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COUNCIL BACK TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Great Aycliffe Town Council is full square behind the "Newton News" campaign to improve our Town's Shopping Centre.

A long debate on the Town Centre, led by the Mayor John Moran at this week's full Council Meeting, resolved to bring pressure to bear on the absent Landlords.

They will be asked to face up to the problems of shopkeepers, and the dilapidated state of the Town Centre.

"After taking time to visit the Town Centre, and speaking to the shoppers, I feel we must support this campaign. Everyone I spoke to was disgruntled" said our Mayor.

Councillors agreed that the Town Centre is not serving the needs of the residents, who now had to travel to other towns for special items.

"High rents are causing shops to close and the level of retail service for a town of our size is disgraceful - shop rents should drop to allow the traders to exist" said Councillor Peter Bergg.

Tony Moore praised the existing shops who battled to survive and told the Council he found they provide a good service and the staff are the friendliest he had come across. "But we have to push for a meeting with the Landlords to express our disgust with the administration of our Town Centre. The place is filthy and I remember how bad the Centre looked at Christmas when the Landlords forgot Aycliffe existed and did nothing to mark the festive season with lights and decorations." Said Tony.

Councillor Fleming, the Leader of the Council, could not understand the

attitude of the Landlords.

"Surely it is in their interest to have a vibrant Town Centre and traders eager to take leases." He called for a delegation to meet the Landlords: even travelling to London to make face-to-face contact. Councillor Locklin, a serving member on the SDC, was able to inform Town Councillors that the District was in negotiation with the Landlord's agents to force a clean-up of the Town Centre under the Environmental Protection Act.

Councillor Andrea Bergg wondered if the Landlords ever came to the Centre.

"Get them to come here and see how shabby it is - they should take a close look and see it is totally dilapidated." Said Mrs.

Bergg.

Councillor Mrs. Morley said the Council should promote a concerted effort to get improvement and, with a Steering Committee of all interested parties, a good result could be achieved. "We need to be rid of the Centre's 1960's look" said Councillor Clare. "We need a business plan, vision and investment" he added.

Councillor Frazer said our M.P. should be involved calling the Landlords to Westminster and co-ordinating our efforts. The Council agreed to take photographic evidence of the poor state of the Town Centre and make every effort to support the campaign for improvement.

AUTUMN START FOR SECOND VILLAGE HOTEL

Another Hotel, just outside Aycliffe Village, will be in operation by next spring, offering another 43 bedrooms to visitors to our area.

This follows our announcement last week that Newton Park nears completion and is seeking staff to run their 100 bed Travel Lodge.

Whilst these projects may appear to be in direct competition they offer different facilities which may attract different clientele.

Newton Park could be viewed as a quick overnight stay catching the passing trade on the A1M.

The Aycliffe Village Hotel on the site of the former quarry, will be offering the normal services of a Restaurant, Bar and Function Rooms.

Newton Park, as a Motorway Stop, will not have an alcohol sales licence, so you may even find their customers walking down the road for a drink at the Public Bar. John Wade, the owner of

the Village Hotel, obtained his licence this week at the Town Centre Magistrates Court. His two storey building programme commences in the Autumn and access will be off the A167, even though this has been bitterly opposed.

The argument put forward for continued use of the quarry access is based on the fact that hundreds of heavy vehicles used this entrance for years without accident.

The new Hotel will be situated well away from the road on an elevated site, with picturesque landscape work and a children's play area.

As John Wade is a keen and successful follower of the "Sport of Kings" his new Hotel will carry an Equestrian theme.

The actual number of jobs this new development will bring is unknown at this time, but it is safe to assume a project of this size will need up to 50 full and part time staff. We will publish more details of jobs nearer the time.

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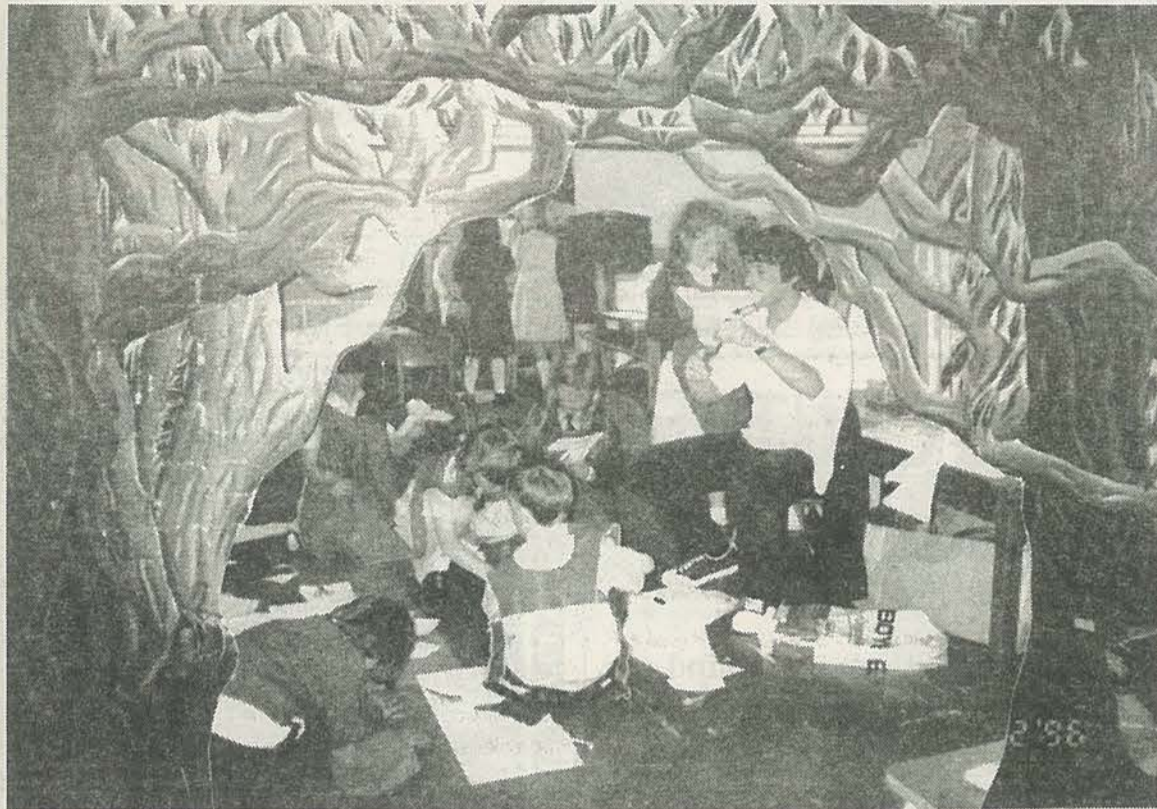
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ART TEACHER HELPS CHILDREN CREATE ENCHANTED LIBRARY



The younger children of Byerley Park Primary School have been helping local artist Martin Clephane to create an 'Enchanted Forest' setting for their new library. Martin has worked with the children giving them hands-on experience of printing, rubbings, textures, painting, paper sculpture and collage. A truly magical atmosphere has been created in the Infant Department and all the children eagerly await the opening of their enchanted library in September. Martin has recently returned from Cyprus, having gained his Post-Graduate Diploma in Fine Art. He studied for his B.A. Degree at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee.

TOWN COUNCILLORS DO CLAIM EXPENSES

Dear Sir,
It has often been said that Town Councillors do not get paid Attendance Allowances, as do District and County members.

However, it is a fact that Town Councillors can claim Attendance Allowances for Approved Duties, and meetings, they attend beyond the Parish boundaries.

For example, Attendance, 1st Class Travel, and Subsistence Allowances were included in expenses claimed and paid to

Town Councillors who attended Conferences during 1995 - 96, which were as follows;

ILAM Conference: two Councillors £433.68 each.

ISRM Conference, Scarborough: 1 Councillor £424.63

NALC Conference, Scarborough: 1 Councillor £192.00, and another £269.58

ILAM Conference, Brighton: 1 Councillor £511.68 and another £711.68.

Moreover, the total I calculate

for Attendance Allowances claimed and paid to Aycliffe Town Councillors 1995-96, including meetings held in Durham, Spennymoor, Shildon, etc., is £1,100.50.

I hope the information, from the records, clarifies any further questions as to whether, or not, Town Councillors can claim Attendance Allowances for any such meetings they may attend.

Don Fraser
Woodham Ward

NEW N.H.S. CLINIC OPENS

Dear Sir,

The District Nurses in Newton Aycliffe would like to bring to the attention of your readers the availability of a new NHS Clinic for residents of the town and satellite villages to treat patients who suffer from circulation problems and associated conditions such as leg ulcers.

Summer 1995 saw the start of a clinic in Dalton Way Health Centre which treats leg ulcers, varicose veins and varicose eczema. In addition patients who suffer from circulatory problems, especially those who complain of swollen legs, are also welcome to come along for assessment and advice.

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The Health Centre,
Dalton Way,
Newton Aycliffe.
Telephone 314381

We look forward to seeing you and making those leg problems a thing of the past.

Yours sincerely
Newton Aycliffe District Nurses

GOLF PRO AND PARTNER IN FINAL

Golf Professional Ernie Wilson and amateur George Wilkinson are bidding to bring glory to Woodham Golf Club in the search for the 1996 Lombard Top Club.

Wilkinson, a Transport Manager from Sedgfield, qualified to play alongside Wilson in the Northern Regional Final of the Lombard Top Club Trophy at Pannal Golf Club, Harrogate, on 31st July. The 48 year old father of one, who plays off 22, shot a nett 68 in the qualifying Monthly Medal at Woodham to win the coveted place in the team with the club's PGA Professional.

Woodham is one of a 100 clubs competing in the

Lombard Top Club Trophy. This prestigious Pro-Am event, sponsored by Lombard, the UK's largest leasing and credit finance company, was so successful in 1995, its first year, that the number of Regional Final events has been increased from 13 to 16 in 1996.

WELL DONE LADS!

Dear Sir,
Would you be so kind as to say **THANK YOU** very much to the school boys who noticed that my key was in the front door, on the outside, and very kindly one of the boys knocked to tell me. Thank you from a very grateful lady.
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ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

Tel. No:

Category of entry (please tick appropriate boxes)

Best Front Garden ☐
Best Senior Citizens Garden ☐
Best Hanging Basket ☐
Best Vegetable Garden ☐

To be returned no later than: FRIDAY, 2nd AUGUST, 1996.

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EXPORT SUCCESS FOR BONAR POLYMERS

A Newton Aycliffe firm is breaking into new export territory after winning a major contract to supply polymers to South America.

Bonar Polymers, based in Newton Aycliffe, has always concentrated sales in Europe and the former commonwealth countries but looked further afield with the help of the Department of Trade and Industry's Overseas Trade Service.

The firm already supplies around 40 per cent of the polymer interleaveant market and counts most of the world's major glass producers among its clients.

The new export opportunity arose thanks to a timely Trade Mission to Brazil by the firm's product manager, David McDonald, from Heighington, and initiated by the DTI Overseas Trade Service.

Brazilian glass company CEBRACE had been using USA produced polymer for years but had to greatly refine it before it was suitable for use.

The firm was about to

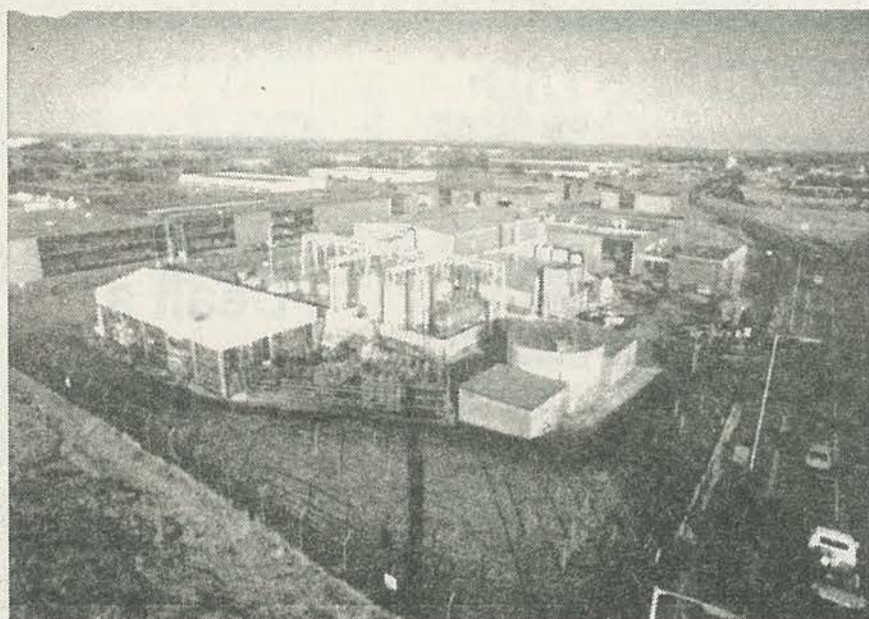
invest a considerable amount of money in a new blending and sieving facility when the Trade Mission arrived and Mr. McDonald saw the export opportunity.

"We had the product they needed but we did have to make some modifications because of the high humidity conditions of Brazil.

"The DTI is always our first port of call whenever we approach new markets and we have always found them to be extremely helpful.

"This is our first contract for South America and CEBRACE are delighted with the service we have given and how things have been handled." Said David, who has been with the Company for nine years.

Bonar Polymers have maintained a steady expansion since moving to Newton Aycliffe, readers will notice new plant being installed at this moment. Bonar Polymers now triple their first years turnover and are to be congratulated on their export achievements.



CHOIR WAS JUST BACKGROUND ENTERTAINMENT

Dear Sir,
In answer to Mrs. Williams letter last week, I would like to apologise for any misunderstanding.

When I arranged to have the children's choir present after the Mayor's Civic Service, I knew the officials would not have time to stand to watch all the time. - It was just for background entertainment. I should have made this

clear to the parents as it was a time for the Mayor to greet his friends, colleagues and family. (Time allowed only a short word with each before rushing off to another function). Everyone inside could see the children while they were talking, so I was pleased when the Mayor and his wife found time to come out to watch for a while.

Mrs. J. Bain

Trophy in Memory of Chairman

The Gardens Guild honours the memory of Ken Woodhall with a trophy in the form of a Rose Bowl to be awarded for the Best Vegetable Garden or Allotment.

Ken was a very valued and stalwart member, and held office as Chairman for many years.

The Town Council will be the custodians of the trophy, and will select the winner on its annual inspection of the gardens.

To take part in the competition applicants should apply using the form in this issue.

HONOURS DEGREE FOR TOWN STUDENT



Two former students of Bishop Auckland College, Gillian Richardson from Bishop Auckland and Julie Kilpatrick from Newton Aycliffe have gained First Class Combined Honours Degrees in History with English from Sunderland University. Both students did the first year of their degree course at Bishop Auckland College as part of a franchise agreement between the College and Sunderland University. The successful pair are delighted with their achievement. Gillian says, "Being able to do the first year of our degree at Bishop Auckland College was excellent. We very much appreciate the support and encouragement we received." Julie says: "Originally I did the Access to Higher Education course at the College which not only boosted my self-confidence but set me in good stead for my degree course."

Photograph shows First Class students from left to right, Gillian Richardson and Julie Kilpatrick.

Letter to the Editor Apology to the Mayor

Dear Sir,
Further to my letter printed 13th July, I failed to notice that Mr. Moran had watched the Sugar Hill Sign Sing Concert for a short period, and appreciate that he was required to

minge with his guests. I therefore issue an apology to Mr. Moran as demanded, for any inconvenience caused.

Yours Faithfully
D. Williams (Mrs.)
Skirlaw Road

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Great Aycliffe

Town Council

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SUNDAY 21st, JULY, 1996

Notice is given that the car parks opposite the Royal British Legion and near Isherwood Close will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12.00 noon in connection with the above Parade and Service.

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The Golf Tournament will be divided into five sections, Adults (22-59), Seniors (60+), Ladies, Juniors (up to 21 years) and Juniors aged 7-14.

There is no entry fee for any of the categories and all residents of Great Aycliffe who have an official golf club handicap from any club, and all members of the Oak Leaf Golf Club are eligible to play. Prize money will be given in the form of vouchers.

Ladies and Junior Tournaments will be held during Saturday 24th August, with the Senior and Adult Tournaments held on Sunday 25th August.

ADULTS: (22-59)	1st PRIZE & TROPHY	£150.00
	2nd PRIZE	£125.00
	3rd PRIZE	£100.00
SENIORS: (60+)	1st PRIZE & TROPHY	£60.00
	2nd PRIZE	£40.00
	3rd PRIZE	£20.00
LADIES	1st PRIZE & TROPHY	£60.00
	2nd PRIZE	£40.00
	3rd PRIZE	£20.00
JUNIORS (up to 21 yrs)	1st PRIZE & TROPHY	£60.00
	2nd PRIZE	£40.00
	3rd PRIZE	£20.00
7-14 Yrs	1st PRIZE & TROPHY	£20.00
	2nd PRIZE	£10.00
	3rd PRIZE	£5.00

Completed entry forms must be received by the Golf Professional, Mr. C. Burgess at the Oak Leaf Golf Complex, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe by Friday 16th August 1996.

Further information can be obtained from Mr. Burgess at the Pro Shop (Tel: 310820) or Mrs. M. Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, P.O. Box 2, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, (Tel: 300700).

Letter to the Editor

OFFICIALS DID WATCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter published last week in 'Newton News', regarding Sugar Hill Sign Language Choir.

Whilst condemning officials for not bothering to watch the children, the lady in question did herself not bother to check the facts.

This was a Civic Service in St. Mary's RC Church, for our new Mayor John Moran, and he kindly agreed to let the children show their talents after Mass for his guests.

We (St. Mary's) had a tight schedule, having to serve about 200 people tea and biscuits at about 12 o'clock and it was agreed with Margaret Bains that Mr. Blair and Mr. Moran would be taken outside at the appropriate time to see the children (which they did).

Many more people wanted to filter out, but with the noise coming from the hall, it was disrupting the music. So we felt it was better to keep the hall door closed.

I was the one who had that duty and I diverted lots of people (including Mr. Blair's wife) round the outside of the school to watch. But Mrs. Williams did not see the (heavily adorned officials) as she sarcastically put it, standing all the way along the school window's inside watching the choir. The school recently had a special film put on the windows to stop the glare of the sun and now you can look outside but not in!

Bearing in mind, it was Mr. Moran's day, which he shared with the children, it left very little time for our own parishioners to congratulate him and to meet his guests.

I feel very sad when St. Mary's bent over backwards to accommodate the choir.

We knew it was going to be hard work, because we also had to arrange our Parish B.B.Q. for 240 people at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Williams had so much criticism without any knowledge of what was going on and the only true fact in her letter was the children were excellent.

E. Latham

Letter

Flymo's Job Cuts Dealt a Crushing Blow

Dear Sir,

How can Flymo justify their heartless, unbelievable method of reducing their permanent work force under the guise of BAD TIME KEEPING? Some of these SO CALLED bad time keepers included employees who had accidents IN and out of the work place.

One man raising money for cancer research sustained multiple leg fractures, another victim had an operation for breast cancer and yet another had ovarian cancer.

All these cases and others were on the Flymo hit list. What a despicable way to treat vulnerable, loyal employees. I'm sure they had suffered enough without this crushing blow of losing their jobs.

Name & address supplied

FLYMO'S REPLY

Flymo's Personnel Manager comments: "Due to a downturn in sales activity, we have had to take the difficult decision to make a number of our Manufacturing employees redundant.

By agreement with the Trade Union who represent the workforce, we based the selection of those to be made redundant on absenteeism over the last three years. This method of selection is commonly used in industry, and is generally fairer than other selection methods that can be used."

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PAMELA GARNETT



LILLIAN BLAKEMORE

Mrs. Lilian Blakemore and Mrs. Pamela Garnett are spending their final week in Woodham Burn Junior School before retiring at the end of the Summer Term. Between them they have contributed nearly seventy years to the teaching profession. Colleagues, children and parents wish them long and happy retirements. The School is also saying goodbye to Mrs. Paula Kirton, Special Support Assistant, who is transferring to Elmfield Primary School. We wish her all the best in her new post.

GREAT AYCLIFFE



TOWN COUNCIL

GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW FREE GOLF TOURNAMENT

APPLICATION FORM

Full Name

Address

Tel. No: Date of Birth

Please tick the category you wish to enter:

Adult (25-59 years) ☐

Ladies ☐

Senior (60+) ☐

Junior (up to 21 years) ☐

Junior (7-14 years) ☐

Handicap ☐

JUNIORS & LADIES:
SATURDAY
24th AUGUST

MENS/SENIORS
SUNDAY
25th AUGUST

To which club do you belong?

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The Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John and Mrs. Mary Moran, held a street collection in the Town Centre on Tuesday, 16th July 1996, in aid of their nominated Charity the Newton Aycliffe Branch of MIND.

The collection raised the sum of £106.97 and the Mayor and Mayoress wish to thank everyone who supported them on this occasion.

TREASURER RETIRES

The Committee of MIND would like to thank CHRISTINE LEE for her work as Treasurer and wish her a happy retirement.

FREE ADVERTISING IN NEW TOWN GUIDE FOR ALL ORGANISATIONS

Town Organisations wishing to advertise their activities FREE in the new Town Guide should complete the form below and return immediately to Newton Press, St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Industrial Park, Co. Durham DL5 6DX.

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INFORMATION FOR 1996/97 TOWN GUIDE

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Activity

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Meeting Day

Time.....

Chairman

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Tel:.....

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Further Information

Children's School Holiday Courses

A six week programme of exciting children's and family activities gets underway at Darlington Arts Centre from Monday 22 July. Most age groups are catered for from 4-7 year olds to 8-11 year olds and 11 years to adults. From comedy courses to craft courses, from digital imaging computer workshops to puppet making, there is something to suit everyone during this Summer at the Arts Centre. Other activities include children's theatre and a programme of family films.

Children's theatre includes: The Princess Pirate by Edinburgh Puppet Company on Wednesday 31st July, Open Hand Theatre Company with their new production of Monster and Frog Mind The Baby on Wednesday 14 August, and Cleveland Theatre Company with A Little Conversation with the Sea on Wednesday 28 August. Family films include The Swan Princess, an animated version of Swan Lake on Wednesday 24 July, the ever popular Babe on Wednesday 7 August and Cut Throat Island on Wednesday 21 August.

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CONSUMER LICENCE NO. 371745

Peterlee's Town Centre Leaves us Standing

Dear Sir,

I feel I must reply to the letter from Ken Jackson regarding the death of the Town Centre.

The history of the Town must be taken into account when one looks at the demise of the shopping facilities. Is it not true that in the early days of Newton Aycliffe, the restrictive practices of the local Chamber of Trade and the business community, led to the present situation, by their insistence that landlords should not allow open competition they retained monopolies which restricted the birth of the Town Centre.

Small shopkeepers could not finance large orders from suppliers which in turn led to higher prices for the local residents. This in turn resulted in Newtonians shopping elsewhere for other than their basic needs.

As more and more people came to live on the Town while retaining their jobs in Darlington and Bishop Auckland, it was more convenient to shop after work and this convenience increased with ownership of motor vehicles. It is planned that more than a thousand new homes be built in Newton Aycliffe during the next five years and unless the position changes those new residents will follow present practices.

In the Avenue site we have the chance to change the situation but already there are comments that the site be earmarked for a new civic building for Great Aycliffe Town Council. Is this what we need? Surely

Durham County Council who own the land should be petitioned to sell the land as a major development site, bringing in a national retailer, or maybe two, who will do something imaginative. The present Centre can be 'bolted on' by closing part of Greenwell Road then with a review of the present outlets maybe then we may get the vibrant Town Centre that we have been due to for many years.

I think it wrong to compare Newton Aycliffe with Darlington, Bishop

Auckland or Northallerton. They are all established Market Towns which draw heavily on the surrounding agricultural communities as well as residents.

Instead, look to Peterlee which was established under the same regime as was Aycliffe, I remember when the Town Centre there was a single parade of a dozen shops and although it is some time since my last visit, by comparison we have been left at the altar.

A. Graham Beaumont Close

PARADE TO CELEBRATE LEGION'S 75th BIRTHDAY

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion the local Branch of the Royal British Legion have arranged a Parade to take place on Sunday, 21st July, 1996 involving Members of the British Legion and Ex-Servicemen and Women. All residents who have served with the Armed Forces over the years are cordially invited to attend. The Parade will assemble outside the Royal British Legion, McMillan Road, Newton Aycliffe at 10.40am and, led by Shildon Town Band, will march via Stephenson Way to St. Clares Church. On arrival at the Church there will be a short

exhortation followed by a Church Service. At the conclusion of the Service the Parade will reassemble for the return march down Stephenson Way and the General Salute and will be dismissed on arrival outside the British Legion.

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Moran and the President of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal British Legion, Mr. T. Jones, will take the Salute and it is hoped that all those taking part in the Parade will then join the Mayor and President for light refreshments in the Lounge of the Royal British Legion.

LOTTERY CASH AIDS NEARBY VILLAGE HALL



Flourishing amateur dramatics groups in the villages of Bradbury and Mordon have gained a new multi-purpose hall, with facilities fit for a professional theatre, thanks to a £63,500 National Lottery Arts Council Grant.

Mordon Village Hall threw open its doors to the public for the first official viewing, with 80 year old Harry Young - the man responsible for the first village hall - as the guest of honour.

Pictured from left to right; Alan Drummond, Camelot's regional centre manager for Sunderland, John Parkinson, Vice Chairman, Harry Young and his wife Edith, Miss Nora Shaw and Chairman Robert Elders.

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Vandals

Petty vandalism cost us £1,360 from April to June including a £400 bill to replace flags and tee-markers on the town Golf Course.

Another £200 was required to replace golf balls stolen from the driving range.

A further £480 was spent on repairing damage to the irrigation system and fences.

If you see vandals at work please report them - it is your money they are wasting!

Athletics

Two Aycliffe runners did well in the 5 mile Cross-Country Race at Low Fell last weekend.

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RY LAMB 23rd July. These words I write with deep regret, from the loss of a daughter who will never be forgotten. There's nothing measured, nothing so rare, the love that a mother and father share, peacefully living and free from pain, I did not wake her to suffer. Always in my thoughts, and Keith.

RY LAMB 23rd July. If tears could build a way, memories make a way, we would climb right up to heaven, and bring you home again. Will never be forgotten - Jim, Kirsten and Susan James.

RY FRANKS Died 3rd 1995. A year ago you left us suffering so much pain, took you to his garden so we would feel no more pain. Will not forget you. Sister, brother-in-law Les and Susan Gary and John.

MAN RANSON In memory of my band, died 20-7-93. Remembered always, Hilda.

NDERSON A deeply loved husband, Robert, died 17th July 1994. Two years ago, God stood by his plan, reached out his hand and took you. You were the best man, hand picked with a heart of pure gold, a band so rare. Remembering you, comes ease every day, but I ache from losing you. Oh, how I love you, I miss you so much. God, I've wished "please God, don't touch". Your loving wife Sandra.

BERT HENDERSON A precious Dad, died 17th 1994. Dear God, please Dad, I've sent you this, I now understand that he didn't get better, he lives on you somewhere, way up above, somewhere in Heaven, a place filled with love. Tell Dad I go to school, he'll be full of joy. Tell Dad I'm smart and he asks why, say I'm just him, a white shirt and tie. I'm a big man, I'll be like Dad, the loveliest son the world ever had. Though I am five now, I want you to know, my please my thank you's won't stop tears flow. I miss him so, so God please do this for me, give my Dad, eighty kiss - your little pride joy - Jonathan.

Birthday Remembrance

KEARSLEY Marjorie Lillian, 20th July. If tears could build a staircase and memories could make a lane, we'd climb our way to Heaven and bring you home again. Lots of love, husband Stan.

KEARSLEY Marjorie Lillian, 20th July. If my tears could build a staircase, and there was not a drop of rain, then I would cry a river to bring you back home again. Love you lots Caroline XX.

KEARSLEY Marjorie Lillian, 20th July. Gentle Jesus up above, give great Aunt Marjorie lots of love, with all our love from your great nieces Jessica and Bethany XX.

KEARSLEY Marjorie, 20th July. Thinking of you on your birthday, Mam and Nanna. Loved and missed always, Victor, Diana, Mark, Emma, and Amy XX.

KEARSLEY Marjorie Lillian. If you have a sister, treasure her with care, you never know the heartache till you see her vacant chair. With love from sister Lillian, brother and sister-in-law in Australia.

TERRY McCORMICK 21-7-34. Thinking of you Dad on your birthday, we love and miss you more and more each day. Life to us will never be the same, until the day we meet again. All our love Stephen, Angela and Pauline. Gentle Jesus up above, please give our Grandad a great big hug, your loving grandchildren Adam, Alex and Amy-Jade.

McCORMICK (Terry) When you want to say "I love you", say it with flowers and these you will have plenty of always, especially today your birthday - miss you, Love Stella.

Thanks

PERCIVAL Derek and Dot would like to thank all family and friends for celebrating their ruby wedding on Saturday 13th July and for all the lovely presents received. Also thanks to Anne and the bar staff at Carpias Club.

THANKS - a big thank you to all the netball girls for your kind thoughts and generosity from Katie, Paul and Thomas.

NORSK GOLF CLUB

Thanks to the Captain, Committee and Members for the commemorative trophy for Danny Hull. A lovely tribute. Thank you from Joan, Gary and Andrew Hull and all Danny's family.

THE RESIDENTS and staff of Greenfields Nursing Home would like to thank everyone for their help on the day of our Fete, especially Black & Decker, Talent Engineering and Tony Blair for their kind and generous gifts. Thanks to everyone for helping us raise the grand total of £325.

Graduation Congratulations

KAI ARMER Congratulations Kai on gaining a 2.1 BA Honours Degree in Business Economics, well done Kai, love from all the family.

VICKY BOWER Congratulations on achieving your Law Degree, all the hard work has paid off. Best wishes for the future job hunting. We are very proud of you, love Mam and Alan.

VICKY BOWER LLB.I. Knew you could do it, love you Gary.

CLARE TAYLOR Congratulations on passing your B.Sc. Hons Degree in Applied Biology. Best wishes for your future. Love from Nanna and Grandad.

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THE WINNING No's from the Ladies Night raffle on Saturday 13th July were 496, 291, 586, 36, 476, 871, 321, 431, 366, 456. Thanks to Thames Butchers, Geoff Kidman, Stevens and the Coop for their donations £100 was made for the Special Baby Care Unit at B.A.G.H.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE
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Congratulations

LISA MARIE DERRICK



Congratulations Lisa on your 21st birthday (20-7-96). Lots of love Mam, Ron, Gary, Craig and Daniel

LISA DERRICK Congratulations Lisa on your 21st birthday, have a great party, all our love from Aunt Julia, Uncle Paul, Laura and Bethany.

LISA DERRICK Happy 21st birthday, love and best wishes from Grandad, Mark, Claudia, Calvin, Stuart and Gill.

Jones & Brack

Congratulations Neville and Carol on your engagement 14-7-96. Wishing you every happiness for your future together love from both families

SARSFIELD, CLAIRE Happy 21st birthday, 20-7-96, all our love from Dad and Liz.

SARSFIELD, CLAIRE Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Have a good party, love Gareth, Amanda and Dale, Barry and Trish, Claire and Bobby and Emma.

SARSFIELD Auntie Claire, have a happy birthday, love and kisses Callum, Danielle and Luke.

SARSFIELD, CLAIRE Happy 21st birthday, 20-7-96, love from grandma, Grandad, Aunt Ann, Uncle Michael, Anthony, Linda and Ian.

SARSFIELD Congratulations Claire on your 21st birthday, good luck and good wishes from Lily and George XX.

NICOLA WARD Happy birthday "Sweet Sixteen" at last, have a brilliant day, love you loads from Mam, Dad, Helen and Rachel.

ALLEN Kirsty Samantha 19-7-95, Happy 1st birthday to a very special daughter and sister, love you lots and lots Mammy, Daddy and Becky.

TAYLOR Angeline and Shaun, happy first anniversary and hope you have stacks more - love ya's, Marie, Geoff, Becky and Kirsty.

PAT SCOTT Congratulations to a special wife and mother on your 40th birthday, lots of love and kisses Mark, Ricky and Sophie.

PAT SCOTT (nee Nicholson) To a special daughter and sister, congratulations on your 40th birthday love from Mam, Dad and family.

PAT SCOTT Have a lovely day on your 40th, best wishes Brenda.

RUSSELL MERCER To the best daddy in the world, happy 30th birthday, lots of love & kisses Danielle XX.

RUSSELL MERCER To my darling husband, happy 30th birthday 17-7-96 (still life in the old dog yet!) Love you lots, Karen XX.

MERCER Happy 30th birthday Russell, 17-7-96, We will start celebrating next week! Love Hazel, Alf, Tony, Amanda & Rose.

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POCOCK - CAYGILL Auntie Julie and Uncle Steve, lots of love on your wedding day, love Jordan XXX.

MEEHAN (Travellers Green) Happy 21st to Julie, love and happiness always, Mum, Dad, Stuart and Isaac.

ROSE CANNON 20-7-96, Hip Hip Hooray, my Nanna Rose is 80 today. Hugs and kisses your great granddaughter Danielle.

ROSE CANNON 20-7-96, Happy 80th birthday wishes to the best Mum anyone could wish for, all our love Hazel and Alf.

ROSE CANNON Wishing our Nan a happy 80th birthday, all our love Tony and Amanda.

ROSE CANNON All our love Nan, for your 80th birthday, love Karen and Russell.

HAPPY 18th Birthday Dad, lots of love and kisses Shannon XX.

FOXY Happy 18th birthday, lots of love Edie and family XX.

GAYLE THOMAS Happy 18th birthday to our select chick, love from Elaine, Claire, Mandy and Sharon and your fans in the "Penthouse Suite".

GAYLE THOMAS 19-7-96, 18 at last, it's about time, happy birthday Chic, love always Sarah S - Shake it, shake it XXX.

GAYLE THOMAS 19-7-96, Happy 18th birthday Honey love from Sarah and Rhianna.

GAYLE THOMAS Happy 18th birthday Gayle, hope you enjoyed your birthday in Turkey, all our love Mam, Dad, Dawn, Granma and Nanna.

BRENDA SCOONES Has reached the big 60 on 24th July. Happy birthday Mam, love from Trevor, Jacqueline, Elaine and Mark. Love from the 8 grandchildren and daughters-in-law. Also son Trevor Scoones has reached the big 40 on 29th July. Happy birthday from all the family and granddaughter Victoria Barker will be 13 on 22nd July. Happy birthday from Mam, Nana, Uncles and Aunt's.

ALEX ROBSON Happy 7th birthday son, love always Mammy.

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GALA RE-OPENING FOR "WOOLIES"



Wonderful Woolworth's Staff pose for a photograph outside the newly refurbished store.

Shoppers in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre flocked to see the opening of the new look Woolworths store last Thursday.

A queue of about 100 anxious customers blocked Beveridge Way, as a three man band, a stilt walker and a face painter entertained the waiting locals. Children marvelled at their free balloon, shirt and baseball cap, while the notorious clown on stilts tickled passers-by with his feather duster. The party was to celebrate the opening of your new Woolworths local store. Since the opening, customers have been wondering why the shop is now called local.

Store Manager John Saint says the word local speaks for itself: "As part of a nationwide operation, Woolworths' smaller stores in small towns or villages like Newton Aycliffe and Barnard Castle are designed for local people. "Customers who shop at Woolworths in Newcastle and Sunderland are from all over the North-East. Probably about 95% of customers in our shop are from Newton Aycliffe. They are the locals who shop at their local store." The transformation inside is very impressive through substantial investment from Woolworths.

The opening day also celebrated 25 years of service from Joan White. Joan cut the ribbon to open the store, but didn't have chance to make a speech as scores of restless shoppers poured into the store.

At the end of the day, John Saint said: "This has been a marvellous achievement. Every one involved worked very hard, from the contractors who fitted the store, to our shop assistants who refilled the shelves. "With so much being said about the state of our town recently, it's very good for the local people who regularly shop in the town centre.

New M.O.T. Rule

Gregg Little informed 'Newton News' that from this month vehicles presented for MOT Test for the First Time will enjoy the same benefit as older vehicles, which can be tested up to one month Before the required date. To take advantage of this, proof of the first registration must be produced at the Testing Station.

REPORTS ON BENEFIT FRAUDSTERS DOUBLED

Reports of Darlington benefit fraudsters have doubled during the first week of a campaign to catch local dole cheats.

Over 130 allegations about false benefit claims - twice the weekly average - have been received at the Darlington Benefits Agency since 'Operation Spotlight' was launched by DSS Minister, Oliver Heald MP on 4th July.

Many callers have used the special free Hot-line telephone number 0800 854 440 which was set up as part of the campaign.

The calls received are divided about equally between

reports of people working while claiming unemployment benefits; claimants supposedly 'single' but living with partners; and people with bogus 'disabilities'.

The first two weeks of the campaign gave those who have drifted into fraud the promise that prosecution will be unlikely if they come forward and put their claims in order. The next stage will be a series of special anti-fraud drives in the area.

John Gordon, for the Benefits Agency says, 'This is a most encouraging start. Our publicity seems to have given a lot of people that little push they needed to tell us about a benefit cheat they know.'

Some of the reports received are as follows:-

- * A woman who claims to be separated but her husband is merely working abroad and maintaining her.
- * A couple 'unemployed' but each work at a local supermarket.
- * Two men claiming benefits for severe disability, one spends his days pushing a barrow, the other a keen footballer who is said to 'hobble on a stick' when the DSS are expected.
- * An 'unemployed' man helps support his family on the proceeds of the sales of wine he buys from the Continent.
- * A woman on benefit as a 'lone parent' but a man is picked up from her house each morning and dropped off there again each night.
- * A man on Incapacity Benefit, paid to those too ill to do any work, is kept busy working from home for a mail order firm.

Catch of the Week

A man receiving Disability Living Allowance because he allegedly could hardly walk, was found to have been working at a Nursing Home for eighteen months, where his duties included lifting elderly residents in and out of bed.

EURO M.P. FULFILS LIFE-LONG AMBITION

When Stephen Hughes, Euro MP for Durham addressed the Miner's Gala in Durham on Saturday, he fulfilled life-long ambition.

Stephen Hughes was born and raised in East Durham. A the son and grandson of Durham Miners he attended the Gala every year and in 1961 remembers being carried down Silver Street on his father's shoulders.

Mr. Hughes was elected MEP in 1984 (at the age of 31) and has worked tirelessly over the past 12 years to represent the Mining Communities at European level. Stephen Hughes fought hard for the development of the RECHAR Community Initiative which has brought millions of pounds from Europe into the Durham constituency.

"I was delighted and proud to have been asked to speak at this year's Big Meeting. I have a very strong feeling of belonging to the people and the communities of East Durham.

"I will continue to work to bring hope and jobs to the people in these Mining Communities who have been repeatedly disappointed and demoralised in recent years by high unemployment rates and the influx of low-paid insecure jobs.

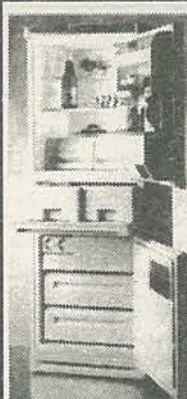
"We are proud and resourceful people. At the Gala we celebrated our past achievements and blessings while at the same time looked forward to the part we will play in the rebuilding of our local communities, our nation and the making of a truly people-orientated European Union

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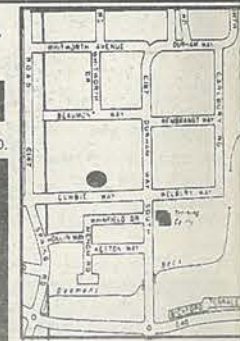
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