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Town Centre Landlords have still not responded to the Shopkeepers petition for talks on improving the Town Centre.

The petition, signed by most of the tenants, has so far been totally ignored and they are disgusted by this lack of courtesy.

"We offered to talk and work with them to improve environment and service for Newton Aycliffe residents and they have made no response" said a spokesman.

The next step is to enlist the help of shoppers themselves in a further petition in support of Town Centre tenants.

If this brings no joy the only action left is a 'RENT STRIKE"

Perhaps when their dissatisfaction hits the pocket of the landlords they will take some notice and agree to meet

H.G.V.'s BANNED FROM

Residents of School Aycliffe will be pleased with the introduction of 7.5 ton weight restriction on the road that runs through their village

Traffic is bad enough with the number of cars that use this busy lane without the large number of HGV's that trundled through.

Some years ago, nearby Hydro, agreed to place a ban on all Heavy Goods lorries using School Aycliffe, insisting that all vehicles entered and left via Aycliffe Industrial Park, avoiding the Village.

This was in reply to residents who had

complained through 'Newton News" about the heavy tanker traffic. To maintain a good relationship with their neighbours Hydro Director David Middleton imposed the ban immediately and earned the respect of Aycliffe School residents for his Company in the process. While Hydro did the right thing, other companies have not, so the County Council have gone through the Traffic regulation procedures to stop heavy vehicles using this route.

Whilst the restriction on HGV's is welcome, some residents will wish there was some way to reduce the number of cars that use the lane, as it is extremely busy and dangerous at peak times, when motorists are travelling to and from work via School Aycliffe

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The walk starts at Grassholme Visitors Centre at 10.00 and is ideal for families, but not pushchairs, and can be either 4 or 6 miles long. The estimated time of the walk is 2 hours for the 4 mile walk and 3 hours for

the 6 mile which includes a visit to Bird Hide. Tickets with walk details

are available from Hospice Shops in Darlington, Barnard Castle and Shildon. St. Teresa's Hospice, Teesdale Mercury Shop in Barnard Castle, Addison's in Horsemarket, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Fowlers Chemist in Middleton-in-Teesdale and cost £3 for adults, £1.50 (OAP/children 6-12 years), children under 5 years are free.

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST SOCIAL SERVICES

Within a week "Newton News has received two complaints of seemingly heartless treatment by Social Services who operate from the S.D.C. Offices at Green Lane.

We can only assume there has been a sudden clampdown on aid to needy people, maybe due to lack of resources, as it is the first time we have needed to question decisions made by Social Service Officers not to help people, who are in such desperate circumstances they are forced to contact their community newspaper.

The first caller was a very elderly gentleman, an invalid who relied entirely on his wife to care for him, until she suffered a heart attack and is now in hospital on a long recovery. He is finding it very difficult to manage alone and he can't take a bath without help - yet Social Services have denied him aid. The stress to him, and his wife, who is worrying about him while she lays in hospital, must be tremendous.

A young family, who also sought help, have been shown a complete disregard for their predicament.

The mother, who has spina bifida, has recently undergone a very serious operation and is almost bedridden. The husband has given up work to look after her and the two children aged 1 and 3.

He asked for a full time nursery place for the 3 year old in order to help him cope better with the caring of his wife and family, but this has been refused because the child already has a place for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, three days a week in a Council run Playgroup.

Both requests seem to be reasonable, so we have asked Social Services to comment. To make it easy we have not published the names of the people involved, so that they can answer in general terms.

GROUP MANAGER REPLIES . . .

A response from Margaret Whellans, South West Durham Group Manager, Durham Social Services:-Case 1

It is entirely wrong to suggest that Durham Social Services has 'denied aid' to the elderly gentleman who is unable to take a bath without help. If I have identified the correct case from your comments, he has in fact been offered a bathing service through which a professional care assistant would either visit his home and help him to bathe or take him to other suitable premises for a shower or bath.

There is a waiting list for personal assessments in relation to requests for home care and this gentleman's circumstances do not warrant any priority.

We are in the process of recruiting additional occupational therapists to carry out assessments and reduce the waiting lists, and the bathing service that has been offered to the gentleman in question would be available until such time as his individual need were examined.

Case 2
I am unable to recognise the family you mention

from the details you describe.

However, in either or both of the cases you mention, or indeed in any matter involving Durham Social Services, there is a clear path of communication to me where clients or potential clients can make representations about the provision of services.

They should contact me at Durham County Council Social Service Department, Green Lane, Spennymoor DL16 7JQ. Tel (01388) 424 200.

Finally, and as you rightly say, it is the first time that you have needed to question decisions made by Durham Social Services Officers.

Both you and your readers can rest assured that there are always very good reasons behind every decision made by Durham County Council's Social Services Department, and that those decisions are always taken by caring, experienced and professional officers who are in possession of the full facts and who have considered them fully.

There is, of course, no sudden clampdown on providing aid to needy people, as you wrongly assume.

LAST REMINDER!

The closing date for entries to the Great Aycliffe Show Handcraft Exhibition is THURSDAY 15th AUGUST! Don't miss out, get your forms from the Town Council Offices at School Aycliffe Lane.

D.R.A.S.T.I.C.

(What does it mean, who's behind it and can you help)
D.R.A.S.T.I.C. stands for - Darlington Require A Striker
To Increase Crowds - It has been set up by four local
people, myself (Paul Curtis), Keith Olsen, Tony Peart
(All from Newton Aycliffe) and Dave Brown
(Spennymoor).

Hopefully through advertising and sponsorship from Local Businesses, fund raising from ourselves and the generosity of the townsfolk as well as you, the paying fans of Darlington F.C, we hope to raise £50,000 to buy a striker who is able to score enough goals to take the club to promotion, either automatically or via the play offs again.

The idea was put to Mr Steve Morgan, General Manager of Darlington Football Club roughly one month ago. A plan was then drawn up of events on how the money could actually be raised and re-presented to him on Thursday 18th July. The next day, Mr Morgon issued a press release of the idea and it was picked up first by A1FM. An article then appeared in the Northern Echo on the Monday. The biggest bonus for D.R.A.S.T.I.C. was when SKY NEWS called me the same day. SKY are this country's main Satellite channel and with their involvement it can only benefit Darlington Football Club. There is absolutely no point having 'plugs' from the local media and SKY if everyone from Darlington and the surrounding areas don't help us. We can categorically state that we have no involvement with Darlington F.C other than supporting the Club by paying at the gate each week and travelling to away matches as 'Supporters'.

The point being made is, that all money received will be given to Jim Platt as Manager of Darlington to buy a striker for the club. As a representative of the monies collected I have been assured that I will be able to be involved in the negotiations of the player and see him play in either trials or matches. It is not our objective to raise the money and 'tell' Jim who we will be buying for him. We have a Manager and it is his judgement who he buys, that is what he is paid for.

As we all know from attendances at Feethams, we have a 'hardcore' support of around 2,000 people. If each person were to raise a sum of £25 for the events listed below we would reach our target. The question is do 'WE' want a successful team.

Therefore I hope to take this opportunity to invite you to either donate, sponsor or contribute to 'OUR' cause. You now have the chance to influence the success for Darlington F.C. We shall be collecting money on the exits from Feethams at the forthcoming home games. Below is a plan of the first phase of events:-

Sponsored Bike Ride to Hull - (sponsor forms at various outlets including the Club shop), D.R.A.S.T.I.C. T-Shirts £4.99 each - (£1.50 donated for each shirt sold, hopefully on sale this week), Race Night - (Date yet to be confirmed, venue Quakers Sports Centre), Great North Run and Collections at Home Matches.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we hope to hear from you soon.

Paul Curtis

ANTI-FRAUD HOTLINE SERVICE GOES NATIONAL

Following the success of the Anti-Fraud Hot-Line, Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security this week launched the service nationally.

More than 500 calls have been received from people in the Darlington, Newton Aycliffe and Barnard Castle areas from the start of the campaign on 4.7.96.

DSS Fraud Officers are continuing their investigations and benefit savings from the campaign so far are almost £0.5million.

Two men travelling from Scotland were discovered to be claiming Incapacity Benefit north of the border, while valeting cars at a Darlington garage.

* Following a tip off to investigators, a separated woman claiming Family Credit as a single parent withdrew her claim to benefit saying she and her husband were together again.

* Two men working for a demolition company were found to be claiming unemployment benefits and withdrew their claims after being interviewed by fraud staff.

* An 'unemployed' man claiming benefits said he was 'gaining work experience' for no pay - until his boss returned and let it slip that as well as working at his garage during the day he had a second job on an evening.

Margaret Kirby of the Benefits Agency says, "The

Margaret Kirby of the Benefits Agency says, "The information from members of the public has proved invaluable to our operations. The honest majority have taken this opportunity to help us track down those who are cheating taxpayers."

"We welcome the extension of the telephone hot-line and anyone with information can call us free and in confidence on 0800 854 440."

Team Member Weds in Secret

Huntsman's Minger-of the-season Garetl Elvidge was yet again hitting the headline: with players last week writes Martin Walker. Elvidge, 28, went to Gretna Green with girlfriend Denise

Jamieson, and got hitched

without a sole knowing

'Crazy Gareth', as he's known to his pals, ofter shocks team members with his practical jokes and sharp witticism, but this time he astounded Huntsman players by tying the knot with the

delicious Denise. Not one Huntsman playe knew of the planned marriage, and all the players were clearly gobsmacked by the news though pleased for the ever-so-in-love couple. Gareth said: "We didn' want any fuss, so we thought Gretna Green was just the place. We've planned this since February, and we jus couldn't wait." Mr and Mrs Elvidge plan to honeymoon in Barbados. Meanwhile, Huntsmar players enjoyed a stroll round Aycliffe's fine Gold course in the Huntsman Open last week. Underdog Tony Travis won the match as he swept the leader board in a resounding display, while favourites for the Championship Stuar Hodgson, Chris Walker and Martin Haigh disappointed spectators

performances.
Huntsman 'associate' Rob
Lothian was putting well
but his bunker play left a
lot to be desired. Or
finishing second, Lothian
stormed away shrieking
"I'm not playing any
more". He then changed
his mind on joining
Huntsman for this coming
season, and will stay with
Middridge Bay Horse.
Huntsman will know by
next week who they will
start the season against.
There's a meeting between
League chiefs this week.

miserable

with

So don't miss Huntsman's big kick-off next week only in the 'Newton News'

which will disclose the

opening fixtures.

FAMILY SERVICE

There will be a Family Service at St. Clare's Church on Sunday 11th August, commencing a 10.30am. The theme for this months service is 'The Eucharist'.

A warm welcome is extended to all, bu especially young families to come and share in this short, informal, all-age service.

Refreshments will be available in the hal afterwards - to which everyone is invited.

Can You Name The Flasher?

A 'Flasher' or two are on the loose in Newton Aycliffe, carrying out lewd behaviour towards passing ladies.

One was first seen in mid July and then again at the same place, near the Blue Bridge steps, on Monday 22nd July at approximately 8.20am. The lady does not know who the man was, but he was in his late 30's and had short dark hair and a round face. He wore a white T. Shirt, jeans and a turquoise jacket.

He could be the same man who shocked an elderly lady who saw him on Sunday 4th August near the Burn. He was wearing a white T. Shirt with a logo in a

square printed on it and light trousers. If you have any information ring the

Crime Desk on 314401

TOWN COUNCIL WANTS IDEAS TO CELEBRATE TOWN'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Did you know that on the 28th June 1998 it is the 50th Anniversary of Newton Aycliffe?

Great Aycliffe Town Council are looking to celebrate the 50 years of the New Town's existence and would like to know how you, the community, would like to celebrate the anniversary.

A Fiftieth Anniversary Sub-committee has been set up to co-ordinate activities and their first task is to find out from the public, individual schools, community groups and businesses what they would like to see as part of a week long series of activities and events culminating in the Town Show.

Celebrations

ordinator, Mr Andrew Bailey said, "The Council is very keen to involve the community in deciding what events and activities will take place as it is a celebration of 50 years of the community of Newton Aycliffe.

Over the coming weeks, schools, community groups and the business community will be contacted for their views and to see if they wish to become involved in the celebrations."

Individual ideas for events may be forwarded to: Mr. Andrew Bailey, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, P.O. Box 2, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham or by telephoning (01325) 300700 for further information.

COUNCILLOR **GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF** THE AYCLIFFE SMELL

Councillor Tony Moore has been following up complaints regarding the obnoxious smell from the Aycliffe Sewage Works and has received the letter printed below from the Chairman of Northumbria Water Group:

Dear Cllr. Moore Thank you for your letter

concerning the recent odour problems associated with Aycliffe Sewage Treatment Works.

Sewage Aycliffe Treatment Works serves not only the local domestic communities but also receives and treats all of the sewage from Aycliffe Industrial Estate which is the second largest in the North East of England and contains over 200 companies and employs approximately 10,000 people.

The nature of the sewage received from the Industrial Estate is a complex mixture of chemicals which is difficult to treat and some of which, when they meet, chemically react to form odour producing compounds.

The Sewage Treatment Works performs well and meets all of the criteria for effluent quality determined by the Environmental Agency but because of the industrial sewage it occasionally produces offensive odours.

Northumbrian Water has over the years developed many methods for tackling these odours. After extensive research work carried out both in the UK and in other European Countries an innovative method for controlling odours was installed at Aycliffe STW in 1992.

This led to a dramatic reduction in odour nuisance during 1993 and 1994. During this time other water companies were visiting Aycliffe STW to learn from our experience and expertise. Last year however it was realised that parts of the odour scrubbing units has a finite life and that the air abstraction system need to be improved.

Short term measures to reduce the odours from the Works have recently been installed until an effective long term solution can be provided. Northumbrian Water's Engineers are currently investigating the most 'up-to-date and appropriate solution and it is therefore difficult to predict a date when all of the work will be complete. In the meantime we will continue to liaise closely with the Environmental Health Department of Sedgefield District Council and keep them updated with progress.

The odours from the Works which have led to local residents being inconvenienced in recent weeks, have been primarily due to a failure by the contractors employed to install the odour reducing equipment to complete their work on schedule.

I am happy to say that this work is now complete and should lead to an overall improvement in the situation.

Yours sincerely, Prof. Sir Frederick Holliday, Chairman

Letter to the Editor GARDEN PLUNDERED

About 3 weeks ago, within only 3 weeks of applying for a move from a 3 bed. house in Linden Place, after living there for 28 years, we were delighted to receive keys to a smaller house in a very private, quiet area with a big garden - when we expected to wait at least a year for an offer, but we were given 7 days to upheave our 28 years of baggage.

How saddened we were however on returning 2 weeks later to find vandals had already set to removing a 6ft lap fence over 12 years old, which housed a beautiful honeysuckle and to find our old garden completely

destroyed, established plants ripped out and even an attempt to remove conifers of some age, and to find items thrown about and paint tipped up and thrown about the yard, wheelie bin abandoned down the street and even washing line ripped down. It does seem such a shame that one can leave property respectable and presentable for further tenants only to find this kind of behaviour from an area I've lived in since 1968, when people were proud to obtain a brand new, lovely house.

What is the matter with the people of today? Yours,

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ex Linden Place tenant

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Winner of the 1996 Silver Longboat Art competition, jointly sponsored by Hydro Polymers Limited and Darlington Borough Council is Terence Grabinskis, with is painting entitled 'Hamsterley Forest'.

Mr Grabinskis, from Toft Hill, was presented with the splendid Silver Longboat Trophy and a cheque to the value of £500.

Second prize was awarded to James McGairy of Guisborough for his painting entitled 'River Esk near Egton Bridge' and Nicholas Leake of Durham took third place for 'The Central, Gateshead'. Six other works were highly commended by the panel of judges.

The Silver Longboat Competition, which takes its name for the Norwegian origins of Hydro Polymers parent company Norsk Hydro, is in its tenth year and attracted 307 entries from local artists.

The theme, maintained following its success last year, was: people, places, industry, history, crafts and wildlife within the competition area.

Seen here (left to right) at the award ceremony are: Mr David Summerbell, Planning & Systems Director, Hydro Polymers, Mr Terence Grabinskis and Mayor of Darlington, Councillor Gordon Plummer J.P.

The exhibition of selected works at Darlington Art Gallery runs from 6th to 31st August.

Letter to the Editor

DON'T DUMP YOUR CATS ON OUR DOORSTEP

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On either late Wed. 17th July or the early hours of Thurs. 18th July you very kindly dumped two cats on my doorstep.

The tortoiseshell cat got out of our home in the early hours of Friday 19th July.

We are very worried about her as both cats were quite understandably stressed and upset. We have searched all over this area to find her, also we have put cards in all the shops over Newton Aycliffe.

If she has found her way back home, wherever that is, perhaps the person who dumped the cats could contact us. You know who we are. We believe it was you who telephoned us saying you had lost two cats.

You gave us a false name and address, and telephone number and sent us on a wild goose chase. We are not angry any more we just feel very concerned for the lost cat, so please will you contact us and we will arrange a mutual place to collect the cat.

Please do not just dump her again.

Thank you.
(Name & Address supplied)

SUPPORTERS CLUB MOVE

SUNDERLAND A.F.C. SUPPORTERS CLUB - (Newton Aycliffe branch) have changed the venue for their monthly meetings.

The new venue is the

Royal British Legion,

Macmillan Road, Newton

a month on a Thursday at 8pm.

For details of the next meeting or on how to join

meeting or on how to join the club please ring Stan Hall on 313172.

Meetings will be held once

New Members are always welcome.

Hospice Offers Day Care To Aycliffe Patients

South Durham Hospice is into its first year of operation caring for Day Care patients in Bishop Auckland and the surrounding district, including Newton Aycliffe and operates as a sister unit to Butterwick Hospice in Stockton-on-Tees.

South Durham Hospice is the first of its kind in Bishop Auckland and is proving to be a much needed facility with the evidence of the increasing numbers of patients requiring palliative care. The hospice is registered

The hospice is registered for 20 day care patients and at present offers care 4 days a week.

During the nine month period the hospice has been functioning it has cared for 80 patients with a total number of 565 attendances.

Annual running costs amount to £150,000 with close to 50% of these costs helped by Durham Health Commission and the remainder coming from voluntary donations.

The catchment area for referrals covers Sedgefield District, Weardale and the surrounding districts of South Durham. In addition to day care, the hospice offers many other core services to include a sitting service, out-patient clinics, lymphoedema advice and treatment, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, bereavement counselling, hairdressing, manicure, pedicure and C.A.B. advice worker.

Work is currently underway to develop Phase II of the building which will be an Education Unit offering training in palliative medicine, available to health care professionals. The Hospice relies heavily on volunteer help in all aspects of work. Help is required in the following areas:-

Kitchen, Gardens, Driving, Fund Raising, Patient Care, Shops.

The first of our charity shops is due to be opened shortly and will require volunteers to play a part in this important area of fund raising.

If you can spare a few hours a week and would like to contribute to the caring work carried out at South Durham Hospice. Please contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01388 603033.

The Hospice address is Macmillan House, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham DL14 6JU.

DARLINGTON SHOW WILL SURVIVE

we still have a nucleus of keen committee members that are determined that Darlington's Annual Show will still be presented in one form or another. The aim is to build Darlington Show back up to its former glory, however we would like to hear from any person who would like to become involved in the organisation of the Show or helping out with the running of a section of the Show so that in future years we can stage even more events. Following the scaled down version of the Show last year,

Despite the problems that Darlington & District Agricultural Society have experienced over the years,

Following the scaled down version of the Show last year, we have been able to build on this and this years Show will be held over the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August 1996 at Eastbourne Comprehensive School, the Show will comprise:-

Horticultural Show - sponsored by Gardeners Barn, there will be classes for Vegetables, Flowers and Floral Art. We are pleased to announce that we have reintroduced a class for a hanging basket which has a top prize of a £50 gardening voucher donated by Gardena Erin. Closing date for entries is Thursday 15th August.

Handicraft Show - this will cover classes of Home Produce, Needlework, Knitting, Decoupage, Decorated Eggs, Sugar Craft, Greetings Cards, Woodwork, and Photography, there are also a number of Children's classes. Closing date for entries is Monday 12th August. Custom and Classic Vehicle Rally - will have various classes for vehicles from Commercials, Buses, Cars and Motorcycles, this section of the Show has been sponsored by Nobles Self Drive Hire. Closing date for entries is 14th August.

Craft Fair - will have numerous types of crafts for sale, including Decoupage, Glassware, Sweets, Needlework, Floral Arrangements, Faberge Eggs, Stonecraft, Knitting, Computer Games and Books, Woodwork, Jewellery, Wooden Toys, Home Baking and Preserves.

Trade Stands - from local Motor Retailers, Northumbrian Water, Windows & Conservatories, Garden equipment, Security Shutters, and College courses. Also in attendance will be Darlington Fire and Rescue, Darlington Police, St Johns Ambulance Brigade, Darlington Air Training Corps, A1FM Radio, Funfair and a number of local charities.

There will also be Fast Foods and Ice-Creams available over the weekend. This years Show shows all the signs of being a great success, with something for most to see and enjoy.

Entry to the Show will be free of charge. All vehicles should enter the school site via the Hundens Lane entrance.

Should any potential exhibitor be interested in attending the Show then schedules for classes can be obtained from: Darlington Show, 7 Heatherburn Court, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham DL5 4UY, **Please send a S.A.E.** indicating which section of the Show you are interested in.

There are still a few trade stand places available, traders can make enquiries on 01325 417770.

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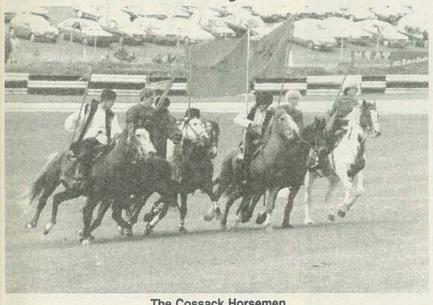
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Research Shows Most New Jobs are Part Time

Nearly nine out of ten of the new jobs coming to the north since the last election are part time and do not pay a full weeks wage.

This is one of the key findings from a research project, examining the latest official jobs figures, carried out by academics at Durham University on behalf of the GMB, Britain's General Union. The study shows that the vast majority of new jobs (34,000) coming to the north were part time (30,000 = 88%) while the number of full time jobs increased by only 4000 (12%) in the three years from February 1993-1996. This means that out of a total 1,284,000 jobs in the

"Government claims that Britain is the healthy man of Europe are a sick joke," slammed GMB Northern Regional Officer, Martin Gannon.

north, 338,000 (26%) are

now part time.

"The number of part time jobs further underlines the sorry fact that the British economy has no firm foundations and the slightest breeze from Wall Street or Frankfurt will blow the whole stack down.

"We have nothing against part time work for those who want it. But don't pretend the economy is healthy using these figures."

The figures - latest available and just published - run from the quarter ending February 1993 to the quarter ending February 1996.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO AYCLIFFE'S FLORAL DISPLAY?

I am writing with disgust at the lack of floral arrangements within the town.

Half a dozen windswept items hanging from lamp posts is not my idea of floral displays.

Once again Darlington has won Northumbria in Bloom competition, even Chilton has won a prize, and justly so.

Could somebody please tell me why we have so few floral arrangements in a town the size of Newton Aycliffe?

I understand that firms in the Darlington area are asked to contribute

towards the arrangements, which they obviously do with amazing results.

We must be one of the largest contributors of Tax yet Community Chilton manages to win prizes for its floral displays, which, unless you tell me otherwise, must have been paid for out of their contributions. This is one item which cannot be blamed on absentee landlords.

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AFTER STROKE CLUB AIM FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY FOR MEMBERS

Newton Aycliffe After-Stroke Club raised over £400 from their Prize Raffle drawn this week at their Club Meeting at the Youth Centre.

The following winning numbers were drawn and the organisers thank all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

1513, 2353, 1999, 2405, 2132, 1103, 2489, 235, 1123, 830, 2444, 1434, 1974, 1977, 334, 2128, 914, 2131, 1348, 553.

The Club is trying very hard to raise over £5000 to take members and their carers on holiday to Blackpool Hotel which has special accommodation for Stroke victims.

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I would be grateful if you would consider publishing the thanks of the Management Committee of the Woodham Village Community Centre to all who gave their support for the 10th year celebration held on 27th July 1996.

In particular we are grateful to the following who kindly donated prizes for the raffle:-

Sanyo, Great Lakes, Woolworths, Gill Atkinson, Binns, Hays Travel, Ruby & Joe Adamson, Hers & Sirs, Boots, Kemps Chemist, Woodham Stores. Woodham Post Office, Mollie Johnson.

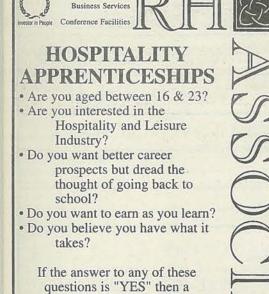
The event was deemed to have been a success and showed the local community that their Centre is alive and functioning. K Bell (Secretary)

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all my love Mike FAWCETT Laura Ashley Happy 4th Birthday 10-8-Love you always

FAWCETT Laura Ashley.

JOHN TURNBULL Happy 29th Birthday -Gotcha - Fireman Sam. love Mandy, Claire, Emma TED SCORED a bullseye in the Fighting Cocks, now isn't that a twist, love

TENNICK & Frankland All the very best Melissa and Darren on your Engagement on 10-8-96. Lots of love from Mam, Dad and Peter

FRANKLAND Tennick All the very best Darren and Melissa on your Engagement on 10-8-96, lots of love from Mam,

Dad and family ROGER ANDERSON Congratulations on your 18th Birthday 8-8-96, love Mam and Dad XXX

ROGER ANDERSON Congratulations big brov, 18 today, 8-8-96, love Gary, Christina and Caroline XXX

HIP HIP HOORAY Shannon is 1 today, Happy

1st Birthday darling, lots of love and kisses Mammy and Daddy XX AUNTIE SHANNON

Roses are red, violets are blue, happy 1st birthday from me to you. Lots of kisses and cuddles from Jack XX

TO A SPECIAL little sister, who is 1 today, Happy 1st birthday Shannon, love and kisses from Peter, Denise, Wayne and Nicola

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MRS EVA HANNAN and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards of sympathy, prayers and support given over their recent bereavement of a loving Husband and Dad. Special thanks to Doctors and Nurses at Bishop Auckland Hospital, Fr. Michael Weymes, St. Marys RC and Bryan Shepherd Funeral Directors for their help and concern

TRACEY, TONY, Kendra would like to thank family and friends for cards and presents received on the Christening of Michael, and a special thank you to Richard and Anita of The Iron horse for such an excellent buffet.

MR JOHN HAYNES Wishes to thank friends, neighbours, JES Homecare and Carelink for their good wishes, kindness and help during his wife, Edna's successful coronary

Driving School" for getting me through my driving and theory test - Sandy JOHNSON PAUL Thanks for being there for me and our beautiful son, Lewis Paul. All our love

Annie and Lewis

THANKS To "Jacks

McDONALD Mam and Dad Thanks for all your support, lots of love Ann, Paul and your new grandson Lewis

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GREAT DAY FOR 'ALEXANDER' 6-a-SIDE CONTEST



METHODISTS HAVE THE GOOD NEWS

Tired of Bad News? Now is your chance to
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Methodist Church will
be holding the first of
their next Alpha Group
Meetings on Wednesday,
September 4th, at 7pm.
If you want to find out

more about the Christian faith you would be most welcome to join us.

For further information telephone 313508 - or call in at The Builder's Arms Coffee Shop in the Thames Centre. The sun shone gloriously for the end of season one day Cup Competitions in the Alexander - Le-Skerne Junior 6-a-side Leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

Massive crowds turned out to watch the 42 teams play divisional qualifying matches from 9.00am until 3.00pm and then the best eight teams qualified for the quarter finals in each age category:-

Junior - under 11 yrs • Intermediate - 11/13 yrs • Senior - 14/16 yrs
In the Junior quarterfinals,
Darlington Heat
Treatment beat Black &
White 4-0, 3M Bombers
beat Middridge 2-0,
Aycliffe Hatters beat
Wasps 6-1 and Newton
Aycliffe Raiders beat

In the Intermediate quarterfinals, New Mags beat South Durham Structures 1-0, Middridge beat S.D.S. 5-1, Hanrattys beat Darlo Boys 3-0 and Wanderers beat Sunnydale 2-0 in a penalty shoot-out after the match was drawn 2-2.

Heighington 1-0.

In the Senior quarterfinals, Heighington Tornados beat Hotspurs 2-0, Harriers beat Middridge 10, Woodrich beat Horndale 3-0 and Hawks beat R.A.B 2-1.

In the Junior semifinals, Bombers beat Heat Treatment 1-0 and Hatters beat Raiders 2-0.

The Intermediate semifinals were close games with New Mags beating Hanrattys 1-0 and Middridge defeating Wanderers by the same score

In the all Middridge Senior semifinal, Harriers beat Hawks 2-0 whilst the Woodrich v Tornados match was drawn 0-0 and Woodrich went through 4-3 after a tense penalty shoot-out.

The shock of the day was in the Junior final where runaway league winners, Aycliffe Hatters were defeated by a Liam Hole goal for 3M Bombers.

The Intermediate final went with league winners, Middridge beating league runners-up New Mags 1-

The Senior final was a mid table affair after all the top teams had been knocked out and although Harriers took an early lead through Craig, Woodrich came back through goals by Todd and Forrest (2) to win 3-1.

All league and cup winners were presented with footballs, football league match tickets and trophies.

Mr. Eric Alexander, of sponsors Alexander-Le-Skerne was assisted in the presentations by Phil Brumwell of Darlington F.C. who used to play in these leagues.

The popular Indoor Junior 5-a-side leagues will start

in September and anyone requiring an application form should contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex (Tel. 01325 300600).

Photo shows:- Prize winners with Sponsor Eric Alexander of Alexander-Le-Skerne and Phil Brumwell of Darlington E.C.

JUDO CLUB RE-OPENS

Newton Aycliffe Judo Club re-opens after the summer break on Monday 12th August 1996. The new session times are as follows:-

Youth Centre, Central Avenue - Monday 6pm-8pm (Seniors) and 6pm-7.30pm (Juniors).

Wednesday 5.30pm-7pm (Juniors).

St. Francis School, Broomlee Close, Newton Aycliffe - Thursday 6.30pm-8pm (Juniors) and 8pm-9.30pm (Seniors).

So if your aged between 6 and 60 years - and want to learn a Martial Art 'The Gentle Way' - why not come along.

Gateway Drama Festival Was

Letter

Excellent
Dear Sir.

On Sunday July 28th, I was privileged to attend the Gateway Festival '96, at the People's Theatre, Newcastle.

Eight Gateway Clubs from the region took part in the drama productions, all produced by dedicated voluntary workers. All were very good, the Wishing Well members

exceptionally so.
Their production of 'Pocohontas' showed how disabled people come up against prejudice, fear and ignorance in their lives but explains that 'the world is big enough for all of us' - surely a lesson to be learned.

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