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## FRONT PAGE LETTER

### DOES LABOUR, AND TONY BLAIR, TAKE AYCLIFFE FOR GRANTED?

Dear Sir,  
Only ONE Councillor from the Town was prepared to support our MP, Tony Blair for not attending the Town's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Mary Morley thinks that it was right and proper for Tony Blair, our MP, to ignore the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the largest town in his constituency and watch a football match at Trimdon Club!!

At the end of the week long celebrations, Tony Blair was back in Downing Street waiting for developments in Northern Ireland - something he could have done here and at the same time, attended the excellent 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service - not very much to ask.

Mary Morley stated she was not surprised that Tony Blair could not attend, when important world issues would keep him away - world issues such as a football match, a weekend at home and in Downing Street, certainly NOT important world issues, Mrs Morley. Why didn't Tony Blair write a congratulatory letter to the residents of Aycliffe? This would have taken his spin doctors a few minutes, and the whole town would have felt a little bit better. Instead on Friday 26th June he sneaks into town, opens a drop-in centre and sneaks back out again. His agent states this was part of the towns 50th celebrations - what rot! (It was not listed on the organised programme of events).

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe worked very hard to make the 50th Anniversary Celebrations such a huge success, and it's a shame that history will show the absence of the town's MP and the controversy that now follows.

I am very surprised that the rest of the Labour group on the town have not rallied round to defend Tony Blair - but then again, how can they? His position is indefensible and beyond belief.

As a voter I will show my dissatisfaction next time round. Not that it will make any difference, because whoever is the Labour representative for this area will get in, and they know that, which is possibly why Tony Blair takes us and his constituency for granted.

Yours,  
Disillusioned  
Name & Address supplied

## AVENUE SITE CAN NOW BE SOLD AND REDEVELOPED

At last, the way is now clear for the Avenue School site to be marketed for redevelopment

The site which formerly housed the large Comprehensive School measures 16.3 acres and is well located at the heart of the town.

Sedgefield Borough Council went out to public consultation earlier this year with a draft planing brief, providing guidelines for potential developers.

They were delighted with the level of public response and now many of the comments and concerns of local people have been incorporated into revised guidelines for the site.

These amendments were approved this week and the project can progress to the next stage.

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The main changes arising from the consultation is the deletion of housing from the scheme and retaining a park and football pitches.

It had also proposed to close part of Greenwell Road to vehicles and allow building and pedestrian links, but it is now felt more appropriate to keep the road for bus links into the central area and access for emergency vehicles. Pedestrians will have priority and the carriageway will be narrowed with 20mph speed limits.

The draft brief also had provision for community facilities and meeting rooms, but these have been changed to give a single events/

meeting room contained within a redeveloped Library and a new Cubby building.

Kester Noble, Chairman of the Borough Council Development Committee said:

"We are proposing a high quality mixed development and more shopping units integrated with the existing town centre, leading to a Town Park and recreational area. The next step is for Durham County, who own the site, to put it on the market. I hope a suitable developer will soon be found and the plans can become reality" said Kester.

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Somerfields store allowed us to sell 'bricks' towards the cost of a new home. We raised the £450 needed, thanks to the kind hearts of so many caring people and sent the money, via the Rev. David who is in Malawi, the bricks are made by hand, with the help of friends but the hardest part is to buy in the corrugated sheets for the roof, (the church has no roof after 2 years) they are so expensive, but as the photograph shows the roof is in place (what a noise when it rains, and the heat when the sun shines!).

The money was all spent before paint was bought and they still need cement for the floor BUT Rev. David writes "The parents of George are glad and they say thank you to you for the great work you have done to help them. Here is picture of the new house.. THEY DON'T BELIEVE, they say that they thank God and thank YOU."

We along with Mr. and Mrs. Njaya thank God and thank you for buying your £1 brick - Norma Wise.

## GRETNA HOSTS SCHOOL P.T.A. EVENT

The PTA of St. Mary's R.C. School held their annual Barbecue and Balloon Race on Saturday, 11th July at the Gretna. A marvellous time was had by all the parents, pupils and staff who attended and we managed to raise a grand total of £800.

Our thanks go to Mr. Hawksworth, Manager of the Gretna, for allowing us to use his premises and for helping us with the organisation, to Mark the Chef and Vicky from the Wacky Warehouse whose assistance during the evening was invaluable. We are sure that the reason this event was so successful both from the financial point of view and that of enjoyment, was the fact that the people who attended felt very comfortable enjoying themselves in the Gretna's environment.

The proceeds will be spent on new text books which the school has to provide for each child at the school due to the government's reorganising of the National Curriculum. We have already managed to raise the money for the infants books and this £800 which was raised at the Barbecue means that we have almost reached our target and will be able to buy the books needed for the juniors very soon.

We would also like to thank all those people who bought balloon tickets from the pupils of St. Mary's. A prize of £100 will be presented to the person who purchased the ticket which is returned from furthest away. Last year the winning ticket travelled to Northampton. The race finishes on 31st August and we will let everyone know the result in due course.

All prizewinners of the raffle have been notified. We would like express our thanks to all the parents and staff of St. Mary's School who have helped us to raise money over the last year and we hope that we can count on their continued support when school opens again in September.

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## TRAINING FOR NEW RUGBY SEASON



On the 20th of June, the rugby club fronted Newton Aycliffe Sports Club's display as part of the Town's 50th anniversary celebrations in the Rec Centre. Members of the town's only rugby club provided visitors with stickers and a free prize draw which was won by Mark Craggs who chose a rugby ball for his prize. Mark is seen here being presented with his prize by Rugby Club Chairman Peter Sheen.

Training has been underway for the past three weeks lead by coach Mark Hill. Numbers at training have topped twenty on each of the last three Thursdays, and we have now started to train on Tuesdays too. Training starts at 7.30 sharp on the grass and is based round ball handling and team/technical skills. Some of last season's players have yet to turn out in training and will soon become telly tubbies if they're not careful. We would like new members to join the Club, with or without experience. We are particularly on the lookout for front five forwards. It is difficult to believe that our town, which is growing all the time, has only twenty to thirty rugby players. So come and join us at Moore Lane Sports Club - you know it makes sense.

## TOWN GOLFERS ON WINNING TRAIL

A golf trip of a lifetime awaits amateur Jack Braley and Woodham Golf & Country Club PGA professional Ernie Wilson if they can come through the next stage of Europe's biggest pro-am competition, the Lombard Trophy.

Jack Braley took his first big step towards a luxury five-day trip to one of Europe's top courses, San Lorenzo in Portugal, when he won the club qualifying competition on 9 May with a nett score of 69.

He and Ernie Wilson now advance to the Regional Final at Hesketh Golf Club on 27 July, where they play one round of better-ball medal play. The lucky winners of 16 Regional Finals throughout Britain will compete at San Lorerizo from September 25-29.

Jack Braley, a 36 year old Driving Instructor from Newton Aycliffe, is married with one son and plays off a handicap of 6. His other main interest apart from golf is motor bikes. As part of his prize for winning the club competition, he receives a special Lombard plaque and a Glenmuir matching golf shirt and slipover.

His partner, club

professional Ernie Wilson has been at Woodham Golf & Country Club for five years.

Sponsored by the UW largest leasing and credit finance company, the competition offers amateur prizes to the value of £100,000 and the overall professional purse around £75,000.

Now in its fourth year, the Lombard Trophy boasts record entry this season - 1,250 clubs from all over Britain and Ireland. Last year's winners were Whitley Bay Northumberland represented by handicapper Andrew Lucas and 22-year-old assistant professional Gavin Donnison.

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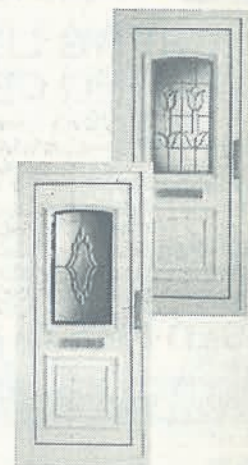
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# HELP THE AGED AWARD FOR CARING CHILDREN

The hunt is on again to find the most caring school children in Britain to receive the Help the Aged Hector Award for helping older people in their community. This national award from Help the Aged is named after the Charity's famous schools mascot, Hector, who is a regular visitor to schools up and down the country. The Hector Award will recognise individuals or groups of young people aged between 5 and 11, who voluntarily give their time, energy and enthusiasm to providing a service that makes older people's lives easier and more enjoyable. It could be doing the

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# JOIN THE MAYOR FOR TEA AND A CHAT



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Angela Fleming, will be holding her 'At Home' on Thursday, 23rd July, 1998 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Councillor Mrs. Fleming extends a warm invitation to residents to join her on this occasion for refreshments and an informal chat with herself and her other guests.

# HELP CAME TOO LATE TO SAVE DOG

There was a heartwarming response to the letter in last week's issue from a lady whose lost dog had been taken to Council kennels and she couldn't afford the money for its release. Unfortunately the cash help offered came too late, as on the day the letter was published, the dog had already been put down. The lady owner thought she had 3 weeks in which to claim her dog and was trying to get the money together. Sadly, she was mistaken, as the kennels, under strict rules, must only keep the dog for 7 days and if unclaimed they rehome or destroy the animal. The Terrier was old and failing in health so a decision was made to put her down. For some reason the kennel owners were unaware the dog had been claimed, we spoke to Kevin Forsyth at D & S Kennels who claims not to know of telephone calls made by the owner. As far as he was concerned the dog was lost and no one wanted it. He tried to find it a home, but failed. The dog owner made two

calls and relatives also rang twice, but these two were after the dog had been put down. We have asked S.B.C. Official Eric Beevers to explain the system and will publish the details in a future issue.

# Tears Over Dog

Dear Editor, I would like you to thank all the people who rang in about my little dog it was really nice to know that people do care. Sadly the Kennels where my dog was taken, put her to sleep. Myself and my two children are deeply upset and tears have been shed. Once again could you thank everyone through your paper, its just a pity we can't turn the clock back. I feel the dog was needlessly put down as there seems to be a price on everything. Thank you once again. Yours Sincerely S Thompson.

# LETTER GET RID OF SLAG HEAPS

Dear Sir, I thought PIT HEAPS had gone forever from Co. Durham, but I see we have a similar eye-sore in Newton Aycliffe by the Blue Bridge! How on earth was Plasmor allowed to desecrate and pollute our countryside in this way? I cannot believe that the people responsible for our environment on the respective Councils can allow this disgraceful dumping, which is getting worse every day. The people of this town must protest or, before we know it, this monstrosity will obliterate much more of the landscape. This particular spot used to be a pleasant green area and it is time the tipping was stopped and the blot on our landscape removed. Countryside lover Name and address supplied.

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# Fake Danger

Local Labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes voted this week for extra curbs on counterfeit and pirated goods and warned Newton Aycliffe shoppers not to buy them. Stephen Hughes Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blythdon said "Most think of counterfeit goods as fly by night traders selling dodgy perfume, fake watches or pirated CDs, but counterfeit goods can be dangerous. All counterfeit goods represent bad value for money since they are invariably poor quality and the consumer has no rights if the goods go wrong." He added "The profits from many counterfeit and pirated goods goes to organised crime. It is big business for people who are also involved in drug smuggling and gun running." Shocking examples of counterfeit goods found in Britain include: Washing powder with highly caustic ingredients which caused skin burns; Aircraft made from mild instead of tempered steel; Health drinks which contained ten times the recommended safe level of ephedrine; Bus brake diaphragms which burst after as few as eight applications; Hand tools made of such brittle steel they broke into razor sharp fragments. The EU has already got border controls allowing counterfeit or pirated goods to be seized entering or leaving the EU. The extra curbs agreed by the European Parliament - and supported by Stephen Hughes include extending the system to patented goods and allowing goods to be seized in a wider variety of situations.



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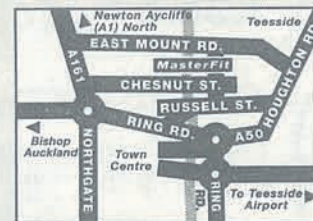
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and, passing first time, he was soon promoted to the position of  
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During this period he met his wife, Sandra, who was employed  
at the time as an Auction Clerk. They have now been married  
for 12 years and have two daughters.



In Memoriam

**JODEY SLATER** 19th July 1998. Dear Lord above I know you have loads of angels, very special too, but you know the one that doesn't shut up and won't fasten her shoes, just call her over Lord, pick her up, look into her big blue eyes, put your nose to hers, squeeze her tight and tell her not to fear because Mammy is always near. I know that you'll look after her, it's one year today, I suppose I'm being selfish, because I love her so much in my own way. I miss her every day and long to hold her tight, just let her know I'm fighting all the way so she hasn't died in vain, I can honestly say. To lose someone who was so special to me, it took all the sparkle away, but one day my darling, the sparkle will return when I get justice for you. God bless you darling, love Mammy XXX

**JODEY** I think of you a hundred times a day, in my mind you haven't gone away, your love touches my heart, we will never be apart. Your laughter rings in my ears, some of the tales you would tell (do you know what, Dad). Oh well. I can feel your warmth and happiness as if you were here. It's the warmth that helps the sadness, it's like a hand that touches kind. Watch over us please Jodey until one day, we will all be together again. Then the pain will go away, good night sweetheart, love you always, Dad

**JODEY SLATER** 19th July 1998. I only had one sister, gentle kind and true, I'm only 11 and I don't know what to do. It's quite simple, I'll just keep on loving you, miss you Jodey's, Love Daniel, Enock and Buster

**JODEY SLATER** Treasured loving memories of a niece and dear cousin. We think of you in silence and often speak your name, but you will never leave us, like your picture in the frame. Love from uncle Ivor and aunty Gail. Gentle Jesus up above please give Jodey all our love, love Kerry and David

**JODEY SLATER** - In loving memory of our dear, lovable granddaughter Jodey, never be forgotten, all our love Nana and Grandad, always loved and remembered Aunt Mavis

**JODEY SLATER** Even though Jesus took you away, in my heart you are here to stay, your best friend, Luke Hilton

**JODEY SLATER** Our love is with you everyday, since the day you went away, so we ask you Lord up above, to give our Jodey a great big hug. Always loved and sadly missed. Louise, Dave, Charlotte, Joseph, Gemma and Vicky

**JODEY SLATER** One year has gone by since you fell asleep, thinking of you always. Love from Rose, Kelly and Jason

**LO ATKINS** 13th July, thinking of you on your anniversary Mam, sadly missed son Harry

**LO ATKINS** To Nana, reflections joyfulness and a lot of loving memories you brought us will never leave us, sadly missed, but never one, your loving grandsons, Paul and David

**ADRIAN WATSON** Died 4-7-97. In my heart you will always stay loved and longed for everyday. Sadly missed, Mam

**LAURENCE BRUMWELL** Died 15th July 1987. The years may pass, but the memories will always last, our love forever, Jeannette, Owen and Carl

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*Happy Wedding Anniversary Love Natalie*

**COGLAN 15-7-98**



**55 & RETIRING**

**Gwen Morrison's**

Surprise Party is on **Saturday 25th July** from **7.30pm** at **St Clares Church Hall**

*All friends welcome*

**GEOFF** Happy anniversary, 17th July (no. 5) love Marie XX

**MARY CAMERON** Happy 50th birthday Mam, lots of love Karl, Gillian XX

**MARY CAMERON** Nana, happy 50th birthday, lots of love Kathleen, Ged and Stuart XX

**COCKERILL** Tina and Karl, well done on the arrival of "Harry Bryce" 10-7-98, 7lb 12oz. First grandson for Marilyn and Harold, love always Mam and Dad XX

**GAYLE THOMAS** Happy 20th birthday sis, love Dawn and Matty XX

**JEAN DIXON** Happy 40th birthday love from Tom, Kate, Michael, Hayley and Danielle

**WHEATLEY** Amanda Jane - our little darling is 3 years old on the 15th July, happy birthday love Mammy and Daddy

**TREVOR KERINS** Happy 21st birthday, love Mam and Dad

**TREVOR KERINS** Uncle Trev, just want to say happy 21st birthday, love Damon. PS: When are you going to have a shave?

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**MRS WINSOME STOTT** and family wish to thank everyone who sent condolences on the death of her husband Richard. Thanks also to the Rev. Jeffrey Spencer for his caring at this time. Thanks to the staff at Bethany House Nursing Home for their care during the last 2 years, also to the doctors at Bewick Crescent Surgery

**GREENFIELD** House would like to thank Flymo, Black & Decker, Bargain Buys and everybody who supported us with our charity raffle, we raised £320

**IVOR & LILLIAN HILL** - How do I say thank you Mam and Dad for everything you do? This last year has been a nightmare for me, but you both have helped me so much. I know it's been so hard for you, watching me go through it. But with all my heart, thanks for being the best parents I could possibly ask for. Jodey would have been so proud of you both. Love Linda and Daniel XX

**THE FAMILY** of the late Bill Bromley would like to express their thanks to everyone who made Dads final days so comfortable and to everyone who helped us celebrate his death in the way he would have wished. Thanks to Matron and staff at the Aycliffe Nursing Home, who appreciated Dads sense of humour; to his GP's, Dr Jones and Dr Cunliffe for all their care; to the Consultants at Bishop Auckland General Hospital; to Shirley and the staff from John Meynells; to Gwen and Sue for their wonderful catering; to Father Nick for a service that truly captured the spirit of Dad; to the British Legion for all their help over the years; to the Navy Club for all the kindness shown to Dad; to Councillor Tony Moore for his help and advice; to Penny and Joyce and all the residents in Bluebell Close who helped look after Dad and finally to all the family and friends who supported us through these last weeks and to those who came and gave Dad a send off that he would have enjoyed - Thank you

**MARINA SCOTT** and family would like to say thank you to Dr McKinty, sister Cunliffe and Community Nurses, St. Teresa's Hospice for Ronalds Day Care and all the family and friends for all their messages of condolence. Also to Rev. Colin Jay for the lovely service

**A BIG THANK** you to all who donated to St Marys Summer Fete on 5th July 1998 including: Newton Press; Aycliffe Balti House; Roots; Stephen Russell; S&S; Alladins Cave; Partners Properties; Comtec; BP Service Station; The Builders Arms; Taylors Newsforce; Thames Cleaning Centre; Boddy, Thomas and Pacitto; Booze Busters; Forbousys; Paul Gittins; Halls Fabrics; EW Knapton; McGuinness Opticians; Brian Venables; Whitegates; Blinds UK; Homeplan; VC Carpets; Bettys Fish Shop; Boots; Boyes; Card Mart; Dimitri & Sylvia; Floral Charm; Granada TV; Hays Travel; William Hill; McMahon Fruit; Kwik Save; Somerfield; Savers; Four Seasons; J&A Headstart; Hazelbank Wines; Geoff Kidman; Neville Pharmacy; Oak Tree Inn; Stevens; Paul Wilson (Vets); Bargain Buys; Shafto Service Station; Don Walker (Butcher); McDonalds; Newton Aycliffe WMC; Navy Club; Royal Naval Assoc; Southerne Club; Gretna Green Inn; Foresters Arms; 3M; Almit Metal Fasteners; SMK; Spring Gardens Garage; Blenheim Furniture; Great Lakes Chemical (Europe) Ltd; Lansing Linde Castle; Gregg Little; Perstorp; Rayovac; Tyne Tees Packaging; Tolwood Multifasteners Ltd; Linear Ltd; Durham Plastics

**KARL COCKERILL** Thank you so much for being there when I needed you most and helping me on the birth of "Harry Bryce", all my love Tina

**BONAS** Lee and Claire would like to thank family and friends for all the beautiful cards and presents received on their wedding day, 4th July. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful day

**HINDLE** Stu and Jackie would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts received on the birth of their second daughter, Sophie

**KELLY** Sharon and Trevor would like to thank all the friends and neighbours for their support, thank you

**OAKLEY** Jean and Ronnie would like to thank Bob and Pauline for their help and support also friends and neighbours, thank you

**TREVOR KELLY** Thank you for all your love and care, love Shaz - Grandma Dale - I love you and will always miss you, love Sharon

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**Births**

**TINA COCKERILL** Thank you so much for a wonderful son, Harry Bryce, 10.7.98. Love for ever and always Karl XXXX



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## OVER 60's ENJOY TOWN COUNCIL TRIPS



Jimmy Kavanagh sent this photo of his group leaving for Blackpool

One of the 25 Coach trips to Blackpool for the Town's Over 60's, organised by the Town Council over the summer months. These annual free day excursions are very popular with our Senior Citizens and over 1200 will enjoy a day out this year. The coach leaves at 9am, stopping for coffee and biscuits at Teebay. A 3 course Lunch is provided at the Imperial Hotel on arrival at Blackpool and then the afternoon is free for sightseeing and enjoyment of the many attractions before the leaving at 5.15pm. The coach arrives home at about 8 pm and as you can imagine there is lots of fun, laughter and sing-songs on the journey. Our Town Council is to be commended for their organisation of these annual trips out. For some it is their only outing of the year and they are greatly appreciated by all who take part.

## 24 Hour Football

Last Friday students of Woodham Comprehensive took part in a 24 hour football event.

This event was to help a little girl called Elyse H who suffers from Atopic Eczema.

The staff and students would like to say thank you to all who helped out and to all the shops in Aycliffe who helped sponsoring the event, as far we have raised £200 are hoping for more. The biggest thank you to you the residents of Newton Aycliffe - as without your support we could not have made this event successful. From all the staff and students of Woodham Comprehensive

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