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## FRONT PAGE

## "TOWN WILL BECOME AN OVERSIZED HOUSING ESTATE"

## **COMPULSORY PURCHASE IS REQUIRED**

Dear Sir

With the continued silent response to requests for discussion from existing tenants, it appears that the Landlords of the Town Centre have little regard for its future and are not committed to the development of a balanced retail facility for the people of Newton Aycliffe.

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We must keep in mind that the development of the former Avenue site, probably the biggest development opportunity to affect the town for many years, will be our last chance to get central retail facilities right in the town. An approach integrating the existing town centre site and businesses, with any new facilities needs to be taken to prevent the creation of a two tier shopping system. Independent traders who have supported the town centre for years need to be protected

development.

It is the need for an integrated approach, prevention of a two tier shopping facility, protection of current independent businesses as enhancing well as opportunities for new local businesses, that has led me to believe that the public authorities must now consider compulsory purchase of the existing town centre site to protect the town as a whole.

Without a vibrant, thriving town centre, Newton Aycliffe will become little more than an oversized

housing estate. Some may throw their hands up in horror at the cost to the public of such a move, but I would contest this on the grounds of cost to the town if things are left to 'market forces'

The time is now right for a

compulsory purchase. The town centre is run down, occupancy rates are low, businesses have ceased trading or are planning to move at the end of leases. The market value must surely be at an all time low and looking to the Landlords, I do not believe the loss of the town centre will dent their property portfolio too badly. Indeed, they may wish to divest themselves of properties involved, but if they are not approached, the people of Newton Aycliffe will never know. 1998 sees the 50th Anniversary of Newton Aycliffe. The town has seen tremendous growth over the last 30 years, yet the central retail facilities, that should be a flagship for the town, remain largely unchanged since the pedestrianisation of Beveridge Way.

If the town centre is to provide retail facilities into the 21st century we need action to bring the town centre back into public ownership so it can be developed for the people it is intended to serve.

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# NEW "PARK" SIGNS ERECTED

It was pleasing to note that Sedgefield District Council have arranged new roadside directions to "Aycliffe Industrial Park", replacing the confusing signs to: "Aycliffe and Heighington Industrial Estates". We should no longer have lorries Heighington looking for the Industrial

And now that there is only one Aycliffe Industrial "Park" encompassing everyone it should be easier to find as well as to market.

Estate, which is at

Heighington Lane.

## NEW NAME NEEDED

Why don't the District Council change it's name to something less confusing?

They have a similar problem when people, looking for Sedgefield District Council Offices, assume they are in Sedgefield, only to be told they should go to Spennymoor.

Now we hear the District Council is soon to be granted 'Borough' status, with all the trappings and ceremony of a Mayor. All well and good, but are we to have more confusion between the Sedgefield Mayor and Sedgefield District Mayor?

Why didn't Sedgefield District Council take the opportunity, when applying for the new status, to choose a new name which would convey the geographical nature or position of our District?

South West Durham District Council might be a mouthful, but it is more accurate than just 'Sedgefield'!

Perhaps our readers could suggest a name that is short, sweet and accurate?

# H.N.C. COURSE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO UNIVERSITY

With 'A' level results due any day young people in Newton Aycliffe are facing one of the most important decisions in their life - how to turn their qualification into a career.

More and more school leavers are following the trend in choosing an HNC as a viable alternative to a University degree.

ITEC Managing Director, David Brown, who runs the leading Business and IT Training at Aycliffe, believes this is due to youngsters in the region examining their options in a tough jobs market.

"Until recently people enrolling would have 'A' level results which were not quite good enough for University. However we have now noticed those with excellent 'A' level results are taking courses in Business Admin or Information Technology." said David.

While a degree course will provide a broad educational base and be right for many, the highly focused vocational training of an HNC Course can provide the ideal solution for young people seeking the fast track to a career.

As training for a specific career is taken more and more seriously by young people ITEC North East believe they have a truly viable alternative to the traditional University place sought by school leavers.

Ring ITEC at Aycliffe on 320052.

# DANCE SCHOOL'S EXAM RESULTS

The Mary and Diane McAdam School of Dancing have gained two new Qualified Teachers after a successful Examination Session with the North East Society of Performing Arts.

All pupils did extremely well as can be seen from these results:

Intro Grade 1 Tap: N. Lawrie (H), D. Collings (HC), L. Ward (D), L. Linton (H).

Grade 2 Tap: A. Coccoran (D), S. Wilkinson (H), Grade 3 Tap: S. McDermott (D), A Bracher (D), E.

Carter (HC), L. Martin (D).

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1st Junior Plaque Cabaret: N. Thompson (C), M. Rockett (C), L. Atkinson (HC), C. Howarth (H), T. McMaster (HC), L. Large (HC), R. Turnbull (HC), N. Roache (H), R. Hardy (H), K. Toner (HC), T. McGregor (H), H, Bayne (C).

2nd Plaque Cabaret: C. Douglas (HC)
3rd Plaque Cabaret: K. Bland (HC), Y. Robson (H).
1st Plaque Classical: N. Roache (HC), N. Thompson

2nd Plaque Classical: C. Douglas (HC).
3rd Plaque Classical: K. Bland (H), Y. Robson (H).

D: Distinction; H: Honours; HC: Highly Commended; C: Commended; P.P.: Pass Plus; P: Pass.

## AYCLIFFE CONTACT CENTRE OPENED

A new Contact Centre has opened in Newton Aycliffe. Cedar House offers a relaxed and homely environment for children in care to meet up with their families and people who are important to them.

Cedar House was originally used as the Health Centre for Aycliffe Young People's Centre and refurbished through a generous grant from the Sedgefield locality Health Alliance.

Durham County Council Social Services Department gave funding for furniture whilst toys and play equipment have been provided by the Learning Library at Spennymoor.

Duncan Routley, Child Care Co-ordinator said, "Social work staff are at hand to offer assistance and advice and to help make it a pleasurable and valuable experience for both children and adults." The Contact Centre will also be used to host conferences, training events and by other social services staff working with children and carers.

# 35 New Houses for Village

Bellway Homes have submitted a planning application for 35 houses at Aycliffe Village, 9 terrace and 26 detached houses.

They are to be situated on land between 3M Factory and the rear of High Street and St. Andrews Church.

We are told the houses are to be built on land subject of a petition against it being used as a scrapyard.

So it is quite possible this is a case of the lesser of two evils being allowed.

## £200 Raised

Mr Joe Wood of Burn Lane Newton Aycliffe, would like to thank friends and neighbours for the many cards, floral tributes and mass cards and the donations to the British Diabetic Association, which amounted to £200, sent so kindly on the death of his beloved wife Nancy. Thanks to the many people who came to Nancy's Requiem Mass, so beautifully conducted by Father Keith Walker.

## ALPHA MEETING

Can 250,000 people be wrong? This is the number who have taken part in Alpha group meetings during 1996, so far, worldwide.

Neville Parade Methodist Church will be holding the first of their next meetings on Wednesday 4th September at 7 p.m.

If you have questions to ask and want to know more about the Christian faith why not come along?

If you need more information ring 313508 or call in at "The Builders Arms" Coffee Shop in the Thames Centre.

## Live Woodham

For an exciting and enjoyable evening, why not visit Woodham Christian Centre on Wednesday 21st August? The Continental Singers, a full-time musical touring group, are appearing live in concert at 7.30pm.

The group have visited many parts of the UK and overseas. Their music is vibrant and alive and they present a widely varied programme to suit all tastes.

Everyone is welcome to this special event and admission is free.

# LEGION CLUB RAISES £1,000 FOR St. TERESA'S HOSPICE



## Last Summer Walk

The local Ramblers Association end this Summers Evening Walks programme with a 5 mile Circular from the Blacksmiths Arms Car Park at 6.45 p.m. next Wednesday 21st August.

Non-members are welcome to join this stroll through countryside east of Newton Aycliffe then via the Aycliffe Village and on along Heworth Lane to return by 9 p.m.
Further details and enquiries Tel: 320168

The annual Darts Marathon at the British Legion Club, in Newton Aycliffe raised £1,000 for St. Teresa's Hospice.

The event featured two teams of four who had been sponsored to play for 12 hours to raise money for the Hospice.

Organiser's of the Marathon had set themselves a target of £1,000 which they reached with the ongoing help of the British Legion Pensioners Association who raised the money for the Hospice with their weekly raffle.

Organiser Sandra Hill said, "We had a splendid time at the Darts Marathon. I would like to congratulate everyone who took part and thank them for their enthusiasm."

Accepting the cheque on behalf of St. Teresa's, Hospice Manager

Roderick Burtt said, "I am delighted to accept this cheque. The Darts Marathon has been a great success, it brings quite a different approach to fund-raising, allowing participants to raise money through an activity

they enjoy."
He added, "Events such as this which promotes public awareness of the Hospice are twofold success, we very much appreciate the efforts of the event organisers.

## GARDENS GUILD

The Gardens Guild say that the autumn planting bulbs, to give you the spring colours in your garden, are expected to be in stock for Sunday 25th August, they also hope to have the autumn planting onion sets for the same date.

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## **GREAT LAKES** BACK BID TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON

top running event is eing staged in the town n Sunday Sept. 29th ttracting athletes from II over the North East. hanks to generous ponsorship by Great akes Chemicals, a lalf Marathon, 3 Mile un Run and Junior aces will be held larting from the Youth entre at 12 noon.

his follows the 8 mile ace they held last year which was so successful ne organisers are now ttempting to establish n annual Town Half 4arathon.

'his has been made ossible by Great Lakes hose financial backing as ensured the event an be staged this year. he course is set to run rough Aycliffe's woodland cenic ountryside under 3.A.F rules, with every neasure taken to help ne runners have a good ace, including St. Ambulance ohn's and free over, efreshments supplied

y the Youth Centre.

should be

interesting enjoyable afternoon with the additional 3 Mile Fun Run and Junior Races around the School ex-Avenue Field.

White, Chris who Newtonian, organises races throughout the North, is helping to establish the Aycliffe Half Marathon and hopes the Town's runners will turn out in strength to keep the trophies in thetown. (See Advert and Entry

Aycliffe had four runners competing in the Ferryhill Wild Boar Chase.

In the undulating 7 mile they course superbly, winning 1st Prize in the Team Event with Paul Harker (3rd), Mike Brunskill (5th), Colin Gibson (7th), and Ray Todd (1st Male Over

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## **MAYORAL VISIT TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING**



Mr & Mrs Joseph Hewitson of 16 Anne Swyft Road celebrated their Golden Wedding on 27th July while on holiday in Tenerife.

Married at Crook, they moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1950. Joseph employed at Bakerlite and a lot of people will remember Margaret working at the Post Office at Neville Parade.

They have one son Tony, married, who lives in Emmerson Way.

On return home from Tenerife, the Mayor and Mayoress John & Mary Moran presented them with a bouquet.

On that evening they went out for a family celebration meal.

## Letter to the Editor

## FLORAL DISPLAYS **DESTROYED BY VANDALS & THIEVES**

Mrs Hutchison implies that the Town Council are to blame for the lack of Floral Display in Newton Aycliffe.

Perhaps the inhabitants of the prizewinners in the competitions are more interested in the appearance of their town than are the inhabitants of Newton Aycliffe. Our Town Council replanted the garden around the war memorial this spring, and many people enjoyed this at lunchtime and in the evening - and a number showed their appreciation by littering the place with empty drink cans and bottles and discarded fast food wrappings, and broken glasses and bottles for the Acorn. Some even were so appreciative that they dug out plants and took them for their own gardens!

A floral arrangement commemorating the 75th anniversary of the British Legion was also planted. Within two days it had been vandalised. It was replaced and a chain fence put in front of it. Within days this fence had been torn down and the display again vandalised. As fast as our town employees put it right, it is again destroyed.

We have more flowers and green spaces than any other town I know, and it grieves me to see the flower beds and tree plantations continually vandalised.

No, this cannot be blamed on absentee landlords. Nor can it be blamed on our Council, who are trying to create a good environment in the face of careless people and mindless vandals S. Black

(Address supplied)

Six local Community Care Plans covering County Durham are now available.

Published jointly by Durham County Council Social Services, Health and District Councils, their purpose is to identify health and social care needs of people in local communities, demonstrate how services will respond to these

For the first time, plans for the next 3 years are set out, with a description of what they're seeking to achieve and how success will be measured. Each year, progress will be reviewed and a brief update of any changes produced. This intends to make clear where and how services are changing, and will help future planning. Copies of the plans are available from libraries, GP practices and local Social Services offices.

## **NEW SIGNS INDICATE** WEIGHT RESTRICTION FOR JUST 30 YARD

Further information on the new weight restriction signs at School Aycliffe Lane reveal they were introduced following an initiative taken by our Town Clerk, John Farguhar.

He has written scores of letters on the matter Hydro's following voluntary action in banning HGV's, using their entrance, from going through the village.

But the Clerk was dismayed when he saw where the signs were erected last week, as they indicate the actual area of restriction as being just 30 yards AFTER the village, and only for a length of 30 yards!

His concern that lorry drivers will be confused and ignore the signs was borne out this week when in a period of a few minutes the writer observed 3 HGV's using the lane.

If signs were placed restricting lorries after Hydro's entrance at the Aycliffe end and also at Heighington roundabout junction, there could be no reason for HGV's to approach School Aycliffe Lane to at all!

John Farquhar called the

Highway Authority out

this week to show them their folly. They believed heavy vehicles would not enter the Lane where a warning sign is erected. Town Clerk's suggestion would mean

only four signs would be needed and not the eight as erected.

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## **TOWN COUNCIL** SPORTS COURSES IN FULL SWING



Mayor, John Moran took a practice swing when he made the Presentation of Certificates at the Junior Golf Lessons held at the Driving Range

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Girls who took part in the Netball Coaching Course with their Coach Janet Tucker and the Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, John and Mary Moran.

The Town Council's Sports Development programme is now in full swing with the majority of courses fully booked. However there are still places available for Squash, Cricket and Archery which will be held during the four days commencing Tuesday 27th August. Ring Marie Robinson on 300700 for details.

## SIMPASTURE COURT WIN BEST GARDEN AWARD FOR SECOND YEAR



The Mayor, John Moran presented an Award of Merit to Simpasture Court for their achievements in the Northumbria in Bloom Competition for Best Grounds of Senior Citizens Home. The award was presented to Brian New at a Coffee Morning held last week.

Left to right: Counc. Mrs Sarah Iveson, (Deputy Mayor), Mayoress Mary Moran, Brian New, Mayor John Moran and Counc. Ernie Elmer (S.D.C.)

## 120 STRAY DOGS **WAITING FOR GOOD HOMES**

Staff at the National Canine Defence League's (NCDL) Rescue Centre at Darlington are urgently appealing for a new home for Caesar, one of the centres longest term residents, who staff fear is desperately lonely and in need of some extra love and attention.

Caesar is a Labrador-Dachshund cross, who was first brought to the centre in 1993. He was transferred for the NCDL's Rescue Centre at Roden when it became too full to take in any more dogs during a particularly busy period.

He had been found straying in Shrewsbury by the local dog warden. Caesar is now about nine years old and is still in very good health.

Rescue Centre Manager, Catherine Gillie said: "He is a wonderful character

and really does deserve a second chance in life. Caesar is very friendly and will make someone a wonderfully loyal and affectionate companion.

We can't wait to see him go to a new home - he really deserves it after all this time".

As Caesar is quite elderly and only requires a little gentle exercise each day, he would be ideally suited to a retired person or family with older children. His is housetrained and enjoys nothing better than a ride in the

Anyone interested in offering a loving home to Caesar or any of the other 120 stray and abandoned dogs currently resident at the NCDL Rescue Centre at Darlington, please contact Catherine Gillie on (01325) 333114.

## **MEDICAL TEAM GAIN TOP AWARD**

Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Jerry Murphy, of Darlington Memorial Hospital, is a finalist in the 1996 Hospital Doctor of the Year Awards - the biggest and prestigious celebration of medical excellence in the

Dr. Murphy and his team have won recognition for the way they have achieved high-quality care for patients with heart disease both in hospital and the community and for their commitment to research in a DGH setting. Specific services include a one-stop chest pain clinic, a drop-in service for past and present patients and various education and rehabilitation initiatives. The Darlington-based unit joins teams from two other hospitals on the short-list for the Bayer Cardiac Team of the Year. The winner will receive a prize of £5,000.

## Big Soccer Clash Opening Game

by Martin Walker Huntsman and Royal British Legion will this week clash at Moore Lane in the opening game of the season.

A League meeting was held last Wednesday, and the first five fixtures of the 96-97 season were disclosed for the first time.

Huntsman face Fox & Hounds at home after their visit to rivals Legion. They also play The Otter & Fish (h), D.P.D. Heating (a) and Half-moon Rangers (h). The League's fixtures are only drawn up once a month.

Supremo Stuart Hodgson

said: "It's great to have a big fixture on our opening game The team are doing pretty wel in training and in friendlies but this is the one that counts The Legion are clear favourites for derby success They finished runners-up in the League last year, and have a good side.

Huntsman finished 8th las year, but appear to be in decent shape to improve on that position this time round. Quite a few new signings have bolstered Stuart Hodgson's squad, and after scraping through the pre-season financial nightmares incurred during the summer, Huntsman are ready to start their ninmonth campaign.

Tony Travis, last year players' player of the year, is Huntsman's new Chairman acting as Head of the Committee. Russell Hodgson will resume his position but with the different heading of Financial Controller.

Jim McCabe, Martin Haigh Morgan Fielding, Wayne Marram, and Martin Walker make up the 5-man 'dream, team' committee.

Rob Walker is Huntsman's Lottery Manager - a new position as part of Huntsman's new cash raising activities.

Next week in the 'Newton News': - Legion-Huntsman big match score, AND Huntsman's first Minger-ofthe-match, PLUS the big match verdict by top soccer pundit Dave Nicholson

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# The Really Great Aycliffe Show

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 1996 in the grounds of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe

### COUNTRY MUSIC AND BARBECUE NIGHT

Sponsored by Alexander le Skerne Ltd. SUNDAY EVENING

This event will be broadcast live on A1FM 103.2. A full night of entertainment and a substantial barbecue meal for only £4.50. Featuring recording artistes **Texakana** and great Country Music played from 7-11pm. Licenced bar. Admission to those over 18 years. Tickets are on sale now at Thames Centre Butchers, Paul Gittins and Stevens Newsagents in the Town Centre and Neville Parade plus A1 Store in Aycliffe Village as well as Don Walkers and Julies Cafe. If there are any tickets left, they will be on sale at the show, but hurry, or you may be disappointed!

## VINTAGE VEHICLE AND STATIONERY ENGINE DISPLAY

A wide range of Vintage Vehicles and Stationery Engines will be visiting the Show. Some of the Vehicles have starred in popular television series such as Heartbeat.

#### **FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

Around the show ground there are various have a go activities which are completely FREE OF CHARGE. Look out for the happy face signs which tell you that there is no charge.

#### **Pulsar Laser Activity Centre**

A large inflatable with inter-connecting tunnels and chambers. It accommodates up to ten people at once with laser guns and packs giving the ultimate in electronic battlegrounds. Computer controlled laser guns emit a pulsating beam to strike opponenets with a realistic gunfire sound. The atmosphere inside the centre is enhanced with smoke, music and effect lighting. The activity is suitable for adults too Not to be missed!!

#### **Velcro Olympics**

You cannot really miss this 45ft long inflatable which is suitable for children over 3 years and adults too! Its rather like an obstacle course with two lanes for competition, using walls, hoops, tubes and ropes

## Gyroscope

The ride of tomorrow, today! This type of activity was originally designed to prepare astronauts for zero gravity and is also used by the worlds air forces as part of their jet fighter pilot training.

#### **Fun Castle**

Where the children aged 5-11 can bounce all day!

#### **Quad Bikes and Bouncy Castle**

This fun activity is suitable for the 5-11 age group. The children ride Quad Bikes under expert supervision round a racing track.

#### **Punch and Judy**

For the kids, but the adults usually shout the loudest!

#### **Face Painting**

Available immediately after Punch and Judy

#### **Toddlers Fun House**

Soft Play and Inflatables for toddlers only in the Fun House Marquee next to the arena. This attraction is for children aged 5 and under only. Please note, however that children remain the responsibility of the parents as this is NOT a creche facility.

## ARENA ENTERTAINMENT Saturday 24th August

Trail Blazers - 12.00
Skyshaw - 12.35
Quaker Dog Agility - 12.50
Radford Shire Horses - 1.30
Devil's Horseman - 1.50
Durham Constabulary Police Dogs - 2.20
Skyshaw - 2.45
K9 Commando Display - 2.55
Crimdon Sword and Shield - 3.40
Radford Shire Horses - 4.15
Devil's Horseman - 4.35

## Sunday 25th August

Pet Parade - 11.30
Trail Blazers - 12.00
Skyshaw - 12.35
Quaker Dog Agility - 12.50
Mid Wales Axe Racing Team - 1.35
Trail Blazers - 2.15
Skyshaw - 2.50
K9 Commando Display - 3.00
Crimdon Sword and Shield - 3.45
Mid Wales Axe Racing Team - 4.25

## FREE BUS SERVICE

A free bus service will operate a circular route to and from the showground from 11am-5.30pm on both days of the show.

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Burn Lane - Agnew Way - Huntsman
Stephenson Way Cemetery
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Blue Bridge - Showground

## PLAYHOUSE MARQUEE Saturday 24th August

Shildon Town Band - 12.30
Hargreaves School of Dance - 1.40
Friends of Sugar Hill - 2.15
Greenfield Dance Troupe - 2.50
Kings Cobra Muay Thai Boxing - 3.30
Murton Colliery Band - 4.00

## Sunday 25th August

Aycliffe Pipe Band - 12.00
Greenfield Dance Troupe - 12.25
Kings Cobra Muay Thai Boxing - 1.05
Hargreaves School of Dance - 1.35
Friends of Sugar Hill - 2.10
Aycliffe Pipe Band - 2.40
Handcraft/Horticulture Presentation - 3.00
Greenfield Gym Club - 3.25

## **FREE DISCO**

#### SATURDAY EVENING

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#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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#### COMPETITIONS

## Pet Parade

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#### **Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibitions**

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football competition.
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#### **Badminton Competition**

This is the first year of the Badminton Tournament, but the number of entries received indicate that it will not be last! The closing date for entries is Monday 19th August.

#### **Golf Tournament**

Another new competition for the Show, the Golf Tournament promises to be a winner! Closing date for entries Monday 19th August.

#### **Bowls Tournament**

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Doreen and Doug ANDY SMITH 19-8-91. Time may pass and fade, but our memories will last forever. Love and miss you every day. Your loving wife Ruby and family

## Birthday Remembrance

NICHOL-BROWN-BOB. 21-8-96. No Grandad to sit and talk to, no loving smile to see, noone will ever know how much you meant to me. No Grandad to tell my joy and fears, just a broken heart and many tears. Love always Sean

NICHOL-BROWN-BOB. 21-8-96. I think of you in silence and often speak your name, but you will never leave me, like your photo in the frame. Remembering you on your birthday, loving wife Margaret.

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Happy Birthday & Bon Voyage, the Complex Crew

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BELTON - WILSON I wish to announce my son, Duncan Reuben Belton, married Jackie Ann Wilson on August 13th 1996 on the beach in Saint Lucia, West Indies. Two very lucky people. How romantic!! Love and happiness always. A very proud Mam STEPHEN (Fitzy) & N A T A L I E Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby daughter, "Nicole", 10-8-96. Thank you for making my dream come true, by giving me my first granddaughter, lots of love

Mam XXX
KIMBERLY PALMER
Happy 15th Birthday,
sweetheart, all our love
Mam, Dad, Christopher
and Judy (the dog)
HAPPY 50th Birthday,

Nana. We all know who you are! Love from Abigail, Gareth and Co. POULTER, Jonathan, Happy 21st Birthday, love from Karen, Fraser & girls POULTER, Jonathan Happy 21st Birthday son, have a great day, love from Mam and Dad XX

POULTER Happy 21st Birthday Jonathan, lots of love from Nicola XX POULTER Happy 21st Birthday Jonathan, love from Leanne and Dean XX GLASPER - BROWN Congratulations Karen and

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Grandad Kent
DARREN KENT

Congratulations on your 18th Birthday, all our love Mam, Dad and Shelley SHOTTON - KENT Congratulations John and Claire on your Engagement, Health and Happiness always, love Mum, Dad and family XX SHOTTON - KENT Congratulations John and Claire on your Engagement, wishing you both every happiness for the future. Love Mam, Dad and Nana

SHOTTON - KENT Hip Hip Hooray Uncle John and Auntie Claire got themselves Engaged, Lots of love Taylor and Gabrielle

SHOTTON - KENT
Congratulations John and
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Engagement, Best wishes
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Lindsay and Andrew
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Happy 10th Birthday, lots
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Grandad, Zoe
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Happy 1st Birthday
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Calum XX
EDWARDS Happy
Birthday Amy, love Nanna
and Grandad

MITCHINSON Lots of hugs and kisses Adam on your first Birthday, 19-8-96. Love you, Nana and Grandad Bob XXX MITCHINSON, ADAM

Happy 1st Birthday to our very special little boy. Love always, Mammy, Daddy and Stacey XXX CARNEY Happy 30th Birthday Graham, 15-8-96. Where have the years gone, love and best wishes from Mam, Dad and all the family

CARNEY Graham - Hip Hip Hooray, Daddies 30 today, 15-8-96. Lots of love Charlotte & Jade XX CARNEY Graham - Happy 30th Birthday, love n stuff - The Woman XX STEVENSON, Debra - Thank you for giving me a beautiful son and brother, Curtis Jack. Bom 10-8-96. Love Shaun and Naomi

DEBRA & SHAUN
Congratulations on the
birth of your baby boy,
love from Auntie Anna,
Uncle Keith and the girls
DEBRA & SHAUN
Congratulations on the
arrival of your lovely baby
boy, a brother for Naomi,

love Mam and Ian STEVENSON Debra and Shaun congratulations on the birth of your baby boy, Curtis Jack, born on 10th August, lots of love Auntie

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Nan and Grandad

CATHY COWES Happy 65th Birthday Mam, love Anne, Beryl, Steve, Carl and Lindsay XX

DAVE WILSON Happy 37th Birthday Dad, love you always, Clare, Kelvin WILLIAMS Happy 50th Birthday to our dear Dad. Love Tracy and Henry

WILLIAMS To my wonderful Grandad, Happy Birthday, I love you loads, Marky

WILLIAMS Happy 50th Birthday to my darling Bobby, "You are simply the best". Love you always, Diane

WILLIAMS Happy 50th Birthday Dad, have a great day. All our love Joanne and Andrew

WILLIAMS Hip Hip Hooray, Granda Bobby is 50 today. Love you lots and lots. Cuddles and kisses from Michelle & Melissa WILLIAMS Happy 50th Birthday to my dearly loved Dad. Have a great Birthday. All our love Julie and Rod XX

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## For Sale

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CONCRETE bird bath, 18" high with octagonal base, thick stem tapering to a 10" round basin with fluted underside £12 - 313924 can deliver

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GOOD QUALITY new potatoes, £5.00 for 55lb, delivered free in Aycliffe area Tel 316208

NEW 3ft single beds £49, doubles £95, 3 piece suites from £320, 4 dining chairs £144, new autowashers £189 Bargain Buys 321678 OFFICE Desks, tables, chairs, filing cabinets at discount prices Tel 321678 GIRLS Charlianne winter coat, red/black with hat, age 2 years, excellent condition £25 Tel 311156 CLAUD BUTLER Touring mountain bike, 23" frame, cost £340, accept £100 ONO Tel 320936

COMPLETE Living room furniture, charcoal grey 3 seater and 2 seater, dark grey coffee table, video cabinet and Hi-Fi unit all only 10 months old. Excellent condition £300 the lot ONO Tel 320936 AMIGA DISKS all with games, etc £20 per 100.

First 200 sold get free disk box. Tel 320274 WICKER DOG basket, as new, £15 Tel 310285 FOLDING shopper bike, VGC £40 Tel 310285

VGC £40 Tel 310285 YAMAHA Keyboard with stand, one year old, cost £300, must be seen, £100 ONO Tel 318778

REMOTE Control Sharp video, front loader, slim line, two years old with manual, £100 ONO Tel

MAMAS & Papas double pram/pushchair, blue, good condition, cost £400, accept £150 Tel 321815 HOTPOINT Automatic Washer, white 1200 spin, excellent condition, £120 Tel 318778

HOTPOINT Automatic Washer, white 1000 spin, excellent condition £90 Tel 321815

TRAILER for sale 5ft x 3ft, complete with electrics, £75 Tel 316623 COT WITH new mattress £25. First car seat £12. Second car seat £5 Tel 311459

DOUBLE headboard, deep buttoned pink flower with green leaf on beige background. Less than a year old, cost £90, bargain at £30 Tel 316313 RAILWAY Layout, 6'x8',

wood, plaster, track and some scenery, £5. Childs bicycle £8 Tel 313954 MASTER SYSTEM II boxed and games £30,

£45 Tel 314392 TRIPLE SHONER Screen, as new £50 ONO Tel 321490

Youth Raleigh racing cycle

DROP LEAF Mahogany table and four chairs, good condition £50. Solid mahogany corner unit for TV/Video, very good condition £35 Tel 311320

#### Lost & Found

LOST Friday 2nd August, on or around the fields behind Avon Court/ Bluebell Close area -Ladies wide real silver cuff watch - reward Tel 301839

LOST on 5th/6th August, Albino Ferret, female, if found please return to 21 Silkin Way (reward)

## Thanks

MRS. PEGGY RAW and

family (former Warden of

Beechfield) wish to thank,

relatives, friends and

neighbours for the

beautiful floral tributes and

the many cards of

sympathy in our sad loss.

Also Doctor Martin and all the staff of the Coronary Ward at Darlington Hospital and to the Vicar of St. Clare's Church for the beautiful service - God bless you all, Mrs. P Raw. BETTY HEWITSON would like to thank her friends and neighbours in Lyon Walk and others for kind wishes, cards, flowers and gifts received during her stay in hospital. MARGARET & JOE Hewitson wish to thank friends and relatives for the gifts and cards they received on their recent Wedding Golden Anniversary. Two unexpected and pleasant surprises were visits and bouquets from Kester Noble, Chairman of Sedgefield District Council and our Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Councillor John and Mrs. Mary Moran. Also a very special thank

done!!
TO THE Dear kind person who handed my purse to the driver on the number 18 bus and the driver on the 8-8-96. Thank you M Angles

you to Irene and Tony. The

surprise party at the RAFA

Club was brilliant - Well

VIGGERS Percy and Amy would like to thank family and friends for cards and gifts on our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Special thanks to our family for the wonderful surprise party

#### Wanted

#### AUCKLAND HOUSE CLEARANCE Pay cash for antiques and

old fashioned furniture, egr china cabinets, tables, sets of chairs, hall stands, bureaux, bookcases, sideboards, chests of drawers, bedrooms furniture, mirrors, clocks, old watches, costume jewellery, chine, silverware, cutlery, crockery, jugs, bowls, vases, figurines, animals, linens etc. Anything old and interesting. Personal and discreet service Tel 01388 608042 anytime

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## **Benefit** Fraud

The Benefits Agency antifraud team in South Durham saved taxpayer a record £3.6 million last year according to figures published last week. This represents the amount of benefit that have been wrongfully paid if irregularities had gone undetected and compares with £3.2 million saved during the previous year 1994/95.

During the year 40 of the most serious cases detected by the team were referred for criminal proceedings.

Examples of the cases they uncovered included:-Investigation into a gang of men found to be renovating a house whilst drawing unemployment benefits. Exercise saved £12,500.

\* A raid on a construction site where eleven of the workers were interviewed by the fraud team yielding savings of around £17,000.

\* £28,000 saved in an operation which identified people stopped by a traffic police check who were found to be claiming benefits while working.

A Benefits Agency spokesman John Gordon says, 'Levels of benefit fraud are roughly similar throughout the Country, so South Durham is no worse or better than any other. It's hard to say if the numbers of people cheating the benefit system are increasing but these figures show we are being more successful in catching them'.

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## **Great Aycliffe Gardens Competition**



#### PRIZES FOR FRONT GARDENS

Joint 3rd. - £10.00 Mr & Mrs Hopper Mr A. F. Field Mr W. Laverick Mr & Mrs E. C. Wood Mr & Mrs B. H. Knowlson

Joint 2nd. - £20.00 Mrs J. Morris Mr & Mrs G. Pollock Mr & Mrs K. Brown Mr W. S. Mudd Mr & Mrs W. Miller

Joint 1st. - £30.00 Mrs A. M. Durham Mr & Mrs D. Findlater Mr & Mrs J. Smith Mrs Beale Mr & Mrs D. Smith

11, Walker Lane 18, Anne Swyft Road 28, Welbury Grove 3, Gilpin Road 5, Thurlow Grove

9, The Paddock 5, Sheppards Croft 33, High Barn Road 5, Atkinson Gardens 'Witsend', 6 Pudsey Walk

201, Kimblesworth Walk 4, Wolsey Close 31, High Barn Road 10, Bowes Road 44, Atkinson Gardens

PRIZES FOR VEGETABLE PLOTS In Joint 2nd Place - £20.00

Mr H. Green Mr J. Smith

Mr G. Smith

In Joint 1st Place - £30.00

Mr J. Braney

Mr J. R. Austin

59, Hatfield Road (Home Plot) 31, High Barn Road (Plot 37, Clarence Chare) 25, Brook Close (Plot 33, Clarence Chare)

8-10 Bury Road (Plot 17, St. Oswalds) 19, Ross Walk (Plots 25 & 26 St. Oswalds)

RUNNERS UP - £5.00

Mrs V. Brown Mr Mackintosh Mr R. Ather Mrs E. Armstrong Mrs M. L. Jefferies Mr & Mrs S. Bromley Mr & Mrs Hubery Mr I. Sanderson Mr R. E. Dixon Mr & Mrs M. J. Carter

9, Atkinson Gardens 29, Durham Road 2, Murton Close 57, Bowes Road 11, Wren Close 5, Burghley Mews 187, Waskerley Walk 7, Lee Green 164 Greenlea Garth

TROPHY WINNERS (SEE PHOTO)

The "June Jones" Charity Cup for the Best Hanging Basket Mr & Mrs D Findlater 4, Wolsey Close The 'Ken Woodhall' Trophy for the Best Vegetable Plot 8-10 Bury Road Mr J. Barney The 'Harry Bilton' Memorial Trophy for the best Senior Citizens Garden Mr & Mrs J. Smith 31, High Barn Road The 'Lady Beveridge' Rose Bowl for the Best Front Garden

Mrs A. M. Durham 201 Kimblesworth Walk Whilst judging gardens the judges were also on the look out for

the Best Floral Street. The following streets were all noted for the considerable effort put in by the majority of residents: High Barn Road, St. Oswalds Walk, Wolsey Close, Durham Road and Heighington Street in Aycliffe Village, Grinton Court, Mulgrave Court and Egerton Grove. Residents of No's 1 to 9 St. Oswalds Walk have been awarded First Place this category.

The Town Council would like to thank residents of the above streets and all other residents who have made the effort to brighten up their gardens and streets with floral displays.

# INTERNET **BISCUITS**

International exchange officers at Durham County Council are hoping to track down cafes in the County with chips on the menu....computer chips, that is!

The authority's twinned town of Tubingen in Germany is creating an Internet Cafe, where customers can 'surf the net' over coffee and cake and take part in a high tech cultural exchange - not only with people in Durham, but with residents of its other. twinning link in the United States.

And it wants the Internet addresses of any similar establishments already up and running in County Durham.

Durham County Council's International Exchange Officer Tony Sutcliffe, said: "Bearing in mind the speed at which information technology is developing and the growing popularity of the Internet, it was perhaps inevitable that our twinning links should take on this new dimension and it is something that we very much welcome.

"Internet Cafes are becoming increasingly commonplace and the facility they offer is proving a great attraction. "Our friends in Tubingen have asked us to send them the Internet addresses of any such cafes in County Durham,

so I would be grateful if any that already exist could send the relevant information to me so I can pass it on."

As well as its link with County Durham, Tubingen is also twinned with Ann Arbor near Detroit in the United States, so the computerlinked cultural exchange would be a three way process.

"It will be very interesting to see how the link develops," said Mr Sutcliffe.

Any cafes or bistros in County Durham which already offer an Internet facility to their customers should contact Tony Sutcliffe, International Exchange Officer, Economic Development Unit, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham. Tel: (0191) 383



## **Trophy**

Great Aycliffe Town Council Annual Gardens Competition with Colin Earp of Newton Aycliffe Gardens Guild (back row right), The Mayor and Mayoress (centre).

Back row left: Mr. J. Braney; Seated left to right: Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs D. W. Findlater and Mrs. A. M.

#### OVERWEIGHT Slimming World classes: Neville Parade Methodist

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Church Mondays, 10am Brenda 01325 720165 Mondays, 5pm & 7.30pm June 01325 255057

Morrison Comm. Centre Wednesday, 5 & 7.30pm Jenny 318072

St. Clares (New) Hall Thursdays 5pm & 7.30pm Debbie 300615



## **ARE YOU CLAIMING ALL** YOUR BENEFI

Are you aware that as from the 7th October 1996, Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) will replace both Unemployment Benefit and Income Support Benefit?

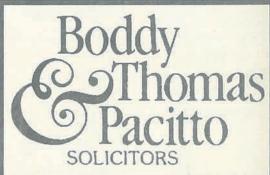
HOW WILL THE BENEFIT AFFECT YOU? Some changes are:-

Reduced Rate of payment for under 25's - JSA will only be paid for 6 months - entitlement is weekly not daily as now - partner's payment is to be abolished -JSA will require agreements to be signed and labour market conditions to be satisfied - benefit can be disqualified if sanctions are not met.

\* Are you claiming short term Lower Rate Incapacity Benefit? \* Do you want to claim Income Support? \* Are you in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance Benefits? \* Do you want to find out if you can claim extra Benefits?

DO YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE and live in the newton Aycliffe area? If so, for practical, constructive advice in a friendly, strictly confidential manner contact:

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