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Many people in Newton Aycliffe will remember 13 years ago an appeal was set up for Mark Strevens because of his illnesses known as Congenital Central Hypoventilation Syndrome (Ondine's Curse) - Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Epilepsy.

Marks Mam Ruth was, and still is, very, very grateful to everyone who helped in raising funds and to everyone who kindly gave donations to the 'Baby Mark Appeal' which raised £20,000 to help him with special equipment he needed to survive.

Mark is now nearing his 14th birthday and is still going strong. He is a big lad for his age, despite all his illnesses, and he has been in and out of hospital all his life for treatment. Mark enjoys playing on his Nintendo 64, likes drawing, loves food and being with his best friends. Like everyone else, he has his own special dreams, one of his dreams, being a Newcastle United fan, was to meet his heroes, the Newcastle players, in person and to get their autographs and some photographs with them.

On Thursday 27th August 1998 Mark fulfilled this dream when his Mam took him to the Newcastle United training ground at the Riverside Stadium, Chester-le-Street. They were welcomed by Mr George Taylor, Liaison Officer for Newcastle United F.C.

Mark was proudly wearing his new Newcastle away shirt and he had a football for the players to sign. Mark first of all met Alan Shearer then John Barnes, Gary Speed, Robert Lee and the rest of the Newcastle players. David Batty came out of the treatment room to meet Mark.

Mark's Mam did shed a few tears when she saw her son standing next to the players, well, who wouldn't when their son or daughter's dream had come true.

Mark and Ruth had a wonderful day meeting the Newcastle United Football team. Ruth had a stand made with an engraved plate on for the signed ball to sit on and Mark has put his photographs in a special album.

It was a day to remember for Ruth but it was a dream come true for a very special young man and son, a hero in his own right, Mark Strevens.

PETITION AGAINST CENTRE FOR EX CRIMINALS

Counc. Tony Moore is organising a petition of Horndale residents against the change of use at Horndale House.

The former residential home is to become a Christian Centre for the rehabilitation of homeless ex-criminals. It will also offer accommodation to persons suffering from mental or physical infirmity which may have resulted from alcoholism or drug dependency.

Tony Moore is totally against the proposal which he knows the local community will oppose. "In addition to being in a normal residential area with numerous young families, this Centre will be too near a Nursery, an Infant & Junior School and an Aged persons Residential Home" said Tony.

COUNCIL IN TALKS WITH FUJITSU

Two senior Fujitsu officials attended the Sedgefield Borough Council Development Committee this week to explain the situation leading to the decision to close the Newton Aycliffe plant.

Paul Ellison and John Evans who took some tough questions from the elected members explained the closure was for purely business reasons and had nothing to do with UK Government economic policies.

"The price of the D.Ram chips had fallen from \$45 to \$1.50 in the last three years and the plant had lost £1million per week since 1996," said John Evans.

"I too received a redundancy notice and whilst I feel very sad I have no bitterness towards Fujitsu. What people must bear in mind is that Fujitsu have shut 3 plants in Japan and one in the U.S.A. before taking the decision to close Aycliffe," he added. Fujitsu received £17 million in Government Regional grants and negotiations are taking place for its repayment.

Another 14,000 people are employed by Fujitsu in the UK and their jobs are secure. Where possible workers from the Aycliffe plant will be transferred to other Fujitsu sites. The Company has also employed a Consultant to help find jobs for the workforce.

The question everyone is asking now is what will happen to the Fujitsu factory? What other purpose could a dedicated micro processor be used?

REDWORTH VILLAGE NEWS

August Draw results:
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TASK FORCE TO TACKLE AFTERMATH OF FUJITSU CLOSURE

Three working groups are being set up by the Fujitsu Task Force to tackle aspects of the announced closure of the company's plant at Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. The three groups will examine issues around:

- * the sale of the plant as a going concern
- * alternative job opportunities and re-training for the staff
- * the impact on the local community

Kingsley Smith, chief executive of Durham County Council and chairman of the Task Force, said: "Our first priority is to sell the plant as a going concern."

"We have been assured by Fujitsu that they are fully committed to this objective and we are optimistic that it can be achieved."

"The local partners on the Task Force are working closely with the company on all aspects of the current situation."

"The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Peter Mandelson, and other Ministers will be regularly briefed on progress."

An Employment Centre will be setup at Fujitsu on Wednesday with a professional out placement company being brought in to help staff with all personal aspects of the announced closure, including new employment opportunities and re-training.

Advice on offer will cover topics such as interview techniques, CV's and financial issues. Facilities will include personal computers and fax machines. The Centre will display all current vacancies at Fujitsu facilities in the UK. Personnel staff are to tawl for all other suitable local vacancies.

Fujitsu managers will meet the Employment Service and Durham Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) tomorrow to discuss the help they can offer.

Len Davies, personnel director of Fujitsu, said: "We are very pleased at the speed with which all the local partners are coming together and for the support they are offering us."

Kingsley Smith added: "Bearing in mind the deadline to which Fujitsu is working it is imperative that we maintain this sort of pace."

The Task Force will meet weekly until at least mid-October to review progress.

Under 10's in Winning Form

The under 10's are continuing their pre-season winning form.

In the build up to the new season, the first for these boys, the form of these boys continues to improve, as they gain in experience and confidence since the thrilling draw with Wallsend BC they have won their last three games, beating the under 11s by 6 goals to 4, South Bank 1-0 away and Leven FC by 4-1 away.

The last two of these games were without the highly talented Kieran Megrar and Danny McPhee who are currently attending a 6 week Assessment Course at Middlesbrough FC - best wishes and good luck boys.

In the game against the under 11s the 10s played excellent football to thoroughly deserve the victory with goals from Kieran (4), Adam Thompson and Richard Langthorne.

In a hard fought game at South Bank the boys matched their physically bigger opponents throughout with the defence of Carl Fowler, Mark Borsberry, Mark Bulman and Jason Jawangiry defending resolutely in the first half.

The second half was dominated by Aycliffe with midfield powerhouse Richard Langthorne outstanding, following two near efforts Richard powered in another long range effort which the Goalkeeper parried to Michael Gillham to square the ball to Adam Thompson to score a good result.

Last Sunday the boys travelled to Leven FC and produced a powerful display to win 4-1. First half goals from Alex Agnew, Thompson and Langthorne set up the victory, in the second half several substitutions allowed Leven more scope for their goal but moments later Mark Wood scored an excellent goal to restore the 3 goal lead - another good team performance with Richard Langthorne just shading Man-of-the-Match over Mark Borsberry and Adam Redhead, who were masterly in central defence.

On Sunday the first League game is home to Norton and Stockton - 11am kick off at Greenfield.

DIRECT WORKTOP'S BOSS ANGER OVER HEIGHINGTON COUNCIL REMARKS

George Reynolds, owner of Direct Worktops, contacted 'Newton News' over objections made by Heighington Parish Council to his recent planning applications.

A neighbouring farmer of Mr Reynolds asked him if he could help with a draining problem, causing stagnant water, by buying the land and putting in drainage.

George Reynolds thought it a reasonable request and, although he can do nothing with the land, is prepared to pay the £80,000 to help his neighbour.

"I don't want the land, it has no value and I am only going to this great expense to help others", said George. "I am quite willing to give the land to Heighington Parish Council for them to spend the money on improving the drainage", he added. George is also angry over the complaints on the colour of his silos which were agreed on in consultation with the planning authority.

"Colours are a personal choice and I am prepared to repaint in the colours the Parish Council want if they would agree to pay for a

change of their colours when someone else complains", said Mr Reynolds. "It only costs £140,000 to do the job!" He added scornfully.

He disregarded the comment on noise from his factory as nonsense as he recently lived at Redworth Hall Hotel for a whole year, with open windows facing his plant, and didn't hear anything.

Mr Reynolds can't understand what he calls petty complaints about his operation, particularly when he is busting a gut to bring jobs to our area.

"In 1981 Direct Worktops was the saviour when Shildon lost the British Rail Workshops. Fujitsu, is to close and I will be the saviour again replacing those 600 jobs with nearly 1000 in the next few years".

I get no credit for all this - no £17 million grant like Fujitsu - just complaints!". "It is really annoying when Parish Councillors make decisions without knowing the facts. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss their complaints and give them the information they lack", said Mr Reynolds. Meanwhile he has sent each Councillor a letter threatening legal action if they don't withdraw their comments.

He demands a full apology in "Newton News" otherwise he will issue individual writs for (a) false and malicious allegations, (b) victimisation, (c) damages, and (d) libel. Said George Reynolds: I live by a golden rule: "Whoever has the gold rules" and I have the money to pursue this matter through the courts."

LOCAL VOLUNTEER



John Ross Clare, a former pupil of Woodham Comprehensive and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, is shown here setting off to begin a 'gap' job teaching English as a foreign language in Romania. The work is entirely voluntary.

John deferred going to university to go to Romania. He said: 'I felt it was important to get some experience of the real world after I left school, before I go to university. Romania will be an exciting challenge, and hopefully, I will be able to help others as well.' He will be lodging with a Romanian family during his time there, and will be placed in a school in Bucharest. He will assist the school's teachers of English, and take classes on his own. The pupils are aged 11-18.

John, who has experience working with church youth groups and children's summer camps, said: 'Great Aycliffe Town Council have kindly given me a supply of small gifts and mementoes of Newton Aycliffe and the 50th Anniversary. I hope these things will motivate my students in Romania to work well!' - John is due to return in February.

CHEMISTS EMERGENCY ROTA

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Sunday 27th September 1998

12noon-1pm - Neville Pharmacy

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

WEDNESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1998

Full Council Meeting - 7.15pm

TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 1998

Learning Centres Meeting - 7.15pm

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 1998

D.L.O. Sub Committee Meeting - 7.15pm

The General Public are invited to attend all meetings

MUSICAL EVENING

A musical evening with the Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir and Spennymoor Town Band will be held on Saturday, 26th September to raise money for Sedgfield Borough Council Mayor's Charity, the Pioneering Care Partnership.

Borough Mayor, John Moran will introduce the evening of songs and music at Spennymoor Leisure Centre and proceeds will go to the Pioneering Care Centre, a one-stop-shop for people with disabilities and their carers, being built at Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe.

The Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir was formed in 1887 and has been part of the musical tradition of the region since that time. Its musical credentials are well established. The choir has strong links with the Welsh National Eisteddfods and tours throughout Europe and North America.

Spennymoor Town Band also has a fine reputation and supports many local charities. It was formed in 1982 and has gone from strength to strength with youth and junior bands bringing forward new talent for the future.

The charity concert starts at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 26th September at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

Tickets at £5.00 and £4.00 are available from Roger Ramsdale at Sedgfield Borough Council on (01388) 816166 and Brenda Fryer at Spennymoor Town Hall on (01388) 815276.

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SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS



For the first time in 27 years, Woodham Burn Junior School started a new school year this term without Mrs Hazel O'Connor as School Secretary. Mrs O'Connor decided that she wanted to spend more time with her family and take a well earned break from secretarial duties, even though she will miss being with the children in school. Mrs O'Connor's many friends attended a meal at Walworth Hall, a buffet in school and a special assembly where she received many personal gifts from the children and a mass of well wishing cards. Everyone at Woodham Burn Junior School wishes her a long and busy future - she is certainly not going to put her feet up!

GREAT EVENT AT THE SCOUT CENTRE

Newton Aycliffe Scout Centre hosted a Live Music Event over the Bank Holiday Weekend which culminated in a Charity Hog Roast and a Raffle on Monday to raise funds for the Centre.

The Weekend was a huge success and the committee would like to thank all who gave their support. Special thanks go to Neil and Babs for organising the Bands; to Thames Butchers for storing

the pig; to all those who printed and displayed tickets and posters; and to the Leisure Centre for allowing us to use the Foyer to sell tickets and publicise the event. Winning Raffle Ticket Numbers are as follows; Buff coloured tickets: 11-15, 151-155, 71-75, 141-145, 271-275, 131-135, 236-240, 231-235, 36-40 and Green coloured tickets: 161-220, 176-180, 341-345, 76-80.

JUNIOR ANGLING

Aycliffe Angling Club 'Junior Section' fished their A.T.C. Trophy Match on Saturday 5th September, only 8 competitors turned out and the match was won by C. Smith with 3lb.

All competitors caught and the total was 6lb 6ozs. Prizes were given and these again were sponsored by Great Lakes. Due to the angling shop closing prizes were bought from Northallerton shop which the Aycliffe manager owns.

Once again we wish to thank Great Lakes for their donates for prizes.

The next match is on Saturday 12th September fishing from 10am till 2pm.

****PLEASE NOTE****

We at the Newton News would like to apologise to T. Barnes aged 11 years for the incorrect printing of his initial and age after he won the 3rd Match held on 21st August. This was due to incorrect information being given to us on the Match report.

Euro Aid Needed

Stephen Hughes, Durham's Euro MP, will seek an urgent meeting with Europe's Regional Commissioner on cash aid for our region after the announced closure of Fujitsu. Europe's regional aid map is being re-drawn and there has been speculation that the North East could lose out because of falling unemployment levels. Speaking last week Stephen

Hughes said: "Monica Wulf-Mathies, the Regional Commissioner, now has to see how fragile the recovery is in this region. Much more aid is needed to finish the job and secure a broad and lasting industrial base. "I will seek an immediate meeting to secure a commitment to continued funding for the region". Assistance from Europe has been worth more than £150m to the region in the last ten years.

Aycliffe Children's Artwork Exhibition

The County Council are staging an exhibition of Newton Aycliffe children's artwork which celebrated the town's 50th anniversary.

This exhibition, which allows the whole county to view the work, will run until Saturday 12th September in the Durham Room at County Hall. Great Aycliffe Town Council is arranging a further exhibition to be staged in Newton Aycliffe and details will be released later.

Lively Youngsters

Do you have what it takes, when your child puts you to the test?

Come and share your ideas and learn new ways of dealing with lively youngsters.

Continuing our successful groups Health Visitors Angela and Kirsten will be starting another 'Positive Parenting Course' at the Youth Centre on Monday Sept. 14th, running for 6 weeks between 1.15pm and 3pm, with FREE CRECHE provided.

For further details contact the Health Centre on 314381.

BIGGEST AND BEST DOG SHOW IN THE NORTH

The largest dog show in the North takes place in South Park, Darlington next weekend. (19th - 20th)

All the breeds we know and love will be there, along with many interesting new breeds seldom seen by the general public.

Have you ever seen a Segugio Italiano, a Kookerhundje, a Nova Scotia duck Tolling Retriever or even a Coton De Tulear?

Even most dog show enthusiasts have never seen this last breed. It will certainly be the first time a Coton De Tulear has been seen in the North East of England.

The show is opened by the Mayor of Darlington at 9am on Saturday 19th September when the Hound, Terrier, Utility and

Toy Groups will be judged. On Sunday 20th September it is the turn of the Gundog and Working Groups, culminating with the judging of BEST IN SHOW.

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LADIES SOCCER TEAM PLAY WELL IN FIRST LEAGUE MATCH

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Aycliffe understandably took a while to settle into the game. Aycliffe allowed Darlington most of the play in the first ten minutes and allowed them to score three goals. This shook up the Aycliffe side and they started to take the game to Darlington, winning a free kick just outside the Darlington penalty area. Lesley Forrest stepped up to take it, striking the ball into the top right hand corner of the net, beyond the reach of the Darlington goalkeeper. It was Lesley's second goal in as many games and Aycliffe's first in competitive football. Darlington scored two more goals before the half-time whistle, making the score 5-1. Darlington scored two goals in quick succession at the start of the second half before Aycliffe scored their second. Jane Webber made an excellent run down the left wing delivering a quality cross into the box and it was left to captain Kim O'Connor to knock the ball into the back of the net. This made the score 7-2 and Aycliffe were enjoying the majority of the possession. After this, both sides began to lose their discipline, a player from each team being booked. Darlington scored five more goals before full time, making the final score 12-2. Aycliffe next play Preston AFC in the FA Cup on September 13th at Crook Towns Ground.
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Teacher in 21st Year



Cynthia Scott is about to start teaching evening classes later this month having taught for twenty years in Newton Aycliffe, firstly at the Avenue School and now at Greenfield School and Heighington Village Hall on Friday afternoons. She began teaching flower arranging in 1978 and she says she still finds inspiration with lots of new trends and ideas coming to this country from all over the world. Cynthia has designed flower festivals at both Raby Castle and Durham Cathedral and raising funds of over £80,000 for charity. She has great admiration for her students, the friendships and the fact that many have progressed into various fields after attending her classes, others gain pleasure and satisfaction in decorating their homes. She herself has progressed into also having a class for dried and silk flower craft and with having taught colour for several years ventured into doing colour analysis which she still does at home. As a result of this she also takes a ten week course 'Making the Most of Yourself'. All three classes commence the week beginning 21st September. Further details from Cynthia on 01325 313055 or Greenfield School on 01325

LOCAL HOTEL WINS HEALTH CLUB AWARD

Redworth Hall Health Club wins the 1998 Flame Award as the Top Private Health and Leisure Club in Great Britain with up to 1500 members. The awards are organised by the Industry's ruling body, 'The Fitness Industry Assoc.' and are recognition of fitness leadership and management excellence. This is the fourth year of the awards and Redworth Hall is the first hotel ever to have won. Prior to now, only 'stand alone' clubs have been winners. In order to win, the club had to submit an initial portfolio giving the judges an insight into the club, following this, the clubs Development Manager and Operations Manager were invited to London to be interviewed and to give a presentation. The Vice Chairman of the Fitness Industry and a colleague then visited Redworth Hall and examined the club in detail. Finally, a 'Mystery Shopper'

from Scher Associates joined the club and judged it stringently over a three week period. Throughout the judging period the Health Club was assessed on:- investment in training, attention to detail, quality of fitness programme, evaluation and appraisal systems, communication with members, relationships with the community, quality of marketing material, internal communication, staff incentives and the overall impression of the club. After having been short-listed to the final six clubs in 1997, it is a particularly pleasing sign of improvement over the last twelve months.

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Dear Editor
On behalf of the staff and children of Vane Road Primary School I would like to thank all parents, governors, grandparents, past pupils and friends of the school who gave up most of the six weeks

school holiday to paint our school. Their dedication and determination to finish the job reflects the commitment they have to supporting the education of the children who come to our school. The brightly coloured walls and wonderful stencils have certainly brought a breath of fresh air into the building and has boosted morale of both staff and children. The finished result is absolutely brilliant - thank you! We would also like to thank Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club for their time and muscle!
Yours sincerely
S J Collier - Headteacher

Walking for 24 hours!

Mr Peter Boddy and staff from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre are taking part in a 24 hour Sponsored Walk around the Woodham Burn Junior School field on Friday 18 September to raise money for School funds. There will be an 'opening ceremony' at 10am on the Friday and a 'collective collapse' at 10am on the Saturday! Head Teacher, Mr M Bennett and the School staff are very grateful for the efforts of all walkers and sponsors.
A big thank you to all!

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Aycliffe Boxer Fights in Ireland

Town boxer Shaun (Diablo) Grant from Bates Close travels to Dublin on the 18th Sept to fight the Irish champion W. Valentine.

His last fight was at Sheffield Arena against an unbeaten fighter from Yorkshire but Shaun had to retire in the 4th round with a cut eye which was on the same bill as Chris Eubank in July. Shaun (Diablo) Grant is ranked no 10 in Britain.

Aycliffe Amateur Boxing Club has now started The 1998-1999 season in the Youth Centre Tues - Thurs evening 6pm-7.30pm sessions £1.00 anyone from the age of 9 years are welcome.

BARGAIN NIGHT OUT

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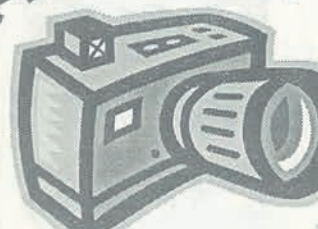
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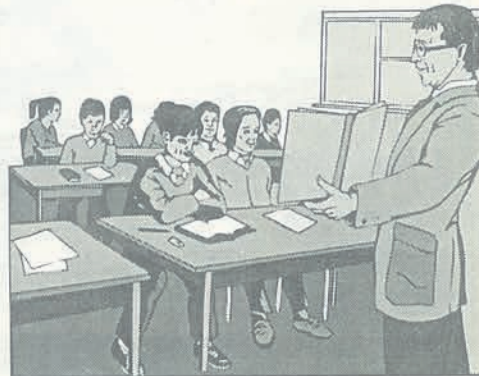
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The other good news is that the balloon actually travelled all the way to Germany! Mr. Bickle has kindly agreed to attend an

assembly at the school where he will be presented with his prize and all the children who did so well in selling so many balloon tickets can get to meet the winner. Congratulations to Mr. Bickle.

St. Mary's PTA would like to thank everyone involved with the Balloon Race and BBQ for all their efforts, especially the children who sold the tickets, all those people who bought them and the Gretna for allowing us to hold our event on their premises. £890 was raised for school funds and this, we think, is a marvellous achievement. We hope that we will be able to do as well next year!

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This was a classic draw with us coming out on top. Although going ahead after 5mins. through Kevan Stephenson, Aycliffe were soon pegged back by a penalty awarded after a trip in the box.

With the score 1-1 and Aycliffe in command, we suddenly found ourselves 3-1 down, Greyhounds 2nd goal coming after a mix up in the defence, their 3rd goal was another penalty, this after hand ball in the penalty area. Aycliffe surged back and scored 3 more goals before half time.

The 1st one coming from a marvellous run by Ian Blenkinsopp finishing with a fine goal. The 2nd goal was scored by Kevan Stephenson again after some good work by Kevin Joss.

Just before half time Colin Smith finished off a good move starting on the left hand side again by Kevin Joss. The second half began with the Greyhound attacking for most of the first 15 mins. However they could not find a goal and Aycliffe increased their lead by a Dave Lee header from a corner.

Just as Greyhound were exerting more pressure Jimmy Toal scored a breakaway goal to make it 6 - 3, but give the Greyhound credit they never gave up and scored a late goal to the final score 6-4.

Toal enjoyed his moment of glory as he has just come back from a bad knee injury. Man of the match:- Kevin Joss. I know this sounds a micky mouse scoreline but we are not a micky mouse team, although we are over 40 we still play skilful football. So please come and watch us Saturday mornings at Moore Lane.

Forthcoming Sept. fixtures:
12th Dagmar (Newcastle) - away
19th Glaxo (B/ Castle) - home
26th Oddfellows (N/Shields) home

Legion Unbeaten

The Royal British Legion were trying to make it four wins out of four when they were away to Cockerton F.C. on Sunday 6 Sept.

In the first ten minutes the Legion struggled to break down the Cockerton defence but in the 15th minute a long ball over the defence saw Marc Delucia run on and calmly beat the Cockerton goalkeeper 1-0.

Cockerton hardly got out of their own half with the constant pressure put on them by the Legion. In the 28th minute Doug Grant increased the lead for the Legion with a fine taken goal. The rest of the first half was very scrappy with the Legion missing chance after chance and some bad passing, 2-0 half time.

Five minutes into the second half Doug Grant made it 3-0 to the Legion when he headed in from close range.

Doug then completed his hat trick when he netted from 18 yards in the 63rd minute. Three minutes later the Legion strung some neat passes together and Marc Delucia made it 5-0.

Marc then completed his hat trick in the 72nd minute to make it 6-0 to the Legion and that was the final score. Too many simple chances missed, too many stray passes.

Marc has now scored three hat tricks in three games - which is no mean achievement in any League.

The Royal British Legion man-of-the-match award this week goes to Scott Brassell.
Report By Keith Brassell.

REVIEW OF TOWN FOOTBALL

Huntsman - 8
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HUNTSMAN played some decent football and won with a good team display for the first time this season.

They were in pretty good form and played some nice one-touch football in patches.

The defence was as solid as ever - beat against fairly poor opposition and 'keeper Chris Wilson again made a couple of good saves and commanded his area comfortably.

Man-of-the-match Kyle Fielding returned to midfield after one week out and also played very well with brother Morgan Fielding.

Tony Travis and Martin Haigh were surprisingly axed from the first-team line-up as Director of Football Darren Baxter reverted to a 4-4-2 formation.

Martin Walker and Wayne Marram spearheaded Huntsman's attack - they both grabbed two goals. Steven Woodward was a second half substitute and scored.

Kyle Fielding scored from the spot and Bryce Milford, who returned after two weeks out, also notched.

Rob Lothian scored with his head from a corner, but the less said about that the better - I

think he's had quite enough press coverage over the week and I think it might be going to his head!!

Nic Armstrong, another one of Baxter's pre-season scalps from the Sports Club, made his debut on the right of midfield.

TEAM: Wilson, C. Walker, Leanord, McCabe, Lothian, Milford, M. Fielding, K. FIELDING, Armstrong, M. Walker, Marram. Subs: T. Walker, Woodward, Smith.

STAR MEN: K. FIELDING 5, M. Fielding 4, Milford 3, Marram 2, M. Walker 1. (The star man ratings are given by manager Darren Baxter - they go from five (man-of-the-match) to one, instead of having marks out of ten which degrades the likes of Jim McCabe!!)

HOT SHOTS: M. Walker 2, Marram 2, Lothian, Milford, K. FIELDING, Woodward, Huntsman face a trip to Shuttle and Loom this Sunday.

DDSML Round-up: The Iron Horse and the British Legion both won comfortably to stay ahead of Huntsman.

The Horse beat Shuttle and Loom 5-1 at home, while the Legion won 6-0 at AFC Cockerton. Europa FC beat Security Surveyors 4-0 and Smith and Allen beat Club 2K Spsire FC 4-1.

CRICKET NEWS

Newton Aycliffe's hopes of avoiding the drop have now almost vanished as they swapped places with bottom club Eryholme after crashing to a seven wicket defeat by the same club in a match sponsored by Great Lakes Chemicals.

Aycliffe were asked to bat first on a damp pitch and scored a respectable 126 for 9 from their 25 overs with Eryholme's Alan Biglin bowling unchanged to finish with an excellent 7 for 43. Top scorer for the visitors was Stuart Mitchie with 26

including three sixes, other contributions came from Steve Davison with 18, Alan Mitchie and John Williams both scoring 16.

In reply Aycliffe bowled and fielded well, but an unbeaten 41 from Colin Biglin saw Eryholme to victory with just two balls remaining.

Aycliffe seconds lost to promotion hopefuls Eggleston by eight wickets, Roger Howe hitting 42 and Rob Clerks 27 in their sides total of 104 for 5 in 30 overs. In reply Chris Trotter cracked 42 as the visitors ran out easy winners with eleven overs in hand.

2nd PLACE FOR RALLY DRIVER



Local Rally driver Geoff Wright from Woodham Village is in 2nd position overall in the Safety Devices National MacAdam rally championship.

He recently finished in 2nd place by only 8 secs in the Mewla Rally in Mid Wales. Geoff would like to thank recent sponsored Hambleton Steel Ltd. of Brompton who manufacture structural steel buildings also Keyline Graphics of Newton Aycliffe who have supplied some of the graphics for Geoff Car.

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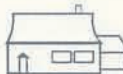
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AYCLIFFE ATHLETICS

Stephen Cox was a second timer of the Club Handicap, with Shildon A/C.'s Adam Gibson 3rd in a new best time of 21.55. Chris Griffith (17.45) and Hugo Edema (18.58) also from Shildon ran well. In the Kilburn "7" Stephen Cox was again first home for the Club in 47.30, over a very hilly and demanding course. Sue Milburn was second in 48.04. At the 6 mile multi-terrain run, at Hartlepool, Stephen Cox again led the way with a very good 42 mins, Sue Milburn came home next as 4th lady in 43 mins.

The Quaker's White Horse handicap saw Colin Gibson set a new personal best in 33.33, over the 5.3 mile course. On the night other performers were Mick Brunskill 31 mins, Dave Middleton 39 mins, Derek Smith 40mins, and John Burnside 41 mins. Peter and Sue Milburn represented the Club whilst on holiday in Cornwall, competing in the the St. Ives race at Halsetown over a tough 6 mile course. Peter was 10' in 36.49, with Sue 2nd lady in 40.39.
By Colin Gibson

Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Winners

The winners and runners up of the Great Aycliffe Indoor Bowling Club, Summer Season, were:

2 Wood Singles Winner: Mrs B Mangles - R/U Mr W. Tilley

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4 Wood Open Pairs Winner: Mrs M Hare & Mr T Matimoe - R/U Mr B Mangles & Mr S Mangles

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Mix Triples Winners: Mrs E Helm, Mrs J Basham, Mr D Dodd

Mens Triples Winners: Mr N Wake, Mr T Matimoe, Mr H Ashdown

Ladies Triples Winners: Mrs E Bulmer, Mrs J Cutler, Mrs E helm

Mix Fours Winners: Mrs E Helm, Mrs J Basham, Mr K Dunning, Mr W Tilley

Mens Pairs Winners: Mr K Dunning, Mr J French, Mr R Forster

The Winter Leagues started on Sept. 6th at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

ACTIVITIES AT SILVERDALE

The Silverdale Community House are holding an 11 week course for women starting on 16th September. The subject will be 'Confidence and Assertiveness'.

Starting on 21st September there will be a baby massage clinic for babies

under one years old. There are also 4 vacancies on the Basic Introduction to Computers Course. For further information and creche availability please contact us at 9 & 10 Silverdale Place or ring 307539. Alternatively you can contact Diana/Bess on 301928.

MAYOR OPENS WOODHAM'S SUMMER FAIR

This year's Summer Fair at Woodham Community Centre last Saturday, proved to be a great success with the event raising a grand total of £515.59.

Proceeds will go towards the running of the Centre and the Management Committee would like to thank all those people who came along on the day and supported us.

Particular thanks go to those who donated prizes for our Grand Draw who we will be writing to individually to express our gratitude.

Special thanks also go to the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts who provided hot food in their marquee and the Woodham Tackwondo Group who put on a demonstration of their skills, and the Mayor of Great Aycliffe Councillor Angela Fleming for

officially opening the event.

Last, but not least, our thanks go to the gallant and enthusiastic team of members who manned the stalls, made the tea, sold the tickets, baked the cakes, and made the day the success it was.

All winners in the Grand Draw have been contacted. The 'Name the Dolls competition' was won by Emily who selected the correct names of Susan & Kirstie; the raffle for the hamper was won by ticket number 60; the "Number of sweets in the jar competition" was won by J. Knox who was closest with a guess of 396, and the weight of the cake was 1500gms won by Sarah Kelly.

Alan Gray - Chairman of Woodham Village Community Association.

FITNESS CLUB TAKE KEILDER QUEST FOR CHARITY



Pictured left to right: Angela Etherington, David Summerill, Dean MacMaster, Patrick Taylor, Marvin Yates-Brown, Debbie Borg, Ryan Wade, Paul Higgins.

On Saturday 5th September two teams from the Classic Fitness Centre, Horndale Avenue, Aycliffe arrived at Keilder Castle. Their mission - to raise money for the charity 'The Stoke Association' and to complete the Keilder Quest. This included teams of four to complete a number of tasks over the course of the day. The tasks included mind challenges, mountain biking, log carrying, canoeing, swimming, archery, obstacle, course, and plank-skiing.

Members of the Classic Fitness Centre such as Paul Higgins, Patrick Taylor, Dave Summerill who only joined the gym a few months ago were over the moon that they were able to participate in such an event and to complete it.

Here are a few quotes from the member of the teams: Angela - "It was hard work but I thoroughly enjoyed it and felt a sense of achievement afterwards". Dean mentioned - "It was a great day, definitely do it again next year". Debbie says - "Even though the hardest part for me was the mind challenges and confused me incredibly I did manage to keep up with the lads and had a great day." Marvin Yates-Brown who manages the Classic Fitness Centre said, "We do try and give our members competitions and goals to go for to keep them motivated at classic. This is just one of many competitions this year so watch this space for many more charity events. For more information call Marvin on 01325 319935. Twelve teams competed in the "Keilder Quest 98" Classic Fitness Centre came fourth and raised over £6.00.

POLICE START ANTI-BURGLAR CAMPAIGN

A series of anti-burglary offensives are being mounted by police in south Durham in a bid to halt the seasonal upsurge in house break-ins heralded by the approaching "dark nights".

The six-month intelligence-led operation - code-named "Lancelot" - is being carefully planned across the Sedgefield division, focusing in particular on a string of crime "hotspots" identified by detailed research.

Detectives based at divisional headquarters in Newton Aycliffe have promised a key part of the campaign will be to target the dozens of known offenders living in the area and monitor their habits.

But the crack-down, which will provide extra support for victims, also aims to build on the active support of local councils, housing organisations, Neighbourhood Watch schemes and the public at large.

Detective Chief Inspector Jeff Watson, who will be co-ordinating the project, said analysis of offending over the last three years confirmed the number of house burglaries in some months trebled at a time when other areas of reported crime was falling. Patterns of offending established that some communities were particularly vulnerable and these areas would, he said, be receiving close attention.

Between April 1996 and March 1997 there were 765 house burglaries in the division, while in the following 12 months the figure jumped to 835.

"Thieves operate under the cover of darkness that the autumn and winter nights provide and the sole aim of our operations will be to reverse this seasonal, invasion of peoples homes and the misery it leaves in its wake.

As well as the combined police operations against the persistent offenders responsible for the majority of these offences.

"We also plan to develop partnerships with a variety of organisations to help people help themselves," added the chief inspector.

Meetings with representatives of key organisations have already been fixed, while crime prevention specialists have already examined the areas most at risk and offered advice on how householders can protect against attack.

"Leaflets spelling out what can be done" - being given out in the worst affected areas and the security equipment people might use is being put on sale in police stations at Spennymoor and Newton Aycliffe on Saturday morning between 9am and 12noon, if this proves a success we will extend the offer to other stations," added DCI Watson.

High profile directed patrols will be mounted during the course of the six-month campaign by uniformed officers, supported by both the Special Constabulary and Sedgefield Borough Councils Community Force.

"Officers will go where the need is greatest and we will be carefully monitoring and evaluating everything we do. We cannot guarantee success but the thieves and the handlers should be warned we are determined to make these operations succeed," he said.

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RUGBY CLUB

Houghton-le-Spring II 12 - Newton Aycliffe 19

This week Aycliffe played their first official game of the season away at Houghton-le-Spring. With Bob Malvern still out injured, Aycliffe were forced to improvise in the front row. Mark ("Affer") Affleck played at hooker in his first game for two seasons, while Peter Sheen played his first game at loose head prop after hooking last season. This new combination struggled to win scrummage ball until the second half but toiled throughout the game. Aycliffe fared better in the line out, however. With a number of players out with injury, the backs also had to make changes. The well drilled attacking plays failed to come off as they had in victories over Sedgefield and Consett. Indeed, most players in the Aycliffe side struggled to catch and pass the ball effectively. This was a great pity, because the players once again played with great effort in defence against a Houghton side which was mobile and strong running, with one or two big lads who would have punched holes in many opposition defences. Aycliffe showed the way they can play on just three occasions during the game. On each occasion, the opposition defence was sucked in and the ball released to players who broke through gaps in what had become a weakened defensive line. Tries were scored in the first and second half. Affer, Bud Shaw and Mark Hill were the try scorers with Tommy Cooper converting two of these. Houghton scored a try in each half, and Aycliffe could never be certain of victory until the final whistle. This was a hard fought scrappy game that nobody in the Aycliffe side was happy with. Such is the expectation of playing good rugby based on hard training these days, that this scrappy display was deflating. A more realistic view is that Aycliffe were forced to make changes in key positions and the experience will provide much learning for the better. Next week Aycliffe face Yarm at home in the first league game of the season. Come along and see an exciting brand of rugby. We will be in our new strip for the first time. We would like to thank our main sponsors Great Lakes Chemicals for their continuing support.

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