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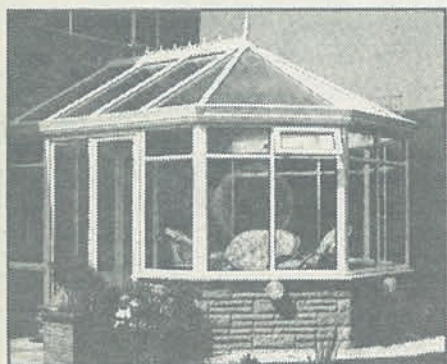
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# "PENSIONER SHOULD GET A LIFE"

"His arrogance appalls me . . ."

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advert, that Aycliffe  
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these trips and I  
applaud them.

I am not yet a pensioner  
but I still have my  
mother (thank God)  
who is 80 years old and  
still mobile. My dear  
father is in care with  
Alzheimers.

Every penny they saved  
after a lifetime working  
and every pension, both  
state and private, have

been taken by the  
authorities for his care.  
This person should  
remember the saying  
"There but for the grace  
of God, go I".

To be a pensioner  
means you have lived  
through the war and  
many fought in it. They  
have earned the right to  
the few concessions  
they are offered,  
whether they are rich or  
poor.

It is this sanctimonious  
attitude that spoils  
things for the majority  
and they don't need one  
more means - test  
heaped on their  
shoulders.

Many of the elderly go  
on these trips/suppers/  
meetings because of  
loneliness, whether cost  
is involved or not.

I will end this letter by  
asking "The Pensioner"  
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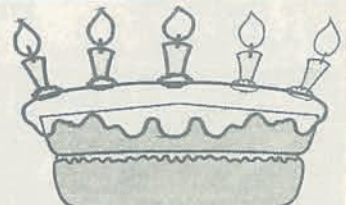
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## SCOPE INFO DAY CALLED OFF

The information day for parents in the north east organised by Scope, formerly the Spastics Society, has unfortunately been postponed. The day of workshops and advice sessions on the statementing process due to take place on Saturday 4th May has been deferred to the Autumn of this year. Any parents who were planning to attend the information day in May, are still encouraged to contact Pauline Johnston at the Scope North East Area Office in Durham on 0191 386 2127. Pauline who is a Scope social worker will be able to advise people in the meantime and keep them informed of the new details nearer the time.

## SLICK FOOTBALL KNOCKS OUT FAVOURITES

The Oak Leaf Sports Complex hosted yet another Newton Press Easter Monday 5-a-side competition and as usual it witnessed some cracking games.

The competition wasn't won by Card News who are currently top of the Taunton Cider Monday Night League and had previously won five Newton Press Bank Holiday Tournaments. Eight teams, split into two groups, battled for final places, Card News inevitably won their group but the other place wasn't so easily gained. When championship contenders West End entered their last qualifying game, a simple draw would have guaranteed them a place in the final. But a controversial 2-1 defeat meant that City Slickers who play in the Newcastle Breweries

Sunday Night League would play in the final through goal difference. Card News didn't know what hit them when City Slickers took a 3-0 lead. The traditional Card News revival saw them pull back two back, but Slickers scored another. "Keep ball" would have automatically won the game for Slickers but Card News netted two, which meant that the dreaded penalty shoot-out would take place.

City Slickers goalkeeper Paul Raine was the hero of the shoot out, saving three and scoring one - ensuring silverware success for Slickers. Paul Raine wasn't the only hero for Slickers in the final, as Mark Keenan was bathed in glory by team manager Nev Fuller for his hat-trick. Paul Curry scored the other.

Card News goalscorers were Mick Johnson, Keith Hutchinson, Andy Raine and Gordon Fraser with his dramatic equaliser.

The competition oozed quality players and some scintillating games, and it was well marshalled by referee Mick Mullett. The next Newton Press Bank Holiday Competition will be held on 6th May

## LEGION TRY HARD FOR SECOND SPOT

### Quaker Sports - 1 British Legion - 8

As the gruelling season draws to a close, competition amongst the top 5 teams hots up and promises a dramatic climax. With Croft confirmed as League Champions it seems as if the Legion are fighting off rivals Fox & Hounds for the runners up spot.

The Legion have two more games to play and need the two points against third of bottom Quaker Sports and that is what he got as the Legion proved to be too much for the Darlington side. Deadly defender Darren Griffiths fired two un-stoppable goals to set his team away and put in a first class performance to win the M.O.M. Award. Scrappy Legion struggled to find the form that has been present all season and looked to Griffiths to set them straight. He and defensive partner Trevor Bygate grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck and forced good football out of the team.

David Taylor followed suit and added a wonder goal just before half time, as the ball drifted in from a Mark Shield cross. Forward Trevor Cooke tee-ed Taylor up for a low shot into the bottom left hand corner. Quaker Sports were restricted to an all out defence as the Legion piled on the pressure as goals from Ian Shepherd (2), Mark Shield (2) and an own goal wrapped the game up. Goal of the match came from the outstanding contributions from the Legion back four. Goalkeeper Ian Palmer rolled the ball out to Bygate who quickly spotted the unmarked Chris Johnson, it was Johnson's outstanding cross field pass that found the oncoming Andy Clay, Clay's inch perfect cross found Shield rising majestically at the far post to nod it in.

Next week sees the Legion play Quaker Sports again, at home. Stand by next week as I announce may Sports Writers Player of the Year.

## HODGSON MAY QUIT HUNTSMAN

### Hole in the Wall - 5 Huntsman - 1

Huntsman supremo Stuart Hodgson may quit the club, after watching his final league game of the season end in defeat.

Speculation has surrounded the technical director of Coaching for some time now, involving a possible move to another club. And this result, despite an honourable display against Hole in the Wall, has fuelled suggestions of a possible Hodgson demise. The gaffer was unavailable for comment.

Before the game Hodgson asked his team to just simply play for pride and they were playing quite well until Hole in the Wall tool a 1-0 lead, mid-way through the first half. Chris Walker equalised within minutes from the restart, but Hole in the Wall scored again, and at half time they led 2-1.

The second half was less useful for Huntsman, but it was no push over for Hole in the Wall who were made to fight for maximum points.

For the second game in a row mid-fielder Jim McCabe, newly nicknamed the Scottish General, won the M.O.M. Full back Russell Hodgson was voted as minger of the match after being substituted, his first award of the season.

Operations manager at Huntsman Martin Haigh has revealed that there will be two new trophies to be awarded at an end of season bash.

A top goalscorer award will be presented as will a player of the year and a player's player of the year award. But this year, a minger of the year trophy will be awarded, with Gareth Elvidge standing as current

favourite, and the mingiest moment of the year trophy will also be awarded.

This latest disclosure epitomizes Huntsman's bizarre 95-96 campaign, but undoubtedly brings fizz to a typical high team spirit that has never wavered throughout a luckless season.

This week, I have been mostly eating raspberry pop tarts!!

Martin Walker

## SEDFIELD 75 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

On Sunday 21st April, Sedfield 75's success continued in the final event of the Northumberland and Durham Individual Swimming championships. In the most notable event of the meeting Kathleen Mohan (15), narrowly beat Darlington's Joanne Lambert by two hundredths of a second to reach the final of the 50 metres Butterfly.

In the final she lined up along side Susan Rolph who will represent Great Britain in this years Olympic Games and Marie Madine of Ireland. In the final Kathleen produced a personal best time of 31.88, to finish in 7th position in the senior placing and in 3rd position in the Junior placing.

Sedfield also had 3 other finals and one reserve finalist:

Lindsay Atkinson (14) 8th in the 100m Freestyle. Carol Mohan (11) 5th in the 200m I.M. Liam McKenna (12) 8th in the 100m Butterfly. Jill Hunter (11) Reserve 200m I.M.

Congratulations to all those swimmers who took part in the championships many of whom achieved personal best times: Alison Storey, Iain Cairns, Mark Surtees, Angela W-Smith, Zoe Mitchell, Kimberley Vickers, Sarah Kelly, Michael Turnbull and Matthew Bowden

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## TODDLER TAKES THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD THANKS TO HOSPITAL CARE



20 month old toddler Helen Murphy will be putting her best foot forward to encourage everyone in Newton Aycliffe to register for this year's Yellow Brick Road Walk at Redworth Hall on Sunday 9th June at 2 p.m.

Helen has a special reason for wanting to raise funds for the project which helped save her life. It is a way of thanking the wonderful doctors and nurses who acted swiftly when she stopped breathing and had to be rushed to the special Baby Care Unit at Bishop Auckland Hospital.

"Helen was put on a ventilator and then spent a week in an incubator and it was extremely stressful as we did not know whether she had suffered brain damage" said her mother Wendy who lives at Woodham.

But now Helen is a happy bouncing toddler looking forward to joining the one mile "Munchkin Walk" at Redworth Hall.

"Last year we did the Walk with Helen in a pushchair and it was marvellous. This time she will be able to walk with us" said Wendy.

The Yellow Brick Road Walk attracts thousands at Newcastle and Redworth. An amazing £10,000 was raised at last year's event which was organised by Gregg Little of the town's Rotary Club.

In addition to the one mile walk for "Munchkins" there is a five mile route around Redworth for older people including grannies!

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A new appeal has just been launched to establish the first ever Children's Hospice Network for the North. Fill in the Registration Form below including £1 and send to Gregg Little Testing Centre, Leaside Newton Aycliffe or Newton Press, St. Cuthberts Way. You will then receive your "Walk" pack containing information and sponsorship forms.

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## Letter to the Editor

# "COUNCILLOR'S IDEA WAS SIMPLY SILLY"

Dear Sir

Last week's letter from Councillor Fraser about the development at the Golf Shop is typical of the ill-informed, misleading letters he writes. For the record:

1 - The cost of the development is £100,000, as readers of the Newton News had already been informed by Councillor Terry Hogan. The loan to which Councillor Fraser refers was in fact a loan sanction from the Department of the Environment which the Town Clerk obtained at an especially low rate in interest. The Town Clerk needs to be congratulated no attacked, for negotiating this money.

2 - The main burden of the expense for the Golf Shop development lies, not in the building of the changing rooms, but in

the provision of adequate services - electricity, gas, water and sewerage to the site. To do as Councillor Fraser asked, and to split the development between the Golf Shop and the Oak Leaf Complex would have doubled the cost, not reduced it! That was why Councillors voted against his hare-brained scheme to refer back a decision which had already been taken carefully, after a long discussion. There was no group block vote, and no plot against him. His idea was simply silly.

3 - There is no connection whatsoever, as Cllr. Fraser suggested between the Town Council precept and the District Council rates. This is a ridiculous misconception.

Martyn D Locklin

## FLYMO "HIGH ACHIEVER" IN EUROPE

Following a recent survey benchmarking around 250 companies in the UK and Germany, Flymo, based at Newton Aycliffe have clearly been cited as having a relative strength in innovation and new product development.

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Andrew Mackay, Flymo UK Marketing Manager, comments on the audit: "Flymo continues to see innovation as its source of

competitive advantage in what is often an aggressive and price competitive market. For some time, Flymo has been categorised as "Best in Class" within the powered gardening sector. The value of this benchmarking analysis has enabled Flymo to assess the company against other industries, both in the UK and other European markets".

## Letter

# It is an Honour to Serve

Dear Sir

On the 10th April, I was co-opted onto Great Aycliffe Town Council to represent Woodham North Ward. I have been a Labour Councillor in the past, and return to the Town Council after a year's absence.

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Everyone is welcome, so do come along for an enjoyable evening.

## Letter to the Editor

# HAPPY FOR PENSIONERS TO GET TRIPS

Dear Sir

With reference to a letter in the Newton News dated 27th April - The Old Hymns are the Best - I couldn't agree more with the writer. Wonderful old Easter hymns such as "There is a Green Hill Far Away" - "Ride on Ride on in Majesty" - bring back memories of childhood Church Services and Sunday School.

I particularly liked the childrens Hymns from Golden Bells such as "There's a Friend for Little Children" - "Jesus bids us shine" - "All things bright and beautiful". Also hymns from Songs of Praise and Ancient and Modern hymn books.

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I and many other Newtonians are only too happy for pensioners to get free annual well deserved day trips away. Anybody that denies them this must be mean-minded and sour. I am not old enough to accompany my husband, but would gladly pay if allowed to do so.

Signed, a lover of traditional hymns and good luck to all pensioners - J.L.

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# Letter to the Editor

## Town Centre Mess is an S.D.C. Matter

Dear Sir

I was very grateful for the suggestion made by G Smith in last week's Newton News regarding bird droppings in the Town centre. I have passed on his comments to the correct agency, which is the Environmental Health Department of Sedgfield District Council. They will investigate this matter. I think readers would agree that we could never spend Town

Council money on issues which fall beyond its remit. The Town centre is private property.

May I assure Mr Smith that I share fully his desire to portray the best "civic image" and to safeguard public health. I was elected to deal with such matters, and can always be contacted with any problems regarding the environment through the Town Council, telephone 300700

Cllr Terry Hogan

## CHILDREN'S POETRY WRITING ENCOURAGED

Congratulations are in order for local primary schools and their pupils who have scooped prizes in last year's poetry Now Young Writers Competition in which schools nationwide took part.

Pupils from local primary schools, as well as having their work published, also had the chance of winning themselves some prizes for writing the best poem in their area. The winning poem for "Wah Hey Co. Durham" was written by Clare Hunter of Rosa Street Primary School in Spennymoor. Clare has scooped the top prize of £20 cash! Runners up were Steven Foster also of Rosa Street Primary School, Vicki Leigh Strong of Murton Primary School in Seaham, Louise Kentworthy of St Augustine's Roman Catholic Primary School in Darlington and Andrea Walker of St Mary's primary School in Newton Aycliffe.

They will all receive a £5 book token.

The search is now on for this year's budding bards. Poems written by pupils attending Primary Schools in the area are again being sought. The schools that send the most poems of a consistently high standard, nationwide, will be in the running for a £500 first prize or one of two £250 runner up prizes.

For each area the writer of the best poem will receive £20 cash and four runners up will receive £5 book token. If you would like more information about this years competition or would like an entry pack Heather Killingray of PNYW would love to hear from you. Drop her line at PNYW, 1-2 Wainman Road, Woodston, Peterborough, PE2 7BU or call her on 01733 230748 or fax her on 01733 230751. The closing date for this years competition is 31st May 1996.

## MAN & WIFE SLIMMING CHAMPS WIN TOP HOLIDAY PRIZE

### Combined weight loss of 20 stone



Local slimmer Diane Thompson has scooped two of the country's top slimming prizes. This month Diane was announced Slimming World's Greatest Weight Loser" after shedding nearly 15 stones and collected £2000 in prize money.

A week later Diane and her husband Nigel attended the "Mr and Mrs Slimming World" finals at Derbyshire and came away with the top prize of a romantic luxury trip to Venice.

The couple have a combined weight loss of 20 stone and 6 pounds. Their consultant June MacFarlane who holds classes at Neville Parade church Hall is delighted and said "The best prize of all is their weight loss".

For details of Slimming World classes contact the area manager Mandy Drake on 01325 362120

## NINE IN MARATHON

In the 1996 London Marathon, 9 Aycliffe runners took part in the hottest ever London event. First home was Pete Milburn in 3hrs, 9 minutes. Ian Monkman on very little training and his first attempt in a marathon came home in 3 hours, 15 minutes, followed by Kenny Byers in 3 hours, 18 minutes (also in his first marathon). Ces Sugden 3 hours, 19 minutes (first marathon), John Burnside 3 hours, 26 minutes (personal best), Sue Milburn 3 hours 33 minutes (first marathon), Mick Brunsell 3 hours 46 minutes and following an injury Trevor Needham did 3 hours 55 minutes in his first marathon and Rob Nicholson 4 hours 15 minutes

## SPORTS COACHES IN COUNTY TO TEST NEW OLYMPIC IDEAS

Top National Athletics coaches are to come to County Durham to test out new ideas for producing Olympic stars of the future.

The County's growing reputation for sport development in schools leads to regular consultation from leading sports bodies. Now three Great Britain national athletic coaches are to visit the county soon to try out new material produced by the British Athletic Federation for teaching athletics in schools.

Alan Bell, Durham County Council's physical education inspector, said the coaches would work with a selected group of teachers from the Local Education Authority to get their opinions on the type of work proposed to develop athletics in schools.

"The very top people in the country are using us as a sounding board for their ideas which speaks volumes for the quality of work we have been doing over a number of years and is an indication of how highly they

regard our opinions" he said.

"It will be a practical day with groups of children from Shield Row Primary School, Stanley and teachers working with the coaches through the material and teaching strategies.

"We would hope to be able to give a constructive appraisal of the relevance of the material using our expertise in knowing what works with children.

"Undoubtedly, it will increase and improve the quality of provision we can give to our children and we will continue to strive to do that.

"But one of the most encouraging aspects is that people are analysing the way we do things, coming to us and valuing our opinions" he said.

The coaching team is led by Brian Hall who will be going the Stanley straight from warm weather training in Florida with potential Olympic team members. With him will be Angela Littlewood, the national coach for the south of England and Carlton Johnson

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Usual prizes can be won for the Best Scores (Pairs), Longest Drive and the Nearest the Pin Par 3.

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

The fee is £13 per player. Players can complete the day with a special 3 Course Presentation Dinner at 8pm, when they can bring wives and guests, at a cost of only £9 each.

To book your place please complete the entry form below.

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Cheque in payment for Fees and Dinner to be sent with Entry Form to Mrs. C Howarth, Newton Press, St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Industrial Park, Co. Durham DL5 6DX and made payable to The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe. Players should be available to tee-off 8 minutes before their Starting Time.

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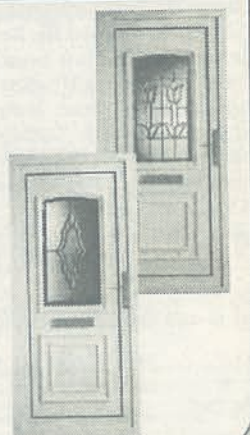
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Andy is a Newtonian, but lived in Shildon long enough to establish A & R Electrics with Moira who is a Shildonian. They feel that they belong to both towns and have lived back in Aycliffe for the past 5 years. A glass of wine and free gifts will welcome all who visit the showroom on opening day and some very special promotional prices and offers on appliances will also be available.

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## Letter to the Editor Sex Discrimination on the Golf Course?

The Town Council has finally taken the advice of the Aycliffe Golf Club by drastically reducing the golf fees for juniors from £90 per season.

Aycliffe Golf Club kept explaining to the Council that this prohibitive cost was preventing the club from recruiting juniors but the Council refused to reduce the fees, Aycliffe Golf Club only charged juniors £5 for annual membership.

How strange that the Council, having thrown Aycliffe Golf Club off the public course, now reduces the juniors fees just, coincidentally, with the setting up of the Councils own Oakleaf Golf Club, we should have known better when dealing with politicians. But we were only amateur golfers wanting to show juniors the right ways of behaviour, and keep them off the streets.

However, Aycliffe Golf Club was created for the benefit of the Aycliffe Public, not the Council and therefore I have the temerity to warn the public, through the medium of the press, that the Council has apparently opened a can of worms

labelled "Sex Discrimination", normally politicians avoid this like the plague!

The Council is advertising that they are going to charge different rates for men and women. As the treasurer of Aycliffe Golf Club, I contacted Durham County Golf Union to confirm what I already understood was the policy of affiliated golf clubs. One policy is to charge Lady members considerably less (say a half or two thirds of the full rate) and impose a proportionally similar restriction. This usually takes the form of Lady members not being permitted to play on Saturdays and Sundays (the two busiest days of the Golf week).

Are potential Lady members of the Oakleaf Golf Club being warned of their position before they join? Has the Council made a decision yet? Are they even aware of the situation?

There has been no publicity on this matter from the Council, and they should clarify the situation to the Aycliffe Tax Payers through the local press as soon as possible.

T P Hudson

## NASSL RAFFLE RESULTS

The National Animal Sanctuaries Support League held a raffle recently the winning numbers are printed below: 5163, 2130, 6829, 3941, 6455, 3701, 1392, 5961, 1316, 2487, 5863, 6732 and 1386 - Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets, your support is very much appreciated.

## Meltone Singers in Concert

A Concert is to be held by the Meltone Singers and Cockerton Ladies Choir at St Herberts Church, Darlington on Sunday 7th July 1996 from 7.30pm. Proceeds from this event will go to Darlington Alzheimers Disease Society. Tickets are available from the Branch office on (01325) 284668



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**WOODHEAD, Ryan** Andrew. You're not here for us to play, because you went to Heaven one day in May. You're now up playing with angels above, and I still send you all my love from Craig X

**WOODHEAD, Ryan** Andrew 25-4-94 to 5-5-94. Time passes, memories stay, loved and remembered every day. Thinking of you always, all our love Charly and Tony XX

**MATTHEW PURVIS** 7-5-94. To a much loved Dad, never forgotten, always thinking of you, love David and Paula

**MATTY PURVIS** Died 7th May 1994. Sadly missed Dad and Grandad, love Paul, Mags, Chris and Katie

**RITA MILLER** Died 3rd May 1985. Miss you every day, Husband Jack and family

**NEWTON** Treasured memories of Bill, died 2-5-95. Sadly missed and always in the thoughts of Lilian, David, Brenda, Dorothy and Billy

**NEWTON, BILL** Died 2-5-95. Loving memories of a dear Grandad, will always be missed and loved by Andrew, Claire, Wesley and Caroline

**NEWTON, BILL** Died 2nd May 1995. Always in our thoughts, love Norah Essie and Paul. God bless Uncle Bill

**BRIGGS, Charles** Edward. Died 2-5-95. There was no time to say goodbye for you were so far away when the dear Lord called from up above and took you into his care. You left us all so suddenly and all was in despair, so dear Lord up above, please give our Dad all our love. Much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Love you always Godfrey, Christine and all your loved one's including all in Australia XX

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**McKENZIE** Treasured memories of Peter on his birthday, 3rd May. No cards or presents, but I will always remember the happy times we spent together. Love you, Flo. Also memories of Nigel, died 11th May 1994. Loving son of Emily and David and dear Nephew of Peter, so sadly missed

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## Congratulations

**CLAIRE VIGGERS** Congratulations Claire on passing your driving test, first time. Wishing you safe and happy motoring, lots of love Mam, Dad and Davy XXX

**WILKINSON, VIV** Happy 50th birthday to the best mam in the world, love Julie and Tony

**WILKINSON, VIV** Happy 50th birthday Nana, love Toni-Marie and Bryce

**WILKINSON, VIV** Happy 50th love Mel

**WILKINSON, VIV** Happy birthday Mam and Nana love Darrell, Clair, Michaela and Lauren -Rae

**MEREDITH** Happy birthday Karl, soon be old enough to play for Newcastle! From Daddy, Callie and Claire

**MEREDITH** Happy birthday Karl, love to you and Callie from Nanna Sadie, Grandad George XXX

**MICHELLE** Ann Connell congratulations Michelle on your 18th health and happiness always. Love Grandma and Grandad

**MICHELLE** Happy 18th Michelle, lots of love Auntie Shir and the kids

**MICHELLE CONNELL** Happy birthday, love Martin, Debbie, Scott, Mark and Ben

**MICHELLE CONNELL** Congratulations on your 18th, love and best wishes Mam, Dad and Debbie XXX

**MICHELLE CONNELL** 18 today, congratulations and best wishes Grandma and Vern

**MICHELLE CONNELL** Happy 18th birthday, best wishes Phillip, Val, Andrew and Gemma

**CAROL GORDON** Happy birthday 4-5-95, have fun, loadsalove Ray, Claire and Christopher

**RICHARD** and Claire congratulations on the birth of Tyler, 27-4-96, love Neil, Lynne, Liam and Leanne

**TARVIT**, Nanna happy birthday, best wishes love Zoe XX

**SPENSLEY** Well done Zoe on passing your driving test, knew you could do it, thanks to Sandra of "Streetwise" love nana and Granda

**Tarvit** Happy 7th birthday Emma, lots of love from Mam XXX

**BROWN, Emma** Jane. Happy birthday Sis, love from Vicki and Christopher XX

**BROWN, Emma** Jane. Happy birthday to a special niece, love from Auntie Denise and Mark XXX

**ABRAHAM** Love and best wishes on your 40th birthday Cecily from Mam and Dad XX

**ABRAHAM, Cecily** wishing a great sister a happy 40th birthday with lots of love maureen and colin

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## HOWEY



Happy 18th Birthday  
Michael for  
Monday 6th May.  
Have a great time  
love from  
Mam and Dad XXX

**HOWEY** Congratulations Michael on your 18th birthday, love and best wishes always from Nana and Grandad XX

**HOWEY** Happy 18th birthday "Bald Eagle" from Vince, Tara and Samantha XX

**HOWEY** Happy 18th birthday Mick, don't get too drunk, have a good night, love from Ste and Paul XX

**STURE** Happy birthday Mick and special thoughts of a year ago. Lots of love forever, Kelly XXX

**ROBSON** Congratulations on your 21st birthday Aaron, love from kelly and Mick

## 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

**MALCOLM's** School of Motoring, many thanks Malcolm for helping me pass my driving test - "you're simply the best" from Claire Viggers

**MADDISON** Allan and Christine would like to thank all Samantha's family and friends for their flowers and cards in remembrance of her 18th birthday

**HOSTEIN** Colleen and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind sympathy, flowers and cards in their recent bereavement. Also grateful thanks to staff at Bishop Auckland Hospital. To Co-Operative Funeral Service and a very special thank you to Father Keith Walker of St. Joseph's Church

**HOMEPLAN DIY** - Margaret and Tracey Taylor 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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## WOODHAM SCHOOL TEAM WINS DURHAM HEAT OF B.T. CHALLENGE



Left to right, Back row: Jonathan Jimenez, Stephen Odle, Claire Robinson & Gail Marshall.  
Middle row: Leanne Cogan, Jemma Hall, Kathryn Holmes & Michael Deane. Front: James McRoyall



A team of teenagers representing Woodham Comprehensive in Newton Aycliffe has won the Durham heat of the 12th annual BT Kielder Challenge which tested the teamwork and problem solving skills of its members, four with disabilities and four without.

The day-long heat was held on Thursday 25th April at Hardwick hall Country Park. The team from Woodham Comprehensive completed four outdoor activities on a meteorological theme. They were judged on their initiative, ability to work as a team and the active involvement of all members in each task.

The event, supported by BT as part of its Community Partnership Programme, is organised by the Fieldfare Trust, a Sheffield-based national charity working to enable people with disabilities to enjoy countryside events. BT has supported the Challenge since its inception as a local event in the north which has since developed nationally.

Rod Holmes, Fieldfare Trust activities co-ordinator said "Choosing a winner was extremely difficult as all the teams worked well together and put in a tremendous amount of effort but had fun at the same time. We congratulate Woodham Comprehensive on their achievement and wish them every success in the semi-finals. 23 further heats are being held nationwide and the Newton Aycliffe team will now go forward to the semi-finals in June, the final taking place in Northumberland's Kielder Forest in September.

## WOODHAM HAIR STYLIST JOINS REDWORTH SAKS SALON

Top Hair Stylist, Emily Cairns, who recently joined the Saks Salon at the Redworth Hall Hotel has given clientele the chance of great cost cuts for colour and volumising treatments.

"We want to celebrate Emily's arrival to make the fifth members of the team, being three stylists and two juniors, and to introduce her to our Redworth clientele" said Manager Dean Jackson. For customers booking with Emily, who want their hair to have a great look with lift and softness, Saks has a 50% discount on L'Oreal's super Volumising treatment during May, which for Global

Volumising usually cost £29.00.

Follow that with a treat to enhance hair colour and shine, and Emily is offering at Saks, Redworth Hall, a half price package on L'Oreal Diacolour colouring, excluding cut and blow dries. Book with Emily at Redworth Hall Telephone 01388 776996 to save half the £16.95 Diacolour costs for a limited period.

Emily is joining Dean and experienced stylist Cheryl Robinson from Barnard Castle Saks salon.

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