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TALLEN'T'S CONSTRUCTION WORK BRINGS COMPLAINTS

A number of residents living near the Blue bridge have complained about the recent heavy repetitive banging from the Industrial Estate.

It is also annoying to workers nearby and they asked Newton News to investigate.

A construction firm employed by Tallents were found to be responsible. Through the Environmental Health Department at Sedgefield District Council we discovered the noise came from a pile driver.

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Front Page Letter

Ladies Have Equal Rights on Town Golf Course

Dear Sir,
Mr. TP Hudson (Newton News, 4th May 1996) should not worry lady members who have joined the new, successful Oak Leaf Golf Club.

May I assure him that all members of the Oak Leaf Club - irrespective of their sex - have equal playing and access rights. They are 'contract holders', who have entered into a contract with Aycliffe Town Council. Because the Oak Leaf course is a municipal course, and because it is run by the Town Council, there cannot be discrimination of any sort.

Lady members at the Oak Leaf Course do NOT pay reduced fees in a trade-off against restricted access. Readers will remember that the former Aycliffe Golf Club, after 20 years of existence, had gathered the magnificent total of NO lady members.

The reduced fees offered by the Council were a special offer - a form of 'positive discrimination' by the Council to try to break this mould, and to build up a ladies' section in the new Oak Leaf Club. Incidentally, the same is true of the reduced Juniors' fees.

To further attract ladies, the new club has asked the lady members to choose representatives to join the club committee. It is also negotiating to join the Ladies Golf Union, and has invited the Durham Ladies' Golf Union to advise on the placing of ladies' golf tees.

We have had some success - there are a dozen lady members of the new club - but we are anxious to attract more! Any ladies joining the club can be assured that they will have equal access, equal rights, equal regard and a voice on the committee.

Come on ladies - seize your chance! Clive Burgess, the Golf Professional, will be happy to advise both established players and new starters (you can phone him on 310820). Meanwhile, the new club goes from strength to strength. It has over 400 members and includes 100 juniors and a dozen ladies. Last Sunday it held its first competition. For both men and women, the new Golf Club represents a 'good deal', and is rapidly becoming a Council success story! Martyn D Locklin

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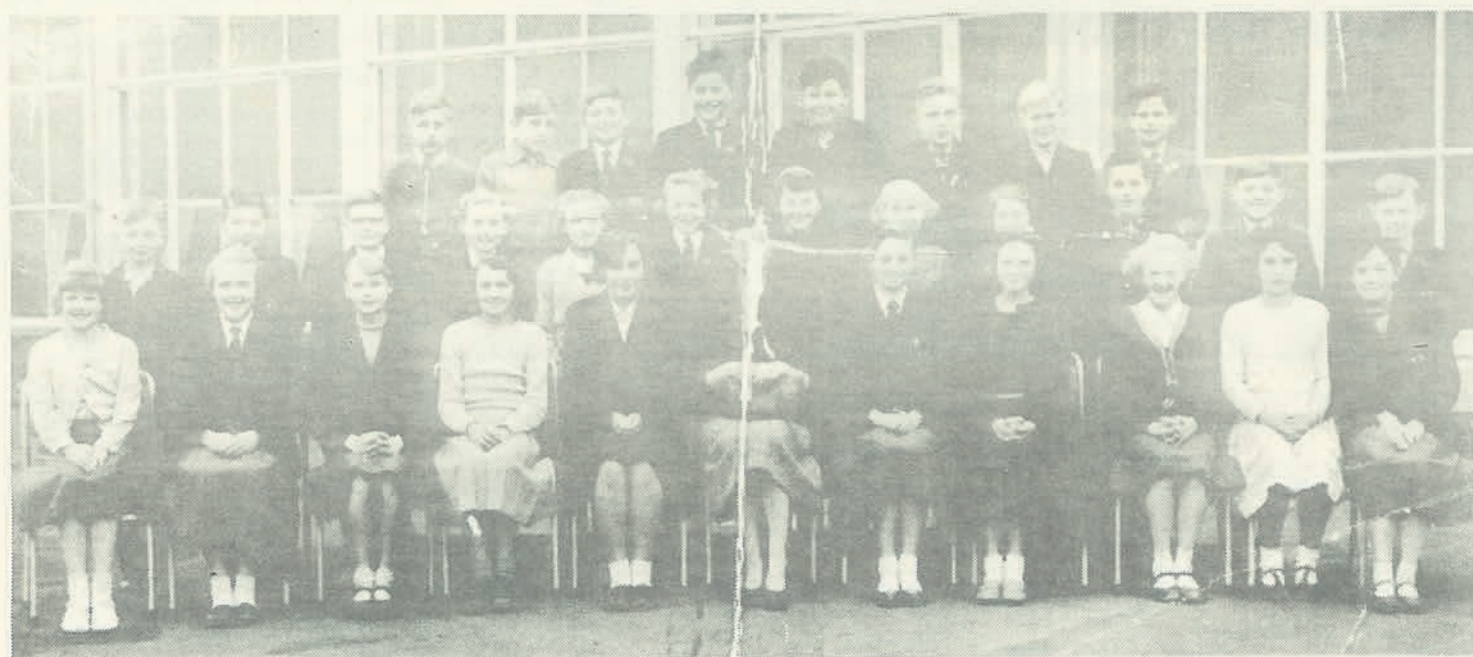
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COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT FOOTBALL CLUB



Students on the Bridging Course at Bishop Auckland College enjoyed an afternoon at Bishop Auckland Football Club learning about the club's history and viewing facilities of the club that supporters rarely see.

The visit came about as part of the collaboration between the College and the club to promote football related activities for young people.

The students were met by committee members Gary Parle, Peter Craib and the club's longest serving committee member Mr Vollans. Former player Gary gave the students a history lesson about the club and then took them on a tour of the facilities. During the tour the students saw the home and away players changing rooms and the communal bathing areas for the teams.

After their tour the group were treated to tea and biscuits in the club's committee room.

Bishop of Durham Visits St. Clares

The Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev'd Michael Turnbull, was at St. Clare's church recently, when he confirmed nine adults and five young people during the Parish Eucharist.

Also during the service Bishop Michael dedicated and blessed the set of seven new stained glass windows depicting the seven sacraments of the church, namely: Marriage, Baptism, Ordination, the Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Healing.

The installation of these windows during the past couple of years has been made possible by donations from many people, some in celebration of a special event in their lives and others in memory of a loved one.

Family Service

There will be a Family Service at St. Clare's Church on Sunday 11th May, commencing at 10.30am. The theme for this month's service is "Jesus is Lord".

A warm welcome is extended to all, but especially young families, to come and share in this short informal all-age service. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards to which everyone is invited.

WAITING LIST CUT AT DURHAM HOSPITALS

The latest information shows that at the end of March no-one was waiting over a year for admission to hospitals in County Durham. Only 2 people were waiting over a year for treatment in hospitals outside of the county at hospitals in Newcastle where specialist treatment is available. This is a tremendous improvement compared with March 1994 when 300 people were waiting over a year for treatment and reflects a steady decrease in waiting times over the past two years. Tony Jameson, Chief Executive of County Durham health

Authority said "This is great news for everyone living in the county and I would like to thank everyone working in NHS for their hard work and commitment which has been reflected in this achievement."

"The reduction in waiting times was achieved by working closely with the hospital in the county. These figures show that the health Authority has been listening to local people who want waiting times reduced and now that we've achieved shorter waits we want to continue to keep them short."

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Caravan targeted by Arsonists

George and Sheila Sykes of Fewston Place were looking forward to the next few months and the weekend caravan trips they would enjoy with their grand children. But in the early morning of Tuesday, this week, their hopes were reduced to ashes when someone set fire to the caravan while it was parked opposite their home. The retired couple had just finished cleaning the van in preparation for their first outing. The 4 berth caravan was well equipped with awning and many extras. Fortunately it didn't contain the gas bottle or something much worse might have occurred in the small cul-de-sac. Two lads were seen running away from the

area and if anyone has any information please call the police on 314401. George was in bed at the time and by the time neighbours had alerted him the caravan was up in flames. "My caravan was reduced to ashes in 4½ minutes - it was frightening and I can't understand how anybody could do such a thing" said George. George who suffers from heart trouble and is about to enter hospital for an operation on his foot, asked Newton news to thank his neighbours who rallied round to help, especially John and Andrew Tatham who arranged for what remained of their mobile home to be removed.

OVER 60 STALLS BOOKED FOR TOWN'S INDOOR COMMUNITY FAIR

The Town's Community Fair, organised by the Rotary Club for Saturday 22nd June at the Leisure Centre, is attracting a comprehensive variety of stalls, demonstrators, hobbyists and entertainers.

It will be a very interesting event representing a wide range of activity groups and organisations in Newton Aycliffe. There is something to interest everyone and parents are urged to bring their children to see if there is something they could take up as a past time. The Leisure Centre is

taking this opportunity to hold their Open Day and demonstrations of activities available will be shown throughout the day. Admission is FREE and stalls are FREE, so if your organisation is seeking to promote itself and get more members, get in touch with the organiser, Roger Curtis, who will be pleased to take your booking. Tel: 380024. Craft Stalls and stalls of a semi commercial nature are being accepted with a donation to charity. Please ask for details. Make a note in your diary for this mammoth community event: JUNE 22nd from 10a.m - 5 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD BE REGULATED BY THE OMBUDSMAN

Dear Sir,
I have requested Government departments for a Review of regulations for Town Councils. They are not subject to the Ombudsman and residents have no independent avenues for complaints. They have that right with District and County Councils. I have asked for Precept-Capping to limit high spending local councils. Voting hands-down for the taxpayer, needs the Red Card, not the Party Card. I've asked for Town Council to be included in legislation ensuring fair, balanced representation on committees and other council bodies. County and Districts must comply, why not Towns. In 1995-96 the Town Council Labour Group left three places on each service committee for seven opposition. Four combined, took the places - no prizes for guessing who was excluded. Under Standing Orders I could not speak, without a written application, nor vote in those committees. But I attended all meetings, listened to who did, when and if they did, as I had when excluded before by the same means. Opposition places are decided by the Labour Group in secret session and last year was the lowest number ever. Regulations would stop New Labour's crumb-scattering tactics. As one of the few of the elected minority on the Town Council, I'm truly saddened at a seeming lack of confidence in the unelected majority to allocate committee places fairly? I've also requested more councillors for Woodham Ward, ongoing developments merit that - as do School Aycliffe. They need resident-councillors and should not to be merged in a large Town Ward. Aycliffe Village has a resident-councillor so why not School Aycliffe? Regulations I have called for would help ensure resident choices prevail, not old Party Group Politics of an unelected majority meeting in secret. Don Fraser, Woodham & Aycliffe North Wards

THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Dear Sir,
Through you may I thank all the people of Redworth and Heighington Ward for their support in the recent local election. I look forward to representing the interests of everyone in the Wards as Darlington moves towards its new Unitary Status. Yours sincerely Rosemary Boynton

AYCLIFFE APPRENTICE TAKES TOP AWARD



Local apprentice, John Flannagan, pictured with his award from Wearside College for "Best Engineering". John is employed by Aycliffe Fabrications who have been established on the Industrial Estate since 1980. The company has a policy of taking apprentices from the local training organisation, South West Durham Training Ltd., and putting them through a full four year training including day release at College. Aycliffe Fabrications specialise in Stainless Steel, Aluminium and Mild Steel fabricating. The workforce is a mixture of skilled men and apprentices, all of whom have either completed their apprenticeship with the Company or are in the process of doing so.

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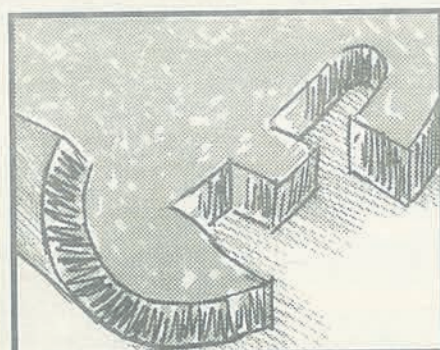
The Gretna Hotel at Newton Aycliffe will close at 6.00pm this Sunday following the recent sale of the premises to Tetley's Breweries, who are to close the popular venue for a complete refurbishment and extension to the premises. Geoff and Christine Hamilton are moving back to the Croxdale Inn, which over the last twelve weeks has undergone an extensive refurbishment. The Croxdale Inn will open its doors once again from Wednesday 15th May. Geoff and Christine would like to extend a special welcome to all patrons of the Gretna, where the special "Two for a Fiver" offer will continue as well as the excellent food and service given by friendly and efficient staff. The Croxdale's refurbishment includes 12 en-suite bedrooms, a four-poster bridal suite, jacuzzi, whirlpool bath and sauna. If you have not been to The Croxdale Inn before or even if you have, you will be pleasantly surprised at the excellent decor and comfortable luxurious surroundings offered to all. To find The Croxdale Inn follow the A167 towards Durham City and left at the Croxdale roundabout just past the Citroen garage and you will find it about 200 yards on the left hand side.

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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.

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Aycliffe Athletics News

Mike Brunskill the only Aycliffe runner competing in the tough Coniston 9 mile Fell Race ran a superb time of 1 hour 30 minutes, finishing well up the field.

Ian Williams and Derek Smith ran a 5K Race at New Marske, finishing with excellent times of 18.32 and 18.44 respectively.

In the Wakefield 10K, Paul Upton representing Newton Aycliffe in Yorkshire ran an excellent race, finishing with a time of 41.57

Thrift Penalised

Recent correspondence on Town Council Outings for pensioners made many valid points. A few touched on the problem of care for the elderly, and how many are being penalised for being thrifty.

One widower rang "Newton News" to tell us he was being forced to sell his house, and leave the town he loves, to pay for

his care in a Residential Home. "It is unfair that I have to leave my friends and neighbours in order to find care in my old age". Another told us he will do the same and move in with his children.

The promised care from "cradle to grave" cannot be delivered and the Government is urging and encouraging people by

incentives, to take out private insurance to cover proper residential care when it is required.

As an aging population this can only mean more Residential Homes and if people want to stay as near to home as possible, could it result eventually in a residential care establishment on every street corner?

INVITATION TO WALK THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD



The organisers of the Yellow Brick Road Walk, to be held at Redworth Hall on Sunday June 9th, invite anyone who wishes to help the charity with their own stall, to get in touch.

Any fund raising idea to entertain the visitors and walkers is acceptable. Tables can be provided. Please ring Gregg Little on 321621.

The Yellow Brick Road Walk attracts thousands at Newcastle and Redworth. An amazing £10,000 was raised at last years 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!

Make it a family event and get some sponsorship to swell the funds for this marvellous project which seeks to give children in our region the best hospital care.

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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Waste of Paper

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SCHOOL RAISE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SECURITY

The Big Bash at Stephenson Way primary School on Friday 26th April raised a staggering £767.75p. The whole of this amount is to be spent on school security. The event began during the afternoon with a Balloon Race courtesy of BP, when infant and junior children released helium filled balloons into the air. Thanks to Dane Rollo for his expertise in operating the cylinder.

The evening of entertainment was the idea of parent Mr Scott Rollo, who as well as taking a leading role to organise the event, acted as compere and entertainer during the whole evening.

The Big bash attracted a large audience of parents, children and relatives and they were entertained by entrants in the Megastar Talent Competition, the Intergalactic Sci-Fi

Fantasy Competition and Family generation O. The evening was an overwhelming success and the school wishes to thank Mr Scott Rollo for all his hard work and expertise, the Friend Stephenson way for the massive input (as usual) and our sponsors British Petroleum, D. Environmental, Osh Lamps, Gregg Little Testing centre, Newton Press, Haines the Baker, J Low, George Hair, Hallgarth and the RA Club. Lastly, but not least, the school extends thanks to the children of the school, parents and friends for arriving in large numbers and giving their support through Fund raising for school security is on-going, a parent will soon be undertaking a sponsored cycle ride to Newcastle and back. Sponsors will be sought from parents and children.




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Left to right: John Burton (Tony Blair's Agent), Tony Blair, Richard Gilbert, a Service Manager, Louis Gordon, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Managers.

Tony Blair paid a brief visit to Aycliffe Young People's Centre last week, spending time in two of the secure units. He was shown around by two of the young people who live there, and had the opportunity to talk to staff and youngsters about the work being carried out to help young people return to the community. He saw examples of work produced in education and was presented with a hand-painted plate by the young people of Royston House. The Labour Leader's easy manner and understanding made a good impression on all who met him.

Camerata Singers in Concert at Sedgefield

The Camerata Singers are giving a concert of seasonal songs at St. Edmunds Parish Church, Sedgefield on Saturday, 11th May. Traditional songs and madrigals are combined on the programme, with some solo interludes. The theme is Maytime and the arrival of Spring. Works by Vaughan Williams, Bennett and Morley and some early, anonymous pieces are interwoven to give a blend of the familiar and less familiar Old English songs. Based in the North East, the Camerata Singers are

directed by Percy Lovell, and have a growing reputation as an unaccompanied choir specialising in traditional English song. The concert is part of the Festival of Life in Sedgefield District. It starts at 7.30pm on Saturday, 11th May at St. Edmunds Parish Church, Sedgefield. Admission is free.

For further information please contact Pauline Murray, Arts Development Officer at Sedgefield District Council on 01288 816166.

Some Tickets Left for "Evita" at Civic Theatre

With less than a week to go before opening, the hit West End Musical Evita is almost a total sell out for Darlington Civic Theatre. Thousands of eager theatre goers have already bought their tickets for the show which opens on Tuesday May 14th for two weeks. Almost all performances are now sold out. However, last minute

bookers will find that there are still tickets available for mid week matinees in the Upper Circle. Matinees are at 2.00pm each Wednesday (May 15th and May 22nd) and on Thursday May 16th.

Tickets are available from the Civic Theatre Box Office (01325) 486555

Football Stars in Charity Match at Spennymoor

Footballing stars of the 70's, 80's and 90's will be taking part in a celebrity eleven-a-side match on Sunday 12th May 1996 at Spennymoor United's Brewery Ground, Spennymoor - all in aid of charity - the Kidney Unit at Leeds Infirmary. Leeds United's over 35's will be taking on a North East Select team with players from Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough taking part. The Leeds United team will include old favourites such as Peter Lorimer, Eddie Gray, Bobby Collins and Jack Ashurst. The North East Select team

includes ex Middlesbrough players, Bernie Slaven, Mark Proctor, Terry Cochrane, Jim Platt, from Sunderland Mick Horswell, Shaun Elliott and Nick Pickering with David McCreery and Alan Shoulder from Newcastle United. M.F.C. Chairman, Steve Gibson, will also be playing. The event is one of over 60 events occurring throughout the District under the banner of 'Festival of Life'. An event not to be missed, which will bring back many sporting memories from yesterday's stars - so - Sunday 12th May 1996 - 11.00am kickoff - £1.00 on the gate.

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final, 3-1 by seventh seed
Steve Heslop and that wasn't
the end because, Peter Morris,
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Dave Lyons in a marathon 1
hour 15 minutes game.
The semi-finals were sure to
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Pinkney ending the run of
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Heslop upsetting the form
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Richard Vitty with a thrilling
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Finals Night served up some
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In the Ladies Final Chris
Kennedy, who had progressed
comfortably to the final,
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snatched victory from the
jaws of defeat in her semi-
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EMMA DODDS



To a special grand-daughter on your 18th birthday, lots of love Nanna Babs and Grandad Ray XX

I WOULD wish to congratulate young Alan Oliver, his committee and the players for their excellent performance this season. Won the District Working Men's League and 2 cups, so far. Get to Simpasture Park and watch them on a Sunday morning - Old Jimmy.

BREMNER (nee Thompson), 10th May 1974. Happy birthday Sue, love Mam, Dad and Kelvin XXX.

BREMNER (nee Thompson) Happy birthday Sue, all my love Rob and love you Mam ah Lewis XX.

EVANS Maureen, on your wedding day it's Mam and Dad won't be there, but I'm sure they will be so proud of you and smiling up in Heaven, love Josie. **MAUREEN** and Tim, health and happiness on your special day, we hope you will both be very happy, Ken, Josie M & M. **FAWCETT & EVANS** Maureen and Tim, best wishes on your wedding day, 11-5-96, love from Angela, Anthony, Gavin and Zoe XXX.

ARTHUR SMITH - Surprise - Happy birthday, May 11th, love you forever, Jean.

ARTHUR SMITH Happy 67th birthday, love Joanne and Adrian, love you Grandad Arthur, Adam.

ARTHUR SMITH Happy birthday love, giss a kiss X. **SALLY PARKIN** 14-5-96, Many happy returns on your 65th birthday, love always Lesley, Dave, Stuart and Samantha XX.

SALLY PARKIN congratulations, 65 on Tuesday, love and best wishes Melanie, Ian, Stacey and Adam XX.

Holidays

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MIND Newton Aycliffe are holding their A.G.M. on Thursday 27th June from 7pm at St Oswalds Park Bowling Pavilion. Nominees for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Information Officers and Members of Committee. Interested parties please apply Rev Colin Jay.

DAY RETURN to Windermere, going right around the lake with stops at Bowness, Windermere and Hawkshead £12, Wednesday 22nd May Tel 313924.

ONE NIGHT Bowness on Windermere, Tuesday 22nd May, Dinner, Bed and Breakfast only £39 all in. Pick up St Clares, Aycliffe Village and Heighington Tel 313924.

SUNDERLAND Football Club Supporters Club, Newton Aycliffe Branch, end of season meeting on Sunday 12th May at 12noon at the Horndale Club.

LOCO QUIZ won by Ann, Kevin, Mandy and Craig - Nige was not a team member - Cheers!!

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ANIMAL CHARITY'S MARVELLOUS WORK

Dear Sir, We have heard, recently, so much about the amount of dog dirt etc. which is prominent on our streets, however, we would like to bring to the attention of the public a group of local people dedicated to the welfare of animals, and without whom the problem could be much worse.

These people are the "team" headed by Ray

McKinlay and Pauline Williams, who make up the "National Animal Sanctuary Support League".

They do an absolutely marvellous job in finding homes for lost or abandoned animals in the area, working at least 12 hours every day, 365 days a year!

At present, they have 120 cats - yes 120 - and numerous dogs needing good homes and, if you cannot provide a home, then they would welcome help in raising the large amount of money needed daily to feed these animals, also to meet vets bills etc.

They have so many animals because, unlike some organisations, they will not hand out pets willy-nilly to anyone who comes along. They are very careful in finding good homes.

Obviously not all readers can provide homes, but there are, in local shops, collecting tins for cash, or "bins" in which you can place the odd tin of pet food etc.

They would also be grateful for any decent "bric-a-brac" which can be sold by them at car boot sales etc.

Although this may sound like an "advert" for NASSL, we can assure readers that no-one connected with the charity has any idea that we are taking this step to help them.

Please remember, this is a charity, and they do not receive huge hand-outs from the Lottery Fund, but depend almost entirely on the generosity of you the general public to help them in their never ending task.

Please do what you can to help. They can be reached at: P.O. Box 42, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham, DL5 5JA., or by phoning 01325 321855 (evenings are usually best).

Thanking you in anticipation **Pat and Bill Findley**

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Thank You

THE FAMILY of the late Bella Gay wish to say thank you to relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and donations received during their sad loss. Many thanks also to Aycliffe Nursing Home, Doctors, District Nurses and many friends for the loving care and kindness shown to our Mum.

DONKIN, Edward Craig. Irene Donkin would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the kindness shown, letters, cards of condolence and flowers received in my sad loss. Also Bewick Crescent Doctors, Coronary Care and Ward 43 Darlington Hospital, Meynell Funeral Services, Father Michael for kindness and support shown and J & C Coaches for use of bus.

Mayor's Flower Tubs

The Mayor of Darlington, Frank Robson, who lives in Heighington, has donated £100 to "adopt" ten flower tubs situated in his village and at Redworth.

The Clerk has written to the Mayor thanking him for his generosity, stating how much the tubs will enhance the attractiveness of both Redworth and Heighington and contribute to the 'Northumbria in Bloom' competition.



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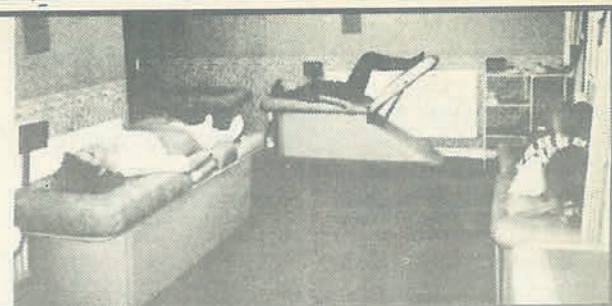
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HELICOPTER CREW DROP IN TO MEET SCHOOLCHILDREN



It's not every day a giant Sea King helicopter lands in your local school field but that's what happened at Byerley Park recently when the Royal Navy literally "dropped in" for a visit. Even local residents gathered to find out what was happening, but no-one was more excited than the children, who were all shown around the helicopter in turn.

The crew returned to Yeovilton, Somerset after joining the children for lunch. This was their second visit to Byerley Park School and we look forward to hosting them again soon.

Letter to the Editor Council Trip is my Highlight of the Year

Dear Sirs,
I agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments in last week's Newton News that E.C. - Pensioner, should get a life.

Most of us pensioners have worked very hard for every penny we have and still have to watch our coppers, we cannot afford to be extravagant, as for £50,000 in the bank - ha! If only. Many, like me, are living alone, having lost our partners, my own dear husband was one of the young men called up to serve their country during the last war and spent his 21st birthday on guard

duty in Africa.

I and most other pensioners are most grateful to our Council for giving us this special day, it is one of the highlights of my year, an enjoyable coach trip with enjoyable company. People such as E.C. are to be pitied as they probably cannot enjoy simple pleasures themselves for watching that other people don't get more than they do.

Go on E.C., try to be happy for us, you never know, it may even make you happy

Mrs. Humble

LOCAL AUTHOR'S BOOK SUCCESS



In only a few weeks since publication, local author Tom Robson has sold over a 1000 copies of his new book "Boy Seaman RN".

Tom, who is a life member of the Navy Club, is delighted, not only with the sales, but the way his book has been received by ex-Navy colleagues all over the world. Daily he receives letters of praise for his work which depicts life for 15 year old boy entrants who endured the strictest discipline, yet emerged as heroes of the war.

Among the numerous letters of congratulations from all ranks of the Navy is a heart-warming message from a war widow whose husband's exploits are recorded in Tom's book, she thanks Tom for his painstaking research in bringing back memories of

yesteryear.

Other comments from ex-Sailors include "Magnificent", "Compulsive reading", "great book", "superb", "enjoyed immensely" and from the Royal Naval Museum "A fascinating book".

Tom is now over 60 years old and he can take great pride in his great work which will undoubtedly become a permanent reference of great historical interest.

Copies of "Boy Seaman RN" are available from Newton Press who were privileged to print Tom Robson's excellent book

STAN FULLER
Landlord at the Huntsman appears on "Stars in their Eyes", the popular TV Talent programme on Saturday 18th May

For Your Own Safety - Ask!

The art of Muay Thai (Thai Boxing) is well established within this area. There are only 2 authentic, recognised camps in the North East of England, these are Paul Pearson's Hanuman Camp based in Darlington and Sean Dooney's King Cobra Camp based in Newton Aycliffe.

Four British Champions from these camps have recently taken their places in the National Squad of 11, at the International Amateur Muay Thai Federation World Championships in Bangkok and won through to the quarter finals.

Supporting these camps is a network which organises Safety Standards, Insurance, Teaching Standards and Methods, Championship Contests, Refereeing Standards and Judging. The International Amateur Muay Thai Federation, whose offices are in Manchester is a body directly authorised by the Government of Thailand to maintain the standards oversee development and ensure that education and training of participants is monitored and controlled. IAMTF also sanctions Instructors. This is a rigorous exercise, each Instructor must prove themselves worthy, capable and committed to Muay Thai to the Masters who govern the development of their National Sport.

Muay Thai is a potentially lethal Martial Art and like all Martial Arts safety is of paramount importance. Beyond the Martial Art experience is the potent authenticity with originates in the heart of Thailand and only translates through respect for its tradition, history and Masters.

Unfortunately as in many situations familiarity breeds contempt and only the contemptuous would be so bold and foolhardy to set up as an Instructor and open a "club" without due consideration for the possible consequences. As Muay Thai has gained in popularity individuals with tenuous links to the authentic have begun to set up these clubs. Their only interest can be personal financial reward. As stated previously there are only 2 authentic camps in the area, these produce champions and teach skilful Muay Thai. They are supported by Local Government and Businesses.

So if you are considering joining a Thai Boxing Camp for your own safety and education ASK:

Is it affiliated to the IAMTF?

Has your Instructor IAMTF License and insurance?

Is there sufficient training and safety equipment?

Will you follow an approved syllabus?

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Dear Sir

After reading Councillor Frasers article regarding the upgrading of the councils Golf Course and the £200,000 for the cost, set me thinking, this money will be coming from our Council Tax and how many will benefit? Certainly not the OAP's, unemployed or disabled, only those rich enough or fit enough, after all its not a poor mans sport.

I ask you, will you investigate and print the answer. The different in percentage between the Aycliffe residents and the none residents who are members of the golf club. I know the fees against other clubs are low. So are we the

council tax payers of Aycliffe subsidising outsiders?

Surely this money could be put to better use and to the benefit of all and not a few.

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