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## FRONT PAGE LETTER

# COUNCILLOR LEADS PROTEST AGAINST SOCIAL SERVICES

Dear Sir  
Horndale House, a home for mentally handicapped men was established in the early 70's although at the time there were some objections from residents.

However, with a great deal of effort from the staff to make the public aware of its importance, the home is generally accepted by the local people and is now an integral part of the community.

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It is now the intention of Durham County Social Services to uproot all the men in Horndale House and place them into the community. I believe this to be a retrograde step, as the residents in

Horndale live now as one large family and are very closely knit. To break up such a friendly and happy atmosphere and to server the ties the men have with each other will be a very upsetting and unpleasant experience for them.

Social Services are in the process of purchasing two private houses in the area, one on the Byerley Park estate and the other in Greenfields with the intention of housing some of the residents from the home there. My annoyance is that they have not had the courtesy to inform the residents of Horndale or the residents of the estates as to their plans and it is my intention to organise a massive public campaign against the Social Services policy which moves the men out of their stable environment in order that Horndale House can be turned into an office block for Social Services staff.

I call upon residents to join me in protesting most strongly to Social Services and to **SAVE HORNDALE HOUSE.**  
Yours sincerely,  
Tony Moore

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## Letter Sports Complex Always Was a White Elephant

Dear Sir

With reference to your item on the resurfacing of the running track at the Sports Complex I would suggest that, were I responsible for the cost of this Complex, I would be having a good look at the use being made of the track. I live in the area and have yet to see anyone actually running on it.

The Complex generally is the single most expensive item in the Great Aycliffe budget and I am unconvinced that it is an expenditure that can be justified. With the exception of the golf which I believe more than covers its costs it is and has been a white elephant since it was built.

Chris Greenwell

## DISTRICT COUNCIL GIVE £6,000 TO SET UP CRIME RING

Sedgefield District Council have agreed to donate £6000 to the Newton Aycliffe Police Station which is setting up a 'Crime Ring' computer system designed to reduce crime. Crime Ring, which is a computer databank into which is placed details of contacts and the times at which they can generally be contacted by telephone e.g. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. The system allows for a spoken message to be given to the computer and transmitted to the contacts at the earliest opportunity. Once received the contact can give a message back to the computer, thus providing a two-way flow of information. A printer provides a log of calls whether received or not and gives reasons for unanswered calls. The system has two distinct function:-

**a) Red Hot** - Message transfer for immediate transmission or first available opportunity. This would be used to transmit information quickly to contacts about a recent or ongoing incident.

**b) Mailbox Facility** - A group of people can be left messages so that when they ring in they can access the information. Some Police forces use this facility for their officers in outlying areas to contact the central station to access information. It can also be used to give historical crime information as well as trends and patterns. The system has many applications including Neighbourhood watch, School watch, Pub Watch, Taxi Watch, Shop watch and Farm Watch. The system has also been used to circulate information about missing persons. Detective Chief Inspector Peart feels that "the main benefits to the people of Sedgefield District being in the area of total community safety" and the costs are "minimal compared to the benefits that could accrue to the people of the District".

He also suggests that a joint venture of this nature would go "further in strengthening our quite remarkable partnership and will enable us to enhance and expand the service which we offer in relation to the overall community safety".

## THE COST OF PERSONALISED CAR NUMBER PLATES

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has simplified the prices for its 'choose your own' personalised registration scheme with prices starting at £250 and the majority of marks available for under £400. There are two price bands; Premium for three letter combinations which spell attractive words or names such as BOB and SUE, and Standard for all other three letter combinations. Prices within each band are set at two levels according to the choice of numeric digit with the number '1' given a separate rate to all other available number combinations.

'N' prefix registrations start at £399 for Standard rate marks featuring any numeric character other than '1' which is priced at £999. Premium prices for 'N' marks begin at £699 with any number '1' mark priced at £1999.

All other prefix marks available, which comprise A, H, J, K, L and M, are priced at £250 and £500 respectively for the Standard rate and £399 and £999 for the Premium rate.

Prices include an assignment fee of £80 and VAT. Prices for the DVLA's Classic Collection sales are set at auction and are not affected by the new price structure.

DVLA's sale of marks scheme, which commenced in December 1989, has raised £190 million from the sale of personalised registrations. Anyone wishing to find out about the availability of personalised registrations from the DVLA should call their sales line on 0181 200 6565.



## NEWTONIAN OPEN NEW GYM AT SHILDON

A new Thai Boxing Gym opens on Tuesday 1st February in the Shildon Martial Arts Centre, part of the newly furnished Norland Complex on the site of the old Shildon Shops.

The new gym, called the "Lion Heart" is registered with the United Kingdom Thai Boxing Federation based in Carlisle.

It will be run by 3 local men under the Head Coach Glenn Rutter of Aycliffe. Glenn had 97 fights in Thai Boxing, Boxing and Kick Boxing, and was the undefeated light middleweight champion of the North East, ranked No. 1 Challenger in Britain at both Kick Boxing and Thai Boxing.

Assistant coaches are Danny Gales and Norman Besford. Danny is the former undisputed light middleweight champion of the North East and Northern Counties and the undefeated middleweight champion of great Britain. He was a member of the British Thai Boxing team, and fought for the European Title. He was ranked No. 1 in Europe and No. 15 in the World. Norman Besford has been brought in to coach the boxing side of the sport, as he is one of the most experienced boxers in the area.

Glenn told Newton News he had been asked many times to open a Gym and after talking to Arthur Sayers, Managing Director of the Norland Complex who was fitting out one of the rooms in the centre as a gym, he decided to open the new club.

Glenn is impressed with the new gym, as it has everything you need to be successful.

It has a 12ft boxing ring, various kick and punch bags, speed balls, mirrors and a dozen sets of punch and kick pads.

It's the first purpose built, fully equipped centre in this area. Glenn hopes young and old will come to the gym to work-out under the friendly guidance of the coaches.

He will be concentrating on Thai Boxing training first but will be starting ladies self defence classes, basic fitness training, and boxing at a later date.

The gym will be open 7 - 9pm on Tuesday and 7.30 - 9pm Fridays.

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Nita and Terry Galvin along with their son Nigel and his wife Joanne have recently taken over the running of one of Aycliffe's popular public houses, the Locomotion One.

The restaurant has also been reopened with a special 2 for 1 offer on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening and on a Friday and Sunday evening, the resident Chinese chef, Kelly, offers genuine Cantonese food as well as the normal menu.

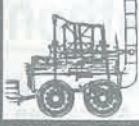
The Galvin family have refurbished the kitchen and retain the same friendly staff who will give a warm welcome to customers old and new.

The Scottish & Newcastle/ John Smiths house boasts a wide range of fine lagers and beers as well as cask and real ales.

If you are stuck for somewhere to take your loved one on Valentines this year, why not try the Locomotion One, a red rose for the lady, cigar for gents and a 1/2 bottle of house wine during the meal for each table - book now Tel 320132

The restaurant can seat up to 50 people and can cater for parties, wedding receptions etc. Catering for outside functions is also a speciality.

The Galvin's, who have recently settled in this area, hope to carry on the local pub teams and the popular quiz nights. Call in soon to sample the wonderful food and the finest drinks.

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## Agnew's No. 10 Comes to Life

Residents are really getting into the swing of things at the Community House at No. 10 Silverdale Place.

They are making plenty of suggestions about things to do, and about what they feel is needed in the community.

Events and activities organised for February include a Jumble Sale on Monday 12th at 6-15pm, (donations of jumble will be most appreciated.)

On Tuesday February 13th 1.30 - 3.00pm upstairs in the House will be dedicated for Professional Benefits Advice information, (no appointments necessary). On the same day downstairs, women from the area of all ages are invited to call in and find out about some of the interesting and fun activities planned to celebrate International Womens Day in March.

"It's good to see the Community House coming to life with the hard work and involvement of local people" said Liz Shaw, Community Worker.

Because of the success of the Community House more volunteers are needed to help out in a variety of ways, giving as much or as little time they are able.

If you feel you would like to call in and look around visit the House at regular opening times which are Monday & Thursday 10am - 3.30pm or you can telephone Liz on 01325 307539

# COLLEGE HELPS R.N.I.D.



Photograph shows from left to right, Joanna Tait Principle/Chief Executive, Doris Morton, R.N.I.D., John Moorley Chair of the Corporate Board, with College Staff and Students.

The Christmas Fayre held at Bishop Auckland College in aid of the R.N.I.D. (Royal National Institute for Deaf People) raised £616.73. The fund was boosted by a further £50 donated by Fujitsu Microelectronics Limited, Newton Aycliffe, to make a grand total of £666.73.

The cheque was accepted on behalf of the charity by Doris Morton, R.N.I.D. Communication Service Manager for the North of England. Ms. Morton commented "I am delighted to accept this donation on behalf of the R.N.I.D., many thanks to everyone at Bishop Auckland College who participated in the Fayre, not only for the money that has been donated, but also for helping to raise public awareness about our charity and the work we do for deaf people."

## GREAT LAKES CO. BACK TOWN'S FIRST HALF MARATHON

Great Lakes Chemicals of Aycliffe have backed the Youth Centre Half Marathon Race planned for Sunday 6th October 1996.

This follows their successful sponsorship of the inaugural race held in the town last November when nearly 100 runners took part in a scenic 8 mile race through Newton Aycliffe open space and woodlands.

Everyone enjoyed the run and requested an annual event, which the organisers have agreed to, but increasing the length of the course to attract 1/2 marathon athletes. Newtonian Chris White, Editor of the 'Runner Magazine', has pledged his support and expertise in helping with the organisation.

By the time this event comes along the Youth Centre will be able to provide showers and changing facilities for the entrants. Part of the £40,000 refurbishment appeal paid for this essential provision which will be much appreciated by all sportsmen and women using the premises and playing fields. The Gym floor has been replaced making it safer and more useful to a wider range of activities.

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## S.D.C. Look for New Taxi Site

Sedgefield District Council plans to provide a new taxi rank in the Town Centre have been scuppered by the Magistrates Court. Land was to be purchased from the Health Authority, but it was discovered a further 19 square yards would be needed from the adjacent Magistrates Court to enable the scheme to proceed. However they are not prepared to sell the land feeling increased noise from taxis and a threat to security during the hours of darkness and at weekends. Sedgefield District Council are forced to abandon this plan and look for a new site.

## FOOT FORWARD FOR CANCER RESEARCH



The Imperial Cancer Research Fund would like to hear from anyone interested in taking part in the 'Foot Forward for Cancer Research' sponsored walkabout. This annual event takes place this year on Sunday May 12th. Last year the event was a huge success. Fifteen walks took place and more than £18,000 was raised for the fight against cancer.

"We are looking for individuals of all walking abilities" said Annabel Arkless, Co-ordinator of the Foot Forward appeal. "Whether it's a two mile country stroll, an enduring 20 mile hike or anything in between we want to hear from you. Whether you walk alone, with friends or lead a group, every step taken will be a step closer to finding cures and saving lives."

One in three people in Britain develop cancer at some time in their lives and the disease claims the life of one in four. Foot Forward for Cancer Research is an opportunity for **EVERYONE** to help the fight against this disease. Interested? - then telephone the Foot Forward hot-line on - 0113 231928 or fax us on 0113 2311394. We will be thrilled to hear from you.

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## Letter to the Editor

## COST OF COUNCIL TRIPS SHOULD BE ITEMISED AND JUSTIFIED

Dear Sir  
As Council budgets darken the horizon and groups warm up to ensure civic solidarity, may I put a perennial point, as yet unanswered in public. Many thousands of pounds of civic cash are spent as a steady flow of Councillors travel to conferences, exhibitions and delegations. They are proposed and usually organised on a rota basis, by controlling groups. Opposition Members may be included on the list of delegates. Accepting these events may well be necessary and beneficial, would it not be worthwhile to publish an account of them? Itemise

costs, members attending, and the public good gained therefrom?

If clear, itemised information and benefits gained from attending such events where made openly available, would it not ensure that having evaluated the public good accrued, ratepayers would appreciate it more? All three of our Councils charge these costs to their tax, if ratepayers were given full details it would make Councillors more accountable, and as thousands of pounds are involved, the general public would be better able to assess the benefits.  
**Don Fraser.**  
Woodham & Aycliffe Nth.

## A DAY OUT IMPROVING THE COUNTRYSIDE

Tree planting in Harwick Park, construction of stile bridges and bridle-gates near Foxton and hedge planting along the Castle Eden Walkway and Peters Lane, Mordon are just a few of the countryside projects being organised near Sedgefield by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) and Sedgefield District Council. The aim of these schemes is to create new wildlife habitats and improve the network of footpaths, a bridleways to the south and south-west of Sedgefield Village. Anyone who can spare a few hours to help on any of the following dates would be very welcome come along. On each day free transport is available from outside the Post Office, Rectory Row, Sedgefield (approximate meeting/return times given in brackets)

### February

Mondays & Tuesdays 12th/13th and 26th/27th (10.45 to 4.30pm)

Sunday 18th (10.00am to 1.30pm)

### March

Mondays & Tuesdays 11th/12th and 25th/26th (10.45 to 4.30pm)

Sunday 17th (10.00am to 1.30pm)

- No experience is necessary and tools and tea provided! Just bring some old, warm and waterproof clothes, boots/wellies and a packed lunch for mid-week projects.

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For further information on projects in Sedgefield District please contact Graham Clingan, Sedgefield District Council's Countryside Officer on 01381 61666 Ext. 4487 or BTCV (mid-week projects only) on 0191 3832121.

## IF YOU ARE FEELING SAD AND LONELY...

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

My name is Jeannette I am a wife and mother of two children. In 1993 I became depressed and very lonely. I had doctors and counsellors to look after me, but I still needed a place to go where I could chat to people who were understanding and kind.

In 1994 I joined a group called MIND and I was very scared the first time I went along, but after only being there a short while I was made to feel at ease. I attend the group every week and have found help and support when I needed it just from a listening ear.

I have been on an evening out with the group and also a Day Trip. There has also been a Christmas Party. I am writing this letter in the hope that you will understand what the MIND group is about.

So if you feel sad, lonely or depressed there is always a cup of tea or coffee waiting for you at the Cubby.

We are open every Thursday from 2-4pm and everyone is welcome. If you do not know where the Cubby is just ask for directions at the library.

Thankyou for reading my letter.

Jeannette Booth

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# AYCLIFFE COMPANY'S SUCCESSFUL MISSION

Newton Aycliffe based Hydraulics Engineering company Linden Group are expanding their export activities into European neighbours Holland. Last week directors John Billany and Alan Dixon took part in a DTI sponsored trade mission to Flevoland, just to the northeast of Amsterdam, where along with 15 other

northeast companies they met with industrialists and service providers in the area who are attempting to meet Karl Watkins Manufacturing Challenge. The trip was facilitated by the NE Chamber of Commerce and a reciprocal trip in March is being planned. "It was our first involvement in such a mission" said

Managing Director John Billany, "but we were most impressed with the services provided by both the Chamber of commerce and in particular the Trade Department of the British Embassy in Holland who gave particular assistance in arranging appointments for the delegates. We have received several serious enquiries since our trip and the rest is now up to us." Interestingly Flevoland has been constructed as a satellite area for Amsterdam on land reclaimed from the Zuider Zee and now boasts a population of around 250,000 with many major manufacturing businesses located in the area.

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# EURO M.P. CALLS FOR CHANGES IN LAW ON CHILD ABUSE

Stephen Hughes, Durham's Euro MP has called on the Council of Ministers to make changes to the EU Treaties at the inter-governmental conference this year in order to plug the many legal loop-holes and gaps which leave children vulnerable to abuse. Mr. Hughes took up the case of a North East special needs boy who was sexually assaulted by his teacher on a school trip to Spain. The young boy was too frightened to say anything about the incident until he returned home, where he immediately told his mother what had happened. Astonishingly the police in the UK could do nothing. Mr. Hughes wrote on behalf of the family to the Head of Public Prosecutions and to the Home Office. He was told by the Home Office that, "Our courts have no jurisdiction over acts of buggery or indecent assault committed abroad, and it was therefore not possible to prosecute (name omitted) for his alleged assault." "It is generally not realised how existing national and community legislation can have unintended adverse effects on children," says Stephen Hughes. The free movement of labour in the European Union means that men convicted of sexual offences against children can seek employment in child care establishments in other countries within the European Union without it being possible for the new employer to check with the police about a previous criminal record of the employee. Paedophiles are notorious for "targeting" their victims and are attracted to work in children's home and other places that give unrestricted access to children. Within the UK, we are able to check police records but there is no possibility of checking the records of applicants from other EU Countries. A mention of children in the revised Treaty would allow action to be taken to overcome these difficulties at European Union level. Speaking today, Stephen Hughes said: - "Children may be adversely affected by unintended consequences of such things as:- open frontiers, the free movement of people and changes in broadcasting and other communication technologies. "Our experience tells us that it is not possible to put geographical boundaries on the well-being of children. Specific examples include the cross-border impact of the increasing breakdown of marriages and divorces within the EU, and the trans-national dissemination of child pornography. "We need to examine the impact of our actions or inaction at European level and set about including safeguards for the children of Europe."

# "WE ENJOYED OUR TRIP TO BROKEN SCAR" say St. Francis School Pupils

On Tuesday the 30th January, the whole of St. Francis Junior School visited Broken Scar, on the River Tees in Darlington. The Y3 and Y4 children went in the afternoon and Y5 and Y6 in the morning. We went there as part of our topic work for this term. It was a very cold day and we had to wear extra clothes to keep warm. We were able to see how the water flow above the Weir was different to that after the Weir. As part of our geography topic we were learning how the water flow changed its speed in different parts of

the river. At Broken Scar we could clearly see the fastest flow of water on the outside of each river end, the build up of stones and silt on the inside of the bends and some erosion of the river bank. We enjoyed our visit to Broken Scar and are looking forward to our next trip which is to Teesmouth Field Centre in March. Thank you to all the parents, Fr. Nicholas and the teachers who took us on this trip.

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A late Christmas treat greeted businessman Stan Hunter when he visited the Hall Garth Golf & Country Club at Coatham Mundeville, near Darlington this week. Stan is human resource manager of Perstorp Ferguson Ltd, in Newton Aycliffe and, like many other local business people who visited the hotel over the Christmas period, was invited to place his business card in the hotel's Christmas Prize Draw box. Happily, his was the first drawn, winning him dinner for two in The Stables restaurant. Stan is pictured collecting his prize from Caroline Lusk, Hall Garth's sales and marketing manager.

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# LEGION TEAM HEADING FOR THE TOP

British Legion 2 - D.C.S. 0

Robin Kell continued his phenomenal scoring spree with a beautifully timed header to seal yet another victory for the talented Legion side. Kell made it four Goals in two games which will make it difficult for top scorer Trevor Cooke to regain his place after suspension in a side that dominated throughout the match, writes Lee Forster.

Before the match manager George Topping warned his players of the dangers that lower League sides pose when they have no chance of winning the League. His players seemed to have taken heed as they kept possession early to the first half. However credit was due to D.C.S as their tactical formation gave the Legion's forwards Frank Wilson and Kell no end of problems, playing five at the back frustrated Wilson who was still adjusting to the service he was receiving from his wingers.

As the game settled it was Legion Midfielder Mark Shield who seized the initiative testing the 'keeper with several long range efforts. One spectator commented that it was only a matter of time before the Legion broke down the keeper formation.

The deadlock was broken ten minutes from half time as the ball slipped into the box, Wilsons earlier efforts were repaid as he turned and rifled into the net. When the half time whistle blew Topping was quick to urge his team to keep their discipline and shape warning his midfielders not to get sucked in too deep as it would give D.C.S. the chance to break on the counter attack. This prediction was tested in the second half as D.C.S. came close on a few occasions, the killer Goal came midway in the second half as Taylor broke down the left wing and produced a perfect cross for Kell to head past the oncoming 'keeper.

At the end of the match Topping reflected on his team with enthusiasm "I was very happy with the back four today as they kept another clean sheet. I thought Darren Griffith marshalled his team very well." MOM was awarded to Shield whose skills provided many of the Legion chances. Next week sees the team travel to Luton Albion in the quarter Finals of the ASE Cup.

# HUNTSMAN OUTFOXED

Huntsman 3  
Fox & Hounds 7

They fought tooth and nail for points, but still couldn't overpower a strong Fox & Hounds side, writes Martin Walker.

Huntsman, still bewildered after an embarrassing 3-3 draw with Quaker Sports a couple of weeks ago, showed huge improvement, and for most of the game they seemed to be in with a chance.

The scoreline may beg to differ somewhat, but any spectator would probably admit that Huntsman deserved more than what appears to be a good beating.

Although the home side took an early setback, they fought on, and were soon rewarded when Wayne Marram broke away from a static defence to slot past a helpless keeper.

Fox & Hounds scored a couple more, and the sorry state of previous weeks looked certain to prevail.

But after a poor corner was cleared from the right, Man-of-the-match Paul Kelly seized an opportunity to strike. The ball dribbled out to the butch looking sweeper, and in a flash he struck an oh, so sweet drive that left a bulging net in tatters.

His goal capped off a courageous display, which saw him try, but fail, to lead his team onto better things.

For the visiting team later showed their strength, and succeeded in a flurry of goals near the end.

Huntsman were awarded a consolation penalty on full-time, and Centre-back Rob Walker converted after a bitter dispute over who would take the spot-kick with Midfielder Martin Haigh. The final whistle sounded seconds after the restart.

Scotchman Jim McCabe was voted the minger-of-the-match by his English teammates, which caused a wee rumpus in the dressing room afterwards.

Martin Haigh wasn't far behind McCabe in winning the vote, but the T-shirt was always going down the tartan road.

This week, Huntsman travel to Halfmoon in the A.S.E. Cup second round. A 3-3 draw was the outcome of the first league meeting between the two, with Halfmoon beating Huntsman 3-0 last December in their other fixture.

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**ROBERT WATSON** Died 11th February 1995. A year has passed, but it only seems like yesterday, when God took you. He took the best Dad ever, loved and remembered always Peter, Julie, Lee and Sarah  
**ROBERT WATSON** Love and miss you Granda, love Emma  
**JANE HALLIMOND** died 11-2-94, happiness and joy you gave to us all, we miss you darling so much, lots of love from Max and family

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## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to my family for my surprise 30th birthday party, especially to my husband, Jimmy, who organised it all, also my Mam and sisters who helped, it was a night I will never forget - Lynn Cherrie  
**JAYNE & Philip** - Thank you for a beautiful niece, Sarah, born 1-2-96, love always, Auntie Deborah and Rodney  
**DAVID & Elaine** - Thank you for the precious gift of our first grandson, Ryan Anthony, born 5-2-96, love to you all, Mam and Dad  
**DAVID & Elaine** - Thanks for a gorgeous little nephew, who I will always cherish, well done, big sis! Lots of love Always, Joanne and John  
**KEN & GLADYS** Boddy would like to thank son, daughters and son-in-laws for making their 40th wedding anniversary special, also Dot and Vera and friends and family for making it a special night, thank you all for the lovely presents.  
**GEOFF & MARIE** would like to say a special thank you to all family and friends for the beautiful cards and presents received for Kirsty's Christening Day, and for all their help beforehand.  
**MARGARET**, Valerie, David and family would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours, nurses and doctors for the kindness and sympathy, cards of condolence also donations for Cancer Research during our recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the Rev. Peter Baldwin, for a comforting service, also the Co-op for their caring service.

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## Congratulations

**DANIELLE WALKER**  
  
**Congratulations on your 18th birthday**  
14-2-96, lots of love  
Mam, Nigel and John X

**WALKER & Smithson** 14-2-96, very best wishes Danielle and Gavin on your engagement, all our love for the future, Mam, Nigel and John  
**JAYNE & Philip** congratulations on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Sarah, 1-2-96, lots of love from proud grandparents Clelland and Blenkinsopp  
**JAMES BAILEY** Lots of love on your 21st birthday, 14th February, Mam, Bill and all the family  
**BECKY-LOUISE** (13-2-96) happy birthday to a special daughter and sister, love you lots Mammy, Daddy and Kirsty XX  
**MICHELLE** and Paul Stevens 15-2-96, happy 4th anniversary, lots of love from Mam, Dad, Marie, Geoff, Becky and Kirsty XXX  
**BECKY-LOUISE** Happy 2nd birthday (13-2-96), lots of love Auntie Sham, Uncle Paul and Ben XX  
**PAUL STEVENS** Happy anniversary (15-2-96), love you more than ever - Shell XX  
**SCOTT MASON** Happy birthday (11th February) lots of love Mum and Peter XX  
**HOWEY** Happy 13th birthday Stephen, have a great day, love from Mam, Dad, Michael and Paul XX  
**CLARE BANNISTER** Happy birthday, you are nearly as old as my Gran, love from Firthy X  
**CLARE BANNISTER** 11-2-96, have a great day! Clare, lots of love from Gillian and Michael XXX  
**DAVID & Elaine** congratulations to you both on the birth of our great grandson, Ryan Anthony, lots of love Nanna and Grandad  
**ELAINE** On the birth of our son, Ryan Anthony, I will always love and Cherish you both, lots of love David.  
**STEVE BOYES** Happy birthday Daddy, lots of love and cuddles Ryan  
**JULIE WHITTON** Have a lovely 30th birthday Julie, from Guess who?  
**WESLEY TARN** Happy birthday Wesley, 13-2-96, love Carrie & Matthew

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**TEAK WALL** illuminated display cabinet, smoked glass doors, one shelf, book or display, two cupboards (bottom) 5'6" high x 3'10" wide £40 ONO Tel 310006  
**NEST OF Tables**, black ash, tubular steel legs £8 Tel 310006  
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## Valentines Messages

**BEVERLEY**  
Valentines Day 1996, will be a day, and a year, never to forget.  
  
Looking forward to Thursday, by then it will be all over!!  
**All my love, Paul**  
(PS, where is my message?)

**PETER** I love you, I love you, I love you a lot, so are you getting the hoover out tonight or not? Love, you little slave XXX  
**MICHELLE** - special wishes to my fiancée, on Valentines day - Chris  
**CHRIS PEACOCK** To very special husband of Valentines, all my love Amanda XXX  
**MICHAEL G**, be my Valentine, with lots of hugs and kisses from Guess Who? XXX  
**AMANDA** To my wife on Valentines day, lots of love and kisses and cuddles. Lenny XXX  
**MARGARET** - Happy Valentines Day (No, I don't have another woman!) Alan  
**TO SCOTTIE DOG** Happy Valentines Day, love always from your babe XXX  
**JOANNE** (Blackie Howarth, here's hoping that I can get a bit closer to you in April than I can on Valentines day!! With all my love S.  
**MONIQUE** Be my valentine, hope to see you in the Oak Tree again Love Shaun X  
**CHRISTINE** - To my only and only Valentine, I'm so glad that you are mine! Syd



## Letter

Dog  
Dirt  
Still

## Messy Problem

Dear Editor,  
You published a letter from me a while ago regarding DOG MESS - which was deposited on the pavement outside my front door in the Bowes Road area.

On Sunday I was, once again, out with the shovel, bin bag, gloves and a bowl of bleach cleaning it away before my children, neighbours children etc. stepped into it and trailed it into our homes.

There is just one thing I am curious about!

What do dog owners do when they see dog mess on the pavement outside their homes or when someone comes into your house with it all over their shoes?

Do they just ignore it, step over it, walk all over there carpets and are they happy with themselves?

A very, very angry reader.

## £43,000 TO REPAIR BLUE BRIDGE

Aycliffe's popular landmark, the 'Blue Bridge', is to be repaired by Sedgefield District Council at a cost of over £43,000.

It was only recently confirmed that Sedgefield District Council owned the structure.

The Town Council thought they owned the Bridge, and they breathed a sigh of relief when records showed the legal transfer had not been completed. So it became

the responsibility of Sedgefield District Council.

A structural survey indicates the bridge is not in a very bad condition, and after the repair work has been completed the Town Council will be asked to take over the ownership by Deed of Gift.

Repair work to the soffits of the bridge, and its repainting, is expected to start soon.

## Brass Band Second

Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band came 2nd in the Annual Grading Contest held recently.

The band competed in the 4th division and produced a creditable performance. Instrumentalists of any age are invited to join the band. Details of practice nights and any other information is available from the Secretary Dave Carnell on 720128

## Athletics News

On Wednesday night in freezing conditions at Aycliffe the latest lamplight 5 Road race was held, 89 runners braved the weather and the race was won in 25 mins.

The first Aycliffe runner was Club Captain Pete Milburn in 27 minutes followed by Rob Nicholson 32m 18s, Alan Wilkes (over 45) 32m 40s, Sue Thirlbeck 35m and Paul Upton 34m 15s.

Then on Sunday in the Chester le Street 10k road race Paul Upton of Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club recorded a personal best time of 41m 15s and Cec Sugden took 42m 30s. Richard Harvey also ran well.

## America Opens Its Doors to Au-Pairs

A big sigh of relief can be heard around the country as hundreds of young British girls can finally fulfil their dream to become an au pair in America. American Embassies have opened their doors again after the recent US Government budgetary row, allowing au pairs to obtain the J-1 cultural exchange visa. Au Pair in America is sending 300 British girls this week to New York, many of whom have been waiting to fly for several months. Catherine Ennis of Leicester has been waiting to fly since 6th November, "I thought it was just not meant to be! My host family are really excited that I'm actually flying on Monday, I can't believe I'm going at last!"

Dorothy Stuart, Programme Director, remarks "We are delighted that this particular frustration has come to an end. With the re-issuing of the J-1 visa, our programme is back in business, offering many your people the opportunity to spend an exciting and rewarding year abroad."

Au Pair in America, the largest legal child care programme to the US, now in its tenth successful year, recruits your drivers between the ages of 18-26 to live as part of an American family for 12 months. The programme offers unrivalled benefits including free return flight, up to \$125 weekly payment, 4 day Orientation near New York City, year long local counsellor support and the opportunity for travel in the 13th month in return for providing no more than 45

hours per week child care. For a full colour brochure and application form write to: Au Pair in America, 37 Queens Gate, London, SW7 5HR or call on Freephone 0800 413 116.

## Open Evening

On Thursday February 15th from 4.30pm - 6pm St. Francis C.E. Junior School will be holding their annual informal Open Evening.

Although its primarily for parents of children at St. Francis we would welcome any visitors.

In each of the teaching areas there will be activities which are part of the children's everyday experience.

We invite you to have a go at them! Refreshments will be available.

## Driving Range Improvements

Facilities at the Towns Golf Driving Range are to be improved with the appointment of an architect to prepare plans for the provision of a stepped and covered walkway, toilets, wash and changing room.

## TELL ABOUT U.V TAN RISKS says M.P.

Stephen Hughes, Durham Euro MP has today written to Commissioner Ri Bjerregaard (responsible for public health matters) to insist that operators of ultraviolet (UV) tanning equipment throughout the European Union should have a duty to provide information on health risks to their customers. Mr. Hughes said in his letter: "The European Union has shown commitment to fighting cancer through its Anti Cancer Programme and yet there is no legislation in place which would compel operators and users of ultraviolet tanning equipment to be aware of the many hazards associated with such exposure."

"I believe that detailed instructions should be required to accompany such equipment. I also believe that a public awareness campaign to highlight the dangers of too much exposure to UV radiation should be undertaken at EU level."

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