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## SHOPKEEPERS PETITION LANDLORDS TO IMPROVE THE TOWN CENTRE

'Newton News' is supporting Newton Aycliffe Shopkeepers in a petition to their London Landlords for improvements to our Town Centre.

Almost all the tenants have signed the petition calling for a face-to-face meeting with the Landlords to discuss (a) high rents and service charges, causing closures (b) a poor mix of shops and (c) deterioration of the shopping environment.

Our Shopkeepers ask the Landlords to address these problems and offer to co-operate with them in revitalising the Town Centre.

Compared with other towns in the District, Newton Aycliffe has a poor shopping area and residents are being forced to travel out of town for their requirements. After Darlington, our town has the largest population in the County and boasts the second largest industrial estate in the North.

But its Town Centre is a joke, with very little to keep residents interested in shopping here for their major items.

Over the last few years numerous shops have closed - mostly due to high rents and lack of trade. Yet rents continue to rise and the Landlords seem not to care about the type of shop needed to serve the community when letting vacant units.

Sedgefield District Council have poured thousands of pounds into improving other town centres, but can't set foot in Aycliffe as it is privately owned. The Shopkeepers have requested support from both Town and District Councillors in their campaign, urging the Landlords to improve our Town Centre.

A new radical approach is required to rejuvenate trade and add interest and character to the Town Centre. When the Aycliffe Development Corporation sold the Town Centre, initially, to Grainger Trust, it was to be covered in and remodelled. But that promise, which probably got them the property, was never fulfilled. This is what is needed now if Newton Aycliffe is to compete with out-of-town shopping malls.

Selling to a private property company was another bad mistake the former Development Corporation made. In so doing they prevented local authority involvement, who would certainly not have allowed the environmental mess the Town Centre is in at this time.

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Woodham Community Centre celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year.

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# Football Star at Golf Match

Dick Malone, ex Sunderland and Scotland footballer, presented the prizes at Newton Aycliffe rotary Club's Charity Golf Day held at Hall Garth this week. Dick was in the famous side which won the F.A. Cup against Leeds. He is now in the transport business and plays a mean game of golf off a 7 handicap.

# EMPTY HOUSES

District figures on void Council houses show that 27 are available for letting, 12 temporarily uninhabitable and 37 are undergoing maintenance.

# Country Ramble

The Ramblers are holding a 'Beyond Bishop Middleham' walk on Wednesday June 26th. 5 miles of easy field paths and tracks, anyone interested in joining in should meet Lorna Withers outside Bishop Middleham village hall, 6.45pm, or call for information on 01740 656228.

# Great Lakes Company Helps Young Anglers

Junior members of Aycliffe Angling Club are invited to fish in a new match sponsored by Great Lakes Chemicals.

Young anglers can compete for a trophy as well as generous prizes donated by the Aycliffe Company. The event will be held on Saturday 29th June at 10 a.m. at the Aycliffe Pond. The draw takes place at 9.30 a.m.

This match is one of a series held throughout the season, all sponsored by Great Lakes, and which the members look forward to and where competition is fierce.

Aycliffe Angling Club welcomes the support given by Great Lakes to youngsters in these competitions which help them develop their skills in addition to providing an enjoyable outdoor hobby.

Any young person interested in taking up the sport and/or joining our very successful club should telephone the Secretary on 313778.

# Junior Golf Contest

Top golfing juniors at Beamish Park Golf Club are bidding for glory as the search to find the 1996 Daily Mail PGA Junior Golf Champions gets underway.

The club staged its qualifying round for it's junior boys and girls in May.

The best nett and gross winners will now be included in a merit table which will decide the top 60 boys and girls to go forward to the Area Final at Turnberry Hotel, Turnberry, on 25th July.

The Championship, which is in its third year, is now recognised as one of the most prestigious titles in Junior golf. More than 6000 junior golfers will compete for the 20 places available in the Grand Final at Lake Nona Club, Florida, in October.

Vic Robbie, Sports Editor of the Daily Mail said: "The standard of golf played each year continues to surpass all our expectations and the Daily Mail is delighted to be playing its part in the future of British golf".

Details of the Daily Mail PGA Junior Golf Championship are available from the PGA Tournaments Department on 01675 470333.

# AYCLIFFE ITEC's "KNOWLEDGE WORKER" SCHEME IS THE ANSWER . . .



It is generally accepted that the days are gone when someone would train for a job, then keep that job for life. Today, research shows that all of us will re-train at least three times during our working life. So how can people gain job security and ensure they remain fully employed in this fast moving business world?

Aycliffe Business Administration and Information Technology training provider ITEC North East believe they have the answer with their policy of training 'Knowledge Workers'.

ITEC North East Managing Director, David D Baker explains: "A Knowledge Worker is simply an individual who is able to adapt their core skills to deal with different and new situations. At ITEC North East we train to develop an attitude which says 'I CAN deal with this new challenge'. This flexibility requires a confidence and skill which forms the basis of everything we do at ITEC North East. We know from experience that a Knowledge Worker has a far better chance of gaining employment than someone who has simply trained to perform one task. The figures support this view - at ITEC North East last year 94% of our trainees walked straight into a job on completion of their course".

David sees his policy of training Knowledge Workers helping make Aycliffe a truly World Class region, since the expansion of existing companies and successful inward investment relies heavily upon the availability of a flexible, motivated workforce.

ITEC North East believe it is vital to keep abreast of employers requirements in the Aycliffe area, since these can change very quickly in response to market forces or new technology.

Employers in the region are regularly surveyed and contacted on an individual basis to find out what skills their ideal employee will bring with them.

The latest requirement is for people who understand E Mail and the Internet. "We have been aware for the past two years that some employers require E Mail and Internet knowledge, however in the last six months this requirement has moved to the top of employers 'wish list'. ITEC North East has responded by including an E Mail and Internet module on all Business and IT training courses, even though this is not always a requirement of the examining body who award qualifications".

By taking this pro-active approach, ITEC North East believe they will help ensure that every trainee who finishes a course will have a much better chance of getting a job.

David concludes: "Everything we do at ITEC North East is aimed at giving employers the skills and attitudes they need from their employees. If we can match employers and employees needs, everyone gets what they want and the future prosperity of Aycliffe and the South Durham area is assured. No-one should expect a job for life in today's business environment, but what we can provide is a suite of core skills together with the confidence and ability to apply those skills to a range of different situations".

"With these skills and confidence in place, it is possible to look forward to a CAREER for life and everyone at ITEC North East feels a real sense of achievement when we see our trainees embark upon that career for life. This happens the day they walk out of our doors and into employment."

A job for life may be a thing of the past, however with ITEC North East it is possible to begin a career knowing you are able to deal with today's fast moving business world and make a positive contribution whatever the future holds.

ITEC North East has a July 1st intake for HNC in Business Administration and Information Technology, together with a range of other courses to suit all ages and abilities. Further information can be obtained by ringing Barbara at ITEC North East on: 01325 320052

# EURO M.P. ANGRY OVER ENERGY SAVING LIMIT

A penny pinching move to save cash will break the EU's international obligation to combat the greenhouse effect and halt global warming - warned local labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes. Stephen Hughes, Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon, is to inform Darlington Environmental Watch and Seaham Environmental Association about European Energy Ministers' plans to slash EU spending on energy efficiency projects. He is angry that the Ministers want to cut energy saving projects - even though the EU is a long way from meeting its obligations under the Rio Agreement to cut carbon dioxide emissions.

Stephen Hughes explained "At the Rio Earth Summit four years ago EU member states agreed to cut carbon dioxide emissions in an attempt to halt global warming. Now Government Ministers want to cut EU spending on projects aimed at promoting energy efficiency."

Ministers propose to cut spending on projects by more than two thirds - from £120m to less than £40m.

Stephen Hughes said "This savage cut would make the EU's energy saving programme so limited as to be almost useless. Carbon dioxide emissions are still rising and not enough is being done at a European level to combat the Greenhouse effect."

Stephen Hughes has pledged to oppose the move when it comes to the European Parliament for approval and would like the views and support of local environmental groups.

# Junior Golf Coaching Courses at the Oakleaf

The Oak Leaf Golf Club's Junior Coaching recommends on the driving range this Saturday 22nd June from 10am - 11am.

Fee is £1 per hour. Clubs can be provided, and tuition provided by resident Golf Professional Clive Burgess.

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Any junior interested can ring 01325 310820 for further details

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# TOWN DANCE SCHOOL TEACHER WINS FAME



Michaela Wilkinson, who recently took over the Lynne Jeffries dancing school at Newton Aycliffe, is stepping out!  
 She beat off stiff competition at last week's Fame Addition at the Tyne Theatre Newcastle for one of the new places in the professional companies national auditions in London.  
 Michaela, who teaches Ballet, Tap, Stage, Modern dance and Disco Dancing at the Tyne Theatre Stage School, (Newton Aycliffe) said, "Fame is a tremendous honour and sums up the range of dance that we are encouraging at Newton Aycliffe."  
 Classes are held on Monday and Friday evenings, at Elmfield School, including Adult Classes! Ages 3yrs to 63yrs are very welcome!  
 Anyone interested contact Tyne Theatre Stage School principle; Barbara Biesterfeld, 0191 285 4456.

# HUNTSMEN GEAR UP FOR NEW SEASON

STUART HODGSON has started his pre-season training with Huntsman for next season, writes Martin Walker.  
 The Director of Football wanted to start training early, and he intends to bring fitness to his team.  
 The regulars from last season have all extended their creative contracts, but gaffer Hodgson says he will welcome extra players to ease competition within his squad for first team places.  
 Our main problem with last year was that we didn't have enough players to compete for places. Most players almost new they were playing before the kick-off," said Hodgson.  
 "This year, I will hopefully have at least 15 players to choose from in every game. This will make players work harder than they were last year."  
 Huntsman's training sessions are held every Thursday on the Avenue playing fields at home.  
 "There's a new structure for Huntsman this coming season. Unlike last year, the club have drawn up a five man committee. Those include Jim McCabe, Martin Haigh, Wayne Marram, Morgan Elding and myself.  
 The committee is headed by

Chairman Tony Travis, while Frank Helm takes up the position of Honorary Chairman.  
 Huntsman have received a new strip from Durham F.A. following their excellent disciplinary record last year. This latest strip is the club's third new set in a year - after investing in two spanking new sets last year via support from Huntsman landlord Stan Fuller.  
 But Huntsman will keep with their green and white halves for the home strip, with the remaining two as second and third strips.  
 Russell Hodgson resumes his position of Treasurer, and has started work on fund-raising already.  
 Hodgson is seeking another sponsor to raise cash. The sponsor's name or logo will appear on the front of the home strip, which is obviously the most used strip, while their name will be associated with every match report when printed in the 'Newton News' - although we can only guarantee a winning report every now and again!!  
 If you think you could sponsor the Huntsman, contact Russell Hodgson on (01325) 315795 (Huntsman Pub).

# M.B.E. for Town's SSAFA Man

Mr. Ronald Archer Newton, Assistant Secretary for the Sedgefield and Newton Aycliffe Division of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA) has been awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Awards.  
 Mr. Newton's interest in SSAFA goes back to his schooldays in 1943. After National Service in the Army, serving in Africa, he trained as a teacher and rejoined SSAFA in 1957. He became Secretary of the Spennymoor Division and has served as Assistant Secretary of the Sedgefield and Newton Aycliffe Division since its inception.

# Letter to the Editor VOLUNTEERS HAVE NO LEGAL RIGHTS

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

what she had to say. Without listening to what I had to say she also stated that I was unfit to work. I finally wrote to the Regional Manager and, after several telephone calls, I received a reply. It did not answer the questions I needed answering, but I was thanked for my services.  
 As a volunteer I have no legal rights and as someone with a Mental Health problem even less. So I can take no further action.  
 I just want the people involved to know what suffering they have caused me because since the incident my mother has died. The shop was an important part of my life and I cannot understand why I have been treated in this way. I have lost my trust in people and now feel very lonely and isolated. They did not even contact me after my mother's death to offer a few kind words of sympathy.  
 Depression is such a misunderstood illness and sufferers can be made to suffer through thoughtless actions. People in many walks of life suffer from depression and it does not mean they are insane, unintelligent or have no feelings. I and other sufferers just need some understanding and support in a time of crisis.  
 So I hope the people I worked with realize what an effect they have had on my life, and I only hope they can learn something from their actions.  
 Yours Sincerely  
 A Current Depressive

# Letter to the Editor THE MAYOR'S POST IS POLITICAL

Dear Sir,  
 Can I remind readers that, recently, the controlling Labour Councillors on Great Aycliffe Town Council DID honour the long service of former Councillor Eric White, by granting him the freedom of the town.  
 The post of Mayor is not a reward to be doled out

to deserving cases! The Mayor is the Chairman of the Council. The post of Mayor therefore has to be a political appointment.  
 But that does not mean that we do not appreciate good Councillors who have served Aycliffe well for many years.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Councillor Terry Hogan

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They recognised an emerging positive ethos committed to raising achievement in an effective learning environment.  
 With an increasing population of children with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties in this day/residential school for children with learning difficulties and a wide range of special needs the Inspectors particularly praised:-

- The sound educational standards and quality of education at Key Stages 1 and 2.
- The good quality of the residential facilities and the standards of care.
- A school where relationships are positive in an orderly community where pupils feel emotionally secure and are valued.

The Inspectors stated however, that there were significant areas for development and improvement and highlighted:-

- The quality of teaching at Key Stages 3 & 4.
- Pupil progress and achievement at Key Stages 3 & 4.
- Aspects of the curriculum especially Technology and Information Technology.
- Matching the curriculum approaches more closely to the special need of the pupils.

The Inspectors reported that the pupils were polite, courteous and generally displayed a positive attitude to their learning. Exclusions and instances of bullying were rare and staff dealt effectively with difficult behaviour. Links with Bishop Auckland College for older children were effective. The Acting Head Teacher and Governors provide strong, and clear leadership, the school's administrative and financial organisation was secure and overall the school give sound value for money.  
 Darryl Gregory (Acting Head teacher) said:-  
 "The school has experienced uncertainties relating to the changing pupil population pending proposed LEA reorganisation and three Head teachers in three years. However, the school now has a sound Management Plan and virtually all the criticisms have been recognised and are to be addressed in future developments. We need to review the curriculum, extend it and make it more relevant and realistic for all the pupils. Appropriate subject based in-service training will be a key factor in improving our delivery of the curriculum.  
 The report indicates that the school has a strong foundation in its Aims and Objectives and staff are sharing in a common vision. We know that we have to improve on our weaknesses and it will involve a tremendous amount of hard work for all the staff. The governors and myself are confident that we will have made the necessary steps forward well before our next Inspection."

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# CARD NEWS 5-A-SIDE TEAM WIN CUP COMPETITION



The Taunton Cider, Monday night 5-a-side League at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex finished recently, with the annual cup competition. Beechfield, Card News and Torino, three of the top four League sides progressed with comfortable quarter-final wins against I.P.D.E., K.M.D. Magnet and Stylish Range. In the final quarter-final, League runners up Magnet played fifth place Manor House Hotel. In a bad tempered game Manor House went a goal ahead and then had Darren Peacock sent off. Magnet then besieged the opposition goal and a combination of good luck and good goalkeeping kept them at bay and Manor House went through to the semi-final. Without the suspended Peacock, Manor House couldn't keep out the impressive Torino team and goals from Steve Woodward (2) and Paul Buxton took them into the final 3-1. In the other semi-final, League champions Card News took an early 2-0 lead against Beechfield through Keith Hutchinson and Paul Birbeck, that effectively killed the game off and although Beechfield scored a late consolation goal there was still time for Hutchinson to get his second and take Card News through 3-1. In the first five minutes of the final Torino were on top and Man of the Match Tony Lansdell, the Card News goalkeeper, pulled off three excellent saves. Keith Hutchinson then scored with a deflected shot against the run of play and Torino then had to press for an equaliser. Lansdell continued to play well in the Card News goal, but gaps were appearing in the Torino defence and first Hutchinson and then Gough, with a hat trick, scored break away goals. The sponsors provided £600.00 worth of prizes for the top League and Cup teams and Rob Robinson was on hand from Taunton Cider to make the presentations. Photo show:- Rob Robinson of Taunton Cider with the successful Card News team.

## King Cobras Display Martial Art

An impressive display of some of the many aspects of Muay Thai were exhibited on Saturday by the members of Kings Cobra Display Teams from Newton Aycliffe. Lead by their Senior Instructor, Sean Dooney, the Camp performed varied combinations of punches, elbows, kicks and knees which are developed as weapons in this most ancient Martial Art.

Developed in Thailand for the unarmed defence of its Kingdom, it has proved effective for more than 3000 years in a land which has been invaded but never conquered.

Now under direct regulation of the Government of Thailand through the International Amateur Muay Thai Federation, this unadulterated Art is as spectacular to watch as it is precise to practice. For those who missed this Demonstration there will be an opportunity at the Community Fair at Newton Aycliffe Recreation Centre this weekend to see the Kings Cobras in action again. There will also be the opportunity to meet and talk to Camp Members, Instructors and Members of the National Squad who competed this March in the World Championships in Thailand.

## S.D.C. SEEK VIEWS ON COUNTRYSIDE

Nature conservation, landscape and access to the countryside are issues which affect many people, and Sedgefield District Council is urging local people to come forward with their views.

Very little of the countryside in the District can be described as "natural" but the remaining areas of "semi-natural" habitat are vitally important as wildlife habitats. As a basis for new countryside project, Durham Wildlife Audit has identified all these habitats and the network of Rights of Way has also been surveyed.

Now the Council is preparing a Countryside Strategy and hopes to involve local people in identifying future projects and setting priorities. Projects could involve the

preservation and improvement of semi-natural habitats, wildlife conservation, planting schemes or improved access to country areas.

A series of countryside workshops will be held and local people, representatives from community groups, and Town and Parish Councillors across the District are invited to put forward their views. The next workshop will be held on Thursday, 20th June at Shildon Civic Hall from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Everyone with an interest in the local countryside will be welcome.

There will also be a session for farmers, landowners and their agents on Monday, 17th June at Sedgefield Parish Hall (Fletcher Room) from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

A discussion document will be available before the meeting. To receive a copy of the document, or for more information on the workshops, please contact Graham Clingan or Ros Ward at Sedgefield District Council on 01388 816166.

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'NEWTON NEWS' in conjunction with 'PolyGram Video' are running a competition to win one of three prizes of a 'Fit Face' video and a 'Fit Face' make-up bag.

The 'Fit Face' video features Diana Moran (The Green Goddess) and is a 10 minute facial work-out for a younger look and brighter complexion. It is a programme of effective but fun work-outs for the face which can help you look years younger and feel great.

Also featured is make-up expert Martyn Fletcher whose simple and inexpensive hints will give you a more youthful sparkle.



All you have to do to enter is find the 10 words associated with 'Fit Face' hidden in the grid below, circle them and, when you have found them all, fill in the entry form and return, before the closing date below, to Wordsearch Competition, Newton Press, St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Industrial Park, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. DL5 6DX.

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These are the 10 words hidden in the wordsearch grid opposite:-

- BLUSHER
- DIANA MORAN
- EYESHADOW
- FIT FACE
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## FORESTERS QUIZ TEAM WINS NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Court Endeavour Quiz Team of The Foresters has won the organisation's National Quiz Competition recently held in Birmingham, for the second year running, whilst representing members in Central & Northern England.

They enjoyed a substantial victory over teams from London & Southern England, Western England & Wales and Scotland. The four teams were winning finalists in their own area's knock-out competition, altogether involving approximately 80 teams around England, Wales and Scotland.

In addition to the National Trophy which was presented to them, each member received a small trophy to keep. They had previously been presented with a new Forester T-shirt which they were able to wear for the first time. The team members were Andrew Brown of Newton Aycliffe, John Perkins of

Ingleby Barwick, Ian Scrutton of Guisborough and Terry Stringwell of Wingate. Court Endeavour, stretching from Peterlee to Whitby, is one of over 100 Courts of The Foresters in this country.

## £267 for Childrens Society

The event held recently at St. Clare's raised a total of £267 for the work of the "Childrens Society". Unclaimed raffle prizes are ticket no's: 129, 144, and 244. These can be claimed any Saturday morning from St. Clare's Church Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon. Thanks to everyone who came along to support this event.

## New Junior Golf Team Beat Leaders

Oak Leaf Golf Club continued their good start in the newly formed Prince Bishop League by beating League leaders Barnard Castle by 3 matches to 2 on their own course. Barnard Castle had not lost a match all season, and as they have one of the most mature and experienced teams in the county, this has been a tremendous boost to Oak Leaf's confidence. Oak Leaf, whose team are the youngest in the league, with an average age of 19, had aimed, in its first year, to gain valuable experience for future seasons. However, after this victory, they are now placed third in the league and have set their sights as runners up. Their next match is at home to Hydro on Thursday.

## B.B.C. OFFER £1000 FOR BEST RADIO PLAYWRIGHT

The BBC, in conjunction with NorthernArts and the New Playwriting Panel are offering a top prize of £1000 in their search for the BBC North Playwright of the Year. The winning play will be professionally recorded and played on Radios Newcastle, Cleveland and Cumbria. The creator of the TV series, "Our Friends in the North", Peter Flannery said: "I think anything which encourages young writers to put pen to paper is a good idea. And it is a particularly good idea to start with radio. They only have your words so that means that the people who are making the production have to take care of you. And there is nothing more encouraging than hearing your work being broadcast."

As well as the money, and the chance to have your work heard across the North, there are ten places on a weekend workshop up for grabs. Professional producers, actors and writers will show the participants how to make their work shine.

The idea behind the competition came from BBC producer George Ford and he will be helping to judge the entries along with the Head of the New Playwriting Panel, Peter Mortimer and Jenny Attala, the principle officer of published and broadcast arts at Northern Arts.

George Ford said: "The cooperation between the three organisations involved in this project shows what can be done if you really want to encourage the wealth of talent we have in this region."

Radio is such an exciting medium and the possibilities for the writers' imagination are limitless; if a writer wants to set their play on Mars, it's not a problem to us. Anyone interested in entering the competition should send a S.A.E. to their local BBC radio station and mark the envelope "Playwriting Competition." The closing date is 26th July 1996.

## Town Cadet Represents England



Cadet Steven Baddeley of 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Sqn Air Training Corps was recently selected as England Youth Sabre Captain for the Youth Home Quadrangular competition held at Bangor in Northern Ireland. At the competition he fought his way through to become the British under 16 champion.

His win places him 142nd in the world rankings and adds to his other titles of North East Novice Sabre Champion, North East Under 16 Champion and most recently the Leon Paul Junior Under 17 Champion. Steven is now 16 years old and has fenced from an early age following a sport in which his whole family participates. Originally fencing with the foil,

Steven has moved on to the Sabre in the last five years with obviously spectacular results.

His selection for the Great Britain fencing squad and captaincy of the youth squad have been reward for his dedication and skill and has given him the opportunity to travel to several competitions within Europe. This has added to an already crammed timetable of Sabre practice, competitions, school work and cadets. He relishes the mental and physical challenge of fencing, likening it to ".....needing the brain of a chess player and the speed and coordination of a squash player." Apart from maintaining his fencing prowess his ambition is to join the RAF as a pilot.

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All senior citizens are invited to the Midsummer Seniors Dinner on Monday evening 24th June at 7.00pm.

The evening will include a full 3 course dinner with a short programme of entertainment to follow. The cost is only £2.00 and bookings can be made by telephoning Brenda Sharp on 01388 767899 or the Church Office on 01325 301760.



## Ladbroke Update

Ladbroke/Newton News competition update from Ladbroke, the official Bookmaker for the Euro 96 Championships.

Round Two of the league matches finished last Sunday and we have 3 leaders at present on 20 points: - I. Young, David Cogan and Malcolm Bell and 5 others close behind on 18 points.

With still one round to

play there are still plenty of points up for grabs. England are in tremendous form and we offered odds of 100/1 for their 4-1 win over Holland on Tuesday night, which made them group winners. So they now play their quarter-final game against Spain at Wembley on Saturday, 22nd.

Germany are certain to qualify in their group, so

a repeat of the 1966 World Cup still looks on the cards. Alan Shearer is also in great form, having scored first in all 3 of England's games and his and England's fans are costing us a small fortune at present, but who cares! Come on England!

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(58.6 per cent) are over forty  
according to the Age Concern  
figures. This group is likely to  
be concerned with ageing  
issues - such as pensions and  
the cost of long term care -  
affecting their parents, and  
impacting on them shortly.  
Age Concern has released the  
figures in the first phase of its  
general election campaign  
which aims to ensure that older  
people and ageing issues are  
high up the agenda of political  
parties and prospective  
parliamentary candidates.  
The information, which has  
been sent to hundreds of Age  
Concern groups around the  
country, details the pensioner  
profiles of all the new 569  
parliamentary constituencies  
in England and Wales.  
Age Concern is not just

looking at older people in the  
constituency. The charity has  
also collected information  
about the 40+ population -  
those now thinking hard about  
future income and retirement,  
or who have parents who need  
care.

Next month (July) Age  
Concern will be:

- Publishing its manifesto
  - Releasing an Omnibus  
survey on issues affecting  
older people
  - Encouraging older people to  
register for, and use, their vote
  - Campaigning on older  
people's issues
- Age Concern England director  
general Sally Greengross said:  
"We simply don't know when  
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PEACOCK, Cliff. Aged 34, lovingly remembered by daughters Tina and Donna

PEACOCK, Cliff. Always in our thoughts, Sylvia, Vic, Val, Colin and families

MARY DICKINSON passed away 23rd June. Sadly missed by Alex, Alma, Family and Friends.

MOSS, John Edward, died on the 22nd June 1994. Always in the thoughts of loving Wife Rona and family, Christine & Robbie, Carol & Christopher, Julie & Andrew, Jeffrey and Graham

Craggs, Maurice died 23rd June 94. You are still in our thoughts, we still think of you and miss you. Love Karen, Kristina, Claire XXX

Craggs, Maurice 23.6.94. Time has gone by so quickly since you were taken away from us. In our hearts a day does not go by when we don't think of you. Our love for you will never go away. Maurice, Paul, Selby, Carly and Tanya

Craggs, Maurice 23.6.94 Silent tears, thoughts and memories that will last forever. Miss you so much. Love Nell X

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**Birthday Remembrance**

STAN MOSSOP 22nd June. Dad and Gramps, looking back, always on my mind, love Trev and Carrie XX

MICHAEL Hallimond 22nd June 1996. Special memories of a dear son and brother, always in our thoughts Love Dad, Donald, Hilary, Denise and Jane

LINDA Smith 50 years so special, some of those we shared, those Saturday nights out dancing, how we wish you could still be there. Love Graham, Norma, Alison, Paul & Daniel

LINDA Smith 19.6.96. Nana, wish you were here, we still cry for you, it is your birthday, we are sad that you are not here with us today. We love you and miss you every day.

Lyndsay & Aidan XXXXX LINDA Smith 19.6.96. Mam - I won't see your smile or hear your laugh, I can't tell you I love you but I know your always with me. I'll never forget you, I'll never let you out of my heart. It hurts so much mam. Happy 50th birthday mam, love and miss you. Bev and Aidan. XX

LINDA Smith 19.6.96. Happy Birthday, thinking of you, love Ian

LINDA Smith 19.6.96. Thinking of you today and everyday. Miss you so much. Debbie, Graeme, Jade and Ellie.

LINDA Smith 19.6.96. No bottle of wine to share, love and miss you very much. Ann Marie

ATKINS, Flo. 21st June. In loving memory of a wonderful mam and nana on her birthday. Always loved, never forgotten. From all the family X

DONALDSON, Nigel 23rd June. Happy birthday Nigel, silent thoughts, tears unseen, wishing your absence was only a dream. Always in our hearts, love mam, dad and all the family

**Lost & Found**

LOST - Money in Town Centre. Thursday 13th June, Dis. O.A.P., Tel: 321475

LOST - Friday 14th June, Grey/White Cockatiel near Woodham Comprehensive. Police/RSPCA informed, any information Tel: 310552

LOST - Black and white cat in Bluebell Park area, answers to 'Maggie'. Tel: 307176 or 0191 510 2960. Reward

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**Thanks**

MURPHY - The children of the late Maureen Murphy would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness, sympathy, cards and generous donations for Cancer Research received during their recent sad bereavement. With special thanks also to all the many friends who attended the funeral service

GEOFF & MARIE. Thanks for a great day at the Acorn FC Presentation/Bar-b-que - from all who attended. 'Up the Nut' THANK YOU Brian Poole of Simpature School of Motoring for getting me through my test first time. Debbie Moore

**Congratulations**

BRENDA ELLIS

"I'm not a drinker as well you know" now everyone knows!



Caught in the act. Lots of love on your 50th birthday 21.6.96 Husband Doug XXX

BRENDA ELLIS "Hi Ho the big 50" 21.6.96, lots of love Bryan, Geraldine, Kevin, Tracy and Rie

BRENDA ELLIS born 21.6.46. The longest day, happy 50th love Mary, Barbara, Mam, Ken, Joan, Jonathon, Jennifer, Vicky, Julie and Paul

SANDRA SMITH Happy birthday, 40 years, 20-6-96, love Ann M

PERCIVAL - Best Wishes Mam on your 60th birthday, love from Denise, Julie, Bill & Richard

PERCIVAL - Happy 60th Birthday Gran, lots of love Billy, Daniel and Aimee

DOROTHY PERCIVAL Happy 60th Birthday lots of love Derek

CHELSIE & MARK 16th June, congratulations on the birth of your little girl, lots of love Angela and Rebekah

CHELSIE & MARK Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful daughter Daisy Mae, from Mum, Kel, Sid, Janelle

CHEL on the birth of your Daisy, she's beautiful, Mark helped! Love Sue and Ronnie

NOBBS Colin and Julie are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Louise on 12-6-96 weighing 7lbs 11¼ oz

SHAW Congratulations Carmel and Paul (Bud) on the birth of your son, Kane Thomas, June 14th, best wishes from proud grandparents Maria, Pauline and George

BRENDA (Nana) Ellis, "How old am I" 26 Nana, Grandad wrote this because he knows you're really 50. Love Gavin, Sean, Anthony and Nichola XXXXX

MICHAEL KELLY Happy 2nd birthday to our son who is 2 on the 27th June, love from Mam & Dad XXX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Michael love from your big sis Laura XX

HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY Michael love from Nana, Ann and Shane X

LEWIS WING Happy 1st birthday 23.6.96, lots of love Mammy and Daddy XX

MOORE, JANET A very happy birthday, and best wishes, I am sure you will continue to make progress in the S.N.U. All our love Mam and Dad XXX

MOORE, JANET Best Wishes to the best owner in the world, all my love Caspian, Lick, Lick

ALAN WARTON. Unhappy birthday, may all the hurt and pain that you have caused in your life be returned to you today, Debbie

ALAN WARTON. The garden gnome. A very unhappy birthday. Bev LINDSEY BROWN - Happy 13th Birthday, 25th June, with all our love from Mum and Dad

LINDSEY - Roses are red, Violets are blue. What did I do, To deserve a sister like you! Happy Birthday with lots of love from Nicola

TIBBETT, LISA Gary say's the drinks are on you. Happy 18th Birthday love Mam, Dad, Gary & Co.

TIBBETT, LISA Happy 18th Birthday love Lynsey TIBBETT, LISA happy 18th Birthday Lisa 21.6.96 love Nana

TIBBETT, LISA happy 18th Birthday Lisa love Barbara, Paul and Skippy

ALAN STURE. 19.6.96 Happy birthday Aller! Lots of love Daniel XXX

ALAN STURE. 19.6.96 Happy Birthday Alan, don't get too drunk! Love from Pauline, Clare and Mad Dog XXXX

ALAN STURE. 19.6.96 Happy Birthday Alan, hope you have a great night, see you soon, love Julie XX

JANET MOORE. Happy Birthday for 25.6.96 and from that day look ahead. Lots of love Helen, Phillip and Lucy XXX

MOORE JANET. A very happy birthday to my sister Janet, we may be miles away but I never forget. Love Caroline

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Janet. Have a great Birthday and we hope you have a lovely holiday. Love and best wishes, Sara, Tony and Kyle XXX

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Auntie Janet. Thank you for taking me on your Sunday outings. Lots of love and kisses Ashley XXX

DOCHERTY, LAURA 19th June, lots of love on your 16th Birthday, Mum, Andrew, Lisa, Suzi and Lennie, Darlo, Quaker, Tiptoe, Chloe and Clyde!!

JOAN EDWARDS Happy birthday Joan (Albert Hill's answer to Sue Pollard) Love from Julie, John and Boys

MICHELLE Dawn Landers, congratulations on your 21st for Monday 24th June. Good luck, lots of love from Nana, Mam, Paul and Gemma

ALAN & MARION Wilson. Many congratulations on your Golden wedding anniversary - May you have many more. Marian

MARK & DEBBIE. Good luck for your Wedding Day on 22nd June, love John, Tracy, Rebecca and Sean

FAWCETT & HIND - Congratulations on your wedding David and Sarah. Hope you'll both be very happy. Love Nick

FAWCETT & HIND - Congratulations David and Sarah on your Wedding Day, Saturday June 22nd at St. Clare's Church. All our love, Mam, Dad and Paul

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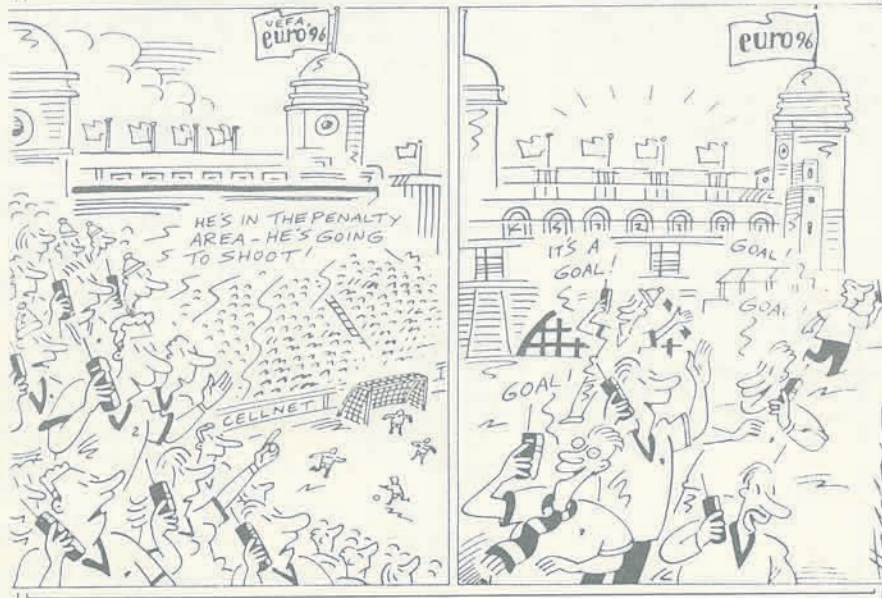


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Hundreds of excited juniors and parents packed into the Sports Complex to witness some tense matches that began with the Junior League Quarter finals. League winners Aycliffe Hatters had a comfortable 2-0 win over Middridge Harriers, with Wright scoring both goals and Heighington Wanderers had an equally comfortable 3-0 win over Willington, with goals by Butt, Robinson and Laverick-Elliott. The last two quarter finals, however, could not muster a goal between them and had to be decided by Penalty Shoot Outs, in which Newton Aycliffe Raiders beat Black and White 3-1 and 3M Bombers beat Hanratty's 3-0. There were three 1-0 wins in the quarter finals of the Intermediate League. New Mags beat South Durham Structures with a goal by Stevens, Lowe scored the winner for Woodham Wanderers against Hanratty's and Maddison got the only goal for Syntec against Heighington F.C. In the last Intermediate Quarter Final Hope and Emmerson scored in the 1-1 draw between S.D.S. and Middridge Harriers and then the Harriers went through 3-2 in the Penalty Shoot Out.

Normal Time and a five man Penalty Shoot out could not separate the teams in the first two Senior Category Quarter Finals, they both went to sudden death penalties where Woodrich beat league winners Middridge Hawkes and Card News beat Heighington Tornados. In the other two Quarter Finals, Heighington Hotspurs beat Auckland 4-0 with goals from Etherington (3) and Johnson and Almit defeated Hornsdale 2-0 with Carter scoring both goals. The Junior Semi-finals were clear cut affairs, Aycliffe Hatters had a comfortable 3-0 win over Heighington Wanderers, with Tarling, Cairns and Wright getting the goals and then 3M Bombers beat Newton Aycliffe Raiders 3-1. Longstaff (2) and Winkworth scored for 3M and Harrison scored the consolation for Newton Aycliffe Raiders.

There were two upsets in the Intermediate Semi-finals where League runners-up Woodham Wanderers beat League winners Middridge Harriers 4-1. Hanson (2) and Lowe (2) scored for Woodham and Gray replied for Middridge. Then outsiders New Mags booked their place in the final with a 2-0 win over Syntec, Stevens scored both goals.

There was only one goal scored in normal time during the Senior Semi-finals and that was by Odle of Heighington Hotspurs in their 1-0 win over Almit. Woodrich and Card News had to endure another Penalty Shoot Out and it was Woodrich who progressed with a 4-3 victory.

The favourites, Aycliffe Hatters got off to a flying start in the Junior Final with three goals by Cairns (2) and Tarling and although 3M Bombers came back with two late goals by Longstaff and Winkworth it wasn't enough to prevent Hatters completing a marvellous League and Cup double. New Mags had done well to reach the Intermediate Final but they ran out of steam against the in-form Woodham Wanderers whose 5-0 win (Lowe 3, Hanson 2) made up for their runners-up spot in the League.

Woodrich had won two penalty shoot outs to progress to the Senior Final, however, their luck ran out against the strong Heighington Hotspurs team who had a comfortable 3-0 win with goals by Odle, Ellington and Bradley. League and Cup winning teams all won Footballs, Trophies, League Match Tickets supplied

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Photo shows: All the prize winners from the Alexander-le-Skerne Junior 5-a-side Leagues.

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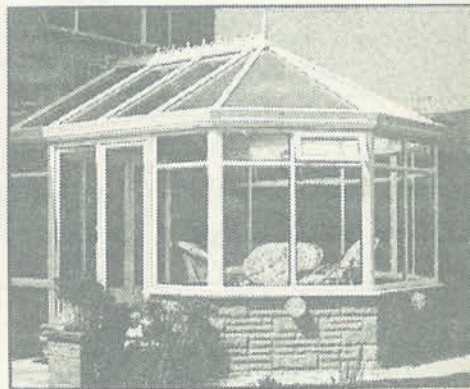
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