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MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

the Successes the Past Year successes of this year and



May I express my thanks

to Newton News for

allowing me to use their

facilities to send my

Christmas message to all

residents of Great Aycliffe.

It has been a privilege to

represent the Town and

Town Council as Mayor

during the 50th Anniversary

Year of Newton Aycliffe.

I was especially pleased that

(Councillor John Moran)

was elected Mayor of

Council and we have had

the opportunity to jointly

represent the people of

Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village.

I feel 1998 has been a year

of partnerships. A great deal

of community spirit was

generated during the 50th

Anniversary celebrations

and I am grateful for the

genuine partnerships which

developed between the

Town, Borough, and

industrialists, schools,

churches and you, the

My hope is that despite

some economic set backs, we can build on the

Councils,

another

Sedgefield

County

community.

Newtonian

Borough

plan for the future, as we towards move Millennium.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in 1998, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas, and prosperous and peaceful New Year. Angela Fleming

Greetings from the Churches

On behalf of Churches Together in Great Aycliffe, in this Christmas season I wish everyone a joyous celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ and a very happy New Year, Rev Jeffrey Spencer Chairman of Churches

COMPUTER ERROR!

'Newton News' and the Town Council were inundated with calls when readers discovered the Xmas Eve Santa Route was incomplete.

The gremlins had been around and information produced by computer omitted one round and duplicated another.

Sorry for the inconvenience - it shouldn't happen again, unless the millennium bug strikes next year!!
The rounds are printed

again in this issue.

Town's **Talented** Youth

Dear Sir, On behalf of Great Aycliffe Town Council may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the first joint Civic/Community Christmas Concert which was held in the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday, 20th December,

My special thanks go to the Schools, Parents and Children who gave up so much time to prepare for the event, to our Churches for their involvement and, of course, the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe who organised the event and presented it in such a professional manner.

Many of the Civic visitors complemented Newton Aycliffe on our very talented young people. So with renewed thanks to the Rotary Club for harnessing all the talents into one event; to the tiny children in the tableau; readers; and everyone who took part may I again say thank you, and hope this will become an annual event. Yours faithfully

Councillor Mrs. Angela Fleming

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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

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

Barrington Road,

Via. Pease Way

Route 2

4.30 pm Burnhill Way to 3.45 pm few houses) then to Bede Crescent, Anne Honister Place. Swyft Road, Clarence Silverdale Place, Chare, Clarence Close, Kirkstone Place, Clarence Green, Langdale Place, Clarence Corner, Baliol Whinlatter Place, Road, Hackworth Close 4.05 pm Baliol Green, Travellers Green, Linguard Walk, left again to: Seton Walk, Gilpin Rd 5.15 pm Clanny Rd, Palmer Road, Linden Place, via Cosin Close. 4.45 pm Bury Rd, Wilkinson Rd, Van Mildert Rd, via Pease Way to Greathead Crescent, Shafto Way, Greville Way, St. Cuthberts Way. and then left 5.15 pm 5.45 pm St. Clare s Church 5.30 pm Sheraton Road, Sharp Road, Lumley Close, Hunter Road and Back. Sharp Road, Crewe Close. Road, Henderson Road, 6.15 pm 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 Close, Lee Green, to Beck Road. Hopper Road. 6.25 pm 6.55 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, Close, Merz Road. Secker Place, Joicey 7.15 pm Place, Kemble Green and Via Butler Road to Bulmer Close to Vane Road. Turn Left to Fowler Road and Warburton and Jackson Road, Wallas Road Place and then back to: 6.55 pm Shafto Way, Turn right and proceed to Shield Walk, Stanfield Road, left to the junction of St. Denham Place, Ramsey Cuthberts Way Place, Eden Road,

Listen for my 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. Garburn Place and via Hawkshead Place (very Eskdale Place - back to Greenfield Way and turn left at roundabout then Greenfield Way, 1st left into Beechfield, Rowan and Elmfield Place and Oakfield. From Oakfield turn right into Pease Way Via Cumby Road to Crosby Road, Doxford Close via Crosby Road to Lowery Road, St. Godrics Road, Mills Via St. Godrics Road to Cumby Road, Watson Road via Simpasture Court and Simpasture Gate to Moule Close, Finchale Road, Lambton Via Finchale Road to Dixon Road, Walker Lane, Via Simpasture Gate to Emerson Way and Back. Via Butler Road to Castlereagh Ritson Road via Bowes Road to Lyon Walk via Bowes Road to Marley Left to Isherwood Close and then return through Bewick Crescent to Emerson Way, turning

sleigh bells, I may

Route 4

Millfields, Atkinson

Gardens, The Orlands

down to the bottom of

Back to The Green

The Green (Mill House).

3.45 pm Durham Road,

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 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. Hillfields and then back down School Aycliffe Lane. 6.10 pm Way and left into Wilton Court. 6.30 pm

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,

West Cottages and North 4.55 pm Hansard Close, Jennison Close and Westfields and

Proceed via Greenfield Malvern Way, Colwell Court, Bedford Way and

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,

Helmsley Court, Burleigh Mews, Badminton Grove. Stoneleigh Court, Lowther Drive to Stag Lane, turning right to 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

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.

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Route 6

Greenfield Way to

Tindale Green, Derwent

Scholars Path, Broomlee

Blackiston Close. Back

to Greenfield Way and

Place, Angram Place,

Close, Stocks Green,

Waskerley Walk, Fewston Close and

Meadowfield Way,

Garth, Stainmore

Ladybower, Greenlee

Crescent, Winterburn

Walk. Immediately

Place, Grassholme Place,

Burnhope and Stainmore

accross to: Cleveland Place, Cumbrian Place,

Cheviot Place, Pennine

Walk, and Lisle Road.

Meadowfield Way and

left onto Burnhill Way

and then left again into

Bluebell Way, right into

Bluebell Close and then

right and left into

Way, right into

and then left into

Alverton Drive and

Wolveston Close. Via

Bluebell Way turn left

Thwaites Close. Via Bluebell Way accross the

Turn back into Bluebell

Burn Lane. Right at the

roundabout and down

into Avon Court then

Burnhill Way and right

back accross to the road

Aldfrid Place. Turn right

Back to Agnew Way and

Wellhouse Drive, right

Tanfield Place, Stargate

left then right into

into Morrison Close

Close, The Ballarat

Kimblesworth Walk,

Fenhall Green Hutton

Place, Callerton Rise,

Brockwell Close

Returning to Agnew

Deleval Close, Elemore Place, Phoenix Place,

and return to

7.15 pm

Way.

onto Agnew Way and

right into Heatherburn

Court etc.

6.45 pm

into Lancelot Close,

road to Eade Close.

Way and right into

5.05 pm

5.10 pm

Temple Way and

Coverdale Court, Via

Bluebell Way turn right into Bluebell Meadows

and then via Bluebell

Hamsterley Road, Barton Close and Paxton Close.

Back onto Bluebell Way

Turn left down

4.45 pm

right, into:

4.15 pm

Hallington Head,

3.45 pm

the road. The new site is at http://www.bsm.co.uk and features:

THEORY - Information on the theory test including Theory VR where learner drivers use their skills to negotiate around a virtual town answering theory test questions to keep on moving. You can also stop off at the Question Bank to sit fully interactive theory tests where questions are randomly selected from BSM's extensive database. DRIVING - Everything you need to know about learning to drive and tips on passing

your driving test. SIMULATOR - BSM now has over thirty driving simulators across Great Britain which provide a fun and confidence boosting, new way of starting to learn to drive. All the details are

THE CAR - Your rough guide to the car, how it works, and how you work

OFFERS - Gives you the latest news on discounts and special offers as well as the chance to win free driving lessons and other great

prizes.
The site also features a number of information pages, including learning to drive for people with certain disabilities as well as special pages for schools. BSM's design projection project manager Robert Newham said, "The site is fast, colourful, highly interactive and can be downloaded quickly. Learner drivers will experience new challenges every time they visit. Our aim is to give everyone the right advice and expert guidance to help them pass their theory and then their practical driving test in a fun way.

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KIDDIES ENJOYED

Picture shows 6 year old Rebecca Atkinson with "Fairy Nuff" and Santa at the Grotto in the Thames Centre

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NEWTON NEWS EDITIONS

Wednesday 23rd December 1998 (Xmas Edition) Wednesday 30th December 1998 (New Year Edition) Friday 8th December 1999

The Management Team & 'Press Gang' of the "Newton News" would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

CLEAN TOWN CENTRE

oppers and opkeepers are mplaining strongly out the filthy state of Town Centre and are ging Councillors sponsible for the vironment to force the dlords to clean-up or out.

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e Town Centre pedestrian as are owned by private ndon landlords and come tside Council ponsibility for general ansing and litter. wever a landlord can be

de to keep those areas quented by the general blic clean and tidy.

d if they don't, the uncil can take necessary ion, including carrying work themselves and ing the landlords.

whon News' has always lored the action of the mer Aycliffe velopment Corporation telling the whole Town ntre, including the nmon walkways, to a perty company.

I the pedestrian areas in transferred to the incil along with other lic assets a number of blems relating to the ironment and policing ald not have arisen.

have often called on the flords to pass these areas r to the local authority, can better look after this bortant Town Centre

ause Newton Aycliffe vn Centre is privately ned we have also missed on the £millions spent Sedgefield Borough uncil on possible rovements.





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XMAS MESSAGE FROM SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH MAYOR



Mayor & Mayoress John and Mary Moran

As Christmas approaches, many of us can look forward to spending time with family and friends or simply having an opportunity to relax.

However, not everyone is in that position and for people with illness or disability and their carers, Christmas can bring additional stress.

1998 has seen the start of a £2.5 million investment by Sedgefield Borough Council in the Pioneering Care Centre at Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe. This centre will bring together a range of services for people with social care needs, disabilities and those who care for them.

When the Centre opens in 1999 it will be run by the Pioneering Care Partnership which is my nominated charity during my year of Office.

I hope that the Centre will be a source of help and support for many people in the Borough.

Christmas should be a time for happiness and enjoyment and, therefore, on behalf of Sedgefield Borough I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

JUNIORS MAKE THE GRADE



Six members of Stephenson Way Primary School Taekwondo Club successfully attended the regional gradings on 12th December 1998. David Ball, Hannah Hatfield, Aaron Watson, Shaun Park, Christopher Oxley and Scott Grayson each achieved yellow belt 8th Kup status.

Their coach Kevin Allison, black belt 4th Dan, was very impressed with their performance and the high scores they achieved.

Congratulations to all concerned and thank you to Kevin for his hard work and support during the last few months.

TIME TO ERASE ALL REFERENCE TO FUJITSU?

Now that Fujitsu have gone can we remove the road that is named after the Company: Fujitsu Way?

It makes no sense to have this constant reminder of their failure, and may tend to put others off locating there. Perhaps the planners should choose neutral names in future as pride, in this case, has turned to disappointment.

Letter to the Editor

APPLICATION FOR SCRAP YARD NEAR NATURE PARK IS RIDICULOUS

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring the following to attention of Aycliffe residents.

This morning I received notice from Sedgefield Borough Council of an application by Don Ward Limited to change the use of a site on Groat Road, Aycliffe Industrial Estate to that of a Metal Processing and Servicing Centre, complete with weighbridge, storage, and baling facilities.

This Is Quite Clearly A Technical Description For A Scrap Yard.

I have scoured Groat Road and have been unsuccessful in locating any premises used by Don Ward Ltd, and will need to scrutinise the planning application for the exact location of the proposed development.

What I would like to know is how Sedgefield Council can even consider siting such a development so close to a residential area already suffering from the dust pollution of Plasmor, and the noise pollution generated by Tallent Engineering.

Both of these Companies are still under investigation by the Dept of Environmental Health after repeated complaints by local residents.

The noise pollution from Tallent Engineering has grown steadily in proportion to its expansion

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over the last 4 years, without any consideration for local residents.

The ash heap at Plasmor has reduced in height recently but still produces a dust storm when the weather is dry and windy.

The original stated use for this land when the green belt was fenced off was for the storage of finished bricks. Sadly the letters from Plasmor and Aycliffe Parks Dept are no longer in existence due to naively believing what I was told. Tallents also have an eyesore of a scrap yard of their own in the grounds of the old Darchem factory.

The attitude seems to be that as they provide employment for the people of Newton Aycliffe they can therefore do as they wish.

Are Aycliffe Councillors aware of this proposal? Have they raised any objection to this being submitted, especially as they are trying to promote the adjacent Nature Park for school field trips?

I urge residents to express their disapproval and write as soon as possible to Mr. Roy Merrett. Planning and Technical Services, Sedgefield Borough Council, Council Offices, Spennymoor, Co Durham DL16 6JQ.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE NUMBER 719810559/DM name & address supplied

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Local Appointment to Health Authority

Mrs. Denyse Metcalfe of School Aycliffe has been appointed as a Non-Executive Member of County Durham Health Authority.

Mrs. Metealfe is Divisional Director of Capita Business Services and has considerable experience of financial services in the public sector. She was a Non-Executive Member of the former South Durham Health Authority and is currently a Board Member of the Hospitable Housing Association.

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interest in one of the Primary Care Groups and NHS Trusts within County Durham and Darlington and contributes to the work of the Authority's committees. Mrs. Metcalfe said: "I am extremely pleased to have

extremely pleased to have been appointed a Non Executive Member of County Durham Health Authority. I believe that my experience in the public sector and my previous involvement with the NHS
will help me make a valuable
contribution to the
Authority's business"

Authority's business".
Health Authority Chairman
Dr. John Marshall said: "I
welcome the appointment to
of Mrs. Metcalfe to County
Durham Health Authority,
and look forward to her
involvement with the
authority over the next four
years. She brings with her a
great deal of expertise in both
business and health matters
which will prove
invaluable."

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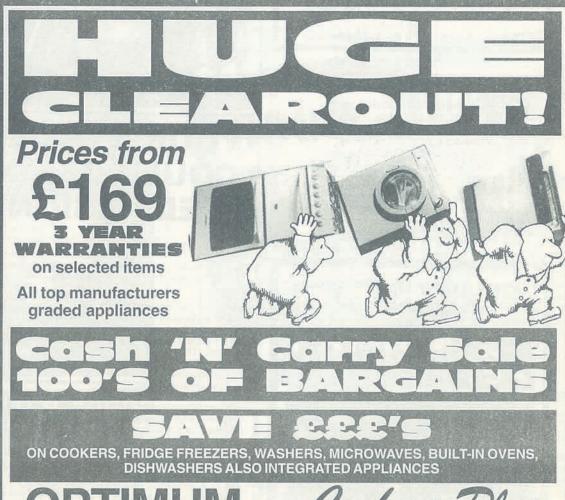
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Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve "Paula Jay" (upstairs lounge) No c/c Saturday 26th December
"Six of the Best" £3.00 c/c
Sunday 27th December "Panache" £1.00 c/c Thursday 31st December - New Years Eve

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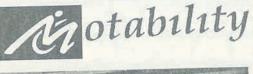
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College. All four public performances were 'sold out' several days prior to opening and many Newton Aycliffe primary schools enjoyed a matinee performance which meant over 1000 people enjoyed what was an outstanding production. Written by Peter Simpson, Head of Music, and produced by Deighton, Claire Performing Arts Coordinator, Professor John had over one hundred children involved from the original two hundred who auditioned eight months

Many local companies provided sponsorship and the quality of performance by the children in music, dance and acting was exceptional and worthy of the status of Greenfield as one of only nineteen specialist Arts College in the country.

In addition to John Melvin as an Artist in Residence with several pupils on 'sound', a number of Year 11 children completed their work experience in theatre preparation and production.



TV producers are searching for a street in or around Newton Aycliffe to star in an exciting new television

The street and its residents will be the focus of five daily programmes on the new BBC digital and cable channel UK Style next

The production team want to hear from communities with colourful characters and interesting groups and societies who are keen to take part in a whole range of items on gardening, fashion, cookery, hobbies, interior design and DIY.

A key feature of the shows will be a community project that the show's team of experts will help residents complete within the week of filming.

'We are keen to tackle anything from a make-over on a village hall to creating a nature garden at the local school - anything the community really wants and is keen to get involved with", said Style Street researcher Izzy Walker.

The show's team of lifestyle experts will also help residents solve their own gardening, cooking or DIY

Anyone who thinks their street has the potential to be a Style Street should contact Izzy Walker at: NMTV Ltd, 192 Huntington Road 192 Huntington Road, York, YO31 9BW. Tel: 01904 621 331.

£200

Committee and members of the Newton Aycliffe Deaf and Disabled Club would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Raffle by buying tickets for the draw.

All the winning tickets have been received and all the prizes claimed.

Thanks to the generosity of all concerned we have raised in excess of £200.

Thanks & Best Wishes

Mrs. Henderson and all staff at Woodham Burn Infants School would like to thank the parents at school for their good wishes and gifts this Christmas time We wish all of our families and the people of Newton Aycliffe a peaceful Happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Wiliamfield Meeting

The Annual General Meeting Williamfield Residents Association will be held on Wednesday 5th January 1999, in the Silverdale Community House at 6.30pm.

Councillor Mr. George Gray and Mr. Glynn Hall, Director of Housing and Environmental Health will be addressing the Meeting.

All area residents will be welcome.

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15th January)
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As you may already know, this year's Blue Peter Ap to raise money to help children in Mozambique collection of aluminium foil and cans. These can be t any Oxfam Shop, Asda, or Safeway Store.

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At the end of January, the directories will be taken to N to be recycled by NE Recycling Ltd. The paper wi used to make incontinence pads.

Girls Invited Join Brownie

Are there any girls out there who like a challenge and who are looking for something interesting to do on a Monday night? The Brownie pack at **Burnhill Way Methodist** Church is changing its meeting night to Mondays, 6pm - 7.30pm. there are currently vacancies in the Pack, there is no need to wait to join, and girls aged 7-10 years from any part of the town will be ma welcome. Th meeting for the will be on Mon-January. If someone you l looking for an e activity then why up this opport discover what Br all about, come the Church on a night or ring Jul on 314126 fc action.

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The premium that your are quoted - whether it be through a direct insurer, broker or intermediary, will be based on the perceived risk of insuring you and the percentage of no claims bonus that you may have accrued during your driving life.

The number of drivers choosing fully comprehensive cover is increasing, as the price difference between third party and

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Many insurance policies now include related products such as legal expenses cover, either as part of the policy or for a minimal charge, which serves not only to protect the motor thick is the period of a pon-fault accident, but also the client vehicle in the event of a non-fault accident, but also the client who may incur out of pocket expenses such as legal expenses, vehicle recovery costs, or claims for personal injury.

Gavin Almanza, chief executive of Arnott Insurance commented "We are all looking for the best deals on the market, however, it is important that people understand exactly what

however, it is important that people understand exactly what they are covered for should they be involved in an accident. So many people make their decision to buy, based on price alone and suffer the consequences when they are involved in

an accident."
"I advise that motorists assess the potential costs incurred after an accident and then consider whether or not they can afford not to be covered."

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JUDY IS SLIMMER OF THE YEAR



For Judy Tenwick a 26 year old Care Assistant from Newton Aycliffe her years of being a 'hopeless slimmer' are well and truly over. Judy was awarded the very first Slimfit 'Slimmer of the Year' award 1998. Since the club opened in January, Judy has lost an amazing 6 stones in only 8 months to get to her dream weight and can hardly believe her new found

Judy joined Slimfit in April this year feeling totally fed up with being so overweight - she remembers going to the Metro Centre to buy a new outfit, without success, and, on returning home, she just sat and cried as absolutely nothing she liked would fit.

Judy was then a size 20 and was sick of having to buy the same baggy tops, nothing ever looked any different. Now Judy enjoys wearing shorter skirts, tight tops and size 12

Judy feels totally shocked that she has achieved this amazing weight loss as she has failed so many times in the past. Judy puts it down to following Slimfit's 'Slim For Life' plan which puts it down to following Slimfit's 'Slim For Life' plan which involves normal healthy eating without counting calories or weighing foods. She says "I don't feel like I'm on a diet, I enjoy normal foods, not just salad, baked potatoes and veg, but lots of variety, I eat proper full meals which I feel have enhanced my weight loss. This diet is totally different, there is absolutely nothing that you can't have. The classes also have helped me enormously as Slimfit do not just weigh you, the consultants are extremely sensitive to all their slimmers needs and give full, informative classes". needs and give full, informative classes".

Being awarded Slimmer of the Year came as a great shock for Judy she really cannot believe it. The Consultants and other club members of Newton Aycliffe awarded Judy with a trophy and a bouquet of flowers in a special presentation. All the Consultants and members of Slimfit are very proud

of Judy and her fantastic achievement.

Slimfit would like to say 'well done', to all of their members for their hard work and support this year and wish them a very happy and slim 1999.

Slimfit hold classes every Tuesday in Aycliffe at the Over Sixties Club, Neville Parade at 10am or at Sugar Hill Primary School 5.30pm or 7.00pm. If you would like further information or details of other classes please telephone 01325 260060 or 0780 1494181



Letter to the Editor LOVELY IDEA FROM

Dear Editor, How richly deserved was the award of "Citizen of the Year" to Mr. Peter Beaty. Mr. Beaty exemplifies everything that a true Christian should be. He considers others always before himself and shows concern for the less fortunate

members of our society. All this despite the fact that he does not enjoy good health at all times.

A lovely idea Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, and a very worthy recipient. Yours Sincerely name & address supplied

Have You Been Conned this Xmas?

Shoppers were warned this week to be on the look-out for shocking Christmas stocking fillers

Durham County Council's Consumer Services receive complaints every year about so-called bargains which later turn out to be poor unsafe quality, counterfeit. Phillip Holman, head of

Consumer Services, said rogue traders seize on the Christmas rush to cash in. "With so many families under increasing financial pressure this year, the temptation will be to seek out so called bargains from less reputable sources", he said.

"However, cheap toys may have paint on them containing excessive amounts of heavy metals, or detachable parts which could choke a child. "'Counterfeit' Playstation'

CDs may not even play on your Playstation and those copied 'Disney' videos can turn out to be either unwatchable or blank," he said.

"In the last minute run up to Christmas, people are at their most susceptible and shoppers should be wary of 'knock-down' prices and avoid buying from suitcase salesmen or from a man in the pub as there is little chance of redress if things

GENTLEMANLY CONDUCT

Dear Sir I would like to thank the gentleman who brought me home after a fall in the town centre on Thursday morning also the girls in the Three Cocks.

Mrs. B Gibson

Councillor Ken Manton, chairman of the County Council's Environment and Services Technical Committee, said: "We all want Christmas to be a happy and safe time for our

families, so it's important to

remember to keep your

head and purchase wisely."

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Aycliffe Mayor Angela Fleming had good reason to feel proud of our town's youth who displayed their talent with magnificent performances.

Our Town Band provided superb accompaniment for the carols and everyone enjoyed the event.

The Rotary Club took this opportunity to present, what is hoped will be an annual award, to Aycliffe's Citizen of the Year.

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established on the towns The first recipient was Peter beaty, who for many years social calendar. "The Rotary Club thanks all has volunteered his services and fund-raising activities to

help a number of charities in Newton Aycliffe. It was a lovely community event and seems to be firmly

the performers and all who come to the concert and look forward to seeing everyone again next year" said Syd Howarth, Club President.



Rotarian Bill Akers gives two infant singers help with a microphone at the Community Concert held last Sunday



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Another Xmas you're not here,
And still I miss you, still I care,
And still I weep and shed a tear.
My heart is chilled, like morning frost, But though you're distant, you're not lost, Your memory lingers in my heart, It keeps us close - though we're apart. And though you're gone, you didn't go, I sense you here - that's how I know. Your love shines out like stars at night, Like pure white snowflakes - moonbeams bright. The Xmas tree, so proud and tall, It tells a story - tells it all,
Amongst the tinsel, trinkets, balls,
Are some you made when you were small.
I look up at the Angels face and ponder for a while,
Is it imagination - did I really see it smile? Perhaps it smiled, for just a moment, To calm my heart and ease my torment.

And as I touch the Xmas bell, I hear you saying "All is well" Whilst at this time, my heart does tear, Though others seem so unaware, Small pleasures of the simple kind, All help to bring you to my mind. As these past months come to a close, What lies ahead - nobody knows, So I'll just shed a silent tear, And step into another year.

Never more than a thought away. Love always Mam, Steve, Steven, Graham & John XX

WENDY BOWTELL 28-12-95. You know we'll always love you, you know we'll always care, this time of year is difficult, it's the hardest time to bear, our love is always with you, our memories still live strong, our houghts are forever with you, our memories still live strong, our thoughts are forever with you, for as long as our lives go on. Love Katie, Paul and Thomas WENDY JANE BOWTELL, 28-12-95. A very dear daughter-in-law, remembered always with love, Mary and Syd WENDY BOWTELL 28-12-95. Loving memories of a special friends, greatly missed everyday. Whose love held no bounds who are sadly missed everyday. Whose love held no bounds

who are sadly missed everyday. Whose love held no bounds, love Graham, Stewart, Keith, Nigel, Derek, Annette, Granchildren and Great Grandchildren

HAROLD TENNICK Died 25-12-97. Our thoughts are with

their feelings before your own. Love today and always from Dianne, Andrew and Stuart

DEREK ILLINGWORTH 28-12-98. Remembering with love

a dear husband, father and grandad. Sadly missed and always in our thoughts, John, Dianne and family LENA JACKSON 27-12-87. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten. Loved and missed by John, Linda, Gary, Amber and Jakes.

LES McGARRIGLE Died 29th December 1995. Treasured memories of a dear husband, dad, grandad and great grandad. Time passes, memories stay, loved and remembered every

Time passes, memories stay, loved and remembered every day, loving wife Bridie and family JIMMY SMITH Merry Christmas jimmy, lots of love from me to you. Your picture here beside me says Granny I love you too, miss you so much Jimmy, from Granny Jean X JIMMY SMITH To us you were so special son, what more can we say, we only wish with all our hearts that you were here today. Thinking of you at Christmas, Jimmy, as we do swereday love Dad and Lynne XX

everyday, love Dad and Lynne XX
PAT FORRESTER (nee Kane). Treasured memories of our daughter Pat, time goes by but memories of you will always stay, we loved you so. Mam, Barry, Eva and Reg

ELIZABETH YOUNG (nee Kellett). My first Christmas without you Mam and Nana, we all miss you and the love in our hearts will never go, love you always Amanda, Nathan, Alanta, Alisha

Birthday Remembrance

KING Sharon Elizabeth, 26-12-66. Thinking of you and missing you always, Dad and remembering this season of the year Gladys and George

MATTHEW PURVIS Gone from our sights but not from our hearts, missing you more as each day passes by, love Elizabeth, Matthew, David, Margaret and Audrey NATTRASS Remembering your birthday Peter and Dad on Boxing, 26th December 1998. We love and miss you very much. God bless and take good care of you always. All our love Kathleen, Colin and Carly

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Thanks

MARIAN & SHEENA (Lollipop Ladies) wish to thank all children of Sugar Hill School and their families for presents and cards received and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year WILSON Dora and Jack

would like to say a big thank you to Anna and Keith for the lovely party to celebrate our Golden Wedding. Also family and friends for the

lovely cards and presents GRAHAM Mr and Mrs would like to thank Woodham School and in particular Year 10 class A for the lovely hamper recently received by them. The contents were greatly appreciated as was the homemade "Snoopy" Christmas Card which gave it a special personal touch. It was beautifully presented and cheerfully delivered by the pupils, it was a delightful surprise. Once again, thank

Wedding

SPECIAL MOMENTS Wedding Photography. telephone Michael on 01325 301953

Congratulations

Keaten Shaw 29-12-98



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

KEATEN SHAW 29-12-98, happy 1st birthday love aunty Julie, uncle Peter, Gary and Charlotte XX KEATEN RYAN JAMES SHAW 29-12-98. Hugs and kisses to my "Sweet Pea", love Nanna and Grandad XX

Janet Richards (Penna)



Happy 40th Birthday 28-12-98 Lots of love from all of us, Mam, Dad, Ann, Jeff, Paul, Angie and Hayley

The Big 40 Janet Richards



28th December 1998 wishes from Michael, Vicki and Michael

Christmas Memoriams

WAKE BURRELL In memory of our Mam, Dad and brothers, Billy and Eddie. Although you are no longer with us to celebrate Christmas day, we all still think about you in our own special way - God bless, Mena, Joe and family XX BROWN Evelyn and Jim. In loving memory of our dear remembered always - God bless, Mena and Joe XX

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JOANNE, 24-12-98, happy birthday, last of the twenty somethings! Have a sober but great day, love Stuart XX JOANNE, Happy birthday to the worlds greatest Mam, lots of love Adam and the

bump XX JOANNE, Happy birthday to our darling daughter, love Mam and Dad XX

JOANNE, Happy birthday auntie Joanne, love from JP, Carrie and Matthew

JOANNE, Happy birthday have a lovely day, Paul, Beverley, Chris and Michelle JOANNE, Happy birthday, Syd and Christine AIDEN LEE

Нарру birthday Aiden, hope you have a good party, love Mammy and Daddy XXX AIDEN LEE Happy birthday to my big brother, lots of kisses, Bethan XXX AIDEN LEE Happy birthday to my big brother, lots of kisses, Bethan XXX AIDEN LEE Happy 4th birthday to our special Grandson, lots of love Nana and Granda and Granma and Granda

BREWSTER Victoria Jaine. Congratulations achieving your black belt in Karate on Sunday 20th December. Well done, love from Mam, Dad and Katy CARRIE MOSSOP 23-12-98. Happy 20th birthday. Lots of love Mam and Peter BARRY ATKINSON "Your big 30" have a great birthday in France. I hope we don't get lost! All my love Donna

BARRY ATKINSON Have a great birthday Dad, lots of love Lee and Ben X JONES Carly Amanda,

happy 6th birthday love Mummy, Daddy and Ashleigh and all the family VICKY HARMAN Happy 21st birthday love you always, Lee VICKY

HARMAN Congratulations on your 21st birthday, lots of love Nana and Grandad VICKY HA HARMAN

Congratulations on your 21st on 24th December, love Mam, Dad and Mark VICKY HARMAN Happy 21st birthday to the best big

sister in the world, love Gareth and Karl IAN SMITH 22-12-98, happy 30th birthday love Mam and Stephen GALLAGHER 26th

December, happy 7th birthday Daniel and Natalie, lots of love from Mam, Dad and Andrew XX CARTWRIGHT Lee and

Elaine, congratulations on the birth of your baby boy, 17-12-98, love Suzanne, Gary and Mia XX RISEBOROUGH, Paula.

17-12-98. Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful daughter Shay, love Leanne

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

HELP THE AGED wish all Senior Citizens a very Happy Christmas and a very Healthy 1999 - Peter Beaty TO ALL THE members of the Labour West Ward, wishing you all the best for Christmas and New Year and thanking you for your support. Councillor G & M

CARRIE MOSSOP Merry Christmas lots of love Mam and Peter

LEWIS PETER TOOLE Merry Christmas son, love

CHRISTMAS and New Year wishes to all Newtonians from Shafto Ward Ward Councillors, Billy Blenkinsopp, John Moran and John Tomlinson

K&J TRAVEL Happy Christmas to K&J Travel, Kenny and Jackie and family. Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year to K&J Travel and all there drivers from Simpasture Ladies Club GARY MULLEN Hope you

have a lovely Christmas, love Lisa XX

THE BRITISH HEART Foundation would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from Julie and all the staff. Also thank you to all my volunteers for all their help over the last year, love Julie

WENDY & EDDIE would like to wish Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Dimitri and Sylvia and all the staff and customers for the gifts at Christmas

WENDY & EDDIE would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the committee and friends at the Navy
GEORGE GRAY Hope you

have a wonderful Christmas lots of love Andrea X LEDLEY Jonathon, Thomas,

hope you have a smashing Christmas, lots of love and hugs from Mammy AYCLIFFE RUGBY Club

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Award for Aycliffe Business

Local man Bryan Helliwell last week brought the 'Century Insurance Centres Branch of the Year' title home from London.

Century Insurance Centres, who now have over 5 branches nationwide have been running competition for the last twelve months.

Bryan has sold Motor & Home insurance in Newton Aycliffe for over 15 years and joined Century at their local office on Upper Beveridge Way 18 months ago. Since then Bryan has enjoyed great success thanks to the support of the local community. Bryan commented: "Since joining Century, who believe their success is built on providing a friendly local service, I have been continually supported by many of my long standing customers, who have really helped myself and my team achieve this prestigious award".

Bryan, who won two of the twelve monthly awards presented to the most successful branch Manager of the month, will be jetting off with his family early next year to enjoy his prize, a two week, all expenses paid, holiday to the location of his

Radio Councillor

The BBC Radio Cleveland Advisory Council is made up of a dozen "lay" people from the community. This council meets six times a year and its members discuss our programmes and local policies and provide a local valuable link with the people we serve.

We try and ensure we have a cross section of ages, occupations and an even mix of men and women, and that membership comes from around the broadcast area. Councillors serve for three

years.
We are now seeking to recruit six new members from the following areas: Hartlepool, Peterlee and East Durham, Whitby and the Esk Valley, Teesdale, Darlington and Middlesbrough. The purpose of this letter is to find out if any of your readers would be interested in becoming members. It's important that applicants

enthusiastic listeners but as well as being "ears" on the programmes Radio Cleveland makes, members are invited to discuss the BBC as a whole, and all these views are fed back to a Regional Advisory Council which the Chair of the Local Advisory Council attends.

If anyone is interested in joining us they should write to me at Radio Cleveland enclosing their name and address and we will send out an application form to be completed and sent back to us by Friday, 8 January

Church Service

The monthly Church Service held at Morrison Close Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe will be cancelled for Sunday 3rd January 1999.

The next Church Service will be held at 4pm on the 7th February 1999. -Theme: 'The Lost Sheep'.

FITNESS MANAGER

With Christmas approaching, the Swallow Eden Arms Hotel in Rushyford is putting, the focus on health and fitness with the appointment of Joanne Liddle as Leisure Club manager.

In the run up to Christmas and at the start of the New Year, Joanne and her team will be offering help and advice to



Leisure Club members who want to improve upon their personal fitness.

Joanne comments:
"Christmas is traditionally a
time when we tend to eat too
much and do very little
exercise and then come the
New Year we feel we must
launch into an exercise
regime. The team at the
Leisure Club is now at hand
for anyone who feels unsure
about how to go about
building up an exercise
programme to suit them."

Joanne joins the hotel from the Swallow Imperial Hotel in Newcastle where she was deputy manager of the Leisure Club.

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Sincere Thanks from "Citizen of the Year"

Dear Ed.

First I would like to thank the Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club for the presentation of the award *Citizen of the Year 1998' - this was greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to those who nominated me for this award and to the Mayor for presenting it.

The Newton Aycliffe Rotary must be complemented for the Annual Community Sing-A-Long - it was a superb event.

superb event.
Everyone who participated must also be complemented for a very high standard of performance this year - Newton Aycliffe is full of young talent.

For this well organised event - well done.

A Happy & Healthy Christmas to all your Readers. Peter Beaty.



Peter Beaty

Under 14's Bowls

The junior bowls coaching courses at Oak Leaf Sports Complex have proved to be so successful that we are starting a under 14's junior bowls league on a Saturday morning starting on January 9th.

Any children under the age of 14 who are interested in bowls and would like to join our coaching course's should telephone the Oak Leaf Sports Complex (300600) for details.

The photograph shows junior bowlers who have completed a coaching course being presented with their certificates from Jennie Basham our junior bowls coach.



On 16th December, Stephenson Way Primary School choir attended the Hallelujah Christmas concert at Newcastle Telewest

arena.
The school choir, 107 members in total, joined choirs from other schools in the region to create the largest youth choir ever amassed in the North East. The children sang alongside stars such as Beverley Craven, Mytown and opera singer Carla Maney.

Rehearsals were well attended for several weeks before the event, with children practising at lunchtimes, after school and even at home. The effort was very worthwhile, the concert was a great success.

All the parents who attended were full of praise for the children from Newton Aycliffe and the choir as a whole. The children were a credit to themselves and to the school.

TOWN SCHOOL JOINS MASS

Many thanks to the teachers and parents who accompanied the children and special thanks to Alison Hall, who worked tirelessly with the choir and organised everything for the choir and the parents who attended the concert. The Hallelujah concert can be seen on television on Christmas Eve.

YOUTH FOOTBALL REPORT

The last League Games of the year were played last Sunday with mixed fortunes for the age groups.

age groups.
The 10's travelled to Norton and gained a hard fought 3-0 victory to regain their winning habit.
The win was carned with a

solid defensive display and the goal scoring flair provided by Kieran Megran (2) and Danny McPhee. Centre back Adam Redhead was M.O.M.

The 12's travelled to Cleveland Juniors and lost by one goal to nil in a game of few chances for either side. The 13's continued their winning run when they travelled to Hartburn. A flu stricken side meant several changes in defence, but due to a good battling performance against an improved Hartburn side they won 4-2 with goals from Ryan Stonehouse, a spectacular header, the inform Mark Ross (2) and Adrian Clarke, who gained M.O.M. After coming on as

The 14's and 15's crashed to heavy defeats as they entertained Kader and Billingham Symphonia respectively. The 14's lost by 5 goals to one with Alan Gascarth the scorer, although the margin flattered the

visitors.
The 15's could only raise 10 men and despite a good attempt lost by 4 goals to nil to a good Billingham side.
Team Captain Kevin Skinner was outstanding at the heart of the home side's defence.
As 1998 nears its close a review of the Club's progress has seen three boys sign contract forms with Middlesbrough, one with Hartlepool and others currently on assessment with 'Boro or York City, mainly thanks to Mr. Ronnie Horner, local scout for Middlesbrough Football Club.

Town & Borough Mayors Visit Grotto

The Silverdale Community
House in association with
A.S.K. (Aycliffe Support in
The Kommunity) held their
ever successful Santa's
Grotto on Saturday, 19
December.

Children from Williamfield and surrounding areas visited Santa for their gift. McDonalds who donated drinks vouchers also sent along their orange barrel The event was attended to the Mayor of Great Ayelif Cllr Angela Fleming and he consort Cllr Bob Fleming and the Mayor Sedgefield Boroug

Mrs. Mary Moran.
ASK would like to take the opportunity to that everyone who support them in any way.

Councillor John Moran ar

"Help The Aged" Bouquet Of The Month

We are looking monthly for nominations for 'Bouq' of the Month'.

This nomination has to be a Senior Citizen over 50 could be a home help who does errands over a above the call of duty; A person who runs your socclub; A relative who takes care of you; A trades-pers who does deeds of kindness for you; A neighbour who pops in regularly for a chat; A person who invition for a meal on a regular basis etc.

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