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It starts with a Giant Community and Industrial Fair occupying two large halls in the Leisure Centre. This great event, with nearly 100 exhibitors, is organised by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe. Admission is free and the Leisure Centre is also using this occasion to hold a general "Open Day". They will be staging numerous activities and displays - ALL FREE! (More details next week.) The Community Fair will be very interesting with many of the Towns organisations

taking stalls to display their activities. Schools will be well represented as will service organisations and voluntary groups. Some of our main industrial concerns are also taking exhibition space. Throughout the day Town groups will entertain visitors with dance displays and other demonstrations. The Rotary Club have worked hard to stage this event as their contribution to the Towns 50th Anniversary. They have also organised the final event of the 8 day programme - an Interdenominational Service

of Thanksgiving. In co-operation with the Town's Church leaders the hour-long Service will involve popular hymns led by our Town Band. Children will provide a 70 strong choir representing all junior schools in Great Aycliffe.

It is hoped that Tony Blair will be attending to give an address, but this depends on National or International events not taking precedence. But, it is hoped, if our MP can't attend that the Towns' ex MP, Derek Foster, will deputise.

Newton Aycliffe's first official residents Don and Eve Perry will be present and Mr. Perry will read one of the lessons.

Bernard Robinson, Tallent's MD representing Industry, will also read one of the lessons. An 'Aycliffe Angel' and two pupils from Woodham & Greenfield Comprehensives will also take part in the service. Among the many dignitaries led by our Mayors will be the Bishops of Durham and Hexham.

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A video record of the Town's 50th celebrations is to be made. The video work has been generously sponsored by the Commission for New Towns.

The main events of the weeks celebrations in June will be covered but Great Aycliffe Council would like to hear from anyone who has video or 8mm footage, or knows of major events in Newton Aycliffe since 1948 - please contact Mr. Rice on 300700.

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Mary Nolan of Bewick Crescent married Andrew Cullen of Coxhoe on 16th May at St Mary's Church. It was touch and go whether the Wedding could be held at St Mary's, as major alterations at the Church were behind schedule and a massive effort by volunteers was required to get it cleaned up for Mary and Andrew's big day.

Wedding guests also helped and it was finished with two hours to spare - just enough time to get home and put on their best clothes for the occasion. Father Weymes, realising the Church wouldn't be ready for the Wedding, called on his parishioners to help complete the work.

He was overwhelmed by the response and he thanks all those who worked hard to get St Mary's ready for the young couple.

The photo by Newton News photographer Andy Banks, was taken at the reception held at Hardwick Hall.

OPEN INVITATION TO ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL GOLF DAY

The Annual Charity Golf Day organised by the Rotary Club is to be held at Darlington Golf Club. (Haughton Grange), on Thursday 25th June.

It will be an Individual Stableford Competition with the usual prizes for winners and runners-up plus special prizes for longest drive and nearest the pin. The entry fee is only £15 per player which is excellent value for a days golf at one of the North's best courses. The Rotary Club acknowledge the generosity of the members of Darlington Golf Club for allowing use of their course

at a reduced fee. Golfers will know it costs more than the fee asked for this competition to play at Darlington.

The facilities at the Club will be open to entrants with a bar and refreshments available all day. Good quality meals at very reasonable prices are a feature at Darlington and there are available on competition of the round. Entry Forms are available from Newton Press - Tel: 300212. (After Hours 01388 778894).

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AN ODE TO CLEANER WOODHAM COMP. FIELDS

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR VILLAGE ANNUAL SHOW

Heighington Show Society are planning to hold the Annual Show this year on Saturday August 22, promising a good family day event, with a few extra classes to enter plus further attractions for everyone. Free entries on the day for the children's Fancy Dress competition, 6 years and under and 7 years and over. Children's sports include the Sack race, Egg and Spoon race, Three-leg race, Balloon between the legs race and Wellie throwing for under 16's and over 16's.

There will be a Tug-of-War, and a Balloon Race, plus a Scout Barbecue.

The class for the Best Hanging Basket to be judged at your own home, must be entered before show day.

The Dog Show starts at 2pm on the Village Green with an extra class this year for any variety Dog or Bitch (confined to Heighington Parish.) Home made refreshments will be available at the hall all day.

A Treasure Hunt (walking) around the Village is on Wednesday July 1st at 7pm. Meet outside the Village Hall. Tickets are £2.50 each.

A Wine and Cheese evening is to be held on July 24th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The next show meeting will be Tuesday July 21 in the Village Hall Committee Room at 8pm.

LETTER

LADIES FOOTBALL

Dear Editor,
Please may I bring to the attention of ladies of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas that we are proposing to form a ladies football team at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club at Moore Lane. The Club has excellent facilities which include playing surfaces, practise areas, which include a floodlit training area, good changing facilities with showers, all of which complement a very well appointed clubhouse with a great social sporting atmosphere.

The ladies football team have the full support and backing of the club management Committee. Newton Aycliffe Sports club is dedicated to promoting sport for seniors, juniors, males and females at football, rugby, cricket and archery and hope soon to reintroduce netball.

Ladies over the age of 14 are very welcome to form what is intended to be a club committed to playing football and enjoying a good social environment.

Ladies who may not wish to play football but would like to come along and help in the organisation of the club, or those who would like to come and get fit, make new friends or just to watch will be made very welcome.

Anyone interested please ring Claire on 01325 321768, Tara 300538 or Newton Aycliffe Sports Club on 312768. Yours faithfully
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Ramblers in County Durham can go over the water to Gibraltar without leaving the UK this summer.

But the destination is not the famous Mediterranean holiday sunspot - it's on the County Durham border, with Northumberland, not far from Blanchland.

It is one of almost 80 walks drawn together for the summer by Durham County Council ranging from an easy one mile stroll around Barnard Castle to a 13 mile hard hike around the pikes in Weardale.

The trip 'Over the Water to Gibraltar' is an eight mile medium walk led by voluntary countryside ranger and local historian David Butler starting from Blanchland car park on Sunday, July 19.

For the less intrepid, there are easy two mile evening strolls around Durham, a bat watch along the River Tees with Durham Bat Group, a chance to meet the farmer at both Cotherstone and Bowes, see the changing face of Seaham, or discover the botanical secrets of the magnesium limestone around Bishop Middleham. For those who may prefer a good book, there's a six mile literary walk based on Sir Walter Scott's Rokeby starting from the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, in July.

The walks give people a chance to see the countryside guided by a leader, explore new areas and meet new people.

Tickets, at £1 with a 50p concession, are available

on the day, but some events need to be booked in advance.

A Guided Walks in County Durham leaflet listing all the walks from June to August is available from local libraries, Tourist Information Centres, the Environment and Technical Services Department and Help Desk at County Hall, Durham, or tel: 0191 383 4144.

Sculpture & Textile Exhibition

Three local artists have combined their talents to hold an exhibition of paintings, sculpture and textiles at Spennymoor Town Hall from Saturday, 23rd May to Sunday 31st May.

Frances Mullarkey, Sarah Tonks and Susan Warlock have created a sculpture in wood as a centrepiece for the exhibition which takes its title from an eleventh century Indian Tantric text.

Individual paintings, textiles, three dimensional collages and sculptures by the three artists make up the exhibition. It's theme is creativity, feminine power and the duality of male and female.

Susan Warlock, originally from Easington, said "My work is an escape from the ordinary, the plain and the normal. My three dimensional work is always experimental and I enjoy combining materials such as glass, tissue and metal".

Frances Mullarkey held a successful exhibition in Spennymoor in 1996 and said, "For this exhibition I have turned my attention to the inner female aspect of mankind and to feminine powers in mythical worlds. I have tried to express these ideas through colour, movement and change".

Sedgefield Borough Council has commissioned the exhibition which is part of the Festival of Life in Sedgefield Borough. The exhibition is being held in the Memorial Room, Spennymoor Town Hall and most exhibits are for sale. Opening times are 9.30am to 4.30pm daily from Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st May. Admission is free.

For further information please contact Pauline Murray, Arts Development Officer, Sedgefield Borough Council on (01388) 816166.

Children's Society Cake Bake

An event to raise funds for the Children's Society is to be held in St. Clare's Church Hall on Saturday 6th June, from 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a home-made cake stall, refreshments and other attractions.

Please come along to support this event for the work of the children's Society, who run many schemes working with disadvantaged children, teenagers and families in their own community.

38,000 Old People Live Alone in the Co. Durham

Imagine how it must feel to wake each morning with nothing to look forward to - with no-one to see, nowhere to go and nothing to do.

Thousands of older people in Durham have experienced this feeling.

Loneliness is all too common amongst older people, who are more likely to live alone than any other age group.

A third of older people are widowed and many have to face living alone for the first time in their lives after they lose their partners. Help the Aged has launched a new free leaflet this week. Living Alone Safely aims to help those 38,000 older people living alone in Durham, suggesting steps to alleviate loneliness and enjoy life.

The leaflet, endorsed by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS), includes tips on how to get more out of life such as joining a day centre, starting evening classes, becoming a volunteer or buying a pet.

The leaflet also looks at keeping safe at home by reducing accidents. The risk

of having an accident at home rises sharply with age.

People aged 75 and over are 15 times more likely to have a fatal accident at home than the rest of the population. However, most accidents are preventable.

As well as safety advice, Living Alone Safely also gives tips on combating fear of crime, preparing for emergencies, finding help at home, getting around independently, keeping warm during winter, and money and housing options.

"There are steps older people can take to feel less lonely and more comfortable about living alone. There is no reason why older people cannot feel safe, secure and happy in their own home," says Moya Alcock, information officer at Help the Aged.

A FREE copy of Living Alone Safely is available from all Help the Aged shops or by sending a S.A.E. to the Information Department (Alone), Help the Aged, St James's Walk, Clerkenwell Green, London, EC1R 0BE.

Great Great Grandson First to Visit War Grave

A Trimdon teenager's detective work in Belgium led him to become the first member of his family in 82 years to visit the First World War grave of his great-great-grandfather.

Thirteen-year-old Graeme Fellows was on a study tour of the Western Front with Sedgefield Community College and had been told by his grandfather, Jim, about Sgt. Robert Fellows, of Trimdon Colliery, who was fatally wounded a few miles from Ypres on February 19, 1916.

Sgt. Fellows was among four Sergeants of 'A' Company, 5th Battalion DLI who were killed or received fatal injuries when a German artillery shell hit Blauwe Poort Farm. He was buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery but his widow, Mary Jane, never saw his grave.

When Graeme, of Deaf Hill, arrived in Ypres for the school party he asked how to find out about his great-great-grandfather and was directed by his teachers John Davison and Paul Russell to the office

of the Commonwealth War Grave Commission in Ypres. During a free hour in the town, Graeme visited the office and was given the name of the cemetery but it was only by chance that same evening that the school group, which was visiting Poperinghe, passed the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery.

During the unscheduled stop, Graeme was quickly able to locate the grave, take photographs and a rubbing of the inscription - Ever remembered by his wife and family.

These are to be displayed in a special exhibition, organised jointly by Sedgefield Community college and Steve Shannon, museum assistant at the DLI Museum who accompanied the study tour to Belgium, in Sedgefield Library in June.

It will show examples of work done by the young people, photographs, maps and items such as shrapnel balls, shell splinters, buttons and bullets, found by the youngsters on the battlefields.

Woolworths Cycle the World



Over 100 branches of Woolworths, including our own store in the Town Centre, took part in a 10 hour Sponsored Exercise Bike Marathon last Saturday. John Saint, Manager, along with staff and volunteers, biked a total of 143 miles, raising £215 for "Whizz Kids" a charity which specialises in providing mobility aids to disabled children.

Photo: Andrew Banks

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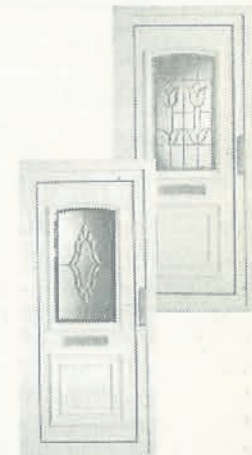
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In the next ten minutes, neither side made any progress. The Legion looked the most dangerous, and in the 20th minute Mark Delucia beat his man and hammered home number two.

Huntsman fell further behind in the 31st minute when Mark Delucia netted his second and Legions third 3-0.

Huntsman had a few quick

breaks but it was the Legion who were in command and right on half-time Trevor Cooke scored his second and Legions fourth 4-0.

The second half was a poor affair with the Legion strolling through as a mere formality. Dave Taylor did increase the Legions lead in the 60th minute when he ran through to hammer the ball in from close range 5-0.

The game then was over for both sides and it was nice to hear the final whistle of a drab second half. Man of the Match was Mark Delucia.

So the Legions season closed with the ASE Cup, the League Cup and League

Title Championship in the trophy cabinet plus sweet victory over local rivals the Huntsman.

Next season will be harder for the Legion because success like that is a hard act to follow.

The whole of the Legion squad deserves praise, as do George and Ronnie, otherwise known as derman-age-ment'.

Congratulations to all - report by Keith Brassell.

ASK'S 2nd A.G.M.

Everyone is invited to attend the second Annual General Meeting of A.S.K. (Aycliffe Support in the 'Kommunity'), to be held at The Silverdale Community House on Wednesday, 10th June at 7.00pm. - Everyone is welcome to attend.

PEOPLE AND PATTERNS

A hugely successful exhibition revealing the hidden secrets of a forgotten County Durham industry is weaving its magic on tour.

People and Patterns, which brought the carpet making industry of Barnard Castle to life at the Josephine and John Bowes Museum during Visual Arts Year, is now on show in the textiles heartland of West Yorkshire.

The exhibition, which allowed visitors to see for the first time examples of carpets in the Bowes Museum's own collection, is now running at the University of Huddersfield.

Considerable interest in the exhibition, which continues until July 17, is expected from the many textile companies still thriving in Huddersfield and West Yorkshire.

University lecturer and textile designer, Catherine Atkinson - who lives in Barnard Castle - said: "The fact that the exhibition comes from The Bowes Museum - to Huddersfield historically replicates the connection between the two towns over 150 years ago."

"In 1849, the Asiatic cholera epidemic in Barnard Castle killed so many of the factory workers that the industry was decimated."

"Census returns of 1861 show a significant number of the town's weavers relocated to the Huddersfield area where the textile industry was thriving."

"In many ways, it is only right that the exhibition comes to Huddersfield and we are proud to play host to it," she said.

Modern reproductions of double cloth carpet, woven by textile design students at the university from the original designs will be on display and two students, with help from the Prince's Trust, are successfully manufacturing reproduction carpets based on the historic Bowes Museum collection.

Barnard Castle carpets were distinctive. Woven in a range of colourful geometric designs, they had no pile and

were reversible.

The industry flourished in the small market town and in 1836 there were six companies and 428 looms recorded. In 1839, one firm alone was selling to 25 retailers in central London. Today's closest equivalent is the Welsh 'tapestry' used in bedspreads, waistcoats and bags.

A book, People and Patterns published by The Friends of the Bowes Museum, in conjunction with the university, accompanies the exhibition and provides new evidence and information about textiles, design, industrial and social history of the 19th Century.

LOOKING FOR BEST POST OFFICE

The hunt is on to find which of the region's 2,700 post offices will be crowned the best in the community. Last year the title went to High Colliery Post Office in Seaham, County Durham, which went on to represent Post Office Counters North East region in the national final of the Best Post Office in the Community.

Over 8,000 customers wrote in to nominate their post offices for an award, not only for the excellent service and amenities they provide, but for the special role they play in their local communities. Regional General Manager for Post Office Counters, Mr Don Grey, said: "The competition is now in its fifth year and every year customers grasp the opportunity to tell us how much they appreciate the service they receive and the work our staff and subpostmasters carry out in their communities."

"We want to reward people in those offices who give that bit more. A tremendous amount of work goes on above and beyond the call of duty which is unrecognised and the Best Post Office in the Community awards provide the ideal opportunity for customers to draw attention to it." Customers can make nominations for the award by filling in the entry forms available at their post office from June 1st. The closing date for entries in June 27th.

SUNDERLAND SUPPORTERS BRANCH AGM

Newton Aycliffe branch of the Sunderland AFC Supporters Club is to hold its AGM on Saturday 6th June at the Royal British Legion Club, McMillan Rd., starting at 12.30. All members are requested to attend and any new members are welcome. Any members who renew their membership before or at the AGM will be entitled to FREE transport on the 1st home game bus of next season.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB SCOREBOARD

23/5/98 - N/Aycliffe 1st XI v Raby Castle 1st XI
Match sponsored by Great Lakes Chemicals
Raby Castle 107 all out (32.5) - John Williams 4 for 6.
Newton Aycliffe 108 for 4 (23 overs) - Steve Davison 46, John Williams 28, Kevin Mitche 18 not out.

23/5/98 - Brompton-on-Swale v N/Aycliffe 2nd XI
Match sponsored by Darlington Heat Treatment
Brompton 88 all out (28.3 overs) - Peter Coleby 7 for 29.
Newton Aycliffe 56 all out (31.3 overs) - Peter Coleby 13.

20/5/98 - N/Aycliffe 1st XI v Aldbrough St John 1st XI
LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINAL
Newton Aycliffe 144 for 7 (20 overs) - Nigel Dargue 72 (50 in 31 balls), Glen Williams 17, Dave Bennett 12 not out.
Aldbrough St John 133 all out (19.5 overs) - John Williams 3 for 58, Glen Williams 5 for 38.

21/5/98 - N/Aycliffe Juniors v Evenwood Juniors
Newton Aycliffe 86 for 6 (20 overs) - Steve Robson 31, Rob Clarke 21. - Evenwood 87 for 0 (17 overs).

CHESS CONTEST ORGANISED FOR TOWN'S SCHOOLCHILDREN

Entries are invited for the above named competition which will take place at Stephenson Way Primary School on Saturday, June 13th commencing 10am.

Entries are invited from children attending schools in Newton Aycliffe, Aycliffe Village and Heighington (entry forms available from Stephenson Way Primary School).

The only requirement for entry (which is free) is that children can play chess!

There will be five rounds, each round being of 40 minutes duration. No child will be knocked out and children will play in all five rounds. There will be three categories: Under 9, Under 12 and Under 7.

In each category individual trophies will be provided for 1st and 2nd places and an engraved shield, which will be retained by the winning child's school, to be relinquished at next year's tournament. All

entrants will receive a certificate.

Children should arrive no later than 9.30am for registration. Accompanying adults (children must not be unaccompanied and adults should stay throughout) will not be allowed onto the playing area but will be afforded a viewing point. (The organisers cannot accept responsibility for the safety of children on the day).

Children will require a packed lunch and small change for refreshments which will be on sale.

It is anticipated that the tournament will finish between 3pm & 3.30pm (although it could be earlier if games are short lived).

The Tournament has the support of Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, J & C Coaches, Bishop Auckland Chess Club and Durham County Chess Association.

ROCKY HORROR SHOW COMES TO DARLINGTON CIVIC THEATRE

1998 celebrates the silver jubilee of Richard O'Briens classic rock 'n' roll musical, The Rocky Horror Show starring Jason Donovan as Frank n Furter. Erupting with rocking rudeness and exploding with the immortal hits, Sweet Transvestite, Damn It Janet and of course, the Time Warp, this unstoppable hit musical celebrates its 25th Anniversary year with the biggest bash of all.

In June 1973, the legend was born at the Royal Court Theatre. In June 1998, The New Rocky Horror Show plays Darlington. There's a double star bill when Jason Donovan is joined by the definitive narrator, Nicholas Parsons. Nicholas is returning to the tour by popular demand, and Darlington is the first venue to benefit from the unforgettable sight of Nicholas' fishnetted knees!

This is an outrageous raunchy roller-coaster of a show, the virility of which is as much a feature of the audience participation as to the antics on stage. Tickets are in hot demand and anyone wishing to witness the sheer staying power of a legendary show that is still keeping it up after twenty five years should call (01325) 486555 as soon as possible.

The New Rocky Horror Show arrives at Darlington Civic Theatre on Monday 8 June and plays until Saturday 13 June.

The show plays Monday to Thursday at 7.30pm and there are two performances on Friday and Saturday at 6pm and 9pm. The show is not suitable for children.

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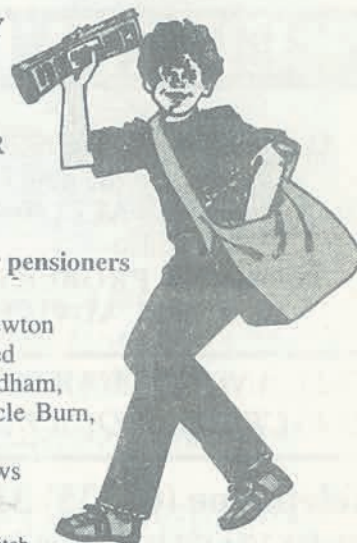
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In recognition of the need for young adults to express themselves and enjoy stimulating experiences outside the classroom, Darlington Arts is hosting a brand new dance class aimed at 14-21 year olds. This is the first time that such classes have been provided for this age group at the Arts Centre.

The Youth Dance Group with Julia Murray takes place in the Dance Studio at Darlington Arts Centre on Wednesday evenings between 7.30 and 8.30pm. Sessions cost only £2 each, and last for ten weeks, beginning on May 20. On July 22, the date of the last session, an informal performance will take place. Each session includes an hour's contemporary dance technique class followed by an hour of creative exploration. Regular attendees will be able to build up a technique base and try out and enjoy an eclectic programme of dances with a contemporary emphasis. The class is aimed towards young adults with an interest in dance regardless of experience.

Stephen Wiper, Education & Outreach Officer of Darlington Arts says, "Julia Murray has extensive experience as a contemporary dancer who has worked as a professional dancer and director/choreographer of a small-scale touring company. This is the first time we have organised this class and we hope it may develop into a dynamic youth dance group. If this course is as popular as we expect, we hope to continue this into the future so that participants will have the opportunity to create their own compositions and to work with practising professionals. We'd like young adults with an interest in dance to get involved now, at the beginning of the project."

For young adults with a passion for performance, Darlington Arts also hosts Friday Youth Theatre with Deborah Meki, which takes place on Friday evenings between 7 and 9pm. Sessions are £2 and are also aimed towards 14 to 21 year-olds. Deborah is an experienced drama teacher who is keen to develop a dynamic young drama group. Deborah takes over last year's extremely successful Youth Theatre Group from Stewart Leeming and is eager to continue to provide aspiring actors and drama enthusiasts with creative opportunities.

GARAGES COMPETE



Gregg Little and Brewsters Garage staff enjoy friendly rivalry at a Bowling Night out together.

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PORCELAIN COLLECTION AT BOWES

A flavour of a unique collection of 18th Century Continental porcelain from the celebrated Josephine and John Bowes Museum has been drawn together for a special booklet.

Called The Enid Goldblatt Collection of Continental Porcelain, the booklet is published by County Durham Books, the publishing arm of Durham County Council's Arts, Libraries and Museums Department.

Written by Tracey Avery, it looks at the collection which was acquired by the Barnard Castle Museum in 1988 to prevent it going abroad.

Colour and black and white photographs feature pieces from the 465-item collection from about 80 factories and 13 countries.

The items range from beads and gaming counters to egg cups and a chess piece but major factories of Meissen and Sevres are not neglected.

Elizabeth Conran, curator of The Bowes Museum, said:

"The booklet is an excellent introduction to porcelain collecting as well as being an invaluable guide to visitors following the porcelain trail and a wonderful souvenir."

"The whole of the Enid Goldblatt collection is on view in The Bowes Museum and is easily identified by a gold stripe on the identification labels."

Enid Goldblatt, who visited and admired The Bowes Museum, had her fascination for porcelain ignited on her marriage to barrister Simon Goldblatt when they received 12 pieces of 18th Century porcelain - all that remained of a varied collection by her father-in-law, David.

She soon set about collecting again, and with Simon, set about attempting to acquire at least one item dating from before 1800 from every significant European porcelain factory.

Working to tight budget, they bought from markets, mystery lots in sales catalogues, shops and dealers and the collection was a product of their tenacity and expert judgement.

Enid Goldblatt died suddenly in 1983, 23 years after starting to assemble a uniquely comprehensive collection.

The Enid Goldblatt Collection of Continental Porcelain, published by County Durham Books, price £2.95, is available from the Josephine and John Bowes Museum, libraries and local book shops.

LEEDS AFC SUPPORTERS HOLD AGM

The Darlington and District branch of the Leeds United Supporters Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 31st May at 7.30pm at the Oak Tree, Newton Aycliffe.

The meeting is open to all Leeds United supporters, for more information contact Lynne Snowden on 01388 777410 or Kim Rowling on 01325 320876.

Taekwondo Gold Medal

Darlington Chungdokwan Taekwondo again had a marvellous success at the Judgement Day Open competition held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre last Sunday.

Katey Wallace, who recently won major honours in Helsinki won Gold Medal in her weight division in the Olympic sport of Taekwondo, along with Kris Martin, Junior Gold medalist and Tony Douthwaite who won Gold Medal in the Individual Pattern Competition for beginners.

All the students train at Darlington Chungdokwan Club, the Activity Centre, Gladstone Street, Darlington, but there is also a Club in Newton Aycliffe. For further information tel: 0411 615972.

Try the New Aycliffe Walk

A sponsored family walk along the new 5 mile Aycliffe Way is being organised by Peter Beaty in aid of 'Help the Aged' and Newton Aycliffe youth Centre.

This will be an opportunity to try out this new walkway which passes through some beautiful countryside in Newton Aycliffe.

Individuals, groups and families are invited to join the walk which starts at 10am on Sunday 5th July. If you obtain sponsorship the money received will benefit both young and old in Newton Aycliffe. Please ring Peter Beaty for your form(s) on 313924.

Could You be a Foster Carer?

In conjunction with National Foster Carer Association fortnight, 1st June to 14th June 1998, Durham County Fostering & Adoption Team South intend to hold a series of Coffee Mornings in the Southern half of the County.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster carer is welcome to come along and meet like-minded people which may stimulate their interest further.

Venues are: Tuesday 2nd June at the Royal British Legion Club, McMillan Rd., Newton Aycliffe; Thursday 4th June at the Town Hall, Bishop Auckland; Wednesday 10th June at the Community Room, Social Services Office, Croft St, Crook and Thursday 11th June at the Town Hall, Spennymoor. All are between 10am and 12 noon and you are invited to attend any, or all, of the sessions arranged.

For more details contact - John Smith on 311593.

NEW INHALER FOR CHILDREN



Bart Simpson is among a host of TV, cartoon and movie characters lending their weight in a bid to rid the playground of the stigma linked to asthma!

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Birthday Remembrance

WILLIAM TURNBULL 27-5-51. Thinking of you on your birthday, lots of love, Yvonne, Nicola and Anthony XXX

Deaths

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ARCHER - MORTON Congratulations Anth and Angela have a great time, love Sharon and Evan XX

ARCHER - MORTON Anthony and Angela congratulations on your wedding day, see you soon, love Jay Lea and Oliver X

DAVID VIGGERS Hip hip hooray my Grandad is 50 today, 4-6-98, lots of love and sloppy kisses, Gabrielle XXX

DAVID VIGGERS Happy 50th birthday, "Big Guy", luv n stuff, Davy XXX

DAVID VIGGERS Congratulations on your 50th birthday dad, loads of love Claire and David XX

KEITH & LYNDIA Congratulations on your beautiful daughter, love Julie, Andy, Helen and Kev XXX

PEACOCK, Kennedy Lea (29-5-97) happy 1st birthday to a special little girl with love from Uncle Mark and Val

PEACOCK, Kennedy (29-5-97) happy 1st birthday to our beautiful granddaughter with love Grandma and Grandad

PEACOCK, Kennedy Lea 29-5-97. Happy 1st birthday sweetheart, love you lots from Nanna, Ronnie and Uncle Gareth X

PEACOCK, Kennedy 29-5-97 happy 1st birthday to our little princess, loads of love Mammy and Daddy XX

JAMIE GIBSON To our lovely little boy, happy birthday, love Mammy and Daddy

JAMIE GIBSON happy 5th birthday little brother, love from Kirsty

JOHNSON Francesca Louise to our little Tinkerbell on your 3rd birthday, love you very much, love Nana, Gaga and Terri-Ann XXX

JOHNSON Francesca Louise to our little Shirley Temple on your 3rd birthday on the 31st May, with huge hugs and kisses, lots of love Mammy and Daddy XXX

JOANNE POOLEY Happy 30th birthday lots of love Michelle and Sam

DANIEL HOPPS Happy 13th birthday Daniel, 30-5-98, loads of luv n stuff from Mam XXX

DANIEL HOPPS Happy 13th birthday, "big bruv" 30-5-95, loads of luv n stuff from Katie-Simone XXX

PAULA & CRAIG Congratulations on the safe arrival of our grandson, Jake, good luck and happiness always, Mam & Dad Laughton

MARC HAY All the best on your 21st birthday, sorry marc, lost photo, love Nana D

WATKINS 29-5-98, happy birthday Daddy, love from your little princess, Leigh-Ann XX

LEANNE RUST Happy 18th birthday, June 2nd, lots of love Mum, dad and Kirsty

REBECCA HALL Happy 16th birthday Rebecca for the 3-6-98, lots of love and kisses from Nana Scoones, Auntie Jacqueline, Uncle Trevor and Uncle Mark + all your cousins

REBECCA HALL Happy 16th birthday Rebecca for the 3-6-98, lots of love and kisses from Mam, Garry, sister Sarah and brother Peter

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EBDON, Stephen to a special brother, 16 today, love Jodi, Amy and Darryn

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KEVIN NOBBS



30th May 1998
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Matthew Fisk



Happy 25th Birthday 31st May, 1998
Love you always, Leanne XXX

David Viggers



4th June, 1998
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Joanne Pooley



Happy 30th Birthday Joanne, all our love Mam and Dad XX

EBDON, Stephen happy 16th birthday (good luck in your exams and future) love Grans, Grandads, Aunties and Uncles and friends

HEAVY ROCK EXHIBITION

Customised bike helmets, painted leather jackets and album cover illustrations graphically illustrate the power and energy of heavy metal rock art at Durham Art Gallery. Sound and Fury, which runs until June 21, at the Aykley Heads gallery, is the first exhibition to examine the art and iconography of the music phenomenon.

Album cover artwork, framed picture discs, horror film installations and tour T-shirts, rub shoulders with customised bike accessories, tattoo photographs, jewellery and comic illustrations featuring big names of heavy metal such as Alice Cooper, Judas Priest, Black Sabbath, Whitesnake, Thin Lizzy and Led Zeppelin. The touring exhibition from Cartwright Hall, Bradford, even includes a giant skull. Heavy metal art has origins in Viking and Celtic cultures, while Pharonic Egyptian imagery, the lifestyle of Native Americans and heraldic emblems have also provided rich veins of inspiration. A more modern influence was West Coast artist Rick Griffin, who, in his 1969 cover for the Grateful Dead's Aomoxooma, included the germinal form of the Chrome'n'Stone graphic device which became the signature style of heavy metal calligraphy.

Thank You

HAY Thank you to Great Aycliffe Town Council for the beautiful bouquet of flowers presented to my husband and I by the mayor Mrs Angela Fleming on our Golden Wedding Anniversary, Friday 15th May 1998. A big thank you to our sister Edna Wilson for arranging this wonderful surprise, Joyce and Raymond Hay

THANK YOU LYNDIA For giving me my long awaited 2nd niece, well done, love Julie XXXX - Also for HEIDE you'll always be my special No. 1 niece, lots of love Auntie Julie XXXX

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Dear Sir,
I would like to make an appeal through your paper for witnesses to a car crash which I was involved and injured in on Tuesday 26th May at approx. 6.45pm. I was travelling to Shildon via Middridge and, as I went up Middridge bank, a reddish coloured, fairly new, family saloon type car heading towards Middridge stopped after realising that the car behind them had been in an accident with myself.

The occupants drove away before I could take their details as witnesses and I would like them therefore to contact myself, Mr. Miller on 01325 313738.
Thank you - Mr. Miller

Oakleaf Celebrate '20th'



The Oak Leaf Sports Complex celebrates twenty years in operation after being officially opened by Prince Charles in May 1978. In twenty years the Complex has seen well in excess of two million users.

Jean Cooper and her sister Anne Sanderson are two members of the original staff at the Complex and still enjoy their work. The Sports Complex offers a friendly service and prides itself on getting it right. The facility is provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council and offers indoor bowling, cricket, netball, table tennis, badminton, short tennis, squash, sunbed and five a side football.

On a social note, we offer the bar with a whole range of products and the function suite for hire for such things as birthday parties, Christenings, weddings and after wedding discos. The suite can also be utilised for company meetings and presentations and can provide flip charts, overhead projects, etc.

The original facilities included a cricket hall, bowls hall, public bar and changing facilities. In 1980 the facilities included 4 squash courts and in 1984 the function suite extension was built.

The Council has been working with the Police, training the staff in the problem of drugs, underage drinking and how to deal with aggressive behaviour. The underage drinking awareness session was conducted by Vicky Redfearn, the Sports Complex Manager with Chief Inspector Graham Rankin. "Although we do not have a problem with under 18 years olds attempting to be served with alcoholic drinks from the bar it is always important to make both staff and customers more aware of the law".

As part of the campaign the Oak Leaf Sports Complex has been accepted as a member of the Newton Aycliffe Inter club Tribunal Scheme which operates within the affiliated clubs in Newton Aycliffe. Any persons who cause a disturbance or an incident will also be dealt with by the individual clubs they are members of, thus showing we are all working together to minimise trouble. Squash continues to thrive at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex with something for everyone's game. The Complex Leagues are sponsored by Upex Electricals and currently attract almost 100 players ranging in ability from county standard to beginners.

Every month Upex Electricals provide squash balls for winners and a draw for people who complete all their games. If you would like to join the league simply leave your name at the Complex.

Junior Squash Coaching is also available on a Tuesday evening run by Mr Bill West, a qualified coach. All age groups are catered for and junior leagues are run in conjunction with the club.

Aycliffe Squash Club runs within the Complex and currently has four men's teams and one ladies' team playing within the Durham and Cleveland leagues. If you are interested in Club squash and would like more information for the coming season contact Sheila Pinkney on 300600.



We have six badminton courts in the main sports hall available to hire on a casual basis. There are also Badminton Clubs based at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

The Oak Leaf Sports Complex offers the very best type bowling green with a laser levelled Greengauge surface. There are four playing rinks and we hire bowls and footwear. The Oak Leaf Bowls Club operates from the Complex with winter and summer leagues. The Oak Leaf also offers bowls coaching courses for any age or ability.

Five a side football has become an increasing influence in the success of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, not only in providing a balance in the programming of the Complex but also in its offering of additional facilities in which the footballers can relax after the game.

The Sports Complex provides Junior indoor five a side leagues and outdoor six a side leagues. Both of these are sponsored by Alexander le Skerne and run on a Saturday morning. The Juniors, Intermediates and Senior age groups range from 7 years old to 16 years old. We also provide adult leagues which are sponsored by Blackthorn Cider, Hydro Polymers and Newcastle Breweries and are run on Monday, Thursday and Sunday evenings.

During previous league seasons the Complex has witnessed many junior teams step up and progress onto the adult leagues when their age limit is reached. This process means we always have a healthy five a side waiting list and 100% usage for peak time public bookings resulting in a rosy future for five a side football within the Complex.

To complete the full picture the Oak Leaf Sports Complex has been running for the past seven years, four one day five a side competitions held on Bank Holiday Mondays sponsored by Newton Press.

As part of the adverse publicity sunbeds have been receiving, the Complex has introduced a policy in line with Health and Safety Executive's guidelines which recommend a maximum of 20 sunbed sessions per year. The sunbed is maintained to a high standard by a recognised company. We are a member of the Sunbed Association who provide us with advice and up to date information. We also offer an Osteopath service within the Complex linking up with Melanie Rowlands, a qualified Osteopath. Melanie operates two evenings a week from our sunbed room Mondays and Thursdays. Anyone interested should telephone 01388 774831.

Starting at the end of June, we will offer the services of a qualified Aromatherapist, with Cheryl Driver who will be available to help relieve your aches and pains. For further information telephone 0191-3868679.

We have introduced Junior Roller Skating for children who have their own roller skates or roller blades. The sessions although predominantly for juniors, can be for parents who want to skate alongside their children. The sessions take place in the main sports hall at the Complex to music. If parents do not want to take part they can relax and watch their children skate from the comfort of the public bar.

Why not book your children's party here at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex? You can have Five a side football, Table tennis, badminton and netball for the first hour and then finish off in the function suite for the last hour to play games and eat, and leave all the mess for us to clean up.

Food can be supplied by yourself, the only stipulation we have is that you buy all drinks from us - all reasonably priced. - Further details are available from the reception desk or telephone 300600.

YOUNG TENNIS PLAYERS MINI WIMBLEDON

About 400 County Durham youngsters can expect a 'smashing' time at a mini Wimbledon tournament planned for June 2nd. The budding Venice Williams' and Tim Henmans, aged between six and 11, are to come together on Tuesday, June 2, for a mass tennis participation day - expected to be one of the largest events of its kind in the country.

The festival is a joint initiative between Durham and Cleveland Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), Durham County Council's Education Authority and the LTA 'Play Tennis 98' programme. Youngsters from 19 County Durham schools will meet up at the PUMA Tennis Centre, Sunderland, for a day of tennis activities aimed at encouraging youngsters to take up the sport.

Fifteen professional LTA coaches will be on hand to serve up tips to the groups of children who will use both the indoor and outdoor courts. Organiser Geoff Sheldon, of the County Council's PE and Sport Development Unit, said: "We are confident this will be one of the biggest events of its type in the country."

"The children will be able to take part in an exhilarating variety of tennis activities coupled with an opportunity to learn from professional LTA coaches in a friendly environment at one of the top tennis centres in the north of England."

Coffee Morning to Help the Aged

Help the Aged are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 6th June in Heighington Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon. Please try and come along and support us. Everyone is welcome.

Heighington Parish Council Notes

by Margaret Blades

The Parish Council AGM was held on 18th May with retiring Chairman Rosemary Boynton handing over Office to Counc. Pe Smyth. Vice Chairman Counc. G Lee. Paths Committee: Counc. Blades, Smyth, Pallister, Garner and Marshall. Counc. Smyth re-elected to the Association of Parish Councils. Liaison Officer for the Village Hall is Counc. G Lee.

A discussion took place with East Green residents when plans proposed kerbing were approved. Concrete tubs are to be re-sited and estimates will be submitted for approval.

Kerbing at Redworth Green has been completed with seed needed in places which Darlington Borough Council will do no extra cost.

A large boulder with a warning sign is to be positioned at the corner of Coronation Garden as the wall there is frequently damaged by passing vehicles.

It was noticed that street cleaning had taken place but Surtees Road and High Road had been missed.

The seat outside the Village Hall is to be relocated to the wood bus shelter.

Neighbourhood Watch is to be made aware of those houses where alarms are causing annoyance.

Flooding at Coatsmoor Lane has been monitored and re-shaping of the road will correct this problem.

The telegraph pole behind the George & Dragon does not require planning consent under rights within the Telecommunications Act. Signs for footpaths 31 & 33 on the A6072 and the White House Farm are missing.

The footpath sign near Kittythirst Spring needs replacing as residents near the Courtine favour a drop-down post instead of lift out one to stop vehicles using the pedestrian right of way. Officers are to be asked to lower the newly erected map stand to the centre of the Village.

The Council objected to planning for a 2 storey dwelling at West Green as it would be too dominant on this elevated site. A bungalow would be more suitable.

A double garage at Highside Road and a single storey porch alterations at The Bay Horse were approved.

The Council also approved the pruning of an Ash Tree under the Tree Preservation Order.

Stables at Park House Farm are for domestic stabling only. Adjacent land to be used only for grazing and exercising, and not for riding lessons or other commercial purposes.

Also granted: Erection of pitched roof over existing rear extension at 1 Westwood Avenue. Erection of single storey side extension and pitched roof to existing garage at 25 High Road, Redworth. Erection of rear extension, entrance canopy, pergola and external alterations to front and rear elevations at the Dog Inn.

Use of part of dwelling house as a catering preparation service, the Old forge, 3 Main Road, Redworth. (Granted on condition that this permission shall be personal to Mr. and Mrs. P J Whitehouse. In the event of their vacating the premises the use shall revert to the use for residential purposes).

Erection of first floor side/rear extension and pitched roof to garage and porch at 31 St. Michael's Crescent. Change of use of single dwelling to form two self contained dwellings at Eastfields Farm.

The Parish Council is not willing to grant a right of way for access and egress over the green to 15 High Road, Redworth but note the request. There is no definite proof recorded of any right of way, but the Parish Council does not dispute that access to the once Joiner's Shop was enjoyed by carts.

The Dolphin Centre Play Scheme will visit Heighington on Friday from 10am to 12 noon starting July 24 until August 28 1998.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday June 18 at 7pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

The Parish Council meetings now adjourn at 8.30pm to allow an attending members of the public to speak.

CHEMISTS EMERGENCY ROTA

Sunday 31st May 1998
12noon-1pm - Woodham Pharmacy
Sunday 7th June 1998
12noon-1pm - Hancock & Ainsley
Sunday 14th June 1998
12noon-1pm - Boots

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