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Police Campaign to Lock up Thieves

The local Police Crime Prevention Team have commenced a fierce campaign to reduce Vehicle Crime in Newton Aycliffe.

D.C. Alan Penman told 'Newton News' that car crime is getting out of hand in the town and the police are targeting certain known criminals and arrests are imminent.

"We know who they are

and we are going to lock them up" said Alan. "Several men have already been arrested and more will follow" he added.

Newton Aycliffe tops the league in this district for vehicle crime, with a total of 73 incidents in January including 16 cars stolen from outside premises. Other crimes account for thefts from vehicles and vandalism.

In this area 6 vehicles a day are either stolen or attacked. The operation is led by Det. Chief Inspector Barry Peart who is determined to stamp out the high incidence of car crime in Newton Aycliffe. "But we need the assistance of the general public to report suspicious characters, to be on the look-out for criminals, and to take every precaution to protect this valuable piece of property" said Inspector Peart.

To this end the police have joined with two local

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VANE ROAD SCHOOL GIVES GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY say Inspectors

An Inspection Team from the Office for Standards in Education has concluded that the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils at Vane Road Primary School is good.

The school succeeds in fostering and encouraging a consideration of other people. Pupils are taught the difference between right and wrong and the school operates well as an orderly community. Pupils in the Early Years settle well into the school. They have good relationships with their teachers. High priority is given to reading and good progress is shown in number skills. A good foundation for learning in the National Curriculum is made. The team of six Inspectors identified the need to improve quality in Music. In all other areas of the curriculum, the quality of education was sound or better.

Good, and occasionally

very good achievements were identified in Mathematics, Science, Reading, Speaking and Listening, History, Information Technology, Physical Education and Religious Education. The Inspection Team raised other issues which the school will be addressing within an Action Plan. Pupils at both ends of the ability range are challenged, but the Inspectors identified the need to make this more consistent through the school.

The school should look to extending opportunities for investigation and problem solving in Mathematics using the existing good practice as a guide. In their report, the Inspectors commented on very good links with supportive parents, health agencies, a local church and businesses. All these made a very positive contribution to the standards of education provided.

The standard of planning and financial management in the school was of a high quality. The Inspectors concluded that in terms of overall pupil achievement, quality of education and management, the school offered "good value for money".

The Chair of the Governing Body, Edward Kell, commented, "The Governing Body are very pleased with the Inspection Report. In overall terms, we are happy that the school is on the right track and this reflects very well on the Head Teacher and all his staff".

Town's Oldest Club Open To all

Newton Aycliffe Gardens Guild was formed in March 1949 and is the Town's oldest organisation.

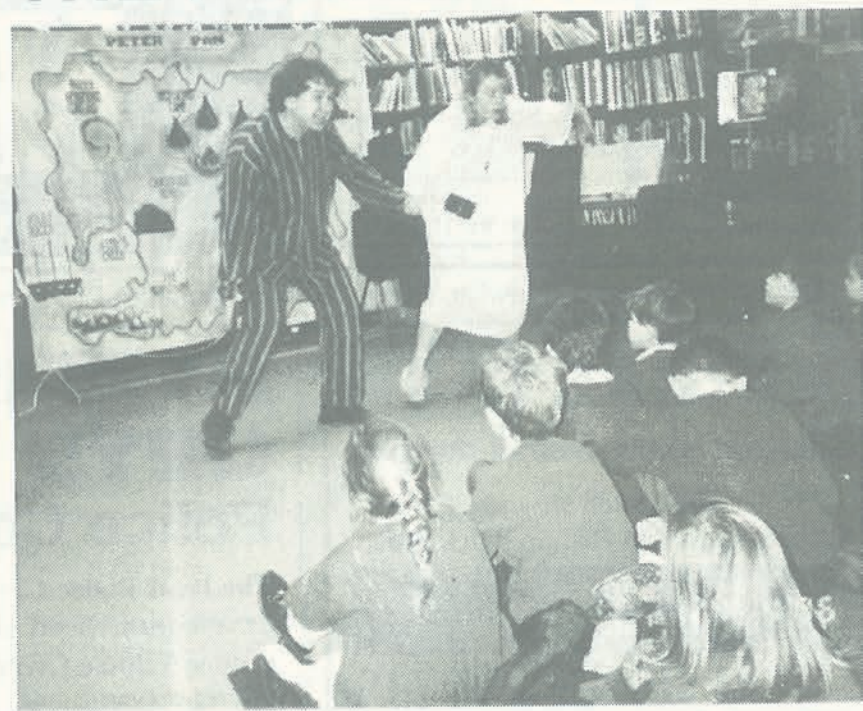
The Guild is primarily a gardeners co-operative with a sales hut on the Clarence Chare allotments, open each Sunday morning from the first Sunday in March, to the last Sunday in October, also the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in January, 10.00am to 12 noon. Items on sale include fertilizers, peat, compost, lime, organic fertilizer and general garden requisites, bulbs etc. are on sale at the appropriate times of the season, also a comprehensive range of flower and vegetable seeds.

The Guild was very disappointed with the chrysanthemum plants that were on sale in 1995. This year we have a new supplier and hope to maintain our usual quality. These plants will be on sale for the 2nd week in May.

The seedling plants in the plug stage which we had for the first time in March-April 1995 were a big success, and will be on sale this year from the first Sunday in March, along with turbo and sturion onion sets the spring planting bulbs will also be in stock.

The Gardens Guild communicates to its members throughout the season via the Newton News and welcomes new members to join.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Last November Byerley Park School held a very successful BOOK WEEK which included a 'Reading Aloud Competition', a Fancy Dress Competition based on 'Characters from Books' and a smashing visit from the well known children's authoress Margaret Ryan.

The school worked closely with Newton Aycliffe Library. It was therefore a double pleasure for Byerley Park to receive an invitation from the library to watch PETER PAN last week. The library was tight for space but the cast of TWO were more imaginative and entertaining than many lavish productions. The school would like to thank the library and the Storytellers Theatre Company for their kindness.

Letter

Split up of Horndale House Residents is Madness

Dear Editor,
With reference to Councillor Tony Moore's letter on the 10th of February, concerning the proposed closure of Horndale House - Home for Mentally Handicapped Men. Have these people, the Social Services, gone completely mad, why do they need to take over everything?

Many of the residents are ex-Aycliffe Hospital residents who are still trying to get over the shock of seeing their little community at Aycliffe Hospital being deliberately run down and destroyed - where they enjoyed many good therapeutic and recreational facilities - also sanctuary and freedom of movement in those lovely grounds.

All we hear and read about now is of vulnerable people such as these, the old and psychiatrically ill, being shunted from pillow to post. These innocent, sweet, vulnerable people such as the residents of Horndale House - who are happily settled into their own little community - don't deserve this constant upheaval all the time. The running down of yet more good public services such as those provided by Winterton Hospital, set in peaceful spacious grounds, is another retrograde step.

It's frightening to work out where it will all end, maybe just a slimmed down version of all public services and inadequate LONG TERM care.

NAME & ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Sedgefield 75 Swimming Results

On 27th January, Sedgefield 75's success continued at Gateshead Graded Gala. Seven swimmers, parents and coach Paul Concannon braved the wintry weather conditions to attend the first graded gala of the 1996 season. Their efforts were rewarded with the swimmers collecting the following awards:

Michael Turnbull aged 13, collecting a silver medal in the 200 metre I. M. in a time of 2:26.28, bronze in the 100 metre Butterfly in 1:33.62 and gaining the N & D (Northumberland & Durham) qualifying time in the 100 metre Freestyle.

Alison Storey aged 14, collected silver in the 100

metre Backstroke in a time of 1:24.63, and personal best times in the 100 metre Freestyle and 100 metre Butterfly.

David Farmer aged 11 collected a 5th place medal in the 100 metre Freestyle a personal best times in both the 200 metre I. M. and 100 metre Butterfly events.

Rachel Concannon aged 11 collected a 6th place medal in the 200 metre I. M. and achieved the N & D qualifying time in the 100 metre Butterfly.

Congratulations to those swimmers who took part in the event; Martin Turnbull, Tarrayn Samuel and Victoria Blair who all collected personal best times.

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Block on Aid to Poor

Local Labour Euro MP has slammed the British Government for saying that the poorest residents of County Durham can't have European cash for anti-poverty projects.

Stephen Hughes, Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon explained "The European Union's budget for 1996 includes £7m for pilot anti-poverty projects. Instead of welcoming this as a small but welcome contribution to tackling poverty, and giving County Durham groups the chance to bid for the cash, the British Government has written to the European Commission saying that the budget is not legal and threatening legal action to stop it."

Stephen Hughes said "The Conservatives are so anti-European that they are prepared to deny the most deprived members of our community the chance of a little help."

Letter I thought we had got rid of Slag Heaps!

Dear Sir,
As an ex Durham Miner and proud of it, I was delighted when the massive plans were put into progress to remove the bane of the North East, I refer to the spoil "Pit Heaps" in our region. So would anyone in authority please tell me why we have the ugly heaps of muck at the Plasmor site, near the Blue Bridge.
On windy days the grit from these heaps can be heard on the windows of the houses in Travellers Green like hailstones. Surely this should not have to be tolerated. I would estimate the heaps to be over 50ft high. Can we not have something done to remove this eyesore and nuisance?
Yours Anonymous

Letter to the Editor SPORTS COMPLEX ESSENTIAL says Councillor

Dear Sir,
It is true that the Sports Complex costs the Council money to keep it running, but it is far from true to say that it is a 'white elephant'. Is something a 'white elephant' just because it does not make vast profits? In that case, the Council would have to close down the playgrounds, stop the Show and abandon the fireworks display. No - the Sports Complex is an essential part of the facilities provided by the Council for the people of Newton Aycliffe.

And services cost money. It is the Council's unenviable task to balance what it provides against the costs of doing so. The Council recently raised prices a little - for adults only - at the Complex. It is interesting to note that some

independent Councillors OPPOSED that increase; they would have had the Complex cost the ratepayers more, not less. The Complex is a well-run facility. It has, for instance, a thriving bowling club and successful five-a-side leagues. I for one, am happy that it is not 'bursting at the seams' - we have a facility which will cope in the future as the town grows.

It is true that the running track is no longer used. However - when it learned the cost of covering it with grass or Tarmac - the Council decided NOT to do anything with it. So, for the moment, this matter is 'on hold'.

Nevertheless, it is the council's aim to maintain and to enhance those services which it provides for the people of Great Aycliffe.

John D. Clare

Keegan at Hall Garth



Following Newcastle United's victory against Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium on Saturday, Kevin Keegan celebrated his team remaining nine points clear at the top of the premiership with a family meal at the Hall Garth Golf & Country Club at Coatham Mundeville, near Darlington. Whilst there, he took time out to officially present the hotel's head chef, Kevin Hacking, with an AA Rosette awarded to the hotel's Hugo's Restaurant. The AA say the award is for "enjoyable food, carefully prepared, that reflects a high level of culinary skills."

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FACE LIFT FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE 1996 SHOW

The annual Great Aycliffe Show is about to undergo a welcome face lift with many new attractions this year, including an evening disco featuring local bands for the younger generation and a barbecue night with live entertainment for the 'more mature' amongst us.

The Show will be held on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August and will feature more community involvement, with many local groups and clubs taking part in the entertainment.

A 'playhouse' marquee will host daytime entertainment in the form of brass bands, gymnastic and dancing displays etc.

FREE buses will make circular trips around the Town to take people to and from the Showfield during the day.

If you belong to a pop group that would like to play at the disco, or if you are a member of a local organisation who could perform in the 'Playhouse Marquee' please contact Marie

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Letter Sports Complex Always well used

Dear Editor,
In reply to the letter by Chris Greenwell, regarding the "White Elephant" Sports Complex. I wonder, has he given thought to the vast amount of money spent on improving the lot of the Golfers. I wonder if they would play Golf on a run-down Golf Course. The Indoor Bowling Green is almost always booked having had it re-laid. The Main Sports Hall is always full of young people pursuing their favourite sports. There are a lot of good young Athletes in Great Aycliffe, who, like all the above mentioned Sports Persons, would like to have a first class running track in line with all the other sports facilities. So lets not be singled minded and as the saying goes make "SPORT FOR ALL".

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STUDENTS SUPPORT CHILDREN'S WARD



PICTURED WITH SISTER WILSON, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, STUDENTS NICOLA BERZINES, LEE WILSON, WAYNE GILLISPIE AND JANE BOYNTON AND TWO YOUNG PATIENTS, SIMON REAY AND ADELE RISPIN.

Students attending the Bridging Programme at Bishop Auckland College were delighted to present their local Children's Ward with a cheque for £80.00.

The 16 and 17 year old students raised the money at a pre-Christmas event held at the College. The fund raising event was totally organised and run by the students as part of their course work, and it was their decision to donate part of the money raised to the Children's Ward.

The cheque was received by Sister Blanche Wilson who said, "I am delighted to accept this money on behalf of the ward, and we shall put it to good use".

COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE GOOD FUN

The Community House at 10, Silverdale Place went International this week.

Women from the neighbourhood met with Roger Ramsdale from Sedgfield District Council, and local councillor Christine Gowton, to find out more about Rheinhausen, Aycliffes' Twin Town in Germany.

The Womens group are making preparations to celebrate International Womens Day in March, and are planning to make up a portfolio of information about Newton Aycliffe and link up with a similar group in Rheinhausen.

Teresa Wayman from Bishop Auckland College is supporting the group in preparing the information, photographs and any other items of interest.

Women who are not presently involved are invited to join in. The Group meets on Tuesday afternoons at the Community House 1.30pm to 3pm. "Its a relaxed, informal atmosphere, and always good fun." Said Dianna Flemming.

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GREENFIELD STUDENTS' COMPANY PROSPERS

Shrewd investors at Greenfield school will soon be reaping the benefits of buying shares in the "Young Enterprise" company, ACCESSOREEZ. Accessoreez was set up and is ran exclusively by ten students from year 10.

The students who are running the business completely in their free time, were helped to set up the business by Distriparts who sponsored the team. They also are aided by two business advisors, Ian Blenkinsopp of Eaton Axles Ltd. Newton Aycliffe and Samantha Shippen of Durham County Council Careers Service, who are available to be consulted by the company's Board of Directors.

The company has already exhibited it's products at a trade fayre in Durham and had a massive sell-out of stock just before Christmas. Sales are still going strong and goods will be on sale to the public again at the Cleveland Centre, Middlesbrough on the 14th February. Local people may also wish to order or buy goods

when the company exhibits their goods (which include necklaces, earrings and friendship bands) at the school "Body Shop" evening, to be held on the 29th February (tickets available from the school).

Deputy Head Teacher, Karen Robson says, "Not only are the students getting practical experience, they will also have the opportunity of gaining a special business certificate recognised across Europe".

Meanwhile, Head Teacher David Tate says, "The Young Enterprise venture has provided an exciting opportunity for students to gain valuable experience of running a business.

The group have responded well, they have organised a share issue, designed, developed and sold their product. Following early concerns, the market has improved and the value of shares has shown a small rise."

Natalie Bell, the Managing Director said, "It has been a good opportunity to get "Hands on" experience of running a business and our co-operation skills have improved tremendously".

PUBLIC MEETING OVER RELOCATION OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Tony Moore has called a Public Meeting, to be held in Greenfield School, on Monday 19th February at 7.30pm to discuss proposals by Social Services to relocate 19 persons with learning difficulties, currently residing at Horndale House, into smaller units within the community. Houses in Greenfield, Byerley Park, Woodham and Avon Park are being considered to house 2,3 or 4 persons - backed by whatever level of support they require. Splitting up Horndale House residents is seen by Councillor Moore as a retrograde step, even though it is part of the governments "Care in the Community Act", calling for moves from hostels

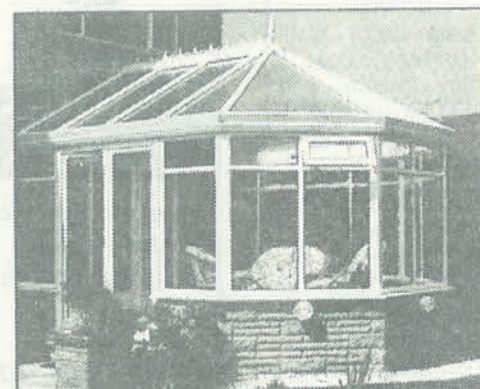
into smaller units. "Horndale House residents are settled and have been accepted as part of the community. To uproot them will disrupt their lives and cause a sense of insecurity" said Tony Moore. "Furthermore, knowing how long it took them to become accepted in Horndale, they will have to start again, the long job of building up a relationship with their new neighbours" said Tony. And those new neighbours may be alarmed if they are not contacted and given certain assurances, so I am calling a meeting in order to inform people and try to stop this move." Concluded Councillor Moore.

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Letter to the Editor

"A LUXURY WE CANT AFFORD"

Dear Sir,
Having just read the letter from Mr. Greenwell, in this weeks' edition of 'Newton News', I think I have to agree with his conclusion that the Sports Complex is a 'white elephant', and a luxury we, the ratepayers cannot afford. As he rightly pointed out, the golf course is the only section of the whole complex that actually pays its own way - so what do they do - the powers that be force the original Golf Club into decline! Like your correspondent, Mr. Greenwell, I have been a regular user of the Complex, and, as a ratepayer, I am concerned that so much public money is going to waste. The bar area was, until recently, used extensively by golfers, especially on Sundays, when they were joined by local footballers enjoying a drink after their activities. Both of these sections have now moved on to other places locally, and the people responsible for the Complex must take the blame. For years there has been no food but crisps and sandwiches available to eat, when there is a huge kitchen closed because of some "regulation". The management, and councillors, do nothing to attract the public to use what is a very attractive facility, in fact the opposite seems to be true, as they seem determined to deter people! The only "organised" event except those run by the various sports clubs, is a

weekly quiz attended by about thirty people on a good night! The Council are now making claims that they have had "hundreds" of enquiries about the "new" Golf Club. How do they expect to hold onto all the new members without adequate facilities for food, lockers etc.? The money proposed for the re-surfacing of the running track would be far better used to update the kitchen etc., and attract people to stay after their games instead of spending money elsewhere.

One other point. If the council do attract "hundreds" of members to the new Golf Club, how much teeing time will they grant themselves, bearing in mind they only allowed the original Club one and half hours to hold their events? As they rightly pointed out, the original Club, after almost twenty years only had approx. eighty members, but not once was it mentioned that they did not have time allowed for any more to take part in events. As a tax payer, and prospective season ticket holder, I hope they don't think they can be allowed unlimited access for THEIR events. Obviously any club has to have time to run events, but had the original Club been granted more facilities and ENCOURAGED, there would by now be a Complex to be proud of. Name & Address supplied.

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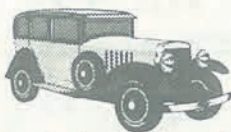
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PAUL & BEV Was thinking about you on your big day, so sorry, but I wouldn't have spoilt it for the world. Love from

Nanna Emma and Bill

PAUL & BEV

Congratulations on your

Wedding Day from all at

Newton Press.

PUNSHON MELVIN

Congratulations on your

50th Birthday Dad on 17-

2-96 lots of love Carol,

Maureen and Shane.

PUNSHON ANN Happy

Birthday Mam on 18-2-96

love from Carol, Maureen

and Shane.

NANA & GRANDAD

Happy Birthday lots of

love and kisses Laura and

Michael.

ELAINE & DAVID A

little boy born 5-2-96.

Love Mam and Dad.

ELAINE Thanks for

giving us a beautiful little

Grandson Ryan Anthony,

Love Mam and Dad

Richardson.

THANKS for giving me a

little cousin Auntie Elaine,

love Connor xx.

ELAINE & DAVID

Congratulations to you

both on the birth of your

Son, Ryan Anthony. 5.2.96

All our love Dad, Gail and

Zoe.

DAVID PATRICK

SYKES Happy 30th

Brithday love Carole.

DAVID PATRICK

SYKES Happy 30th

Birthday Daddy love

Alexander and Stephanie.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BABS - 14.2.96 Love

Firthy and Ali

KILBURN - Happy 8th

Birthday Steven love form

Mam, Paul and David

KILBURN - Steven.

Happy Birthday love from

Nanna and Grandad

KILBURN - Happy

Birthday Steven love from

Uncle Eric and Auntie

Tracey.

Valentines

S.J.D....I'll love you always

A.J.D.

LITTLEMO - All my love

on our first Valentines

together, from Big Dunc.

PS 5PW. YEAH, YEAH,

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH,

YEAH, YEAH,

YEAH, YEAH,

McCARTIN - STEVEN

We love you very much.

Your special in every way,

for who you are and what

you do. Love Cheryl, Joshua

and Samuel xxx

MARK ROWLAND

Happy Valentines day lots

of love always Milky Stars.

MARK ROWLAND - I

know where you work, I

know where you play, I wish

that you would just glance

my way. My heart is

breaking, the pain so deep,

I'm wishing that you'd be

mine to keep. I love you so

much, your woolie hat too,

I just hope that now my

dreams come true. Be my

Valentine, Guess who?

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Take the drop for Cancer Research



Pictured is Dawn Littlefair of Newton Aycliffe abseiling at the Darlington Memorial Hospital.

Dare-Devils interested in abseiling down the Darlington Memorial Hospital are busy signing up for the 1996 Darlington Drop. The abseil, which is in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, is taking place on Sunday March 24th.

Dawn Littlefair, of Newton Aycliffe, was recently at the hospital having a practice for the abseil.

Dawn took part in the 1995 Return of the Darlington Drop and is urging as many people as possible to take part in this year's event. "Research into cancer is really important as so many families lose loved ones to this disease" said Dawn. "By taking part in the Darlington Drop you have the chance to take some action against cancer and your support could really make a difference".

If you would like to take part in the Darlington Drop please call the Imperial Cancer Research Fund on 0113 231 9828.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund is dedicated to the prevention and cure of all forms of cancer. Its scientists and doctors are at the forefront of the worldwide effort to defeat cancer. The fund relies almost entirely on voluntary funding to carry out its vital work.

NAME CHANGE FOR AYCLIFFE BASED CATERING COMPANY

Newton Aycliffe based Compass North East which is part of Compass Group and provides catering for business and industry across the region today announced it has changed its name to Eurest.

The new name will be applied to all compass group companies throughout the world which provide catering predominantly for the workplace. Eurest will be a £1.5 billion business with 60,000 employees in more than 40 countries and is backed by the expertise and financial resources of the world's largest food services management organisation, Compass Group.

Within the North East Eurest has 1,200 employees who cater for 25,000 people each working day. It operates 120 sites within the region on behalf of clients in legal and financial services, manufacturing, distribution, construction and the public sector. The announcement of the new name is the culmination of an internal restructuring within Compass Group's business and industry operation in the UK, which has provided greater autonomy and local strength to Compass North East and the other 13 regions in which the company operates across Britain. This restructuring programme has been taking place over the last 18 months and has created a strengthened, more responsive and locally focused organisation.

Through the management of its business on a regional basis, Eurest's clients and customers will be able to benefit from local knowledge coupled with the additional advantage of international experience. Based on a concept of local focus and global resources, Eurest is able to offer a close understanding of local markets, long-term client partnerships and coordinated purchasing.

The regional units are able to provide a better service for clients though local decision making which, couple with shorter lines of communication, means that the individual needs of each client can be taken into account more effectively, leading to quicker responses.

By renaming Compass Services as Eurest, Compass Group has also removed the potential confusion resulting from the parent company sharing the same name as one of its operating companies.

Commenting on the establishment of Eurest, Mike Stangroom Compass North East's managing director said: "Over the last eighteen months, Compass' business and industry activities in the UK have been restructured in order to achieve a greater local focus. The establishment of Eurest, with its decentralised management, will further reinforce this whilst also enabling us to help our clients achieve business success through our global experience and resource. Eurest is already a leading name for workplace catering in Europe; we intend to ensure that, as part of a world leading organisation, Eurest in the North East also provides a quality enhanced service to all its clients on a local level."

New Lunch Club Opens at Bluebell

A new and well attended Lunch Club has been launched at the Bluebell Community Centre in Bluebell Close. The local residents met for the first Lunch Club on Tuesday 6th February at 12.30pm. The first meeting was a great success, the residents expressed how pleased they were to have been at the club.

In the near future, the residents will make use of the Sedgefield District Council Community bus. The bus will take them to various locations throughout the North.

This week (Tue 13th) there was pea and ham soup, bread roll and a cup of tea with a biscuit, all for 50p.

We need volunteers, that would be willing, to help at the community centre for a couple of hours each week. Anybody willing to help should contact Penny the warden on the number below.

Anybody wishing to come along, meet new friends and enjoy some lunch, should contact Penny on 318939.

Martyn D. Locklin
Middridge Ward.

MOBILE PHONE DEALER COULD NOT MEET DEMAND

NEWTON PRESS was sorry to disappoint a few customers wanting to purchase an 'Orange' Mobile Phone following our appointment as dealers. - The response was overwhelming and we sold all our initial stock!

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Ladies, out alone, are finding the Orange Mobile Phone a real boon - giving them a greater sense of security knowing they can call for assistance for any reason when an emergency arises.

The Crime Prevention Officer at Aycliffe, Alan Penman, endorses the ownership of mobile phones as a means of making immediate contact with the Police/Fire or Ambulance should an emergency occur.

All types of accessories are available including in-car hands free use of the phone and in-car battery charging. One useful facility of Orange is that their phones can be used while on charge. Also available is a FREE Answer Phone facility with every Orange Phone, it costs only 9p per minute to recover messages.

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