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Front Page Letter

READER THANKED FOR HIGHLIGHTING HORNDALE PROBLEM

Dear Sir,
I would like, through your newspaper, to thank the resident of Kirkstone Place for the article 'Is Horndale becoming a slum'.

I am pleased to see that someone has taken both

the time and the initiative to make these vital points about the decline of our area.

Horndale used to be a really clean and respectable area and the decline is really saddening.

Discarded furniture left in the streets to rot, smashed bottles in the streets awaiting an accident, houses boarded up and under passes that absolutely stench. The Council want a good swift kick for placing so many undesirables in such a small area.

We also pay Council Tax of £57 a month, the same as the residents in the desirable, older part, of the town where many of the Councillors live, so why are we treated like dirt?

I would like to ask just one question: Would the Councillors of Sedgfield District Council like to wake up each morning to see all this mess that I have mentioned? - NO! Well why should we have to accept it? We shouldn't and we won't.
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The Flower Festival will open on Saturday 14 Sept., 10am - 7pm and Sunday 15 Sept., 2pm - 5pm and 7pm - 9pm.

Admission is by programme which costs £1, refreshments will be available.

The flowers will be auctioned on Monday 16 September at 7pm. There will also be a Celebration Worship on Sunday 15 September - 10.45am a Harvest Festival and at 6pm Songs of Praise

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NEW M.D. AT AIFM RADIO STATION



Darlington's own independent radio station, A1FM has appointed a new Managing Director, Mr Brian Lister who has been actively involved in radio for 25 years and was previously General Manager and Programme Director for TFM Radio.

Brian Lister currently manages 97.2 Stray FM in Harrogate where he has helped deliver large audiences and profitable sales. Brian is a member of the Radio Academy and was associated with the licence application for Darlington during 1995. He is a consultant to a number of other radio groups and has used his long service in commercial and BBC radio to advise on both licence applications and programme schedules.

Brian is looking forward to taking up his appointment during September, he said "A1FM is establishing itself as an authentic voice of Darlington and Aycliffe. It is also becoming more successful in terms of advertising and sales. I am looking forward to developing new programmes and working with the talented team to deliver the high quality service listeners have come to expect."

Mr Duncan Bannatyne, who was appointed Chairman in May this year, welcomed Brian to A1FM. He said "Brian Lister knows Darlington well and has an intimate knowledge of A1FM's leading competitors. He has an excellent track record in delivering popular and profitable radio services and I am delighted he has demonstrated his confidence in the future of Darlington's newest radio service."

Brian is pictured with Mark Brooks A1FM's new breakfast show presenter whose programme can be heard every weekday morning from 6-10am on 103.2FM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COUNCIL TAX APPEALS

Volunteers are needed to help settle appeals against Council Tax and Business Rate Assessments in County Durham. Durham County Council is looking for people interested in serving the Community to sit as members of the Durham Valuation Tribunal.

The work of the tribunal is varied and can range from hearing appeals about the value of a business to the Council Tax banding of a bungalow or someone's eligibility for personal discounts.

New members are being recruited to make sure that the tribunal reflects as wide a cross section as possible of the community in the county.

People from all walks of life are encouraged to come forward although there is an upper age limit of 72.

No qualifications, other than common sense, impartiality and the ability to take on board facts, are required and full training is provided.

Tribunal members would normally be expected to attend at least one or two hearings a month which can be held anywhere in the County and can last from one hour to a whole day or more.

Membership of the tribunal is voluntary and unpaid although out of pocket expenses such as subsistence and travelling costs are paid and, where appropriate, a contribution towards loss of earnings can be claimed.

Anyone interested should contact Mr Bill McKibbin, County Secretary and Solicitor's Department, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL or telephone 0191 383 3486 for further details and an application form.

Letter to the Editor

BENEFIT DOES NOT STOP AT 65!

Dear Sirs,
Many of your reader's may have read a recent letter in the Northern Echo relating to Disability Living Allowance, (D.L.A.). D.L.A. is a benefit that is paid to ill and/or disabled people and this letter stated that the benefit ceases once a claimant reaches the age of 65. I would like to allay any fears that have arisen in the minds of claimants or their carers.

Firstly, D.L.A. does not cease at the age of 65, it is true that people over 65 can not apply for D.L.A., but D.L.A. is paid either for a specified number of years or for life, thus people over 65 can continue to receive D.L.A. Secondly, a figure of £49 per month was quoted for people receiving D.L.A. Whilst this is the lowest amount that can possibly be claimed it should also be stated that D.L.A. payments related to a sliding scale depending on the degree and severity of a persons illness/disability. The maximum that can be paid is £329.00 per month.

I should point out that for people over 65 suffering from illness/disabilities there is a very similar benefit that can be claimed called Attendance Allowance, (A.A.). The monthly rates of A.A. range from £129 to £194 and in many cases people qualifying for either D.L.A. or A.A. can also

qualify for extra Income Support in addition.

Both D.L.A. and A.A. are extremely worthwhile benefits for other reasons, a claimants savings are not taken into account, neither are the claimants weekly income from other sources. Both benefits are tax free and non-contributory and money awarded as a result of a successful application will not affect any other benefits the claimant may be receiving.

Yours faithfully
John S Gough
Senior Benefits Advisor
Boddy, Thomas & Pacitto
Solicitors

St. Clare's Family Service

There will be a Family Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Sunday 8th September, commencing at 10.30am. The theme for this month's service is 'Mary - She who shows the way'. A warm welcome is extended to all, but especially young families, to come and share in this short informal all-age service. Refreshments will be available in the hall afterwards to which everyone is invited.

Letter to the Editor

THAI CLUB DID NOT MISLEAD

Dear Sir,

With reference to the article dated 31st August, 1996. - 'Planners refuse new use for former boys club'.

Let us reassure everyone who backed the opposition to the planning application that they have not been misled. All action taken by Kings Cobra Muay Thai in heading this Campaign was done in good faith and only factual information was given. Discussions were held with relevant organisations and advice sought from reliable sources. We followed the correct procedure for consultation and objection as described by the Planning Office.

It was not only the Council and the Kings Cobra who objected but the residents of Newton Aycliffe. Also the Planning Application was rejected by a unanimous vote of the Sedgefield District Council which obviously draws members from throughout the District. This was a democratic decision. We take issue as follows: Quote Para 2; - 'As the planning permission was going through - Untrue ... Kings Cobra have been actively looking for a community building to expand its opportunities for the local people, from whom we receive continued support and encouragement. This building only came to our notice in March at which time no planning permission had been received by the Council. Any one wishing the details of what ensued may contact Kings Cobra.

Quote para 5; - 'it was all done without reference to the charity itself' - Untrue ... Rev. John Walmsly was approached directly by Kings Cobra Senior Instructor.

Quote para; - 'or to find out what activities they would undertake on the premises' - Untrue ... The planning application was quite specific about the activities to be undertaken, this was what prompted the community into action.

Quote para 5; - 'The protesters misinformed everyone saying the former, unwanted, community building was to be turned into a warehouse storing drugs etc.' - Untrue ... At no time did the objectors state that the building was to be used for Drugs.

We were led to believe, by reliable sources, that medical equipment would be kept on the premises. Since 'Children in Distress' have provided Hospice and Hospitals, the Boys Club facility was needed for storage of supplies to equip these premises.

Rev. Walmsly informed Kings Cobra that the charity already had alternative facilities and that only because their negotiations were at such a stage would they not consider withdrawing the application. If the application was rejected it should not cause them any particular difficulties.

Kings Cobra have offered and made their feelings public throughout this affair that they would gladly and willingly help 'Children in Distress' any way they could regardless of the applications outcome.

From the outset of making our interest in this building public a no time have Kings Cobra belittled the laudable and wonderful humanitarian works done by 'Children in Distress'.

Neither Newton Aycliffe, its residents, its children (who signed the petition but were not counted in the signatory total), its Thai Boxing Camp, nor its Councillors are responsible for the devastating plight of the infants and children in Albania or Romania. This Town is always helping such horrific cases and a glance around our Town Centre will show that we already support charities by contributions, practical assistance, collection of goods, organising events, our school children work very hard raising funds for charities, Aycliffe companies donate to Charities. All in all the Town should already be proud of its charitable record. It does not need a vitriolic lecture from its community paper rubbing its nose in the world's grief.

Yes, Kings Cobra wish to make use of the building. - It was the Town's charity that helped it to be built.

'Children in Distress' was never portrayed as a 'pseudo commercial enterprise' and now that they, or whoever wrote the article, have accused and maligned in print the town in which they wished to be based, perhaps they will go and be self righteous somewhere else.

Kings Cobra Muay Thai.

27 TEAMS IN S.D.C. CHARITY GOLF DAY

Twenty-seven teams will be competing for prizes at Knotty Hill Golf Course, Sedgefield, on Thursday, 5th September. The event is the Chairman's Charity Golf Day, organised by Sedgefield District Council, and the money raised by the event will go to the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Sedgefield District's Chairman, Councillor Kester Noble, has adopted the Trust as the charity for his year of office. He became aware of the problems faced by carers when a relative developed Alzheimer's Disease. He said "There are lots of carers out there and the problems they face are tremendous. The Princess

Royal Trust for Carers can offer them some relief." The Charity Golf Day has been supported by many local companies, with major sponsors being R.W. Chicken and Noble Self Drive. Numerous prizes have been donated, from local organisations and from some of the big names in golf. Nick Faldo sent an autographed golf ball and Lee Trevino, a signed photograph, which will be auctioned for charity at a presentation dinner on the evening of 5th September. Tee-off is at 9.45am. For further information please contact Beryl Anderson at Sedgefield District Council on 01388 816166

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Signed Date

HORNDALE HOUSES CLASSSED "UNWANTED"

Dear Sir,
I would like to voice agreement to the unhappy state of affairs mentioned by Kirkstone Place resident, of 20 years, and Mr. Dutch, 20 years an Elmfield Place resident. As one who received the opportunity to leave the area after 28 years, I have found indescribable peace and quiet despite living near a club & park. That noise is nothing to the noise and destruction I have been away from now for 2 months. A bigger shock was having to pass through the area once again, after getting off automatically at the bus stop, where I had done for many years, and seeing destruction of not only empty homes but ones accommodated. Conditions one becomes used to when living there amongst it. Such a shame for residents who have lived there for many years, they have bought there houses

cheaply to find themselves unable to sell and those unable to move away. Housing exchange lists always stipulate area as 'unwanted'.

My little Granddaughter is unable to play out side the gate because of certain breeds of children and youths who are a law unto themselves and police have no control. Pubs in the area are well noted for easily obtaining drugs, which, mixed with alcohol, does not result in people being easy to deal with.

Now our, dare I call it? Shopping Centre, as more and more are closed causing goods prices to rise it is now a Charity Shop paradise.

A problem altogether not only confined to Newton Aycliffe, a problem which no human government has the answers - or power - to correct.

Your sincerely
ex-resident of the area

AREA DESIGNATED FOR PROBLEM FAMILIES?

Dear Sir,
I would like to express my opinion of the problems in Horndale. The whole area is rapidly deteriorating. Decent folk who can get away do, leaving behind those who would like to move, but can't do so, such as those people who have made their houses into homes and spent a lot of money improving their homes. A lot of houses around this area are bought, my

heart goes out to these people.

The problem is being worsened by a Council who appear to have designated this area for the placing of problem families. Is this the case? I wonder.

This area is so rightly called 'the Bronx', so come on, let us get back on the right track and do something solid about this sorry state of affairs. Hopeful
Honister Place

Letter

Not all Shops Merit our Support

Dear Sirs,
We would like to reply to the article regarding supporting local shops. We fully support the local shops in the Town Centre who offer a very friendly competitive service. However, how about the local shops in residential areas supporting the local residents, their neighbours?

We have lived in our area for approximately 12 years and had a small friendly store on the doorstep operating from 9am to 5.30pm. A few years ago it was taken over by a small chain of stores who have since increased the size of the store, been granted a drinks licence and now operate for 6am to 11pm. We now have major problems with litter, graffiti, noise, underage drinking etc. Local residents have to put up with noise from the store from 5am until after 11pm and often have problems getting their cars out due to traffic congestion. When shopkeepers put profit before the feelings of the local residents it is very difficult indeed to feel supportive.

Yours sincerely,
G.E. & J. A. Edwards
St. Aidans Walk

PROBLEMS INVITED AT THE COMMUNITY SURGERY

Dear Sirs,
I would like to ask the residents of the Middridge Ward, to bring any problems that they might have, to the Community Surgery set for Monday 9th Sept. at 4pm until 7pm, at St. Francis School Hall.

Boddy Thomas & Pacitto a local Solicitors practice, will have a Solicitor present for the duration of the Surgery. Giving free legal advice to Ward residents.

Also in attendance will be Father Nicholas Chamberlain, Mr Glyn

Hall, Prin. Environmental Health Officer from the District Council, myself (Cllr. Martyn D. Locklin) and Cllr. John D. Clare. All matters dealt with, will be kept, in the upmost confidence.

It is an opportunity for people to come and meet local elected representatives, and to put their point of view. I hope that residents will take the opportunity to come along and get help or advice. Many thanks for your time.

Martyn. D. Locklin

Runner Pipped at the Post!

Pete Milburn ran a superb race to finish 2nd in the very challenging St. Johns' Chapel Fell Race. In the 3 mile event Pete pushed the leader all the way and was just pipped at the winning post.

Ces Sugden and Sue Milburn also ran well and finished in very creditable 15th and 21st positions respectively.

SPORTSMAN JOINS A1FM RADIO TEAM



A well-known Darlington 'voice' has joined the growing ranks of A1FM radio presenters broadcasting to audiences in Darlington, Aycliffe and beyond.

Steve Metcalfe (34), a former auctioneer with Thomas Watson & Son in Northumberland Street, Darlington, presents the PM Sports Show on air from 2pm to 6pm every Saturday afternoon.

Steve, an all-round sportsman who has captained Northallerton Rugby Club as well as playing cricket, tennis and golf competitively, said "A1FM's policy is to think nationally, but act locally and I will ensure that listeners are kept fully informed of all sporting activities, scores and reports of interest.

"We will of course bring updates from all the region's soccer clubs as well as their non-league counterparts who are often overlooked. This will be balanced by features on rugby union, horse racing and any other relevant sporting activity of interest whether locally, regionally, nationally or, if applicable, internationally," he concluded.

"IMPROVE HORNDALE OR WE WITHOLD RENT AND TAX"

Dear Sir,
With reference to the letter published last week by one of the resident's of Kirkstone Place, we would like to say we wholeheartedly agree with the state of the area in which we have to live.

We have lived in Honister for many years and we are saddened by the decline of so called residents that the Council see fit to house in just the Horndale area.

We are appealing to Sedgefield District Council to start allocating problem families not just to our areas, but to other areas of our Town as well. We are not prepared to take this situation lying down.

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Just over fifteen years later, what was infamously labelled the fairy tale marriage, has turned into a nightmare. What with public displays of distance, several revelations and now open admittance of infidelity and the decision to divorce, the relationship was certainly not without turmoil. Now with the divorce has finally become official, Diana, has lost her HRH title, Prince Charles is reported to be living with his mistress and he is still the head of the Church of England.

How do you, as a practising Christian, feel about this? Do you think that Prince Charles is an adulterer with an apparent disregard for the sanctity of marriage and that by having him as the Head of the Church of England is blatant hypocrisy? Or, despite your faith, have you come to accept that, in today's society,

divorce is a way of life, and happiness is more important than keeping your marriage vows? Do you believe that it's time for a change and that a new Head of the Church of England should be instated? If so who? Or do you believe that, despite what Charles has been through, he is the right man for the job and history shouldn't be changed? Triumph House, an established Christian poetry publisher, is looking for Christians from all over the country to put their thoughts into poetic form for possible inclusion in an anthology. So, whether you think Prince Charles is a hypocrite by heading the Church of England and you have something to say about the value of marriage, or if you sympathise with the royal couple and think it's a bit drastic to instate a new head, pen a poem.

All royalties will be paid to charity which contributors are invited to nominate along with their entries and although there are no entry fees, a stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated. Contributors should send no more than two poems each no longer than 30 lines to Triumph House, The Fairy Tale Wedding, 1-2 Wainman Road, Woodston, Peterborough, PE2 7BU. All entries should be received no later than 30th November 1996.

Letter M.I.N.D. Chairman Thanks Everyone who Helped

Dear Sirs,
Please may I, publicly through your columns, thank those people who ran the Mayor's Charity stall (for Newton Aycliffe MIND) at the Really Great Aycliffe Show. May I particularly thank Amanda Moran, who did such an excellent job and worked very hard over both days, with the help of John, Elaine and the carers and users of Newton Aycliffe MIND.

I would also wish to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work that was done by the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr and Mrs Moran, in preparation for the stall, which raised over £175. May I, on behalf of the users and carers of MIND, express our appreciation of the great efforts he has made on our behalf, since he made MIND his 'Mayor's Charity'.

All concerned gave their time and energy voluntarily, free of charge, and I am very grateful for their help and support. With Thanks.
Billy Blenkinsopp
Chairman, Newton Aycliffe MIND

Winter Walks on Offer

Walkers in County Durham don't have to give rambling the boot simply because autumn is in the offing.

A series of 66 guided walks, ranging from a three mile fossil hunt to 12 miles along the Pennine Way, has been organised by Durham County Council starting in September.

The programme, which runs until the end of November, includes short walks, longer rambles, mid-week hikes and boot and bus walks.

The aim of the programme is to provide an enjoyable walk combined with learning something about the environment. Shorter walks last about two and a half hours and tickets can be bought on the day for £1 with a 50p concession.

A leaflet - Guided Walks in County Durham - giving details of the walks is available now at local libraries, Tourist Information Centres and from Durham County Council's Environment Department.

WELL DONE WOODHAM



Back Row: Christopher Allison, Matthew Smith, Michael Henderson, Stuart Rose. Middle Row: David Howe, John Clare, Scott Mann. Front Row: Helen Parry, Carrie Mossop, Natalie Haden, Jessica Garrett.

1996 has been another bumper year for exam success at Woodham Comprehensive. 105 sixteen year olds achieved five or more O Level equivalents. A Record number of A Level students have secured university places and new GNVQ courses have produced a hat-full of distinctions. Head Teacher, Steve Harness is delighted with the results.

"Staff and students have worked hard for two years to achieve outstanding results." There has been a number of outstanding individual successes. Matthew Smith (4 A Levels - 3 A's, 1 B) and David Howe (4 A Levels - 3 A's, 1 C) will both go on to top universities with the prospect of glittering academic careers. Scott Mann, John Clare, Stuart Rose, Michael Henderson, Gail Marshall and Helen Parry all achieved 10 or more GCSE passes at the highest grades. New GNVQ courses in Leisure & Tourism and Art & Design have produced distinctions for Jessica Garrett, Natalie Haden, Carrie Mossop, Christopher Allison and Stephen Flack.

Aycliffe can be proud of its young people. The able and talented don't always make the headlines but the vast majority of our youngsters can look forward to bright futures following excellent examination successes.

A record number of 16 year olds have registered with Woodham's sixth form and we can look forward to high levels of academic achievement in coming years.

Well done Woodham.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE PAST AT BOWES MUSEUM

A 'fashion' show with a difference at the Josephine and John Bowes Museum will show how people from the Iron Age to Medieval times were all stitched up.

The Iron Age, Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Medieval visitors from re-enactment societies will dress the part at The Bowes on Saturday, September 14, to explore costumes and textiles through the ages.

The special event, from 10am to 4pm, is part of National Archaeology Day celebrations and includes local crafts people demonstrating the ancient skills and secrets of quilting, embroidery and lace making. For those wanting a 'hands on' experience, there is the opportunity to try

spinning, weaving and helping to make a banner, or try on replica medieval armour, brass rubbing or making a mosaic.

Sam Middleton, assistant archaeology officer at The Bowes Museum, said: 'National Archaeology Day is an exciting chance for everyone to find out more about their past and to try out ancient crafts for themselves.'

It also marks the formal opening of new archaeology and local history galleries at the museum.

Normal admission of £3 with a £2 concession applies and there is no extra charge for the National Archaeology Day activities. Members of the Young Archaeologists Club get in free.

FUN DAY AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Horndale Stars Jazz Band will be opening the Fun Day celebrations in and around the Community House in Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe, on Sunday 8th September.

The Fun Day has been organised by the community group ASK (Aycliffe Support in the Community) and volunteers.

ASK earlier this year won £50 through taking part in the Aycliffe Community Fare. They are using this to support the Fun Day activities which include bouncy castle, games, face painting, stalls, entertainment and demonstrations. What better way to promote well being?

The day will also provide an opportunity for residents to find out more about the Community

House, what goes on there and opportunities available through this community development project.

The fun starts at 11.00am. The event is supported by the Community Health Project South Durham NHS Trust.

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Exhibitors will be travelling from all over the U.K. including many from Ireland with their dogs, to be judged by a team of 150 world renowned judges, including two from the Netherlands, 1 from Canada and 1 from France. They have the huge task of judging the thousands of dogs entered.

All the breeds we know and love will be there, along with many interesting new breeds seldom seen by the general public. Have you ever seen a Neapolitan Mastiff, a Hungarian Kuvasz or even a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever? Here you will have the opportunity.

During the ten days prior to the show a virtual 'village' is set up to accommodate the thousands of exhibitors, general public and hundreds of trade stands, which sell everything one could possibly want - with a Canine theme.

The show will be opened at 9.30am on Saturday 14th September by the Mayor of Darlington, Councillor Gordon Plummer, who will also be presenting the Best in Show trophies after judging on Sunday 15th September. New trophies this year include a number of Goblets bearing the Darlington crest, which have been located in antique shops as far away as Devon. These beautiful goblets are all dated 1920/30's and the society now own 17. Little is known of their origin and the Dog Show committee would be delighted to hear from anyone with any information regarding the goblets, which are being awarded to some Best of Breeds at this year's show.

This year a special feature is being made of the Kennel Club Junior Organisation Classes. These are special classes for Juniors aged 8-18 years. It is hoped that this will help to encourage youngsters into the world of dog showing.

BBC Radio Newcastle presenter Paddy McDee will be broadcasting his afternoon programme on Friday 13th September from the Dog Show Site.

There will be a photo opportunity on the Show-field at 10.30am Thursday 12th September prior to the show, when several unusual breeds of dog will be present.

Please note: Unentered dogs cannot be allowed on the Show-field.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Maureen Hennis - Public Relations Officer
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Taekwondo (7-8.30pm)
Holiday French (starts 9th Jan)
Music - Word Processing (6-8pm)
Youth Activities (Phone for details)
Computing (6-8pm) - Fly Tying
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Basic Education - Calligraphy
Dressmaking - Floral Art
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Massage & Aromatherapy
Music - Self Defence for Women
Youth Football Association Training
Dance (4.30-6.30pm) - Yoga
Alternative Fashion/Accessory making

THURSDAY: (7-9pm unless stated)

Decoupage - Music (Guitar)
Egg Decoration (Faber Style)
German (beginners)
Desk Top Publishing
Holiday Spanish
Aerobics (6-7pm) - Gymnastics (6.30-8.30pm)
Word Processing (6-8 & 8-10pm)
First Aid - Cantonese/Oriental Cooking
Dried Flower and Craftwork - Basketball Training
Italian (beginners)



These courses take place throughout the school term and charge various weekly subscriptions

PETITION AGAINST FUNERAL HOME

Residents in MacMillan Road and Walcher Road are objecting to proposals for a Funeral Home to be built in their area.

A piece of land, previously a playing field, and now a temporary car park, is the latest site offered by the Sedgefield District Council to a Funeral Company to build premises.

The previous site on Pease Way was thought too close to residential property and was refused planning permission.

Residents near the proposed new site have the same feelings and have raised a petition in protest.

The site, on the corner of Walcher Road, adjacent to the T A Centre is totally unsuitably as the front rooms of nearby houses will be looking directly at

the Funeral Business.

Residents accept the vacant site is unsightly and needs putting to better use, but they would prefer it to be returned to a grass amenity area or old folks bungalows. The latter was thought to be ideal, being so close to the Town Centre, but Sedgefield District Council decided car parking space was more important.

Mr. Lunn of MacMillan Road has lived in the Town since 1959 and is leading the campaign against the proposed Funeral Home.

"I have raised a petition signed by over 50 neighbours against this plan. If anything is to be built on this site we would prefer bungalows - surely it is preferable to look out at the living, not the dead" said Mr. Lunn.

So Much to do at the Show and it was Free!

Dear Sir,
I really enjoyed Aycliffe Show with my two Grandsons. There was so much for them to do, with lots of things free and they also enjoyed the exhibitions.

But I can understand the letter from Stephen Dutch in last week's issue of the Newton News, because once we suffered from the noise of the Fun Fair.

I think it is very unfair to keep people awake when they have to go to work early.

Ten o'clock is an ideal time to stop all noise. I am sure that time would keep everyone happy.

I think this year's Show was the best ever, with so many lovely things made by the people of Aycliffe to see.

At least we do better than Darlington, not many people attended their Show.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Moore
Whinlatter Place

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WOOLWORTHS LOCAL 101 Dalmations WordSearch Competition

Walt Disney's 101 Dalmations was released on 3rd September at your Woolworths Local store. Woolworths would like to invite children to enter their 101 Dalmations competition by completing the WordSearch below.

After finding the hidden words listed below, read down the remaining letters to find a further four hidden words. Finally, give your V.I.P. (Very Important Pup) a name.

First prize is the 101 Dalmations video. That prize will be awarded to the correct answer with the most original V.I.P. name as chosen by the Store Team.

The next five chosen will win consolation prizes. Closing date for entries is Saturday 14th September.

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Four Remaining Hidden Words:

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Address: _____

Send or take your entries to Woolworths Local, Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe **no later than Saturday 14th September 1996**

COUNCILLOR THREATENED ABUSED AND HARRASSED

Dear Sir,
As a Councillor I see an increasing need to protect ward resident identity and confidentiality in concerns affecting them and their families, due to fear of possible reactions against any identified as expressing such concerns.

Those perhaps never affected by that, may doubt a need for anonymity and confidentiality, or any adverse reactions arising from residential identities being known in some areas of concern. I never doubt that residential need, from personal experiences.

Over the years I've had windows smashed with bricks, garden coping stones loosened, thrown into my garden, plants and foliage attacked, a family pet rabbit, neck broken, left dead in my garden.

Ice balls have been thrown at windows, half house bricks thrown at me in my garden. Commercial plastic strips and cassette tapes strung around rose trees after dark...

I've also had cars vandalised, raw eggs splattered on body work and windscreen, paintwork scratched, tyres, lights interfered with, damaged at night.

At one time, when I left for a Council meeting at night, my home attracted the attention of individuals who caused serious concern in my absence.

There have been spates of nuisance phone calls, hoax calls taking me into lonely ward areas late at night. Anonymous, abusive phone calls, often political. And recently, an anonymous post card of dubious, offensive political content.

After action taken over Council owned property, I was then threatened with physical violence, my home threatened on three occasions. Subjected to obscene abuse, attempted intimidation and

harassment, threatened with golf irons and golf balls when with the dog. Threatened, Al Capone style, from a van in the street while I was washing my car, and verbally abused while in my garden.

I always protect resident confidentiality, and continue to do so, with good reason. But democracy is not cost free for some Councillors dealing with contentious case work. They can not be anonymous. Address, telephone numbers, homes and their families, are all public, open to adverse reaction from those so-minded.

We're told only a small minority inflict such behaviour on society. If so, is the tail wagging the dog? Does the Law need to be changed to protect the majority? The Police more resources?

With a General Election in 1997, is it time to make clear to Westminster that the majority demand their right to live the truly decent life they aspire to? Free from such fears or a need to express their concerns in secrecy and strict confidentiality?

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N.D.C.S. and friends of Sugar Hill would like to thank the public for there support in raising £166 at the great Aycliffe Show. Raffle numbers unclaimed are: 30, 211, 188, 28, 142, 24 - Please collect from Sugar Hill School

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Congratulations

Happy 50th Birthday Ian Patterson



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Malcolm Glennie



Happy 1st Birthday 8th September 1996

Lots of love from Grandma & Grandad XX

CLEMENT - WALTON Good luck Angela and Dale on your Wedding Day, 31-8-96, love Irene XXX

PAULA & STUART are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jessica on the 16-8-96, a sister for Carl and Matthew

LYNN PATERSON congratulations on passing your exams, well done, love Trevor

KELLY Happy birthday, it's that time again to enjoy yourself and have a great time in London with me for your birthday, you are very special to me and I love you always, happy birthday love Mick

WALLING Kristie Mai, Happy 3rd birthday, 8-9-96, love always and forever, Daddy, Mummy and Jodie XX

WALLING Kirstie Mai, happy 3rd birthday, 8-9-96, hugs and kisses Auntie Dawn, Uncle Brian and Shawney XX

HUNTER 31-8-96. Congratulations Paul and Paulette on the birth of a baby boy. Love Ian Sharron, Jenny and Lauren

HUNTER Congratulations Paul and Paulette on the birth of your son, 31-8-96, lots of love, Mam and Dad

RENTEURS - HUNTER To my wonderful wife, Paulette - thank you for a beautiful baby boy, 31-8-96. Love always Paul

TREVOR MOSSOP Happy 50th birthday, love Mam

DONALD, Bryan and Judith, many congratulations on reaching your Silver Wedding Anniversary, September 11th. Much love Michael, Pam and family

SIM, SEAN Congratulations on your passing out parade at HMS Raleigh on 5th September 1996. Good luck for your future in the Royal Navy as a Weapon Submariner, love from Mam, Dad, Richard and Zaeley

CURBESON Cliff and Kay are happy to announce the marriage of their only son Lee to Tracy, only daughter of Tom and Glenda Attwood. The wedding took place on 23rd August in the Dominican Republic. Lots of love and best wishes from both families

CURBESON Lee and Tracy, congratulations Lee and Tracy on your marriage, lots of love and happiness for your future together, Michelle, Paul and Lee XX

CHRIS Happy birthday, have a lovely day, Jean and Brian (School Aycliffe)

THORNBERRY Happy birthday Chris, 21+, lots of love from Betty, Dennis and the gang (Chilton) - see you soon XXX

ADAM SCOTT Happy 18th birthday Adam, 8-9-96. Good luck, health and happiness always, love Gran and Grandad Scott

ADAM SCOTT 8-9-96. Have a great 18th birthday son, all the love and best wishes in the world from Mam and Tony XX

ADAM SCOTT Congratulations on your 18th birthday (nephew) love and best wishes from Uncle Ian and Joanne XX

LINDSAY WILD Happy birthday teenager, Loads of love and kisses from Mam, Dad and Carl XX

NELSON Rebecca Jayne. To our special little girl on her 1st birthday, lots of love from Mammy and Daddy XXX

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Huntsman - 7
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Huntsman won their first game of the season last week against bottom of the table Otter and Fish, writes Martin Walker.

Following two draws from two of the best teams in the League, Huntsman managed to claim maximum points, despite having three players missing.

Wayne Marram scored two and Michael McBride also scored two. Others on the score sheet were Jim McCabe (1), Rob Walker (1) and myself with a cracker - after strolling past three, four, nay five defenders, I coolly slotted into the top left corner - sending the crowd into roars of delight.

Wayne Marram won the Minger-of-the-match award while Martin Haigh won the Man-of-the-match award.

MATCH VERDICT: by Russell Hodgson: "Huntsman played well below par, but still easily won. They had three key players missing as well, so in that respect, it's a very good result."

This week, Huntsman play away to D.P.D Heating, the new Darlington side who played British Legion last week.

Legion won 6-1.

OTHER NEWS: After Huntsman's Grand Raffle 1996 at the weekend, their

financial worries have taken a turn for the better thanks to J&C Coaches. First prize was two places on a 3-day North Sea Cruise, courtesy of J&C Coaches. The lucky winner was Sean Widworth. Sean works at Middridge Engineering, and he says he's going to take his boss with him as a token of friendship. Bottles of Spirits and wines were also on the prize list, along with a Sunderland autographed football and packs of Lager. Details can be obtained by telephoning the Huntsman pub on 315795.

The booby prize for the raffle was last year's Minger-of-the-match T. Shirt, as worn by Huntsman Minger-of-the-season Gareth Elvidge. There was a great din of noise in the pub when Jim McCabe was announced over a microphone for the shirt. A fitting prize for a fitting Minger.

Following the successful event, Huntsman F.C. would like to thank J&C Coaches for their excellent donation. They are also very grateful to Sue Walker, Sue Bulman, Woodham pub, other donaters and every one who took part in the raffle.

Praise must also go to Rob Walker for his courageous and victorious effort in squeezing £1 worth of raffle ticket money from Mr. Eboneezer Cook. This has never been done in over 50 years, and my-oh-my that's some feat - so well done Rob!

Letter to the Editor "WHY WON'T THE COUNCIL LISTEN?"

Dear Sir,
Through the Newton News I ask the leaders of Sedgfield District Council, why the Council say in 'Inform' that they believe in listening and involving tenants in plans that affect their homes? A few months back I wrote to the Council asking if they would consider fitting windows, which had a third split at the top, in the toilets and bathrooms of the houses in Horndale, when the Council get round to replacing the windows there.

I got the usual reply, reserved for idiots, - that the design was determined by the manufacturer and the Council had to go along with it. Now the way I, and anyone else would see it is, that the Council, being a big customer, can dictate what type of double glazing they want installed in their houses. Any manufacturer would fall over backwards to get the order and meet their required design. My reason for these type of split windows to be

fitted to the places mentioned are: Bathroom - steam rises, therefore it would clear quicker from a top opening. Toilet: have you ever sat with a bottom opening window behind your shoulders and neck, not to mention other parts, in the middle of winter? A top opening window would provide more privacy when one is "contemplating". Surely someone at the Council can see what I suggest has some merit? Yours faithfully
I. Blue
Broomlee Close

Decorating Scheme Successful

The Painting and Decorating Scheme is still going from strength to strength. The painters and decorators have now completed many properties within the Township. Anybody who is elderly, infirm, or disabled can get some help by simply ringing the following numbers 311089 or 318333.

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Back by popular demand is Tony Grant whose portrayal of the late Freddie Mercury of Queen in May this year had a packed house at Hall Garth shouting for more - even after four curtain calls!

As before, tickets are £19.95 - which includes a three-course meal and an after cabaret disco. Other Stars In Their Eyes winners booked to appear in cabaret at The Hall Garth this year are Kate Setterfield (Cher) on Saturday 16th November; Steve Preston (Elvis Presley) on Sunday 22nd December and T. J. Slater (Tom Jones) on Boxing Day. All ticket enquiries to Julie on 300400.

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Dear Sir,
In agreement to the letter wrote by one of the residents of Kirkstone Place.

It is fair to say Sedgfield District Council, do not take into consideration the feelings of the clean and respectable people of the area, by placing the problem families in the Horndale community.

We recently purchased a house in this area, and at first we found the majority of the people clean, respectable, community spirited and polite. Over the year the area has gone to the dogs.

When these undesirables

are moved in, our homes go down in value and are impossible to sell. The parents can't let their children out to play without other, older children and adults of these families hurling abuse and physical violence towards them. The area as it stands is a hovel, we want it back to a respectable place to live and to bring up our children - after all that is what the Council is paid to do and it is our money (the taxpayers) that put your wages into your bank account.
Annoyed Community Member

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