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Generally speaking they demonstrate the good side of youth today when too often they are given bad press publicity.

An Open Evening is planned for anyone interested from either of our two Comprehensive Schools. The meeting will be held at Woodham Comprehensive School on Wednesday 9th December at 7 p.m.

Here is something worthwhile for the town's teenagers and it is hoped many will wish to be involved.

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N. E. Karate Championships



The first North East Karate Championships, held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre have been acclaimed as a huge success and will almost certainly now be part of the Sporting Calendar. Profits from the event, amounting to over £800, has been donated to help the elderly in Newton Aycliffe.

Peter Beaty, local organiser for "Help the Aged" wishes to thank all concerned and tells us the money is already well spent on brightening up pensioners lives. Organiser of the event, Alistair Walker said the event went very well with few complaints and only minor injuries to some of the fighters. "It was so successful we feel confident in making plans to bring the 2nd annual championships to Newton Aycliffe, thanks to the great support we received from local sponsors, helpers, contestants from all over Britain, and the spectators," said Alistair.



Constance Davies of School Aycliffe, aged 8, had the honour of presenting a bouquet to the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Angela Fleming, who attended the official opening of the First North Eastern Karate Championships in Newton Aycliffe. Constance is a member of the Kobukan Club where she has achieved Junior Grade "Student of the Year"



The Aycliffe Karate Club won the "Team Kata" Award

JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS' REPORT ON SAFETY COURSE

On Monday 9th November 1998, Woodham Burn Junior School pupils from Classes 7 and 8 went to the Safety Carousel for Children.

We went to the first room and there were two policemen and they were talking to us about drugs and Richard copied the policeman about a joke and the policeman said you can be Bill for the day. Then we went into the second room and there was a man lying down with a bike over him and Amy dialled 999, she had to say where it was and what had happened. Then we went into the third room and it was the train room and we had to say what the people were doing wrong and if you went over the fence you would have to pay £2000 fine. There are 25,000 volts in the overhead wire for electric trains. Then we went to the fourth room and it was a bedroom and we were taught how to climb out of the window and how to hang and drop without hurting yourself. Then Carl had to feel the door to see if it was hot and it wasn't.

Then we went to the fifth room, there was a lady and she was pretending to be a mam and go out and then someone knocked on the

door and she said what to do if someone rings you on the telephone.

Then we went to the sixth room and it was the electricity room and the man was talking about pylons. Kathryn Bolam Amy Lattimer Class 8

3 Schools

On Monday November the 9th Classes 7 & 8 visited The Safety Carousel.

When we got off the bus to go the Safety Carousel, we went into the big hall.

The lady who was there split us into groups. There were three different schools there. My favourite part was when we were in the fire room which was furnished like a bedroom.

Kate opened the door and all the smoke came in the door. We had to keep down under the smoke and someone had to ring the fire brigade. In single file we had to climb out of the window. I enjoyed everything.

I thought the policemen were really funny, I even liked their jokes. I even learned about the Street names of drugs. Ben Johnson Class 8

Certificates Awarded

On the 9th of November class 8 and class 7 of Woodham Burn Junior School went to Safety Carousel at Aycliffe Centre for Children (It consisted of 6 different rooms).

There was a room with electricity. It told us all about it and the dangers. The electricity runs through pylons.

The second room was the police room, we learnt about drugs and what people call them. The police men are

called P.C Smith and P.C. Bill. The third room had a man that had been knocked over. We had to phone an ambulance.

The fourth room was the train room. The fifth room was the smoke room we thought it was the best room. We had to climb out the window. At the end people asked us questions about what we did, Woodham Burn got a certificate.

Laura Christie & Stephanie Richardson Class 8

Hush! Tony's Here

Cheering crowds and flashing lights They follow Tony Blair Announce his presence to the world Now here - now over there. But when he visits Aycliffe Right in his own back-yard No-one must know. It's all hush-hush He's under heavy guard. Is it because our Tony lad Has run right out of pluck And cannot face 600 souls He dropped right in the muck,

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GOLF AWARDS

Captain Jack Braley presented the awards at the presentation night of Woodham Golf and Country Club, Newton Aycliffe. Men's Golf Section held in the club restaurant.

T Stafford (gross) and R Tumbull (nett) were winners of the Club Championship and other winners included: Knock out competitions: John Crowther (Sheila Bowes), Shaun Goad (Blades), M Hodgson and G Smith (Gordon Park Shield), G Neasham and J Banks (Winter League).

Trophies: J Banks (Directors Cup), S Purvis and G McNellan (Fosters Stableford), D Catchpole (Harry Stafford Rosebowl), E Meighan (Red Ward Trophy), A Phillips and J Patterson (Fine Organics), A Johnson (Ed Henderson Trophy), D Turnbull and B Clothier (Roxby Pairs S Annitt (Eden Arms Trophy), I Bloomer (Golgightly Putter), M Hawkes (Ford Rosebowl), J Hodgson (Woodham Ward).

Medals winners M J McCann (Div 1), A S Robertson (Div 2), J Braley (Div 1), D C Brown (midweek), J Doidge (EGU), I Rand (midweek), E Meighan (Rex Ward), D Turnbull (midweek), S Smith (Div 1), B Robinson (Div 2), S Cowle and J Patterson (Greensome), S D Goad (Div 1), J Crowther (Div 2), A Stafford (midweek), J Notman and I Alexander (Daily Mail pairs), P Coates (Div 1), J McRae (Div 2), B Smith, G Baldwin, and D Smith (team).

Other winners included N Gilson, J Gilson, K Roberts (Three Man Scramble), S Armit and J Hobbs (Four ball better ball), T and A Stafford (Minorities family foursome), A Johnson (captain's day), D Bamfather (Nonnanby vets), D Smith (Midweek Stableford), K Roberts (Smith and Jones Bogey), G Smith (Singles Stableford), S Thompson (Rushford Members), J Morrow (Neville Pharmacy), T Dolan (3 Clubs and Putter), G Bowles (Bottle competition).

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LARGE HOSTEL IS UNACCEPTABLE

Dear Mr. Howarth, I take great exception to the criticism in the Newton News in the way that I conducted a public meeting into proposals for Horndale House.

As the ward Councillor for Horndale, I am elected to represent the people of the area and those people have told me they do not want a

hostel for the homeless on their doorstep. These people are parents of young children, Head Teachers, School Governors and elderly residents who all fear the effects of such a hostel.

You mention that one resident "was honest enough" to express the fear that his home would be devalued if this type of hostel operated nearby. Is this such a crime?

You fail to mention, however, the very real concerns of Duncan Routley, child coordinator for Sedgefield Borough Council area, who wrote: "Opening a large institution-style hostel, wherever it is situated, is unacceptable in today's society".

I agree with Mr. Routley when he says the people of the Alpha Project are "well meaning but I believe they do not have the professional expertise or experience to run such a home". I appreciate that the Trustees aims are honourable, but it is my view, and not my view alone, that they are also misguided.

While I continue to represent the people of Newton Aycliffe, I will continue to express this view until this ill-conceived scheme is withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,
County Councillor Tony Moore

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GREENFIELD PUPIL OFF TO U.S.A. FOR TWO WEEK'S WORK EXPERIENCE

Michael Baxter, a keen basketball player and a pupil in his last year at Greenfield School is to carry out his work experience in Connecticut USA. on December 6th, Michael leaves Teeside airport for Boston to begin his two weeks work experience with a sports firm and printing firm he returns back at Teeside on 21st December.

In about May of this year Michael expressed his desire to go to the USA to do his work experience. His teachers and also his parents took his request lightly feeling he was dreaming and that it would be impossible to arrange, as well as being too expensive to be able to afford but Michael persisted offering to save all his pocket money and do other chores, convincing his parents and school that he was serious. Making his request known to his basketball coach Mr Tony Hanson (of the Teeside Basketball Club and the Mohawks) who himself comes from America and is an ex NBA player, Michael's dream was about to become a possibility. Tony looked into the feasibility of organizing such a trip and after arranging for family friends who are being so kind as to host him as well as collecting him from Boston airport, he also sorted out his work placements, Michael's hopes were to become a reality.

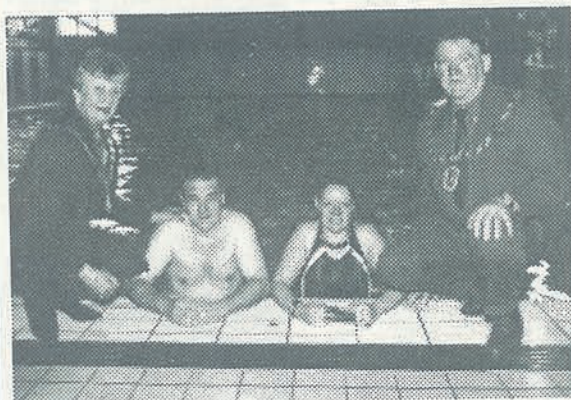
His parents discussed it with Mr Hanson and decided it was too great an opportunity for Michael to miss and gave him their full encouragement and support, his next hurdle was to convince his school, who subsequently agreed to his plans. Michael's great passion is basketball in which he shows a lot of potential, he plays for the Teeside Huskies A and B teams in the Durham league as well as the Teeside league. The icing on the cake for Michael is that Mr Hanson is arranging for Michael to play and practice with the local college team in Connecticut during his stay. Although they have to fund

his trip themselves, Michael helps by doing a paper round and with his parents encouragement and full support, is about to fulfil his ambition.

Michael and his family would like to thank Great Aycliffe Town Council for the help of some financial assistance which will greatly help towards his day to day living expenses and spending money and also for his early Christmas present of spending money from his grandparents Sigrid and Tommy.

Michael is very grateful and sincerely thanks all who have made this trip a possibility, especially efforts made by his parents who have fully supported and encouraged him and of course special thanks to Mr Hanson without whose help and support this trip would not be possible and most importantly, the kindness of the American family, Mr and Mrs Vining who are willing to host him.

SPONSORED SWIM AT AYCLIFFE



Swimmers were invited to participate in the first ever 'Care For You - Care For Me' sponsored swim at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on 4th November 1998.

Money raised so far exceeds twelve hundred pounds as well as a local charity supported by churches and community which raised over £300 and will be given to two nominated charities which are St. Teresa's Hospice for Darlington and District and The Pioneering Care Partnership, the Mayor of Sedgefield Borough Councils nominated Charity.

The P.C.P. aims to improve health and quality of life for those disadvantaged through caring responsibilities, disabilities, age or ill health. The PCP is developing a central base for support service in the Pioneering Care Centre at Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe which is scheduled to open early next year.

Photo shows: Cllr, John Moran - Mayor of S.B.C. and Mayoress Mary Moran congratulating two of the fund-raisers,

DARTS & DOMINO LEAGUE

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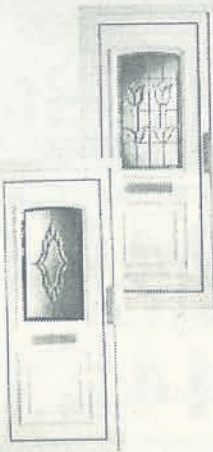
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Credit must go to both teams as the game was played in good spirit

Goals:- Kevan Stephenson - Ian Alderson
Mom:- Colin Smith

All the lads thank everyone who attended our race night and enough money was raised to keep us going for the rest of the season.

28/11
N/Shields Oddfellows-Away
5/12 - Fulwell-Away

Legion Lose League Battle

On Sunday 22 November the Royal British Legion were at home to League leaders Iron Horse. Both teams were unbeaten in the league this season so something had to give.

The first 20 minutes saw both sides trying their hardest to open the scoring with the legion missing the easier chances. It was the Iron Horse who opened the scoring in the 25th minute with a lob from 20 yards into an open net.

The Legion had the better of the first half and should have been in the front but it is goals that count. The second half was even until the 67th minute when the Legion thoroughly deserved there equaliser when Terry Harrison ran through and netted from close range 1-1.

The Iron Horse then took control of the game from the 73rd minute when they went 2-1 up. The Legion tried to pull it back but paid the penalty of pushing up too far. In the 78th minute the Iron Horse broke down the legion defence to make it 3-1 then 2 minutes later made sure with a very similar goal 4-1. The legion did pull one back in the 88th minute when Dion Raitt netted from the penalty spot, final score 4-2. This was a hard game for both sides and the Legion must learn from mistakes. You cannot play top teams and miss chances, you have got to put them away. It was a good game to watch and both teams deserve praise. The Royal British Legion MoM award goes to Paul Robinson.

Report by Keith Brassell

RNIB Bowled Over by Woodham



For many people ten pin bowling can be difficult enough at the best of times, but a group of Woodham Comprehensive pupils have experienced bowling with blindfolds on.

The "Blindfold Bowling Challenge" was set by the Royal National Institute for the Blind to help them with their latest fund raising campaign. The school was asked after years 7 and 8 were made aware of the problems faced by the blind and visually impaired in recent assemblies.

"The response to the assemblies was excellent", said RNIB's Youth Appeals Co-ordinator Enid Lackenby. "The children were very interested."

The challenge entailed thirty pupils being sponsored to go bowling, but their was a catch. All of the pupils were provided with blindfolds which gave the competitors a taste of how an ordinary task is made difficult when visually impaired. This made the pupils even more aware of the difficulties facing many people day in, day out,

as well as raising money.

"They had fun but also learnt a lot from it as well as giving them the chance to help people less fortunate than themselves," added Mrs Lackenby.

Woodham will hand over a cheque for £260 into the RNIB, the leading charity in Britain for the blind, in the near future. The donation is further evidence of the generosity of Woodham pupils. As well as the RNIB Woodham pupils have made excellent efforts to raise money for Children in Need and victims of the Honduras hurricane.

Bric-a-Brac Wanted

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club are looking for unwanted items of Bric-a-Brac to help raise funds at Car Boot Sales.

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JOIN THE SUNDAY WALKERS

This Sunday the 29th the Ramblers Association are having an easy 6 mile welcome walk on a circular route via field paths and tracks south of Newton Aycliffe.

Non-members are invited to come along and we will start from the Locomotion One public house car park (kind permission of the landlord) at 11am. Suitable clothing is necessary, in particular stout walking boots.

There will be a picnic store and we should return by 2.30pm. Anyone wishing to order after-walk meals/snacks at the pub should ring on 01325 320132 prior to the walk.

For further details on walk contact leaders on 01325 320168.

Letter to the Editor Tony Blair Fobbed the Answer

Dear Sir,

Why does it take a twelve year old boy to ask the question that we have all been wanted the Prime Minister to answer?

David Robinson from Greenfield Comprehensive School in Newton Aycliffe plucked up the courage to ask Tony Blair why, if the economy was doing so well - as his spin doctors would like us to believe - are there more people unemployed in Newton Aycliffe.

Terry Wayman was right in saying that Tony Blair "Fobbed the answer"; he has always fobbed the answer when the question involves an issue that conflicts with his bland presentation of the situation.

This is why William Hague so successful in pulling him in Parliament and making him seem foolish.

The truth is that the economy is in trouble due to mishandling of economic policy, by the Labour Government. High interest rates, taxing pensions (and therefore jobs) and adoption of Europe's Social Chapter has all meant that employing people in Britain has become more expensive.

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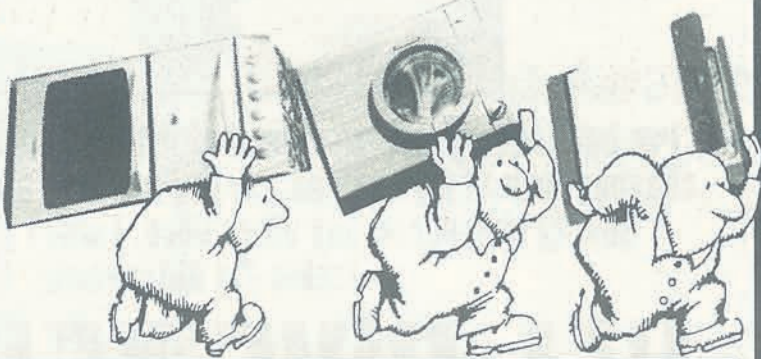
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PUB'S NEW PLAY DEN GOES ON TRIAL

A group of 14 children have been invited to 'road test' a new play den at their local pub before it's officially opened to the public. The kids will be VIPs on Saturday 28 November when they will try out everything from the ball pool to the tunnel and climbing frame in the new 'Wabbit Warren' at The poacher's Pocket in Middridge, Newton Aycliffe. They will also be treated to lunch as a 'thank you' for their time and help. Head Poachers David and Doreen Watson said: "We think the Warren is great but what do we know! The play area is for kids - so they should be the ones to test it out." David believes that one of the big attractions is that it's free to play in the Warren, so parents can relax and stay as long as they want, without having to worry about the children or having to fork out any extra cash.

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SANTA'S POST BOX TO OPEN

Santa's post boxes will be out on locations in Aycliffe from December 1st so all the boys and girls in Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village who write to Santa and post their letters in the special boxes will get a reply, addressed to them and delivered to their home.

Santa replied to over 1,000 letters last Christmas but quite a few letters did not have the name and address of the children on them and Santa was very disappointed that he could not write back. Santa has asked especially for mums and dads to make sure that the child's name and address is printed clearly at the top of their letter this year.

The special post boxes will be at:

Stevens Newsagents in Beveridge Way
Stevens Newsagents in Neville Parade
Aycliffe Village Post Office
Redhouse Post Office
Woodham Post Office

Make sure that you post your letter before **Monday 21st December** because that is when the post boxes will be taken back to the Ice Palace, at Greenland.

PRE-CHRISTMAS FLOWER FESTIVAL AT HEIGHINGTON

At this time of the year when we are all dashing about trying to find presents for Uncle John, Auntie Mary, Cousin Molly and sundry other family and friends. The real meaning of Christmas tends to get forgotten.

For a short space of time from Friday 11th until Sunday, 13th December you can forget all about your problems and bathe in the true spirit of Christmas.

St. Michael's Church, Heighington is hosting a 'flower festival' for Christmas. There will be Christmas trees, door wreaths, nativity scenes, swags, angels, candies and much more.

Every organisation in the parish has been asked to participate to make this a truly memorable event.

On Friday 11th there will be a Special Preview starting at 7.00 for 7.30pm. The Mayor & Mayoress of Darlington will be start off the proceedings. Tickets are £3.00 and includes a glass of wine and festive nibbles. On Saturday 12th at 7.15pm, there will be a Community Concert in the Church. Again all the parish groups have been invited to 'do a turn', and it should be a lot of fun, a really enjoyable experience.

Parade Inspired Poetry

The following poem was written by one of the Cubs from 1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Scout Group after attending the remembrance day parade at Newton Aycliffe

What if it Was Me
What if it was me,
At the front line,
Trying to survive.
Fighting for my country.
Bodies scattered everywhere
Terrified to death,
About to go in no mans land,
No rest.
Getting shot for shell shock
Cowardice they think.
Don't encourage others, they say,
So you die the next day.
Victoria Cross is given,
To put a smile on peoples faces,
But I think they deserve it,
Medal for bravery.
Coming home from war.
Going that way.
For your tomorrow - we gave our today.
David A. Swindells - Age 9

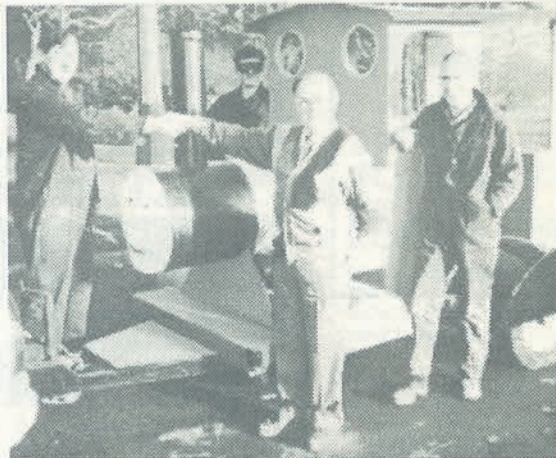
SHIELDS BEAT TOWN'S U/12's

S/Shields Brinkburn - 4
N/Aycliffe Under 12's - 2
Last week, Aycliffe Under 12's travelled up to South Shields in the County Cup and were beaten in a highly entertaining game in very heavy conditions.

Within minutes, confusion in the visitor's defence gifted South Shields an opener but an own goal from a Stewie Owen free-kick levelled the scores after only 3 minutes. 10 minutes later another great Stewie Owen free-kick enabled skipper Liam Cooper to net a second but the home team equalised within minutes. Right on half-time one of the home forwards was sent off for throwing a punch at Clark Dockerty but this just seemed to inspire them with two second half goals after sloppy defending.

Graham Johnson and Lee Montgomery both went close later on but it wasn't to be. David Turgoose took the 'man of the match' award for his midfield tackling.

AYCLIFFE TRAINEES PUT TRAIN BACK IN SERVICE FOR XMAS



Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club President, Syd Howarth took delivery of a Toy Train from Aycliffe Young Peoples Centre who had refurbished it ready for the Christmas appeal.

The train was originally built by Barry Adamson of Perstorp who provided the materials. It made its first appearance last year in the Somerfields store where the Rotary Club made a collection to provide Xmas Hampers for the Towns needy families.

The Club will be there again this year looking for Newtonians to show their usual generosity. In addition plans are being made to make a trial tour around the streets and also to offer private visits for the Train, with Santa on board, to individuals or Xmas Parties. If you are interested ring Don Walker on 312022.

The Rotary Club wish to acknowledge the hard work put in by trainees at the Aycliffe Young Peoples Centre. Thanks to Christopher Bradley, Lee Stammers, Neil Hird, Dell Cleminson and Lee Curtis, not forgetting the instructors: David Doubleday and Dave Cocking.



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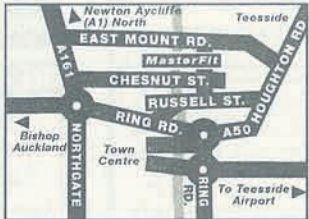
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In Memoriam

CATHERINE YOUNG Died 30th November 1989, in memory of a dear Mam and Nana always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts, Jean and Andrew

BILLY DUNN Died 30-11-97. It's a lonely life without you, nothing is the same, all I have are memories and your photo in a frame. Your loving wife Mary, until we meet again

BILLY DUN Died 30-11-97. Sweet are the memories that will never fade of the best Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad God ever made. Never forgotten, your loving family

WILLIAM DUNN Died 30th November 1997. November comes with sad regret the month the date we will not forget, we miss you Dad, Babs and Joe

JAMES BANKS 25th November 1994. Loving memories of my dear husband, although you're not here, you are never far away, always loved Annette XX

OLIVE FLATMAN (Nee Chamberlain), 29-11-97. A year has passed without you, I'll never forget that day, God put his arms around you, in his special way. A mother I loved so dear, cherished memories so very clear, caring, thoughtful, a heart of gold, a wonderful mother a treasure to behold. All our love Margery, John, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Thanks

THE FAMILY of the late Margaret Scott wish to thank all neighbours, friends and relatives for their love and kindness shown during their sad loss. A special thanks to staff on Ward 47 at Middlesbrough General Hospital, Bewick Crescent Surgery, Brian Shepherd and Minister Lynn Clark for their caring support.

WISH to thank everyone who came to my surprise party on 21st November, everything was perfect, it was a night I will always remember, a special thanks to Mum, Audrey and Bob

TO MY FAMILY, grandchildren and friends, thank you all for making my 70th birthday go with a bang! And for the lovely presents and cards, Peggy Slater

HAROLD MERCHANT (Dum) I would just like to thank everybody who was with me, as well as in thought on Friday 20th November. Special thank you to Debbie for the lovely food and thank you Dorothy Tidyman, Sports Club

BOB & AUDREY Wilkinson would like to thank everyone who made Anne's 40th birthday such a special night. Enjoyed by all and thanks again for the lovely gifts.

MY FAMILY and I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has helped me through this very disturbing and upsetting time. People and friends and all the lasses at SMK who sent flowers and presents, which were very much appreciated. This big thank you goes to the person who helped me home after my attacker ran off. This person was in the right place at the right time and probably saved my life. My children and I are very grateful and can't thank you enough. All my family and friends have been great to all of you. Thank you, Edwards family

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BENNET FORGHAM 28th November. I only wish my brother were here today, so that I could wish him "Happy birthday", I miss him so much nobody knows, the emptiness and pain, it only grows. Parting is all we know of Heaven and all we need of hell. I miss you Forge, love Sheila, Carl and family

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TABLE TOP SALE 12th December at the Over 60s Club, Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe, entrance fee 20p, tables £5 To book ring 01325 315123

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Congratulations

CARTER Victoria; congratulations Vikki on passing your dancing scholarship, love Mum and Dad X

HELEN McCORMICK Happy 30th old lass, love Sue, Lee and Lauren

HELEN McCORMICK happy 30th birthday to a wonderful daughter who is special in every way, enjoy your day, we love you-very much, Dad and Mam XXX

HELEN McCORMICK happy 30th birthday lots of love as always, Kevin, Anna and Smudge

MARK HYATT Happy 1st birthday 26-11-98, with lots of love from Mammy, Daddy, Daniel Grandma, Nana and all your aunts, uncles and cousins

CRAIG JAMES Happy 21st birthday all my love Mam

CRAIG JAMES To my "pain in the neck" brother Craig who pinned me down and stole my sweets, happy 21st love Rachelle

CRAIG JAMES To my darling fiancée Craig, happy 21st birthday, all my love always Gemma

CHLOE 30-11-98, Monday is your birthday and you will be three, happy birthday sweetheart from Grandad and from me!!

PARKINSON Kathleen, the big 30, happy birthday Kathleen all my love Bryan

PARKINSON Happy birthday Mammy, lots of love Jason and Keiran

PARKINSON Lots of love Kath have a great day from Tony and Charly

PARKINSON To a special daughter-in-law lots of love on your 30th Kath, from Brenda, Ken and Andrew

CLAIRE TURNBULL happy 7th birthday on Tuesday, lots of love Mam, Dad, Emma

H O W A R T H Congratulations Shayne and Rachel on the birth of baby "James", Friday 13th November (lucky for some), 7lbs 4oz, thank you for our beautiful grandson, all our love always Mam, Dad, Faye-Marie and Richard

JEFFREY BLACKWELL Congratulations Jeff on your BA (Hons), best wishes for your future exams, love from Gran and Grandpa

PETER MASON wishing you a happy 60th birthday from Gail, Keith and Scott

L O N S D A L E congratulations to our brother Gary and his lovely wife Maria, love Katrina and Corinna XX

MICHAEL DUNN Happy birthday Daddy, (30-11-98), love Abbie Paige XX

MASON Hip hooray, 60 today, 27-11-98, happy birthday peter, all our love from your wife Iris and family XX

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25-11-98
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Jeffrey Robert Blackwell



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Woodham Golf Club Ladies Presentations

WOODHAM Golf and Country Club Ladies held their annual dinner and presentation night at the club at the week-end with Ladies Captain Karen Edmond (Coulby Newham) making the presentations.

Club champion trophy went to Margaret Nisbet (Fishburn) with the Bronze division club championship going to Roz Raiton of Woodham who was also runner up in the Match Play competition which was won by Jill McKenna (Newton Aycliffe), the club's youngest member. Jill was also runner-up in the 18 hole Winter Shield competition, and the Winter Eclectic, and won the Irene Geddes Trophy, the Lady Secretary's Prize, and Medal 16.

Pat Usher (Woodham) was winner of the Winter Shield (18 holes) and Anita Maxwell (Woodham) the Winter Trophy (9 holes). She was also winner of the Summer Eclectic, Medal 7 (Kath Golightly Salver, and the LGU Silver Medal. Runner-up in the Summer Eclectic was Linda Luke (Woodham), who along with Marjorie Madgwick (Woodham) won the Dransfield Foursomes Trophy.

Chris Quinn (Seamer) was winner of the midweek league, (Medal 3) and Medal 6 (Directors Cup. Brid Keane (Woodham) was mid-week league runner-up and Birdie Tree winners were: Silver, Sue Parkinson (Hurworth Place); bronze Olivia Angus

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(Woodham), Ann Binks (Woodham), Doris Crawford (West Cornforth), Roz Raiton, Anthea Rowntree (Low Etherley) and Norma Thompson (Sedgefield).

Mrs Edmond was runner-up in the nine hole winter trophy competition and vice-captain Barbara Robinson won the Woodham Waywards trophy, Medal 15 LGU Pendant.

Other medal and trophy winners were: Kay Mott (Medal 1), Marjorie Madgwick (Medal 5), Norma Thompson (Medal 9, Thornville Garage Cup), Anthea Rowntree (Medal 10, Margaret Belshaw Shield), and Medal 12, Liz Nelson (Medal 13, Golightly Putter); Irene Dodds (Medal 14 Leslie Wake Memorial Trophy).

Mixed competition winners

were: Karen and David Edmond (Easter Mixed), Margaret and Terry Marshall (May Day Mixed), Sue and Allan Parkinson (Whitsuntide Mixed), Carol and John Littlefair (Edmenson Trophy), Brid Keane and David Edmond (Captains' Mixed) and Chris and Colin Quinn (Mixed League).

The annual "friendly" competition for the Woodham Spoon between the men and ladies sections was won by the men in a very close finish. Mrs Edmond presented the trophy to the men's captain Jack Braley.

The annual challenge played at Whitburn was won by the home side, and Pat Usher the Woodham player with best score won the Pamela Heslop plate.

FRAUD IS COSTING THE NHS £MILLION

County Durham Health Authority has welcomed the seriousness with which the law is treating NHS fraud. This follows the sentencing of a County Durham optician to nine months imprisonment, suspended for two years at Teesside Crown Court.

The Health Authority has recovered £30,000 from the optician which had been wrongly claimed.

Director of Finance John Flook said: "The NHS is losing money from fraud committed by a small minority of its contractors such as opticians, pharmacists and GPs. Fraudulent misappropriation of NHS funds is not a victimless crime. A fraud committed against the NHS means less money to treat patients."

"Prescription fraud is costing the NHS millions of pounds each year. It is good to see this issue being taken seriously. The NHS, Police and Crown Prosecution

Service need to continue with their efforts to ensure that those who defraud the public are brought to account".

SIMPLY XMAS

St. Clare's Church are holding a 'Simply Christmas' event in the Church Hall on Saturday 5th December, from 10am to 12 noon.

On sale will be gifts, toys, novelties, crafts, cards, bottle stall, tombola, home-made cakes and Christmas puddings. There will also be a special visitor for the children, Father Christmas has promised to come to see them from 10.30 - 11.00am. Come along and do your Christmas shopping, then relax with a cup of coffee or tea and a mince pie. Admission is free. Proceeds are for the Stage Fund.

MILLENNIUM HOW DO YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE?

Great Aycliffe Town Council are in the process of planning the Millennium Celebrations but need your input to enable them to provide the type of celebrations that you would like to see, hear or do.

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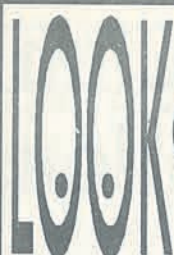
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John D Clare
Town Councillor

Change of Captain

Barbara Robinson of Sedgefield was elected 1999 Ladies Captain of Woodham Golf & Country Club Ladies Section, taking over from Karen Edmond of Coulby Newham, at the annual meeting. Marjorie Madgwick of Woodham was elected vice-captain. Other officials of the section are Brid Keane (Secretary), Mildred Stafford (Treasurer) and Anita Maxwell (Handicap Secretary).

Students Meet Cosmonauts

A party of sixty seven year 9 and 10 pupils and four staff from Greenfield School were the guests of Darlington Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College last Thursday, 19th November 1998 to take part in the 'From Mir To Here' event. Two Russian Cosmonauts, Commander Alexandre Volkov and Doctor Alexandre Martynov,

shared their experiences of training for and living in space with the group. After a fascinating presentation there was time for a question and answer session followed by autographing of their mementos of the occasion. Truly a once in a lifetime experience which many of the pupils will remember for some time to come.

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