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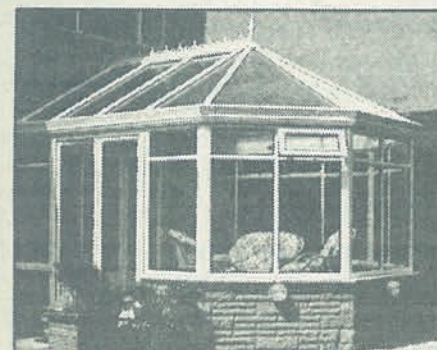
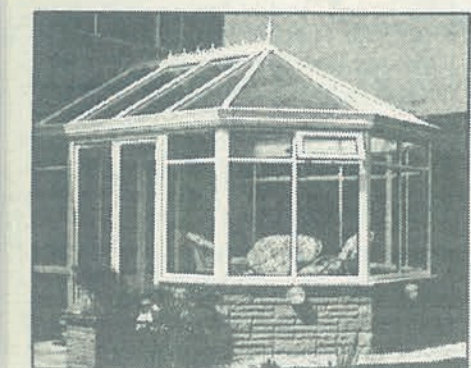
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ACCESS AT AYCLIFFE QUARRY HOTEL TO BE STUDIED

The new hotel proposed for the Aycliffe Quarry site is causing some concern to planners and local Councillors.

Planning permission was first granted some years ago, but a more detailed scheme has thrown up the problem of access onto the A167. The authorities are now not so happy with the idea of traffic entering and leaving the hotel direct from the main A167. Many have expressed concern over the access, particularly as it is probably more dangerous than other proposed entrances along the A167 which have been refused permission. Our Town Council has suggested the entrance to the hotel should be off St Andrews Way, which is the road off the roundabout leading to Fujitsu. This is undoubtedly the most sensible solution and should cause no danger or problems to road users, nor cause any inconvenience to visitors to the hotel.

ATHLETIC RESULTS

On Saturday there were only about 100 runners in the Croxdale 10 Road Race, due to the London Marathon being run on Sunday. Colin Gibson, Dave Thompson and Alan Wilks ran for Newton Aycliffe and injured veteran marathon runner, John Armstrong cycled round the course in support. The two leaders from Sunderland AC, J Laws and Glen Foster held hands as they crossed the line in an attempt to get a draw, but J Laws was awarded the victory. Alan Wilks took 66 minutes, Colin Gibson 62 minutes and Dave Thompson 76 minutes.

ELECTRICITY SHOWROOM TO CLOSE

Northern Electric is to close their shop in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre on Tuesday 7th May.

In future electric bills can be paid at various shops appointed to accept payments on behalf of Northern Electric.

The following shops can take your money: Forbuys in the Town Centre, Bells Stores at Parsons Centre and Neville Parade Post Office.

The closure is part of Northern Electric's cost cutting strategy affecting fifty other towns, brought about by the high rent and rates of Town Centre premises.

We are told the rent was due for review in March next year and an increase was expected. The issue of rent

and rates was a consideration in Northern Electric's decision to close. Newton Aycliffe has one of the highest shop rent levels in the country - comparable to Darlington and large City High Streets! And the Landlords keep pushing them up despite how many shops are forced to close.

It appears that as long as there are enough charity shops to take the empty premises, and pay the rent, our absent Landlords in London, will make no effort to improve the mix of shops to provide a comprehensive service to the residents of this town.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL BRITAIN IN BLOOM and GARDENS COMPETITION 1996

Following last years success in the Britain in Bloom Competition, with top awards to Simpature Court for best kept grounds of a old people's home and Aycliffe nature Park for best conservation project, the Town Council has entered Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village into this year's Britain in Bloom Competition. Whilst the Town Council enter the competition on behalf of the Town and Aycliffe Village, judging is not restricted to Town council property alone. All areas are closely scrutinized by the judges, including industrial estates, housing areas, shopping centres and open spaces. Extracts from the Judging Criteria applied to Britain in Bloom entries read as follows:

"Judges will be looking for the overall effort in support of the Britain in Bloom Campaign. The floral impact should be visibly evident on entry to a city, town or village and should extend through all areas - participation by residents and the public on both private or Council housing estates will be looked for. Judges will look for efforts and improvements to the environment not only for residents but for visitors to the town."

In previous years the Town Council's Garden Competition contributed to the Britain in Bloom effort by catering for judging of the whole garden associated with any one property which to a large extent covered garden areas never actually seen by visitors to the area, mainly due to the layout of housing in the town which affords most properties with large rear gardens and small front gardens.

Having given serious consideration to the spirit of the competition the Town Council agreed that the way in which gardens are judged should be changed, with the emphasis being on the areas of the garden which can be enjoyed not only by the resident but by other members of the community and visitors to the town with special prizes for the most improved entries and greatest impact on the environment. The intention is not to discourage previous entries with little or no front garden, on the contrary it is to encourage residents to demonstrate commitment and a flair for improvement, and innovation, making use of hanging baskets, window boxes and planters where no formal garden exists.

As well as entering the Town and Village categories the Town Council can also nominate entries for awards in the following categories:

- ROY LEYBURN MEMORIAL TROPHY** - best school horticultural project.
MAY WOOLEY AWARD - Best voluntary project in support of Northumbria in Bloom (eg: scouts/guides, church groups or local committees taking part in litter picks, clean-ups, plantings etc.)
NORTH TYNESIDE TROPHY - Best shopping precinct.
NORTHERN ROCK RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY AWARD - Best combined efforts of residents of a clearly defined community, eg: street, terrace, cul-de-sac which may have been improved and enhanced their environment.
RON GRUBB MEMORIAL TROPHY - Best kept grounds of an old people home (Won by Simpature Court last year, see picture below).



- BETTY WOOD TROPHY** - Best kept grounds of a religious establishment, maintained by parishioners.
GLADYS WATSON TROPHY - Best individual commercial effort for the upkeep and layout of external premises (excluding licensed premises)
IPRA PRESIDENTS TROPHY - Best conservation project by the local community. (Won by Aycliffe Nature Park last year)
JENNIFER ROBSON TROPHY - Best kept and florally attractive bus, metro or railway station.
WHITLEY BAY GUARDIAN TROPHY - Best effort for upkeep of external premises by a public house or hotel
TYNE & WEAR COUNTY COUNCIL TROPHY - Best effort by a manufacturer for maintenance of grounds.
HORTICULTURAL TRADES ASSOC. AWARD - For outstanding overall efforts by Chambers of Commerce or equivalent in support of a L A entry in Northumbria in Bloom.
THE BOB WOOLLEY MEMORIAL AWARD - The most attractive private FRONT garden.

For further details of how to enter nominations for any of the above categories please contact Mike Wilson at the Town Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane Tel 300700.

Garden Competition judging will take place during week ending Friday 9th August, 1996. To enter please complete the following form and return to Mr Mike Wilson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, "Garden competition", PO Box 2, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 4EF

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U.S.A. DANCE TEAM PERFORM AT THE LEISURE CENTRE



The extravadancers, a fast-paced dance Group from the United States will be at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 4th May with a show designed to entertain the whole family.

The group of thirty six dancers, students at Ricks college in Rexburg, Idaho, will perform an "extravaganza" of dance ranging from graceful waltzes to a colourful tango, the jitterbug and a dramatic selection of dances from contemporary theatre.

Their programme for the day comprises an afternoon workshop and a show in the evening.

Sander Larson, the Extravadancers Tour manager said "Our goal is to provide good family entertainment. The quick moving programme gives a glimpse of what dance can

be - a beautiful art form". Experienced performers, the Group toured Tonga, Samoa and Hawaii in 1995 and have given shows in Australia, New Zealand and the Far East, as well as coast to coast performances in the U.S. Their UK tour will last for three weeks. On Saturday 4th May the Extravadancers Workshop starts at 2.30pm at the Newton Aycliffe Leisure centre. It's open to everyone from complete beginners to experienced dancers. It will last about 1½ hours and costs £4. In the evening the show starts at 7pm, price £1.50, children and OAP's £1.00. For tickets and further information please contact Beryl Anderson at Sedgfield District Council on 01388 816166 ext 4488. The show is part of the Sedgfield District "Festival of Life".

Letter to the Editor

NEW DRAMA GROUP RECEIVES GOOD SUPPORT

Dear Sir
 The Acorn Players would like to thank "Newton News" for the publicity given to their latest production, for which we have a full stage cast of 32, also a producer, front of house manager, prompt and stage manager.

Anyone who is handy at electrics, carpentry, painting etc, please contact us, as help is always needed in this area, as well as back

stage.

Many thanks to the two departments at Perstorp who donated our first two cheques, and a big big thank you to one of our customers at John Eliots Shoes, who gave us £5.

We are trying hard to raise funds ourselves and it is so nice when other people are giving us their support.

For further information contact Anne Harland on 316956

Letter TOWN CENTRE IS A HEALTH HAZARD

Dear Sir,
 The Town Centre, by general acclaim, is in a filthy condition. Bird droppings alone, caked into pavement areas must constitute a health hazard, particularly to the toddler. I find it hard to understand how, as an Environmental Committee, basic health does not come into the remit of Counc. Terry Hogan. Why not have the cleaning done yourself and recourse the cost to those he claims to have no control? His letter amply demonstrates the ability of Councils to expend money in all directions. Why does he not address the need to portray the best possible "civic image" as well? He should start with those who seek to destroy it, and getting them into line should be a task of his Department.

I challenge his comment that Aycliffe is not a very dirty place. We should be proud of our own standard and not seek comparison with others no matter where we travel.

If Counc. Hogan's Department has no control in the matter of health protection would he please indicate where such an appeal can be sent?
 G. Smith

GARDENS GUILD

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MARATHON RUNNER HELPS TOWN CHARITIES



Colin Walker, son of Don, the Butcher at Simpasturegate, is celebrating his completion of the London Marathon.

Colin, who works with his father and lives in Newton Aycliffe, is a keen squash player and general keep fit fanatic.

He raised over £400 in sponsorship money which he has donated to the Town's Rotary Club to distribute to local charities.

Club President John Dormer asks "Newton News" to convey his member's congratulations and thanks to Colin for his magnificent effort for Newton Aycliffe charities.

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Letter to the Editor IT WAS CRIMINAL TO TAKE PATIENTS FROM THEIR HOME

Dear Sir,
The emotional debate about the residents of Horndale House does not sufficiently emphasise why these problems have arisen.

The start of troubles and the problems for the future began with the closure of psychiatric hospitals. Decanting patients into the community from what had been their home was criminal!

Where was the outcry when Aycliffe Hospital closed - there was a deafening silence!

After writing several letters concerning this I am still waiting for my first letter of support.

The spirit of goodwill has now almost gone and I wonder who will pick up the pieces when 'Care in the Community' fails. As for petitions, be it 800 or 8,000 the arrogant and ignorant civil servants and the bureaucratic thugs will dictate, whatever the circumstances.

All over the country relatives of the mentally handicapped are disgusted with the way our hospitals have been demolished and the valuable land sold off. Money has flowed into the pockets of many while vulnerable people have gone onto the streets and into prisons.

Mental Handicap is a permanent condition. It can be caused at birth, by accident or illness. The result is a reduction in mental age and intellectual capacity. There is no cure although associated disabilities or illness can often be controlled.

People with a mental handicap need life long care and support. The E.E.C.'s Register of Specialists have established the correct term is to be "Mental Handicap" and not "Learning Disability".

This term is factually incorrect and trivialises the needs to be

met, thereby encouraging those Authorities who wish to provide only the minimum of support.

Residential and Village communities offer a high quality alternative for those who want them. They provide care, companionship with a full and interesting life at a fraction of the cost of Community Care. The cost of moving someone from a hospital to a specially adapted house in the community without health, recreational educational and other services is about £50,000 per person. A hospital site can be converted to a purpose built complex for around £20,000 per person.

I wish the residents of Horndale House a very happy and contented future.

Danny Lawler
The National Society for Mentally Handicapped People in Residential Care.

WASTE PAPER
South Durham Hospice regrets that due to repeated vandalism, the skip for waste paper on the old Avenue School Site will be withdrawn from 1st May 1996

Letter Not so Greedy

Dear Sir,
As one of the "Greedy pensioners" who take advantage of the free trips arranged by our Town Council, I am outraged by such arrogance alluded to by "Pensioner" in last week's "Newton News"

I also made adequate provision for retirement and could well afford to pay for the trip, but I happen to believe it is a marvellous gesture from our Council to enable all pensioners regardless of class or creed, to enjoy a day out together. I have lived on the town for nearly 40 years and the 3 trips I have been on have been absolutely wonderful, meeting so many people, who like us, came to Newton Aycliffe when they first married.

As the town has grown so much we have lost touch and this brings us all together.

It doesn't matter who has more money in their purse - the comradeship on these trips is heartwarming. It is just as well your correspondent excludes himself, as he may find it rather uncomfortable to be equal for that one day in his mercenary life.

Yours sincerely,
Audrey Harnett.

Woodham School Compete at Kielder

A team of teenagers from Newton Aycliffe have entered the BT Kielder Challenge and they will compete in the Durham heat to be held at Hardwick Hall Country Park on Thursday 25th April.

The team, representing Woodham Comprehensive, comprises 13-16 year olds, four with disabilities and four without.

Three other teams will compete in the heat - from Stockton, Middlesbrough and Hartlepool.

The winners of the outdoor activities contest will go on to the semi-finals. The final of the contest is at Kielder Water in Northumberland in September.

SILVERDALE COMMUNITY HELP CHILD CANCER VICTIM

A Jumble and Nearly New Sale will be held in the Community House at 10 Silverdale Place on Saturday 27th April from 10.30am-3.30pm. The proceeds will be going towards the Aarran Farrell Appeal for a young lad from Silverdale suffering with cancer, whose dream it is to visit Mickey Mouse in Disneyland.

Anne, a Silverdale resident who is organising the event with her friends and neighbours have been overwhelmed with the tremendous response so far. All items for the sale have been washed and ironed in preparation. There will also be a tombola and cake stall and other fund raising activities.

Anne and her friends hope you will support the day and help make Aarran's dream come true

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TOWN'S UNDER 11's TEAM WINS JUNIOR LEAGUE TITLE



Newton Aycliffe Under 11's Youth AFC has won the Teesside Junior Football Alliance Under 11's League Division II. The League is made up from teams from around the Teesside area. They also reached the League Cup Semi-Final, being beaten by a 1st Division side.

This is a tremendous performance by the Under 11's as this is only the second time a Newton Aycliffe youth side have won any of the Teesside Junior Football Alliance Leagues.

The team will be taking part in a national Football Tournament at Lytham-St-Annes in May. We are looking for donations towards the funding of this trip and would be grateful for any support. If you can help please contact the secretary, Mr Brian Rose on Aycliffe 316269. Many thanks for the time and support given by parents and friends.

Back: Mr T Stoddart (Durham Precision Engineering, Sponsor), A Vickerstaff (Manager), Darren Craddock, Chris Laing, David Vickerstaff, Peter Waters, Ross Turnbull, Richard Thorne, Mark Byrne, Sean Redpath, Mark Jones, Robbie Tarling (Assistant Manager).

Front: Aaron Wright, Sean Tarling, Mark Craggs, Carl Bates, Paul Bowtell, Michael Cairns, Gavin Flowers, Ryan Stonehouse and John Bates.

DURHAM LEADS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER

Several GP practices are leading the way in the battle against cervical cancer in County Durham, achieving some of the highest coverage rates for smear tests in the country.

28 GP practices in the County carried out tests on 90% or

more of their women patients compared with the national average of 85%. These practices are to be given a special thank you from the Commission with each receiving a certificate of commendation in recognition of their achievement.

Two practices from Aycliffe are among the awardees: Dr. Alcock & Partners and Dr. Martin & Partners.

Dr. Clive Buxton, the Commission's acting director of public health, said: "This is a remarkable achievement by the practices involved. It will contribute greatly to the achievement of the Health of the Nation Target of reducing the incidence of cervical cancer by 20% in the UK by the year 2000.

What we need to do now is to encourage women who have not had a smear test or who are due for a test to make arrangements with their local practice or clinic.

This good practice is essential as smear testing is an extremely effective weapon in the detection of cervical cancer."

Dr. Len Featherstone, non-executive member of Durham Family Health Services Authority, said: "This is a great example of teamwork, dedication and a tribute to all the people involved, especially the practice nurses. We are not only educating women about the benefits of smear test, but are also effectively preventing the health problems for them in the future."

The Health Commission and GP practices in the County are seeking to extend this success, by targeting the 'at risk' groups of women who are less likely to attend for smear testing and who may be at increased risk of developing cervical cancer. These include older women, those with large families and women who have had multiple partners.

It is hoped that targeting these women will lead to an even greater reduction in the incidence of cervical cancer.

Letter to the Editor

£200,000 TO DEVELOP GOLF SITE

Dear Sir

The Town Council Labour Group proposed development of the Golf Shop to enhance provision for staff and golfers with showers and changing facilities at provisional costs of about £100,000, inclusive of professional fees.

£90,000 will be financed by Loan Sanction, said to cost ratepayers about £140 per week. Repayments over a 20 year period.

On those figures ratepayers will pay back £108,160.00p if added to the capital sum of £90,000 that equals £198,160.00. Plus estimated professional fees, development costs, etc. A total perhaps of over £200,000? To develop the Golf Shop site and meet Health and Safety standards.

I asked for consideration of two-part development. One; the Golf Shop, provide heating, water and toilet facilities and meet required conditions for staff.

Two; any other developments to enhance existing facilities in the Oak Leaf Complex. Essential services are in place, space is available, direct, used and family access from the car parks.

My proposal was designated to a "reference back" in the council Agenda, subjected to a Labour Group block vote and set aside without further ado.

What seems to have begun as an estimated provision of facilities in the Golf Shop, has evolved into a full scale on-site development. Costing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Whatever the eventual cost, ratepayers will have to fork out for that for the next two decades in their Council tax.

The Labour Group won hands down for Aycliffe again, and I was informed of the "good news" that other nearby Town councils may well overtake

ours in Precepts next year!

Whoever wins the Precept Title only adds even more to the District Council total, and the danger of Government Rate Capping, which may force the District council to cut services? Does Labour Groups winning hands down give ratepayers only Hobson's choice as to where their money goes?

Don Fraser
Woodham and
Aycliffe North

The right Direction

The launch of "Directions" Information Service took place at the Scope Shop in Newton Aycliffe this week. The service is offered via computer with a touch sensitive screen and will be available at the shop permanently.

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The service is free and a print-out is available to take home for future reference.

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Letter

THE OLD HYMNS ARE BEST

Dear Sir

I have just arrived home from the Town Centre after looking forward to the Good Friday Service. I really do look forward to this every year, but though there was a very good crowd there, I and all my friends were very disappointed.

We expected to have a good sing with all the good old tunes, but the first hymn "Meekness and Majesty" - even the people trying to sing did not know it.

Whoever chose the hymns? The second one was not much better. What about the good old hymns we all enjoy: "There is a green hill" etc. I cannot get to church regularly because of age and infirmity, but I love to hear the singing especially outdoors.

Do please consider the "Man in the street" next year.

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The Annual Charity Golf Day, organised by the Rotary Club, is being sponsored by the Hall Garth Hotel, using their challenging and picturesque nine hole course.

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Davies, 34, invited guests to try out their skills on a range of fun filled games including rugby kicking, line out skills and basketball slam dunk. Davies also invited teams to test their mechanical prowess with a competition to see who could change the wheels of a Vauxhall Corsa Formula Two rally car in the fastest time. The legendary try-scorer - capped 27 times for the Welsh Union and 13 times for the British League team - set the pace on each event at the start of the evening and Darlington's finest rose to the challenge.

Hydrotherapy for Back Pain Sufferers

Dear Sir
Exciting things are happening at our branch of the National Back Pain Association (NBPA), in addition to our pain management programme we now offer hydrotherapy to our members.

On 4th May we will be running an "Auction of Services" at the Woodham fete and it occurred to us that some of your readers will be away on that date. If any of your readers wish to place a reserve bid prior to the date, please ask them to contact me on 310637.

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Mid-Week Walks

The Ramblers Association Wednesday Evening Walks commence next week. All walks start at 7.45 pm and will continue weekly until mid August.

Posters giving details are in the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, the Library and the Leisure Centre.

Non-members are welcome to join these pleasant short walks.

Brafferton Village is the venue for the first walk on 1st May, but please do not park on footways and verges.

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EDNA WALTON Died 28th April 1993. A heart of gold stopped beating, two smiling eyes at rest, God broke my heart to prove to me, he only took the best. Love you forever Mam, Lisa

EDNA WALTON Died 28th April 1993. Three years have passed since you went away, still loved, still missed every day, we have you in our hearts forever. Eric, Tim and Annette, Paul, Sarah and Ian

EDNA WALTON A special smile, a special face, a special friend I cannot replace. today, tomorrow my whole life through, I will always remember you - Audrey

SALKELD, Tracey Jane, died 30th April 1994, aged 29 years. Two years have gone since you went away, I miss you more with every passing day, your death was a sudden shock to us all, yet our hearts still ache for you. Remembering you is easy, we do it every day, it's the awful heartache of losing you that won't go away. God bless, till we meet you again, Mam and Pete Ledley

SALKELD, Tracey Jane 30-4-94. To know we never said goodbye will always bring regret. But the ones who really cared for you are the ones who never forget. Silent thoughts of times together are memories that will last forever. I.L.Y.A. Donna, Les, Lyn, Drew XXX

HUTCHINSON, Ronald (Ron) died 25th April 1993, Best Dad and Grandad in the world, so far but never forgotten, loved forever, Susan, Tommy, John, Gemma, Stephanie and Kyle

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GRAINGER, Edith Ellen 24-4-91. In loving memory of a dear Nana, much loved and missed from Vivien and Chris X

GRAINGER, Edith Ellen, 24-4-91. To a very loved and missed Mam, thinking oif you every day with all our love from Doreen and John X

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Birthday Memories

WOODHEAD, Ryan Andrew, April 25th 1994. You are not here for your birthday tea, and God knows I wish you were here with me, love today and everyday, Mummy and Daddy XX

WOODHEAD, Ryan Andrew, Today's the day you would have been 2, I still love and remember you, love today & always, Craig

WOODHEAD, Ryan Andrew 25-4-96. Little angels up above, give our brother all your love, tell him we miss him, tell him we care, tell him someday soon, we'll all be there. Birthday wishes with all our love Charly & Tony X

MADDISON, Samantha 26-4-78, age 18 years. The hardest thing in life to bear is to want you Sam, but you're not there. You left us so suddenly and nothing seems the same, all we have left is your picture in a frame, we will wander to your graveside and place our card and flowers with care, no-one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there. So find your softest pillow Lord, to rest her head upon, and give her a kiss upon her cheek for this her special day, and we know she'll know who it is from. Love for ever and a day, Mam and Dad

MADDISON, Samantha, age 18 years. All our love on this your special day, loved and never forgotten. Auntie Eleanor, Uncle Barrie, Shaun and Sarha

MADDISON, Samantha, 26-4-78. For a dear Granddaughter and Niece on this her 18th birthday, a loving spray of memories layed with all our love, close to our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered especially today. All our love Nana, Grandad John

MADDISON, Samantha 26-4-78. In loving memory of a treasured Granddaughter on this her special day, time goes on but memories linger, all my love Grandad Maddison

MADDISON, Samantha 26-4-78. We wonder where the time has gone, today you would be eighteen, but fate decreed that you should leave and leave us here to grieve. There is never a day goes by that won't bring a tear to our eyes, a thought, a smile on tender wish that we could give you a birthday kiss. Always loved and missed a dear sister Samantha, love Nicola and Robert

MADDISON, Samantha 26-4-78. Eighteen today, you would have been, but no celebration will be seen. Two years ago you were taken away, so memories of you are all we have this day, much loved and sadly missed on this day, love Steven

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W H I T T O N Congratulations Julie and James on your wedding day (20-4-96), love Karen, Mark and Aiden

HARRY IS 50, 28th April 1996, love Kelvin

HAPPY 48th birthday Joy, see you at Slimming World on Wednesday, don't forget your hair dye - Guess who?

McLEAN Paul and Shaun, congratulations and all our love on your 18th birthdays 28-4-96, Mam and Colin

McLEAN Paul and Shaun 28-4-96, Hip hip Hooray, our brothers are 18 today, have a good one you two, all our love Kate & Jessica

McLEAN Paul and Shaun happy 18th birthday Sunday 28th April, love Nan and Gramps

DAVID CARR Happy 18th birthday to my big little brother. Love from little big sister, Karen. Now we can go out drinking together, so long as no-one thinks I'm your Mother!

BRENDA CARR Congratulations Mam on passing your driving test, and a very happy 53rd birthday on 28th, well done! Love from all the family

JULIE YOUNG Happy 15th birthday, love Mam and Dad XX

HAPPY Birthday Gobby, love Nana and Big Grandad XX

HAPPY birthday Fluffy, love little Grandad XX

HAPPY birthday Jue, love Shelly XX

HAPPY birthday Miss Piggy, love from Prince Charles

CLARKE Michael and Julie, many congratulations on the birth of Dominic on the 22-4-96, a sparring partner for brother Ben, lots of love from all the family XX

PAUL CLARKE 28-4-96, Happy 40th birthday. Oh Paul that dreaded day has come the big four O is here, we'd like to toast with champagne, but the funds only run to beer, we'll buy the drinks for Sunday lunch, for by far and wide you're the best of the bunch, lots of love from all the family XXX

MALCOLM DUFFY 2-5-96, Happy 13th birthday, lots of love from Mam, Dad and Joanne

HANCOCK, Kyle John, Happy 18th birthday. All our love and best wishes. Mam, Kevin and Gang.

MICHELE - Richard Congratulations on your engagement we are very happy for you both, all our love Mum and Michael

MUM & RICHARD I love you Mum and I love Richard, lots of love from your son Corey

DARGUE Thank you Debbie and Nick for a lovely granddaughter, born 23rd April, 91b 2oz, sister for Emily, love Mam and Dad Skelton

DARGUE congratulations Nick and Debbie on the birth of your beautiful daughter Holly, love from Dawn and Andi, Hello to my new cousin, love from Amber XXX

TO DADDY Happy birthday, lots of love Tyler Mason XX

TO MICHAEL Have a lovely birthday, all my love Elizabeth XX

STEVE MORTON All my love on our "15th" wedding anniversary on 25-4-96, Lynn

BURKITT Kevin, happy 7th birthday, love Mam, Dad and Susan

McKENZIE, Norean, 27-4-96. 50 today, and still looking good Mam, lots of love Alan and Claire XX

MITCHIE and Wilson congratulations to Michelle and Ernie on the birth of your beautiful son, Jordan Thomas on 22nd April. Wishing you lots of love and happiness from Carrie, Neil, Samuel, Joseph & Toby XX

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

WATSON Thank you for our beautiful daughter Lauren-Kate, well done Beverley, loads of love from Garry

HAPPY Birthday Joy, lots of love Stan XXX

BUTTERFIELD Happy 50th birthday Mell, love Hetty

BUTTERFIELD Happy 50th birthday Dad, love Melvin Thomas

BUTTERFIELD Happy 50th birthday Set-Dad, love Michelle, Denise and Kirsten

BUTTERFIELD Happy 50th birthday grandad, Phillip, Joshua, Jerico and Carlton

THOMPSON Harry, Congratulations on your 50th, all my love Christine XXX

DAD Happy 50th birthday, all our love Rob and Susie XXXX

GRANDAD Happy birthday, love you loads Lewis XXXX

WADE Thank you Mammy and Daddy for my baby sister, Love Jackson

WADE Many thanks and congratulations Diane and Keith on the arrival of our granddaughter Frances Elizabeth, born 23-4-96, love Mam and Allan

BRIDGETTE, Owen and Gabrielle would like to announce the safe arrival of their baby girl, Sally-Ann on 19-4-96

BRIDGETTE and Owen, congratulations on the birth of your daughter Sally-Ann, lots of love Auntie Charlotte and Uncle Adrian XXX

OWEN and Bridgette congratulations on the safe arrival of your beautiful daughter Sally-Ann, a welcome sister for Gabrielle, thank you for 2 beautiful granddaughters, love you all very much Mam and Dad

OWEN and Bridgette congratulations on the birth of Sally-Ann, my beautiful great granddaughter, Nana Kathy

OWEN and Bridgette congratulations on the birth of Sally-Ann, love Mam and Peter

OWEN and Bridgette congratulations on the birth of your daughter Sally-Ann, love little Nan and Grandad

OWEN and Bridgette - about time too, we've got another girl, Sally-Ann, congratulations love Julie

MICHAEL DOONAN Happy 30th birthday, lots of love Sharon

TO THE BEST Daddy in the world, love and kisses Gemma and Jake

WAITES - HAIGH Congratulations Julie and Martin on your wedding day (27-4-96), love Karen, Mark and Aiden

HAIGH - WAITES, Martin and Julie congratulations on your wedding day, 27-4-96, lots of love Mam and John XX

HAIGH - WAITES Good luck Martin and Julie and best wishes for your wedding day on 27-4-96, lots of love Mam & Syd X

HAIGH - WAITES Martin and Julie, good luck on your wedding day, was hoping to loose a sister, not gain a brother, love Gav & Donna XX

HAIGH - WAITES - Daddy and Julie, good luck from David and Keira

HAIGH, Martin All my love to you on our wedding day, lots of love Julie

MATTIMOE, Michael happy 13th birthday, son, lots of love Mam and Dad

OWEN Congratulations on your Ruby Wedding anniversary Mam & Dad, all our love Dave & Lesley XX

OWEN Happy Ruby Wedding Anniversary Grandma and Grandad, all our love Stuart and Samantha XX

GARY BRIGGS 25-4-91 Happy birthday Gary, love from Auntie Mandy and Uncle Anthony XX

GARY BRIGGS Hip Hip Hooray, Gary's a big 5 today, lots of love Nana and Grandad XX

GARY BRIGGS A big happy birthday is wishes for you today, because you are so special in every way - Love Mammy XX

GARY BRIGGS Happy birthday Gary, we hope you have a great day, love Stacey, Liam and new baby Macaulay XX

WILSON, Jordan Thomas, born 2.32pm on Monday 22nd April, 1996 at Bishop Auckland Maternity Hospital, loving parents to Michelle and Ernie, brother to Rachel and Rebecca. Our little sons life has just begun, thanks to Shirley Andrews and all the staff at the hospital, you were all so very nice. You have brought a lifetime of joy to us all. Lots and lots of love Jordan XX. From Mammy and Daddy and your two big sisters

ANNA WHEATLEY Happy 8th birthday, have a lovely day, love from Mam, Dad and Andrew

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Thank You

DEBBIE Thank you to Debbie of Christies for the absolutely beautiful bouquet (you cannot improve on perfection). Thank you to Karen and Mark, for making our day so special it would have been impossible without you both - James and Julie

TAYLOR Margaret and Tracy would like to thank all their customers and friends for all the cards and flowers and the kindness shown to them during their recent sad bereavement

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I am not a pensioner yet (two months to go) and I am still learning in the church.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Moore

Friday Night Trouble at Park

Dear Sir,

With better weather arriving the young ones are now starting to create problems.

A typical Friday night last week saw a large group of teenagers arrive at Simpasture Park with their bags of drink.

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When you put your car away you have no option but to put your hands on the urine sodden door.

We then saw them trying to uproot a street light! Bottles were broken on the children's play area and empty cans were thrown about the place.

The police did arrive and left without any action being taken - as normal!

When will the Council pass a bye law to prevent the consumption of alcohol in public parks and places. Then the police must take action.

Yours sincerely,
"Hoping"

Name & Address supplied

INFORMATION DAY AT GATESHEAD ON CHILD ASSESSMENTS

Parents of children with special needs are invited to an Information Day organised by Scope on Saturday 4th May at Gateshead Civic Centre.

It runs from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm and is free with a minimal charge for lunch to parents and carers.

It will be a source of help and support for families going through "Statmenting" by a local

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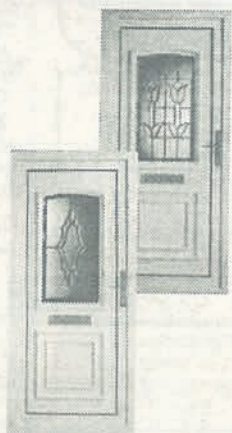
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