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for this project who  
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to have an "Open  
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promote the many  
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facilities they offer.  
While visiting the fair  
the general public will  
be invited to view the  
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number of  
demonstrations will  
be given by clubs  
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Over 120  
organisations in the  
area have been invited  
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accepted not everyone  
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the launch.  
Anyone interested in  
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activities is invited to  
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a report on the past  
year is given.

The meetings also elects  
officers and committee  
for the ensuing year  
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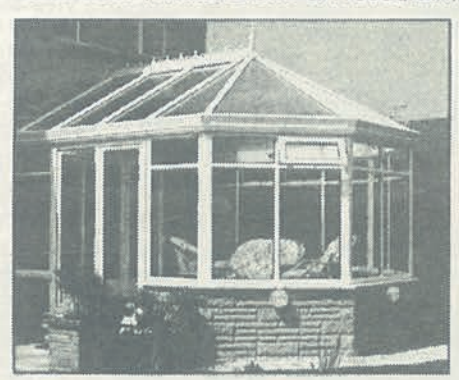
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# AYCLIFFE BOXERS WILL MEET THE KING OF THAILAND



Vice Chairman Councillor Morris Nicholls and County Councillor Tony Moore hosted a reception on Tuesday March 26th for the 3 Newton Aycliffe Thai Boxers before they left to fight at the World Championships in Bangkok as part of the National Team. The Champions were presented with gifts from the Durham County as a token of honour for their achievements. Whilst in Thailand the team will meet with the King of Thailand as his guests. The Kings Cobra Thai Boxing Camp of Newton Aycliffe wish to thank all their sponsors. The response to the fund raising effort to send Lee Smith, Gary McAlister and Sean Grant to Bangkok has been wonderful. Our town can be pleased

that these 3 World Class Athletes are now taking their places with the support of their local community. Your assistance has shown the esteem and pride with which these fighters are considered. Our thanks go to Greenfield Meeting Hall, Ebac Dehumidifiers of Bishop Auckland, Norsk Hydro who are also giving additional sponsorship for the Club, Andrew Sykes, Whessoe Varc, Aycliffe Town Council, Ross Wright, Europa Sofa Beds, Sanyo, Newton Aycliffe Rec. Centre and their customers, Acorn Pub and patrons, Iron Horse, Sedgefield Village Shops, Chapman Engineering and, for organising and running of the Grand Prize Draw, we thank The Dandy Cart, and Newton Press for supplying the tickets. The Draw took place on Mothers Day evening at The Dandy Cart. All prizes have now been claimed. Thank you everyone who helped organise the evening.

Judith Byers

## The Blues Bridge

While the "Blue Bridge" was being repaired and repainted further work to the value of £14,606 was found to be needed, bringing the total cost to nearly £60,000. But, as readers must have noticed, the bridge is no longer just blue - it is a mixture of different shades of blue. Maybe our favourite landmark proved too costly, so the Council decided to use up all the spare blue paint they had in stock. Someone has suggested that Councillors could not agree on the right blue, so all shades have been tried ready for a site visit to decide on the colour. If the bridge is meant to be all shades of blue, would readers like to suggest a change of name?

## Friendly Wave Avoids Road Rage

The Guild of Experienced Motorists, is urging its 65,000 members to 'wave away road rage'. David Williams the Guild's road safety officer, said: "An appreciative or apologetic gesture can without doubt bring about a change in attitude from drivers around you. Acknowledging, with a simple wave, any consideration directed at you, or to apologise for making an error on the road, will reduce incidents that can so often lead to hostile behaviour and crashes." Mr. Williams went on to say: "Although the term 'road rage' is fairly new, hostile and discourteous behaviour on the roads is not. Indeed, as long ago as 1932 the Guild was formed (under its original name of The Company of Veteran Motorists) partly to eliminate such 'ungentlemanly and unsafe' behaviour. The guild's slogan of the 3C's - Care, Courtesy and Concentration - still represents the qualities need by good, safe drivers. The Guild, through its members' magazine Good Motoring, recommends that all drivers follow its lead and adopt a 'wave away road rage' policy."

## Letter to the Editor COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH

Dear Sir,  
Thanks to "Newton News" I have received a response from Counc. Hogan of the Town Council regarding the fencing next to the Simpature Walk. I wrote to the Town Clerk on the 18th March with no reply a month later. He had informed me that he would hopefully reply by the 25th March. Counc. Hogan's letter in last weeks issue implied that the Council is a job creation agency. This is not so and the overused and overstated "jobs" argument should be reasonably balanced with the needs and expectations of the general public.

Council minutes record Committee agreement to the fencing with the proviso that none of the work has any detrimental effect on the overall enjoyment of the area by the public. This indicates a need for public opinion to be gleaned, but there has been no consultation. It is heartening that I.E.S. are developing the former U.M.M. site enabling firms to locate there and provide employment opportunities.

Counc Hogan states vandals are throwing stones at the factory windows and the fencing will protect I.E.S. property. To be more accurate the problem is caused mainly by under age drinking groups gathering on the Blue Bridge, throwing bottles at the buildings. It is unlikely the 10 foot fence will stop this problem and is more likely to provide a further challenge to the drinkers. A more positive approach is required by the Town Council in conjunction with the SDC and the Police. I.E.S. should secure their premises on the boundaries just as we residents have to at our homes. Counc Hogan states that creepers will be grown to make the fence disappear and so will the enclosed trees, bushes, plants and wildlife on what is public amenity open space? This matter, although well intentioned has been ill considered by the Town Council and creates a precedent other applicants can use and which Councillors will have difficulty opposing. P.R.

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# LOCAL AUTHOR'S SIGNING SESSION



Local Author, Tom Robson is in attendance at our Town Centre Public Library next week to sign copies of his latest book "Boy Seaman R.N." Tom will be on hand to promote his book on Tuesday 16th April between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Tom, who was born in Trimdon and lived in Newton Aycliffe, is enjoying great success with this true story of life in the Royal Navy for boys who joined at 15 year old. He recounts the harsh discipline and rigorous training teenagers endured prior to the second world war. Tom believes that the same type of discipline would cure many of the problems caused by today's youth. "After a flogging similar to the punishment given in my time, there is no way a boy would repeat a misdeed" said Tom. I can't understand how giving villains and thugs a holiday stops them beating up old ladies. Give them a taste of their own medicine and they won't do it again" suggests Tom.

# DOG REGISTER WOULD GET RID OF STRAYS

Dear Editor,  
I feel compelled to write this letter in response to all the bad publicity dog owners have had in the recent months. I am in agreement that it is unsightly and annoying when there is dog dirt lying about! But, lets put things into perspective here. - I live on an estate and I am plagued with children who deposit litter, bottles and any other rubbish at hand all over my garden, they take short cuts over my lawn and cause a general nuisance, with a mouthful of abuse in return for your comments. I know where my dogs are and where they are doing it, can the same be said of you and your children.

Road and didn't bother to stop, the dog ran off and we can only hope it survived, hopefully the owners might have learnt a lesson too, dogs are like children and have to be looked after, not left to their own devices. A conscientious dog owner.

# BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL



John Finch, winner of ITV's "Stars in Their Eyes" as Marti Pellow, played to a packed house at the Hall Garth Hotel where he appeared in cabaret last Saturday evening.

# Letter to the Editor PUBLIC RIGHT TO QUESTION HORNDALE CLOSURE

Dear Sir,  
I am moved to reply to Counc. Bergg's letter as I think some defence should be offered on behalf of people she brands as bigots. It must be nice to be a paragon of social virtue as this lady portrays herself, unfortunately for society perhaps, most people are just ordinary mortals who do worry about such mundane things as property values, and in this instance the people are more concerned about being able to sell their houses at all! It is possible the care scheme will make property difficult to sell, it rather depends on how it is accepted. There are many reasons why it may be vital to sell ones property and I think these are very natural concerns for people to have. For the life of me I can't see why they should have attracted such derogatory remarks from a Councillor.

With regard to the tablets issue, I understand this stems from a question at the Public Meeting and it must have been badly phrased as people do tend to become inarticulate under pressure. If the questioner had been allowed to elucidate my guess is she was more concerned about the people not taking their medication. She was thinking of patients released into the community without sufficient supervision and of their anti psychotic medication, leading to tragedies.

The argument that these residents do not fall into this category is right, but many people do not have the knowledge to differentiate. If the Councillor is keen on education why not apply it instead of denigration? If she hadn't been so determined to wilfully misunderstand this lady she could have spared us the sarcastic and inappropriate remarks about "chemists shops". Young mothers not wanting the patients near their children shows concern for their safety - they want to know if there is any possibility of molestation or worse. Some of the handicapped can appear strange and intimidating and the parents are worried the children will be afraid of things they do not understand. Of course it is better they learn to accept them, but their parents need information and education not castigation.

As for handicapped people having a right to choose where they live - most people have to choose where they can afford to live. In this instance the community is funding the choice, so doesn't this give them some right to ask questions? The choices are already being purchased on their behalf and I suspect the transitional period will be quite cruel and they would probably prefer to stay where they feel secure and settled with continuity of care. Councillor Moore was right to try to keep Horndale House.

Counc Bergg stated she would consider any handicapped child born to a family as much as a blessing as a normal one.

I doubt it, if that child were hyperactive, destructive, screamed incessantly and threw its food at the wall. Most young people facing the birth of a handicapped baby find it difficult to feel blessed, they are too busy coming to terms with the fact.

The public meeting on which the Councillor based her scathing comments was a golden opportunity for a GOOD Public Relations exercise. Instead the community were treated with contempt by people who by virtue of their office should have known better - bigotry is more than a one way street!

Experience tells me the new scheme will have its drawbacks and the public's goodwill is vital because if they do not co-operate it is the handicapped who are unhappy and not the community.

Just in case Counc. Bergg thinks I am another bigot may I inform her I was a Community Nurse for the handicapped. No one could admire the families more than I or had greater empathy and sympathy with their problems and I would support them to the hilt today. However, I believe it is important to maintain a balanced view and not become tunnel visioned, otherwise ones emotions can overtake good judgement. Yes Councillor, you are entitled to your views, but you are not entitled to insult the community when they cannot share your gay abandon.

Mrs. M. J. Phillips  
School Aycliffe

# Letter to the Editor CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR INTRODUCES HIMSELF

Dear Sir,  
At the meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council, 10th April I was formally co-opted as the Labour Party Councillor for the West Ward.

I take this opportunity to introduce myself for the benefit of those in my ward who do not already know me.

I am 31 years old and I am married to Julie. I moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1989 when we married. I became interested in politics at College and joined the Labour Party after Tony Blair was elected Leader as I believe that his vision of Britain is one of equality for all. When asked to become a Councillor I realised it would be a way of doing something for the people of the town.

I don't promise miracles or to deliver things I can't. Both my wife and I are disabled, but I will be representing everyone in the ward, not just disabled people. I will not use influence just to further the cause of the disabled, but will work for the good of each and everyone. My priority is to

encourage members of the local branch of the Labour party to attend meetings and functions.

I am available if anyone in the ward has something they wish to discuss and I look forward to serving and meeting as many of you as possible in the future.

Yours sincerely,  
Counc. Michael A Dalton  
3 Bruce Road  
Tel: 314176

# Family Service for Young Families

There will be a Family Service at St. Clares on Sunday 14th April commencing 10.30 am. The theme for this month is "Signs and Symbols". A warm welcome is extended to all, but especially to young families to come and share in this short informal, all-age service. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Hall and everyone is invited.

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## WOODHAM "VILLAGE" IDENTITY DEFENDED

Dear Sir,  
May I bring some facts to bear on 'Woodham Village' developments? In 1982 an informal amendment, The Northern Area Study, was proposed to the 1967 New Town Master Plan. (Aycliffe).

The Study was placed in Libraries, Corporation and Council Offices, a public exhibition was held in the Town Centre for two weeks in February 1982. With minor changes, it was approved.

Aycliffe Development Corporation, 4th March, Sedgfield District Council 10th March. Durham County Council endorsed, certified it, informally, as conforming to the County Structure Plan 5th April 1982.

The Study refers to proposed 'villages', 'village-style', 'neighbourhood developments' and 'village centres' in Woodham and Rope Moor. The feasibility of creating a 'village centre' in

Woodham, 'high value' land, suitability for Executive Housing, and other criteria, led to Woodham developments prior to Rope Moor.

Authorities approved 'village style', 'neighbourhood developments', with 'village centres' in The Study. Woodham Residents invested, worked hard, with dedicated social cooperation, to create the approved 'village style community' and the 'village centre' planned for in the Study.

I vouch for the fact that was never easy, nor trouble-free. It took persistence, community spirit, determination, in the face of years of real adversity for many residents. But, they achieved the reality set out on paper in Councils. People in Power planned, approved a clearly stated village style, 'neighbourhood community, with village centre for Woodham. No objections were raised as to those clearly stated descriptions during the public process, in or out of Councils.

Surely, Woodham residents have a right to expect clearly stated descriptions in The Northern Area Study will be upheld? After working to create the reality, who would deny them that achievement of a village style community with village centre?

And, given the above information, why such a sour issue now when silence reigned in 1982 during all the public consultations?

Don. Fraser. Woodham & Aycliffe North.

## Letter to the Editor NATURE PARK WATCH TO BE FORMED

Dear Sir,  
In response to the letter about problems at Aycliffe Nature Park (Mrs M.Sowerby, 6 April) I feel I should add some comment.

The problems of drinking, glass, litter, fires etc at the Groat Lane entrance to the site have been going on for some time, along with similar problems and the additional anti-social, destructive and anti-environmental problems of shooting, motorbike riding and snare setting on other parts of the site. As a voluntary association separate from the council, we do our level best in the face of a barrage of such behaviour to maintain the site and area around it as a good amenity and conservation area, even succeeding in winning a Britain in bloom award last year.

However our resources are limited, depending upon members giving up their time to give warden coverage and remove litter, deal with problems etc. We regularly take a couple of car-boots full of broken glass and litter away, and wardens are frequently called out or visit the site at all sorts of

hours, often with the co-operation of local security guards.

However, obviously a couple of volunteer wardens cannot confront all problems, such as up to 70 drunken youths! Basically, we are doing our best, but we do need support and help.

To this end we are currently working, in consent with local residents and Sedgfield community force to set up a combined neighbourhood watch/parkwatch scheme, which we hope will ease some of the problems.

I am in agreement with the sentiments expressed in the letter, particularly as regards the sale of Alcohol.

I would like to think that if we all work together we could clean up the town and the nature park, and develop the site into the ecological showpiece it could be (indeed already is in terms of species and habitats!)

I cannot close without a word of praise, commendation and thanks to the members who give up so much time and make such an effort to warden the site. Ben Hardaker B.A. Chair, Aycliffe Nature Park Association.

## NEWTONIAN WINS TEST CAR FOR A YEAR

Mr. M. Bage from Newton Aycliffe has won a Daewoo car to test drive free for a year, after being chosen as one of the 100 most maltreated drivers in the UK.

A selection panel chose Mr. Bage from around 125,000 motorists, who responded to Daewoo's advertising campaign earlier this year. The advertisements sought to recruit drivers who had been maltreated by the motor trade during the car buying and owning process. To coincide with the first anniversary of Daewoo's launch in the UK, Mr. Bage will test drive a Daewoo Espero free for a year and will give feedback to the company about the car itself and Daewoo's after-sales service. For the last year, 200 test drivers have been providing continuous feedback as part of Daewoo's on-going commitment to provide the best possible customer service.

On hearing that he had won the opportunity to test drive the car, Mr. Bage was delighted and couldn't wait to get behind the wheel. Commenting on the campaign and the test drivers chosen Patrick Farrell, Marketing Director said, "We chose Mr. Bage to

become a Daewoo test driver because his experiences with the motor trade will be invaluable in identifying real consumer expectations." "At Daewoo we pride ourselves on our customer-focused approach and believe that it is only by listening to the problems people experience, that anything within the trade can be changed for the better," he added.

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## Governors Oppose

School Governors in County Durham have warned that the Government's introduction of Nursery Education Vouchers is a "bureaucratic nightmare" which could have a devastating effect on pre-school education in the County.

The Durham County Association of Governors, which represents 4500 governors in County Durham, has written to the Secretary of State for Education and local MP's warning that many children will be deprived of nursery education because of the system. The association's Chair, Mr. Derrick Dodds, said the Association's members opposed the vouchers because of the damage that could result to the County's already excellent pre-school provisions.

Mr. Dodds added that many Governors in County Durham would be campaigning against the system and urging the Government to put an end to it before children suffer as a result of such an unfair and ineffective approach to pre-school education.



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## NEW MANAGER AT HALL GARTH



Tracey Sillett, aged 28, has been appointed Sales and Marketing Manager of the Hall Garth Hotel. She takes over from Belfast-bound Caroline Lusk and has previously worked at Regal Group's Cumbrian Hotel in Carlisle and at the Belfry.

## Letter to the Editor UNFAIR TO BLAME TOWN COUNCIL FOR LITTER ETC.

Dear Sir,  
I sympathise with recent correspondents who have complained about the litter and dog dirt in Newton Aycliffe. And I understand why people blame the Council - although I think they are unfair to do so.

I would like to offer a Town Council perspective on this issue. The Town Centre is owned by private companies. The Town Council has no power over them. To take over the existing town centre, or build a substantial new centre on the Avenue site, would cost MILLIONS of pounds. So, although the state of the Town Centre worries Councillors, there is little they can do. Letters from Aycliffe people to the owners would perhaps accomplish more. The Town council DOES own large tracts of wood and parkland. It tries to upkeep these to a high standard. The Council's 'Grounds Maintenance' contract costs the ratepayers £220,000 a year. Remember that, roughly, every £10,000 of Council expenditure costs £1 on the rates. Consequently, every household in Great Aycliffe pays £22 a year just for parks maintenance. It is the largest single item of Council expenditure.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, of course, the Council has to repair damaged buildings and equipment. The Council last year spent £12,000 purely and simply on the 60 specific items of vandalism which were reported - broken windows, damage to bus shelters, damage to fences, vandalism to play equipment, safety surfaces torn up or damaged by fire, damage to Golf Course Greens, stolen golf balls, theft of plants and hanging baskets, damage to litter bins caused by air rifle pellets...and many, many other reported items of vandalism. In all, the Town Council spends some £40,000 a year on maintenance which is not officially classified as 'vandalism', but which includes replacing burned out litter bins, removing graffiti, removal of broken bottles in play areas and general damage to shrubs, trees and bedding schemes. The Town Council has just spent £6,500 on shutters to its building at Moore Lane, because vandals were putting out the windows so regularly. Next year, it is going to have to spend another £2,000 on security boulders at Moore Lane because some idiot keeps driving a car round on the playing fields and putting green.

All this amounts to an extra £5, paid by every household ON THE TOWN COUNCIL RATES every year. It does NOT include vandalism to District Council property in Aycliffe, which is probably as much again. It is a sad fact, but there are a few young people who enjoy spoiling and destroying the things that belong to us all.

What is the Town Council to do? We could employ a team of people to pick up people's litter and dog dirt after them as fast as they can make the mess. But how would people react to being charged on the rates to clear up the mess that other people are making?

Or what would be said if we were to leave the rates as they are, and find money to clear litter by, for example, shutting down the playgroups?

Great Aycliffe Town Council tries to repair damage as fast as it is done. And we try continually to upgrade our facilities - next year, we intend to spend £20,000 replacing the last few old green bus shelters with new stone-built ones, £50,000 on new equipment in our play areas, and £100,000 building toilet and changing facilities next to the Golf Shop. These measures are sure to raise howls of outrage from certain Councillors and ratepayers. But what is the alternative? Do ratepayers really want us to let everything go to rack and ruin?

Anyone who has travelled outside Newton Aycliffe knows that - despite its problems - Aycliffe is NOT a very dirty place. We have a Town Council that keeps on top of vandalism and general wear and tear. If there is anything to be done in this area, I believe that much of it must lie in EDUCATION, as parents train their children (and, in some cases, themselves) to use a litter bin, and to take care of those areas, buildings and equipment that belong to the community as a whole.

Councillor Terry Hogan  
Chairman Environment Committee

## Letter to the Editor TIME FOR ALL NEWTONIANS TO ASK QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,  
My, my, what a mess we Newtonians are in. We have the highest Council Tax bills to pay in the region and for what?

A Town Centre that doesn't exist, for a community called Woodham, who do not want to be associated with Newton Aycliffe, yet want to use what little facilities we do have.

A housing estate where people are not allowed to make a decent garden, but where lorries are allowed to park dangerously. These residents are waiting for a nightmare to begin, if an outdoor all weather pitch is not moved to the other side of the school, which is all they want, not to destroy the plans altogether. But why did we destroy the Avenue School which already housed an outdoor weather pitch?

Perhaps Greenfield School should concentrate on providing a Sixth Form College for our children, so that they

don't have to travel to an already stretched sixth form at Woodham School or even Darlington, which is trying to cope with increasing demand.

The town had plans, for an Arts/Drama Centre and Cinema, but where did these plans and money disappear to?

Why were the community of Woodham (not in Newton Aycliffe) allowed to put a man out of business all because of the occasional noise and traffic (the same noise and traffic that Officials say will not happen at Greenfield School), when this could have brought a lot of jobs, interest and esteem to Newton Aycliffe?

He had one of the largest Equestrian Centres in the country and had people such as the Duke of Edinburgh coming to do his stuff. This created an interest, then he held car Boot Sales and a Car Extravaganza which I believe was a great success, but

unfortunately was not allowed to hold any more. No doubt the "officials" of this town will eventually try these things for themselves as the Summer Show, held last year, failed to stir the interest of Newton Aycliffe.

We have a home of Mentally Handicapped men who are living within our community who are being moved out of this home to live within our community, I can't see how much closer they can get than they already are. What are we paying our Council Tax for? Even Shildon is getting a multi million pound face-lift, whose money is paying for this?

I feel it's about time Newtonians stood up and started asking questions, as our whole town and community is in a mess. Perhaps the official bodies might take notice of us and get something right for once.

A very dissatisfied Newtonian.

## HUNTSMAN LANDLORD MISSES OUT ON T.V. STARDOM

by Martin Walker.  
STAN FULLER's dreams of conquering the country's elite amateur singers were dashed last week, when he was knocked out of the top T.V. show 'Stars in their eyes'.

Stan, Huntsman Pub Landlord, impersonated Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees and, ironically, he sang "Tragedy".

Although Stan himself believed his performance merited top marks, the spectators were obviously captivated by the winning competitor's act - who impersonated Annita Baker, singing 'Sweet Love'. Stan said "I won't ever sing better than I did, and the choreography worked out brilliantly. I personally thought that I would win it, but it wasn't my day. It was a tragedy!"

Stan added "I don't regret the fact that I competed. It was a good day out, every one was very friendly and I couldn't ask for more than that - the whole experience was great!"

The other competitors impersonated Harry Connick Jr, James Taylor and Sheryl Crowe. It is screened on May 18th.

Meanwhile, Huntsman F.C. scraped through to the semi-finals of the Invitation Trophy, after narrowly but inevitably beating a poor Quaker Sports side 2-1. In a week when football

lived in the shadows of the epic Liverpool-Newcastle clash last Wednesday, Huntsman proceeded through to the latter stages of this newly introduced competition.

Wayne Marram scored Huntsman's first, while Chris Walker netted the winner after a Quaker Sports mini revival.

Midfield dictator Jim McCabe won the man-of-the-match award, and Gareth Elvidge was voted as the minger-of-the-match. Huntsman don't have any scheduled games for two weeks.

Newton Aycliffe Working Mens Club won the Heart Foundation Cup on Bank Holiday Monday, beating Maidstone Moor Masons Arms 6-1.

Midfield inspiration Tony Young grabbed a hat-trick, with Dougy Grant, Karl Black and Wayne Barrigan scoring the others.

The Club have already won the C.I.U. league, for the second year running, and are in another Cup semi-final (The President's Cup) this Sunday against Chilton W.M.C.

## OPEN DAY

Slimming World at Neville Parade Church Hall, is celebrating it's second anniversary this weekend with an open day. On Saturday 13th April, Newton Aycliffe residents are invited to come along, and see what makes Slimming World the top club in Newton Aycliffe. The last two years have seen over 1000 people lose weight successfully in Newton Aycliffe, and on Saturday everyone will have the chance to try some of their recipes, and see their wide range of foods that can be eaten freely. There will be free balloons and free advice on healthy eating. Refreshments will be available, with proceeds going to the church. For details of classes or open day contact June - 01325 255057. Open Day 10am to 12pm.



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**EUNICE DUNBAR** 9th April 1995. My heart still aches with sadness and silent tears flow, what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know, silent thoughts of times together, hold memories that will last forever. Your loving husband Sammy XXX

**EUNICE DUNBAR** A special person, a special face, someone we loved and cannot replace, never selfish, always kind, Mam, these are the memories you left behind. Loved and missed always, Stuart, Emma and Lewis XXX

**EUNICE DUNBAR** 9th April 1995. Memories are precious, we have quite a few, but the sadness is, Eunice, we don't have you. Loved and missed always, Val and Harry XXX

**WALTER DICKINSON** 12-4-83. Many years have passed since you moved on, but in our hearts you still carry on. For we do miss and love you so, but then I'm sure you do know. So please dear Lord up above, give our Dad a great big hug. Sadly missed Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad XXX Christine, Jeff and family

**ANN BATCHELOR** (nee Petty) 53 years. It has been a year since we parted and the pain is still as deep as the day you were taken from me. Will love you always Geoff

**ANN BATCHELOR** (nee Petty) Mum, you gave us love, guidance and friendship, there is not a day or night goes by when we don't think of you or remember you with love. God bless you Mum, until we meet again, your ever loving daughters Amanda and Leslea

**ANN BATCHELOR** 19-4-95. Please dear Lord, put your arms around her, give her your special care, make up for all she suffered and all that seemed unfair, sadly missed Ron, Lyn, Gary and Benjamin

**ANN BATCHELOR** 19-4-95. My heart still aches with sadness, silent tears still flow, what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. All my love Mam

**ANN BATCHELOR** 19-4-95. We think about you always, we talk about you to, we have lots of lovely memories, but we wish we still had you. Loved and sadly missed Kevin, Denise, Thomas and Matthew

**QUINN** April 14th - In memory of Maggie and Joss a loving mam, Dad and Grandparents, forever in our thoughts loving daughter Peggy and family - God bless

**DOUTHWAITE**, Johnny 15-4-90. My love is always with you. Your place no-one can fill. In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you still. Loving wife Betty XX

**DOUTHWAITE** 15-4-90. Dad, always remembered on this day, gone but never forgotten, love Jacky, Alan and Julie XX

**DOUTHWAITE** 15-4-90. Dad, we will always remember you. John, Marie, Paul and Hugh XX

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## Thank You

**THANK YOU** to the kind person who returned my purse to my home, I am sorry I was not in and I would like to meet you to say thanks personally. If you wish this also please contact me, you know my address - thanks again

**AIREY** Thanks to Joanne for our beautiful baby boy, Ross, love Jason, Thanks to Midwife and all Hospital staff

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN** - Stupid gossip can wreck lives. I was seen in a cafe with friends and someone told my husband I was having an affair, now 16 years of marriage has gone and my children have lost their Dad. I hope the persons responsible are happy with themselves.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Agnew Community Centre

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## Congratulations

**A BIG HAPPY** birthday to our granddaughters Stacey Shaw 12-4-89 and Clarissa Nixon 13-4-89 on your 7th birthdays, love Nanna and Grandad XX

**BELLINGHAM** To Joanne and Jason a baby boy, Ross on Sunday 7th April, weighing 9lb 1oz

**MOSSOP** Congratulations Kelly on your engagement to Stephen, lots of love Mam and Peter

**MOSSOP** Congratulations Kelly and Stephen on your engagement, love and best wishes to you both Nanna Stella XXX

**DANIELLE ELKIN** To a very special daughter on her 2nd birthday (12th April) hugs and kisses from Mammy XXX

**DANIELLE ELKIN** Lots of love on your 2nd birthday from Grandma and Grandad Arthur

**BROAD & Boynton** congratulations Ian and Karen on your wedding day, 13th April, 1996. Best wishes for the future Mum and Bob

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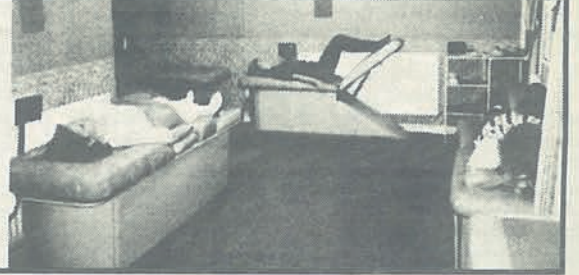


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## Emergency at Woodham!

An Emergency Meeting of the Woodham Community Centre Management Committee was held this week to discuss the lack of officers to run the award winning Association. The President chaired a Management Committee which, for various reasons, suddenly found it had no Chairman, Secretary, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. Two posts were filled and one was left in abeyance until the next meeting on the 14th May. The Secretary's position is still vacant and the Committee decided to appeal through "Newton News" for a volunteer. A person has offered to assist, but it is hoped someone with typing or word processing skills will come forward. Any reader willing to give a little of their time to this important job is asked to contact any Committee member or ring the President, Syd Howarth, on 300212. (After hours: (01388) 775143.

The Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30 p.m. The Secretary is required to take minutes and deal with any correspondence. It is an undemanding job, but very important to the smooth running of the Community Centre.

Mr. Pye was elected Vice Chairman and Mr. Tony Mason, Treasurer. The Committee discussed the possibility of forming a Residents Association to operate from the Centre and agreed to give it urgent attention in order to address problems in the village. Anyone interested in serving on this Committee should write to the Management Committee at Woodham Community Centre.

The Community Centre is a valuable asset to Woodham as it has become a focal point for numerous activities. It has a healthy bank balance and is well run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers, but it cannot run without people from within the village willing to take the leadership. If you can give some of your time to help in this way please get in touch.

## The Giant Car Boot Fair

Which was to be held at the  
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## BISHOP AUCKLAND COLLEGE CHILD CARE PLACEMENT SCHEME INVALUABLE



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The scheme helps students gain experience in looking after children under one in the home environment. This brought double trouble for students visiting Florence Cowey at Newton Aycliffe who has three month old twins! Everyone had an enjoyable time and all mums and students agreed that the Placement Scheme was an invaluable aid to all concerned.

## EXCELLENT END OF SEASON BOWLING AT AYCLIFFE

This week see's the last games in the Great Lakes League's winter season at The Oak Leaf Complex. This season has been a good one for club members.

The men played their final county inter club match against Shildon with some excellent bowling from both sides, saw Aycliffe emerge as victor's picking up 7 of the 12 points available pushing them in top place and taking the championship of the 'B' division with Shildon in second place, with both team's gaining promotion to the 'A' division next season. The Aycliffe Team skips' Last. Aycliffe scores first. S. Davison, P.Towler, N.Bell, J. Hall, 15 point to 16. D.Roberts, P.Bulmer, K.Stamp, J.Palmer, 18 point to 26. A.Metcalf, W.Brown, J. Pearson, D.Dowson, 16 point to 19, S.Land, W.Tilley, N.Evans, V.Robson, 25 point to 14. D.Quickmire, K.Dunning, N.Ward, D.Barron, 17 point to 14. J.Howard, J.Potter, K.Thompson, M.Caradey, 21 point to 19.

The Ladies also had to do well in their last game against Gateshead to gain promotion but after a hard fought game saw them only picking up 3 points out of a maximum of 11 points so finishing in 3rd place.

The Ladies pair of Jennifer Heslop and Brenda Mangles did well in the National all England Final's at Southampton going out in the quarter final to a pair from the city of Birmingham by 2 shots.

At the annual Ladies Easter Tournament at Sunderland, E.White, L.Jones, E.Helm,

League's start on May 12th. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Mr S.Chapman. (Sec)

B.Mangles, finished in 3rd place. The A.G.M. will be held on April 17th and the summer

### GARDENS GUILD

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I HAVE TO INFORM THE MEMBERS OF THE DEATH OF THE CHAIRMAN KEN WOODHALL, WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON APRIL 1st. KEN WAS A STALWART MEMBER AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR HIS JOVIAL MANNER, AND UNSEEN WORK FOR THE GUILD. OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO HIS WIDOW DOROTHY AND FAMILY.

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