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NEWTON AYCLIFFE WINS 1998 "BEST TOWN" AWARD



Above: One of the areas which caught the Judges eye.
Below: Deputy Mayor John Tomlinson with the coveted Tourist Board Trophy for "Best Town" which he received at the Presentation of Awards this week.



Newton Aycliffe has
scooped the top prize in
the Annual 'Northumbria in
Bloom' competition.

Our Town won the Tourist
Board trophy for the 'Best
Town', beating other towns
with more resources.

The Borough and Great
Aycliffe Town Councils are
delighted with the result,
praising all involved for
their efforts in winning this
prestigious award.

Aycliffe Village was among
the top awardees again in
the 'Best Large Village'
category.

Newcastle Building
Society sponsored this
years competition which
attracted 170 entries from
the region.

This represents the largest
number of entrants in any
other region in Britain.

WELL DONE ALL!

Dear Sir,
As Chairman of Great
Aycliffe Town Council's
Recreation, Parks and Open
Spaces Committee, may I
formally congratulate the
people of Newton Aycliffe
on WINNING the cup for
'BEST TOWN' in the
regional 'Northumbria in
Bloom' competition.

I was proud to accompany
Deputy Mayor John
Tomlinson to be presented
with the trophy. This is a
very prestigious
competition, and a
wonderful achievement
which crowns our 50th
Anniversary Year.

May I also congratulate the
people of Aycliffe Village,
who gained an Award of
Merit in the 'Best Large
Village' category. This, too,
is a remarkable
achievement, and may I add
a special thanks to the
Aycliffe Action Committee
who have worked so hard
to clear up the village
'blackspots'.

Well done, everybody! -
Councillor Billy
Blenkinsopp, Chairman,
GATC Recreation
Committee

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings
of the Town Council and its Committees

Tuesday 25th August - Learning Centre - 7.15pm

Wednesday 26th August - D.L.O. Sub - 7.15pm

Tuesday 1st September - Recreation - 7.15pm

Wednesday 2nd September - Environment - 7.15pm

CENTRE EXPANDS

The Amusement Centre
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ZERO TOLERANCE AGAINST YOUNG TOWN VANDALS WARNS POLICE

Newton Aycliffe Police are
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A party was held on Sunday for Mary Reed, the oldest resident at 95 in Greenfield Nursing Home where she has resided for 2 years.

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The party was enjoyed by all her friends and family. We wish her many more happy years to come.

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Letter to the Editor REFURBISHED GOLF FACILITIES NOW AVAILABLE

Dear Sir,
I read a 'never-again Season ticket holder's' letter last week with incredulity. It just goes to prove the old adage that some people are never satisfied.

Because the Golf Course has had as much care and attention lavished upon it in recent years as any other aspect of the Town Council's work.

It is not many years since that a great deal of the ratepayers' money was invested in transforming the Golf Course from a 9-hole to an 18-hole course. Large sums have been spent draining and landscaping the course.

A few years ago, the Town Council removed the old Golf Club, and replaced it with a much more open, democratic club, which hundreds of Aycliffe people joined. Since then, the Council has worked closely with the new club to try to make the Golf Course a good golfers' course.

One recent improvement has been the development of a pitch-and-put course, which will soon be ready to play. Also, anybody using the course recently will have been able to see the £85,000 golf shop development we have funded - a development which has included toilet facilities, changing facilities and a complete refurbishment of the golf shop itself. This new facility is now up and running, and golfers are invited to go and see what we have achieved.

As for dress code, 'a never-again Season ticket holder' will no doubt remember that this was recently introduced by the Council in response to requests by the Golf Club members. The Town Council has also employed (and pays for) a golf course warden to enforce the course rules. Readers will appreciate that, in

fact, the Council gets far more complaints about the fact that we are enforcing the dress code, than complaints that we are neglecting it, and the wardens have been subjected to verbal abuse and physical threats. The golf course is a municipal course, not a private members' course; nevertheless, the Town Council is making every attempt to make it a course of quality.

And for all this, readers must acknowledge, the Council charges fees which have been for a long time substantially lower than any course in the region especially for women and young players, to encourage them to take up the sport. Under the current Golf Professional, initiatives have been introduced for young golf players on the town; whilst a reciprocal agreement with other golf clubs allows season ticket holders (though not 'never-again season ticket holders') to play a free round of golf on any course in County Durham.

I am sorry that it has rained so heavily for most of the summer - the Town Council cannot do anything about the weather. But surely any reasonable golfer can appreciate, in fairness, that Great Aycliffe Town Council is doing everything in its power to create a great Aycliffe Golf Course. Most people I talk to are very happy with the Golf Course, and the Council is satisfied with its achievement.

Come on people: be reasonable!

Where Did the Sculptures Come From?

Dear Sir,
I could not believe it when I saw the front-page picture, in last week's 'Newton News', of three giant flowers.

Where did they spring from and how many people knew that they had even been planted. More importantly, how much did the seeds cost? - Seriously though, I do think that there are some questions that need to be answered:

- 1) Why wasn't the local community better informed of, or even consulted on, the plan to erect these sculptures?
 - 2) What was the total cost?
 - 3) Which parties paid what proportion of this cost?
- No wonder Tony Blair hasn't been able to take part in the Anniversary Celebrations, he is obviously terrified that someone will ask him to pose for a photograph next to the concrete daisies.
D Cateugh
Newton Aycliffe

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of Newton Aycliffe MIND will be held at the Old Pavilion, St. Oswalds Park on Thursday, 13th August 1998 from 7.00pm

WAKE UP TO THE EURO!

Local Labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes welcomes advertisements in this week's national newspapers warning business to "wake up to the euro".

The full page advertisements are headlined "Don't wait until January to wake up to the euro". The text reads "From January 1st 1999 eleven European countries will be adopting a single common currency (the euro). Even though Britain will not be joining in January the euro will have a major impact on many UK businesses. To find out the full implications for your business and what steps you should take to prepare for it, get our euro fact sheets. Stephen Hughes Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon said "Britain will not join the euro in January 1999, but that will not keep the euro out of Britain."

"I warmly welcome these ads. They give a very sensible warning to business. It would be very serious for British jobs and prosperity if British business was not ready for the euro".

"There is no doubt that the big corporations have been preparing for a long time. They have the resources to cope. But for the small businessman and business woman it is yet another thing to deal with. I have no doubt that Government information will help small businesses face up to the implications and plan the steps they need to take."

Training Success at Bewick Crescent Surgery

Dr. Tim Cunliffe has just finished a 6 month training attachment with the doctors at Bewick Crescent Surgery and has achieved a distinction in the examination for the membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Only a small number of doctors in the whole country achieve this and whilst Dr. Cunliffe worked very hard for the exam, the quality of teaching and experience that he gained whilst working at Bewick Crescent played a large part in his success.

Dr. Gordon Ferguson, the partner responsible for training within the practice has also achieved a Master of Arts Degree this year in Medical Education. The practice is also accredited to teach medical students from the University of Newcastle. All

the staff and partners have been involved in the education of both medical students and trainee doctors, it is something which the practice is proud to be associated with and is hoping for further successes in the future. Well done to all concerned.

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Mr. Trantor of Sharp Road is looking for someone to help him keep his pigeons at Clarence Chare.

He has bred and raced pigeons for 30 years and been very successful in races he has entered all over the world.

But he is now crippled with arthritis and needs a partner to do the physical work at the pigeon loft.

"I have top class birds and I am willing to teach and pass on the knowledge I have gained to someone who is interested in taking up this rewarding pastime" said Mr. Trantor.

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CHILDREN ENJOY TENNIS COACHING COURSES



Great Aycliffe Town Council's Sports Coaching Programme for children kicked off with Football, Beginner's Tennis and Golf during the first weeks of the school holiday. Courses yet to run are Netball, Cricket, Badminton and Tennis for Improvers as well as more courses in Golf.

The courses are designed for children aged 7-14, and cater for all skill levels. The cost of each course is only £9 (Cricket £12) and includes free loan of equipment.

Picture shows the children who took part in the Tennis Course with their Coach, Martin Tweddle and the Deputy Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor J. R. Tomlinson.

YOUNG PEOPLE GET A SAY

Young people in County Durham are to get a say in decisions affecting their lives. A new policy to be adopted by Durham County Council means that, in future, policy decisions affecting young people looked after by Social Services will have an input from the young people themselves.

Social Services is one of a number of local authority and voluntary organisations in the region which have signed up to the principles of Investing in Children - a commitment to work in partnership with children and young people to

promote their best interests and enhance their quality of life.

To ensure that the commitment becomes reality, the County Council's Children's Services Sub-Committee today (July 24) agreed that, from September, its policy decisions will include a clear statement showing how they will impact positively on the lives of children and young people in County Durham. Every policy decision will also state clearly how children and young people have been, or will be, consulted about its implementation.

David Harris, Head of Children's Services, said: "When we make decisions affecting the lives of children in County Durham, we believe they will have a positive impact and are in their best interests."

"This can, however, be an assumption made by adults about what is best for young people."

"The decision of the Committee today challenges us to be absolutely confident that policy decisions are always in the best interests of children, demonstrated by involving young people themselves in the decision making process."

Better Deal at the Airport

North East people who know the frustration of getting to an airline check-in desk with a valid ticket only to be told that you cannot board the plane because it is full will be glad to know that local Labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes is backing EU moves to give you a better deal.

Stephen Hughes Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon voted with the majority of the Parliament to approve new EU law to give passengers refused boarding more compensation and clearer information on your rights.

The draft legislation proposes to increase compensation to £148 for flights up to 3,500 kilometres and £296 for flights over 3,500 kilometres and to oblige airlines to display information about compensation for over-booking at the check-in desk. Compensation will have to be in cash or cheque - not in the form of vouchers. Information about compensation will have to be displayed clearly and in plain language at the check in desk.

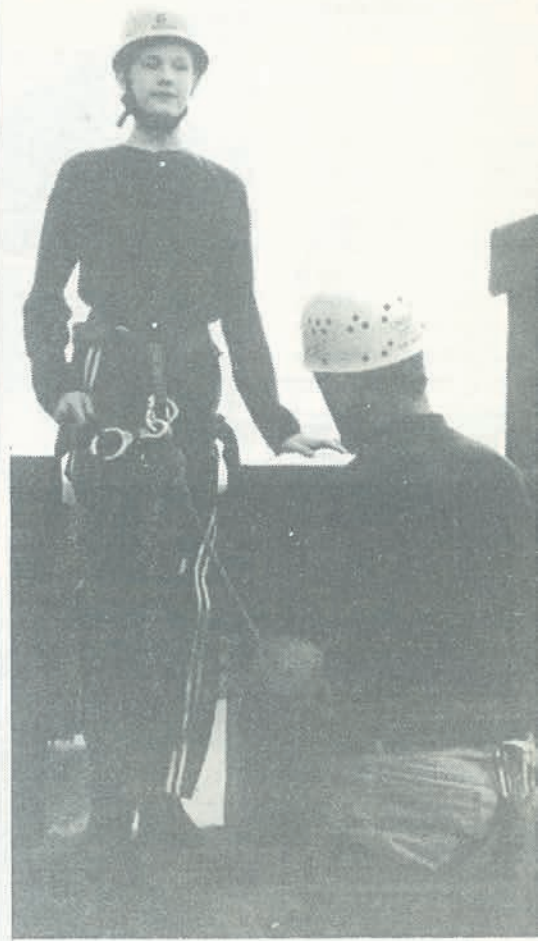
Stephen Hughes said "Every year up to 10,000 people with valid air tickets are refused boarding because of over-booking of flights. Being turned away is extremely irritating. Some airlines take advantage of this and short change passengers who are not aware of their rights. The trick is to offer vouchers as compensation instead of cash."

"By forcing airlines to display information about compensation at the check-in desk the EU can ensure that passengers get their proper entitlement. The EU is also increasing the amount of compensation - giving passengers a better deal and encouraging airlines to keep over-booking to a minimum". He added "Non EU airlines are the worst offenders for not complying with existing EU rules on over-booking".

OAK LEAF GOLF CLUB JUNIOR NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE - That all Junior Competitions in your Handbook and in your follow-up letter with a 10-30am start - will now be a 1pm start.
Ron Mitchie J.L.D.

BLIND, BUT ROBERT IS A DAREDEVIL



Robert Jewitt, aged 12, of Hexham has no fear of heights as he displayed on a recent abseil at the 11th century Raby Castle, at Staindrop, Co. Durham.

This was his second abseil on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, raising over £1000 himself. He smiles all the way down, whilst listening closely to his instructors directions. Robert, who is blind himself, enjoys life to the full and displays a zest for life by his keenness to take part in more adventurous pastimes. His mum, Lilian, says "he never stops wanting to do adventurous things". RNIB arranged a helicopter ride for Robert recently which he enjoyed, but he commented "it was very noisy!". Robert hopes to complete a parachute jump when he has saved up enough money - good luck to him. "I don't think I could even watch" says Carol Pattison Area Fundraiser Manager for Durham and Cleveland.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? TO BE A DAREDEVIL LIKE ROBERT!!!

Anyone wishing to abseil on behalf of RNIB at Raby Castle, Hartlepool marina or Alnwick Castle, please contact Carol on 0191 234 3156 (Tel/Fax)

We are raising money for the RNIB Vacation Scheme. We send Blind and Partially Sighted children - such as Robert - on a holiday of a lifetime.

CHEMISTS EMERGENCY ROTAS

Sunday 2nd August 1998
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Table Top SALE

Help the Aged are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 15th August in the Town Hall, Spennymoor from 10am - 2pm.
Telephone: 01325 313924 to book a table.

INCREASE YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

FREE ENTRY IN THE TOWN GUIDE FOR ALL ORGANISATIONS

Newton Press, in conjunction with the Great Aycliffe Town Council are preparing the 1998/99 Special Anniversary Issue of the Official Town Guide for publication in the next few weeks.

Town Organisations can be listed **FREE OF CHARGE** and we invite you to complete the form below and return it, as soon as possible, to the address below.

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JAPANESE STUDENT SEEKS HOST IN COUNTY DURHAM

Can you help restore the faith and dreams of a desperately disappointed Japanese girl?

Tomo Takeuchi, a seventeen year old girl from Japan, was thrilled until last week to be spending a year in Durham. Coming to the UK as part of EF Foundations High School Year Abroad, Tomo had been found a home for a year with a family in Durham and was excitedly anticipating a year at school and making lots of new friends in the area.

However, the family who were due to host Tomo have sadly had to withdraw from the programme and now her dreams are in danger of being shattered just weeks before her arrival in England.

Local volunteer co-ordinator Gloria Williams, who is working around the clock to try to save Tomo's chances of coming on the programme before it is too

late, says: "It is such a shame as Tomo is a lovely girl and she had written to me already to say how much she was looking forward to life up here. When I broke the news that she might not be able to come to Durham she burst into tears and wanted to know what was wrong with her".

Gloria is now desperately searching for a kind and welcoming family to prove to Tomo that she is not without a welcome in the North East! If you could offer a home and a place at your table and in your heart to this lovely teenager, who loves learning English, playing the piano and teaching people the Japanese Tea Ceremony, please call Gloria NOW on 0191 4109993 or EF London office staff on 0171 878 3540. Your call could make all the difference and make a Japanese youngster's day!!

Health Project Ends, but ASK Continues

Silverdale Community House, Newton Aycliffe has now been open since 1995. No.s 9 & 10 Silverdale Place were allocated to a 3 year Community Health Project funded by Sedgefield Health Alliance, South Durham NHS and Sedgefield Borough Council.

Staffed by workers provided by the NHS and a fine team of dedicated volunteers known as A.S.K. (Aycliffe Support in the Community) the project has gone from strength to strength.

While the Community Health Project is coming to a close, the Silverdale Community House continues to be a focal point for the local Community, and we hope that with continued support and additional funding the service which is currently being provided will continue to develop and grow, meeting the needs of those it seeks to provide for. In September and October a range of courses will be commencing:-

Computers for Beginners, RSA IBT 1 Computing Level 2, Confidence Building and Assertiveness Course (part of a women's learning programme), Community Management Skills and Positive Parenting, some of the courses are provided free, including free creche facilities.

For further information, please call at the house, or telephone Newton Aycliffe 307539.

Sunday August 16th is our 3rd Summer Fun Day from 10-4 with a range of activities and stalls for all the family. Please come along.

Can we also take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Silverdale Community House and 'Aycliffe Support in the Community' - we look forward to seeing you in the future and new volunteers are always welcome. Perhaps you would like to join the volunteer management course starting in September and see what fun it can be to become part of a voluntary Community Group.

Aycliffe Squash

Gary Hall took his second win in the Upex Squash Leagues Premiership keeping Peter Ramsay in second place and Mick Anderson in third. They are joined by Nigel Blenkinsopp, Rob Thompson and Ian Mohan.

We are now drawing to a close in the summer leagues but anyone wanting competitive squash for the coming winter season should contact the Complex on Aycliffe 300600. This month's squash ball winners are :- Mick Sanderman, Keith Wallace, Andrew Carlin, Ian Mohan, David Taylor, Ian Dixon, Mark Elliott, Graham Thomas, Tony Devlin and Philip Saint.

TOWN'S BUS SOCIETY ENJOY NOSTALGIC 40's OUTING



Members of the Newton Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society recently enjoyed a weekend of 1940's nostalgia at the Severn Valley Steam Railway with their 1949 Bristol L type bus. This was their second annual visit and the weekend was an even greater success following last year when the 1942 Bristol K type double-decker was in use. Over 5000 fare paying passengers enjoyed two days of being packed into railway carriages crowded with Allied and Axis troops from Midland re-enactment groups, ate Spam sandwiches and listened to Glenn Miller recordings. Even Churchill was there briefly, with his Rolls Royce car, but not before Wing Commander John 'Gibbo' Gibson snapped him in front of our bus. (Which way round were the fingers supposed to be??)

The Society members returned via Cosford Air Museum to complete a trouble free weekend. Day membership is available for groups or organisations who would like to join the Society on their trips out. Further details can be obtained from John Gibson 312656 or Ian Wiggett 317657.

RARE DOUBLE FOR CRICKET CLUB

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club enjoyed a rare double with both first and second teams registering wins over Aldbrough St John on a day when a number of Club records were broken in both teams.

An excellent first team 2nd wicket partnership record of 132 by Glen Williams, who stroked 76 and Dave Bennet with 60 helped Aycliffe to their target of 185 with 7 wickets and 10 balls in hand. Earlier John Gledhill and Peter Coleby bowled lengthy spells to finish with the superb figures of 4 for 57 and 3 for 58 respectively helping to restrict the visitors to 185 for 8 in their 40 overs.

Match sponsored by Great Lakes Chemicals. Second team captain Mark Fawcett smashed the Clubs individual scoring record with an incredible 169, including 10 sixes and 17 fours. Mark was eventually out to the penultimate ball of the innings, caught on the boundary attempting yet another six.

Aycliffe finished their innings with a record total of 264 for 5 in just 35 overs. In reply the home side were dismissed for just 114 as Aycliffe ran out easy winners thanks to 5 for 29 from Brian Saife and 8 catches held including the catch of the season from Bob Clarke.

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InMemoriam

FARRAL Treasured memories of my dearest grandson Aaron, past away 1-7-97. A thousand words can't bring him back, I know because I've tried, either will a million tears, I know because I've cried, a beautiful memory dearer than gold, a grandson whose worth could never be told, so dearly loved, so sadly missed and loved, Nana Chofield

FARRAL Gentle Jesus up above, please take care of Aaron, love Michelle

FARRAL, AARON Died 1st July 1997. Along the road of suffering you found a little lane, that took you up to heaven and ended all your pain. God bless nana and grandad Barnett

AARON FARRAL 31st July 1997, you'll always be a special little boy Aaron, you are sadly missed but never forgotten and always in our thoughts, love uncle Shane, unty Chris, Louise, Holly, Christopher, Zoe and Sophie

TOM PURDIE 27th July 1996. It had been two years since you closed your eyes and left us, but everyday we think of you. You are missed lad, love always Terry and Coreena XX

TOM PURDIE 27th July 1996. We miss and love you grandad, Lindsay, Jonathan and Andrew XXX

RIS LEWIS Died 4-8-97, beloved mother, sister, friend. Sad are the hearts which loved you, silent are the tears which fall, living our lives without you, is the hardest part of all. With love, Kay, Martyn, John and Jean

EDNA PARKER Died 4-8-89. Loving memories of a dear mother. To be with you in the same old way, would make my dearest wish today. Sadly missed by your loving son, Stephen

EDNA PARKER Died 4-8-89. Loving memories of a dear nana. Time passes and fades away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. Granddaughter Susan and great Grandson Shaun

Birthday Remembrance

TOMAN 2nd August. Thinking of you Jimmy today on what would have been your 70th birthday. I will always love you from your ever loving wife Audrey and son Les XXX

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MCCORMACK Lots of love on your 48th Anniversary, Michelle, Desmond, Scott and Megan

MCCORMACK To Mam and Dad, all our love on your 48th anniversary, Michael and Theresa

TAYLOR Nathan Harris, happy 1st birthday with lots of love Bev and Auntie Glynnis XX

TAYLOR Nathan Harris, happy 1st birthday with love and very best wishes from your godmothers auntie Ann and auntie Christine

MAY THE Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, loved, adored and glorified throughout the whole world now and forever, Amen. To be said 6 times a day for 9 days, prayers always answered

TRACY & BRIAN Would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for all cards and gifts they received for their new baby daughter, Paige. A big thank you to Mam and Dad, for all their help

MRS ELSIE JOHNSON and family would like to thank most sincerely all the neighbours, relations and friends for all the cards, letters and beautiful floral tributes received. Many thanks to the paramedics and a special thanks to Christine from Great Aycliffe Town Council

MANY THANKS to Don Walker for all the lovely catering and Iris at Flora and Blooms for all the floral tributes to Mr R Johnson

GILPIN COURT Residents Association and friends of Gilpin Court Sheltered Housing would like to thank Mrs Linda Morgan and the Primary Division of the Church of the Latter Day Saints for their fundraising effort on our behalf. Well done everybody and thanks again. Jackie Race, Resident Warden, Gilpin Court

AUNTY LISA 1-8-80, happy 18th birthday, lots of love Anthony and Kaitlin

LISA CURRY, 1-8-80, Happy 18th birthday Lisa, have fun, don't get too drunk, Louise and John

LISA CURRY 1-8-80, happy 18th birthday Lisa, with love Dad

LISA CURRY Happy 18th birthday enjoy your day love Mam, Tommy and Dean

KELLYA BRADLEY Happy birthday Kellya, love aunty Lyn and uncle Dave

KELLYA BRADLEY Happy 8th birthday little cousin, all our love Norman and Gareth

KELLYA BRADLEY 5th August, happy birthday darling, have a great day, all my love Nana

KELLYA BRADLEY Happy 8th birthday Kellya, we love you tons and tons, Mammy and Daddy

Stephen Nunn



Forty and still got all your own hair... Even though it is grey! Love you always Sharon, Emma and Philip

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RAINE - FLEMING Congratulations auntie Katey and John lots of love James

LEWIS REDHEAD Congratulations Lee, Michelle and Amy on the birth of your beautiful baby boy, 23-7-98 from Paulette, Paul and Thomas

STAINER Rebekah Jade, happy 5th birthday, 31st July to a special daughter, love Mammy and Gary

BETH THARBY 1st August, happy 3rd birthday our Barbie Girl, lots of hugs and kisses, love Mammy and Daddy X

BETH THARBY 1st August, happy 3rd birthday to our little princess, lots of love and kisses from Nana and Grandad Tharby X

BETH THARBY 1st August, happy 3rd birthday "big sister" lots of love from (Bam Bam) Ryan X

KELLY EMBLETON 5th August 1998, to our darling daughter Kelly, happy birthday sweet sixteen, all the best for your future at college "chuck", all our love Mam, Dad, Shaun, Bobby and Judy XX

LEE CARTWRIGHT 28th July 1998. Happy birthday Lee, lots of love from Catra and the Bump!

LEE CARTWRIGHT 28th July 1998. Happy 22nd birthday Lee lad! Have a brilliant birthday and a good weekend. Hope your 22nd is a special year and I look forward to spending many more with you! All my love forever Elaine XXX

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WOODHEAD Frances and Peter would like to thank Mandy, Dot, Irene, friends and neighbours, also the band "Micks Nuts" - many thanks to everybody for their lovely gifts - a wonderful time was had by all

SHIRLEY & KEITH Would like to thank all their family, friends and neighbours for their lovely presents, cards and money for their daughter Chelsey Emma Corbett who was born on the 19th July 1998

THANK YOU To my husband Keith, thanks for your help after the birth of our beautiful daughter Chelsey, love Shirley

BELLAS Clive and Louise would like to thank all their relatives and friends for the gifts received on the christening of their son Joshua Robert Bellas on 5th July 1998

VIGGERS Dave and Linda would like to thank all their family, friends and neighbours for all their good wishes, cards and presents received on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary on 7th July 1998

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Letter to the Editor
GOLF COURSE HAS IMPROVED

Dear Sir,
In reply to a 'never again season ticket holder' I ask, who are you, where do you live and are you a member of the Golf Club?
Are you afraid that someone will knock on your door in the middle of the night? - *I find YOU in contempt.*

The dress code has in fact been enforced, by the PRO shop and the new course warden, David Peacock, to great effect. Of course the occasional person will avoid this.

If you had a valid complaint why did you not use the system that is in place for this very reason.
As a member of the Golf Club Committee, let me assure all the readers that this Golf Club, now in its third year, enjoys a fine reputation in the golf world. We have a membership of 174 of which 45 are juniors. The prices are among the lowest in the country, with all members being insured by the Club.
We run a Senior League side and a Junior League side, playing all over the County, representing our town at the same time. We have two senior competitions and two junior competitions most weeks with both seniors and juniors playing in other Club competitions around the north east. We run coaching courses for juniors and provide all the help they need to obtain their first official handicap, so they can enjoy the great game of golf to the full. Just recently our Secretary Alan Courtney ran the 50th Anniversary Golf Tournament on the Council's behalf, which was enjoyed by many town golfers old and young coming from seven golf clubs. - *What have you done? "Whinge"!*

The course and facilities have improved vastly over the last few years, with the Council providing the funds and forward looking thinking which enable Ian Barrion and his greens staff to provide us with an ever improving course. We look forward to working in partnership, with our Council in making the course enjoyable for all golfers who play the Oak Leaf Golf course.
Ron Mitchie - Junior Liaison Officer and Handicap Secretary for the Oak Leaf Golf Club.

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The talk will be of interest to anyone who has a mobility problem, stiff neck, sore back, joint problems, or headaches (by a mobility problem we do not mean a transport problem!)
His talk will start promptly at 7.15pm in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall, Woodham Village, on 13th August 1998.
Everyone is welcome, admission is free, and refreshments available. I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of your readers.
For further details please contact Brian on 01325 310637 (evenings, after 11th August please).
Thank you very much for your support.
Brian Wilson - Secretary

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Word Processing RSA2 & 3
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Painting and Drawing
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The first ever National Road Safety Week will take place from October 19-25, 1998 in an attempt to prevent the 3,599 deaths and 45,000 serious injuries that happen each year on Britain's roads. Baroness Hayman, Road Safety Minister, will launch National

Road Safety Week at the Motor Show in Birmingham. Last year alone in Durham there were 36 fatalities, 280 serious injuries and 2,745 slight injuries. If this number of deaths had occurred as a single incident it would have been hailed as a national

tragedy, because they happened in different places on different days they are classified as 'accidents'. National Road Safety Week is being co-ordinated by Brake, the national road safety organisation and is sponsored by PHH Vehicle Management, the Association of Chief Police Officers in England and Wales, the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Brake and its sponsors are urging people to use National Road Safety Week to raise awareness of road safety. The theme for this year is driver responsibility. Events ranging from educational programmes for children and young drivers by road safety officers and schools, awareness-raising and enforcement initiatives by police and other agencies, activities by transport trade associations and employers of drivers to promote safety within their own companies or among local communities. A driver tips leaflet and educational packs will also be launched to ensure maximum awareness of the issues. National Road Safety Week is promoting.

To obtain information about National Road Safety Week, register an activity and find out what is happening in Durham, contact Rob Gueterbock and Jemma Chapple at Brake on 01306 741113.

Queen's Award for Sanyo



On July 2nd 1998 Sanyo Electric Manufacturing (UK) Ltd. received the Queen's Award for Export achievement from the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sir Paul Nicholson, at a presentation event at their headquarters in Newton Aycliffe. The company manufactures microwave ovens and magnetrons on two sites, currently employing over 400 people in Newton Aycliffe and Thornaby on Teesside.

The award comes in the same year as Sanyo celebrates its 10th Anniversary in the UK, during which time the company has produced over 2 million microwave ovens and 10 million magnetrons.

Sanyo are currently increasing its production output, and is recruiting an additional 80 people at the microwave oven plant, although this time the production is destined for expansion of the UK market.

Managing Director Takashi Miura, who accepted the award from Her Majesty's representative, The Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, said this award and the continued success of the Company, justifies Sanyo's long term investment in the North East of England.

We operate in a tough world market that requires us to design high quality and technologically advanced products to satisfy the individual cooking and colour requirements of each varied market in Europe.

Our continued expansion is a testament to the dedication of all our workforce and suppliers in meeting the needs of our customers it is a good way for us to commence our second decade in the UK and I would personally like to express my thanks to all involved in helping us to achieve this success.

Pictured left to right, David Simpson (Director - Magnetron), Sir Paul Nicholson, Takashi Miura and Chris Hutchinson (Director - Microwave Oven)

Heighington Parish Council Notes

by Margaret Blades

The residents had made a good effort this year for the Northumbria in Bloom competition. Scouts and two ladies had helped to litter pick. The presentation of awards was held in Hartlepool on July 27. Councillor P Smyth was in attendance with invited guests.

Mr L. Bedocs Chairman of the Village Hall Association attended the meeting and gave Village Hall Association comments which were in favour of the new village sign to mark the millennium. A vote was taken to decide whether the Parish Council would proceed with the order for a village sign, using the new design. The vote was in favour and unanimous.

Residents concerns - Three ladies expressed concern over the absence of any police in Heighington. There had been some criminal activity reported by Neighbourhood Watch which was alarming residents. Enquiries were made as to why the police house in Heighington was no longer used for its original purpose.

Councillor Mrs. S. Marshall praised the Neighbourhood Watch contact, Mr S Leonard, for the excellent job he does. The scheme was working well in Pinewood Crescent too.

Concern was expressed about the junction at the exit from A6072 to Heighington coming from the Redworth direction. The junction is very poorly signed.

Mr L. Bedocs informed the meeting that the bid for money from 21st century Village Halls had been unsuccessful. A less ambitious project, costing half of the original proposed improvements, was now thought to be within reach and the architect was to modify the plan accordingly. The alterations would now concentrate on disabled access, a new entrance, a modified entrance canopy, a disabled toilet and a ramp between the halls.

Nine consultation letters were sent to residents regarding the placing of a bollard in the Courtine. Of these, only three replies have been received, two for the bollard and one against. It was proposed and, agreed unanimously that a drop down bollard be installed in the Courtine.

A Parish Footpaths Walk is being organised by Councillor P. Smyth for Monday September 7th at 6pm.

The pavement in Water Lane is to be relaid this year. The Cherry tree on the green by the George and Dragon and the Ash tree under the archway in Manor Court both need pruning. The Horse Chestnut tree at the bottom of West Green has roots protruding and there is a request for top soil to be provided to protect the roots and that the soil be seeded over with grass seed.

The trees which overhang the village green in Redworth have not been pruned. Redworth Hall Hotel are to be requested to prune these trees. A Beech tree overhangs the footpath towards the drive entrance to the hotel and Darlington Borough Council are to be asked to do the necessary pruning.

The 30m.p.h. speed limit sign, hidden in the hedge which needs cutting on the Millbank South View / Snackgate lane junction. It was reported that there is no persistent accident record for Station Road at Heighington. The installation of road humps could not be justified, yellow transverse lines across the road would be inappropriate. The installation of railings to protect pedestrians on the south side of the road would be investigated.

The approval of the local Planning Authority for the construction of the proposed agricultural building at Hunter House Redworth is not required.

Residents in Buck Square Heighington are worried about the possibility of flooding after several loads of topsoil were deposited there completely covering the drain. Mr A. Wilson, Scout Leader, has informed the Millennium Committee that the Scouts are willing to organise the refreshments for the village bonfire this year and will donate the profit to the Millennium Fund.

Children are allowed to play on the village greens, even though none residents, object litter bins are provided for any litter the children might have.

Final arrangements have been made for the 122nd annual Heighington show to be held on August 22 (Saturday) in Heighington Village Hall. Many extra attractions have been organised this year to make this a family day out. Balloon race with Pantomime tickets for prizes, Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band will play during the afternoon on the village green. Children's Fancy Dress and Children's sports all to take place on the green. Tug-of-war for the pub teams at 4.15 pm. Dog show starts at 2pm with an extra class for dogs confined to Heighington

Last August Reg. Boosts Sales

With the 1st August new car sales bonanza nearly upon us for the last time, the motor industry is preparing to hand over the keys to a record number of new car buyers next month - approximately 530,000 according to predictions by the Retail Motor Industry Federation.

After 31 consecutive August's of frantic activity for car dealers, the motor trade is breathing a collective sigh of relief as this inefficient and anachronistic feature comes to an end. The new system will mean a six-monthly change of numberplate, every March and September. This will hopefully result in a flatter and more consistent level of new car sales all year round.

'At the moment, a quarter of all new car sales are made in the month of August and that is an incredibly inefficient way of bringing any product to the consumer - let alone cars. The current system creates enormous sales peaks and troughs. In the lead up to August, manufacturers, importers and dealers have to stock-pile large numbers of cars ready for delivery to customers on 1st August.

The distribution network is pushed to breaking point to ensure all the correct cars are delivered to all the dealers and dealers then have to work flat out to ensure all the paperwork is in order and that the cars have been inspected in time for collection by their new owners,' explains Alan Pulham, Franchised Dealers Director of the RMI.

Alan Pulham believes that the new system will benefit the consumer: 'The inefficiencies of selling cars in this way have meant that a dealer cannot always give a customer of service they have a right to expect. However, that will now change.'

North East Would Suffer from Car Curbing Measures

Thousands of people living in the North East countryside could suffer disproportionately as a result of measures in the Government White Paper to curb car use, according to the latest findings by Experian, the global information solutions specialist. Experian has analysed expenditure on vehicles and public transport by region, highlighting the gulf that is emerging between town and country dwellers.

The report reveals that expenditure on cars and fuel totalled more than £1 billion last year - the lion's share of this contribution coming from people living outside towns and cities where public transport is often not a realistic alternative. For such people, if the cost of driving into town increases much more, there could be a severe impact on jobs. It would particularly affect part-time workers such as mothers who have to collect their children at fixed times - as the extra costs of parking and fuel could outweigh the marginal benefits of remaining in part-time employment.

Other losers as a result of measures to curb car use could be garages, dealers, car repairers, parts manufacturers and distributors, out of-town retailers and tourism.

Richard Webber, Director of Experian, commented: 'Not only are people likely to bear the extra costs imposed on them as a result of higher fuel consumption, but they will also suffer because many have no other option but to drive into town to work and will have to pay more for parking. While no alternative public transport exists, people living in the countryside but working in town will carry the most cost.'

The survey by Experian reveals that the North East has the second highest expenditure on vehicles and fuel in Britain.

'People living in the North East spend more on cars and fuel than all other regions of Britain with the exception only of Scotland. However, expenditure on public transport is also the fourth highest in Britain which suggests that although there is an extensive infrastructure of public transport available, the car still remains an essential - and often the only - means of getting around for many people in rural parts of the North East.'

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