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FRONT PAGE LETTER

"IS ANYTHING SPENT ON KEEPING THE TOWN CLEAN?"

Dear Sir,
Recently, I extolled the virtues of living at Woodham Village to a colleague who was considering moving to this area. I expressed my satisfaction with the facilities available for recreation and mentioned the good quality, reasonably priced houses currently on the market. On my advice, he visited the town with his family. At a recent meeting, I enquired whether he had decided to buy a property in the town. I was very dismayed with his response. He advised me in no uncertain terms that Newton Aycliffe, and more specifically Woodham Village, was the last place in the area in which they would buy

a property. Was it the lack of investment in the Town Centre? I asked. No. This was a disappointing feature, but something they could live with. Was it the high crime rate associated with this area? Again, this was not the major obstacle. Sadly, the overwhelming reason for not wishing to live in this town was down to something which would be simple and reasonably cheap to combat. Litter and dog "mess"! In his opinion, the state of our streets summed up the quality of life his family could expect to enjoy if they moved to the Town. Since those views were expressed, I realise that I must have been walking around with my eyes closed for the past few years, or is the problem simply getting worse? The once beautifully kept verges and flower beds are strewn with papers, tin-cans, cigarette packets and dog dirt. At the current rate of deterioration, we shall soon be wading ankle deep in rubbish as we walk along the bridle ways at Woodham. I appreciate that the problem stems from laziness. As a parent and dog owner myself, I would never allow my child to drop litter in the street or let my pet foul the verges - but not everyone is as

asks resident

conscientious as me. However, I feel that the local Council must take responsibility for keeping the town clean. Whether by a process of education, employing people to pick up litter or a combination of both. I may be wrong, but I consider that the residents of this Town pay one of the highest Council Tax rates in the North East. Is anything spent on keeping the place clean? I seem to recall that the Government's Peoples' Charter contained references to the responsibility of Local Authorities to ensure we all enjoy a clean and tidy environment. Maybe the time has arrived to insist that Aycliffe Town Council and/or Sedgefield District Council honour that commitment. I am not naive enough to believe that these problems are peculiar to Newton Aycliffe, but I am shocked to think that the situation is now so bad that prospective house buyers are being put-off! Woodham resident (name & address supplied)

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EX-SHOWGIRL STARTS NEW DANCING SCHOOL



Newtonian Diane McAdam, ex Professional Dancer who has appeared in Shows all over the world, starts her own Dance and Aerobic School in the town this week. Diane was taught initially by her mother who runs the Greenfield Dancing School. After 14 years with mum Diane studied for a further 2 years at the Norfolk Stage School before taking professional engagements for a further 6 years. Her qualifications include N.B.D.O., N.E.S.P.A., R.S.A./Y.M.C.A. She returned home in 1993 and has helped her mother, while running numerous Aerobic and Line Dancing Classes in the area. As there is an increasing demand from Newton Aycliffe for children's dance classes Diane is starting her own school with sessions at the following venues:

Tuesday:	Line Dancing	5.45 - 6.30pm	Greenfield Meeting Hall
	Bums, Tums & Thighs	6.40 - 7.20pm	Greenfield Meeting Hall
	Line Dancing	7.40 - 8.30pm	Aycliffe Leisure Centre
Wednesday:	Tap & Modern	6.00 - 8.00pm	Greenfield Meeting Hall
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Legion Lose in Clash of Titans

Royal British Legion 3 - Croft WMC 4
Exclusive by Lee Forster

It was billed as the "clash of the titans" a game which boasted exceptional performances from both teams as Croft WMC reasserted their league superiority in this thrilling encounter which surely must be a contender for the "game of the season". The League Cup Semi-Final saw Chairman Tommy Summerson attend the match along with the many other Legion supporters. With the match barely minutes old, Left Back Mick Molloy gave the supporters a taste of what was to come with an excellent goal. While the Croft defence were disputing the free-kick decision, Molloy took advantage and hit a precise shot which the 'keeper say fly into the bottom right hand corner. However Croft had the perfect reply with two goals which gave 'keeper Ian Palmer no chance. Trailing 2-1 down, the Legion to their credit never dropped their heads and throughout the game looked the stronger team. What followed was perhaps the decision that effectively killed off the Legion's chances. A Legion move was finished off superbly by Winger Frank Wilson, who to Manger George Topping's disbelief was adjudged by the Referee and Linesman to be offside, yet even the Croft players thought it was legitimate. After the break the Legion showed the form that has been consistent all season with two outstanding goals from Midfield Maestro Mark Shield and Wilson, both created from the brilliant work of Forwards Trevor Cooke and Mike Swankie. Yet with this being a Semi-Final the tie changed within the space of five minutes. Disaster struck twice with a dubious penalty and a headed goal to put the game beyond the Legion's grasp. Man-of-the-Match was awarded to the Legion Captain Darren Griffiths who along with his defence produced a solid performance. Next weeks game sees the Legion play bottom of the league side Red Hall Rangers at Moore Lane.

HUNTSMEN F.C. BOUNCE BACK

**Hurworth Albion 1
Huntsman 4**
STRIKER Wayne Marram grabbed two goals last week, which helped Huntsman comfortably beat Hurworth Albion, writes Martin Walker. In a week when Croft WMC were yet again victors of the Royal British Legion, lowly Huntsman won their first game in six weeks. Huntsman dominated the game, and were 3-1 up at half time thanks to goals from Morgan Fielding, Russell Hodgson and fellow 'Boro supporter Wayne Marram. Marram is, like myself, a diehard fan - and not just a glory supporter who's followed The Boro since being top of the table last season. Russell Hodgson's goal was the highlight of the game. After a corner was cleared from the left, the ball fell to Hodgson on the right corner of the penalty box. When Hodgson let fly, a usual scream of 'over the crossbar' was on everybody's lips, but the ball dipped - and as a result of the power given into the effort by Hodgson, it blazed into the top left corner. It could only be classed as a scintillating goal by Hodgson, and a contender for the Huntsman goal of the season. The second half was less fruitful, but another goal made sure of the result. Travelling supporter Gerry Shevells reflected on the game: "Like I say, I always watch the Huntsman play every Sunday, it was great to see them win for a change, and like I say, we fully deserved it."

The Man-of-the-Match award was given to inspirational substitution Mark Baptist, while the Minger-of-the-Match was Morgan Fielding. **EXCLUSIVE No. 1:** Paul Kelly looks set to leave the Huntsman. He has failed to even turn up over the last two weeks, and has given poor excuses. Kelly is probably Huntsman's most influential player at the moment, and would prove to be a great loss. **EXCLUSIVE No. 2:** Technical Director of Coaching Stuart Hodgson could have a major signing in the pipeline for next season. Hodgson says his name

cannot be revealed, as he is local and it would upset a number of people. "He's a quality player and we'll build our team around him. I really hope we sign him, and other good players too." Said Hodgson. This week, Huntsman play away to Fox and Hounds - a very tough trip if ever there was one.

Raffle Winners

Greenfield Raffle Romanian Appeal held in Gateway Store - unclaimed prizes are:
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Green 338 Week 3 - second prize

Letter to the Editor Ignorance and Prejudice over Horndale Residents

Dear Sir,
In 1400, the equipment of Bedlam Hospital comprised four pairs of manacles, eleven iron chains, six locks and two stocks. This century, the Nazis found other ways to deal with those they labelled Untermensch - amongst whom they included not only people with learning disabilities, but also Jews, homosexuals and Labour politicians. They shut them in a concentration camp and worked them till they died. In this supposedly more enlightened age, we look back in horror at the ways our ancestors treated those who did not meet social norms. We like to think we do better nowadays. But we carry with us a baggage of ignorance and prejudice which we must confront. When the town Council was asked recently to support the campaign to keep Horndale House open, I was happy to give my support. Some of the residents there have learning disabilities which mean that they will never want, or be able, to live in the community. For them, Horndale House should be kept open. Such people have a right to live in a residential home like Horndale House, and this right should not be taken away from them. But that does not mean I support those who would keep Horndale House open for EVERYBODY with learning disabilities. Neither can I agree to a scheme which restricts them to a certain Council estate, like Jews in some medieval ghetto. We have grown beyond that. It is beyond argument that many people with learning disabilities are much happier when they get out of a residential home into a shared living scheme. Few of them ever want to go back. It is simple fact that, when they are given proper support, they cause no trouble - and indeed become loved by the community in which they live. I was horrified at the public meeting to hear people wanting rid of 'them', complaining that 'they' will reduce house prices, that 'they' have to take tablets. One speaker was alarmed to think that his little girls might ever play near 'them'. People have to speak out against such ignorance and prejudice. I am told that saying this will lose me votes, I cannot believe it. This is a matter of good and evil. People with learning disabilities are not 'them' - they are 'us'. The people in Horndale House have no criminal record. They will never drive their car across the grass, or hammer into the middle of the night like 'ordinary' neighbours. Often they are shy and gentle - vulnerable people who need protecting from the community. Life has given them a raw deal, and we have to see that they are fairly treated. I was proud to be a Town Councillor the other night. One councillor wanted the residents of Horndale House to live in the community near him, where they were accepted and would be safe. Another councillor argued forcefully for living in the wider community as a matter of principle. Everybody had the good of the residents themselves in the forefront of their arguments. In the end, the Council voted that it wanted to keep Horndale House open - for those people with learning disabilities who do not want, or are not able, to live amongst the local community in a shared living scheme. The people who live in Horndale House - if they want, and are able - ought to be able to come and live amongst us on any of the estates in the Horndale-Byerley ward. It is their right and freedom to do so. It is our duty to welcome them, and look after them. I am told that they will be rejected, mocked, persecuted - that their lives will be made a misery. This ought not to happen, and those of us who are not stuck in the Middle Ages must go to war with anybody who tries to do so.
John D Clare

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Get the Drinkers off the Streets!

Dear Editor,

Surely there must be some way to reconcile the residents of the town with the minority of youths who are causing endless vandalism and drunkenness.

Some of these young people have not enough money to go to public houses or expensive night clubs, so they buy their own alcohol and actually there is nowhere they can meet together and have their drinks without getting on peoples nerves.

Surely something could be arranged on a reward-for-decent-behaviour basis.

Some dry sheltered old building somewhere where a bottle bank would be provided and providing the young people used the area and didn't hang around the parks and swings and doorways etc.; kept it reasonably clean. The rewards could be given to them of better shelter and seats etc. as they realize that the more they do for us the more we would be willing to help them. (Some will be beyond help) but a lot might appreciate it as eventually they will have a safe meeting place and won't always be moved on and reported by harassed residents.

This would all take time and meetings and understanding from both the youths (18+) and the people of Aycliffe. The endless broken glass and mess and noise is getting unbearable so surely this is one more suggestion towards creating a better atmosphere between some of the more decent youth and the people of this town.

H. Marshall
Mellanby Crescent

Senior Citizens Dinner for £1.50p

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On Friday 22nd March,

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We especially invite all you young people to join us in a time of teaching and praise. If you've never been to church before, why not give it a whirl - you will be

Letter NOW I KNOW WHERE I LIVE!

Dear Sir,
through your columns I would like to thank Councillor Tony Moore for last week's front page letter advising residents of Woodham Village where they actually live. I appreciate the need for a Councillor of Mr. Moore's intellect to furnish residents with such vital information, as considerable stress can be experienced by not knowing where one lives.

I am sure many Woodham residents will not be able to contain their excitement at being citizens of Newton Aycliffe and residing within the Parish of Great Aycliffe. They will be overwhelmed by the honour and great celebrations and best festivities are sure to take place.

If there are any other matters as important and contentious as this one that totally annoy Councillor Moore perhaps you could arrange for priority front page cover, or alternatively you could issue a SUPPLEMENT. Yours sincerely,
John Upton, Woodham Village.
(Sorry, I forgot already - Woodham, Newton Aycliffe!)

WIN FOR AYCLIFFE

At the Wild Boar Chase at Ferryhill David Bailey won the Junior Mens Race.

On Wednesday night at Aycliffe in the latest Lamplight 5 Road Race Colin Gibson of Aycliffe Athletics Club took 28 minutes followed by Richard Harvey 31 mins, Alan Wilks 31 mins, Rob Nicholson 31m 23s, Cec Sugden 31m 59s, P. Upton 32 mins, Mick Brunskill 32 mins and Christine Brunskill.

New Directors for Flymo



NEWTON AYCLIFFE-BASED FLYMO, PART OF THE ELECTROLUX GROUP, HAS APPOINTED PETER GINGER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ITS UK OPERATION AND CHRIS WALSHAW SALES & MARKETING DIRECTOR.

Peter Ginger, who was previously Divisional Director at Flymo, was part of the team responsible for Flymo's growth, which has seen it double output from its Newton Aycliffe factory in the past five years. Chris Walshaw, previously Marketing Director, was responsible for Flymo's growth into Europe and will now take on responsibility for the development of the Flymo brand across all markets, including the UK.

The appointments follow the recent move of Flymo's previous Managing Director, Les Evans, to the position of Director of Marketing, Sales and Product Planning in Electrolux's worldwide floor care business. Commenting on his new appointment, Peter Ginger said: "This is certainly a further confirmation of Electrolux's commitment to its Aycliffe operation and what has already been a very successful Flymo business."

Flymo is the UK market leader in lawnmowers, and employs around 750 people at its Newton Aycliffe factory and offices.

Horndale House Action Committee Formed

Dear Sirs,
An Action Committee has now been formed to fight the closure of Horndale House.

The Chairman being myself and the Secretary Mrs. Sara Jones.

The other members of the Committee are as follows:

Mrs. Margaret Hartly, Mr. Peter Kirton, Ms. Yvonne Ayre, Ms. Ellen McLeod.

The following Notice of Motion was passed at the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th March and the Committee fully appreciate the support which was received by the local Town Councillors.

"That the Council supports the retention of Horndale House as a Home for those with learning disabilities who do not want, or are unable to live in the Community, to act as a Respite Centre for carers and a Community Centre for those living out in the Community.

Yours sincerely,
County Councillor
Tony Moore

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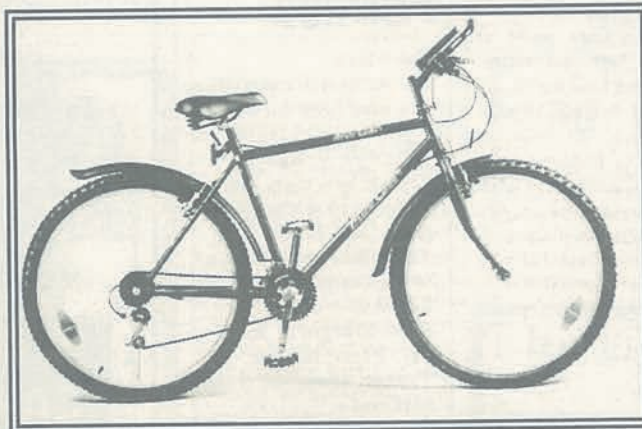
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particularly attractive to them as the whole area is secured by close circuit T.V. Other business operating from the "Blue Bridge Centre" include Gordon Scott (Fire Extinguishers), Ashwood Arts, an Injection Moulding firm and a Fitness Centre. We understand a large area is also being taken as a furniture warehouse. Eric Lodge, former U.M.M. Personnel Officer, is administering the lettings for I.E.S. and can be contacted on 316834. He is encouraged by the interest in the project and is quick to commend Sedgefield District Council for their excellent co-operation. "They have moved very quickly to make the letting process simple and easy." "The company, who operate all over Britain, are most impressed with S.D.C. whose measure of assistance outstrips any other in the country."

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Dear Sir,
with reference to County Councillor Tony Moore on his statement 'Woodham is in Newton Aycliffe'. I have lived in Woodham now for 3 1/2 years, I moved here and got married, I am one of those people Mr. Moore is complaining about. When I fill in my address I do not wish to write down Newton Aycliffe. I do have my reasons for this, and I am sure other people have theirs. If the Council were to make the town centre a place to be proud of maybe people would like to be associated with it. There are no decent shops - many people travel to Darlington or Bishop Auckland to do their main

shopping, Aycliffe town centre is a ghost town. I have no doubt once Aycliffe was a thriving town, but all I see is vandalism and joyriders tearing round the town late at night. Is this something to be proud of? Woodham is becoming bigger and bigger, we need a better town centre, we need more facilities to cater for the growing population. I will go on writing my address the way I wish, I use my postcode. If Mr. Moore would improve his town centre perhaps people would not be so ashamed or embarrassed to associate themselves with Newton Aycliffe. Mrs. T.C. - Woodham (name & address supplied)

Stay Calm Tony!

Dear Sir,
Re: Tony Moore - (totally annoyed)
As you can see, I have recorded my address as instructed. What next Mr. Moore?
All wheely-bins to be put out simultaneously at 7.30am, in Street order and in alignment?

I am aware of Great Aycliffe Parish Council - It is one of few that takes the ever increasing Council Tax from us. Stay Calm, Tony. Yours faithfully
W. W. Thompson
Brook Close
Woodham
Newton Aycliffe



BIG BIKE SALE BARGAINS AT WOODHAM

Two fantastic things are just about to be launched in the Sedgefield area - the first Parish Constables, Special Constable Stuart Anderson and Section Officer Julie McGee will take to the streets of Sedgefield from Monday 25th March and Ferrero Cycles launches its' first 'Ferrero Cycle Roadshow' to be held at the Woodham Hotel/Equestrian Centre at Newton Aycliffe. Ferrero are so confident of the quality of their cycles that they have donated a 'Mountain Bike' to Sedgefield for their first Parish Constables to use. The bicycle is constructed using Oria Tubing and Cro-Moly, (a combination of Chromium and Molybdenum), forks to retain the ability to withstand the stresses of extreme usage and exceeds the new AFNOR 29/001 European Safety Standard. Ferrero Cycles is the exclusive marketing and distribution arm of FER CAP Srl, which is an abbreviation of Mr Allesandro Ferrero (FER), (of the chocolate 'Ferrero Rocher' fame), and Mr Guiseppe Capello (CAP). The Capello name is world renown for its Road Racing Cycles and its Racing Team

won the Tour de France on seven occasions - the team included Jacques Anquetil (France), Eddy Merckx (Belgium) and Tommy Simpson (UK). Capello have been making cycle frames for many years and amongst their client base are Bianchi in Italy, Orbea in Spain and Raleigh in the UK to mention but a few. For anybody wanting to get hold of these fantastic new cycles to hit the UK market, the first 'Ferrero Cycle Roadshow' will be held at the Woodham Hotel/Equestrian Centre, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March from 10:00am until 5:00pm. To help launch Ferrero Cycles in the UK the Roadshow will feature many cycles at amazing prices - some in excess of 70% discounted prices - to get a great deal get yourself down there - don't miss out! With light nights fast approaching, you'd be mad to miss out on the once-in-a-lifetime offer to purchase a top-of-the-range mountain bike at second-hand prices!! And for those security conscious amongst us - there will be the opportunity to have your new bike security marked on the day - completely free of charge!

Trimdon choir Visits Town

The recent choir concert at Neville Parade was a sell out and people left asking for more so, ever happy to oblige, there will be another concert this time by TRIMDON DISTRICT MALE VOICE CHOIR, at Neville Parade on Saturday March 23rd at 7pm. The admission charge is only £2 per person which is real value for money considering the prestige of this choir. Originally the choir was called the Trimdon Male Voice when it was formed, mostly by miners, 68 years ago. With the closure of the pit and people moving away from the village the choir opened its doors to people from farther afield and was renamed the Trimdon and District Male Voice Choir. Its a very successful and popular choir of 30 singers, conducted by Chris Preson and accompanied by Marjorie Talbot. They perform all round the area and frequently travel to competitions in which they have been very successful. You can "pay at the door" on the night of the concert but if you want to be sure of tickets its best to ring 315538 and make reservations.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' LAST CHANCE

Dear Residents,
you are advised that the Greenfields School expansion proposals which include an outdoor all weather sports pitch to be used for 40 hours community use outside school hours will go before the Council Planning Department Committee for approval on 28th March 1996. You have until the 20th of March to put your objections in writing to the Planning Officer at the Sedgefield District Planning Department at Green Lane, Spennymoor. We urge you to take this opportunity to express

your objections to the proposal. A member of the Greenfields Estate Action Group



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The Rosary Procession will commence at 3pm with opening prayers at St. Joseph's Chapel, Stephenson Way, led by Father Keith Walker. St. Clare's Anglican Church is the next destination and the procession will conclude with benediction in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be carried to represent the ecumenical fellowship of Our Lady of Walsingham in Newton Aycliffe and neighbouring parishes. Refreshments will be available after benediction. Further details are available from Joan Thorpe, 9 Auckland Place Telephone 315627

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EVA PALMER To a wonderful Mother on Mother's Day, love always, David, Ian and families XX
FARRELL Sunday may be Mothers Day, but we love you just the same every day, from your 3 little boys Jake, Sam & Declan XXX
HAZEL WARD To our Mam, Happy Mothers Day, lots of love from Helen, Nicola and Rachel XXX
LIZ WHEATLEY You're always there when I need you, you've always got time to care, and when I need someone to turn to I know you'll always be there - the best Mam in the world, love Vicky
LIZ WHEATLEY Mam, sorry I can't be with you, you know I'd rather be there, to wish you happy Mothers Day and show you that I care, love and miss you stax, Neil in Canada
LIZ WHEATLEY To a special Mum, happy Mothers Day from your little girl, Terri XXX
LIZ WHEATLEY To my darling Wife on Mothers Day, love you to bits, Roberts XXX
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HAPPY Mothers Day, thanks for everything, love Karen, Harley, Danielle and Kayleigh XXXX
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FREDA ELLIOTT No flowers to give, no cards to send, but always remembered Mam on this Mothers Day, love you always Peter X
JANE WAKE (Burrell) Fond memories of our dear Mam, a special person, a special face, someone we love and cannot replace. Love and God bless, son Steve, daughters Mena, Jenny, Theresa and Sophia
JENNY TARVIT There is so much to thank you for, such happy times to recall and those two simple words "with love" somehow say it all, all our love always, from Billy, Gail, Kathleen, Jenny, Joan, Karen, Robert, Daphne and Lilly XXX

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BLEWITT Bertha Mary, died 10th March 1995. A much loved Mam, Grandma and Great-Grandma. Sadly missed by all of her family and remembered with the love she always gave us.

PAT McCAFFREY 10-3-94. The second year is over without you by my side, how many times I've missed you, how many times I've cried. When you lose someone you love the hurt is hard to hide, but when you lose your mother the hurt goes deep inside, they say time heals, words said in vain, because my life without you Mam, will never be the same. Deep in my heart you will always stay, loved and remembered every day, love your youngest daughter Patricia XXX.

PAT McCAFFREY 10-3-94. Sadly gone but not forgotten. Margaret and Tommy.

PAT McCAFFREY Sadly gone but not forgotten. Carol Ann, Gerard and Jamie.

EDNA ROWLAND In memory of a dear mam and nana, memories are our keepsake, love William, Denise, Tracey, Mark & Julie.

JOHN ROBERT COOK

Died 19th March 1986.

Memories of you silently kept, someone too special to ever forget.

From his dear wife and family.
God bless.

JEAN GRADY Died 14-3-95. I find it very hard to put into words how much we all love and miss you, I wish it was all just a bad dream and you will be with us when we wake up, but that is not to be, all we have are memories, God love and keep you, till we meet again, your loving husband Ian, Kids Kim, Kelly and Lee.

JEAN GRADY A lonely year it has been without here to help me through it Mam, I miss you so much and want you back, no-one can ever replace you - love from Lee.

JEAN GRADY March 14th. It's been a long lonely year, since you went away, never a day goes by when you are not in our thoughts and our hearts. We all love and miss you, more now than ever. To a great Mam and loving Nana, love and miss you, Kim and Grandsons, Aidan and Reece XXX.

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LESLEY & TREVOR Thank you for our lovely Grandson, Kieran Andrew Bygate 7lb 15oz, born 26th February, lots of love Mam and Dad Bygate

TO LESLEY Thank you for my beautiful son Kieran Andrew Bygate and brother for Chloe-Rose, all my love Trevor

FRIENDS OF Sugar Hill would like to thank the Workmen's Club for the use of the Concert Hall and for the donation, for the sign sing choir, also the parent who baked cakes, to the people who turned up to watch, made in total £141 for the school.

JULIE ROWLAND would like to thank all family and friends for a great 21st birthday party and for all cards and presents received. A special thank you to my Mam, Dad, Vaughn, Tracey, Tony, Mark and Janet and Brian XXX

HANNAH ROSE Jackson would like to say "thank you" for all her lovely cards and presents received to welcome her to this new world, "onwards and upwards"

BOB & SANDRA would like to thank all family and friends for the kindness shown on their Silver Wedding Day, especially Joanne, Donna and Scott for making it such a memorable occasion

MARINA CLELLAND and daughters would like to thank all family and friends for their cards, flowers and condolences, during the sudden death of Mr James W. Clelland also to thank Rev. P. Baldwin, John Meynell Funeral Directors and the nurse who assisted us in Woolworths. Mrs M Clelland, Deborah and Jayne, Bowes Road

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Birthday Memories

WENDY BOWTELL March 16th, Wend, you might not be in my sight, but you will always be in my thoughts, love you always Paul.

WENDY BOWTELL March 16th, you were the best Mam in the world and always will be, Katie, Paul and Thomas XXX

WENDY BOWTELL (16th March) In our thoughts today and always. Never forgotten. Sharon, Janet, Debbie and Linda (The Golden Girls)

WENDY BOWTELL on your 32nd birthday, March 16th, you are never more than a thought away Cathy

WENDY BOWTELL 16-3-64. With fondest memories always to be remembered Karen XX

RENA 15th March, birthday memories of a dear Mother, Sister, Daughter and Fiancee, we send all our love and thoughts to you, love always Jeff, Amy and Alan XXX

RENA Happy birthday, thinking of you, love Brian Sasha and Buster XXX

RENA Thinking of you on your birthday, love Chach X

RENA Thinking of you on your birthday, love Firthy X

RENA HUMBLE Thinking of you always and forever, Joanne and John-Paul

RENA HUMBLE Gentle Jesus up above give our Rena a great big hug on this and everyday, Lauren, Sophie and Luke XX

DOROTHY EVANS Special memories of a friend, on her birthday, March 21st, miss you Doreen

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MEADOWS HUNTER

Happy 18th birthday girls

Guess who?

VICTORIA BLEWITT Congratulations Victoria on receiving you Bronze medallion, life saving award, Mam, Dad and James

HAPPY 21st birthday Katie, 15-2-96, all our love and kisses Kathy, Ryan and Jordan XXX

HAPPY 21st Katie, love from Brendan and Henk XXX

KATIE 15-2-96, happy 21st birthday, love you always Maryk XXX

BYGATE, Lewis Davidson was born on Saturday 2nd March a 9lb 10z hunk, lots of love from Mam, Dad, Daniel and Maggie the pup XXX

WELCOME to the world, Kieran Andrew Bygate, born 26th February, 7lb 15oz, lots of love from Uncle Andrew, Auntie Lorna and cousin Lewis B XXX

PLEASED to meet you Danny, love from Lewis and Kieran XXX

LAURA KELLY Happy 7th birthday to our daughter on 20-3-96, lots of love from Mam and Dad

HAPPY birthday to my sister Laura, love Michael XXX

MARTIN RHYS JONES Happy 1st birthday, love Mummy and Daddy

WHEADON Elizabeth Lots of love on your birthday from Derek XXX

WHEADON Elizabeth Hip Hip Hooray Mam is 50 today, lots of love from Denise and Andrew

WHEADON Elizabeth It's the big 50, happy birthday Mam, love from Andrew and Mally

DIXON, Billy and Monica, congratulations Mam and Dad on your ruby wedding anniversary, love and best wishes Wendy, and Emma-Louise

HORSLEY congratulations to Jeff and Jayne on the birth of Lewis James, born 7-3-96, our first beautiful Grandson, lots of love Mum and Dad

BRIGGSY, MIK Good luck in the Army, I'll love you forever, Alz

HEDLEY Hip Hip Hooray my grandad is 50 today, 17-3-96, love you lots, hugs and kisses from your little ray of sunshine, Danielle

HAPPY 18th precious, your round on Sunday love "Big Man"

BEST WISHES to Scott Latta on your 18th birthday, lots of love from Mam XXX

SCOTT LATTA all the best on your 128th birthday, loads of love from sis and Peter

DIANE WILLIAMS To a special Mam and grandma happy Mothers Day all our love Tracy, Henry and Mark XX

HADFIELD Happy 1st birthday to a very special nephew and cousin Marky. Enjoy your party, Buster!

Loads of love Auntie Julie, Uncle Rod, Michelle and Melissa XXX

HADFIELD Happy 1st birthday to our special little grandson Mark, love you loads, little darling, love and kisses Grandma and Grandad Williams XXX

HADFIELD To our darling little Marky, happy 1st birthday, lots of love and kisses Auntie Jo and Uncle Andrew XXX

MARK HADFIELD Happy 1st birthday to our darling son, love you lots cheeky face, all our love Mummy and Daddy XXX

Nicola Joanne Hunter



Best of luck with your driving test, and happy 18th birthday on 16th March - Love from Mam, Dad and Alison

TRACY ANDERSON



To our special daughter, Happy 8th birthday (18-3-96), lots of love and kisses Mammy and Daddy

To our granddaughter happy 8th birthday (18-3-96) lots of love and kisses Grandma, Grandad and Grandpa

CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda Moran on your daring fund raising jump, love from Uncle Terry

MUIR Happy 30th birthday Dad, love Daniel and Kelly

DAVE "ALDO" MUIR 16-3-96, the big 30 are the legs going? Luv Julie

DAVE "ALDO" MUIR Best wishes on your 30th birthday, have a great party, from Dorothy and Cec

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy 6th birthday sweetheart, lots of love Mummy and Daddy

KIRSTY GIBSON Happy birthday big sister, love from the little rip (Jamie) XXX

KAREN & STAN on your engagement on March 8th, lots of love Mam, Kristina and Claire

HAPPY 10th birthday Kayleigh, love Mam, Dad and Danielle XX

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Letter to the Editor

TAX INCREASE KEPT TO 3%

Dear Sir,
I know the problems facing people today in a Tory-induced low-wage economy. But inflation is running at more than 3%. Wages (which take a quarter of the Council budget) are set to rise 4%. In addition to this, for the first time, the Town Council is having to budget for new regulations which allow part-time workers to join superannuation schemes. How could the Council reduce its precept?

Last year, we drew £30,000 from reserves to support the budget. We could not keep on doing that! This year, our options were two: EITHER we raised the precept to meet rising costs. OR we cut services and facilities.

We did not want to cut services. That would damage those on the lowest incomes. It is they who need cheap, well-run Council services

most of all. So, in the end, we increased the precept. We kept the increase down to 3%. This is less than inflation. It is a rise of £30,000 - exactly the amount we borrowed from our reserves last year. It amounts to just 5p per household per week. It is not an outrageous increase. Other opposition politicians accepted the budget. As responsible people, they knew that we either raise the money, or do without the services.

I do not scoff at Councillor Fraser for voting, alone, against every decision the Town Council takes. We always listen carefully when he speaks. However, Councillor Fraser does not have to balance the Council budget. On the issue of the Town Council precept for next year, what he wanted was totally impractical.
Councillor Terry Hogan

BODYWATCH AT REDWORTH HALL

World Strength Record Holder, Dave Gauder also known as 'G Force', displayed a fraction of his powerful abilities when he lifted three of the Redworth Hall 'BodyWatch' ladies all at once on Sunday, 10th March.

Gauder, who has single-handedly pulled the British Airways 'Concord' 40 feet along one of the Heathrow Airport runways, saw the event as a 'slight' challenge since the proud ladies in question have over the past 8 weeks successfully shed, on average, 12lbs each.

Les Mooney, the Health Club Manager, developed BodyWatch over seven months ago. This innovative programme helps people to re-design their figure through aerobic exercise, diet awareness and educational

talks. With the help of Lavinia Stoneley, former Health Advisor, BodyWatch has proved to be an enjoyable solution within luxurious surroundings to the on-going problem of shape control.

Anyone interested in joining the next course BodyWatch commencing after Easter, should contact Les Mooney on 01388-772442.

LOCAL WALKS

On SUNDAY 24th MARCH there will be a Welcome Walk. Meet near the Health Centre at 10am, or in Hart Village at 10.45am. A SEASIDE STROLL, Hart to the sea, along the coast to Blackhall Rocks then back inland to Monk Hesleden. - Lynn Charlton. 8 miles. Info on: 01325 482164.

PLASMOR SLAG HEAPS ARE AN EYESORE

Dear Sir,

How Green Was Our Valley

As nothing appears to be getting done about the black heaps of ash at the South end of Newton Aycliffe, I write to emphasize the plight of those living close by, most of whom are either elderly or disabled. The smells and in windy conditions, the dust, becomes unbearable to those living within fifty yards of the heaps. The conditions along the public right of way on the old railway line where trees are being put at risk is appalling. Where is the green environment that Tony Blair is trying to encourage in the Sedgefield District Area. Surely this should be one of his first priorities. Come on Newton Aycliffe. Fight for your Rights. The following poem from dissatisfied residents points out their concern.

An Ode to the Pit Heaps of Newton Aycliffe

To Plasmor the creator of Mount Blackmore.
From our windows we no longer see welcome SKYLIGHT,
Just the forbidding black site of Mount Blackmore's height.
Birds no longer sing on the old railway line
No washing hangs out on the line, it's a waste of time,
Because of the dirt and grime.
The garden is almost covered in dust
And the fish pond is the colour of rust,
Flowers no longer grow with abundance of colour and glow,
But struggle to see the light in the shadow of Mount Blackmore.
To 'The Environment Office', the residents went for help with their plight.
These people came to the site and said, "It's a Desirable Height".
But they forgot, They don't live here Day and Night.
A sad reflection of Modern Life that allows power and greed to Industrial Might,
But gives no right to the people,
To live with the Sky in a Clear Light.
From the residents of the Clarence Green Area,
Newton Aycliffe.

DOG TIRED

Dear Sir,
Living in a house which has a grass verge outside it which is used every day as a dog toilet, I would like to agree with all the letters written recently on the subject.

If the fouling of public places is a criminal offence, as stated in last week's issue, and as the majority of dog-owners don't seem to take any notice of complaints, can the police suggest what people who are fed up with the problem should do next? Thank you.
Resident

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9th-12th April



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for Squash, Cricket or Golf only

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Surname
Address
Date of Birth Cost of Course £7.00
Telephone No.
Please tick the Course(s) you require

SQUASH ☐ CRICKET ☐ GOLF ☐

Undertaking: It is understood that Great Aycliffe Town Council cannot be held liable for any injury or loss sustained by the above applicant whilst attending the above coaching course(s).

Signed Date
(Parent/Guardian)

Cheques for the above course(s) should be made payable to "Great Aycliffe Town Council" and sent to Mrs M Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, PO Box 2, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Please apply early to avoid disappointment. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 27th March, 1996.

FOOTBALL APPLICATION FORM

Forename
Surname
Address
Date of Birth Cost of Course £7.00
Telephone No.

Undertaking: It is understood that neither Great Aycliffe Town Council nor Durham County Football Development Fund can be held liable for any injury or loss sustained by the above applicant whilst attending the above coaching course(s).

Signed Date
(Parent/Guardian)

Cheques for the Football Coaching should be made payable to "Durham County Football Development Scheme" and sent to The Football Development officer, "Coleslaw", Ferens Park, Durham DH1 1JZ.

Please note that the course is outdoors, children should come equipped in case of inclement weather

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

Letter

Can't Spend Without Income

Dear Sir,
How lovely it must be to be Councillor Fraser! When the Council raises its precept, or increases charges for leisure activities, Councillor Fraser votes against it, and writes in the newspaper to tell everybody so.

Yet when the Council hesitates to spend money (for instance, on the Woodham footpath) Councillor Fraser writes to the newspaper again, saying that the Council ought to SPEND money on this.

He gets to look good every which way but! How does he expect the Council to spend more, with less income? If Councillor Fraser was in charge, we would have a low precept - and, soon after, a bankrupt Council!

It may interest readers to know that, when it was deciding on the Precept, the Town Council debated the budget item by item. Labour Councillors reduced the officers recommendations by a considerable amount in order to keep the precept down. Councillor Fraser did not question a single heading or suggest any decreases. As the Council finalised Administration, Environment, Recreation and Parks budgets, Councillor Fraser did not utter a single word of complaint. He simply waited until the formality of the vote to accept the sum of the various budgets, and voted against the total! His decision brought, not scoffing, but gasps of incredulity.

And so Councillor Fraser, yet again, found himself in 'a minority of one'. I leave it to the readers to decide whether he is the only Councillor who cares for the ratepayers of Aycliffe - or whether he is, simply, WRONG.
Martyn D Locklin

Oak Leaf SPORTS COMPLEX

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