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The shop will offer a wide variety of information on learning opportunities; it will be running basic skill courses in the shop and there will be career guidance and advice sessions. We hope to run a homework club - 'Late Learning'- and there will be a special children's corner.

Most of the courses offered in the shop will be as a response to public demand; so if there is something you have always wanted to learn but have not been able to do pop into the shop and let us know.

The Manager of the shop is Anne Timothy who has recently been appointed as the Project Co-ordinator.

Anne has a varied background; she has taught Business Studies and Communication Skills in further education, she has run her own successful childcare business for 12 years and has worked recently as a district worker in the voluntary sector. Anne has been a school governor and is a firm believer in Lifelong Learning and last, but by no means least, she is the mother of 9 children!

The promotion of lifelong learning is very new and the provision of a learning shop is fairly unique. The partnership is confident that people in Newton Aycliffe will support the venture and grasp the opportunity to use the shop and take advantage of the services which are provided free.

LOGO COMPETITION

As the project is for the people of Newton Aycliffe the partnership would like them to choose a logo to represent lifelong learning. We want a design that can be used in advertising and will become the familiar sign in the town to denote the project.

The competition is open to all ages and the winner will receive a prize and an invitation to the official opening of the shop, when the new logo will be displayed.

Please send your chosen design to The Learning Shop, Unit 10, Thames Shopping Centre, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SB; along with your full name, address and telephone number.

The closing date will be January 4th 1999

The winner will be notified and the result published in the Newton News.

Good Luck!

Christmas Celebrations Start Here!

This Sunday at 2.30pm sees a big family occasion at the annual Community Christmas Sing-Along at the Leisure Centre led by our Town Band.

Come along and enjoy singing your favourite Xmas Songs and Carols.

Song sheets are provided and you can also hear schoolchildren sing as well as the fabulous Woodham Youth Choir. Paul Gittins, local shopkeeper and DJ is providing sound equipment for the event.

It is a wonderful Christmas occasion and this year the Mayor and Civic guests from other local authorities will join the audience.

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SANTA'S CHRISTMAS EVE TOUR

Route 1

3.45 pm
St. Oswalds Court, then into Central Avenue and turn right into Washington Crescent
3.55 pm
Washington Crescent Walks and Closes: Wycliffe, Armstrong, Wren, Whitehead Wk, Hutchinson Wk, Hylton, Matthew, Wolsey, Richardson, Trevor Gdns, St. Aidans, and Felton)
4.25 pm
Neile Road then Defoe Crescent and Closes: Trevor Walk, Porter Close, Wheeler Green, Lamb Close, Espin Walk, Bellasis Close.
4.35 pm
Wiseman Walk, Ewbank Close, Hardinge Road, Chandler Close, Chapman Close, Crowley Place back down Hardinge Road and LEFT to: Bousefield Crescent, Faber Close, Kendrew Close, Sanderson Close, Elstob Close at Burn Lane turn RIGHT and LEFT to: Westmorland Way, Henson Grove, Whiteley Grove, Thurlow Grove, Aylmer Grove.
5.20 pm
Dalton Way, Hartley Road then right to Faulkner Road right and then second left to Hullock Road left down Allington Road to Walcher Road left then right to go round Lilburne Crescent and left to Macmillan Road - turning right to Bertie Road, Allington Road, Webb Close Westmorland Way. Proceed left down Westmorland Way to Newburn Court.
6.00 pm
Humphrey Close, RIGHT to Silkin Way, Stead Close, Wright Close, Priestman Road, Marshall Road, Burdon Close, Lightfoot Road and proceed down Stephenson Way to:
6.25 pm
Barrington Road, Ashfield return to Barrington Road, Tunstall Road, Carileph Close, Ebba Close, Bruce Road, Pease Way
7.10 pm
Past R.A.F.A. Club, Paulinus Road
7.20 pm
Via. Pease Way

Route 2

3.45 pm
Bede Crescent, Anne Swyft Road, Clarence Chare, Clarence Close, Clarence Green, Clarence Corner, Baliol Road, Hackworth Close
4.05 pm
Baliol Green, Travellers Green, Linguard Walk, Seton Walk, Gilpin Rd Clanny Rd, Palmer Road, Cosin Close.
4.45 pm
Bury Rd, Wilkinson Rd, Van Mildert Rd, Greathead Crescent, Shafto Way, Greville Way, St. Cuthberts Way.
5.15 pm
St. Clare s Church
5.30 pm
Sheraton Road, Sharp Road, Lumley Close, Hunter Road and Back. Sharp Road, Crewe Road, Henderson Road, Crawford Road, Sheraton Road and Sheraton Close
6.00 pm
Back up Sheraton Road to Hatfield Road, Heild Close, Biscop Crescent, Skirlaw Road and back to Beck Road.
6.25 pm
Via Shafto Way to Creighton Road, Moore Lane, Swan Walk, and Gunn Lane, Mellanby Crescent to Liddell Close, Kenny Walk, Carr Place, Markham Place, Secker Place, Joicey Place, Kemble Green and Bulmer Close to Vane Road. Turn Left to Fowler Road and Warburton and Jackson Place and then back to:
6.55 pm
Shafto Way, Turn right and proceed to Shield Walk, Stanfield Road, Denham Place, Ramsey Place, Eden Road, Langley Road and Malling Green.
7.10 pm
Via Central Avenue to Welbury Grove
7.30 pm
Aycliffe School
7.45 pm
Down Central Avenue to Houses by the Fire Station, Church Close.

Listen for my sleigh bells, I may be a little late

Route 3

3.45 pm
Via Greenfield Way to Burnhill Way and 3rd right into: Malham Crescent, Rylston Close, Reeth Place, Askrigg Close, Skipton Close, Arncliffe Place, Aysgarth Close, Hawes Place, Pateley Close, Stainforth Close, Marrick Close.
4.30 pm
Garburn Place and via Burnhill Way to Hawkshead Place (very few houses) then to Honister Place, Silverdale Place, Kirkstone Place, Langdale Place, Whinlatter Place, Eskdale Place - back to Greenfield Way and turn left at roundabout then left again to:
5.15 pm
Linden Place, via Greenfield Way, lst left into Beechfield, Rowan and Elmfield Place and via Pease Way to Oakfield. From Oakfield turn right into Pease Way and then left
5.45 pm
Via Cumby Road to Crosby Road, Doxford Close via Crosby Road to Lowery Road, St. Godrics Road, Mills Close.
6.15 pm
Via St. Godrics Road to Cumby Road, Watson Road via Simpasture Court and Simpasture Gate to Moule Close, Finchale Road, Lambton Close, Lee Green, Hopper Road.
6.55 pm
Via Finchale Road to Dixon Road, Walker Lane. Via Simpasture Gate to Emerson Way and Back. Via Butler Road to Castlereagh Close, Merz Road.
7.15 pm
Via Butler Road to Ritson Road via Bowes Road to Lyon Walk via Bowes Road to Marley Road, Wallas Road Left to Isherwood Close and then return through Bewick Crescent to Emerson Way, turning left to the junction of St. Cuthberts Way

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Route 4

3.45 pm
Durham Road, Millfields, Atkinson Gardens, The Orlands down to the bottom of The Green (Mill House). Back to The Green turning left to South Grove, St. Andrews Close then through to the High Street, Heighington Street, Oakley Mews (only 3 occupied along the left hand side), Congreve Terrace and Bickford Terrace.
4.45 pm
Via Industrial Estate and School Aycliffe Lane to West Cottages and North Cottages then into: Eastfields Road, The Garth - (on the left) Midfields (on the left) and forward to Lord Neville Drive, Binchester Croft, Menville Close, Burnynghill Close, Forresters Path, Smythsons Close, Sheppards Croft, Thursby Close and Wilbore Croft.
5.30 pm
Return to High Barn Road - and on to Meatlesburn Close, Springfields, Hazelrigg Close, Lowfields, Hansard Close, Jennison Close and Westfields and Hillfields and then back down School Aycliffe Lane.
6.10 pm
Proceed via Greenfield Way and left into Malvern Way, Colwell Court, Bedford Way and Wilton Court.
6.30 pm
Back on to Greenfield Way and then left into Staintondale, Rookwood Hunt, Zetland Hunt, The Covert, The Stirrup, Bramham Chase and Closes, Bedale Hunt, The Post Horn and The Saddlery.
7.10 pm
Back onto Greenfield Way and then left into Lascelles Avenue, Luttryngton Court, Hambleton Court, Ranulf Court, Jesmond Court, Colburn Avenue, Elwick Avenue, Claxton Court, Russell Court, Yoden Court via Greenfield Way, left into Wynyard Court.

Route 5

3.45 pm
Foxton Close, Herrington Court, Hardwick Court, Butterwick Court, Rushyford Court, Layton Court, returning via Foxton Close to Woodham Way.
4.10 pm
Brafferton Close, Chilton Court, Grange Court, Grindon Court, Whitton Court and back to Woodham Way turning right to
4.25 pm
Lowther Drive, Brook Close, Mulgrave Close Middleham Way, Cartington Close, Helmsley Court, Burleigh Mews, Badminton Grove, Stoneleigh Court, Lowther Drive to Stag Lane, turning right to
4.55 pm
Hickstead Rise, back to Stag Lane then right into Kennilworth Court and right into Stag Lane and right into Cheltenham Close and Gatcombe. Back up Cheltenham Close and on to Epsom Court, Kempton Close. Back to Stag Lane and into Fallow Road, Fawn Close and Hind Court. Then Raby Road and Brancepeth Close. Back to Woodham Way and left into Bamburgh Crescent, Chillingham Grove, Alnwick Grove, Barnard Close and then back into Woodham Way, turning left and right into Pemberton Road to:
5.40 pm
Farnham Close, Beaumont Close, Kirkham Close, Egerton Grove, Dudley Drive, Howson Crescent. Back to Pemberton Road, turning left and left into Clover Court, Sorrel Wynd, Yarrow Court and on the right, Harebell Meadows. Back to Campion Court. Return to Woodham Way turning right and left into
6.15 pm
Sandowne Drive, Tattersall Close, Beechers Grove and The Oaks.
6.30 pm
Return to Woodham Way, turning right and right into: Sunningdale, returning to Woodham Way and turning right into Low Green.
6.40 pm
Return to Woodham Way and left and left to The Spinney. Back to Woodham Way turning left and right to
6.50 pm
High Green - return to Woodham Way and The Grange.
7.10 pm
Back to Woodham Way - turning left and right into The Bridle and return to Woodham Way turning Left and Left into Woodham Gate.
7.35 pm
At Burnhill Way, turn right and drive to Ryder Court, St. Andrews Court and over the road to Acle Burn and Acle Meadows. Turn Right back into Burnhill Way and turn right at the Roundabout into Haselwood Road and right again into Carwardean Close, Blackiston Court.
7.50 pm
Back into Haselwood Road and turn right into Karles Close. Back to Haselwood Road and right into Bloomseley Close and then right at Haselwood Road and into Foster Close.

Dance Winners

On the 25th October pupils from the Hargreaves-Jacques School of Dance attended auditions for scholarships at the British Theatre Dance Association head quarters in Leicester. Four candidates were successful they were, Victoria Carter (Top Right), Samatha Graham (Top Left), Sarah Park (Bottom Left) and Lyndsey Wilson (Bottom Right).

Route 6

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Our School Outing . . .

Woodham Burn Junior School went to Hartlepool Power Station. We all got introduced to the guides. My guide was called Jim.
The boss was called Pam and she told us what to do. We made electricity with a magnet, a shaft, a timer, a copper coil and some card board.

To make the magnet move you had to make the shaft spin with the card. We cheated because we used a hair dryer to make it spin and the hair dryer is electric. After that we had our dinner. Then we went to see how the Power station works.

We put a helmet on with ear phones so the noise wouldn't deafen us.
We saw the magnets on the generator one and two.
We saw a big crane and we saw a turbine. We all got some presents and we had an excellent time.
By Karina Dixon

Experiment

When we went to Hartlepool Power Station we went into a classroom.
We were introduced to our teachers who were going to help us and show us around. There were four teachers, Margaret, Jim, Pam and Julie who were all very nice. We cut out card turbines which went on the end of a knitting needle and through a wooden thing which held two massive things sticking out of it.
It also had two wires coming from it which went over to a generator. The generator showed if you were really making electricity. The group that I was in made electricity because it worked when we tried it.
We were shown around and they explained things really well. Before we started looking round Pam told us to find out what was in the grey and green pipes. There was steam in the grey pipes and boiling water in the green ones. She also told us to find out what colour the crane was.
By Charlotte Gardiner
Woodham Burn Juniors.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Please note that the Council Offices at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe will be closed over the Christmas period from close of business on Thursday 24th December, 1998 and will reopen on Monday 4th January 1999.

M. RICE
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CHILDREN VISIT COUNCIL OFFICES

A party of children from the Williamfield area enjoyed a trip to the Sedgefield Borough Council offices at Green Lane, Spennymoor on Thursday, 3rd December to attend the Christmas Lighting ceremony, where they were welcomed by the Mayor Councillor John Moran. They each visited Santa and received a free gift along with free refreshments. The bus was provided by ASK (Aycliffe Support in the Kommunity) as part of their support of the local community. A good time was had by all.

FLYMO JOBS BOOST FOR AYCLIFFE

Another 135 new jobs are coming to Newton Aycliffe with the expansion of local company Flymo, aided by a £400,000 Regional Selective Assistance (RSA) grant from the DTI.

Flymo/Partner, part of the world-wide Electrolux Group, is to expand production facilities at Newton Aycliffe to allow the further development of its Partner range of petrol-powered lawnmowers.

The project, costing a total of £2.1 million, will safeguard 53 existing jobs as well as adding another 135 to the 525 people currently employed by Flymo at Newton Aycliffe, where the company has had a base since 1965.

DTI Minister Barbra Roche said: "The Electrolux Group operates in 60 countries around the world and could well have made this investment elsewhere, including the United States, where it has a similar plant which could have absorbed this increase in capacity.

"The fact that it has chosen its base at Newton Aycliffe for this expansion project is further evidence of Britain's continuing attractiveness to inward investors. It will also make an important contribution to the balance of payments as most of the extra production will be for export to Europe.

"This new investment will help secure the long-term future of the plant and is therefore excellent news for Newton Aycliffe and the North East. It also follows hard on the heels of the recent announcement I was able to make about the expansion of another Swedish company at Newton Aycliffe, Pertsorp Ltd, creating 20 new jobs and safeguarding 56, again with the aid of a RSA grant.

"These announcements are bad news for the gloom-merchants who are talking down the North East economy, but they are good news for the people of Newton Aycliffe and the region".

Peter Ginger, Flymo/Partner Managing Director, added: "Given our clear leadership of the electric lawnmower market, the development and manufacture of a complete range of petrol products is a clear area of opportunity.

"The support and investment from both the DTI and, of course, the Electrolux Group, is a tremendous boost in our ambition to further grow the organisation and extend our position as Europe's leading lawnmower manufacturer".

SERVICE OF LIGHT AT St. CLARES FOR CHILDREN

A Service of Light especially for children is being held at St. Clare's Church on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm, when the candles on the Advent Rings will be lit.

The Advent Rings have been specially made for us by the young people at the Aycliffe Centre for Children.

During the service there will also be the Blessing of the Crib, and a Nativity Play performed by the children of the Sunday School. An offering will be taken for the work of the Children's Society.

Father Christmas will be calling in as usual!

Everyone is invited, children and adults alike, to come along to take part in this lovely service.

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PRAYERS FOR CRASH VICTIM AT CENTRE'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Durham County Council has confirmed it has launched an inquiry into the break-out of three teenagers from secure accommodation at Aycliffe Young People's Centre, one of whom was subsequently killed in a road accident.

The Centre's General Manager, Ken Black, said the break-out had been particularly violent and that one member of staff had been taken to hospital with a suspected fracture of the skull.

Mr. Black also expressed his sympathy to the family of the crash victim, David Brook, adding that his death should serve as a salutary reminder of the all-too-often consequences of young people becoming involved in the theft of motor vehicles.

Revd. Bill Broad

At a Christmas Service held at the Centre this week, the new Chaplain, Rev. Bill Broad, referred to the incident as a real tragedy and led prayers for David's family.

He read a letter from the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, who expressed his sorrow over the death and his concern for David's parents and everyone at Aycliffe Young People's Centre.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 1999
Learning Centres - 7.15pm
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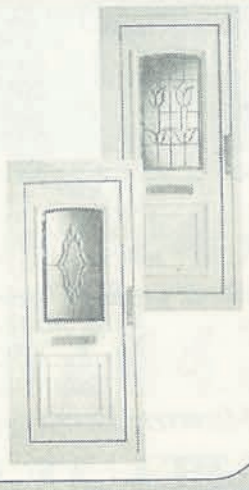

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Legion's Sponsors

The Royal British Legion have negotiated a new sponsorship deal, the new sponsors are solicitors Boddy, Thomas & Pacitto.
On Sunday 6th the Legion game with Shildon Red Lion was called off due to the pitch being frozen.
On Sunday 13th Legion were at home to Europa in the League and hoping to keep the pressure on the League leaders.
The first ten minutes saw Europa pushing forward at every opportunity but it was the Legion who opened the scoring in the 10th minute. The ball was cleared by Europa but only to Dave Taylor who promptly volleyed the ball into the roof of the net from 20 yards for an excellent goal. Four minutes later the legion went two up when Trevor Cooke headed down for David Brassell who slammed the ball home from 15 yards.
The game then went very scrappy with neither side dominating play, half time score was 2-0 to the Legion.
The 2nd half started as the fist half had finished. The Legion increased their lead in the 65th minute when Terry Harrison tapped in when Europa failed to clear a cross. In the 73rd minute Legion went further ahead when Europa once again failed to clear a cross and Trevor Cooke walked the ball into the net 4-0.
Europa never gave up trying and were rewarded in the 78th minute for their workman like performance. The Legion week after week still fail to kill teams off by missing so many simple chances. The Legion also continue to put pressure on themselves by giving the ball away far too much but the win is the most important thing, 3 points in the bag. Final score 4-1.
The Boddy Thomas & Pacitto M.O.M. Award goes to Dave Taylor for his all round performance.
Report by Keith Brassell.

PARTY TIME FOR SAKS' GIRLS

Over 700 Saks team members partied the night away at the Nottingham Forte Crest Hotel on Sunday 6th December, at the annual Saks Christmas Party.
"Work hard, play hard is one of the company's ethics," commented Ruth Roddam of Saks Redworth Hall Hotel. "As always, we had a great night out," said Ruth. "Just what we needed to get us buzzed up for the hectic festive season in the salon." The Christmas Parties are one of several occasions in the year when everyone from the company gets together. Only four weeks previously the teams met at the Nottingham Forte Crest for the Saks Competitions.

GARDENS GUILD GREETINGS

The Gardens Guild wishes all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
The Sales Hut will be open Sundays 10th and 17th January 1999 from 10am - 12 noon.
We have a wide range of Mr. Fothergills flower and vegetable seeds in stock.

Hard Fought Win for Under 12's Team

Newton Aycliffe Under 12's - 2 Leven Under 12's - 1
Last week, Aycliffe Under 12's resumed their league programme with a hard-fought win over their mid-table rivals in very soggy conditions.
In the first half the lads struggled to cope with their visitors' ball skills and only several fine saves by keeper Scott Roscher kept them in the game. Just before half-time however, against the run of play, Anthony Ross slipped the ball through for skipper Liam Cooper to score.
After a 'quiet' half-time pep talk by coach Alan Johnston, the lads battled much better after the break and Liam Cooper scored his second with some deft footwork after Kyle Summersby had caused chaos from a corner. Liam almost scored his hat-trick after a great through ball from David Turgoose but the visiting keeper made a fine save. Although they conceded a late penalty, the lads held on for a fine battling win.
Liam Cooper took the 'man of the match' award closely followed by Andrew Richardson. The team would like to send all parents, supporters and strip sponsor Gordon Dunn of Big D, compliments of the season.

POET'S CORNER

GIVE ME A CHANCE

I'm a candidate for Horndale House
I'm Homeless - down and out.
My mother died when I was young.
My dad's a drunken lout.
When I left school my hopes were high
My life would now begin
But though I tried my best I found
No way that I could win.
My home life was unbearable
I knew not where to turn
If only I could find some work
And wages I could earn.
I need some good folk who would give
Me just a chance to find
The happiness that seems to have
Left me so far behind. WIC

8 Year Old Poet Shows Promise

Dear Editor,
I am a teacher at St. Mary's RC Primary School in Newton Aycliffe. I was both surprised and delighted when Thomas produced the enclosed poem.
This was done in class in response to my request for a winter poem. I asked Thomas where his ideas came from and he explained that he lives in Aycliffe Village which is very old and that some of the older buildings are said to be haunted.
Thomas is eight years old and would be thrilled to see his poem in print.
Yours sincerely
Mrs. J Goddard .....

Dark Night
Dark night blown in.
Glide through the winter room.
Seeking out a place to rest.
Haunting people as it passed.
Gliding over graveyard rest.
The church hymns.
Through the night.
Dark nights blown in.
Owls hooting,
Children sleeping,
Mice scuttling,
Spirits haunting,
Church bells ringing.
As I sleep I dream of Christmas Day
The spiritual place of seeking joy
In my head.
By Thomas McDade.

Aycliffe's Golden Year

We are here to celebrate
Newton Aycliffe's Golden Year.
The powers that be
have treated us
with kind respect and sharing.
After all its home and caring is its syllabus.
So here's to Newton Aycliffe
and the next 50 Years.
We share its joys, its tears.
Protect it from its fears.
Thank those people tending trees and greens,
bulbs and flowers unending.
All the best and happy New Year
To all who live and work in her.
J. Thompson

XMAS THIEVES ACTIVE ON THE TOWN

Stolen from Aycliffe Village Hall, a 'Bingomate' Bingo Machine, Serial Number B7216, also stolen a Sony Playstation Video Game.
Any information as to their whereabouts please contact Newton Aycliffe Police Station on 314401.
Reward offered for return.
Please note also a spate of burglaries in the town as heartless criminals plunder unoccupied homes to raise cash for their Christmas.
A house in Mellanby Crescent area was burgled around 4.30pm on Tuesday evening, proving no time is safe. They took video, jewellery and many items of sentimental value, spoiling a young family Christmas.

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Aycliffe Youth Football Report

Last Sunday was County Cup Duty for two of the clubs sides, the 13's and 14's who travelled to Felling and Washington respectively.
The 13's won a closely fought game by 4 goals to 3 against Felling Magpies with Mark Ross scoring all four for the town boys. The last goal was scored in the final minute and Mark was joint M.O.M with 'Keeper David Judge.
The 14's lost by 4 goals to 2 in another keenly fought game with the scorers being Alan Gascarth and Mark Peddelty.
The younger age groups were all in League action with mixed fortunes.
The 10's lost their unbeaten record when going down to 21st All Stars by 2-1 in a competitive match the town boys missed several chances before Kieran Megran out-paced the visitors defence to score, only for All Stars to score twice in the closing minutes as tired limbs were in evidence.
The 11's travelled to Hartlepool and lost by two goals to nil with their missed penalty kick jinx striking again. A good contest in which the town boys chances went begging.

This under 12's entertained Leven and were winners by 2 goals to 1 despite conceding a last minute penalty the goal scorer for Aycliffe was Liam Cooper (2) and also taking M.O.M.
The management and committee wish a Merry Xmas and prosperous New Year to all players families and readers and thank them for their support during 1998.
Also thanks to Newton News for publishing the weekly reports.

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ROTARY'S TOY TRAIN TOUR APPRECIATED

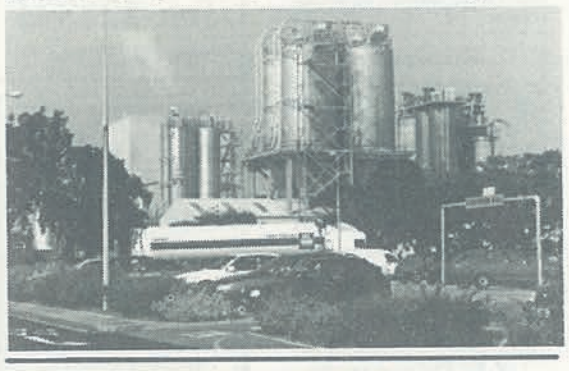
The Rotary Club's trial run of their Toy Train around the streets of Newton Aycliffe was very successful. As a fund-raising exercise for the Town's needy families it brought much needed cash, but it also brought a lot of pleasure to numerous children on the route who had the opportunity to talk to Santa Claus.
It would seem from the first trial run Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club will be planning more outings for the Toy Train during 1999. The President and members thank all residents who supported them on this new venture.

Pilot Pen Winners

The winning entrants in the Newton News 'Pilot Pen' Competition should, by now, have received their prizes of a Gold and Silver Pen set through the post direct from the Pilot Pen Company.
The answer was V5 G107 - Congratulations to all winners from Newton Press and the Pilot Pen Company.

HYDRO SCARE WAS A FALSE ALARM

I can confirm that Hydro Polymers' emergency siren sounded at 10.45am on Wednesday 16th December for a period of 15 seconds. **This was a false alarm.**
The emergency services responded rapidly and were notified upon arrival on site that the alarm was false. They stood down immediately.
The emergency services have been updated and are satisfied that the correct actions have been taken. In accordance with Hydro Polymer's major emergency plan, local radio stations were informed of the situation in order to communicate the false alarm to local residents. An investigation is underway.
Vanessa Humphrey - Publicity & Communications Officer



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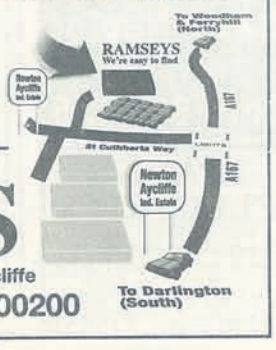

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Aycliffe Athletics

Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club News
John Burnside turned in one of the best performances of his career in the Consett mud to record 54mins over the demanding 12k North East X.C. Championship course. The course was heavy and the standard of runners was so high that top Aycliffe runner Ian Monkman was the only counter in the top 50 with a time of 45mins. Next counter was Peter Milburn in 47 mins, with Colin Gibson 49mins then John Burnside, Ian Williams 56mins and Dave Middleton 57mins.
In the U13 girls Kirsty Coates was home in 48 place in a time of 14.32 over the 3k course. The standard was so hot in the U15 boys that Stuart Collins had to pull out just before the end of his 4.4k distance. Shildon's Adam Gibson was 43rd in the U13 boys race in 12.30 over the 3k distance.
The Hexhamshire hubble fell race run over 10.5 miles with a climb of 1220' saw Joe Mcready back in 3rd place despite the frozen ground and icy pools of water that he had to contend with. The ladies cross country league saw Sue Milburn as 5th counter for the N.Y.S. D. League to secure 25th place at the snow covered course in South Shields, despite the hard ground.
Report by Colin Gibson

Squash League

Gary Hall once again won this months Upex Squash Leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Peter Ramsay and Ian Mohan stay in the Premier League and are joined by Mick Jewett, Mick Anderson and John Snowball.
The winners of the Upex squash balls are:
Gary Hall; Peter Ramsay; Ian Mohan; John Murrayfield; Philip Saint; Rob Brunning; Ian Dixon; Joe McTague; Bernard Borsberry; Brian Taylor; Mick Henderson; Kev Martin and Shirley Longworth.
Anyone wishing to join the Upex Squash Leagues in the new year should contact the Sports Complex on 300600.

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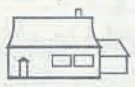

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Williamfield's Neighbourhoo Watch Wins 'Excellence' Awa

On Monday 14th December, a local Neighbourhood Watch Group which has worked hard to improve the quality of life on an estate in Newton Aycliffe, will receive an award from Assistant Chief Constable Ron Hogg, at a ceremony at Durham Constabulary headquarters.

Williamfield Neighbourhood Watch group has won a Certificate of Excellence in the CGU Insurance, National Neighbourhood Watch Competition, the largest crime prevention competition in the UK.

The Group has worked closely with Sedgefield Borough Council's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Lin Craddy, and they have achieved considerable success. Lin regularly walks through the estate, with Enid Paylor (Chairperson of the Neighbourhood Watch Group) and they offer advice and support on crime prevention measures and home security.

Residents on Newton Aycliffe's Williamfield Estate, Enid Paylor, Derek Watts, Denise Place and Les James, formed the Neighbourhood Watch Group to tackle problems of petty crime, burglary and drug misuse on the estate. Litter, vandalism and graffiti detracted from the quality of life and there was a fear of intimidation, if residents went to the Police.

Eighteen months after the group was formed, a growing community spirit means neighbours know each other better and watch out for each other. Residents are now more willing to talk to the Police when they see a crime taking place.

Enid Paylor of Williamfield Neighbourhood Watch said "We started the group after a spate of burglaries on the estate. We have made good progress and are delighted to be awarded a Certificate of Excellence. However, we would still like more people to get involved and new members are always welcome."

Lin Craddy of Sedgefield Borough Council said "The residents wanted a Neighbourhood Watch Group and I have been pleased to give them all the support I can. Strong links with the Police and the Council's Tenancy Enforcement Team have helped, but much of their success is due to the dedication of the Williamfield Group themselves."

Councillor Christine Gowton, Sedgefield Borough Co said "It is very encour to see the Williamfield C hard work being recog by the Certificate Excellence. The community has ben from their efforts an award shows how mucl have already achieved

New members are we at the Residents Assoc Meetings at Silv Community House 6.30pm on the Wednesday of every r The Neighbourhood Group also meets sepa every two month Silverdale House. Community Rangers Prevention Group children also mee Silverdale Comn House.

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3 - Decoration of kitchen for a senior citizen
4 - Part financed the Christmas Day Luncheon at Cubby'.

All this made possible by the kindness of donat sponsored walk, and three karate clubs in the area who us the profit from a North East Karate Championshi which we owe Allister Walker (the Organiser) a ver thank you. Thank you also must go to the many sponso this event, of which there was 21.

Our final thank you goes to Syd Howarth of Newton for his kindness in publicising our events and for pri work. Best wishes to you all for 1999 - Peter Beaty

Sunderland Hero t Visit Newton Ayclif

Eric Gates will be bringing his much acclaimed t show to Newton Aycliffe British Legion Cl Thursday 14 January 1999.

Eric, who can now be heard on Metro FM every Sat commentating on Sunderland matches, once form deadly Sunderland G Force partnership with I Gabbiadini, now of Darlington, and will be talking days with Sunderland, Ipswich and England as v relaying stories about his new commentating G Fo Gatesy, Gilly and Guy.

As well as his talk Eric will conduct a question and session and host a fun sports quiz.

Tickets for the evening, which includes a Pie supper, cost £3.50 and can be obtained from the F Legion, Newton Press, Stan Hall on 313172 Palmer on 312086.

In Memoriam

KEVIN WRIGHT Died 25-12-94. Dad, I miss you more in every way, not just at Christmas, but every day. Your loving son Mitchell

KEVIN WRIGHT Loved and missed always, Alice

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In Memoriam

MASON Kieran Richard, well its Christmas time again, the second one to pass away, no baby boy to open presents, no smiling face for us to see, we hope you still have a happy day, we know you will now little nan's near. Love Mammy and Daddy, Corey and Reece

EUNICE MARY KELLY 18-12-96. Mam, two years ago you left us, but nothing can take away the memories we have of you. Life's not the same without you here, always in our hearts, missing you, love from daughters Susan and Pauline, son Michael, Peter, Joy and Darryl XX

EVA WALLS 21-12-95. Three years have gone by and we all feel the same, we miss you more than ever and time doesn't heal the pain. You are always in our thoughts, especially at this time of year, instead of sending Christmas cards all we can do is say a prayer, we wish we could turn the clock back and say the things we didn't say, we know you knew we loved you mam and we miss you every day. Luv Sue, Ken, Catherine and Stuart

EVA WALLS Died 21st December 1995. Memories of the time we shared, are beautiful, but its not the same, life is so very lonely without you, I miss you, your loving husband Abie

HAROLD JAMESON 21-12-97. Always in our thoughts John, Elizabeth, Susannah and Alistair

BILLY WILSON In memory of Billy, late of Aycliffe Hospital, cremated 16-12-98. Billy will be sadly missed, love Val and friends XX

LENA JACKSON 27-12-87. Loving memories of a dear Mam and Nana. Still deeply missed by Debra Geoff, Joel and Stevie Lena XX

ALAN ALDRED Died 22-12-97. No more tears, no more sorrow, look forward to tomorrow with a smile Alan. This is what you wanted us to do, a big smile and a kiss Alan from me to you, love Karen

ALAN ALDRED Treasured memories of a dear son-in-law Alan, one years, 22nd December, still lovingly remembered every day Jenny and Bill

ALAN ALDRED 22-12-97. Lasting memories of a loving stepdad. A year has passed since you ascended into Heaven and even though you are no longer with us, in our hearts you will always remain. Love always Chris

ALAN ALDRED Died 22-12-97. In loving memory of a dear father, you are never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every hour of every day. Your loving daughter Ashley

ALAN ALDRED 22-12-97. Treasured memories of a dear husband, one year has passed since the day God released you from your pain. But the memories of you will never die, they always will remain. Love Daphne

ALAN ALDRED 22-12-97. A loving stepdad, in my heart you will always remain, love Jonathan

JAMES CARSWELL Died 24th December 1995. Treasured memories of my dear husband, dad and grandad. Time passes, memories stay, loved and remembered every day. Loving wife Winnie and family

EBBIE SMITH Died suddenly 18th December 1994. Sweet memories silently kept of the one I love and will never forget. Love you for ever Myra

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. Uncle Kevin we miss and love you, love Michael and Matthew XX

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. It hurts to talk about you, the feelings deep inside of two broken hearted sisters that can't believe you died, you were so very special in every single way. We only wish with all our hearts that you were here with us today. Still love and miss you, devoted sisters Karen and Alison XX

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. Lord look for my son, he stands out a mile, a heart full of love and beautiful smile. Tell him we miss him, life isn't the same, take good care of him, till we meet again. Devoted Mum and George X

Birthday Remembrance

BRIAN MEALE 60th birthday, 20-12-98. You always meant so very much to us, your whole life through, that's why on this your special day it means so very much to say that you are always loved much more than words can say. Sadly missed by wife Eileen, Amanda, Paula and Kelvin XXXX

MELISSA BAXTER 20-12-72. Happy birthday Melissa, no presents today, but we have something extra special to say, an aunty and uncle you both will be, a present from Darren and Jackie you see. We will all celebrate on your birthday dear, wishing Wayne and you could both be here. So bless this little bundle of joy. Bringing tears of happiness whether girl or boy. Love you both forever, Mam, Dad, Darren and Jackie XX

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Seasonal Greetings

BELLAS

Ian, Sheena and Family would like to wish all their relatives and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We decided not to send cards this year and have donated the money to charity instead. Best wishes to you all for 1999

SEASONAL Greetings to all our friends and acquaintances from Godfrey and Shirley Bennett

BILL LOWERY A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my customers

JOSH RAINE Happy 1st Christmas, from Mammy, Daddy, Kay, Nicky and Paul

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all the staff at Occasions, this years friendliest shop. Sue and Val told us to say that, all the very best from Pauline and Ann

HELP THE AGED wish all Senior Citizens a very Happy Christmas and a very Healthy 1999 - Peter Beaty

Congratulations

Dora and Jack Wilson

HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
18th December 1998
To two very special people love from
Debra, Shaun, Naomi and Kurtis XXX

WILSON Jack and Dora, 18-12-98, congratulations Mam and Dad on your golden wedding. Hope you have many more happy years together, love from Keith and Anna

WILSON Jack and Dora, 18-12-98. Congratulations Nana and grandad on your golden wedding, all our love Julie, Helen and Louise

ZOE CAMERON happy 21st birthday Zoe, have a good one! Love Claire XX

KENNEDY best wishes Sean on your 13th birthday love Mam and Dad

TAYLOR happy birthday Simone, loads of love on your 16th, love Nana and Granda

SIMONE TAYLOR Happy 16th birthday to a special daughter, lots of love from Mam and Dad XX

SIMONE TAYLOR happy 16th birthday Simone love from Liam and Matthew XX

SIMONE TAYLOR Happy birthday, sixteen on Friday, from your older sister, Claire XX

HUTCHINSON Malcolm and Kelly would like to announce the safe arrival of their son "Billy Malcolm Hutchinson" on 29th November 1998, weighing 6lb 15oz. We would like to thank everyone for all cards and gifts received

SMELLY You've reached your teens, you've grown so fast, 13 years old a teenager at last. So now's the time when you go to bed, to say goodbye to blanket and Ted. Happy birthday love M

CAROLYN MASSON Happy 18th birthday on 20th December, from Mam, Jeff, Steven, Michelle, gran, grandad, auntie Cynthia and uncle Bill

DEMI LOUISE Happy 4th birthday to our special girl, number 1, hope you have a wacky party all our love Daddy and Mammy

DEMI LOUISE To a wonderful big sister, happy 4th birthday lots of goo's Eden-Lee

DEMI-LOUISE 21-12-98, happy 4th birthday to a special granddaughter, Demi-Louise" love Nana XX

GRAY congratulations Jo on your 21st, love George Robert

GRAY have a great 21st on the 24th December, best wishes auntie Bena and girls

GRAY have a cracking 21st Jo, 24-12-98, auntie Jean, uncle Derek and family

GRAY hip hip hooray, auntie Jo is 21 on the 24th December, she is the best auntie in the world love Danny-Adam

GRAY congratulations Jo on your 21st, lots of love Nanna Gray

GRAY happy 21st Jo, good luck in all you do, love terry and Julie

GRAY To our wonderful Godchild, happy 21st Jo, love Bena and Jacky

GRAY happy 21st Jo, wishing you all the health and happiness and hope you like your number plates, lots of love Mam and Dad XX

GRAY To my special Godmother on her 21st lots of love Abigail XX

GRAY happy 21st Jo, have a great party, love Malcolm and Carol XX

Christmas Edition of the **Newton News** Due out on **Wed., 23rd December**

Keaton Shaw 29-12-98

A big happy 1st birthday to our little smiler, love Mammy, Daddy, Stacey, Liam and Macaulay XX

KEATON SHAW 29-12-98, happy 1st birthday love auntie Julie, uncle Peter, Gary and Charlotte XX

KEATON RYAN JAMES SHAW 29-12-98, hugs and kisses to my Sweet Pea love Nana and Grandad XX

DANIEL FIANDRA To our special little angel on his first birthday, love and kisses Mummy and Daddy

ZOE CAMERON 19-12-97, to a special girl on a special birthday, lots of love Conn X

KYLE UPTON 20-12-98. To special little boy who is one today, happy birthday, lots of kisses Mammy and Daddy

KYLE UPTON 20-12-98, happy birthday Maggot, love big brother Nicky

KYLE UPTON 20-12-98, to a beautiful grandson lots of hugs and kisses Nana

LAUREN-MARIE. To a special daughter on her 2nd birthday (11-12-98), love you lots Daddy and Nicola

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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Christmas Eve - 4.30pm Blessing of the Crib, Service of Light and Nativity Play
11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day - 8.00am Holy Eucharist
9.15am Choral Eucharist

St. Francis', Horndale
Christmas Eve - 6.00pm Carol Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day - 10.00am Holy Eucharist

St. Elizabeth's, Woodham
Christmas Eve - 7.00pm Family Eucharist
Christmas Day - 10.00am Holy Eucharist

St. Andrew's, Aycliffe Village
Christmas Eve - 3.00pm Blessing of the Crib
11.30pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day - 9.00am Holy Eucharist

A Warm Welcome Is Extended To All.

INVITATION TO CAROL SERVICE

What a wonderful time of year this is as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

As families join together in celebration, love between family members grows and the family unit becomes strengthened.

As part of the festive activities, I would like to extend a welcome to you and your family to attend our Christmas carol service at the Church of Jesus Christ of latter-Day Saints, Shafto Way on 24th December from 6-6.45pm.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see you on Christmas Eve.

Bishop Terry Barber.

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THANK YOU to Kathy at the Citizens Advice Bureau for help in sorting out my problems with the Child Support Agency - I won my appeal!

KAREN, MARK and Aiden would like to thank family, friends and customers for the lovely cards, presents and flowers received on the birth of "Bethan". They would also like to wish Karen's customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank family, neighbours and friends for their Christmas Greetings and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year - Ernie Maudlin

MR & MRS SAMS would like to say a special thank you to both Mams and Dads and everybody who contributed to our wedding day and night - we had an absolutely brilliant time

MRS ENID HARDY would like to give a big thank you to all her family, friends and neighbours for the wonderful surprise party and gifts for her 60th birthday, also thank you to the Millennium Disco

CLAIRE WINTER would like to thank her Mam and Dad for a great party also all friends and family for the lovely presents

BIRTHDAY

On Friday 27th November, Playday Nursery celebrated their third birthday with a party, which was held in the Southerne Club. It was a very successful evening.

One of the parents very kindly offered her services to sing and proved to be a great hit. A great big thank you to Rose!

Thanks also go to Betty Peacock who catered a marvellous buffet and to the DJ Andy.

A great time was had by everyone who attended and was made more successful by the bountiful tombola stall. A huge thank you to our local shops who donated such lovely prizes.

ARE YOU OVER 80?

I am researching a television series on memories of the countryside and I am interested in stories of motherhood in the first half of the century from older women now aged eighty or older.

Bringing up children in the old cottages and villages with no modern facilities was a daily struggle, made even worse by large families, ill health and low wages.

Mother, with her cooking skills, health cures, endless work and love for her children, played a vital role in family life.

In the poorest families she made the difference between life and death.

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EX-WOODHAMITE WINS TOP ACADEMIC PRIZE

Superwoman Shirley Moran takes it all in her stride combining full time study, running a family and moving house all in one. Shirley, 37, formerly of Woodham Village, now lives in Edinburgh and gained an impressive 2:1 in BA (Hons) Marketing degree at the Middlesbrough-based University of Teesside. She was awarded the Taylor Woodrow Construction (Northern) Ltd Prize for outstanding performance on the course.

Shirley moved to Edinburgh from Durham in August this year, as her husband John Moran is the Regional Director of BSF Zenith based in the city. At the moment she is looking for work within the field of Marketing and PR and spends her spare time helping a plumbing company set up a database of customers, and promotional offers for potential customers.
She said: "It was difficult in the final year studying during weekends, as my husband and I were spending time looking for a house in Edinburgh. I'm really pleased I've received a prize because it was an exceptionally stressful time studying and moving house."

RUGBY NEWS

At the start of the season Newton Aycliffe entertained Yarm at home and came away dismal losers. Saturdays game was a complete reversal of fortunes as, due to pitch unavailability, Yarm again visited and found a totally motivated and highly charged Aycliffe side.
From the start to the finish of the game the Aycliffe forwards completely dominated in the tight and the loose with some very committed rucking taking the initial sting out of Yarm. Mindful of the need for points Captain B Malvern opted to go for posts with three early gifted penalties which D Pettit converted with ease.
With such domination the Backs were able to show what they were capable of and scored two outstanding tries. The first came from a set move which saw P Shaw switching play across field, wrong footing the opposition and with a show of raw pace, fleeced the opposition winger and full back to score near the posts. D Pettit converted.
The second came from a similar move this time with N Shaw taking the more direct route and with Michael Flatley like moves danced through the opposition tackles again scoring near the posts. D Pettit again converting.
Training will restart on January 4th with the first league game after the break being on Sat 9th Jan. With the team in such form some of the back room staff decided to get in on the action resulting in our physio S Adams being awarded the clubs top honour in the post match festivities.

Our thanks go to Great Lakes Chemicals for their continued support and we would like to wish all our supporters a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year!!
PS - Readers of last years write-ups will probably wonder what has happened to P Sheen? Despite huge offers of sponsorship he has decided to pledge his allegiance to Aycliffe for the foreseeable future ... Hooray!!
Report by Bob Malvern

COUNCIL ARRANGE SANTA'S VISIT

Great Aycliffe Town Council are pleased to announce that their negotiations for Santa Claus to visit Newton Aycliffe have been successful.
Santa Claus will be in the Grotto in the Thames Centre, Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe from Monday 21st December until Thursday 24th December from 1pm until 3pm each day to see children accompanied by a parent or guardian.
For further information please contact Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe - Tel: (01325) 300700.

Star Role for French Pupil

Andy Serin, 5 years old (December 14th) was a King on his birthday in the production of the "Gigantic Star" at Woodham Burn Infants School where he is a pupil. Like the three Kings Andy had made a long journey. He and his family, parents Erik and Cathy and baby sister Salome moved to Woodham in July 1997 from Enghien-les-Bains, 10 kilometres north of Paris.
Mr. Serin is employed at Thorn Lighting in Spennymoor.
Andy has adjusted extremely well to full time education at school and he speaks excellent English.
This week he will make another journey with his family to spend Christmas with his French grandparents.

Xmas Sing-song

On Monday 14th December 6 volunteers and 2 children from the Silverdale Community House in Newton Aycliffe went along to the Oaks Centre to sing a variety of festive songs.
The audience, which consisted of members and staff, at the Adult Training Centre joined in with the popular songs and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere. The volunteers were invited back for a repeat performance in 1999.

Well Done Greenfield

Congratulations on a perfect production of 'Professor John' - the acting and singing would grace any local theatre.
Well done to the producer for bringing this to Greenfield School.
The Dancing Choirs and Band were of a very high standard - thanks must go to the tutors.
But above all a big thank you to the students, of which there was over 100 - well done one and all.
Peter Beaty

Meet Santa & His Toy Train

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club has arranged for Santa and his new Toy Train to be at Somerfield Superstore, Newton Aycliffe at the following times:-
Friday 18th December 5pm - 8pm
Saturday 19th from 10am to 7pm
Wednesday 23rd from 10am - 4pm.
So, bring your children to meet and talk with him. The Rotary Club will also be in the store, having their usual Christmas cash collection for local charities. This year they will also be collecting tins and Gateway vouchers for Christmas Hampers for local needy families.
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