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Dear Sir,
Re Proposal for a Funeral Home on the Junction of MacMillan Road and Walcher Road, a site visit took place on October 1st and it would appear approval was granted. A proposal for this was refused at Lyon Walk in 1995 and Neville Parade in 1994 on the grounds that it was inappropriate in a 'Residential Area'. If these areas were inappropriate for the above reason, surely this site is equally inappropriate.

My neighbours and I agree this site is an eye sore as a temporary car park, but it was erected by the 'Council' and to me it appears a way out - sell the land, make a bit of money, headache removed because somebody else will tidy it up! It appears the Council don't give a damn for the residents feelings on this matter. Bereavement Management is a business and should be sited where other businesses are - and not where people live, to be continually reminded that one day their number will be called. Yours faithfully A. Lunn.

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Letter to the Editor Children must Play Within Sight of their Parents

Dear Sir,
There are continual complaints from residents in all areas of the town about children of all ages playing 'right outside our windows' when there are supposed to be designated green zones for ball games and general children's play activities. Fair enough, but how many parents would allow children of a certain age to play well out of their sight? The Council must spend a substantial amount of money on those ineffective little boards prohibiting ball games. But, given that abductions and awful offences against little

children have never been so common, should the people complaining about 'B..... kids' not bear in mind that a broken window can be replaced, a dead, injured or traumatised child is irreparable. The park areas are unsupervised after a certain time of day and then taken over by older children who often intimidate younger or smaller ones. The days when boys and girls could safely disappear for the day are, tragically, long gone. From the Council Tax payers of Palmer and Gilpin Road.

Police Choir in Concert

Durham County Police Choir will be giving a Concert in Neville Parade Methodist Church on Friday October 11th at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale at £2. There are some 40 members of the choir who are looking forward to performing on one of their visits at this end of the county. They will be giving a varied programme which will include choir and solo items. All enquiries to 315538.

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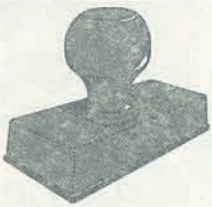


AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMS AT WOODHAM



There was a capacity crowd at the Christian Life Centre Woodham on Saturday evening for the concert by the African Children's Choir. The Choir who were featured in the ITV programme 'The Visit' on Wednesday, thrilled the audience with a mixture of English and African songs in a variety of styles and rhythms. An offering of £1,400 was received during the concert for the work of 'Friends in the West' a Christian relief agency helping children in Uganda, Kenya and Sudan.

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Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Central Avenue,
Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham.

GREटना GREEN RE-OPENS

Newton Aycliffe was a blaze of colour last week when 1,000 helium balloons were released by local schoolchildren to celebrate the launch of the newly refurbishment family pub - 'The Greटना Green'. The premises on the Great North Road have been given a bumper £2.5 million face-lift by the Big Steak Pub chain, which includes the addition of a 'Wacky Warehouse' - a custom built playbarn packed from floor to ceiling with exciting play equipment for children up to 4' 9" in height (approx. 9 years of age). Children from Aycliffe Village Primary School and Woodham School were the first to 'test drive' the brand new facilities, which range from giant ball pools and climbing frames to slides and chutes. And after letting off steam in the Wacky Warehouse, the children released the balloons, for which the pub is hoping to raise up to £1,000 in sponsorship. Licensees David and Susan Hawksworth are hoping that their new pub will quickly become an

integral part of the local community. Said David: "With the focus of the pub now being towards the family market, we are keen to establish our connections with local schools, and it is our intention to maintain an active fund-raising role within the region". As well as the new Wacky Warehouse, the refurbishment has included the addition of a family dining area, and improved kitchen and toilet facilities, together with baby changing rooms and toilets for the disabled. The investment is excellent news for the region, providing a further 55 full and part time jobs for local people, as well as an exciting new community facility to be enjoyed all year round. The Big Steak Pub menu offers a wide choice of tempting, value for money dishes, including poultry, fish and vegetarian options, as well as the famous 32oz steaks to satisfy the larger appetites. Opening hours are from 11am to 11pm Monday to Saturday, and from 12am to 10.30pm on Sundays.

Letter Hydro Golf Club Help Disabled

Dear Sir,
The committee and members of the Newton Aycliffe Deaf and Disabled Club would like to thank the Hydro Polymers Golf Club for raising £445.70 for our Club's annual holiday next year. Five of our members went along to a presentation to collect the cheque, and to see the trophy presented to the winners. Our congratulations to the winners, and our thanks to all those who took part in the competition. Special thanks go to Hydro Polymers Ltd. for allowing Brian Crompton to use the golf course for the competition. Finally we would like to thank everyone connected with the company for showing such a keen interest in our Club and its members. Yours faithfully
Michael A. Dalton
Secretary

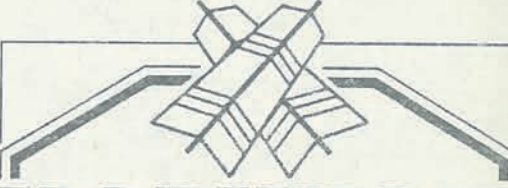
Good Support for Festival

Over the weekend 14/16 September Burnhill Way Methodist Church held a very successful Flower Festival in celebration of 20 years' service to the community. We would like to express our thanks to all those from across the community who supported and encouraged us in this event. Particular thanks go to the local businesses who sponsored some of the flowers: Cummins Engines Ltd., Fujitsu, Great Lakes Chemicals, Perstorp Waverite, SMK and 3M - and to all those individuals and groups who in any way supported the event both financially and practically. Burnhill Way is only a small congregation but we seek to serve the community around us in many ways and it is very encouraging when that community in turn supports our activities. As a result of the event we go into the future in good heart and with a larger amount in the bank towards the cost of our recently built new roof. Our next event is a 'Traveller's Tales' evening at 7.30pm on Saturday 12 October, admission £1.50 including refreshment. Everyone is welcome to join us for what should be an interesting and entertaining evening.


OCTOBER COUNTRY WALKS PROGRAMME

WALKS IN OCTOBER WITH SHILDON COUNTRYSIDE GROUP.
Coppycrooks and Fylands Marshes - A five mile circular walk on Sunday 6th October, which takes in Coppycrooks (once a mining village) and part of Dere Street, the old Roman Road. There will be views over the Fylands Marshes, well known as a haven for wild birds, before the path turns east on the Brusselton Incline along the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. Meet at 2.00pm outside the Elm Road Club, Shildon.
Whiley Hill and Hill House - An exploration of the countryside south of Newton Aycliffe on Sunday, 20th October. The walk, led by Eric Lincoln, starts at 2.00pm outside the Locomotive One Pub, Heighington Lane (B6444), Newton Aycliffe. People who arrive by car, can use the pub car park (at their own risk). It's also next door to the Heighington Lane Railway Station, for those who prefer to travel by train. *Strong shoes/boots and waterproofs are needed for both walks.*
Shildon Countryside group has a full programme of walks throughout the Autumn and Winter. For further details or a leaflet please contact Graham Clingan, Countryside Officer, Sedgefield District Council on 01388 816166.

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Past Mayor's Golden Wedding



serving Councillor and Past Mayor, Ernie Elmer and his French born wife Madeline, celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Monday 7th October. They met in Algiers in 1944 when Ernie was in the Green Berets. Madeline was a nurse who served in the French Forces. Their romance began after they met in the Club, conversing with the aid of a French/English dictionary. Ernie managed to convey his intentions and they were married by the local Mayor. They spent a week in Naples before Madeline left for England where she stayed with her parents at Darlington until Ernie was demobbed. It was difficult for her as she spoke little English, but she persevered, quickly listening to others and took various jobs including working at Aycliffe Hospital, G.E.C. and others. Ernie was employed at North Road Railway Shops as a fitter until it closed, moving to Flymo, G.E.C. and then to Browns before retiring. Madeline came to Newton Aycliffe in 1951 where Ernie was very interested in local politics serving as a councillor at Town and District level. He became Mayor of Aycliffe in 1976. The happy couple will celebrate their 50th Anniversary surrounded by friends at Blackpool, Madeline has no family and has a brother who lives in Trimdon. Ernie says: "A 'Big Thank You' to Madeline for 50 happy years and for being a wonderful wife. I love you with all my heart". Congratulations to Ernie and Madeline on behalf of all our readers. We hope you have an enjoyable celebration on your Golden Wedding.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING WILL HELP ROMANIA

This month's Family Service at St. Clare's Church takes place on Sunday 13th October at 10.30am, which will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service. A warm welcome is extended to everyone, young and old, to join with us in this service of celebration. Each Harvest festival we support a charity, this year it will be the Romanian Orphanage Trust which helps support children both in and out of the orphanages. An appeal has gone out from the Trust for flour, rice and sugar to

help Romanian families survive the winter, as the country is heading for one of its worst harvests in decades. Gifts of flour, rice and sugar would be very much appreciated, as would donations towards the cost needed to transport the goods to Romania. The church will be decorated in the usual way with flowers, fruit and vegetables which will be auctioned after the evening service for the Trust. Refreshments will be available in the church hall after the service.

ONE LANDLORD IN TOWN CENTRE SHOWS THE WAY

Land Securities, the Landlords who own a section of Beveridge Way shops, are showing some consideration for their tenants by freezing rent levels.

A shopkeeper was asked to pay a rent increase, but when he pointed out the poor trading conditions in our Town Centre and the number of empty shops the landlord sensibly decided to keep the rent as it is until things improve.

This is an attitude to be commended and, hopefully, copied by Freshwater Properties who own most of the Town Centre.

Shopkeepers are advised to inform their Landlord of this very sensible decision. They are quick to seize on evidence to increase rents - will they use this news to moderate their demands?

20 Years Service to the Town



On Friday 4th October Harry & Pam Taylor of Floral Charm, our Interflora Florist, celebrated 20 years of trading in Newton Aycliffe. They took over an existing business in Beveridge Arcade on 4th October 1976, moving to their present premises in November 1985. Many changes have taken place over those twenty years both in the town centre and in the surrounding area. In 1976 there was still parking within the centre and Woodham was just in the planning stage. From the start their daughter Jane was the Saturday girl. She became full time on leaving school developing her skills so well that she represented the North East area twice in the prestigious Interflora Florist of the Year competition. She is now a full partner in the business, looking forward to the next 20 years in Newton Aycliffe. Photo: Daughter Jane with Harry and Pam

"DON'T BECOME AN EASY OPTION" warns Town Crime Prevention Panel

With the nights drawing in, the Great Aycliffe Crime Prevention Panel would like to take the opportunity to remind you of a few seasonal preventative measures you can take to improve the safety of your home and belongings.

1. Encourage your children to put their bikes away when they come in from playing. Once it gets dark they, and you, can easily forget to put it away and it could become another child's Christmas present and an unwanted expense for you.
2. If you have not already done so, invest in light timing switches. It will very soon be dark before you get in from work and the early evening is prime time for the opportunist thief to strike. If it is not a light sensitive device do not forget to alter the timings as the nights get dark earlier. If you go out on an evening leave a light on in the living room, the curtains drawn and the radio on to create the impression of the house being occupied.
3. Clear out your garage to enable you to keep your car in there when not in use and ensure that suitable locks are fitted to the garage door. It is far easier for a thief to remove a car from the front of the house than from a secure garage. It may take up to six weeks to process an insurance claim if you do not get the car back which can cause a great deal of inconvenience and stress.
4. Garden sheds are vulnerable all year round and should be secured with shed bolts which do not have screws showing. These can be obtained from as little as £3 from the larger DIY stores. You may not need your lawn mower during the winter months but you certainly will do next spring, unless of course you opt for paving to save replacing the mower. Either way it will be a large expense compared to a shed bolt.

The above suggestions are not new, you are probably thinking that we are stating the obvious. Should you take the above simple precautions?, or do you think it won't happen to you?

If your neighbours take simple crime prevention methods with regard to their property it can make your home and property even more vulnerable as the opportunist thief will always take the easy option.

ENSURE YOU'RE NOT THE EASY OPTION!

Bishop College Great Exam Results

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Greenfield Classes

Following courses are taking place at the Greenfield Centre, at Greenfield Comp. School, Newton Aycliffe:

TRY ON POTTING
An experienced potters would-be potters will be making a beeline for the Greenfield Centre's 10 week course entitled 'Pottery & Ceramics' which begins on Wednesday 3rd October at 7.00pm. The tutor, Mrs. Baker, the tutor, will be assessing the students of abilities and the use of clay, man's best modelling material.

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PLAY YOUR FLIES WITH PRIDE:
If we aren't being entertained we're talking about fishing flies! Calling the fishermen who hanker over their own flies to the fish of a life time. You would like to develop your fly tying skills further or are a complete beginner, Peter Johnson, an expert will help you. The course is geared to the

individual student's requirements, so whether you fish rivers or reservoirs you will be able to tie a range of flies and lures to suit your sporting activities. The course begins on Tuesday 1st October from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:
If you have ever wondered whether you really do have blue blood or originate from a long line of Viking raiders, now is your opportunity to find out. A course in 'Family History' is running each Wednesday evening from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The Greenfield Centre, Newton Aycliffe, can be contacted about any of the above courses on 300378 please ring for further details.

LEEKES

The British Legion Annual Leek and Fuchsia Show results are as follows:

Pot Leeks:
1st A. Wilson 174.38
2nd T. Williamson 143.40
3rd J. Jones 127.06
Intermediate:
A. Wilson 122.82
Long Leeks:
J. Curran 173.24
Fuchsias:
1st Neville Ridgeway
2nd T. Williamson
Best Floral Display:
Mrs. Armstrong

FEET

The Footze Natural Therapy Centre in Darlington is holding a 'Stress-Busting' day on Thursday 10th October from 9.30am. This coincides with National Mental Health Day. Practitioners will hold a series of talks and workshops on a range of therapies. For details/programme of events please telephone 363433.

Arrangements for Boro Coca Cola Cup Match

Middlesbrough fans are advised that the club is accepting postal applications only from Boro Red Book holders for the Coca Cola Cup third round tie against Huddersfield Town on Wednesday October 23rd (7.45pm kick-off). There are no counter sales for this match. Red Book applicants should send Voucher H fully completed on the reverse, together with a first class S.A.E., remittance of either cheque, postal order, Access/Visa/Switch/Delta number with expiry date (plus issue number of Switch and Delta cards). Credit cards incur a £1 booking fee. Red Book holders have until Saturday October 12 to claim their seats. Those applying after this date cannot be guaranteed a ticket. Properly completed applications will result in tickets being dispatched by

Monday October 14th. Due to the possibility of Huddersfield taking their full allocation of tickets, Red book holders in the South Stand (not including South East Corner) may not be able to purchase their normal seat and should therefore include with their applications several options of other areas where they would prefer to sit. Their applications cannot be processed until Monday October 14th. General sale of any remaining tickets for this game begins on Wednesday October 16th. Normal matchday prices apply. Meanwhile, the club has received an allocation of 1,000 tickets, priced £16 (no concessions) for the derby game against Sunderland at Roker Park on Monday October 14th (8pm kick-off). Tickets go on sale on Thursday October 3rd to Travel Pack members who have travelled on the official club coach on three or more occasions this season and who are also travelling to Roker Park on an official club coach. Other existing Travel Pack members travelling to Sunderland on the official coach can purchase tickets on Friday October 4th, subject to availability of tickets. Tickets go on sale to Red Book holders, using Voucher G, on Monday October 7th. Any remaining tickets will go on sale on Wednesday October 9th.

Under 16's Soccer Team Seek Sponsor

Aycliffe under 16's continue with their winning start to the season. In their first game Aycliffe won 5-1 at home to Brunton Park, the scorers were Will Swinburn 3 (1 pen), Richard Bryan 1 and Daniel Plews 1. The second game was away to Whitby where Aycliffe dominated but only won 1-0 with a Wil Swinburn penalty. On Sunday 29/9/96 Aycliffe were at home to 3rd in the league Thornaby. Aycliffe had a great start when Wil Swinburn scored within two minutes. Aycliffe played well as a team and took charge in the second half with Will Swinburn scoring his 2nd and a brilliant overhead kick from Simon Clay for

Aycliffe to win 3-0. We would love to have a sponsor, so why not use a winning team for your business and help the lads achieve success. Anyone interested please contact Keith on 318731 or Mike on 319442.

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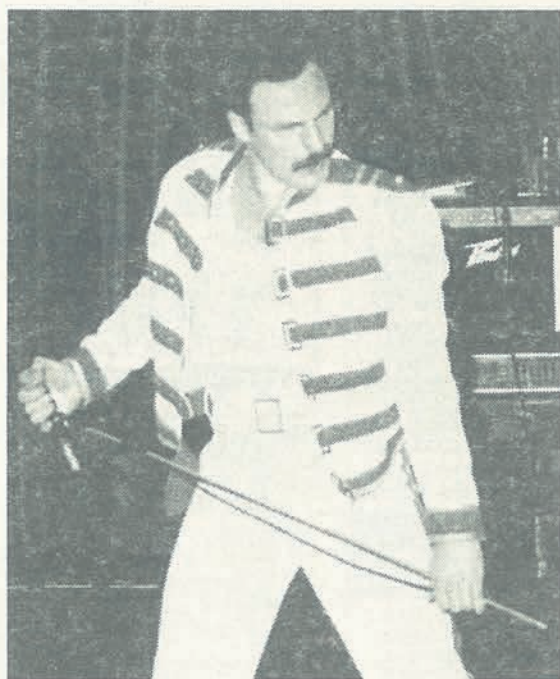
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MERCURY LOOK-ALIKE AT HALL GARTH

Tony Grant, winner of ITV's 'Stars in Their Eyes' as the late Freddie Mercury of Queen appeared in cabaret at the Hall Garth Golf & Country Club at Coatham Mundeville, near Darlington, last Saturday evening.

Tony Grant thrilled a packed house with his versatility, firstly as himself, singing and delivering a comedy routine of originality and quality. In the second half of his act, he appeared as Freddie Mercury and for more than an hour had the 150+ audience spellbound with his amazing impersonation of the late star performing his greatest hits. Following this latest success, the Hall Garth Golf & Country Club will be repeating the winning formula when Kate Setterfield, another winner from the ITV show, appears as Cher on Saturday, November 16th. For further information please contact Stephen Smith, General Manager, on 01325 300400.



The Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club will meet every Tuesday and Thursday at the Oakleaf Sports Complex. On the 8th and 10th October the meeting time is 6.30pm, from Tuesday 15th October the meeting time is 6pm for circuit training and 7pm for running. On Thursdays the meeting time will be from

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CARA LOUISE KELLY 5th October. Dear little Cara, I'd give the world if I could say "Happy 6th Birthday", have lots of fun today". But the angels sang, hazing Grace and the Lord came down and touched your eye, then he whispered soft and low, come to me precious girl it's time to go. Please look after her Lord, don't leave her alone, for she was only five and never far away from me. Good night our wee lamb, sweet dreams, no words, tears, no verse can say how sorely we miss you Cara every day. Love you always Granny and Grandad XXX

CARA LOUISE KELLY To our precious niece Cara, thinking of our sweetheart on her special day. With love in our hearts and a pain that just won't go away. We know you are an angel, but to us you always were, you should still be here with us, instead of with God up there. Much loved and sorely missed, Auntie Paula, Uncle Geoff and one

CARA KELLY My darling sweet Cara, your Birthday is here, although you're not with us I know you are near. Sing with the angels, for God knows your worth, be a peaceful sweet darling for us left on earth. God bless Nana **CARA LOUISE KELLY** Gentle Jesus up above, give our hearts all our love, we miss you each and every day. Love from Stuart, Liam and Callum XXX

CARA KELLY Remembering you this day and always, love from Uncle Kieran, Auntie Jackie and Samantha XXX

TA SUMMERSON 1st October. Remembering a much loved Mother on her Birthday. You may be out of sight, but you will never be out of our thoughts. Treasured memories Janet and Derek, Sarah and Tim XXXX

EDNA JOSE 4th October. Can't send you a card love, but you will always be in my heart, very much missed by all, on this, your 72nd Birthday. Loved always husband John, daughter Carole, son-in-law Bob and Grandson Damien XXX

JOSE Remembering your Birthday Edna on the 4th October. This day and always - Irene

LIVE BENTLEY 28-9-96, age 88. Nana and Great Grandma, just a prayer from the one's who love you. Just a memory ever true, in our hearts you will live forever, because we thought the world of you. Loved always, sadly missed Edith, John, Tracy and Barry XXX

LIVE BENTLEY 28-9-96, age 88. Mam, everyday, no matter where, deep in our thoughts you are always there, get you no, we never will, you left a place no-one can fill, we want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt, your so wonderful to think of Mam, but so hard to live without. Olive, Olga, Robby and Tom XXX

In Memory

WEN ELLIOTT Died 10-92. October comes with sad regret, it brings back a day I will never forget. You fell asleep without a goodbye, but my memories of you will never die, loving husband George

ANNIE SHEPHERD In memory of a dear brother-in-law. Always remembered, sadly missed. God bless Mena, Joe and family XX

KEN MANNING Died 1st October, 1986. Dearest husband and Dad. Ten long years since you left us, secret tears still flow, what it meant to lose you, no-one will ever know. Wife Eleanor, daughters Anne, Gillian, son Andrew. Grandson Ryan (who you would have loved). Also remembering our 30th Wedding Anniversary, October 8th. Thank you for the years we shared, the way you loved me, the way you cared, Eleanor

Death Notice

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KATIE NORTON Happy 2nd Birthday to a darling little girl on Thursday 3rd October. Lots of love and kisses Grandma, Grandad, Uncle's Paul and John XXX

JOHN ANTHONY 2-10-83. Congratulations on becoming a "Teenager", happy thirteenth love from Dad and Kelly

STEVE FAWCETT Happy 18th Birthday, 9th October, love Auntie Christine and Laura

STEVEN FAWCETT 9-10-96, Happy 18th Birthday, love from Auntie Carol, Uncle Raymond, Claire and Christopher

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DIXON - BILLINDA would like to thank all her friends for the cars and flowers received on the death of her Dad. Special thanks to Lyn, Ron and Ed, Ann and Anthony

GLOVER - The family of the late Mrs Elizabeth Ann Glover would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the many cards and messages of sympathy, also flowers sent to them at a time of great loss of a very dear one, who will be sadly missed. Many thanks also to the Rev Chamberlain for the lovely service, also Carol the Warden and the Co-operative Funeral Service. A big thank you to Mrs Lily Miles, Mams neighbour whose help and devotion to her helped us to keep her in her own home to the very end. We will always be grateful to her, she is a true friend. Peggy and Lyn

HEATHER SARAH BAIN

2nd October, 1996

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BAIN Happy First Birthday 2-10-96, to our lovely Granddaughter, Heather Sarah, love and kisses from Nana, Grandad Verney and Uncle Mark

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VICKI WALKER Happy Birthday to the best Mum in the world love from Chelsea

CRAIG CLARK Happy Birthday "Teenager" love from Mam and Dad

CRAIG CLARK Happy 13th Birthday "bruv" love Lynsey

CRAIG CLARK Happy 13th Birthday Craig, love Gran and Grandad

CRAIG CLARK Happy 13th Birthday "nephew" love Joanne and Andrew

CRAIG CLARK Happy Birthday "Teenager", 7-10-96, lots of love Gran and Granda (Tommy)

ALAN BELL to my darling husband, all my love Claire

BELL Claire and Alan congratulations, love and best wishes, Mam, Dean and Chelsey

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POULTER - Burniston congratulations Leanne and Dean on your Engagement and happy Birthday Dean from Jonathan and Nicola XX

POULTER - Burniston congratulations on your Engagement Leanne and Dean, lots of love for the future from Fraser, Karen and the girls

BURNISTON Happy 20th Birthday Dean, love from Fraser, Karen and the girls

BURNISTON Happy 20th Birthday Dean, love from Mam, Dad and Nanna

NATALIE & JOHN congratulations, a baby boy is such a precious thing, and all the love that it can bring, thank you Natalie and John (Wright) for a gorgeous grandson, lots of love Mum, Peter and Scott XXX

NATALIE & JOHN Congratulations and thank you for the gift of our Great Grandson, love Granny, Grandad and Tracy

TRACEY & DAVE Good luck on your Wedding Day, 5-10-96, from Sue, Julie and Kids

TUDOR - PRICE September 25th, 1996 at Winchster Hospital to Steven and Jayne (nee Horton) a baby boy, Matthew John, 7lbs 5oz.

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HUNTSMAN F.C. PINCH TOP PLAYER FROM RIVALS

ROB LOTHIAN is returning to Huntsman after just a year with Middlesbrough, writes Martin Walker.

Huntsman's game with Alexander-le-Skerne was last week cancelled due to referee shortages, and that gave Director of Football Stuart Hodgson the licence to wheel 'n' deal in the transfer market.

In fact, Hodgson's natural negotiating talents were highlighted as Lothian wasn't even on the transfer list - but it didn't stop supreme Hodgson, who talked the midfielder into coming home.

This latest shocking disclosure, which was revealed to me late on Saturday evening as Lothian and Hodgson agreed on a deal said to be worth around EIGHT toasters a week, comes only days after Lothian said he wouldn't be returning to Huntsman.

But, at a press conference on Sunday afternoon, Lothian said: "I've enjoyed my time with Middlesbrough Bay Horse, and I made

many friends there - but it's time to return to the Huntsman. I couldn't stay away from the 'crack' any longer.

He went on: "They're doing well at the moment, and I am hoping we can win something this year". Hodgson is over the moon with the deal. He said: "I am delighted with the signing of Lothian. As every one knows, I've been trying to sign him ever since I've been manager here, and now I've finally got him."

Things can only get better for Huntsman - unbeaten in the League with four wins from six under their belt. And now they've got what they've wanted for over a year - the addition of Lothian to their squad. Lothian will make his debut this week, with an away trip to Hurworth Albion. A match verdict by 'The Gimp' will summarise the game, after the controversial resignation of Dave Nicholson. It's believed that Nicholson was embroiled in a bust-up with one of Huntsman's players after their game with Quaker Sports two weeks ago.

UNDER 10's WIN AFTER A GOOD 'ROASTING' AT HALF TIME

New Marske Sports Club - 0 Newton Aycliffe U10's - 5
Last Sunday, Newton Aycliffe Under 10's set off on their travels to New Marske in pursuit of their unbeaten record and came away with a well deserved 5-0 victory.

Although Aycliffe forced six corners in the first five minutes, there was no pattern to their play as they struggled to find the form of the previous week's 14-3 victory. With a 0-0 scoreline, team coach Neil Robinson gave the lads a good 'roasting' and a much improved second half display saw Mattie Laverick-Elliott open the scoring with a left foot scorch.

Centre forward Michael Purves

then bagged a couple before John Johnston thundered the fourth.

In the dying minutes, Michael Rippon's precision pass put Stewie Owen through to complete the scoring. Although the scoreline suggests the forwards took the credit, Aycliffe's defence marshalled by Kyle Summersby and Lee Skinner were supreme throughout ensuring goalkeeper Scott Roscher and substitute goalkeeper Michael Francis didn't have one save to make all game!

It was a close call for man of the match between Stewie Owen and John Johnston but John got the nod for his all round tireless performance.

Ferryhill Beat Newtonians To Take Title



Ferryhill Strollers finally won a league in the Thursday Night Five-a-Side at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex having come close on previous occasions.

On the last day of this year's Summer League, last year's winners Positrend were one point behind Ferryhill going into their match against Heighington. They won 3-0 which meant that Ferryhill had to beat Newtonians in the last match of the night.

Newtonians held them to 1-0 for 25 minutes, then Ferryhill's superior fitness took them to a 4-2 win and their first league title.

Both teams will hope to take their good form into the Winter League in which sponsors Hydro Polymers have increased the prize money to £500.

Anyone wishing to put their name on the waiting list for this League or the Newcastle Breweries Sunday and Taunton Cider Monday League should ring the Sports Complex on 300600.

Photo shows: The successful Ferryhill Strollers team with the Summer League Trophy.

Woodham Girl Opens New Family Pub



A little girl's dream came true last week when she performed the official opening ceremony of Newton Aycliffe's new £2.5 million family pub.

Three and a half year old Danielle Connelly from Woodham Village wrote to the new manager of the Gretna Green on the Great North Road as soon as she heard it was to open a new Wacky Warehouse indoor play barn.

"We received a letter from Danielle several weeks ago asking us whether or not we were inviting a celebrity to open the pub" said licensee David Hawksworth. "We didn't have any plans at that stage so we asked Danielle if she would like to do the honours for us. Danielle helped David and wife Susan cut the ribbon to the 3000 square foot Wacky Warehouse, which forms part of a massive refurbishment designed to boost the pub's family appeal.

Danielle's mum Alison Dunne said "Danielle has been completely hooked on Wacky Warehouses ever since I took her to the Bit and Bridle in Darlington. She was overjoyed when she heard there was one opening just up the road".

Danielle has already booked her 4th Birthday Party at the Wacky Warehouse where she and her friends can have lots of fun and enjoy her favourite meal - pizza and chips followed by jelly and ice cream!

The Gretna Green is open daily from 11am - 11pm. For bookings and further information please contact David or Susan at the Gretna Green on 01325 300100.

Photo shows from left to right: David Hawksworth, Danielle, Ann Butler, Assistant Manager, Susan Hawksworth.

Woodham Church Name Change Avoids Confusion

In order to avoid possible confusion with another registered Charity, the name of Woodham Christian Centre has been changed. The Church will in future be known as *Christian Life Centre Woodham*.

All the services and activities will continue as before under the new name. Visitors are always welcome to attend either of the Sunday Services at 10.00am and 6.30pm or any of the appropriate activities throughout the week.

For further information please contact the Church Office on 301760.

AYCLIFFE RFC BEAT POLICE TEAM

An entertaining match resulted in a vital win for Aycliffe away to Durham Constabulary. Steve 'Crunchie' Turnbull had a storming game in defence and attack.

The only try of the match went to Aycliffe after a strong scrum which took the ball off the opposition. The no8 then picked up and involved the backs for Petit to score an excellent try. Cooper missed the conversion but later scored a vital penalty given to Aycliffe after

some in-discipline in Durham.

Durham had most of the possession in the latter stages and scored a penalty but Aycliffe showed good character and won 8-3.

* This Saturday is a home match against Middlesbrough RFC. Come and watch - Admission is Free. Training is Tues. at 7pm. 7pm start any wishing to play or train only are very welcome. Just pop in. - With thanks to sponsors Great Lakes Ltd.

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Letter to the Editor

NEW DANCE SCHOOL TEAM TO COMPETE IN BLACKPOOL

Back in February this year I (Clare Walton) opened a dance school called Stepping Out School of Dance. I also teach freestyle and rock 'n' roll for Dianne White's Academy of Dance in Shildon. The areas I teach are Newton Aycliffe, Chilton, Shildon and Spennymoor.

The school was doing so well at class and medals I decided to take them a step further and enter them into competitions. In September IDTA held their Tyneside area heats for the Blackpool Nationwide competition in November, so I thought we would try our luck.

I put together two teams combining the pupils together from all four areas. The teams are under 12's Kaoos and U16 Mystique. We worked hard to raise money for costumes etc.

The most wonderful thing happened that day, the under 12 team Kaoos won their section and now go on to the Nationwide event in Blackpool Tower in November. Not only did the team do well but we took 5 other 1st places. The results are as follows:-

Winners:

3 - 5 years Solo Rosette - Kelly McWaters
6 - 8 years Solo Rosette - Stacey McMullen
Under 12 Pairs - Laura Scott & Samantha Slater
Under 25 Pairs - Kelly Simpson & Vicki Grice
Under 25 Rock 'n' roll - Kelly Simpson & Vicki Grice

Finalists:

Sara Willis, Rebecca Bell, Sophie Griggs, Danielle Simpson, Kimberley Simpson, Kate Hymer, Terri Cochrane, Elise Sowerby.

Other Semi-Finalist Qualifiers:

Natalie Berry, Sara Jane Cochrane, Kayleigh Smith, Zoe Cooke, Ashley Robinson, Craig Wade, Malcolm Duffy, Gemma Mathews, Nicola Cockburn.

Other Competitors:

Nicola Dowd, Samantha Natrass, Alison Payling, Alison Denham, Stacey Bell, Clare Smith, Michelle Smith, Melaine Leonard, Jessica Hutchinson.

This is the schools first major competition and the children deserve recognition for their achievements, most of whom have only been dancing for 8 months.

Well done to you all. - Clare Walton.

Judo Club Grades

The junior members of Newton Aycliffe Judo Club attended gradings held at Stockton Leisure Centre on Sunday 29th September 1996.

Five of the eight strong group who attended were complete novices attending their first grading.

All of the children fought extremely well showing a tremendous amount of both skill and technique which was commented on by officials from the British Judo Association.

The following grades were attained:

Lindsay Peters - White 3rd Mon; John Atkinson - Yellow 4th Mon; Andrew Cartright - Yellow 4th Mon; James Sanderson - Yellow 4th Mon; Aaron Catmul - Yellow 5th Mon; Leon Pugh - Yellow 6th Mon; Anthony Cartright - Orange 8th Mon; Tom Morgan - Orange 9th Mon; Garrie Kelly - Orange 9th Mon. - Well done to all!

The Judo Club is held at the Youth Centre, Central Avenue, Newton Aycliffe on Monday (6 - 8pm) and Wednesday (5.30 - 7pm). And also at St. Francis School, Broomlee Close, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday (6-8pm). All 7 years and over (Inc. Adult) are welcome.

AWARD FOR SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Governors throughout the North East of England are being asked to support an anti-drugs initiative and get the chance to gain a cash award for their school.

GoverNorth, the regional group of governor training co-ordinators and governors, has launched its annual governors Make a Difference Award to promote good practice in school governing bodies.

This year, the Award, which offers a number of £500 cash prizes for schools, is linked to the Department for Education's initiative Tackling Drugs Together. It aims to encourage governors to work together with staff, pupils, parents and the local community to support good practice in drug and volatile substance education.

This could be through policy-making and development planning, supporting and encouraging staff training, or raising awareness about the need to inform students about drugs and related issues as well as through a number of other ways.

Harry Wills, County Durham's governor Training Co-ordinator, said: "GoverNorth is delighted to launch this Award which we believe will highlight the good practices already being carried out by many governing bodies and encourage others to share those ideas and learn from them. "We have chosen to link up with the Tackling Drugs Together Initiative because we believe governors have a vital role to play alongside staff, pupils, parents and the local community to reduce the devastating and terrible effects drugs and volatile substances can have on young people."

The closing date for the Award, which is sponsored by AGIT, McDonald's Restaurants Ltd. and the Co-operative Bank PLC, is 28th February 1997 and the winners will be announced in May.

All primary, secondary and special schools in the areas covered by the following local education authorities are eligible to take part:

Durham, Middlesbrough, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Gateshead, Newcastle, Northumberland, Sunderland and Stockton.

Schools wishing further details or to enter for the Award, should contact:

Alyson Tinkler, GoverNorth, c/o School & Governor Support Service, County Hall, Durham, DL1 5UJ.

Band's Pub Crawl Raised £659



The children's charity Yellow Brick Road is £659 better off thanks to a lot of hot air given off by members of the Vaux Samson Brass Band during a 70 mile journey around 11 Vaux pubs last Saturday.

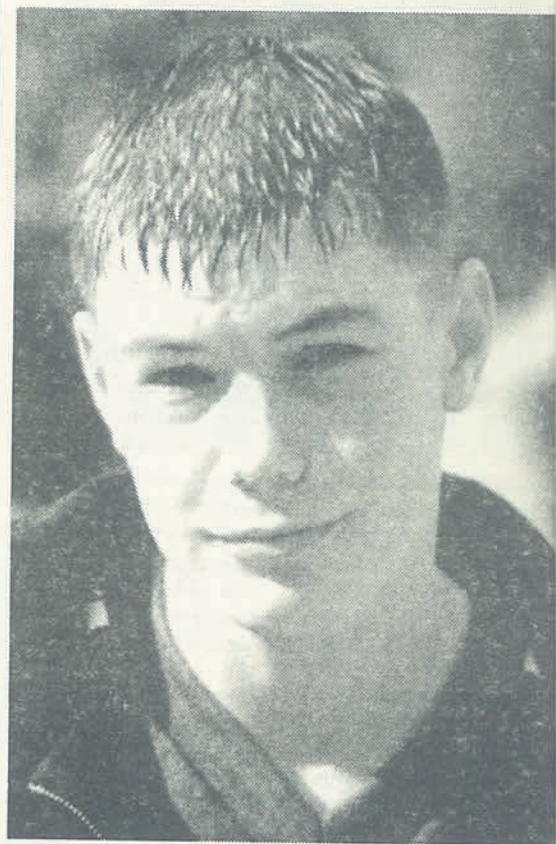
The 24 piece ensemble, who played popular tunes and requests for customers, began at the Meadow House in Berwick and ended up in The Vane Arms in Silksworth, Sunderland via the Lambton in Chester-le-Street.

They were ably supported by volunteer fund-raiser Michelle Reed and Yellow Brick Road worker Linda Craig who both collected the cash.

Event organiser, Vaux Promotions Manager Bob Dodds, said: "Everywhere we went the response was fantastic. The money will go towards the Yellow Brick Road's appeal to build three hospices for terminally ill children in the North East".

One lucky couple, holding their wedding reception in the Old Ship, Newbiggin, Northumberland, were treated to a bottle of champagne from Bob as the band gave a rendition of Love Changes Everything.

GREENFIELD PUPIL'S REMARKABLE "A" LEVEL ACHIEVEMENT



When the GCSE results were received this summer at Greenfield School, everyone was delighted that Gavin Hope had obtained Grade A success in all ten subjects he had studied and seven of these were starred Grade A's. This is a remarkable achievement and only the fourth time students have gained 'A's' in all subjects for which they were entered.

Gavin is the first young man to have achieved this and it was as a result of his supreme dedication and hard work.

Headteacher, David Tate, in congratulating Gavin, said that he had been a conscientious and hard-working student throughout his school career and was someone who had achieved wide ranging success across all aspects of his school life.

The results overall were very pleasing with many outstanding individual successes from pupils across the full ability range. Gavin, together with many of his friends, have moved on to further education, and the school is proud of their success and wish them well for the future.

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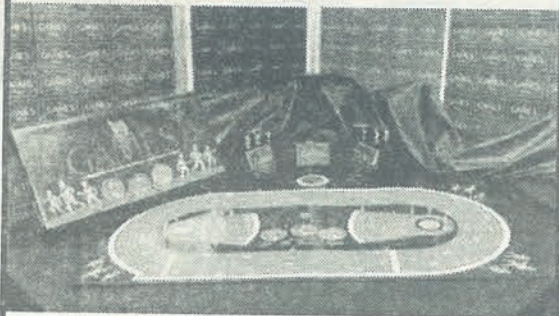
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A few places are still available for anyone who would like to join.

The hour long sessions of 6.30pm - 7.30pm and 7.30pm - 8.30pm run for five weeks and the whole course costs £6.50.

Anyone who would like more information should ring the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on 300600.

Hetton Choir

On Saturday 12th October, Hetton Lyons Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in St. Clare's Church.

There will be a variety of music to suit all tastes and everyone is welcome. The concert will start at 7.00pm, tickets are £2 each (which includes light refreshments) and are available from the Church Hall on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon. All proceeds are for the Parish Development Fund.