a strong drive on edge of penalty area. Craig Mason following excellent left wing play by Matthew Abraham despite being foiled by good saves from the home keeper on a couple of occasions.

Phil Dodds increased the

lead before half-time with a close range volley into the roof of the net.

This pattern of play was similar after the interval and following good build up play Mason outran the home defence to secure his hat-trick, his 37th and 38th goals of the season the home side rallied a little as the town boys eased off, but were unable to penetrate a defence superbly marshalled by captain Keith Skinner.

This rounded off a great season for the boys who have shown great improvement and commitment this season, leaving team boss Joe Blackett to reflect on what might have been but for an outrageous home town penalty earlier in the season, which cost a victory and 2 extra points against the eventual champions.

Full squad:  
Michael Leighton, Karl Wills, Steven Brown, Neil

Robinson, Keith Skinner, Michael Middleton, John Craggs, Anthony Campbell, David Baldwin, Chase McMullen, Matthew Abraham, Philip Dodds and Craig Mason who won Player of the Year award.

## Five-a-Side

The second Newton Press Bank Holiday Five a Side Tournament proved to be an exciting affair with a keenly contested final between 'Harkers Hotshots' and 'Eastbourne United'.

'Harkers Hotshots' having already defeated the Easter Bank Holiday Champions 'Kickers' started the final as favourites and confirmed this with some enterprising play taking them to a 4-2 advantage. However an exceptional comeback was to unfold with "Eastbourne" claiming the victory by a 5-4 advantage thanks to two late goals by Adrian Cough.

# HUNTSMAN FC IN A "SHAMBLES"

Former Huntsman Director of Football Stuart Hodgson is poised to return to the Huntsman hot-seat.

Hodgson moves north after spending just 12 months in the big smoke - and he's got a job on his hands to reshape what can only be described as a shambles of a club.

Officials and playing staff have let the club down badly over the past months. Firstly the Spanish tour was cancelled due to lack of interest - and now they can't even fulfil fixtures.

Despite the fact they're set for their highest position - runners-up after the British Legion won the title last week - there must be pre-season changes.

And the reappointment of supremo Hodgson could well kick-start a realistic title challenge.

Hodgson will be back in the North East by the end of the month and it is believed Huntsman will offer him

the post following the disappearing act by manager Dave Lee.

If all goes well, Huntsman will play champions the Legion in midweek they've also got to play the Half Moon and need only a point from both games to secure their runner-up spot.

Meanwhile, Morgan Fielding has resigned from the committee and as treasurer of the club and is said to be pondering his footballing career.

## Lottery Grant for Aycliffe

Aycliffe Village Youth Club has been awarded a Lottery Grant of £2,330 for Computer equipment and a P. A. System.

# I.I.P. AWARD FOR AYCLIFFE COMPANY



Whessoe Varec has won accreditation as "Investors in People", the national scheme which helps UK companies improve business performance by encouraging continuous investment in -g. The Newton Aycliffe company has made training and personnel development a fundamental part of the company's ethos, to the benefit of both employees and customers.

Training is regarded as the linchpin of a Continuous Improvement programme started by Whessoe Varec in 1997. 'The goal is to ensure that Whessoe Varec's quality standards rank among the best in the world and the programme involves training every one of the 100 employees in the organisation.

Financial support for personnel development is available for every department in the company, and any request for training will be considered. In addition to an ongoing commitment to management and computer skills development, for example, Whessoe Varec is currently sponsoring five staff who are studying for MBA'S.

The IIP award was made on 5th May by Dr. David Hall Chief Executive of the Co. Durham Training & Enterprise Council (TEC) to Mr Gene Geraci, Managing Director of Whessoe Varec. The TEC played a key role in helping Whessoe Varec gain recognition, which culminates in an inspection by external consultants who interview at least 30% of the staff to make sure that the culture change has taken place.

The company, which designs and manufactures instrumentation for the oil and gas industry, joins an elite band of local organisations, less than 2% of companies in County Durham, having achieved IIP recognition.

## UNDER 11's FOOTBALL

Aycliffe Under 11's - 0  
Cleveland Juniors - 7

Last week, Aycliffe Under 11's finished their league programme with a creditable performance against league champions Cleveland Juniors. The lads tore into the opposition from the start and were unlucky when Liam Cooper's fierce shot was fumbled by the goalkeeper but Anthony Ross couldn't quite reach the rebound. Cleveland's superior skills eventually led to regular goals

but just before the break, both Carl Robinson & Lee Montgomery had shots just off target.

In the second half, coach Alan Johnston took the opportunity to give all squad members a run-out and the overall result was no disgrace against a very skilful, organised side. Carl Robinson took the 'man of the match' award for his midfield trickery. All the lads are now looking forward to their half-term trip to Blackpool to compete against other national under 11 teams in the prestigious Lytham St. Anne's tournament.

## Flapping Returns

"Flapping" comes to Witton Castle on Sunday 24th May at 3pm. The races are back in England for the first time in 40 years.

Horses from all over Britain will compete in flat races for prize money totalling £2,800 donated by local businesses. It is a real family day out with betting, sideshows Bar, refreshments and entertainment for the children.

Entrance fee is £3 with £1 for Senior Citizens and children under 12 Free.

The event is run outside Jockey Club rules, but it is very professional and controlled by stewards.

## Village Hall Saved?

Redworth Village Hall, threatened with closure after lack of support, gained a new lease of life for 6 months at the extraordinary meeting last Sunday.

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**ELLEN DIXON** Died 10th May 1990. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Loved and remembered every day, God bless Mam. Daughter Pat, son-in-law Doug and all the family  
**HARRY BARTLETT** 21st May 1996. Sadly missed, remembered by family, children, grandchildren & Jean  
**GEORGE REAY** - Dad - Died 19th May 1996.  
**GLADYS REAY** - Mam - Died 7th June 1991. No words I write could ever reveal, how much I miss you both and how I feel. To hear both your voices and to see you smile again, and sit and talk to you both again for a while. I miss you more than anyone knows. I hide my tears, to know I have no Mam or Dad to speak to, I love you both so much, I can't get over the death of you both and never will. Your loving daughter Betty, son-in-law John, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a very special great grand child, Chloe Flack

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**KEVIN WRIGHT** 17th May. Wherever you are Kevin, my thoughts are with you today and always, love Alice XX  
**KEVIN WRIGHT** 17th May, daddy I still love you very much, I long for a cuddle to feel your touch, but Jesus needed you up above, so now all I can do is send my love. Happy birthday daddy, your ever loving son, Mitchell Joseph  
**JACK LAND** Died 17th May 1987. Deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day, your loving wife Vera  
**JACK LAND** Died 17th May 1987. As time goes by the emptiness grows, we miss you more than anyone knows. We hide our tears as we speak your name, and in our hearts you will always remain, much loved father of Denise, David, father-in-law of Steve and Sharon, grandad of Liam, David and Laura

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**KEVIN WRIGHT** - 17th May. Uncle Kev that's up so high, we blow a kiss up to the sky. Happy Birthday, hugs & kisses Michael, Matthew, Bethany & Nieve XXX  
**KEVIN WRIGHT** - 17th May No cards, presents or words to say, on what should have been your special day. Flowers and love are all we can give, these you shall have as long as we live. We love and miss you Karen & Aison XXX - your devoted sisters.

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**RYAN CLEGG** - Happy 18th Birthday. 'Time for your first legal drink' Lots of love Amanda, Darren & Reece.  
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**DOUGLAS** - Happy 30th Birthday to the best Mam in the world all my love Charlotte.  
**DOUGLAS** - With love on your 30th Birthday Deborah, have a good one, Claire.  
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**MARIE & ANDREW** - Congratulations to you both on your Wedding Day (16/5/98), and wishing you every happiness. Love from Joanne & Jordan.  
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**ABBEY** - Happy 4th Birthday. Lots of love from your Sister Holly XX  
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**SCOTT GARNER** - Happy 18th Birthday (19/5/98). All our love Mam, Dad & Stuart XXX  
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**HAPPY 16th Birthday** Tara love Gemma & Vikki XXX  
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**JOHN & JULIE** - A Boy 10/5/98. Wishing you all lots of love and happiness. Lesley, Anthony, Kevin, Shaun & Becky.  
**HAPPY Birthday** Kenny, all my love always Linda XXX  
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 Down in the bottom league Joe McTague won all of his games proving he could be a youngster to watch in the future. He was also a winner of the Upex Squash balls along with:-  
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Thank you

**I WISH TO** thank all of my family, relatives and friends for making my 80th Birthday one to remember always. Many thanks also for the lovely cards, gifts and flowers. Emmie Dunn.  
**LEEANNE** - Thank you for our beautiful daughter born 11th May. Courtney Jade. Love you both forever Shane.  
**SHANE & LEEANNE** thank you for a beautiful and perfect granddaughter 'Courtney Jade' born May 11th. Mam and Dad Woods.  
**AUNTY JUE-JUE**, Uncle John - thank you for our cousin Morgan. Lots of love Kendra, Michael XX  
**DONNA & BRI** would like to say thanks for the kindness shown on the birth of baby Bobbie.  
**THANKS** for everyone's help when I was knocked off my bike on Thursday at the Youth Centre round-about, especially Adrien (Thames Centre Butchers) and Karen for all the running about! Also to the Ambulance men and Police. Yvonne.  
**A BIG THANK YOU** to all family and friends for making my christening such a wonderful day and a special thank you to my God Parents Auntie Julie, Auntie Gwen, Lisa, David, Karen, Nanna and Grandad. Nanna your simply the best. Love and kisses Keaten Shaw XXX  
**A BIG THANK YOU** to our Mam, Julie and Gwen for all your help Love Mandy and Anthony XXX  
**CANT** - Joyce, Stephen, Peter and families would like to thank every body for all the cards and flowers which we received for James who sadly passed away on May 2nd 1998. A special thank you to Ward 8, Sedgefield Hospital, the carers who also devoted their time to Jim, the British Legion for everything they have done and Geoff for the services he provided. We would also like to thank the Reverend Colin Jay from St. Claire's church. Jim will be sadly missed but always in our hearts and thoughts.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Praise for Founder Chairman Anne

Dear Sir,  
I would be very grateful if you could publish the following letter in the Newton News by way of a small tribute to Anne and the wonderful work she has done over the last two years.

On behalf of the Committee and indeed all of the members of The Acorn Players, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Anne Harland for all of the effort and devotion she has put into getting The Acorn Players off the ground.



Anne is standing down as Chairman of the group, a position she has held since she helped found it just over two years ago. Words cannot express the immense amount of time, energy and commitment Anne has given freely in order to fulfil the

requests of many Towns people - to provide good old family entertainment once again in Newton Aycliffe. Thank you doesn't seem enough, but I hope we can show our appreciation by carrying on the good work, with the support of the local community. Thank You Anne. After two successful Pantomimes and our first Easter show, we are now starting to prepare for our next production in November - Aladdin. We are always on the look out for new talent, in both the Young and the Young at Heart: on stage [singing, dancing and acting] and back stage [making scenery & costumes or just lending a hand]. So if you are game for a laugh, but can commit to one evening a week, come and see us - we meet every Wednesday at 7.30p.m. in Woodham Comprehensive School - and help us keep up the good work. Once again, Many Thanks to Anne, and I hope I can do half as good a job.  
Yours Sincerely  
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