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ANGER OVER HORNDALE HOUSE PROJECT

Fierce Opposition from Residents in the Area

By VICKY BROWNING

Proposals that Horndale House could soon become 'home', to ex-criminals, faced fierce opposition at a public meeting held last week.

Horndale residents and other people from the town, attended the meeting at Greenfield School hall, in the hope that they would be able to clarify details surrounding the scheme. They wanted reassurance that anyone who would be living at Horndale House, would not pose any threat to themselves or their families, and they were given the opportunity to ask questions to the people who will be involved with the hostel. Counc. Tony Moore, who chaired the meeting and has lived in the Horndale area for many years, did not believe that there had been enough thought put into the proposals and he was worried about the effect it would have upon local residents. He said to the panel "I do not want to see them living in fear. I do not think you thought enough of the community." And he also suggested that they find somewhere else for their scheme.

Even though the scheme will house a variety of different groups, the vagueness around whether ex-criminals - and if so what type will be living there is causing great concern amongst the public. Issues of safety, drugs, house values and the possibility of people removing their children from the schools and nursery in the area, were high on the agenda. What people seemed to be asking was - Why Us? However, the organisers of the scheme truly believed that they are doing good for those people who struggle to live on their own. They said that as Christians, they wanted to help add the God factor to peoples lives, and they believe that they can help those people change, if only they were given a chance - and this includes ex-criminals. In 1975, when Horndale House was first opened to accommodate people with learning difficulties, the initial reaction was one of opposition. However, after this response local residents welcomed that scheme and the people who were to live there with open arms.

Mr Robinson, a Director of the scheme, suggested that this was the case once again because people misunderstood what they were trying to do. He said "People oppose anything, there is no threat to anyone. It will not harbour people who are a risk".

The meeting overwhelmingly showed that local residents are not happy with the proposals for Horndale House, and with the chants of 'out', 'out', 'out', summing up the mood, the scheme looks set to face continued opposition from those who will be living alongside it.

WHY IS PROPOSED ALPHA HOSTEL BEING FENCED IN?

Sirs,
I read, with considerable interest, Mr Steven Andrews' assertion, (presumably designed to set the public's minds at rest), that Horndale House would not be utilised by those with 'serious' problems.

If, as Mr Andrews maintains this is truly the case, then why is Dr Martin currently constructing a steel fence set in concrete around the building's forecourt?

By no stretch of the imagination could such an ugly structure be regarded as welcoming or reassuring, particularly in an open-plan area. But perhaps Dr Martin is hedging his bets and the fence is a form of preliminary self-defence against an upsurge of irate locals when his carefully manicured plans go awry.
Sincerely,
Very Concerned
31 Burnhope

MAYORS VISIT GOLDEN COUPLE



The Borough Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor John Moran and his wife Mary, visited Alan and Florence Hopper to present a bouquet on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 18th. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Counc. Angela Fleming also called with flowers to add her congratulations on behalf of the townspeople. Alan is an ex Fire Officer with Durham Fire Brigade and Hydro Polymers. Florence was Warden for Clarence Chare. The couple celebrated the occasion with their family, including five grandchildren, at the Poachers Pocket, Middridge.

Concern Over Horndale House

Dear Sir,
May I thank the residents of Horndale and surrounding area for their massive support at the Public Meeting with the Trustees of Horndale House. The questions asked were constructive, but I was concerned by the evasive answers.

They failed to allay the concerns and fears of residents and it was unanimously agreed by 400 people that they did not want this type of establishment in their community.

I am concerned the effect this facility will have on the future of the schools nearby and the safety of the children who live in the surrounding houses. I have discussed the matter with Education officials, Social Services, Planning and legal officers at County and Borough Councils. I have also requested a meeting with Tony Blair and am prepared to travel to London to see him.

The value of properties of everyone in the immediate area is also a matter of some concern.

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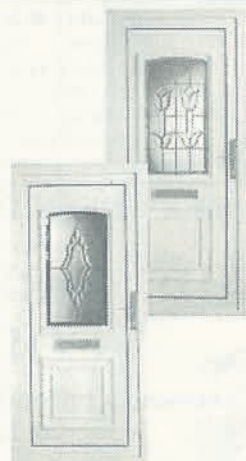


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The group: Nicola Arkley, Mathew Foster, Joey McKerr (Greenfield); Rachel Minchin, Ian Elliot and Anthony Britton (Woodham) had never met before the weekend and only Anthony had any experience of sailing. Understandably they were excited but a little apprehensive, but by the end of the weekend they were working as a cohesive group and were firm friends.

The weather conditions during the weekend were perfect and it was one of the few occasions when the wind was suited to sailing south into Whitby harbour. The students had a truly memorable experience and were described by the skipper as "a delightful group to work with". The weekend was sponsored by the town's Rotary Club and Greenfield and Woodham Schools are appreciative that six students from the two schools should have had this great opportunity to work together as a team.



Letter to the Editor WOODHAM LITTER PROBLEM IS BEING ADDRESSED

Dear Sir, Further to the letter from J. Davies in last week's Newton News can I advise the writer that steps have already been taken to combat the litter problem in the vicinity of the shops at Woodham and along the length of Woodham Way on both the Agnew and Woodham Village stretches of that road.

As a Borough and Town Councillor for the Woodham Ward I have made several representations to both Councils about the problem of litter and I can confirm that new larger bins are to be installed to replace the smaller lamppost mounted bins on Woodham Way. Extra attention is being given to the shopping area and those responsible for the litter collection service are aware of the problem. I will continue to monitor the situation and will request additional litter bins if necessary.

The point made by J. Davies regarding the responsibility of residents is a very valid one. It is an undeniable fact that inconsiderate people drop litter in the first place and while this is not the only source of litter it is one that could easily be eliminated with a bit of care and consideration. It is also a fact that those same people plus the rest of us will have to pay for that litter to be picked up and disposed of at great cost by the Borough Council through our Council Tax.

On a more positive note, as a resident of Woodham myself for fourteen years I am aware that the vast majority of residents do take great pride in the appearance of their community. One only has to observe the increasing number of responsible dog owners who clean up after their dogs and use the bins provided for that purpose.

If you feel that you know of a particular area anywhere in the ward that is suffering a persistent litter problem, then let me know. Or you can contact the Technical Services Department at Sedgfield Borough Council.

Councillor Alan Gray 45 Pemberton Road - Tel: 313778

BOOK NOW FOR COUNCIL'S SUPER SPORTS SKILL COURSES

It may seem as though the children have just gone back to school, but the half term holiday which begins on Monday 26th October is only three weeks away.

Bookings are now being taken for Great Aycliffe Town Council's Super Sports Skills Children's Coaching Courses in Football or Golf at the Oak Leaf Sports and Golf Complexes in School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

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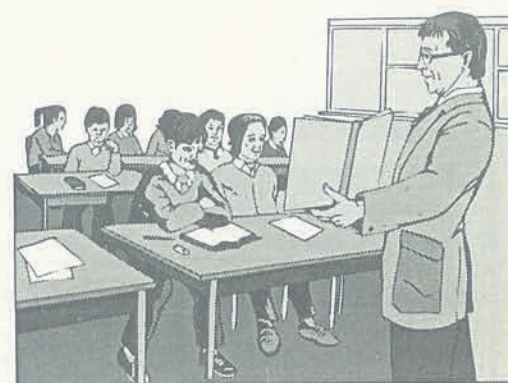
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PLEASE NOTE: REMEMBER TO ASK PERMISSION OF YOUR TEACHER WHEN PLANNING TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS IN SCHOOL TIME



Win for Poster Designer



Young local design talent Lauren Ingam, aged 9, has won a regional anti-smoking poster competition organised by Boots Chemist. Lauren's hard hitting message "It's not big and it's not clever" caught the eye of the judges and her entry will go forward to the National Final. If she is successful her poster design will appear on the cover of the Government's new book on getting people to stop smoking.

Ambitions Rise for Town Rugby Club

Prudhoe 24 v Aycliffe 20

A near full strength squad provided further evidence to team coaches that Aycliffe's ambition to compete in a higher league next year is not so far away. With a hard fought match against a team a division higher two weeks ago and last weeks league game against Prudhoe, Aycliffe are poised to provide some comfortable wins. However, errors by the Aycliffe team have been responsible for both games to end up as defeats, albeit very close ones. Aycliffe's 2nd league game of the season away to Prudhoe proved how fatal silly mistakes can be. Aycliffe were first to score a three pointer by being awarded a penalty for off-side. Pettit converted. On a pitch the size of a tennis court and on a steeper gradient than busy bank, Aycliffe backs made good use of balls set up by our mobile forward and made fine territorial gains. Within 10 minutes of play, Prudhoe appeared nervous with the pace and handling of Neil Shaw, Paul Shaw and outside centre Paul McCormack but after converting a try from the first of Aycliffe's mistakes, Prudhoe led at half time 12-3. The 2nd half saw Aycliffe with the advantage of the slope and the slight breeze. Aycliffe again put on the pressure and were rewarded with an excellent team try. The move started with some powerful forward play, numerous phases of rooking and mauling and finally a well delivered ball by scrum-half Warren Parsonage provided the ball. D Pettit was the recipient who called a well rehearsed move allowing Paul Shaw to beat two tackles and score the try. Soon after this Aycliffe scored their second try with another fine effort from a combination of forward and backs play. The ball again set up by the forwards and again D Pettit unleashing the quality back division. P McCormack made it to the try line but was on hand to put the ball down and score the try. D Pettit converted. Aycliffe were well on top at this stage with forwards such as Ronnie Gilyeat and Paul House pounding roles in the defence. We looked set to claim our first victory but with only minutes to go Prudhoe scored a soft try after another huge tackling error. Final score Aycliffe 20 - Prudhoe 24. Tries: Paul Shaw, Tommy cooper - Cons: D Pettit x 2 - Pens: D Pettit x 2. Could NARUFC thank Diane Clark for our match-ball sponsorship, Diane being connected to the junior football and also our main sponsors Great Lakes Chemicals Ltd.

LEEK SHOW RESULTS

The results of the Newton Aycliffe Royal British Legion's 36th Annual Leek Show, held on 26th September 1998, were as follows:
Pot Leeks - 1st R Davey (16 cubic inches) - 2nd J Curran - 3rd D Percival
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Intermediate Leeks - 1st B Taylor - 2nd J Curran - 3rd R Davey
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HUNTSMAN GO TOP OF THE LEAGUE

Huntsman - 5
Barnard Castle - 0
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The Iron Horse didn't have a game, so anything less than three points for Huntsman would have proved to be a key psychological factor for the Horse when the two meet next week.
Bryce Milford once again had a fine game as Huntsman continued their unbeaten start to the season.

He was Man-of-the-match for the third week running - it capped off what was a simple three points for the home side.
Despite the much-celebrated evening the night before, marking Huntsman centre-back Rob Lothian's wedding, they were still comfortable victors.
They controlled the game after Darren Baxter had made a few changes from the week before.
But striker Wayne Marram - who clearly can't drink - hauled himself off with about ten minutes left in the first half. He wasn't very well.
Substitute Martin Walker, the club's top scorer who was controversially dropped, proved his worth with two second half goals - one off the toes of striker partner Steven Woodward, who earlier scored.
This was after Chris Walker and Milford put Huntsman into a 2-0 half time lead.
Although it was a comfortable victory against quite a poor side, Huntsman will clearly have to play much better when Bridge FC visit them this Sunday.
Team: Travis, Armstrong, Leanord, Burke, McCabe, MILFORD, M Fielding, C Walker, Cherrie, Woodward, Marram. Subs: M Walker, Smith, Nelson.
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Hot Shots: M Walker 2, C. Walker, Milford, Woodward.

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£295 for Whizz Kidz Charity



Barbara Saint who is busy raising sponsorship cash for her cycle ride in India in aid of the "Whizz Kidz" held another Charity Night at Seaton Carew. The evening raised £295 and some dressed as stars to mark the occasion. Photographed above is Michael as Elvis, Beverly as Tina Turner, Jennifer as Cher and Paul as John Lennon. Further details of forthcoming events later as Barbara prepares to leave for India in February. Sponsors and anyone requiring more details on Whizz Kidz should contact her at Woolworths 312936.

ROTARY HELPS LOCAL CHARITIES



Rotary President Syd Howarth (left) with Nature Park officials and below representatives from the Soup Bowl and Silverdale Community Association.



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe presented cheques of £125 to four local charities from the proceeds of the annual "Swimathon". Receiving donations were Aycliffe Nature Park, The Soup Bowl, Wishing Well Club and Silverdale Community Centre. The Presentations were made by President of the Rotary Club Syd Howarth.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE

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Letter to the Editor Trustees Failed to Explain "Alpha"

Dear Sir,
Reference Meeting concerning the proposed use of Horndale House by the charity named 'Alpha Project'

Councillor Tony Moore suggested a question and answer forum to which the trustees of Horndale House were invited and agreed to listen and answer any concerns of the community.

Most of those attending the meeting were concerned with the objectives of this project namely 'the care of people in need, but in particular the care of persons who have been convicted of criminal offences and who are homeless, suffering from mental or physical infirmity or by reason of adverse circumstances, alcoholism, drug dependence of ill health, and are in need of help in acquiring a settled way of life.'

(full details, see clause 2 of trust deed)
Councillor Moore courteously addressed the trustees, and gave a summary of what was concerning the residents of the area about the project. It was then put to the trustees to explain and answer questions.

The trustees present were Dr Martin, John Robinson, Steven Andrews and a woman associate. Mr Robinson stated their aims about whom they intended to offer residence to. He stipulated that Horndale House could mainly be used by ex offenders, those people who have drug or alcohol dependency and others for one reason or another were in need of help.

REFUSE TO REGISTER

As an instance Mr Robinson used the description of perhaps some one who has been convicted of car theft as a possible resident. Questions were put to the trustees about the worries resident had about drug addicts, alcoholics and other ex criminals and whether anyone was suitably qualified to cater for this group of people, they admitted they did not have the professional expertise required to care for such an array of problematic residents.

When asked if they intended to register with social services, Dr Martin answered emphatically - 'No!'. It was put to the trustees that surely it would safeguard the public if they were to register, again the answer was they would not be registering. Members of the public asked for assurances that they would not be put at risk by people who may possibly be in need of expert help, and not just spiritual guidance or counselling, however the answer to this question was quite evasive, in fact Mr Robinson assured one member of the public that if there were to be any trouble or an incident from one of the proposed residents that 'he would personally take the blame and that members of the public could hold him responsible'. The outburst then was that 'it would be too late'.

Mr Robinson was then asked to explain how prospective residents would be assessed for placement, his answer was that they would be interviewed by the trustees who would then decide if THEY felt that a particular resident might pose a risk. A question was put about planning permission and Dr Martin stated that he did not need permission as the house was bought with permission for residential use. Councillor Moore then issued a letter concerning usage of Horndale house from the Council Planning Officer which detailed certain clauses for which Horndale House may or may not need appropriate planning permission - one being that if it was to be used as a hostel then permission would be needed. The trustees still insisted that planning permission was not needed in their view. Councillor Moore then produced a letter from

the County's Solicitor which explained certain legal procedures that the house may have to adhere to. The trustees did not at any time mention if other agencies might be consulted regarding the care of the proposed residents, in fact it was made very clear that they would be solely responsible for any care, counselling or spiritual development that they felt may be needed.

When asked about routine day to day socialisation the meeting was told that the residents would be able to come and go as they pleased. Many, many questions were put, but members of the community were dissatisfied with what they felt were evasive answers which in turn did nothing to reassure them or their concerns, so much so that there are some parents seriously considering removing their children from local infants and junior schools.

UNACCEPTABLE

The final assessment of the meeting was that the public and Councillor Moore felt that the trustees had not succeeded in explaining clearly and fully their future plans to the public satisfaction. The trustees were not prepared to accept that there might be any possibility of risk to the community.

But any sort of a risk in an established community was felt by residents at the meeting to be strongly unacceptable and unanimously opposed. Subsequently, Councillor Moore has offered to travel to London if necessary to meet with Prime Minister Tony Blair M.P. in order to discuss the worrying concerns of residents who, while accepting that of course there are genuine people in need of help, feel also that Horndale House which is in close proximity to nearby infants, junior schools, and aged persons homes along with a nursing home next door is not the right area for this project no matter how minimal the trustees feel that the risks might be. Name & Address supplied

Furniture Scheme Needs More Helpers

Sedgefield & District Furniture Scheme is a registered charity with aims to help people who are in need of furniture and household furnishings. The scheme is run by volunteers and organised by a Management committee. The Scheme has a unit on Aycliffe Industrial Park and serves the area of Sedgefield Borough. The Scheme receives donations of good quality furniture and distributes it at a modest cost to people who are on benefits and low income.

Volunteers are needed to help at the Unit during opening hours on Tuesday and Thursdays afternoons. Also to help collect and deliver furniture in the van on the same days, but also some evenings. If you can offer some time or would like further information please ring 311736.

Talk on New Care Centre at Back Assoc. AGM

The AGM of the National Back Pain Association, Newton Aycliffe Branch is on 8th October at 7pm in St. Elizabeths Church Hall, Woodham.

Afterwards a talk will be given by Jane Hartley, Development Director of the Care Centre being built in Newton Aycliffe. Admission is free with refreshments available.

Ex Village Resident Donates £1000



Billy Blenkinsopp, Headteacher Mr. Mitchell and Arthur Hackett with a group of Aycliffe Village School pupils.

Aycliffe Village Primary School received a cheque for £1 000 from a local benefactor, Arthur Hackett, on Wednesday 23d September. Mr. Hackett, who was accompanied by Councillor Billy Blenkinsopp, presented the cheque to the headmaster of the school Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Hackett, who is aged 72 with three grown-up children, lived in Aycliffe Village for twenty years before moving to Newton Aycliffe with his wife last November. When he sold his land behind Heighington Street, where Bellway Homes are now building 35 houses, he wanted to give something back to the community. He has always been involved with village life, especially the school as three of his grandchildren attended it as pupils. He said: "I wanted to do something for the children of the village, so the school seemed the natural choice."

Mr Mitchell, who was delighted to receive the cheque on behalf of the school, said that they were still deciding what they should spend the money on.

Impressive Under 12's

Newton Aycliffe U/12's - 2 Kadar Under 12's - 1
Last week Aycliffe Under 12's impressive unbeaten start to the season continued with a hard-fought game against Kadar. In an evenly-balanced first half both defences were on top but just before the break Stewie Owen's long range effort went narrowly wide and skipper Liam Cooper brought about a desperate save from the visiting keeper to keep it scoreless at half-time.

Shortly after the break, Anthony Ross was hacked down just outside the area and Liam Cooper produced a 'David Beckham' type free-kick which scorched past the keeper. 10 minutes later midfielder David Turgoose slotted a great precision ball through the visitor's defence for Anthony Ross to slide the ball past the advancing keeper. Although Kadar scored a consolation goal in injury time, the lads thoroughly deserved their victory with Andrew Richardson and Kyle Summersby having storming games in defence. Matthew Dodds took the 'man-of-the-match' award for his tremendous tackling and reading of the game in his make-shift sweeper role.

Who Do You Know Who Deserves an Award?

Readers are also invited to nominate persons they believe have contributed to the prestige of the town, brought honour or recognition for outstanding service to the town.

could be a voluntary worker who has given years of service, or an individual who has shown bravery in the face of illness. It could be a person who has achieved a level of excellence in sport, the arts or education.

If you know someone who deserves to be recognised for achievement in any aspect of community life, please complete the form on page 4.

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Last Sunday's fixtures
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another series of good
results which have led to
two of the age groups
leading their respective
leagues. Namely the 10s
and 13s, both of whom are
still unbeaten.
Greenfield Comp. School
fields were good venues for
the club with all four sides
gaining victories on home
soil.

The under 10s entertained
a Yarm Town boys side
who were joint top,
unbeaten and not conceded
a goal and were soundly
beaten 6-0 by the local
boys. The game was won in
the first 15 mins when a
sustained spell of
scintillating attacking
football produced four
goals from Adam
Thompson, Ben Poskett
and Luke Wilson (2). The
visitors from hung on
defensively until two late
strikes from Richard
Langthorne gave the
scoreline a fairer reflection
of the game. In a great team
display, MOM Mark Wood.
The under 11s travelled to
Tontine juniors and were
desperately unlucky to lose
by 2 goals to one after
missing two penalties and
hitting the upright twice.
The under 12s entertained
Kader FC and continued
this seasons improved
performance with a hard
earned but well deserved 2-1
victory. Liam Cooper and
Anthony Ross continued
their goal scoring with a
goal each.

The under 13s entertained
Yarm Town and preserved
their unbeaten run this
season with a 502 victory.
New team boss Grant
Wilson has these boys
playing good football and
the deserved victory was
achieved with goals from

David Palmer, Mark
and a Ryan Stonehouse
trick.

Perhaps the performance
of the day was by the
15s who entertained
leaders Teesside A
and gained an emphatic
0 victory. The victory was
the result of an excellent
round performance
by goals from Phil D
Chase McMullen and
second half Neil Rob
hat-trick.

The under 14s travelled
to Thornaby and gave a
improved performance
eventually lost 4-2.
manager Rob Tarling
not very happy at
refereeing decisions,
missed penalty by S
his son and heir has le
devastated - only j
Rob!!
After a string of ch
going begging the
17s lost to SE Durham
by 3-1 with G
Marshall doing
honours.

It is a measure of level
performance that the
games are attracting
scouts than Baden Po
The latest boys to a
attention are
Robinson, C
McMullen and
Wilson.

Congratulations and
wishes to Keiran M
from the under 10s wh
now been accepted in
academy by Middlesb
FC.

Next Sunday is the
round of the league
with both 10s and
drawn at home, 10.
kick off, Greenfield S

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Contest**

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**Pupils
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Winstanley Smith
celebrating her excel
achievement of qualify
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Individual Swimm
Competition. Angie w
representing Northum
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the national meeting
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ELLY CARA LOUISE, 5th October. Birthday memories of our little Cara, a sweet little flower lent not given, to bud on earth and bloom in heaven. Happy 8th birthday little angel, you're always on our minds, forever in our hearts, love and kisses Granny and Grandad

ARA LOUISE KELLY 5th October. To our little angel up above, we send our undying love, eight today the cards should say, but all we can do is sit and pray, we miss you and love you day and everyday, Mammy, Daddy and lads XX

AMES TOMAN In memory of James, one year today you passed away, but in our thoughts you will always stay, greatly missed, grandchildren Andrea, Lisa, Michael and Myles

AMES TOMAN In memory of James. To hear the laughter fill the air, to sit and see his empty chair, for forty three years had him and yet it seems unfair, to walk into the room and he's not there. His pain and suffering through all his years, and at I never saw his tears. Perhaps he can still feel mine. God bless you Dad, never forgotten, daughter Sylvia

IMMY TOMAN Died 2-10-97. No words were spoken, no good bye, but in our hearts Dad, you will never die, sadly missed Pam, Terry and Bev XXX

IMMY TOMAN Died 2-10-97. We shared so much together, laughter, joy and tears, to me who loved you dearly, they were very happy years. Love you always Audrey

ULIE ANN ALLISON Died 1st October 1997. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day, love Jan, Robert, Lisa and Karen

MICHAEL CALLINAN 30-8-96. Remembered with great affection, Martin and Shirley

ALLISON Julie Ann. Left us 1st October 1997. Aged 23. We miss the sparkle in your eyes the laughter in your smile, those funny things you said and did that made our lives worthwhile, we've cried a million tears, we'd cry a million more, we'd gladly give up all we own, to have you home once more. You left us special memories, that make us laugh and cry, but the love you gave to us, no millionaire could buy. Loved forever, forgotten never. Our hearts are with you always. Mam, Dad, Thomas and all those who love you

ALLISON Julie Ann, 1-10-97. A very special friend. A year today since you went away, yet I still don't understand why, people say it gets easier as time goes by, but I still miss you each and every day, love and remember you always Clare XX

ALLISON Julie Ann, 1-10-97. One year has passed by without you here, the tears, the pain we all still feel, but now we realise that you are safe, all free from pain and smiling again. But looking back on our own deep thoughts, we bless the years with you we had, you've only walked one step ahead, for one day we will be with you again. Rest in peace Julie from Maggie, Ron and family

ALLISON Gentle Jesus up above please Julie a great big hug, love Gill and Pete

ALLISON 1-10-97. Treasured memories of Julie, your bravery shone through, always in our thoughts, Olga, Ron and Lesley

Birthday Remembrance

DWEN THOMAS STEWART 1st October 1997. Memories are precious, we have quite a few, we shall treasure them always, because they are of you. Loving wife Charlotte

DWEN, TOMMY 1-10-97. It's hard to put on paper the feelings we have inside, of a brokenhearted family that has missed you since you died. To us you were so special, what more is there to say, we only wish within our hearts that you were here today. Loved and remembered always. Dave and Lesley

DWEN, TOMMY 1-10-97. Please give our grandad all our love, as he watches over us from up above. Stuart and Samantha

TRACEY KELLY 7-10-64. No tomorrows for us to share, but lovely memories are always there. All our love Dad, Mam and Simon

JOHN GARY MARK 1st October 1988. Good friends always missed, Phil

GWEN ELLIOTT

Died 8th October 1992. October comes with sad regret, it brings back a day I will never forget, you fell asleep without a goodbye, but my memories of you will never die, loving husband George

FARQUHAR Treasured memories of Norma died 4th October 1996. Remembered always by John, Iain, Margaret and Paul

EDNA JOSE 4th October. Thinking of you and missing you always especially on your birthday, Irene

OLIVE BENTLEY 28th September 1998. Birthday memories of a loving Mam and Nana. Lord wrap your arms around her, please don't leave her alone, for its our Mam's 90th birthday and she's far away from home. Dearly loved, sadly missed, daughters Olive, Olga, Robert and Tom XX

OLIVE BENTLEY 28-9-98. Dear Nana and great Nana. We should have been together on such a special day, to share your 90th birthday in a very special way, dearly loved and missed XX Edith, John, Tracy and Barry

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I WOULD like to extend my sincere thanks to my husband, my daughters and their friends and to everyone who worked so hard to make my 65th birthday and my retirement celebrations so unforgettable. To my son and his girlfriend and their respective friends for travelling from Oxfordshire on a surprise visit. And to the staff and residents of Shafto House and my friends who were able to be present. I thank you all for the lovely gifts, floral tributes and cards, love to you all, Glenys

JOHN MITCHELL would like to say a special thank you to family and friends in helping him move into his new home

CAROL & KEITH would like to thank all our family and friends, Faith and Billy, the staff and committee of the British Legion, Tom Richie (get well soon) for making the 19th September a wonderful day

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JOHN-PAUL Happy 13th birthday, love from Grandad Syd and Nana

JOHN-PAUL Happy 13th birthday, from Uncle Stuart, Auntie Joanne and Adam, Uncle Christopher and Auntie Michelle

Jace Farrell



4th October 1996
Happy birthday to my special boy. Have fun, loads of love and kisses Mammy X

JACE FARRELL 4-10-96. Have a nice second birthday, Jace, lots of love and kisses from Grandad and Nanna XX

JACE FARRELL 4-10-96, hi bog boy, have a great second birthday, see you soon, lots of love Lee XX

JACE FARRELL 4-10-96. Have a good day Jace, love from uncle Kev, aunty Jackie, happy birthday little cousin, love Craig, Naomi, Liam and Keegan XX

MUDD Cynthia & Dave



Pearl Wedding
Congratulations on your Pearl Wedding Anniversary,
Oct. 5th, love Mam

MUDD Congratulations on your Pearl Wedding Anniversary, we didn't think miracles were possible, enjoy your party, love Lorraine, Davy and Christine XXX

KEELEY HEPER With love on your 21st birthday, have a nice day, love Colin XX

HEPPER Happy birthday Mammy, lots of love and kisses from your darling little girl, Alannah XX

HEPPER (nee Brown) 5-10-98, congratulations Keeley on your 21st birthday, good luck, health and happiness always love and best wishes from Mam and Dad

HEPPER Happy 21st birthday little sis, best wishes Keeley from Dawn, Darren, Suzanne and Martin XX

HEPPER Hip Hip Hooray auntie Keeley is 21 today, lots of love from your nieces Samantha, Charlotte, Caitlin and Amy XX

HEPPER Happy 21st birthday Keeley, best wishes for your future happiness, love from Nana XXX

BEV & CHILLI Congratulations on the birth of "Billie-Jo" on the 23-9-98, Gill and Peter

PEARSON Page Elizabeth, 4th October, happy 5th birthday sweetheart, love Mam, Dad and Courtenay

IAN PALMER 3-10-98, Happy birthday, lots of love Valerie XXX

IAN PALMER 3-10-98, happy birthday Dad, love always Kimberley and Christopher XX

STACY TINKLER Happy birthday sweet 16, lots of love from Mam, Dad, Simon and Tommy

STACY TINKLER Happy birthday sis, lots of love Dez, Vikki and Annalise

SPELLMAN Happy 21st birthday John, 30th September, love from Ann-Marie, Tony, Katie and Emily XXXX

SPELLMAN Happy 21st birthday John for Wednesday 30th September, love Mam, Dad and Paul XX

KATIE NORTON Happy 4th birthday to a beautiful daughter love from Mammy, Daddy and Emily

KATIE NORTON Happy 4th birthday darling on Saturday 3rd October, lots of love Grandma, Grandad, uncles Paul and John XX

IBINSON Congratulations to Stephen and Marion on the birth of your beautiful daughter "Levi-Jade", a sister for Aaron, love to you all, Mam, Dad and family

OWEN 22-9-98, happy 12th birthday Stuart, love from Mam, Dad and Samantha

OWEN 1-10-98, happy 3rd birthday Samantha, lots of hugs and kisses, from Mammy, Daddy and Stuart XX

ROB TAYLOR Happy 25th birthday babe, all my love forever, Vicky XX

TELFORD Liam Neil, 6-10-98. Hip hip hooray my big brother Liam is 12 today, lots of love always from Sam XX

COX - KENNEDY Karen and Saul, congratulations on your engagement, hope you enjoy your party, love from all the lasses

COOK Peter and Ann are delighted to announce the marriage in Orlando, Florida on September 17th on their only son, Gary to Julie, eldest daughter of Danny and Pam Weir of Darlington, Congratulations and love to you both, Mam, Dad and all the family

COOK Congratulations Gary and Julie on your marriage, we are delighted for you both, love always from Nana, uncle James and auntie Elaine

BAIN Nathan David, 23-9-98, congratulations Tracy and David on the birth of your beautiful son "Nathan", lots of love Alan and Michelle XX

JOHNSON Maureen, happy 40th birthday mam, lots of love Amy, Sean and Laura

JOHNSON Happy 40th birthday Maureen, best wishes Angela, Anthony, Gavin, Zoe and Ebony

JOHNSON Maureen, happy 40th birthday from Karl, Catherine, Gemma and Jessica

LISA PINCHER Hooray Hooray, 1 today, 11th October, happy birthday Lisa, lots of love and kisses Nan and Grandad XX

HALL - BUSBY Julie and Lee, congratulations on your engagement, best wishes for the future Karen and Marc XX

HALL - BUSBY Best wishes on your engagement Julie and Lee, love Mam, Dad and Daniel XX

LEE BUSBY With love on our engagement Lee, thanks for making both of us very happy, all our love Julie and Daniel XX

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Sabina Kelly



7th October 1902
Happy 96th birthday Mam, lots of love Brian and Marion

Anne "Willie" Waters



2nd October 1998
Happy 40th birthday "Who's a big girl now?" Mike, David and Glen

BOWEN Christine Ann (nee Waters) happy 40th birthday from all the Waters Clan - "How did you make it this long"

Connie Denham



Happy 30th Birthday
Love and best wishes Mam, Dad and Paul

CONNIE DENHAM Happy birthday to a special sister and auntie, Shirley and Graham, Thomas & Oliver

CONSTANCE DENHAM Happy 30th birthday, all our love Sharon, Gerard and family

Lost/Found

FOUND ladies watch, Middridge Tel 316267

LOST 1 bag of tools including Black & Decker drill + bits and extension reel, lost near Lamb Close Tel 314660

FOUND Tabby and white kitten, approx 5 months old Tel 319561

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GRAND OCTOBER FAYRE

A Grand Fayre is to be held in Newton Aycliffe Youth centre on Saturday 10th October at 10am. We are selling nearly new clothes, home produce, tombola, cake stall, raffles, toys, games etc all in aid of Newton Aycliffe After Stroke Club. Everybody is welcome to attend so please come along and give us your support, admission is free



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Hydro Squash Competition



The ninth Hydro Squash Competition took place at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on 4th, 5th and 6th September and produced one of the strongest entries seen in the competition to date. John Dale, ranked 29 in the country and 118 in the world had to fight off stiff competition from Lewis Musonda, Paul Millington and Michael Grehan to take his second consecutive win. Spectators saw some very exciting and close matches being played by these experienced players.

The Mans' Plate also produced a very high standard of squash with two fellow team players from the Dolphin Centre finally meeting each other in the final. Although Phil Ashman put up a good fight, the plate was finally won by Ging Whiteman.

The Ladies' Competition saw the biggest upset when late entrant Leonna Grigg from Canada fought off the number 3 and 2 seeds Lesley Vitty and Jill Millington to reach the final against Laura Hall. She put up a good fight but Hall proved the stronger and finally took the game 3-1.

Lesley Vitty went on to win the Ladies' Plate final in straight sets against local player Sue McTague.

The presentations were made by the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Angela Flaming and Peter McKavanagh, Site Services manager at Hydro Polymers Limited.

Prize money for the competition totalled £500 and was supplied by Newton Aycliffe based Hydro Polymers.



Success for Town Driver

Geoff Wright, Woodham, Newton Aycliffe (Driver); Donna Harper, Wigginton, near York (Co-Driver); completed the final round of the Safety Devices National Macadam Rally Championship at Wexford in the Republic of Ireland, finished in 1st place.

In the 1600cc class with their Vauxhall Nova have competed against over another 30 cars in their class and finished in 21st place overall, 145 cars having started the rally.

Geoff and Donna have finished 2nd in their championship class having completed six of the eight rounds with two 1st and four 2nd place finished. They also finished in 8th position overall in the championship which included, Metro 6R4s, Escort Cosworths, Subaru Imprezas etc.

Geoff wishes to thank everybody who has supported him and Donna, also sponsors Hambleton Steel of Brompton, who manufacture structural steel building and Keyline Graphics of Newton Aycliffe who supplied graphics for the car

FAMILY SERVICE

A Family Service will take place at St Clares Church on Sunday 11th October, to which a warm invitation is extended to everyone from babies to senior-citizens, to come along and share in this short informal all-age act of worship

The Service starts at 9.15am and this months theme will be "Are good deeds enough?" Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards to which everyone is invited.

OLYMPIC HOPEFUL



Newtonian Craig Douglas has hit it big for the third time by being crowned "Olympic Hopeful" for the year 2000 title fight.

Craig who trains 6 days a week has been British Champion 6 times in four different weight categories. He jets off to Mexico on November 11th to compete against the World's best in a two day event.

This is his third World Championships and after collecting a Bronze in Birmingham at Christmas is feeling very confident and going for gold.

FLYMO SHOWS PUPILS HOW RECYCLING WORKS



Children from St Francis' School, Newton Aycliffe found out how a factory saves waste and helps to protect the environment, on a visit to Flymo in this week.

The visit was an introduction to the 'world of work'. It was arranged by Stephen Hemingway, Sedgefield Borough's 'Going for Green' Co-ordinator, "The visit helps children to learn about the importance of recycling and protecting the environment from pollution by experts. They see real life examples, rather than just reading about it in books. This will help the children to take practical actions in their own classroom because they have seen it first hand".

The children learnt that Flymo

can produce 8,000 mowers and numerous other garden products every day. This uses 15,000 tonnes of raw materials each year. Environmental Managers, Arthur Hopgood and Peter Hutchinson explained how the amount of waste is kept to a minimum by segregating and recycling it. Different containers are used for collecting plastic, paper and cardboard, wood and metals. This helps the company to save money and stay competitive. It also helps the environment by being less wasteful and preventing pollution. For example plastic pellets that are dirty are collected and reused as the filling for boxers punch bags. Even fluorescent lights are saved and recycled to prevent

mercury pollution. Arthur Hopgood of Flymo said "We were delighted to have the children at the factory. Now they have seen what we do, they know recycling works and can try it for themselves". Headteacher, Mrs Jill Glegham, said "The children enjoyed their visit to Flymo and were very enthusiastic in learning about protecting their environment. They now hope to begin a recycling initiative of their own."

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