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boundary fence next to
the disused Simpature
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give certain assurances
and, in February of this
year, re-submitted its
request.
Before IES, the former
UMM site was falling
into decay. IES have
tidied the whole area so
that only the most
begrudging person
would deny that it looks
much better. To attract
businesses, IES also
wanted to make the site
secure.

At the point in question,
next to the Blue Bridge,
the premises are very
near the railway line
embankment. Vandals
are throwing stones from
the pathway through the
factory windows. To
discourage this, the
company asked
permission to erect a
fence along the top of a
short stretch of the
embankment.

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assurances that the kind
of fencing used will not
damage the
environment. Creepers
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proposal. At a time when
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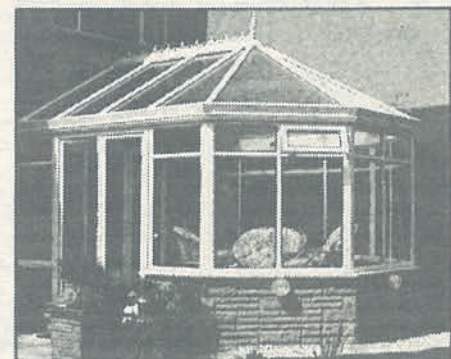
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Safer Travel

Minibuses and coaches carrying three or more children will have to be fitted with seat belts from February 1997, Road Safety Minister Steven Norris announced this week. The "3 for 2" concession, which allows three children under 14 to sit in seats fitted with two seat belts, will end on 1st May this year.

Mr Norris said: "I believe these measures will further improve the good safety record of minibuses and coaches and will go a long way towards reassuring parents who may be concerned for the safety of their children when travelling in these vehicles."

"I am pleased that we have been able to introduce these measures independently and ahead of our partners in the European Union".

The minimum requirement will be for a lap belt to be fitted to each seat used by a child aged 3 to under 16.

Mr Norris said that regulations for fitting seat belts to all new minibuses and coaches, whether or not they are being used for carrying children, will be introduced as soon as the necessary agreement has been reached in Europe.

The regulations will apply to:

- minibuses used from 10th February 1997;
- coaches used from 10th February 1997, if they were registered from 1st October 1988.
- coaches used from 10th February 1998, if they were registered before 1st October 1988.

The timetable for fitting seatbelts in minibuses and coaches used for carrying children was decided following a consultation last year. This showed that there can be technical difficulties in fitting seat belts to some older coaches. Operators, therefore, have been given an additional year in which to fit seat belts to these vehicles.

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Letter to the Editor

DESPERATE TO SEE TOWN CLEAN AGAIN

Dear Editor,

With reference to Rev. K. Kilby's letter in the 30th March edition.

A very nice letter with good, down to earth, common sense views on tackling the problems of irresponsible dog owners and litter louts.

How simple and easy life could be if the general public, old and young, could be cultivated to learn good habits.

As Rev. Kilby suggested, using a carrier bag or nearest litter bins provided to deposit rubbish etc., in, not leaving it for others to pick up!

I don't think past letter writers in the Newton News are really trying to be moralistic - Just desperate to see Newton Aycliffe become a clean and pleasant town to live in once more.

For example we have been fighting Councillors, Town and District, for over three years to get the churned-up grass verges at Neville Parade, opposite the vets, concreted or turned over - they really are a disgraceful eye sore. Looking more like trench warfare as each winter progresses.

J. Lawler

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO AIFM BOARD



AIFM is pleased to announce the appointment of Duncan Bannantyne to its Board of Directors. Alan Noble, Chairman says: "I am absolutely

delighted that our Board will be enhanced in this way - Duncan, like myself, has built his business in this area and his knowledge and commercial expertise is a very welcome addition." Duncan Bannantyne is Chairman of Quality Care Homes Plc. He started the company almost ten years ago and now has 34 nursing homes and employs well over 2000 people. The company was floated on the London Stock Exchange in July 1992 for 136p per share - the shares are now worth over £3.

AIFM was the successful winner of the new commercial radio licence awarded last year by the Radio Authority for Darlington, Aycliffe and surrounding areas. It began broadcasting from new studios in Woodland Rd., Darlington on November 30th 1995 and has already proved to be a winner with the listeners, as recent independent research has shown. Duncan commented upon his appointment to the Board of AIFM he said "I am delighted to be joining the Board of Darlington's own radio station. I am sure the station has the potential to fulfil its destiny as a leading media outlet in North Yorkshire and South Durham."

Car Con Returns

The Finance & Leasing Association (FLA) is very concerned that the plague of vehicle transfer agencies, whose activities in the past cost consumers millions of pounds, may be returning on a large scale. Vehicle transfer agencies operate by placing advertisements in the press to attract members of the public who have a car on hire purchase or lease and are having difficulty keeping up with repayments.

In return for the car for which the company claims to have a buyer, it promises to pay off the outstanding debt. Research carried out by the FLA when vehicle transfer agencies came to the fore in the early 1990's revealed that in over 90 per cent of cases this did not happen. As a result the consumer is dealt a double blow. The finance company remains the owner of the car throughout the agreement and so even if someone has handed over their car, they are still liable to meet the payments. The law does not allow the liabilities to be transferred to a third party so the consumer is left without the car but still owing money.

Dissatisfied Golfers

Dear Sir,
may I, on behalf of many others, thank Councillor Clare for his very informative letter in a recent edition of "Newton News".

He confirmed for us that the Oak Leaf Complex is making money for the Council, and the Golf Course Complex is "making a large profit".

This being the case, why then, when I enquired about reduced rates for those people out of work, long term sick etc., was I told by a leading Councillor that "the money was not available to provide concessions"?

I was also informed that the Golf Complex was "modelled" on Stressholme Golf Course at Darlington. They DO provide such a facility!

I am a current season ticket holder, and, because of health problems, I have been unable to play golf since September of last year.

This will not be a situation that will change in my case, and there are many more in the same boat.

Because of the weather, the

banning of trolleys when wet, etc., I cannot play till about April each year, so I am only getting six months for my full fee!

Under the new system, Ladies are being allowed a reduced rate, and the situation could arise where dozens of Lady Golfers from outside the area can come along twelve months of the year and enjoy cheap golf. Nothing wrong with that, but I do think people like myself who pay taxes within the area, and therefore subsidise the course, should be considered first.

As a golfer of long standing at Aycliffe, I should advise the powers that be that there is a lot of dissatisfaction in their handling of the new system, and they would do well to take note and LISTEN to the people who play the game, and who will be paying their future fees, myself included. Contrary to rumours, I am not against the new system as such, however, there is room for improvement from which we will all gain in the long run.

W.J. Findlay.

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2100-0000 - "All the Way from America" with Paul Dexter

0000-0700

"Overnight Expressway"

SUNDAY

0700-1000 - "Community Chest"

1000-1300 - Mark Brooks and "Sunday Brunch"

1300-1700 - "Requests & More"

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Letter to the Editor UNDER AGE DRINKING AT THE NATURE PARK

Dear Sirs,
Having been a resident on this town for over 45 years, I feel I have to put pen to paper and say how disgusted I am at the state of our New Town. I walk to work through J & C Coaches/Fracks Transport, and I cannot believe the amount of broken glass and litter which has amounted due to the fact that half the towns youth seem to congregate on our wonderful nature park, drinking under age and making fires. Has anyone else noticed the amount of broken glass that is around that area, does some small child or animal have to be badly hurt before something is done about this situation.

Does the Town Council or the Police care what is happening at the nature park, or is it a case of "out of sight out of mind," I have this past week, picked up numerous plastic carrier bags from the Off-Licence at Neville Parade, do these youths understand, that the particular area they have chosen to drink their beer, make their fires, is an area where the old and infirm live, apart from the fact that this is a favourite dog walking area.

Over the past few weeks, I have read the letters in the Newton News from other residents complaining about the litter and the general degradation that is happening to Newton Aycliffe, is it not time that something was done, either by the Council or the Police, to stop the decline before Newton Aycliffe really does get the reputation of a non caring town.

I have to ask myself, what are the parents of this town doing to ensure that their children are not becoming the future under age drinkers and vandals of the future.

Mrs. M Sowerby
Boyden Court

Coffee Morning

There is to be an "Easter Coffee Morning" in St. Clare's Church Hall on Saturday 13th April from 10.00am to 12 noon. There will be a home-made cake stall, raffle and a second-hand bookstall. A cup of coffee or tea with a scone for only 50p - Everyone is very welcome. Proceeds are for Church Funds.

CHANGES TO THE HEALTH AUTHORITY

The new Health Authority for County Durham was launched this week. The Health Authority is responsible for buying health services and planning improvements in health and health care for people living in the County. The new organisation combines purchasing and planning hospital and community services with developing family doctor services. Following Government legislation the new organisation replaces the previous three Health Authorities, North and South Durham Health Authorities and the Durham Family Health Services Authority. Over the last two years the three Health Authorities operated as County Durham Health Commission. The creation of a single Health Authority allows substantial greater reductions in management costs as there will be one chairman and five non-executive directors - a

reduction from three chairmen and 19 non-executive directors. Dr. John Marshall, Chairman of County Durham Health Authority said: "The new Health Authority will face many challenges in ensuring that people in the County receive the best possible health care. These challenges include the development of services available locally in GP Surgeries, the development of hospital services, reduction of waiting times for hospital treatment and tackling the problems of GP recruitment.

Tony Jameson, Chief Executive said: "The new Health Authority will continue to work closely with Health Professionals, Health Authorities, Community Health Councils and the voluntary and private sector to improve the health and well being of people living in the County."

Letter to the Editor WHO WANTS SECOND RATE WOODHAM?

Dear Editor,
We felt we must write regarding Woodham residents being ashamed to include the name of Newton Aycliffe on their postal address. After visiting relatives in the Woodham area, perhaps it should be Newton Aycliffe that wants to omit Woodham from the postal address!

Every second house seems to be up for sale, dogs and cats running

loose everywhere you look, I have never seen such a collection of second rate, cheap housing in all my life! Are these residents trying to elevate Woodham into something it will never be, namely, a small exclusive prime housing estate such as School Aycliffe, which seemingly has no problem with being associated with Aycliffe. J & K Watson

FRAGRANCE COMPETITION



Over 80 people entered the Mothersday Fine Fragrance competition, won by guessing the correct fragrances from a number of clues. The prize was a fragrance of the winners choice. This years winner was Kayleigh Harle of Newton Aycliffe who was presented her prize by Cheryl Leng, Boots Supervisor, on Friday the 15th March.

EASTER MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM THE PARISH RECTOR

The other evening at a Christian act of Worship, I was listening to the words of a song, "From A Distance". There was repeated the line: "God is watching us, from a distance". It is a beautiful song, and I am often asked for that music in the background at funeral services.

At the moment, there is a great interest in things "Celtic". You have only to look in our local Christian Bookshop to see Celtic knotwork on cards, and I bought, this week, a lovely new book published locally, entitled "The Book of Escomb". It is a selection of prayers and texts in the Northumbrian tradition of illuminated manuscripts.

St. Cuthbert, one of our local and most revered of Celtic Christians would not have seen God as watching us "from a distance". For him, as for those early Christians, he was close at hand. One of the prayers in the book goes like this:

*As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue of the sky,
so the dark happenings of my lot hide the shining of thy face from me.
Yet if I may hold thy hand in the darkness it is enough
..... since I know that though I may stumble in my going
THOU dost not fall.*

"Holding thy hand" is not God from a distance, but a God near at hand. The true Christian meaning of Easter is about God, made flesh in Jesus, coming to save and help the world, and also Me, hence the words from St. John's Gospel.....

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

So, do join with other Christians this Eastertide as we celebrate God with us in Jesus our Risen Lord, for as the writer of the Acts of the Apostles says.....

for He is not far from each one of us, for in Him we live and move, in Him we exist.

Samuel Medley in his Easter Hymn puts it this way:

*I know that My Redeemer lives!....
He lives, to bless me with His love;
He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives, to help in time of need.
He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, all glory to His name;
He lives, my Saviour, still the same.
What joy the blest assurance gives!
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

HAPPY EASTER - Revd. Peter Baldwin (Rector)



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Matthew Hardy and Dave Gauder



Britain's Strongest man visits Gregg Little

Letter Please Keep Calm

Dear Sir,

As one of the many townsfolk who took an active role in the campaign to stop the Labour Councillors from twice trying to close Greenfield Comprehensive School, I would appeal to all parties to keep calm regarding the provision of a 5-a-side football pitch, arts centre and sports hall.

The residents of the Greenfield Estate have every right to express their concerns on the effect the complex would have on their properties. I attended two public meetings and on both occasions found the residents to be well mannered and orderly when expressing their concerns. At no time during the meeting did anyone object to the school having the facilities. Quite a number of families have children who attend the school. The unanimous concern was the nearness of the floodlit 5-a-side football pitch to their homes.

Sedgefield District Council, as the planning authority, have received a petition and letters requesting that the pitch be moved to the south side of the school premises. I would ask that the matter now be left to the Planning Committee to deliberate on.

County Councillor Tony Moore.

TOWN TODDLER WINS COMPETITION



Durham County Libraries held a colouring competition to win tickets to see 'More Adventures of Noddy' at Darlington Civic Theatre. Children were asked to colour in a picture of Noddy and Big Ears, Holly Emmett aged 4 from Newton Aycliffe was the winner and enjoyed a great night out at the theatre. Holly is pictured receiving her tickets from Noddy played by Karen Briffett.

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SUNDAY 28th APRIL, 1996

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Since they began trading, Aclet Electronics has assembled over half a million printed circuit boards of hundreds of different types

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He added, "Aclet Electronics offers advice at the design or manufacturing stage of a product and utilises the latest technology to provide problem free production for local, national and international firms. We are proud to prove the north east is at the centre of this innovative and important industrial sector."

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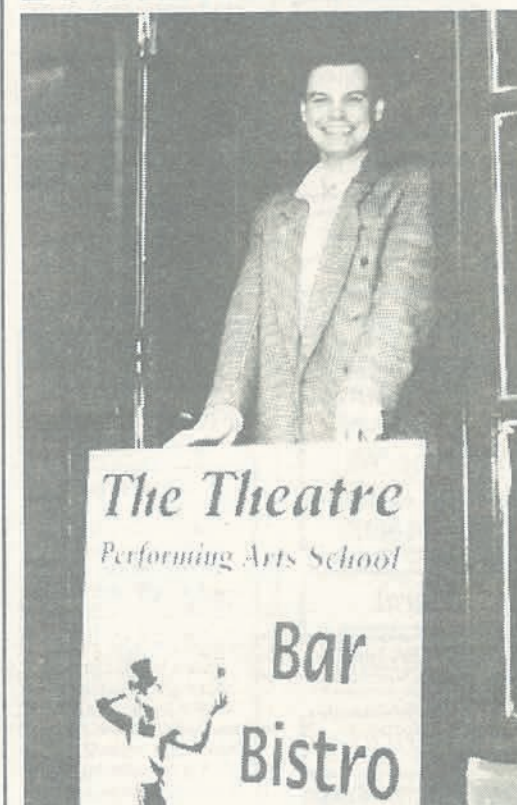
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NEW STYLE BAR & BISTRO OPENS IN DARLINGTON



A new concept in eating out was launched in Darlington this week.

The Theatre Cafe Bar & Bistro opened in Wellington Court Mews, off Grange Road, on Saturday, March 30th - and apart from offering two floors of differing dining tastes, the trendy establishment also doubles as a performing Arts School.

Perhaps it's not all that surprising as it's proprietor, Michael J. Forrest, is both RADA and dance-trained, appearing in the Andrew Lloyd Webber smash hit 'Cats' during 1987/88 in London's theatre land.

"The Theatre Cafe Bar & Bistro is a natural progression following the successful introduction of my 'Cats Performing Arts School' in Saltburn," said Michael.

"In the past, local teenagers had to travel to London to get formal acting and dance training, but with our top floor studio dedicated to acting and the planned opening of the adjoining unit as a dance studio, all requirements will be catered for right here in Darlington," he added.

Regular auditions are planned and as Michael also runs Recall Artists and Model Agency, he is able to place

would-be actors and dancers in conjunction with New Pantomime Productions, a Covent Garden-based theatre production company.

Diners will also get the occasional opportunity to witness live performances whilst they dine in one of the two atmospheric restaurants.

(Marilyn) Monroe's Cafe Bar on the ground floor caters for lighter meals and business lunches whilst (Lord) Olivier's Bistro on the first floor is pure theatre, with dark aubergine walls, stage spot lights on the ceiling and dark oak flooring. The feeling is relaxed and intimate, something lacking in many of today's eateries, with tables well spaced apart and an alcove bar for further privacy. It officially seats 30, but space would easily allow for double that number!

In the summer months, the roof top garden annex will open for alfresco dining. Menus reflect the theatre theme with selections under the headings of Rehearsals, Curtain Up, Act One, Interval, Act Two and Curtain Call.

The Theatre Cafe Bar & Bistro is an innovative venture and offers an unusual Wining and Dining venue for those looking for something different.

Letter to the Editor

GREENFIELD COMMUNITY HAS NOTHING TO FEAR

Dear Sir,
I would have believed the 'Malvern Way Resident' who wrote on page 3 of last week's Newton News that he has 'no wish to wreck the plans of the school', if I had not been told on page 5 OF THE SAME EDITION that 'residents have formed an action group to block the nearby comprehensive school's expansion plans'. This scheme is not to expand a school

(although the school will benefit). Neither is it another leisure facility. It is an expansion to the Greenfield Centre for Adult Education which was opened long before the estate was built. It has NEVER been an inconvenience to the community. Local residents have NOTHING TO FEAR. The good of the whole town should not be spoiled by a tiny minority of people. Martyn D. Locklin

Swimming Results

Last weekend 16/17th March, Sedgefield 75's success continued in the second of the N & D Championships held in Bishop Auckland.

The Mohan sisters Kathleen and Carol were both finalists in their events. Kathleen aged 15, finished in 4th position in the 100m Butterfly, 6th in the 50m Backstroke (32:55), and was reserve finalist in the 100m Breaststroke (1:22:63) and 50m Freestyle (28:33). Carol aged 11 finished 4th in the 200m Freestyle event in a personal best time of (2:35:01).

Adam Burton aged 11 collected the bronze medal in the 100m Backstroke in a time of (1:21:35), finishing just in front of team mate Ian Storey who finished in 5th position (1:23:18). Adam completed the 100m Freestyle in a time of (1:12:18) to take 4th place while Ian was the reserve finalist (7th) in a time of (1:13:40). Mark Walton aged 10, finished 4th in the 50m Freestyle (34:92). Lindsey Atkinson competing in her first N & D final (100m Butterfly) finished in 6th position in a personal best time of (1:13:68).

Reserve Finalists: Ian Cairns (14), 100m Breaststroke in a time of (1:19:89). Louisa Raisbeck (A), 50m Breaststroke in a time of (36:79). Sarah Kelly (13), 400m Freestyle in a time of 5:01:98). Congratulations to all those swimmers who took part in the event, many of whom achieved personal best times: Michael Turnbull, Matthew Bowden, Mark Surtees, Kimberley Vickers, Barrie Walker, Christopher Bowden, Mark Richardson, Angela W-Smith, Jill Hunter, Zoe Mitchell, Beverley Vickers, Natalie Thompson, Michael Thompson, Alison Storey, Andrew Cairns and Martin Whitfield.

The third of the N & D Championship events will be held in Stanley on the 12/13th April.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL



DAY EXCURSIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Council are again organising Day Excursions for Senior Citizens during the Summer of 1996. The Excursions this year will be to the Lake District and will be free of charge. There will be NO deposit payable for these excursions.

The trips will commence on Tuesday 4th June, 1996 and will be held from Monday to Friday inclusive.

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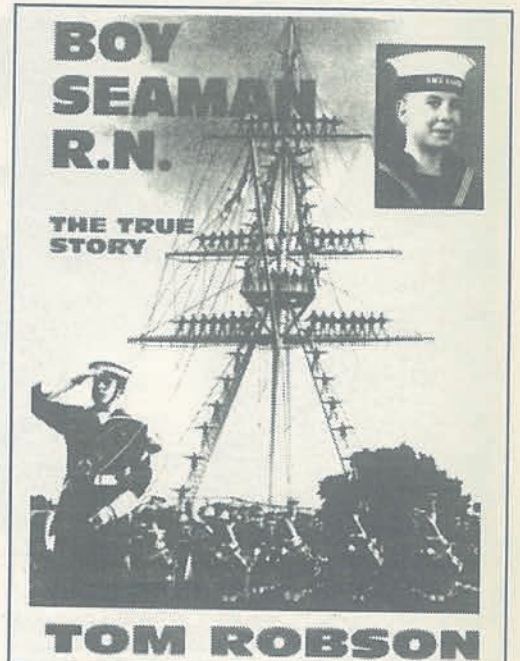
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CHAPPELL Peter and Karen would like to thank family and friends for presents and cards given on the occasion of their wedding, special thanks to Beverley, Susan and Christine

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THE MARRIAGE took place on 23rd March 1996 at the Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe between Peter Anthony Chappell and Karen Hilda Dawes. Congratulations from all family and friends

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Congratulations

JOANNE HOWARTH

Words cannot express the way I feel, on the birth of our son "Adam John", 8lbs 11oz on 31st March, 1996.

Well worth the wait, all my love Stuart

HOWARTH Congratulations Joanne and Stuart of the birth of your son, Adam John, 31st March 1996, weighing in at 8lbs 11oz. All our love and best wishes to the three of you Paul and Beverley

HOWARTH To Auntie Joanne and Uncle Stuart, congratulations on the birth of our first cousin, Adam John, Love from J.P., Carrie and Matthew

HOWARTH Joanne and Stuart, congratulations on the birth of your son, Adam John, 31-3-96. Lots of love Christopher and Michelle

HOWARTH To Joanne and Stuart, good luck and best wishes with your new arrival, Adam John, Grandad Syd and Christine

PAULINE ROWLAND 3-4-96, happy birthday to a special Mam, lots of love Clare XXX

PAULINE ROWLAND Have a great day Mam, lots of love Chris XXX

PAULINE ROWLAND To Auntie Pauline, happy birthday love you stacks, Fatpie XX

PAULINE ROWLAND Happy birthday Pauline, lots of love Gillian, Anthony, Kathleen and Gerard XX

BELTON The Belton boys, April 7th. Roses are red, violets are blue, Russell's birthday (29) and Duncan's too (28). One sells liquid that goes in a car, the other sells liquid that's bought in a bar. One works for Tetley's, the other for Shell, both doing very well, love forever, Mam XXXXXX

THOMAS WARD 1-4-96, Happy 3rd birthday, lots of love Mammy, Daddy and Louise

TREVOR BELLWOOD Congratulations on your Divorce!! What can you do without a wife? Get out there and live your life! Play the field, it's lots of fun, you are a handsome man, you'll find the one!

TRINA CLISH Congratulations on your 21st Trina, best wishes for your future Nana and Grandad Clish XXX

KILBURN Happy 60th birthday Mam, 9-4-96, all our love Tracey and Dave, Steven and Margaret

KILBURN Have a wonderful 60th birthday Freda, love from Walter

KILBURN Happy 60th birthday Granma, lots of love and hugs from Guy

TO A VERY Special cabbage on your 35th birthday, 9-4-96, have a super day, love from your very own Brussel Sprout

JAMES CALLUM LYNN Happy 1st birthday James, lots of love Mammy and Daddy

HIP HIP Hooray, James is one on Friday, hugs and kisses from sister Vicky

RACHEL ADDISON 4-4-96 To my little sis, congratulations on your 21st, lots of love Diane and Neil

RACHEL ADDISON 4-4-96, Have a great party, to celebrate your 21st, love Mary and John

RACHEL ADDISON 4-4-96, Congratulations on your 21st, lots of love and best wishes Mam, Dad and Neil

MILLER

Thank you Steve for our beautiful little girl, Lauren Skye, all my love Bev

MILLER

Thank you Bev for our beautiful baby girl, Lauren Skye, 20-3-96, lots of love Steve.

MILLER

Thank you Mammy & Steve for our little sister, Lauren Skye, Kayleigh and Vikki

Birthday Memories

ALLINSON Mary Elizabeth, 7-4-96. Memories of you are always kept, someone too special to ever forget Chris and Bryan

ROBERT CLELLAND Thinking of you today, on your 27th birthday, loved and always missed, 5-4-96, Mam, Debbie and Jayne

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On Wednesday night in the latest Lamplight 5 Road Race on Aycliffe Industrial Estate, Paul Harker of Aycliffe took 27 minutes followed by Colin Gibson 29 minutes, Derek Smith 30 minutes, Alan Wilks 31 minutes, Cec Sugden 31 minutes (personal best), Rob Nicholson 32 minutes 6 seconds, Paul Upton 32 minutes 11 seconds (personal best), John Burnside 32 minutes 22 seconds, Sue Milburn 32 minutes 43 seconds (3rd Lady), Pete Milburn 32 minutes 43 seconds, Trevor Needham 33 minutes, Sid Upton 35 minutes, D. Thompson 36 minutes

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Letter to the Editor 40 HOURS OF NOISE POLLUTION

Dear Sir,

I feel compelled to write in response to Mr. Dorkin's letter in last week's Newton News as my perception of the Greenfield School Expansion plan is somewhat different. I would like Mr. Dorkin to know that originally only 7 residents were informed of the plans to expand at the school and that the Steering Committee only took the initiative to modify their existing plans after pressure was brought to bear by the local residents at a Public Meeting organised by Councillor Tony Moore.

The modifications only go part way to addressing our concerns. You can improve the look of the pitch as much as you want, plant trees, turn it round but the main problem, which none of these amendments will contain, is the noise from the enthusiastic players and supporters. Furthermore, you fail to mention that the pitch is the size of 3 tennis courts, therefore 3 five-a-side games can be played at once, and that the pitch will be available for 40 hours per week, that is every evening and every weekend. Of course, if you live at the other side of town you can enjoy the benefits of the Centre without having any of the aggravation.

Although it is true that the Centre did invite a resident to attend the Steering Committee Meeting, you did not mention that the first meeting to which this representative has been invited is not until 27th April, by which time the Planning Committee will have met and made its decision. The time to invite a resident onto the Committee would surely have been at the beginning of the project not at the end.

There are over a hundred people on the estate who are concerned about the all weather sports pitch and who have declared their support to re-site the pitch to the south side of the school. If the Steering Committee are so confident that they have fully considered the residents of the estate and have every confidence in their proposals, why do they feel the necessity to gather further support from local industry and residents of the town?

Finally, in response to Councillor Bergg, I would like to say that if the 'powers that be' fully thought through the consequences of the projects they support, then perhaps there would be less of the 'not in my backyard' attitude. I resent the fact that, after paying a fair proportion of Council Tax to the Town Council, no consideration has been given to the affect the expansion to the Greenfield Centre will have on the nearby residents. We may only constitute a small part of the community, but we have the right to fair representation. The disadvantages to the community should be fully considered. Although there may not be any weight in your opinion to the protester's

arguments as far as planning considerations are concerned, surely there is an environmental issue which needs to be addressed, i.e. NOISE POLLUTION.

Feel free Councillor Bergg to place the sports pitch 150 yards from your backyard, because quite honestly I do not want it in mine. I too am interested in education and use the facilities at the school, but at least my pursuits do not disturb or cause stress to my neighbours.

The proper place for an all weather sports pitch for 40 hours community use is at the Leisure Complex and not in the immediate vicinity of a local housing estate. In my opinion the Town Council has every right to be a little embarrassed that they have gone ahead with their support for a project that may well have a detrimental effect on the well being of the local residents.

Resident - Malvern Way

Smelly Smokey Cars Don't Sell As well

Drivers who smoke in their cars may find selling them a drag, says the AA.

Lighting up behind the wheel could make all the difference between the easy sale of a car, and being lumbered with a "mobile ashtray" that is difficult - and expensive - to get rid of, according to AA research carried out for No Smoking Day (13 March).

"Around 10 million second-hand cars change hands every year," says John Anderson, the AA's Consumer Affairs Manager, "but most used-car buyers want smoke-free models, sometimes refusing even to look at those previously owned by smokers."

The AA asked used-car dealers for their views on puffing on the move. All agreed that "smoking" cars are harder to sell, and that resale values can be considerably less than those of "clean" vehicles, particularly if the previous owners smoked heavily. In the words of one dealer: "It's the first thing some customers ask about."

"It can be costly and time-consuming to clean up a smoky car," says Anderson. "Around £70 for a full valet, which takes about five hours and won't guarantee to get rid of cigarette smells completely. And seats with cigarette burns can cost up to £150 to re-upholster."

Letter Not all Houses Are Bad

Dear Editor,

As a tenant of Rowan Place, I would just like to say not all of Rowan Place is as bad as it has been portrayed lately in your newspaper.

We have spent time doing our garden and fixing the outside of our home as have our neighbours.

We don't have "disgusting gardens, fences down, windows bashed out or dogs fowling the streets".

A very annoyed Rowan Place tenant.

Salon's Tenth Birthday

Denise Watson, the owner of 'Hers & Sirs', would like to thank customers old and new for their support over the last ten years.

"I have seen a lot of changes in Woodham over the years, but as some customers move on, others come in to take their place. Staff members Nicola, Paula, and Jayne are essential to our success, Nicola especially, in her role as Manageress, is a big asset" says Denise. Come along and see us soon.

Letter to the Editor READER HAS HIS FACTS DREADFULLY WRONG says Town Clerk

Dear Editor,

I refer to the article which appeared in the Newton News last week under the heading "Is Our Council Bad at Housekeeping?". Your correspondent states, and I quote, "have I got it wrong?". I am afraid that they have got it dreadfully wrong and perhaps they should check their facts before rushing into print. They refer to the Opening Ceremony of the new Cemetery following which guests, including Councillors, were provided with a meal at the Eden Arms Hotel, Rushyford, and they refer to such functions as "perks".

This Council, mindful of

good housekeeping, have leased the Rest Room at Newton Aycliffe Cemetery, Stephenson Way, to an Undertaker and will receive, in return, an excellent rental which will go to off-set the costs of the Cemetery.

The Undertakers themselves arranged to have the refurbished Rest Room Dedicated, and following which, they provided refreshments in the Eden Arms Hotel.

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J.D. Farquhar
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