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## GRANT SCHEME TO IMPROVE OLD AYCLIFFE FACTORIES

Plans to give Aycliffe Industrial Park a facelift were launched this week with the award of Sedgefield District Council's first Environmental Improvement Grant.

The grant has been introduced to encourage external improvements to older buildings on the Park and the District Council's first award of £30,000 to Industrial Estates (Scotland) Limited will be to improve the appearance and surroundings of the former UMM building at the entrance to the Park. The award to IES is for external cladding, landscaping, fencing, resurfacing and a new traffic management scheme.

Owners, owner occupiers and tenants of pre 1975 buildings, particularly on the main routes through the Park, are being urged to apply for the grant. Projects can include building elevation improvements, for example cleaning brickwork or recladding facades, and improved boundaries including gatehouses and barriers, new fencing, walls and railings. Landscaping, car parking and traffic management schemes can also be eligible for a grant.

Councillor Terry Ward, Chairman of Sedgefield District Council, Development Committee said, "We hope that companies will take advantage of the new grant and upgrade the appearance of their older buildings. We have some help from the European Regional Development Fund and will operate the grant as a pilot scheme in 1996/97. If it's successful, we should like to extend it for two more years".

For further information please contact Janet Johnson at Sedgefield Business Centre, Aycliffe Industrial Park on 307270.

## NEW GOLF CLUB FORMED

The first AGM of the newly-formed Oak Leaf Golf Club was held on Wednesday 10th April in the Function Room at Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

The meeting was chaired by Bob Fleming, Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council.

The atmosphere was pleasant and friendly. Over 90 people who attended the meeting heard that the new club has over 300 members, including some 70 juniors and a dozen lady members. Bob Fleming spoke to the meeting, explaining that the Town Council was determined to create a first-class golfing facility for the people of Newton Aycliffe.

The Council had demonstrated its commitment by voting to build new changing, shower and toilet facilities, and was also planning to upgrade the course to 6000 yards.

The Council wanted the Committee to manage the affairs of the Club, but would appoint two members of the Club Committee (the Director of Parks and Leisure and the Chairman of the Parks Committee).

Golf Professional Clive Burgess was appointed Secretary, R. Warren was elected Captain, W. Bennett Vice-Captain, and A. Simm was elected Chairman.

The new Club's first League match will take place in the week beginning 8th May, and the first Youth Competition will be held on 29th May, as part of the Sedgefield District Council Festival of Life celebrations.

Bob Fleming said: "This is a wonderful start to the new Oak Leaf Golf Club, and I am delighted that the first meeting showed good will on all sides. Now the Committee can get on with the business of building a successful club."

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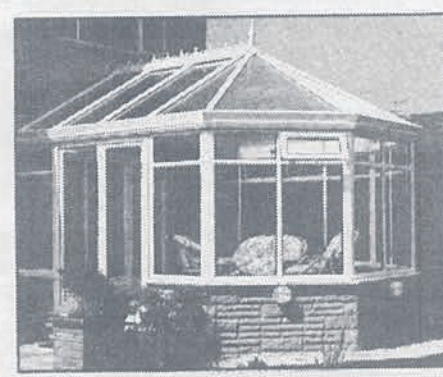
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## Letter to the Editor

### VOLUNTEERS HAVE NO RIGHTS

Dear Editor,  
I have been a volunteer at a local town centre charity shop since it opened just over seven years ago. For the last three years as a volunteer I have suffered from an illness called depression. I continued to work during my illness as it was of great help to me and I thought of my fellow volunteers as friends. I expect that at times they may have found my depression difficult to deal with as it is so misunderstood, but on my worst days I did not go to work. During this period I was never told that my depression was causing any kind of problems. Then in February of this year I informed the shop that I would not be into work for a while as my mother was terminally ill. When I did return to the shop on two separate occasions I was suddenly told I was unfit to work.

what an effect they have had on my life, and I only hope they can learn something from their actions.  
Yours  
A current depressive

I could not believe what was happening and contacted the Area Manager to hear what she had to say, she also stated that I was unfit to work. I have written to the Regional Manager but so far have had no reply. As a volunteer I have no legal rights and as someone with a mental health problem even less. So I can take no further action. I just want the people involved to know what they have done to me, because since the incident my mother has died. The shop was an important part of my life and I cannot understand why I have been treated in such a way. I have lost my trust in people and now feel very lonely and isolated. They did not even contact me after my mother's death to offer a few kind words of sympathy. Depression is such a misunderstood illness and sufferers can be made to suffer more through thoughtless actions. People in many walks of life suffer from depression and it does not mean they are insane, unintelligent or have no feelings. I and other sufferers just need some understanding and support in a time of crisis. So I hope the people I worked with realize

## CROFT FORCE LEGION INTO SECOND PLACE

CROFT W.M.C. 4  
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Exclusive by Lee Forster.

League leaders Croft completed their third win over rivals Legion in what is destined to be part 3 in the season's classic encounters between the two sides, with a 4-1 victory. Without several first teamers, the Legion looked for inspiration from youngsters Paul Topping, Andy Clay, Stuart Fawcett and Man of the Match Chris Johnson. Early play suggested that the Legion were not going to lie down and take defeat and they capitalized on a lazy Croft team and virtually played them off the park playing the counter attack through Forwards Mike Swankie and Trevor Cooke. The Legion's first real chance came when the ball broke kindly for Trevor Bygate, Bygate was clean though with support from Cooke, yet he went for the difficult option and hit a first time shot which swerved in the air and the keeper fumbled for a corner. Controversy occurred

midway into the half as a Croft shot hit the stantion and came across the line into the grateful arms of goalkeeper Ian Palmer. At 0-0 Croft never looked like scoring with a Legion defence holding their line professionally which consisted of Assistant Manager Colin Fawcett and Captain Darren Griffiths at the heart of the defence. This urged Croft to push an extra man up front. The Legion's hard work paid off with five minutes of the first half remaining. A stretched Croft defence was carved open with a long ball to Swankie who raced into acres of space, with a lot to do Swankie elected for a powerful shot that gave the 'keeper no chance. The second half saw Cooke miss a vital chance having a shot cleared off the line after making the 'keeper go to ground. Thus with a slender lead the Legion were forced onto the back foot and eventually folded, leaving Croft to rack up a score which flatters them. With runner-up hopes still intact the Legion visit Hundens Lane for a League match with lowly Quaker Sports.

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Tests were taken to see how much weight and stress it could take. Then we had to work out how much it would cost for the model and a real greenhouse. It was an enjoyable afternoon which we hope to follow next term with a bridge building task.

By Jemma-Lousie Ebdon.

## BOOTS' BABY OF THE YEAR

THIS YEARS "BOOTS BABY OF THE YEAR" WAS AMANDA JANE WHEATLEY AND SHE IS SEEN HERE RECEIVING HER PRIZE FROM TANYA LATHAM, SUPERVISOR. AMANDA WILL NOW GO FORWARD INTO THE NATIONAL COMPETITION TO BE JUDGED LATER IN THE YEAR.



## Tony Blair Opens Housing Office

Labour leader Tony Blair will give the official seal of approval to a new council initiative. The Sedgfield MP will open two Council Housing Offices in Trimdon Village and Newton Aycliffe during a visit on Friday April 26th. The offices are part of a housing management decentralisation programme being undertaken by Sedgfield District Council. The Housing Office in Newton Aycliffe is in the ground floor of the town's leisure centre and alterations are being made to accommodate the reception and office areas. Staff are set to move in on the week commencing April 15th and the office will be open from Monday April 22nd.

## Big Turn On

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All types of Clubs are to take advantage of a free stall to promote their organisation.

So far 40 stalls have been booked ranging from Sea Angling to the American Civil War Society.

It will be a very interesting Exhibition of the rich mixture of activities, hobbies, sports, arts and crafts available in Newton Aycliffe and the Towns Rotary Club are to be commended for the service they are providing to the

community in organising this massive event.

The whole of the Leisure Centre will be used to demonstrate the hundreds of different past times people can enjoy when they join a local organisation. Music and entertainment will be provided throughout the day from 10am - 5pm.

There have been numerous requests from several semi-commercial arts and crafts people who wish to demonstrate their skill and sell hand-made products. The organisers are considering allowing space for this purpose subject to room being available and for a donation to charity. Clubs and Organisations pay nothing and just need to bring their promotional material to decorate the stall or table provided.

If you wish to book a stall contact the organiser, Rotary Vice President Roger Curtis on 380024 or "Newton News" on 300212. But do it now to avoid disappointment!

## Letter

### "It's Not Fair" says Greenfield Pupil

Dear Editor,  
As a pupil at Greenfield Comprehensive School, I am appalled at the way a few residents nearby are still moaning on about Greenfield's expansion. The Greenfield steering group have already tried to inform you a few weeks ago, that they have changed many things to your benefit so I don't see what the problem is. The 620 pupils at this school plus the rest of the town will really benefit from this expansion and I don't think it is fair that a few residents nearby could stop that. Surely, those residents would have realised there would be some noise pollution anyway by moving next to a Comprehensive School in the first place. A Pupil of Greenfield Comprehensive School.

## SWAP SHOP

Local Ladbroke Manager Maurice Clarke is organising a Merlin Sticker Swap Shop at the Leisure Centre on Sunday 28th April from 11 a.m. to 4p.m. If you are a collector of 1996 Premier League Stickers and you need to swap a few - call in! A small admission fee will be donated to the Animal Health Trust.

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There will be coffee on arrival and refreshments provided at the 9th hole.

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The Park won the Northumbria in Bloom Best Conservation Project Award last year - thanks to a small band of people who run the Associations Park, situated in the North East corner of Aycliffe Industrial Estate.

The Park, which carries a very wide range of wild flora and fauna, attracts nature lovers from all over the County. Membership of the Association is only £1.50 for a family, £1 for individuals and 50p for children and O.A.P.'s. The site is used often by local schools for nature studies, and members of the Association are available to talk to town organisations. If you would like to join the Association please come along to the A.G.M. or contact either of the members below: Chairman Ben Hardaker - Tel: 314442, Treasurer Tom Spowart - Tel: 318984

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## THREE GOLD MEDALS FOR SEDGEFIELD 75 SWIMMER

Last weekend, 13/14th April, Stuart Begg of Sedgfield 75, achieved unparalleled success in the Leeds Open Masters Championship in the 35 to 39 age group. Stuart collected 3 gold medals in personal best times: 200 metre Individual Medley, 50 metre Breaststroke and 50 metre Butterfly. He collected bronze in the 200 metre Freestyle event and finished in 4th position in the 200 metre Freestyle. Sedgfield 75's success continued in the third of the Northumberland and Durham Championships held in Stanley.

The Mohan sisters Kathleen and Carol were both finalists in their events. Kathleen aged 15, finished in 4th position in both the 100m Backstroke (1.10.14) and 200m I.M. (2.31.41). Carol aged 11 finished 5th in the 100m Butterfly event in a personal best time of 1.24.62. Martin Whitfield finished in 5th position in the open 100 metre Freestyle event in a personal best time of 56.78. Matthew Bowden aged 13 finished in 5th position in the 100 metre Breaststroke event in a time of 1.23.58.

Ian Storey aged 11 finished 6th in the 200m I.M. in a personal best time of 3.02 and achieved a personal best time in the 100m Butterfly event. Congratulations to all those swimmers who took part in the championships many of whom achieved personal best times: Jill Hunter, Christopher Bowden (PB), Adam Burton, Stephanie Surtees, Kimberley Vickers (PB), Lyndsey Needham, Sarah Kelly, Michael Turnbull (PB), Beverly Vickers (PB), and Natalie Thompson (PB). The last of the Northumberland and Durham Championships will be held on the 21st April in Darlington.

## Athletics News

At the Hartlepool 10k road race Pete Milburn the Aycliffe A.C. Captain was 14th in 36m followed by Ken Byers 40m, Dave Middleton 35m (2nd vet) Chris White 41m, Cec Sugden 41m 56s, John Burnside 42m 10s, and Sue Milburn 44m (5th lady).

## £3 million Boost for Schools

Schools in Durham will today share in a £3 million cash boost to help raise literacy and numeracy standards in primary schools, Schools Minister Robin Squire announced today.

Mr. Squire announced that Durham Local Education Authority will receive two years of funding to train classroom assistants who help primary school teachers in teaching the three R's.

He said: "A good education begins with the basic skills of reading, writing and numeracy. Classroom assistants have been proven to play a valuable role in supporting primary school teachers in teaching the three R's.

"The training we are funding across the county will help provide better opportunities for those working as classroom assistants to extend their skills and gain recognition for their achievements. "I am delighted by the enthusiasm that institutions are showing for this scheme. The response from local authorities shows that they share our commitment to achieving higher standards in our primary schools."

## BUSINESSMAN WINS GOLF PRIZE



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The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor J.P. Rodwell presented prizes and certificates to the children at presentations held at the end of the Courses.

Tennis, Football and Golf Coaching Courses for juniors will be held during the Whitsun School Holidays, further information and application forms are available from Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. Telephone 300700.



# Jumble Sale to Help Youth Club Funds

Aycliffe Village Youth Club are to hold a Jumble Sale on Saturday April 27th from 10.30 onwards.

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# Top Presenter Joins AIFM

A1 FM - THE local radio station for Darlington and Newton Aycliffe is delighted to announce that Neville Wanless has joined the radios line-up of programme presenters. Neville Wanless has had a long career in broadcasting in the North East, most memorably through his many years with Tyne Tees television. He returned to the airwaves in the Darlington and Aycliffe area on Sunday 14th April with his long established programme of nostalgic music 'Silver Threads and Golden Needles'.

Neville can be heard between 8 and 10pm each Sunday evening on 103.2 FM.

Programme Controller John Pierce says "I am truly delighted to welcome such an experienced and popular presenter to A1 FM as we continue to build on our excellent start in the area and to prove that although we are an independent and not a large organisation, we can attract quality broadcasters and provide quality programmes".

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**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 too, we have lots of lovely memories, but we wish we still had you. Loved and sadly missed Kevin, Denise, Thomas & Matthew

**ANN BATCHELOR** 19-4-95. Loving memories of our dear friend, still in our hearts, still in our minds, still with us everywhere. There is never a day without thoughts of you, ann. Deeply missed Luke, Joyce and Colin

**FRANKS** Elizabeth, died 14th April 1989. You really haven't left us, nor have you travelled far, just entered God's own garden and left the door ajar. Sadly missed Nephews Gary and John

**FRANKS** Elizabeth Died 14th April 1989. A few years ago we had to part with a sister we loved with all our hearts, her trials were many, her pleasures few. God alone knows what she went through, remembrance is sweet but sad to recall, she was loved by us and respected by all. Always remembered sister Jean, brother-in-law Les

**HUTCHINSON**, Ronald. Ron, died 25th April. Memories of you are always kept, a Dad and Grandad too special to forget. Always love you, love Liz, Malcolm, Stephen & Samantha XXX

**HUTCHINSON**, (Ron) Died 25th April 1993. I think of you in silence and often speak your name, I have many happy memories and your picture in a frame, no words can heal the heartache as I shed a silent tear, for a much loved husband - Your loving wife Cora XXX

**SAYERS** (Walter Holt) 21-4-91. My heart still aches with sadness, silent tears still flow, what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Loving wife Mary and family

**STERLING**, Jonathan Died 24-4-95. To know we never said goodbye, will always bring regret, but the one's who really cared for you are the one's who won't forget. Silent thoughts of times together hold memories that last forever. Always remembered Michael & Gail

**WOODHEAD**, Ryan Andrew 25-4-94 - 5-5-94. No presents to wrap, no cards to send, only broken hearts which will never mend. No songs to sing, no games to play, on this your special day, love Auntie Tracey, Uncle Carl and Jack XXX

**JOE STOTT** 18th April 1994. I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheek. It broke my heart when I lost you, but you didn't go alone, for part of me went with you, the day God called you home. I'll never cease to love you, and when my time is through, I pray that God will take my hand and lead me straight to you. All my love Wendy

**TERRY HARDY** 18-4-95. A year has passed since you left me without saying goodbye, remembered loved and missed every minute of every day, love always your loving wife Enid

**TERRY HARDY** 18-4-95. We can't believe a year has past since you left us, always in our hearts and thoughts, love and miss you always Peter, Lynne, Alyson, Karen and Anita

**TERRY HARDY** Sadly missed, love from Andrew, Micky, Ian and Alicia

**GRANDAD HARDY** I know I wasn't around to get to know you, but as I grow up I will learn that you were one of the greatest Grandad's anyone could wish for. I will remember you as I have been told -

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**GRANDAD HARDY** We all love and miss you more and more each day, wishing that you could come back from Heaven to stay. Cuddles, love and kisses forever, Ross, Robyn, Curtis, Bradley and Ricky

**RAYMOND GILLHAM** April 22nd, 1994. Treasured memories of a loving Dad, Grandad and father-in-law. No finer person this world could hold, a helping hand a heart of gold. You left us quietly, your thoughts unknown, the memories you left us, were proud to own, for we all miss and love you so, but then again, we're sure you know. Anne, Shaun and loving grandchildren Richard and Charlotte

**RAYMOND GILLHAM** In loving memory, died 22nd April 1994. I remember the day that I met you and the day that God made you mine, I remember with sadness the day I lost you and I will till the end of time, to me you were someone special, someone set apart, God has you safe in his keeping but I have you still in my heart. Loved and remembered always, loving wife Phyllis

**RAYMOND GILLHAM** Died 22nd April 1994. Last night as I lay sleeping, I swore I saw your face, not standing here beside me, but in a different place, a garden filled with beauty, the sky so clear and blue, and angels kneeling praying, while watching over you. Then I saw a valley, you were sitting by a stream, I knew what I was seeing, could not have been a dream. Then when you turned I saw you, a smile upon your face, I knew that you were happy and in a better place. Loved always Julie, Edward, Rhiannon, Gail and Amanda

**RAYMOND GILLHAM**. Entered into rest 22nd April 1994. A loving Grandad. Everyday no matter where, deep in our hearts you will always be there. Memories are precious and time goes on but when you long for a face and smile that has gone. If only we could see you as we walk through the door, to talk and laugh again, just as before. Loved and missed always Sarah, Richard and Andrew

**MEHAFFY** 19-4-93. In memory of a loving wife, mother and grandmother, we love and miss you, Dave and family

**JENNY BRIGGS** 24-4-95. A year has past since we saw you last, they say that time will heal, but this sense of loss and sadness, we will always feel, sadly missed Mam, Julie, Brian, John and Helga

**JENNY BRIGGS** 24-4-95. Memories are precious, we have quite a few, but the sadness is Nanna, we don't have you. Lots of love Michael, Gayle, Sonja and Birgitte

**JENNY BRIGGS** 24-4-95. Gentle Jesus up above, please give our Nanna a great big hug, love Ian and Andrew

## Thank You

**BRYAN SHEPHERD & MICHAEL REA** wish to thank everyone for all their good wishes, cards etc. on leaving John Meynell's to go it alone - thanks also to families past and present for faith, trust & support

**THE FAMILY** of the late Robert Higgins wish to thank everyone for beautiful cards and messages of condolence at there recent bereavement. Special thanks to Drs Alcock, Clark, Sister Kent, Julie and nurses for nursing second to none. Also special thanks to Rev. K. Kilby and Rev. S. Stevenson

**ALL OUR** best to Bryan Shepherd and Michael Rea on leaving John Meynell's. Good luck in your new Funeral business. All our love Jan, Billy and Lindsay

**GOOD LUCK** to Bryan on leaving John Meynell's. Our best wishes to you and Michael on your new venture. Love Terry, Geoff, Brooke and Harry

**PLASMOR** To all the lads thank you for all your help and support over these last few days, you have been great! John, Angela and Mark

**WOODHALL** Dorothy and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for the cards, telephone calls, letters of condolence, charitable donations and also all the beautiful floral tributes received. Their help and kindness has been of great support after the sad death of Ken. Grateful thanks to Drs Martin and Luder for their constant attention to Ken during his long illness. Special thanks to Rev. Nicholson at St Clares Church for the lovely service and also to Meynell Funeral Services. Ken will be sadly missed by us all

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**AN AFTERNOON** course in all aspects of cake decorating in St John's Church Hall, Shildon will begin April 24th, 1.30pm, in interested come along. Woodham and Greenfield Schools cake decorating classes begin on the 22nd and 23rd April, respectively at 7pm

**A TALK ON** the benefits of colour and image analysis by Evonne West is to be held at Aycliffe Village School on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm. Admission £1.50, OAP's £1 inc refreshments

## Lost & Found

**LOST** in Aycliffe Village my kitten "Tiger" went missing on Saturday evening, 31-3-96, he's six months old, tabby, fawn and black stripes with white chest and tummy. If found please contact Al Store, Aycliffe Village - I would be very grateful as I really miss him - thank you, Bradley, 6 month old black/tan German Shepherd, answers to Mel, wore a red lead and chain collar when lost, if found contact 01388 720113

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## Congratulations

**DAWSON** Darren and Rachel, congratulations on the birth of Kieran Craig on 8-4-96, 8lbs 3oz, thank you for our lovely grandson and nephew, all our love Mum and Dad and Aunt Charlotte and Uncle Adnan XXX

**WATSON** 11-4-96. Thank you for a beautiful little sister, Lauren-Katie, love and kisses Emma-Louise

**WATSON** Thank you for our beautiful daughter Lauren-Katie, well done Beverly, loads of love from Garry

**SPENSLEY** Vic and Sylvia happy belated birthday to you both, done it again, love to you both Jen and Bill XX

**ANN MARIE THOMSON** Happy 30th birthday "Old Woman", love Maureen and Colin

**GEMMA LEE** 19-4-96. Hip Hip Hooray, Gemma's 6 today, happy birthday, love Mammy, Daddy & Ryan

**ANNE, BETTY** Allan, Dave, Ray and Tony - placed 2nd in the quiz - Eat our dust - Nigel

**BARBARA WALKER** Happy 50th birthday 21-4-96, love husband David, Michelle, David, Deborah, Charlie and Andrew

**LEE** Happy April birthdays to Karen, Jayne and Adam, love you Grandma XXX

**SHAW** Mandy and Anthony, well done, 5 years together, here's to many more, have a good night out, love Julie and Gary XX

**SHAW** Anthony 20-4-91, Happy anniversary, all my love Mandy, I got the date right after all XX

**SHAW** Wedding anniversary 20-4-91, Mandy and Anthony, congratulations to you both on your 5th anniversary, here's to many more happy years together, love Mam and Dad XX

**BELLINGHAM** Congratulations Joanne and Jason on the birth of Ross, he's gorgeous, love Tracey, Eddie and Hollie

## JEANNIE HIND



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## Birthday Memories

**KEITH SEAMAN** 20th April. To a special Dad, thinking of you on your birthday, love always Amanda XX





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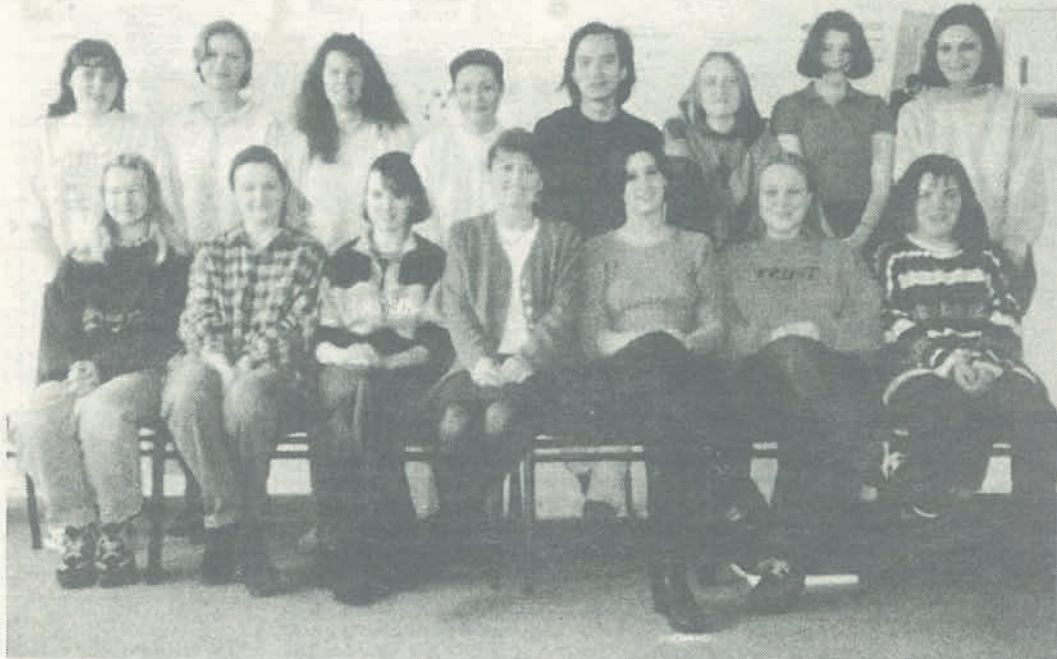
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## AYCLIFFE TEAM JUST MISS GLORY IN NATIONAL BOWLS FINALS

Saturday 13th April saw the start of the all England National Finals at Melton Mowbray and the Great

Aycliffe Team of Alan Metcalf, Jack Potter, David Barron and Derek Dowson won their first

game, putting them into the quarter finals on Sunday morning.

After a cliff hanger of a game saw the Aycliffe four winning by 1 shot for a place in the semi final on Sunday Afternoon when they played a team from Wey Valley, pulling back from being 12 shots to 19 down to win 21-19, giving them a well earned place in the finals on Monday afternoon when they met six time winners Cypher's of Beckenham with England International Gary Smith and Team Mate's Paul Butcher, Terry Heppell and Martin Sekjer.

The Great Aycliffe four conceded 5 shots on the opening end but fought back to 11-13 down on the 16th end and, with 2 ends left to play, were 14-13 ahead. Skip Derek Dowson held shot on the penultimate end and was poised to take a 2 shot lead into the last end. Gary Smith then played a brilliant wood taking the shot howl out and picking up 5 shots. The final score was Great Aycliffe 15 Cyphers 18.

This is the first time the four have teamed up together proving to be a formidable team. All four are keen members of the Bowling Club playing in the Great Lakes League and Inter Club County Leagues at the Oak Leaf complex.

## Army Cadets Adopt Nature Trail

As part of BT Environment Week '96 the Durham Army Cadet Force in Newton Aycliffe are hoping to adopt a nature trail for a year.

During the week itself, with the help of 50 children the cadets will be cleaning and tidying the trail and generally making it more pleasant to use. Further information is available from J Askew on 0402 180316.

BT Environment Week '96 is a week of environmental action taking place between 17th-27th May 1996, sponsored by BT and organised by the Civic Trust. To obtain your Registration Form Tel: 0171 404 3210 or write to BT Environment Week '96, Campaign Headquarters, PO Box 3064, London WC2A 1DR.

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From April 7th until May 25th 1996 Weight Watchers (UK) are offering Free Registration worth £9.00 plus if you do not lose half a stone in three weeks they will give you a free meeting worth £3.95. Until May 4th to get you in the mood for summer a special Weight Watchers (UK) passport is available while stocks last. It contains lots of money off vouchers for shops like Boots and Tesco's as well as a free copy of Bella magazine and a free Canderel chocolate bar and much much more.

To help you on your way to looking slim and trim Julie and Weight Watchers (UK) have prepared some simple slimming tips. Spring Into Shape..... It's never too late to get fit. Taking exercise helps speed up your metabolism and lose weight faster.

**Feast on Fruit...** Avoid sticky cakes and puddings they are laden with calories and try lots of Summer fruits instead.

**Creative Cooking...** Losing weight should not mean endless rounds of salad and cottage cheese. Why not experiment and try delicious low fat meals like Chicken Tikka and Tuna and Pasta Bake?

**Eat regularly...** It is important to remember to eat three meals a day. Skipping meals like breakfast can result in snacking on high sugar foods such as chocolate and biscuits.

**Stay liquid...** Drink lots of mineral water. It helps flush out toxins and fills you up.

Call 01642 615317 for details of your nearest Weight Watchers Meeting.

## 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.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from the Council Offices, PO Box 2, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe or by telephoning Aycliffe 300700.

Completed forms must be returned by no later than **FRIDAY 10th MAY, 1996.**

**J. D. FARQUHAR**  
 Town Clerk

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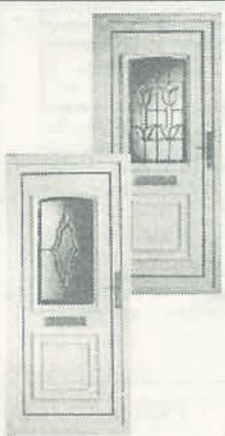
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