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TIME TO INJECT TOWN CENTRE

For the attention Mr Blair MP, the Council, Councillors and the people who run and administer the Town of Newton Aycliffe.

Dear All,

Having lived on the town for 36 years, why is it whenever I wish to purchase anything other than the general basics of living I must go off the town?

Why can't you promote this town to national retailers so as to give a choice of merchandise and inject some life into a town that cannot build and sell houses quick enough, and is also the biggest revenue earner for Sedgefield Borough Council.

Surely Morrison, M & S, Aldi, B&Q, Asda etc., must have shown interest at some time or other. If we can invest and dig up green belt land for Japanese companies who pack in at the first signs of a loss in profits why can't we assist in bringing better shopping facilities to the people of Newton Aycliffe who contribute so much for so little.

Dave Walker

Aycliffe resident PS - I have just received a leaflet advertising a new shopping centre in Durham City, 36 popular shops! THE TOWN!'

8000 SPECTATORS **EXPECTED AT** ANNUAL BONFIRE

Council's Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display will attract in excess of the 8,000 spectators to the annual event Thursday 5th November in the grounds of the Oak

Leaf Sports Complex. Spectators may be surprised to learn that in previous years, the very successful Display was 'fired' by the Council's own workforce. This year, however, due to changes in legislation, the Council have had to bring in the professionals.

Organisers are warning that spectators must not bring their own fireworks or sparklers to the display. As always, the aim of an organised display is to provide a safe and enjoyable evening for all those who attend and in too many instances, spectators suffer burns or other injuries through sparklers or fireworks which they have brought themselves.

The bonfire sculpture is sponsored by Durham County Council Arts, Museums and Libraries Department. The signal for the lighting of the Bonfire will be given by the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs Angela Fleming at 7pm. The display itself will commences at

7.15pm promptly. Those intending to travel to the Display by car should be aware that there is no 'on site' parking and drivers should use the various roads comprising the Aycliffe

T.V. Show Postponed

The show recording of 'Strike it Rich' couple Bryan and Jane Shepherd from Newton Aycliffe has been postponed. We will advise readers of the new date.

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County Pub's £50,000 Facelift



Everyone likes to go to their local pub and enjoy good quality food, and at The County in Aycliffe, Raymond Blanc's protege Andrew Brown has taken pub food to a new dimension. The pub reopened last week after a £50,000 refurbishment with Scottish & Newcastle Pub Enterprises and has been transformed into a rustic, but cosy French style brassiere.

The innovative refurbishment has been Andrew's dream since taking over The County earlier this year, "Pub Enterprises has giver me free creative rein to give the pub a totally new image." Says Andrew "We have used a combination of limestone flooring, fresh white walls and a stylish granite bar to create a lighter feel. The rustic pine furniture and rich terracotta and green fabrics bring a sense of warmth to the surroundings and the feedback from existing customers has been fantastic - they love the pub's new look!"

Andrew always loved to cook, but it was not until he won the Raymond Blanc annual scholarship in 1995 that his career really got off the ground. After 15 months working with Raymond Blanc's Manoir aux Quat' Saisons he joined the opening team for Le Petit Blanc in Oxford, and at the beginning of 1998 he returned to the north east to open his own pub where he could concentrate on running his own business.

Says Andrew, "We have lots of regular customers who come because they know the menu has something different to offer. The dishes range from Fettucine with Scottish mussels and monkfish accompanied with Thai curry veloute to real sausages and mash, something 1 hope for everyone."

Says Andrew's wife Deborah "This year has been very busy with both the business and our family expanding, with our new arrival Hamish." She adds, "We'll soon be training up the next generation of the Brown family which we hope will be a successful recipe for The County's future!"

B.B. Table Top Sale

The Boys Brigade have only a few tables left for their Table Top sale on Saturday October 31st at Neville Parade Methodist Church to be held from 10am. Tables can be reserved for only £5 payable in advance. Ring Aycliffe 320876. This is a popular event so don't miss out!

Book your table now to

avoid disappointment.
Entrance fee 20p and there will be coffee and refreshments available throughout the morning and a cake stall. Note the date and come along, pick up a bargain or two or book your table and sell your odds and ends.

Your support for the Boys Brigade is much needed

COUNCIL WINS NATIONAL PRIZE

When more than 2,000 households in Sedgefield Borough converted their Council Tax payments to Direct Debit, the Council won first prize in "Reach for the Top", a national competition for local authorities, run by the U.K. Banking Industry.

Brian Allen, Sedgefield Borough Council's Director of Finance, collected the prize, a cheque for £500 for the Mayor's Charity and won another prize, a weekend activity break for disabled children in the Borough, in a prize draw on the day. The award was last week at the Institute of Rating, Revenues and Valuation Conference at Blackpool and the prize was presented by Rebecea Stephens, M.B.E., the first British woman to climb Mount Everest.

M.B.E., the first British woman to climb Mooth Everest.

The Council won the prize after successfully "reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro", one of six categories in the competition, all named after mountains. After the Council's marketing campaign highlighted the benefits of payment by Direct Debit, 2,452 householders in Sedgefield Borough changed their Council Tax payments to Direct Debit, in the first six months of 1998.

Councillor George Morgan, Chairman of Finance and Land Sub-Committee, Sedgefield Borough Council said, "We are always very pleased when people decide to pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit. We can make an annual saving of around £6.00 per household, through lower administration costs and improved cash flow. We have nearly 15,000 people using Direct Debit and this gives us an annual saving of almost £90,000 which can be used to improve services for the community".



Back: Mountaineer Rebecca Stephens, Ken Browne Borough Council Direct Debit Manager, Front: Brian Allen, SBC Finance Director, Colin Jennings SBC Revenue Services Manager.

Woodham Ward Surgery

Sedgefield Borough
Councillor Alan Gray and
Durham County Councillor
Terry Hogan will be holding
a Ward Surgery in
WOODHAM VILLAGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE on
SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER
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The Woodham Ward

The Woodham Ward includes the Agnew estates on Woodham Way, Woodham, Ropemoor, and the central area south of Woodham Burn bordered by Macmillan Road - Central Avenue - Windlestone Walk. Residents of the Ward who have complaints or issues they wish to raise are invited to attend.

If you are unable to come along on that date you can contact Alan Gray by telephone on 313778 and Terry Hogan on 313828.

Mayor Speaks at Rotary Club



The Mayor Angela Fleming was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting this week.

week.
She spoke on the success of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations and showed a wide recording

video recording.

The Mayor took the opportunity to thank the Rotary Club for their part in organising the Community Fair and the Service of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving.
She expressed the hope that the Community spirit built up during the celebrations would continue.

Youth Football Report

Last weekends fixtures involved man of the age groups playing the leagureleaders in their respective division and despite putting in competitive performances the results wer disappointing, with only the 10 recording a victory.

The 10's travelled to Tontine Juniors ar after an excellent game won by 2 goa tonilon asmall pitch which was not suite to their passing game the Town boy scored twice in the second half with goe from Richard Langthorne and Ada. Thompson. The central defensive pairin of Mark Borsbery and Adam Redhea were outstanding with Adam Shading NO-M.

The 11's entertained league leade Tontine Juniors and lost an entertaining game by four goals to one. At 2-1 dow the 11's hit the opposition woodwork a from the rebound their opponent immediately went upfield to increase the lead. Scorer for Aycliffe was Ma. Beavis with join M-O-M to Gler Robinson and Shaun Swainston.

Robinson and Shaun Swainston.
The 12's travelled to Seaton Carew a were soundly beaten 5-0 by the leagu Leaders who have a very good team It was also acase of away day blues whithe 13's travelled to South Bank and leby 3-0 to the league leaders, in a keer fought game the Town boys were unal to convert the chances they made. M-M Chris Mason.

The 15's travelled to Billingham top 'Synners' and lost by 4 - 1 to the jo leaders. The home side took an early ke but in a keenly fought first half the To boys equalised through Phil Dodds awere unfortunate not to score. Whe Craig Mason free kick hit the bar. T second half followed a similar pattuntil two unfortunate o.g.'s gave the be an impossible task to recover from. O-M Michael Middleton, for this gathe 15's were without leading scorer? Robinson who has now been signed Middlesbrough who also offere contract to under 10 star Danny McPl

Last weeks edition contained a v critical letter regarding youth footbal the Town in which the writer passed sr and sareastic remarks without having courtesy (or courage) to endorse w his name and thereby hide behind veil of anonymity on behalf of the C we invite the author to either iden himself on Sunday morning this we end when we can discuss his commo and listen to his plans for improving level of competence of the volunt managers of the individual sides. For record it is our views that we must doing something right judging by number of boys who progress to hig levels and to undermine the enthusia of parents and grandparents in support 'Little Johnny' leaves us bemused. I the writer asked the young boys of the

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"Any Questions" Team Impressed by Aycliffe

by Andrew Noble, Woodham 6th Form

Newton Aycliffe was placed on the broadcasting map last Friday with the visit to the town of the popular Radio 4 show "Any Questions", the successful political question and answer show, were invited as guests of Counc. Martyn Locklin to broadcast live from Greenfield School Hall.

The show chaired by established journalist Jonathan Dimbleby featured a panel of four guests answering questions put by a live audience.

Visiting Aycliffe were MP's Virginia Bottomley, ex Health Secretary and Heritage Secretary under Conservative rule, and Frank Field who resigned from his post as Labours Minister for Welfare Reform after he failed to gain promotion to the cabinet earlier this year.

Donna Covey, the newly appointed director of the Association for Community Health, and head of the Institute of Director's policy unit Ruth Lea were also present on the panel.

The audience provided a wide range of questions for the show, something remarked upon by the shows producer "One sign of a good audience is the thought put into the questions, so in that respect Aycliffe was a very good audience." Chairman Jonathan Dimbleby added "The variety of the questions made choosing which questions to use extremely difficult."

Those questions which were raised provided a range of topical and controversial subjects including 'Institutionalised Racism' and the 'Nobel Peace Prize', which provoked a range of reactions

from the audience.
On a lighter note the panel were asked which phrases, from films, the panel would most liked to have spoken. This drew an interesting answer from Virginia Bottomley who

uttered the famous words from the Terminator film "I'll be back".

The greatest response from the audience however, came from a pre-broadcast question referring to the BBC's loss of rights to screen the cricket. During the reply Jonathan Dimbleby referred to Newton Aycliffe as being in Yorkshire! The reaction from the audience soon put him right and Dimbleby quickly offered his apologies.

Any Questions, like Newton Aycliffe, is celebrating its 50th Birthday and still remains as popular as ever. Dimbleby, who has presented the show for the past 12 years said "The simple format provides the show with the adaptability to change and it holds the potential to last into the next millennium."

paying their first visit to Aycliffe and spoke highly of the area. Virginia Bottomley, who played a part in awarding the money for Greenfield to build a Centre for the Arts, spoke highly of the School. "It's brilliant to be here at Greenfield School where art is obviously very important . . . Art is a great way of bringing people together."

MP Frank Field giving his immediate impressions of Aycliffe said "The town has a very good feel about it and is obviously geared towards providing the perfect environment for youth."

Mr Tate, Headteacher at Greenfield, was pleased with the evening "It was a very successful evening and was a nice event for the town".

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OBITUARY JANET-ENGLISH

The sudden death of Janet English, ex Avenue Schoolteacher, at the age of 54, shocked her Mother and family in Kent, and the many friends she had in Newton

A most generous lady in every respect, even in very ill health, she gave her time and effort to help others.

The Funeral Service was held in St. Clares Church where she was a member of the choir. Janet had a beautiful soprano voice and was a member of both the Newton Aycliffe and Bishop Auckland Operatic Societies.

Due to ill health, Janet was forced to retire from her post as a teacher at the Avenue School in her early 40's and many will remember her quiet and friendly attitude towards publis.

In retirement she devoted her time and effort working for charities who supported children in poor countries.

Janet was Secretary to the Council of Churches and a Governor at St. Francis School where she also helped children with reading.

The Church was filled to capacity on a very emotional occasion with beautiful singing of hymns, chosen by Janet's Mother. Clergy from all denominations were present, with everyone paying respect to a lovely lady and a wonderfully kind person, who despite her own serious illness did everything she could to help others in need.

Was Council aware of Proposed Use of Horndale House?

explanations of that County

Council decision now affecting

In the public interest, I believe

explanations are due, and

would be most helpful and

appreciated by all concerned?

Aycliffe residents?

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. D. Fraser

Dear Sir,
As a former County Councillor
I share the concerns of
residents of the sale of
Horndale House, apparently,
without any prior consultation
with G.A.T.C. or residents on
it's potential future uses?

I assume that may be so, for on 16/9/98 County Councillors, who also serve on G.A.T.C. proposed that information be sought from S.B.C. Planning Dept, D.C.C. Social Services and the Trustees and report to G.A.T.C on the outcome.

And, having seen press photographs of placards protesting of a lack of any information to residents before the sale, I wrote to D.C.C. Land & Property Dept, on 29/9-98, for information.

That sale must have gone though Sub Committee, Full Committee and then endorsed by the County Council and, presumably, local members would have had an opportunity to raise any concerns.

To-date, I've had no acknowledgement from D.C.C. of that enquiry or answers to my questions as to any prior consultation with G.A.T.C.or residents.

Perhaps our County Councillors might clarify why it is that after that event, G.A.T.C., S.B.C. and D.C.C. Social Services should be asked for information on matters then arising from what had been agreed by the County Council? What happened to proposed D.C.C. policies of consultation with local councils on matters affecting local people before decisions are made? I'm sure residents will be interested to read their

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Fresh from a top-of-the-table defeat, Huntsman bounced back in style - but not without a scare.

The first-half brought no goals - Huntsman should have been two or three goals ahead but missed several glorious opportunities.

And Broompark punished the home side to take the lead after the restart.

However, Huntsman never let their heads down and battled on - they were rewarded through a glorious second-half hat-trick by Marram and a superlative solo-effort from Man-of-the-Match Morgan Fielding. It was certainly one of Huntsman's better performances - they can look forward to a cracking third round draw which is likely to be an away day. TEAM: Wilson, Armstrong,

T. Walker, Lothian, McCabe, Milford, M Fielding, C Walker, Cherrie, Woodward, Marram. Subs: Haigh, M Walker.

Huntsman are yet to have a fixture organised for this Sunday at the time of print, but it is likely to be away.

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Specially written radio commercials will persuade drivers to be patient and wait for a safe gap in main road traffic before moving off.

"Between 1994 and 1997, there were 2,318 driver and 1,454 passenger casualties - including 20 deaths - at junctions in the County," said David Holland, the County Council's senior road safety officer.

We all know junctions are very dangerous places, and we all know we need to take our time. Yet too often that awareness flies out of the window when drivers have to wait in traffic.

"We are trying to impress on drivers that if they are in any doubt at junctions, they should stop, wait, and select a safe gap before pulling out

"A few more moments waiting for that safe gap is surely preferable to being hit side on by main road traffic. The impact will not only make a mess of your car but also of you, your passengers and the rest of your life.

"Every driver should ask themselves three questions when trying to join main road traffic - how near is the traffic, how fast is it travelling and is it safe to move out?

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Schools, community groups and local councils are getting National Tree Week off to a flying start in County Durham. The theme for this year's campaign is 'favourite trees' and many local groups have responded quickly to take up small grants offered by Durham County Council.

The week, which has beer organised by the Tree Council for over 20 years, runs from November 25 and launches the winter tree planting season,

It aims to encourage people to get involved in the good management of trees and woods and to plant not just saplings but seed collected from their favourite trees.

'With the new millennium just around the corner, many people are looking for some way to celebrate and planting trees is an excellent way of creating something which will last well into the next century," said Councillor Ken Manton, chairman of the County Council's Environment and Technical Services Committee. "Last year, the County Council managed to help 93 tree planting schemes undertaken throughout the County by parish councils, schools, community associations and environmental action groups our most successful year ever," he said.

The County Council has taken part in Tree Week, which is sponsored by Esso, since 1979. The closing date for grant applications is November 6 and forms are available from Clare Heaps or Darren McCourt in the County Council's landscape section on 01 91 383 4076.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME BEST IN DURHAM

Two extraordinary crime busting teams from Newton Aycliffe and Durham City have been voted the best of Durham's 1,273 Neighbourhood Watch schemes. They both win certificates of excellence in the UK's largest crime prevention competition.

The 1998 CGU Insurance Neighbourhood Watch Awards search out and reward ordinary people who - working with the police, local authorities and other voluntary organisations - have taken the safety and security of their local community into their own hands with astonishing results. Their initiatives will provide best-practice models for the rest of the country's six million Neighbourhood Watchers to follow.

To reflect the increasing diversity of Neighbourhood Watch activities and the continuing development of the movement, the awards are divided, for the first time, into different categories.

The Williamfield Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Newtor Aycliffe wins the Scheme of the Year certificate for Durham. The scheme has successfully addressed several issues in its short time of operation and as a result membership is increasing. The strong links that have been established with the police and local authority combined with a growing community spirit mean that people no longer fear reprisals when crimes are reported. Offenders are steadily being removed and the area is being cleaned up to make it a pleasant place to live. Police car patrols have been increased and the tenancy enforcement team are now active in the area.

Lighting, boarding of houses, vermin control in a local underpass and the removal of graffiti are being addressed with the support of the borough council. The local residents are revelling in the fact that the area has become more friendly and people are taking care of each other.

These winners are two of 128 certificate winners from across the UK who are shortlisted for their respective £1,000 Category Awards. The overall winner will be announced by Alun Michael, Minister of State at the Home Office on 21 November at the CGU Insurance National Neighbourhood Watch Conference in Nottingham.

PLANS BEING LAID FOR TOWN ANNUAL XMAS SINGALONG

Make a note in your diary for Sunday 20th December when the town's Annual Christmas Sing-along takes place in the Leisure Centre. The Town Band and the Woodham Youth Choir is booked to lead the singing of favourite carols and songs. Children from our schools will be singing special items. This year the Town Council is joining in with this community occasion instead of holding a separate Civic Carol Service.

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The Rotary Club is organising the event in co-operation with the Schools of the town to bring the community together in celebration of Christmas. Admission will be free, but you may wish to donate to the funds being raised by the Rotary Club this Chritstmas to supply hampers for needy families in Newton Aycliffe. The Rotary Club members will be collecting in Somerfields just before Christmas with Santa Claus and Thomas The Tank Engine, so do bring your children to see them.

Bangers

& Beggars

Once again we are subjected to bangers going off at all

hours. It would seem there is

a link between this nuisance and danger and the beggars

at our doors asking 'a penny

Those who give money to

any child at the door can

expect to get more calls - as it is soon passed around where their are easy pickings, also some of these children

simply exchange masks and

Some children are escorted

and encouraged by their

Surveys have shown that very few children who go

begging can give a justifiable reason for doing so, having no knowledge of the meaning of Halloween, this is hardly surprising as the subject is quite rightly not allowed at schools.

Surveys have also shown

almost all parents who allow their children to go begging

could not explain the meaning of Halloween, perhaps they simply use it as

an excuse to not control their

Extra money in the wrong young hands is a great danger today, and is not only

spent on Bangers but on

other items readily available

to children, to increase the

problems which the police

and other authorities are

Amongst these are smoking,

drug taking and purchasing

trying to cope with.

alcoholic drinks. An Observer

children.

call at your door again.

for Halloween'

parents to beg.

POLICE ACTION TO STOP DIM CYCLISTS

A police operation in Newton Aycliffe is tackling the problem of dim cyclists riders who go out on their machines at night without using lights.

using lights.

Operation 'Night Rider' has been put into action to prevent road accidents involving unlit bicycles and has been launched to coincide with the ending of British Summer Time in a fortnight.

Over 100 pedal cyclists were injured or killed in the county last year, and while only a proportion of those accidents involved unlit bikes, police are concerned at the growing numbers of cyclists - especially young riders - who habitually go out on the streets without lights, or adequate reflective clothing. Leaflets provided by Durham County Council have been distributed to all Newton Aycliffe's schools advising pupils of the dangers, and until the end of March next year there will be a specific crackdown on

poorly-lit cyclists.
Officers, including members of the local special constabulary, will give informal warnings to those falling foul of the law, but repeat offenders will be reported for summons.

Letters will also be sent to the parents of juvenile riders not lit up. "Night Rider has been set up

"Night Rider has been set up to tackle what is a real road safety problem. Apart from the number of actual accidents involving cyclists it is impossible to quantify the number of near misses that take place," said PC Harry Marsh.

"Cyclists going out without lights are being dim in both senses of the word. Now the long winter nights are nearly upon us this operation should act as a constant reminder of the need to be seen, and be safe," said PC Marsh.



GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 1998
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WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 1998
Environment Committee - 7.15pm

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After the last moth-trapping evening in July in which we caught and identified a number of summer moths, we are now having our Autumn trap in which we hope to find out which of the late moths we have on the Aycliffe Nature

Members of the Nature Park Association will be present as will other interested people. On hand will be the County Recorder, who will be happy to talk about the moths which can be found in the area, and perhaps educate people more

It will probably be cold so come prepared with warm clothing, a torch, and perhaps a flask containing a hot drink. The evening is to be held on Friday 30th October, and will start about 9pm. We look forward to seeing members of the public there, after all, it is your local nature reserve.

If you do not know how to get to the Ayeliffe Nature Park, just call a number below, we will be glad to help Dave, Tom, Alan, or Les on 312491, 318984, 315182 and 301653.

Dave Curran - Secretary - Aycliffe Nature Park Association.



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NO AGREEMENT ON HYDRO MERGER TALKS



EVC International and Norsk Hydro ASA has announced that discussions regarding the proposed merger of EVC with selected assets of the petrochemical division of Norsk Hydro have terminated without reaching final agreement. This mutually agreed decision reflects differences in strategic priorities and emphasis which emerged during the detailed negotiations.

Norsk Hydro remains committed to participate actively in the restructuring of the vinyl industry and will continue to review all opportunities to achieve this objective with the aim to create value for its shareholders.

Letter to the Editor

MORE TRAFFIC CALMING REQUIRED AT MIDDRIDGE

Dear Sirs,

Does there have to be a tragedy before the County Council do something to slow the traffic down on the road from Middridge Village to Newton Aycliffe!!

There is a 30mph speed limit through Middridge Village, along with rumble strips, so when the vehicles leave the speed limit they use the rest of the road as a race track. You can't blame the drivers, because there is no more limits for them to be aware

As a resident of Middridge Farms (6 houses), we have witnessed far too many accidents and nothing is done about it. We have had wing mirrors sliced off as we have pulled up to get off the road into our driveways. Cars have skidded by and turned onto their roofs going down

Five years ago we were involved in a serious accident on the same road. We complained but nothing was Last week neighbour was knocked into her garden from a car coming behind her (from Middridge), that was driving too fast to slow down. Her car was a right off.

It is also dangerous for children walking past our houses to school, or horse riders, because cars overtake and they are so close to the path.

So come on all you residents who live in and around the mentioned area, let's see what can be done once and for all, before a tragic accident occurs, because that's what's going to happen if nothing is done! Name & address supplied.

Note that the state of the stat

GREAT AYCLIFFE WILDLIFE AUDIT

A Great Aycliffe Wildlife Audit has been produced by Environmental Ranger, Jonathan Elmer.

Wildlife The summarises the information gathered during an extensive and thorough wildlife survey of the parish involving field work, interview of local residents and information gathering from organisations within the region such as English Nature and County Council. The document describes the botanical habitats, plant species, animal species, geology and geography of the parish.

The document is available from the Town Council Offices at School Aycliffe Lane.

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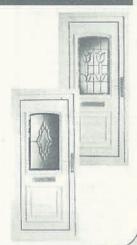
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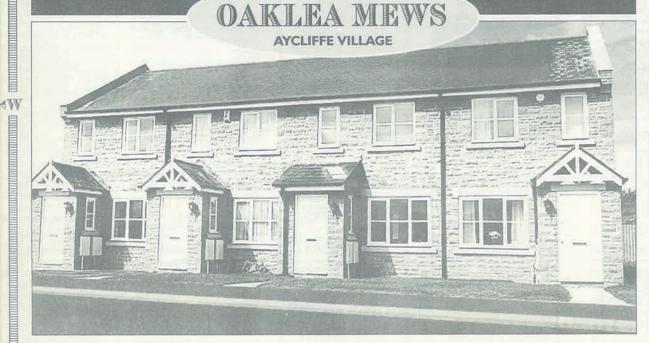
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The Legion had players back

going.

from injuries and started the game with some good football. Mark Delucia pounced on a loose ball in the 9th minute, beat the last defender then rounded the goalkeeper to net the opener for the Legion. The Legion were dominant in midfield with the return of Dion Raitt. The Legion however could not press home their dominance until the 35th minute when Mark Delucia struck his second. Eight minutes later Dion Raitt put an excellent ball through for Stephen Szoboszha to beat the offside trap and calmly beat the keeper to put the Legion 3-0 up at half time. The second half was much the same with the Legion in command. In the 50th minute Doug Grant came on for Mark Delucia and it only took Doug 6 minutes before his name went on the score sheet with a well taken goal 4-0. The Legion defence was in total command and playing the ball around with some excellent passing. The Legion went further ahead in the 88th minute when they were awarded a penalty for hand ball on the goal line. Doug Grant netted his second from the spot.

This was more like t Legion, in performance, passing, team work finishing and it keeps their unbeaten run going. The Royal British Legion m.o.m. award goes to Dion Raitt.

Report by Keith Brassell

Cracking Over 40's Match

Over 40's 0 v Rockcliffe (Whitley Bay)0

You don't often see a great game ending in a goaless draw, but this one wa cracker. Both teams producing

excellent football and lots of chances. We should have opened the scoring in the first few minutes but Kevar Stephenson put his sho wide. Then Dave Lee made brilliant save to deny Rockcliffe the lead. Alderson and Brys Nowell in the centre o defence were coping well with Rockcliffe's twi

strikeforce. At half time we lost Geof pulled Grieves with a hamstring but sub Tommy Stoddart back from a few weeks out with health problems, was a capable replacement.

The 2nd half was just as good as the 1st with both teams trying to find the goa which would have clinched victory.

In the end a draw was a fai result, but we showed a lo more commitment than the last couple of weeks.

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in the "mans world" good luck of being well hard in Bosnia. All my love, kisses and Sash XX

Thanks and cuddles for ever. Kieran

everything in life, you've always been there and will always be in my heart. Love you always your "baby son"

PEG Hurry home, I'll keep your space warm, love Cort (Beep Beep)

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PETER Good luck in Bosnia. Think of the future, summer won't be long, we will miss you, love Barbara & Steve

PETER Good luck in Bosnia, show 'em English lads are well-hard, Jaquie, Des and

TO ALL THE family, friends and the Cartwrights, see you at the end of tour on the table

PETER Best of luck in Bosnia, have a safe return son, lots of love mam and Reece XXX PS "It's a mans

PETER GRAVELING Peter going to Bosnia to sort them out, do us proud, love Val, Darran and family, Jannett,

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WENDY SHOULDER Happy 40th birthday lots of love always Steve and Yolanda XX

LUMLEY (nee Nicholson) to Jo-Anne and Andrew, son, born congratulations 19-10-98,

MARTIN DUNN Happy 30th birthday babe, 26-10-98, make it a good un big lad, all my love always Catherine XXX

TO MY Darling husband Stephen, happy 30th birthday with loads of love, hugs and snogs, Mary XX LORNA WILLIAMS Happy 21st birthday to a special friend, 28-10-98, love Sam

LORNA WILLIAMS To a very special Mammy on your 21st birthday, 28-10-98, lots of love Lewis XX

LORNA WILLIAMS to a precious daughter on your 21st birthday 28-10-98, health and happiness always

sweetheart, love Mam, Dad and family XX MARTIN DUNN Happy 30th birthday to a special brother and uncle, love Linda, John & Harry-Samuel MARTIN DUNN Happy

30th birthday to a dear son, love Mum and Dad MARTIN DUNN Happy 30th birthday to the best dad in the world, love Liam, Callum, Georgia and Lydia TO A wonderful daddy, happy birthday, we love you loads love Anthony and

JOSS TROUTEN Happy 6th birthday (Slinky) love and best wishes Zoe XX

TROUTEN Happy birthday Joss lots of love and hugs, Mam and Dad XX TROUTEN Happy birthday big bruv Joss, love and kisses

TROUTEN Happy 6th birthday loads and loads of love Nana and Granda (tell Zoe you are a lovely little

DENISE EVANS Have a lovely 30th birthday Denise, lots of love Mum and Spud DENISE EVANS Happy birthday Mum, lots of love Michael and Connor XX DENISE EVANS Happy

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FENWICK Congratulations on your wedding, 16-10-98. Gran and Brian STUD MUFFIN Happy birthday, no doubt you'll get your own back for this but what the hell, love you forever, Sex Kitten GEORGE HENRY Dad,

happy 50th birthday, 22-10-98, hope it's a good one (1/2 century), lots of love Maxine and Darren XXX GEORGE HENRY Dad,

happy 50th birthday, 22-10-98, lots of love Amanda and Mick XXX GEORGE HENRY Granda, happy 50th birthday, 22-10-

98, love you Charlotte and Danielle XXX **Denis Smith**



Sunday 25th October The clock is striking 70. it's such a grand occasion perhaps a toast to celebrate (you won't need much persuasion).

Happy 70th Birthday to our much loved Dad and Grandad All our love from all your family and friends

Public Notice

DAY TOUR to Edinburgh by coach, visiting the Royal Yacht, Britannia for a guided tour. Depart Byerley Park 0745 picking up at Cemetery, St Clare's, Aycliffe Village and Heighington. All in cost £20 per person, Wednesday 4th November Tel 313924 HALLOWEEN PARTY on Saturday 31st October at the iron Horse, dress as you dare! Prizes for the most daring and most outrageous. Fun and party games all night with 'Banana Nights Roadshow". Late bar available with no entry after 10pm

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FRIDAY 30th OCT

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Aycliffe were looking to bounce back from two defeats in their last two games against Stockton, a team who are rooted to the bottom of the table with no points from their first 6 games. After beating Stockton in a pre-season friendly in August, Aycliffe came into the game with the belief that they could take something from it.

Aycliffe fielded a strong side, with only one key player absent and held the advantage from the start, after winning the toss and deciding to keep the strong wind behind them in the first half.

Stockton found it difficult to get the ball out of their half, due to the wind and some commanding play from the Aycliffe midfield. Ayeliffe spurned numerous chances in the first ten minutes but their first goal was scored by striker Pamela Beenham.

Deaths

TAYLOR

Audrey (Nee Waites) October 16th (peacefully at home), of Clarence Chare, Newton Aycliffe, aged 71 years, dearly loved wife of John, much loved mother of Keith, dearest sister of Marion, also devoted nanna of Fiona and Sarah

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Thanks

HODGSON Michael Judith, Simon, David and Michaela would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for all their cards, gifts and flowers over the last 2 months. Simon is making a great recovery. Thank you once again for all your kind thoughts and prayers ENGLISH Mrs E English,

the mother, and family of the late Janet wish to convey their thanks for all the loving care and kindness shown to Janet all through a trying period and for all kind messages after her death from her many friends of which are

NATALIE and Mark would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards and presents received on the christening of Matthew

SPECIAL thank you to Andrew Banks who made an excellent job of our wedding photos, 29-8-98, Shaun and Judith Russell

Aveliffe were denied a goal by the referee after a shot from Debbie Malcolrn which was clearly over the line before it was cleared by the Stockton defence. They also missed a penalty, Kim O' Connor stepping up to take it after Pamela had been brought down in the area. Aycliffe should have had more as they dominated the first half, but the score remained 1 - 0 at half

Stockton came out confident in the

second half knowing that they

would have the strong wind and being only 1 - 0 down. But it was Ayeliffe who profited from a mistake by a Stockton defender, who sliced a clearance after a shot from Debbie Malcolrn, sending the ball into the back of her own net to make the score 2 - 0. Stockton showed good character however, quickly pulling a goal back after some sloppy Aycliffe defending, and getting themselves back into the game at 2 - 1 down. Ayeliffe were determined to lengthen their lead, and did so after a free kick from Lesley Forrest fell to captain Kim O'Connor to put home, for her third goal of the season.

Aycliffe then conceded a penalty, after the ball was handled in the area, luckily keeper Lisa Marley made a great save to stop Stockton from scoring. Aycliffe were given another goal after a shot from Shelley Oxenham was fumbled by the Stockton keeper and a defender attempting a clearance scored an own goal.

This made the score 4 - 1, and so it remained until the final whistle, Avcliffe now have 4 points from 5 games, a great start for a new team and better than we could have expected. We would like to thank our sponsor Alexander-le-Skerne for their continuing support, as well as the Oakleaf Sports Complex. Also, thanks to Phil Baxter, who stepped in at short notice to referee.

"C.R.I.M.E.S." **MEETINGS IMPROVE** SAFETY

Sedgefield Borough's Community Rangers are inviting children between five and eleven years old to find out more about community safety at "C.R.I.M.E.S." meetings being held throughout the Borough.

"C.R.I.M.E.S." meetings

(Community Rangers Informative Meetings on Essential Safety) can cover crime prevention, how to keep safe, first aid, road safety, litter, bullying, strangers and drugs. Research in local schools has shown that young children see these as important issues, and early evening meetings are being arranged to help children deal with potential problems. he children's own ideas wil be important and they will be encouraged to participate fully in the meetings and help to solve problems that affect their own lives. Joy Fletcher, Sedgefield Borough's Community Rangers Coordinator, said "Young children often come up with some of the simplest, best and most effective ideas. You don't need to be an adult to take some responsibility for crime prevention and community safety'

"C.R.I.M.E.S." meetings begin this month and will be held once a month at venues throughout the Borough until Christmas. The next meeting in Newton Aycliffe will be held at the Community House. Silverdale Place on Thursday 19th November 6 - 7 p.m.

For full details please contact

Joy Fletcher, Community Rangers Co-ordinator, on (01388) 816166.

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HORNDALE	50	
R. TELEGRAPH	46	
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ROYAL HOTEL	44	
NAVY CLUB B.	38	
SOUTHERNE CLUB	38	
R.B.L.	34	
NORTH BRITON	30	
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St. Francis CE Junior School in Newton Aycliffe have recently raised £451.09 for the NSPCC family centre in Middlesbrough. Area Schools Manager, Lynda Johnson visited the school to talk to the pupils about the work of the NSPCC and then the pupils took part in the NSPCC 'Share A Smile' Challenge - which focuses on safety

and how to keep safe. The response was terrific and the school is very proud of the final total.

Lynda was at school again to thank the children and their parents for raising this money.

"The children not only learned about the NSPCC but also important tips on how to keep themselves safe as well. The final amount is brilliant and the children deserve to be proud of themselves"

The NSPCC operates a FREE 24 hour helpline for anyone who is concerned about a child. The telephone number is 0800 800 500.

SSAFA CABARET **NIGHT**

The SSAFA (Soldiers,

Sailors, Families Association) are holding a Association) are notding a Fund Raising Cabaret Night at the Royal British Legion, Newton Aycliffe on 29th October 1998, at 7.30pm. A special prize will be awarded on the night to the first person attending who produce advertisement appearing in this weeks Newton News. SSAFA Forces Help are a National Charity helping local people who have fallen on hard times. If any exservice readers need our support they can contact us on 01325 314012 or write to us at: SSAFA FORCES HELP, PO Box 33, DL16

We need your help - to help us help you - please come along and support us.

6GW.

HANDY **ANDY**



Andrew Blackburn decided that the D.I box in Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. needed brightening up as it was a bit dull.

He volunteered himself, to paint the box in multiple colours, so he put in quite a number of hours, costing the job, deciding what paint to sue, and design.

He certainly has done well. Hope the music is as colourful!

9 yr old **Picked** for Boro Academy



Congratulations go out to Danny McPhee who this week has been accepted into the 'Middlesbrough Football Academy' at the age of 9. Danny was spotted while playing for Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club by local scout Ronnie Horner.

Race Night Raised Over £1200

The Rotary Club held a very successful Race Night at Heighington Village Hall last week and raised over £1200 for 'Children with Leukaemia'

The Club wish to thank the following Race Sponsors: Stephen Russel (Hairdressers), Brown Smith and Baker (Architects), Hydro Polymers, Starlight Windows, Upex Electrical, Redworth Hall, Aycliffe ITEC, Manuli (Linden Group).

Thanks also to the horse owners, Newton Press, and the Inner Wheel for the catering.

"It was a marvellous event and I appreciate all the hard work and valuable support we received. The cash will go to help children suffering from a dreadful disease and I thank everyone on their behalf" said Terry Crowe, Chairman of the Organising Committee.

SEXY RUGBY

Aycliffe-69

Richmond II-0

Despite atrocious weather conditions Aycliffe continued to display 'sexy' rugby and Richmond were this weeks receivers of it.

The first 10 minutes were closely contested but further forward dominance and exciting Aycliffe back play gradually contributed to the first of 4 tries for Bud Shaw. This creditable performance of 20 points takes his seasons tally to 55 (11

Richmond didn't really have any answer to the power and control of Aycliffe's scrummaging, many balls taken against the head again by 'Affer' and later by Trevor Machinuho, who came on as a replacement in the 2nd half.

At half time the score line was still relatively tight due to Aycliffe having the weather advantage 1st half, but continued pressure effected Richmond's game

The opposition became desperate men fighting to regain some kind of credit and control but were unable to quell the Aycliffe onslaught. Further tries were scored by B Malvern, W Parsonage, 2nd row boiler house Ronnie Gilyeat, dynamic wing 3/4 Eddie Presch, M Affleck, PMcCormack and D Pettii. The inevitable soon came and the game ended with the scoreline at Aycliffe 69 Richmond II O.

D. Pettit 7 Conversions. Tries: B Malvem, W Parsonage, R Gilyeat, P McCormack, PShaw x 4, Eddie Presch, M Affleck, D

Finally, a huge thank you to our matchball sponsor: Ian Hughes (vision engineer/ window cleaner)) and Great Lakes Chemicals for major sponsorship.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a Coffee Morning and Cake Stall in St. Clare's hall on Saturday 31st October due to a private booking of the hall, and also Saturday 7th November when the 'Autumn' Fair will be held at 2pm.

Letter to the Editor

OPEN TOWN MEETING ON ALPHA PROJECT

Dear Townsfolk, On Wednesday 28th October I will be holding a Public Meeting at 7pm at the town's Leisure Centre on Beveridge Arcade.

The subject matter will be Horndale House and the proposed Alpha Project. You will be aware that there is a great deal of controversy surrounding this proposal and the impact it will have upo the whole community o Newton Aycliffe.

I therefore urge you t attend this meeting, wher I will give a complete short, presentation outlining this project' objectives, and th possible harmful effects could have upon th families of this town, if were allowed to proceed Councillor Tony Moore

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