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BOGUS CALLERS ROB ELDERLY COUPLE

A young couple are active in the area, posing as S.D.C. "Carelink" workers and robbing old people.

The bogus callers struck first at Chilton on Wednesday 28th February at 2.30pm. Fortunately the elderly man had company and the couple were rumbled and left quickly. They must have come straight down to Newton Aycliffe because at 3.00pm an elderly couple in Washington Crescent were called on under the same guise by the couple and £1000 in cash was stolen.

The bogus couple gave the same reason for calling explaining they were checking home security for Carelink. While the woman kept the elderly pair talking her accomplice stole their life savings.

Our local police station are anxious to talk to anyone who might have seen the thieves or can give any information leading to their arrest.

"This is a particularly despicable crime and we have to catch these heartless thieves" said D.C. Neil Hummerston.

The female is described as being in her late 20's, 5'6" smartly dressed. She has a pale complexion and has dark wavy hair. If you can help ring Neil on 314401, but the main purpose of this article is to warn other elderly people of the danger of bogus callers.

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DAVE GAUDER - BRITAIN'S STRONGEST MAN - will launch the "Sold Secure" scheme in Aycliffe with visits to Silverscreen, Holiways and Gregg Little garages on Monday 11th March. "Sold Secure" is part of a major campaign to prevent car crime with the police recommending certain security products for car owners to install. Holiways and Gregg Little who are stocking the crime prevention devices will also give free advice. After a visit to Silverscreen, strongman Dave will launch the scheme at 4pm at Gregg Little Testing Centre on Leaside. He will probably give a demonstration of his amazing strength. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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Leading British mountaineer, Alan Hinkes, who recently reached the summit of K2, will be sharing his mountaineering experiences in a lecture "K2 - Death and Glory" at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on Monday, 18th March at 7.30 pm. During his illustrated talk, Alan will give an insight into the life of a professional mountaineer, including his successful expeditions in the Himalayas and his history as a climber. His track record is phenomenal and positions him as a top climber and the only British mountaineer to have scaled five of the fourteen 8000m peaks. Ascents include the renowned Shisha Pangma, Manaslu, Cho Oyu, Broad Peak, Makalu and his most recent achievement, K2. Alan is the first British mountaineer to have successfully climbed K2 via the south east ridge or "Abruzzi" Spur named the "Savage Mountain" because of its notoriously difficult and



treacherous approaches. It was on this peak that Alison Hargreaves, Alan's climbing partner, was tragically killed mid August. Alan had reached the summit just a few weeks before. To hear more of Alan's breathtaking tales, trials and tribulations and see the rare beauty of the mountains, come along to Spennymoor Leisure Centre on 18th March. It'll be an evening to remember! For further information please contact Spennymoor Leisure Centre on (01388) 815627.

DISCONTENT AS HUNTSMEN LOS 11 - 0 TO CROFT

Croft W.M.C. 11
Huntsman 0
ABYSMAL Huntsman were simply thrashed by a classy yet laid-back Croft W.M.C., writes Martin Walker.

A first half spectacle brought eight goals, ending with Technical Director of Football and eventual minger-of-the-match award winner Stuart Hodgson substituting himself during the break. Yours truly donned the gloves in the second half - and conceded a mere three goals. Croft teased the Huntsman team, more so in the first half, and if not for the acrobatic goalkeeping saves in the second half, the score might well have reached its teens. Boss Hodgson refused to comment of his side's performance. Martin Haigh, who won the man-of-the-match award, stood out, with fellow midfielder Chris Walker, as the best players in the Huntsman side. Huntsman are currently in a cash crisis. Treasurer Russell

Hodgson is sick of the cash barrel for his mates, and unhappy many players are doing little to raise funds for the club. "The basis of a good team is a solid structure" said Hodgson. "Unfortunately, our raising relies on subs, the players. Many players avoid paying subs, yet when we're struggling to hire a bus at the end of season, the players are up in arms. This WILL be eradicated by next season." Huntsman will also be looking for a sponsorship deal for the season. The following part of the deal: A name on front of jersey, name associated with match report, when printed in the Newton News. This week brings a fixt Sunday for Huntsman. Though a rearranged away to Hurworth could arise.

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Further application forms and details contact: Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham (01325) 300700

TEAMS FOR SWIMATHON REQUESTED

The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are seeking teams of six to take part in the annual charity "Swimathon". Now in its 15th year this popular event has raised over £100,000 for local charities.

The one-day event is to be held at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on Sunday 28th April from 8am-5pm.

The team swims for 55 mins in relay-style

sponsored by friends and family. Entry is FREE. Various awards are made for the most cash raised and highest number of lengths swam. It is a fun day and teams are invited from schools, clubs, offices, factories or any organisation interested in helping local charities. Forms can be sent by contacting Newton Press on 300212. After hours: (01388) 775143.

ANTI-CAR CRIME TEAM ARREST FIVE

Five men were arrested this week, caught in the act stealing from cars in Newton Aycliffe.

Members of the public are responding well to police appeals to ring them if they notice anything suspicious happening.

Each of the five men caught came as a result of people ringing the police. The thefts were being carried out on the town and industrial estates.

Chief Inspector Barry Peart is delighted at the success of his

departments campaign against crime.

"But it is only because the general public are giving us their co-operation in catching the criminals" said Barry. "We must be on the alert at all times and watch for anything odd, or suspicious - help us to help you!"

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Letter to the Editor "STOP GIVING US ALL A BAD NAME"

Dear Sir,
I feel I must put pen to paper about the letters you have received on dog dirt in the Bowes Road area. I agree with most of what has been said, but as a dog owner myself, I feel I must defend myself and other dog owners who are not irresponsible.

I live in Bowes Road and I am disgusted at the people who live on and around the hill, who leave their dog mess and they know who they are. When I take my dogs out, I take a plastic carrier bag with me in case of accidents. It only takes a minute to bag it and put it in the bin. I have asked the council twice for a dog bin on the green at Bowes Road, and last year someone came out to explain to me that

there weren't enough funds at the time. I can't understand why the green was missed out in the first place.

My children play on the hill and have dragged other peoples dog mess in on my carpets and it doesn't amuse me at all.

I use Kwik Save carrier bags, they are only 1p each. I buy 50p worth of them and they last two weeks.

Is it so expensive to be a responsible owner? Come on you lazy lot. I've passed you in the street leaving your mess. Stop giving the rest of us a bad name. If you can't be bothered to pick it up, maybe you shouldn't have a dog.

A fed up RESPONSIBLE dog owner.
(Name & Address supplied)

New Activities at Woodham Centre

Sue Abed-Ali, Secretary of the Woodham Village Community Association, would like to thank all who responded to our "Your Say" campaign.

Many new events have now and are being arranged. For example: each Saturday there will be a Children's Dance School (further details from Diane Macadam on 317983). Also, we now hold a regular Coffee Morning each Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am all are welcome.

We have also arranged for a St. John's Ambulance First Aid Instructor to come to the Centre to teach women/men with children (and those who work with children) First Aid. The course is for 12 hours total (4 three hour sessions) and the first session begins Friday the 22nd March, 6.00pm to 9.00pm. The cost is £15.00 (payable at first session).

Places are limited. Those interested should write to the Secretary at the Community Centre NO LATER than Friday the 15th March, with their name, address and telephone number.

Letter to the Editor SPORTS COMPLEX MAKES MONEY FOR THE TOWN

Dear Sir,

Last week, Chris Greenwell claimed that the Oak Leaf Sports Complex costs £500,000 a year to maintain. This is just ridiculous.

In fact, next year, excluding rates, the Oak Leaf Complex will cost the Town Council just £64,500. The Golf Course and Driving Range are budgeted to cost a further £55,400.

However, it must be remembered that the School Aycliffe facilities also make money for the Council. The Golf Complex makes a large profit; the Oak Leaf Complex also makes money, which comes to the Town Council at the end of the contract.

If the School Aycliffe facilities yield their projected income next year, they will not only cover these costs, but will make enough profit to pay the £50,000 which the Council plans to spend on a new covered walkway and washing facilities next to the Golf Shop. Even after these extensions, they will cost the ratepayers nothing.

There is an issue here, even if these facilities failed to pay their own way, it is not good enough

for people to say: 'I won't pay, because I don't like it personally from it'. That kind of attitude is a death-knell of society. School Aycliffe facilities bring pleasure to numbers of people, help to keep Aycliffe people healthy. They are young people off the streets. They are the volunteers many other towns have beside sport. It is a key part of the Town Council's social provision and to want to close down is shameful.

Stan D Clare

Councillor

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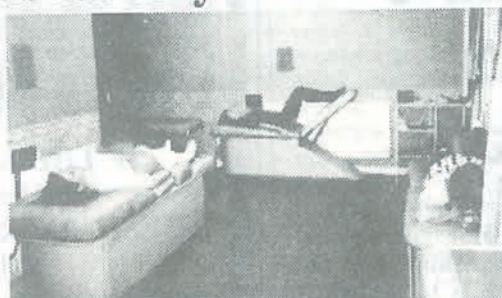
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Adele, who is a fully qualified ASA swimming instructor and Aquafit water aerobics teacher, said "Getting used to the water and learning to swim at an early age is the best policy, but it's never too late to learn! It never ceases to amaze me how many adults go on holiday just to sit around the pool. They don't know what they're missing, but if they come to the Hall Garth, I'll teach them how to be confident in the water."

"The pool here is very conducive to private tuition without an audience," she added. One-to-One swimming lessons for all ages can be booked at the Hall Garth's Leisure Club reception desk on 01325 300400.

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DANCE SCHOOL PUPILS EXCEL

In recent dancing competitions, held on 19th February, pupils of the Hargreaves Jacques School of Dance were successful in gaining 15 1st places, 7 2nd's and 10 3rd's for Ballet, Tap, Modern, Character and Song & Dance.

Modern - 6 & 7 yrs Rebecca Jelly 2nd, Stephanie Graham 3rd, 8-9 yrs Victoria Reed 1st, 12-13 yrs Nicola Ebdon 1st, Cheryl Lynch 2nd, Marie Wilson 3rd, 14 yrs & over Donna Collins 1st, Nicole Smith 2nd. **Ballet** - 8-9 yrs Lyndsay Wilson 3rd, 10-11 yrs Samantha Graham 1st, 12-13 yrs Cheryl Lynch 1st, Nicola Ebdon 2nd, 14 yrs & over Nicole Smith 1st, Donna Collins 3rd. **Baby** - Tap, Ballet, Modern, Song & Dance Taryn Begg 1st in all. **Song & Dance** - 6-7 yrs Rebecca Jelly 1st, 8-9 yrs Victoria Reed 3rd. **Cabaret Duets** - 10-13 yrs Fay Smith/Samantha Graham 1st, 14 yrs & over Nicola Ebdon/Nicole Smith 3rd. **Tap** - 10-11 yrs Fay Smith 3rd, Samantha Graham 3rd, 12-13 yrs Marie Wilson 1st, Nicola Ebdon 2nd, 14 yrs & over Donna Collins 1st, Nicole Smith 2nd. **Character** - 8-9 yrs Victoria Reed 3rd, 12-13 yrs Nicola Ebdon 1st, Cheryl Lynch 2nd.

Trophies were awarded to: Taryn Begg - Baby Award, Victoria Reed - Highest marks in Junior Modern (86), Samantha Graham - Highest marks in Inter Ballet (86), Donna Collins Highest marks in Senior Modern (88), Senior Tap (88), Nicole Smith Highest marks in Senior Ballet (87).

The adjudicators award for Most Promising Dancer (Intermediate) went to Nicola Ebdon.

Congratulations to all who took part, the school is now working hard for competitions and exams in April, as well as numerous other shows and displays including a Gala Show at the Sunderland Empire.

Pupils of the Hargreaves Jacques School of Dance benefit from being trained by a fully qualified teacher, with a recognised and highly respected International Association. At a time when dancing schools are springing up all over the place, it is worth reminding prospective pupils to check that the teacher is properly qualified, and that the qualification is with a recognised association.

For further details ring - 316755

St. Clares Mothers Day Service

A special service for Mothering Sunday is to be held at St. Clare's Church on Sunday 17th March commencing at 9.30am. A warm welcome is extended to all to share in this service, where there will be the usual distribution of flowers and cards. Coffee and tea will be available in the hall after the service.

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Letter to the Editor

I WAS THE ONLY COUNCILLOR TO VOTE AGAINST 'TAX INCREASES'

Dear Sir,
As a minority of one, I spoke and voted against both the town and District Tax budgets for 1996-97.
Higher District charges for an increase in the Council's discretionary Bus Fares, losses, and a 5% increase in Leisure facilities will hit those least able to bear them.
The charges for Leisure activities may prevent even more creative use by young people, which could have detrimental and very costly social effects on them and the whole community.

The transfer of Housing Management to the Recreation Centre, estimated at £117,371.00 may have been less costly if sited in the former District Offices. Which were well used for years before transfer to Green Lane creating a storm of protest.
The Town Council topped the bill yet again with a Precept of £986,250.00. Winning hands down for Aycliffe with a charge of £90.91 for band 1. Highest in Sedgfield District.

That is £31.41 MORE than the District Council charge. Three times the amount the County Police Authority need for their service, and, nearly a third as much as the amount the County service, and, nearly a third as much as the amount the County Council require for ALL their services delivered County-wide!
With a low wage economy, minimal pensions, part-time earnings and increased financial pressures bearing down on so many who work hard to pay their way, I could not vote for those increases. Despite the adverse remarks, the scoffing at my voting in a 'minority of one' in both councils. I appreciate the difficulties many experience. If Aycliffe were LOWEST in the league of council taxes, would tears be shed, or cheers be led over that in Aycliffe? If MORE or ALL Aycliffe councillors voted for lower charges would they be scoffed at? Or applauded for voting for People who Pay, not the Party Group who Say, for a change?
Don Fraser
Woodham & Aycliffe North Ward

JUDO CLUB YOUNGSTERS BRING CREDIT TO THE TOWN



Newton Aycliffe Judo Club had five competitors at the Newburn Mini Mon Competition held on Sunday 25th February 1996.

Natalie Ross aged 12 years had the best result of the day for Newton Aycliffe winning the gold medal in her weight category with an excellent display of Controlled Judo. Philip Ross 13 years and Anthony Cartwright 9 years were both in the running for a medal from the beginning in their respective categories and each gained Bronze medal after sweeping aside opposition from for established clubs.

Garrie Kelly 11 years and Michael Hayes 10 years were unlucky not to be among the medals each winning two fights in their categories.

All were a credit to Newton Aycliffe. Newton Aycliffe Judo Club due to expansion has vacancies for both Junior and Senior members and would welcome anyone showing an interest at either of the two venues listed below.

Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre: Monday: Junior 6pm - 7.30pm Senior 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday: Junior 5.30pm - 7pm
St. Francis School Thursday: Junior 6.30pm - 7.45pm Senior 7.45pm - 9.30pm
Cost is only £1 per session including a free drink. So come along and learn a Martial Art the Gentle Way.

NEW CLASS FOR SLIMMERS

Members of *Slimming World* in Newton Aycliffe at Neville Parade, Samson Close, and St. Clares are losing thousands of pounds and hundreds of inches, to regain their figures for the summer.
Rita from St. Clares class said "I can't wait to buy a new bikini instead of the extra Baggy T. Shirt I've been wearing for years".
Members at all classes are doing wonderful, never feeling hungry and not missing out on their treats but still the weight is dropping off. *Slimming World* has become so popular in Newton Aycliffe we would like to announce a new class opening, there is already a class on a Thursday 7.30pm at St. Clares but from Thursday 21st March, there will also be a 5pm class.
This will be ideal for men and women who work or shop in the town centre. Just call in laden with shopping or straight from work, everyone welcome, just come along or ring Debbie on 300615 for more details.

Come Out For a Walk

SATURDAY 16th MARCH - Welcome Walk.

Meet Anthony Millett at the Health Centre, at 10am. Bring a picnic. Enjoy 5 miles of easy walking in the pleasant, undulating farmland between this charming old village & the attractively-sited gathering ground of the River Skerne. Information obtained on 01325 482164.

SUNDAY 17th MARCH - Horton-in-Ribblesdale

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B.P. Scouts Raised £250

1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Scout Group would like to thank everyone that attended the Country & Western Night on 24th February, it was a great success and we raised £250 for our Group funds.

Special thanks go to the Bounty Hunter who gave his services for the evening free of charge and also the Eden Arms Swallow Hotel for donating prizes for the raffle. We would also like to thank Peter John Beigg from A1FM for advertising the event. We look forward to future events of equal success.

Sue Beadle
Group Scoutmaster

Osteopath talks to Back Pain Club

The speaker at the local Back Pain Association meeting in St. Elizabeth's Church Hall on Thursday March 14th at 1900hrs, will be Simon Muddle, who is one of the regions most respected Osteopaths.

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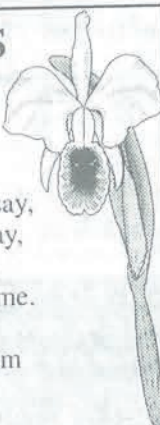
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REGION TEAM JCKY OT TO LOSE

North Albion 1
British Legion 2
ive by Lee Forster.

touch and go for the as they continued the honoured tradition of poorly and winning at scheduled ASE Cup final at Hurworth.

ast weeks cancelled with the Huntsman, th declared their pitch this crucial cup tie gave them the all unt Home advantage a heavily depleted squad who, to be at the end of the day to have luck on their

egion began well, the familiar pressure y are renowned for, ssure paid off early first half as they went through a Trevor free kick. Fellow 'Boro ate seemed to take a of Juninho's book as samba style kick that past the flat footed This superiority was ved as each Legion emed to drift in and the game, with a of passes and shots tray.

a capitalised on this ough they hardly Ian Palmer, they to be out playing Topping's men with t touches, marred by ndard pitch. Despite as the Legion who ain with a Robin Kell nkie Wilson began with a lovely ball to inger David Taylor ped past a challenge Trevor Cooke to shot against the his ricochet to Kell e no mistake.

e second half that ous double blow to on which left the e line fuming with th frustration. This th defender Paul limping off with a y which will make iful for Sundays th Croft. After departure things go down hill as the lost shape and, hich left huge gaps on the field. They r to escape with just oal as Hurworth ck the cross bar.

ng after the match l pairing Topping n Fawcett were to be misquoted.

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NHS TOP CATS PAY COST £1100 MILLION MORE

NHS bureaucrats pay has rocketed by more than £500,000 every day during the last six years, according to new figures released by the Labour Party ahead of the Commons health debate. Bureaucrats salaries in England's NHS are now costing £1,100 million more than before the Tories health service changes. The extra pay has cost the NHS £5.85 every second during the last six years - more than the price of a prescription charge. In the last year alone spending has risen by 6% destroying Conservative claims of a war on NHS red tape. Labour today comments that the Government has NHS with a bloated bureaucracy that diverts huge public money from patient care in every region of the country. Minister Alan Milburn MP released the figures from a report had tabled in Parliament. They show that:

- * spending on total bureaucrats salaries (managerial, administrative & clerical staff) has almost doubled since 1990, before the Tory NHS reforms, from £1.2 billion to £2.3 billion;
- * the Government has spent an extra £505,442 on bureaucrats pay every day since then - that's an extra £21,060 an hour, £350 a minute and £5.85 a second;
- * spending on managers pay has soared the most - by 355% to £723 million in those six years, adding an extra £565 million to the NHS pay bill;
- * the Government has spent an extra £257,513 on managers pay every day - that's an extra £10,728 an hour, £179 a minute and £2.98 a second;
- * in the last year alone NHS spending on managers has soared by £112 million, an inflation-busting rise of 18.3%.

The new figures published by Labour come hard on the heels of last week's nurses pay award and a recent IDS report showing that NHS chief executive salaries have risen at twice the rate of nurses. Speaking to day Alan Milburn said: "The Tories have saddled the NHS with a bloated bureaucracy that is diverting precious public resources from the sharp end of patient care. "Bureaucracy is a ticking timebomb inside the NHS robbing frontline patient services of £20,000 an hour in desperately needed investment. "The government's reforms have sent the NHS red tape bill spiralling out of control. They promised a health service that would be leaner and fitter. Instead it is fatter with bureaucracy. "The Conservatives have given the NHS more staff to count patients but fewer to treat them." Since 1989 nursing numbers have been cut by 50,000 while the number of managers has risen by almost 20,000. Labour is pledged to cut NHS bureaucracy for the benefit of direct patient care. It is estimated that cutting the equivalent of:

- * one second (5.85) off the Tories extra NHS bureaucracy pay, bill could pay for one prescription charge
- * one minute (£351) could buy five out patient consultations
- * one hour (21,060) could pay for one nurse's salary for a whole year
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WILLIAM YOUNG To our Great Grandad, love and kisses, miss you loads **Christopher and Richard**

WILLIAM YOUNG 12-3-93. Precious memories of my darling Dad, miss you more each day, love forever. Your loving daughter, **Jean**, son in law **Jim**. Gentle Jesus up above please give Grandad a real big hug, love **Andrew**

JOYCE GRANT Died 5-2-93. Precious memories of a loving Wife, Mother, Mother-in-law and Grandmother. The heartache of losing you will never go away, we will never forget you, your loving husband **Alan**, sons **Alan**, **Douglas** and **John**, daughter **Jennifer** and **Susan**, daughters/sons in law & Grandchildren **XXX**

PAT McCAFFREY. Each of us in our own way, have special thoughts of you today, **March 10th**. Love you **Mam**, **Robert**, **Elaine**, **Nathan**, **Dale XXX**

PAT McCAFFREY Died 10th March 1994. Loving memories of a dear Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Always in our thoughts, loved in our hearts. Loved and never forgotten **Frank**, **Margaret**, **Patrick**, **Robert**, **Stephen** and **Trish**

HARRY SEDGWICK Treasured memories of my dear Husband, died 9th March 1993. Silently the tears fall, that others do not see, for a kind and loving Husband who meant the world to me. My love is always with you, your place no-one can fill, in life I loved dearly, in death I love you still. God bless you, your loving wife **Margaret**

HARRY SEDGWICK March 9th 1993. You were so very special, we loved you very much, your smiling face we'd love to see, your gentle hand to touch. For those who have a Dad, give him your love and care, because you never know how much it hurts when he's no longer there. God bless Dad, from all your loving family. Gentle Jesus up above, please give Grandad all our love from your devoted Grandchildren **XXX**

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Birthday Memories

FREDA BROWN Memories of a loving Mam, Nanna and Great Nanna on her 80th birthday (10th March). Life goes on but it's not the same, love and miss you, loving daughters **Hazel**, **Brian** and family

FREDA BROWN 10th March. Birthday thoughts of my dear mum, to live in the hearts of those we love is not to die, loving daughter **Valerie**.

FREDA BROWN 10th March Thinking of you, happy memories **Catherine**

Public Notice

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SCOTT Paul and Angie - thank you for a beautiful grandson, 1-3-96, lots of love Mam and Jim

NORMA DIXON and family wish to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and condolences on the sudden death of **Richard Dixon (Richie)**

MARGARET WALKER and family would like to thank friends, doctors and nurses for all their help during their recent bereavement. Also thanks to everyone for all the cards of sympathy etc. Mrs Walker, Lilbruen Crescent

MRS ALICE HILDER would like to thank everyone who assisted me after my fall on Woodham Way on 27th february 1996.

RAYMOND would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and for making a "really great" surprise 50th birthday party

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EMMA JANE TINKLER



Happy 18th Birthday 12th March

JOSH Happy 3rd birthday sweetheart, love you lots from Mammy & Daddy **X GERRARD HACKETT** Happy birthday love from Mammy, Daddy, Kathleen and Fatpie **XXX**

LOGAN 11-3-96. Happy 50th birthday Sandra, lots of love Mam and Dad

LOGAN 11-3-96. Happy 50th birthday Mam, only dates could ever say, the age you are on this day, all our love **Owen** and **Bridgette**

LOGAN 11-3-96. Happy birthday Nana, "Daddy said 50 what's that?" Lots of love **Gabrielle**

SOPHIE SCOTT Happy birthday darling, love from Mummy and Daddy

SOPHIE SCOTT Happy birthday big sister, hugs and kisses **Alexander**

BRIAN MITCHELL Happy 30th birthday, love as always **Karen**

BRIAN MITCHELL Happy 30th birthday Dad, love **Steven** and **Rebecca**

BRIAN MITCHELL Happy 30th birthday, love **Shirl**, **Keith**, **Kirsty** and **Samantha**

BRIAN MITCHELL "It's the big 30" all the best love your big sis, **Barry**, **Lee** and **Nikki**

HAPPY birthday Grandad, lots of love **Beck**, **Samuel**, **John** and **Joseph XXX**

JULIE ROWLAND Congratulations on your 21st birthday, health, love and happiness always love Mam and Dad **XXX**

JULIE ROWLAND Happy 21st birthday sis, don't get too drunk, love **Mark XX**

JULIE ROWLAND Happy birthday Mammy, love and kisses from your gogo bangi, **Daniel Mark XXX**

JULIE ROWLAND Happy 21st birthday, lots of love **Tracey** and **Tony**

AUNTY JULIE Happy birthday, don't get too drunk, lots of love, hugs and kisses **Kendra** and **Michael XX**

JULIE ROWLAND Lots of love on your 21st love you always **Vaughn XX**

JULIE ROWLAND Happy 21st birthday on 10-3-96, hope you have a great night, now your life is perfectly right, love from **Karen** and **Nick XXX**

JULIE ROWLAND Happy 21st birthday Auntie Julie, lots of love your special nephews **Michael** and **Matthew XX**

ALAN WARBURTON 8-3-56, with love and best wishes on your 40th birthday, love **Janet**

ALAN WARBURTON Happy 40th birthday Dad, lots of love **Joanne**

HAPPY BD to **Misso** who lost her eyebrows long ago, do not fear we will rally round, to see if your eyebrows can be found, but if we can't, we'll all chip in and you can get some tattooed in. From **Judith**, **Christine** and **Tracey**

AT LAST your big day has arrived, congratulations **Emma-Jane** on your 18th birthday, health and happiness always, all our love **Grandma** and **Grandad XXXX**

HAPPY 18th birthday **Emma-Jane**, enjoy your day, all our love and best wishes, **Aunty Margaret**, **Uncle Harry**, **Darren** and **Karen XXXX**

HAPPY 18th birthday **Emma-Jane**, have a great day, lots of love **Aunty Linda**, **John**, lots of hugs & kisses, from **Craig XXX**

FROM Russia with love, have a wonderful day, good luck for the future, all our love **Mam** and **Dad**

MARY SHARP Happy 40th birthday Mam, 5th March, love **Tracey**, **John** and **Jordan XX**

JOHN TURNBULL Congratulations on reaching double figures, 10 years old this week, lots of love Mam and Michael

HAPPY 3rd birthday **Josh**, you are a big boy now!! Love you lots **Grandma** and **Grandad XXX**

MICHELLE BULMER Congratulations on passing your driving test love **Vicky**

SARA PRESTON (nee Garner) 11-3-96, happy 21st birthday, all the very best, with all our love from Mam, Dad, Scott and Stuart

TONY HEWITSON and **Irene Taylor**, congratulations Mam and Dad on your wedding 7th March, love and best wishes **Samantha**, **Ian**, **Jenna** and **Jade XXX**

GEORGE SYKES 10-3-96, happy 6th anniversary, darling, all my love always, **Coral XXX**

CORAL Happy birthday and all my love on our anniversary **George XXX**

CORAL SYKES Happy 38th birthday, 10-3-96, lots of love **Zoe**, **Zena** and **Tony XXX**

CORAL & GEORGE SYKES happy 6th anniversary, love always, **Zoe**, **Zena** and **Tony XXX**

JOSHUA JOHNSON Happy 6th birthday **Jooh**, all my love Mammy. Also happy 2nd birthday cousin **Jake** and happy 17th birthday **Uncle Neil**

TOM HURST Happy 65th birthday on 8th March to the greatest Dad with love **Bev**, **Steve**, **Lindsey**, **Mark**, **Neil**, **Carrie**, **Barry** and **Diane**

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Andrea Stones, Fitness Instructor at Woodham Village Community Centre, Newton Aycliffe has become a member of the Reebok Professional Instructor Alliance.

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Andrea will learn about new fitness initiatives across the industry and will have access to details of the very latest fitness and exercise programmes being developed by Reebok University, Reebok's fitness education programming arm. The Professional Instructor Alliance also provides regular updates on the latest technological innovations in Reebok footwear and apparel.

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G.P. OUT OF HOURS CARE CENTRE OPENS

Bishop Auckland's GP Out of Hours Care Centre will open on Friday 1st March. The Centre will be based in the Outpatients Department at Bishop Auckland General and will be open from 19.00 hours to 08.00 hours on weekdays, from Midday on Saturday to 08.00 hours on Monday and all day and night on Bank Holidays.

The centre will provide out of hours care to people within an eight mile radius of Bishop Auckland town centre. Patients needing to see a doctor will be asked to make their own way to the centre but if no transport is available an ambulance can be sent to collect the patient.

Durham Family Health Services Authority fully supports the centre. Ian Bonas, chairman of the FHSA said: "The service will lead to an improvement in out of hours care for patients in the area. The centre will be extremely well organised and staffed, and we have full confidence in the arrangements made."

The centre will be equipped with a full range of medical equipment and a wide range of medicines which are too bulky to be carried by a doctor on a home visit. By having a doctor permanently based at the centre there will be an increase in the number of patients who can be treated, as currently 50% of a doctor's visiting time is spent travelling.

A driver will also be available to accompany the doctor for home visits and an additional doctor will be on stand by should the centre become busy.

Over the past 20 to 30 years the demand for out of hours visits has risen dramatically, with most practices adopting a rota system allowing one GP to sleep whilst the other does the calls. This increasing demand has led to several unfilled vacancies in General Practice within the County. The FHSA is therefore pleased to support the opening of the centre which will result in better arrangements for out of hours care both for patients and doctors. Dr. Stewart Findlay, a member of the South Durham Doctors Co-operative said: "At the moment many doctors on out of hours duty have to work the following day and are unable to provide the same quality of care if they have been working all night. Doctors working at the urgent care centre will normally have time off the next day."

"Having the centre will also help us to recruit high quality doctors to the area and in doing so improve patient care. The initiative will help particularly with recruiting women doctors as their personal security on out of hours duty will be improved. There has been considerable demand for such a service and several GPs throughout the County have been using a similar system for some time."

Newton Aycliffe Practices covered by the Out of Hours Care Centre are Dr. Alcock and Partners, Dr. Saunders and Partners and Dr. Martin and Partners.

Mens Bowls Team in Finals

Following the success of the ladies in the unbadged pairs, Saturday evening saw four men from the Aycliffe Bowling Club win through to the All England Indoor National Finals at Melton Mowbray on April 13th.

Alan Metcalf, Jack Potter, David Barron and Derek Dowson beat D. Wilson, J. Brown, D. O'Donnell and C. Facchini of Hartlepool by 21 points to 15 in a hard fought game.

All four Aycliffe men are keen club members playing in the Great Lakes Leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex and representing the club in the Inter Club County League and competitions.

The National Finals is nothing new to Alan and Derek who qualified last year in the pairs but this is the first season the four have teamed up together and we hope their success continues at Melton Mowbray.

With one match left in the County League for both the men and women, see the men in top place in their division, close on their heels are Shildon and Spennymoor in second and third places and with a maximum of 12 points available. There is all to play for in the last game to decide the championship especially as Aycliffe play Shildon.

The Ladies don't have it any easier gaining first place after their last match they now meet Gateshead who are just 1 point behind them in second place.

Success for Sedgfield 75

SEDGFIELD'S Lindsey Atkinson collected her first medal of the season at the Newcastle Open on 11th/12th February. She finished second and collected a silver medal in the 100 metre Butterfly in a time of 1.15.43, which qualifies her for N.E.C. championships later this year.

Mark Surtess also collected N.E.C. times in the 100 metre Butterfly (1.15.20) and 1 metre Freestyle (1.03.13). All of the swimmers attending the event swam well with many achieving personal best times: Carol Mohan, Ad Burton, and Lindsay Needham.

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