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ANOTHER £5 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR HYDRO AT AYCLIFFE

A £5 million expansion in PVC Compounding capacity is announced by Hydro Polymers for its Newton Aycliffe site. Hydro, the UK market leader in PVC Compounds, already operates the largest single site PVC Compound business in Western Europe and the expansion, to be completed over the next 2 years, will add over 20,000 tonnes of production capacity, as well as improving efficiency and costs in existing operations.

This is in addition to the £30 million expansion in suspension resin capacity at Aycliffe, which is due to come on stream in the first quarter of 1997. Managing Director, Geoff Richards said "This new investment will enable Hydro Polymers to expand its market positions further in the U.K. and continental Europe, and meet the growing demands of our customers in different market sectors. This additional capital demonstrates further Hydro's commitment to the production of PVC at Newton Aycliffe and indeed the community in which we operate".

Hydro Polymers parent company Norsk Hydro, will have invested over £50m in its Aycliffe site between 1995 and 1998, almost doubling the scale of the operation. In 1997 Hydro Polymers will celebrate 50 years of PVC production on site - which began with Bakelite in the 1940's - when the new resin plant expansion is launched.

NO PROGRESS!

Councillor Moore has received a reply from the County Council in answer to his request for a progress report on the development of the Avenue School site. He discovered nothing has been done yet to market

the vacant land and won't be done until certain issues have been resolved with the District and Town Councils.

It appears the planning/development brief has yet to be finalised with the Sedgefield District Council.

There is also a covenant on the site, held by the Planning Authority, which restricts its use and this also has to be resolved.

The Town Councils involvement has to be determined and is dependent on how much land they want for community facilities. This is further complicated by the Town Councils intention to seek lottery funding.

As we predicted, after the demolition of the school, the interminable talking will continue as the years pass and Newton Aycliffe Town Centre further deteriorates.

Somerfield Takeover Brings 30 New Jobs

Thirty new jobs and a better service for Newton Aycliffe shoppers has been announced this week by high street food retailer, Somerfield. The company is set to open a new store in the town on Wednesday, 30 October.

The new Somerfield food store will take over the current Gateway site at Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe and work has already started to transform the store.

Somerfield, which spends an average of £½ million on each new opening, has committed to providing Newton Aycliffe customers with a store that will enhance the quality of food shopping in the area. In particular, the store will be using the very latest equipment to help busy customers shop quickly and efficiently.

However, Store Manager, Graham Meilke, is determined not to be blinded by the new technology. "Our primary concern is providing an excellent customer service that will bring back Newton Aycliffe shoppers day after day. Having new equipment will help us do a better job, but it will not replace the personal service of having someone carry your shopping to your car".

The extensive work being undertaken at the store means that it will be closed every Sunday from this weekend leading up to the launch. The dates are 13 October, 20 October and 27th October. In addition, the store will be closed all day on Monday 28th October and Tuesday 29th October prior to its launch as a new Somerfield on Wednesday, 30 October at 8am.

The Newton Aycliffe store is the 113th this year to be opened as a Somerfield food store, bringing the total number of new stores to 409. The launch is part of the company's £200 million nationwide programme to provide a dependable, sensibly priced source of local food shopping around the UK.

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Card News ran out comfortable winners of the Sunday Night Five a Side Summer League at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, with Europa finishing Runners-Up. The Card News Manager, Gordon Fraser, runs a competitive team in each of the three leagues at the Sports Complex and he will be hoping that each team does well in the sponsored Winter Leagues that have just started on Monday (Taunton Cider £600), Thursday (Hydro Polymers £500) and Sunday (Newcastle Breweries £1200). Anyone requiring further information about Five-a-Side at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, or wishing to put their name on the waiting list should telephone (01325) 300600.

JUNIOR TEAM SEEKS SPONSOR

Newton Aycliffe under 16s played away in the Durham County Cup to Peterlee Boys on Sunday 6.10.96. Aycliffe had high hopes after their good start to the season.

In the first half Peterlee outplayed Aycliffe and were 3-0 up at half time. In the second half Aycliffe put up a bit of a fight but

were reduced to 10 men when Steven Brown got his marching orders for his second bookable offence. Peterlee played the better football and ran out comfortable 4-0 winners. The club have still not had any response from a sponsor - anyone interested please contact Keith on 318731 or Mike on 319442.

NOMINATE A YOUNG ACHIEVER

Can you nominate a Newton Aycliffe youngster who has achieved excellence in sport, education, art, entertainment, caring for others or heroism? Each year Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre makes awards to the Towns young achievers and the 1996 Presentation will be held in November. Please complete the form below, sending details of your nominees' achievement.

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Letter M.I.N.D. Members are Not Loopy

Dear Sir,
Even in 1996 people suffering from mental health problems are grossly misunderstood. Invariably the Media chooses to show the mentally ill as a threat to society in the form of psychopaths or serial killers. As a sufferer myself I must point out that this is far from the truth.

There are varying degrees of mental incapacity, just like any other illness. The initial response to Newton Aycliffe MIND's new Drop-In centre in the town's St. Oswald's Park has been encouraging, but, like many other local services, there could be a bigger uptake.

There must be many people in the area who need the facility to help them cope with the stresses and strains of modern living. Believe me we are not 'loopy' or demented, just friendly, caring folk who want to offer a much needed helping hand to those in need.

At a time when the town centre is going rapidly downhill this is a very positive development and deserves the townspeople's support.

Yours faithfully
Ken Jackson

HALL GARTH HELP CHILDREN IN NEED



The Hall Garth Golf and Country Club in Coatham Mundeville, is just one of the 82 Regal Hotels which are selling Pudsey Children's Crackers in aid of Children in Need.

Regal is the only hotel group selected by the BBC to stock the crackers, on sale from mid-October. Pudsey Crackers will be actively promoted on BBC Radio 2 backed by the BBC Roadshow, culminating in the annual television appeal on November 22, hosted by Terry Wogan.

The colourful crackers are sure to be a hit with the younger generation, who enjoy supporting special events to help children less fortunate than themselves. Selling at £1 each, the six different Pudsey Crackers each contain fun-glasses to make, a bookmark, game and puzzles.

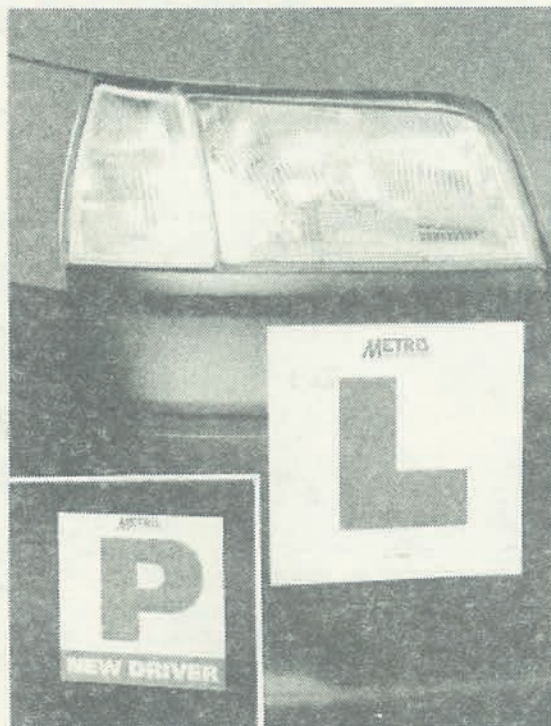
There's also a chance to win some PUDSEY CRACKERS for the

family this Christmas! Children aged 12 and under are invited to win a Pudsey cracker and a day at the Hall Garth's exclusive Leisure Club. To enter, children simply have to write a Letter to Santa in no more than 100 words and hand it to a receptionist at the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club no later than November 15.

Prizes will be awarded for the most humorous, enterprising or entertaining letters and will be presented to the winners on Children in Need Day - November 22. PLEASE NOTE: - A limited number of Pudsey Crackers will be available from October 21st, so Shop Early to avoid disappointment.

For further details please contact Stephen Smith, General Manager, or Tracey Sillett, Sales manager on (01325) 300400.

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"Court" Coffee Morning Raised £337 for Charity

Simpasture Court held a coffee morning on Friday 4th October in aid of the Macmillan Appeal and raised a magnificent sum of £337.25, plus £28 for diaries sold for Bishop Auckland hospice.

This was a fun morning that everyone enjoyed, the four wardens provided lots to eat and residents donated some garden produce, this was auctioned off along with the surplus food (cakes, scones etc.), and raised the princely sum of £23.47, along with lots of laughs. Raffle prizes, 15 in all were also donated, winning no's are available from Simpasture Court.

The coffee morning went on from 9.30am to 12 noon and the atmosphere was brilliant, everyone appeared to have a good time, wardens included. I would like to thank wardens, residents and friends for their generous donations and support.

BEWARE OF ONE DAY SALES

CONSUMER WATCHDOG CHIEFS IN COUNTY DURHAM HAVE RENEWED THEIR WARNING TO BARGAIN HUNTERS TO BE WARY OF BUYING GOODS AT ONE DAY SALES.

The warning, from Durham County Council's Director of Consumer and Scientific Services, David Holliday, follows a number of complaints received from people who have attended one day sales in the County in recent weeks.

And it comes just 24 hours after magistrates ordered a Manchester businessman to pay fines and costs totalling £1,147 for selling a faulty coffee maker at a one day sale in Durham last October.

Mr Holliday said the most recent complaints he had received stemmed from people's disappointment when they found the goods they had purchased believing them to be bargains could have been bought for less locally and were not always as described.

"The important lesson is not to let your desire for a cheap bargain overrule your logic," he added.

"The salesmen at these one day sales are usually well-practised in their technique. People should consider very carefully what they are buying and where they are buying it from. It is very rare to get something for nothing in this world."

Mr Holliday said one day sales were usually advertised through handbills pushed through letter boxes rather than through the Press.

"These handbills tend to make extravagant claims about the amount of savings available," he added.

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Do you have a few hours to spare on Saturday 12th October? If you do, A.S.K. (Aycliffe Support in the Community), are organising a litter pick in the Williamfield Area of the town. This is part of 'Make a Difference Day' a National Campaign aimed at volunteers and sponsored by yellow Pages and C.S.V. (Community Service Volunteers). Volunteers of all ages can take part, however children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested in making a difference please meet at the Community House 10, Silverdale Place (near Redhouse shop) at 10am. The event will finish

around noon when tea and coffee will be served. A skip provided by Sedgfield District Council will be available on Monday 14th October sited in Langdale and Kirkstone Place. So if you can't make the litter pick it is a good opportunity to clear out your rubbish.

Stop Press For Parents - Christine Osman, Health Visitor will be giving advice and information on the topic 'Sleep' for babies and children. Community House 1.15pm - 2.30pm Monday 14th October. The Community House is a collaborative initiative between A.S.K. and South Durham NHS Trust.

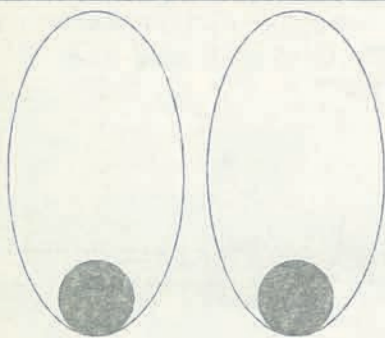
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Letter to the Editor CENTRE FOR DISABLED BURGLED

Dear Sir,
The Oaks Centre is a Day Centre for people with Learning Disabilities and is situated on the Industrial Park at Newton Aycliffe. A theft from the centre recently has robbed the clients of the following valuable equipment:-
A Cosina C1 35ml SLR Camera, A Cobra Flash Unit, Zoom Lens and fittings, A Corniche Professional Carrying Case and A Ferguson Videostar Camcorder in case.

The Camcorder has

Aycliffe A.T.C. painted on it in red paint.

Should anyone have any knowledge about the whereabouts of this equipment information would be very much appreciated.

The centre is now embarking on a fund-raising scheme in order to replace the equipment and also to tighten up the security of the building. Should you feel you could be of any help please ring Pauline or Carol on 314250 or 320258.

WORDSEARCH COMPETITION



The 101 Dalmations Wordsearch Competition, held exclusively by Aycliffe's Woolworths Local Store, attracted many entrants - and was won by 9 year old Claire Weller. Claire won the 101 Dalmations Video accompanied with a goodie bag. The runners-up also won goodie bags. Claire found all the hidden words, as did all the runners-up, but the Woolworths team thought Claire's VIP name of 'Topper' was the most original.

Runners up were Katherine Auster, 6 with the VIP name of 'Worthy', Samantha Graham, 11, with the VIP name of 'Uno', and Charles Partis, 14, with the VIP name of 'Charlie'. Charlotte Carney aged 9 was also a runner up with 'Drusella' as her VIP name, but Charlotte was unable to pick her prize up as she was in America at the time. Amy Jeffery picked the prize up for her. 3 year old Kate Wilson was also a runner-up but Woolworths couldn't get in touch with her parents.

Store Manager John Saint said: "All the correct entrants were extremely hard to choose between - there was very little difference with them. They were all excellent, but some one had to win!"

John went on to say: "I am delighted with the interest shown by locals, and I look forward to offering the children of Newton Aycliffe more chances to win prizes like these." Woolworths Local will be holding similar competitions in the very near future, especially nearer Christmas time. John Saint would like to thank Newton Press for printing their Wordsearch competition in the 'Newton News'. I am sure that every one is looking forward to seeing more Woolworths Local competitions in the 'Newton News'. Picture is Claire Weller receiving her prizes from Woolworths Assistant Manageress Joe Pattison. Woolworths apologise profusely to the runners up, as their photographs didn't turn out properly.

Letter School Mourn Death of a Dear Governor

Dear Sir,
It was with extreme sadness that we received the news of the death of our dear Chairperson of Governors, Mrs Norma Farquhar. Norma's interest in our school began in 1970 when her children Iain and then Margaret became pupils. This interest strengthened as she became a governor, and then Chairperson of Governors.

Norma has over the years been a great supporter of our school, displaying always a keen interest in the education and well being of our children.

We will remember her always as a loving cheerful lady. We have lost a close friend and Newton Aycliffe has lost a true ambassador.

The staff and parents of our school extend our sympathy to John, Iain, Margaret, Paul and family, for their loss is greatest.

Patricia Henderson
Head Teacher - Woodham Burn Infants School

Councillor Condemns "Champagne Socialists"

Councillor Tony Moore is circulating leaflets in the town urging residents to protest against the lavish banquet the District Council are holding to celebrate becoming a Borough.

"Two hundred guests will enjoy a five course dinner and free booze" said Tony condemning those he calls 'Champagne Socialists' boozing it up at other people's expense.

Tony asks anyone who agrees with him to make their protest to the leader

of the Labour group, Brian Stephens.

Councillor Moore believes Borough status is old fashioned and will make no difference to industrialists deciding whether or not to locate here.

"Large companies like Fujitsu move here only because it is in their economic interest" said Tony.

"Dressing up in Victorian ceremonial clothes is alien to the founding fathers of the Labour movement" add Councillor Moore.

Gardens Guild Notes

Now the garden season is almost over, members are reminded that the Hut will be open Sunday mornings 13th/20th and 27th October and will then close for the winter season with the exception of two Sundays in January. There are still a few bulbs left for sale.

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School Harvest Festival will Aid Romania

Dear Sir,
Harvest Festival at Woodham Burn Infants School will have a very special significance this year. Each year at Harvest Festival the Harvest Display is undertaken by staff and parents. Each child brings a piece of fruit and later in the day, buys a piece of fruit. The money collected in the Harvest Basket is then given to a nominated charity. This year the fruit bring and buy will take place but the money collected will be used to support the major thrust of the Harvest Celebration which will be 'Flour Power'.

The Romanian Orphanage Trust is mounting an urgent appeal to reduce the impact of a devastating harvest on the country's poorest families and children. The Romanian Orphanage Trust is appealing to British people to help at this time by collecting flour, rice and sugar to help Romanian families survive the winter intact.

At Woodham Burn Infants School we will be joining with our churches of St. Clares, St. Elizabeth, St. Francis and St. Andrews in supporting this appeal. We know how kind, generous and thoughtful our parents, families and friends are and we will be appealing to them. We also extend an invitation for help to the people of Newton Aycliffe.

If you can organise a collection amongst your friends, relatives, neighbours, please do so and either bring your donations to school, or give us a ring to have it collected. Telephone 300231.

We are appealing for Flour, Rice and Sugar and 27p per kilo to transport it to Romania.

You will be very welcome to join us on Friday October 18th for our

Harvest Service at 9am in the school hall to share in our celebrations.
Yours sincerely
Patricia Henderson
Head Teacher

Help for Africa

St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham, has been building a link with a church in Mulanje, Malawi, and is trying to offer support to the people of the village there.

They need to raise £500 to pay for shipping out 5 large cartons, of much needed clothes and provisions. (This was also done in 1995).

So far they have raised £250 profit from selling Webb Ivory goods. The next effort is a Sponsored Slim by Norma Wise. From 7th October until 16th December (10 weeks) Norma will be following (honestly) the *Slimming World* eating plan, after joining the Shildon Class, run by Debbie Wilson. The scales raced round to 11st 12oz at the great weight in - BUT she hopes to lose 20lbs (at least) in the time allotted.

Anyone who can help with good quality clothes or shoes or sponsor Norma's effort will be greatly appreciated.

St. Elizabeth's Church already have 12 children who they support to enable them to go to school.

Please contact Ken & Norma on 312930, the forms are also in 'The Builders Arms' Coffee Shop.

P.S. - Some of the men and boys of this village have NEVER owned a shirt or a pair of shoes in their lives!

SUDDEN DEATH OF TOWN CLERK'S WIFE



Our Town Clerk, John Farquhar and family, were overwhelmed by the large number of people who joined them for the Funeral Service for his wife Norma, held on Wednesday this week at St. Clare's Church.

Norma died after a sudden illness, of just eight days, on the 4th October, at the age of 57. She had suffered from cancer and the disease returned to claim her life.

The Service was conducted by Rev. Peter Baldwin and attended by Fr. Michael Weymes along with a wide cross section of the community, led by our Mayor and Mayoress, John and Mary Moran.

The Mayor read the 23rd Psalm and Pat Henderson, Head Teacher at Woodham Burn Infant School, read the Lesson, taken from Revelation 21. vs. 1-7.

Norma served for many years as a Governor at Woodham Burn School, latterly as Chairperson. She was much respected and a letter elsewhere in this issue pays tribute to her voluntary work.

Norma was a lovely lady and always had a cheerful smile for everyone she met.

Her death is a great loss not only to her family, but to the community she served so ably and selflessly.

It was only a few weeks ago that Norma helped with the celebrations of her daughter's wedding and it was a great blessing she was spared long enough to witness the marriage.

Peter Baldwin, in his address, said Norma would be remembered for her pleasant personality. "She was always at her husband's side and gave him support in all his civic duties however many times it took him from home" said the Rector.

John, his son Iain, daughter Margaret, her new husband Paul and all the family, thank everyone for the kind messages of sympathy which have been a great comfort in their bereavement.

As the town's community newspaper we extend sincere condolences to the family, on behalf of our readers, remembering, appreciatively, the service Norma Farquhar gave to the town.

BEST EVER ENTRY FOR HYDRO SQUASH CONTEST



The Hydro Polymers, Newton Aycliffe Open Squash Tournament was held at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex recently and the increased prize money ensured the best ever entry.

In the Mens Competition the four strongest players in the area had comfortable wins in the early rounds to take their allotted places in the Semi Finals.

Bryan Beeson (Gateshead) was looking for his third title in a row and he took on another previous winner, Alan Hetherington (also Gateshead) in the first semi final. Having been ranked in the top ten in the world Beeson made his experience tell and he came out a comfortable winner 9-6, 10-8, 9-2.

In the second semi final, second seed Paul Millington (Tynemouth) took on third seed John Dale (Alnwick) and the young professional player Dale won the first game 9-1, with a

storming display. However, the older wily Millington wore him down and won the next three 9-4, 9-3, 9-4.

The final was the most exciting match of the Tournament with a display of shot making and retrieving that thrilled a packed gallery. Beeson got off to a fast start by winning the first 9-1 but millington rebounded quickly to take the second 9-3. Beeson took the initiative again with a 9-5 win in the third and the cut and thrust continued with Millington taking the fourth 9-4. The scene was set for a Grand Finale, in the final set and with both players tiring visibly after 1¼ hours on court it was Beeson who kept his composure to take his third title in a row by winning the fifth game 9-2.

The Ladies Competition was a much more clear cut affair with Durham County Number Two, Emma Hetherington winning the title without dropping a game. Indeed in the final she

beat fellow County First Team player Jill Shields 9-0, 9-6, 9-1 in an awesome display of power squash.

The Plate Competition gave Aycliffe players the opportunity to shine and the Ladies Plate Final was contested by two Aycliffe Ladies, with Christine Kennedy beating Carol Maxey 3-0.

In the Mens Plate Aycliffe First Team Captain and Club Champion, Steve Heslop survived that, clawed his way back from the brink of defeat and eventually won the match 3-2.

"This is the seventh year in a row that Hydro Polymers have sponsored this Squash Tournament" said Complex Manager, Richard Vitty "and it is so successful because it gives local players the opportunity to play against and learn from the top players in the region".

Photo shows:- Prizewinners in the Hydro Polymers Squash Tournament

CUT YOUR SPEED!

Traffic Police in County Durham are launching their final anti-speeding campaign of the year, as the campaign against careless drivers throughout the county continues.

The final push to persuade drivers to slow down started last week and will target the Newton Aycliffe, School Aycliffe and Woodham areas over the subsequent fortnight. Durham Constabulary's annual summer campaigns concentrate on areas with particularly bad accident records, or areas where local residents have expressed long-held concerns over the level of speeding.

This year three campaigns have been held. The first, in Consett and Derwent Valley in May saw 730 drivers being cautioned for breaking the speed limit, and 43 reported for further action due to their excessive speeds.

The following month a campaign in West Auckland and Spennymoor resulted in 932 motorists being cautioned and a further 46 reported for speeding.

The third, a campaign in the Chester-le-Street area, including the A693 road between Northlands roundabout in the town and the library roundabout in Stanley, ended in 942 cautioned, and 53 drivers reported for speeding. Of those stopped over 40% were local.

Several other drivers have been reported throughout these campaigns for offences including mechanical vehicle faults, excise licence evasion and failure to use a seatbelt. A stolen vehicle was also seized after being routinely stopped during the speeding crackdown.

From this weekend drivers in the Newton Aycliffe area will see warning signs placed in the area informing them they are entering a speed restriction area, and extra police patrols will be on hand to monitor traffic flows as well as vehicle speeds.

The police crackdowns are all part of the Department of Transport's "Speed Kills, Kill Your Speed" message, the national campaign was re-launched in May this year. Durham Constabulary's head of traffic, Supt. Colin Appleby, said educating drivers to slow down was an on-going process.

"Speeding is more than exceeding the official speed limit. Many motorists exceed their own capabilities, or those of their cars when driving. The may also be going too fast for the conditions." Said Supt. Appleby.

"This is the last campaign of the year, but we will continue to look at any complaints of speeding and do our best to tackle them. We fully intend to use these tactics next year" he said.

Biggest Coffee Morning

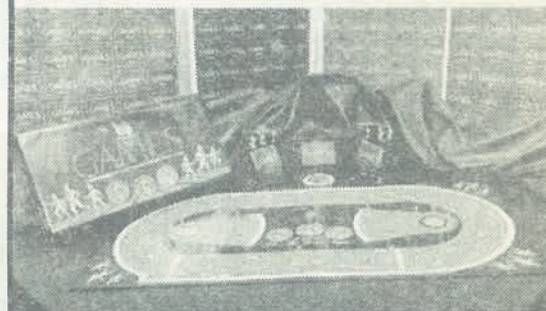
Local People steamed in to my coffee morning at my home in Henson Grove as part of the nationwide World's Biggest Coffee Morning with Nescafé on Friday, 4th October 1996. Not only was it a very sociable event with over 49 people attending but generous donations raised of £131.00 for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, to help people living with cancer.

My name is Mrs Gillian Sams and my Coffee Morning was one of thousands held all over the U.K., between 8am and 12 noon, as part of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's sixth World's Biggest Coffee Morning with Nescafé sponsoring the event for the second year running. If all of these coffee mornings were as successful as mine I am confident Macmillan will not only top the magic £1 million but will also break its 1995 Guinness Book of Records Entry of 438,552 participants, who raised almost £1.2 million.

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Many keen gardeners from Newton Aycliffe will have visited the nurseries at Ravensworth, near Richmond, and know of their good reputation.

As well as answering your gardening queries, the experts will be giving demonstrations on the planting of winter bowls and there will be a good selection of winter plants on sale.

A raffle and refreshments are also available and the price is £1 payable on the door, or from the school office (Tel: 300378).

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Huntsmen F.C. Still Unbeaten After Seven Games

Hurworth Albion - 2
Huntsman - 4

ROB LOTHIAN started his debut on the right foot for Huntsman, but was inevitably voted the Minger-of-the-match by his fellow team mates, writes Martin Walker.

Players were forced to make way for other team members who hadn't turned up in previous games and in training, and of course there was a place to be sacrificed for the return of Lothian.

Director of Football Stuart Hodgson had several difficult decisions to make for his line-up - and opted for the best team on paper, not the best team from preceding performances - effectively changing their pattern of play.

At the end of the day, it did work for Hodgson, but not without a bit of a scare. Huntsman took a 2-0 lead through Marram and Lothian, and they might well have made it 3 if not for Fielding's squandered opportunity.

In the second half, Hurworth pulled level - and Huntsman began to look shaky, but they finally found what little talent they could muster from a morning so bleak and indistinct.

Man-of-the-match Charles Morgan Fielding put Huntsman 3-2 ahead with an exquisite drive from outside the area before

Lothian finished a sweet move between himself and Fielding to rap it up, but Hurworth didn't appear shy, and tried with all their might to topple mighty Huntsman - they failed.

So Huntsman continue on their championship bandwagon - unbeaten with five wins and two draws.

MATCH VERDICT: By 'The Gimp'. "Not a very good performance at all, but our new signing showed others in the team where the goal was, and definitely didn't deserve 'Minger-of-the-match' recognition.

Stuart Hodgson was obviously pleased with the result, but not too chuffed with his side's performance, saying: "We should have buried them after 20 minutes, but we 'dilly-dallied' with the ball far too often."

On his new signing, Hodgson said: "I thought Log played quite well, but he was bound for the Minger award, especially after all the hype before the game. It might take him a wee while to settle to a different style of play - but the best is yet to come from the Huntsman."

Huntsman entertain D.C.S. this Sunday in the first round of the league Cup. Who will be the Minger this time? - find out in next week's 'Newton News'.

AYCLIFFE COUPLE IN SLIMMING FINALS



Slimming World held its 'Woman of the Year' area finals last weekend at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington. Two of the finalists were from Neville Parade Church Hall classes. Florence Hopper, who attends the 10am session represented her class with a 4 stone 10 pound weight loss total, and Ann Masson from the Churches 7.30pm class has lost 5 stone 7 pounds.

Ann and Florence were presented with a certificate and sash from the reigning 'Mr and Mrs *Slimming World*' Nigel and Diane Thomson from Darlington's Glebe Road class. Florence is so delighted with her achievement that when people ask how she did it, she just says "It's simple, join *Slimming World*".

Ann believe totally in the *Slimming World* eating plans, and is always being passed in the street by people who no longer recognise her. "It's a great feeling" says Ann.

BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON

Teesside Athletic U10 - 0
Newton Aycliffe U10s - 5

For the second successive week, the Newton Aycliffe Under 10's convoy of cars set off on their travels for sunny (!) Redcar but this time to compete in the first round of the League Cup against 1st Division side Teesside Athletic.

After winning the toss, skipper Andrew Richardson elected to play with the strong wind

behind the team and the tactics worked as they built up a 3-0 half-time lead. After last week's roasting by coach Neil Robinson, the lads played to their true capabilities right from the start and piled on the pressure against their 1st Division rivals.

Centre half Lee Skinner scored the opener half way through the first half with a low skimming shot into the corner. Michael Purves then finished off a sweeping move from the right wing to notch the second before scoring the third when his shot from outside the area took a deflection into the net. Although Teesside hit the post and Scott Roscher had to make a good save from a rare home attack, the half-time scoreline was a true reflection of the play. In the second half, against the wind, Aycliffe's

defence with full-backs (or is it wing-backs?) Andrew Richardson and Stewie Owen outstanding, stifled the home forwards so that once again most of the play occurred in the opponent's half. Michael Purves flicked a peach of a pass for Mattie Laverick-Elliott to score the fourth before Michael completed his hat-trick after a fine solo run.

Michael Purves was adjudged 'Man of the Match' for his all round performance in addition to his hat-trick but the whole team deserves credit for probably their best performance of the season against higher division opposition.

The team's next home game is against 21st All-stars on 20th October at Vane Road Primary School (kick-off 11am). Local support is always welcome.

Volunteers Wanted

FERRYHILL CARRS - GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT

On Saturday, 12th October, volunteers are needed to help in clearing away scrub (gorse, bramble and hawthorn) from some excellent grassland on the southern section of Ferryhill Carrs. In summer, these meadows support a great variety of wild flowers and grasses, but these will disappear if the scrub is not removed.

The work on Saturday is the first in a series of weekend projects on the site. They will take place on the second Saturday of every month. Gloves are provided and any help, even just a couple of hours, is appreciated.

Meet at 10.00am opposite Belsay Close on Cleves Avenue, Ferryhill. **SEDFIELD AREA - BRIDLE-WAY PROJECT**

A midweek volunteer project on Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday, 16th October involves two days installing new gates on a bridle-way south-east of Sedfield, between Homer Carr Plantation and the A177 at Thorpe Larches. Transport is available on request, from Sedfield. This project is being organised by Groundwork East Durham - Environmental Industries Training Programme.

For further information or a copy of the programme of volunteer projects, please contact Graham Clingan at Sedfield District Council (01388) 816166. Graham can also arrange transport from Sedfield on the bridle-way project.

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M. M. Robertson

FAMILY SHOW

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But they were pleasantly surprised to receive £100 back from the appeal which had received more than enough money to make Arran's dream holiday come true.

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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 Cooperative Funeral Services. A big thank you to Mrs Lily Hill, Mam's neighbour whose help and devotion to Mam 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

ERNIE & MADELINE ELMER wish to express their sincere thanks for all the good wishes and cards received from the townspeople on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Special thanks to Pat and the Simpature Coffee Morning Group for making the anniversary a memorable event. Not forgetting the Mayor and the Chairman of the District Council for the presentations.

KENT - Keith and Shirley would like to thank all our friends and family for all the lovely cards and presents which we received for our Ruby Wedding.

DAVE & TRACEY (Kilburn) Robinson - Would like to thank everyone involved in their very special Wedding Day, special thanks to Dorothy Lancaster, Mam and Dad, Mam and Harry and Thelma and the Bridesmaids and Page-Boys. And anyone else involved. Thank you all very much in deed. Mr. and Mrs Kilburn Robinson.

DAVE ROBINSON Thank you very much for a really wonderful day. My love for you grows stronger each day. Love you forever Mrs Tracey Kilburn Robinson

DORIS POSKETI, Thanks to all my family and friends for lovely 80th party

J & C COACHES For a wonderful holiday in the I.O.W., enjoyable form start to finish. Absolutely great, Maggie and Mick B.

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MARK WETHERIDGE 17th October. Happy Birthday to one in a million, love you so much, also remembering Rod's Birthday 15th October. Love always Sue XXX

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DAVID STRADLING, Happy 18th Birthday, Love always Vickie XX

DAVID STRADLING, 11.10.96. Congratulations on your 18th Birthday Strad, lots of love from Mum and Jennifer XX

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WILLIAMS - JOANNE, To our very special Daughter, Happy 18th Birthday Pet, all our love. Mam and Dad XX

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KENNETH GREEN Happy Birthday now your a teenager, 4.10.83 thought I just can't let it pass without letting you know how special you are lots of love from Nana & Ian XXX

ROBERT CAYGILL Happy Birthday Daddy love from your number 1 son, Jordon XX

ROBERT CAYGILL Best wishes on your 26th Birthday love you loads your loving wife XXX

FAWCETT STE, Happy 18th Birthday sweetheart, I love you always Lauren XXX

FAWCETT STE, Happy 18th It was a smashing party love Aunt Liz, Uncle Bob and Terri XXX

FAWCETT STE, Happy 18th Glad you enjoyed your night. Love Mam and Dad XXX

FRANKLIN, Happy Birthday Mam, have a lovely day, our love always Bob, Liz and Terri XXX

FRANKLIN, Happy Birthday Mam, You'll need a bigger box after today. Love Sue, Anth and Ste XXX

YVONNE (FRANCIS) is 36 and Walter is 39. Best Wishes from Shazbat

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Walter 39 and BoBo 36, Ha! Ha!

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While awaiting the results, we received a letter in August informing us that Parcel Force had lost the exam papers and they had not been marked.

Having attended classes for a full year and sat the exam and gained nothing for the hard work was very disappointing.

This is not a good advert for Quality Assured Parcel Force, let's hope they

apply corrective action and ensure it does not happen again.

We have all since been offered, by the I.Q.A., the opportunity to sit the exam again in November or June '97 and they will waive the exam fee.

Name and address supplied

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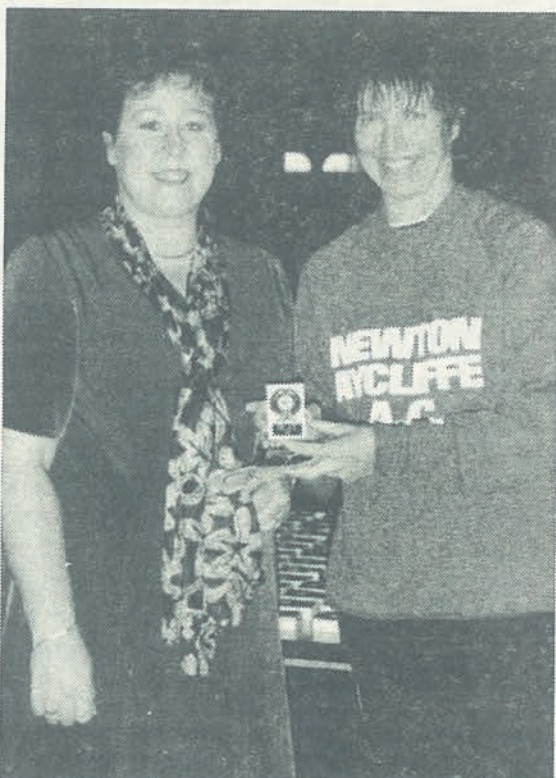
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through the start/finish before the half-marathoners carried on to cross Greenfield Way and out into the country. They entered the built up area again at the Sports Complex before crossing the railway and the road to join the nature walk. On to skirt the Great North Road and return to the finish by passing round Woodham School to join the Burn path and on to complete the run.

The major sponsor for the run was Great Lakes Chemicals who were magnificent in their help, each competitor receiving an engraved paperweight as well as a certificate and other prizes. The winners of each of the ten categories were presented with individual prizes for their efforts.

Refreshments were made available back at the Youth Centre and due to the generosity of Vaux Breweries Soft Drinks Division, Spring's, every one who took part in the event was given a Spring's Sport drink.

The thanks of the members and management committee are expressed

to all who took part as runners.

The back up staff, St. John's Ambulance, Darlington Venture Scouts, Youth Centre Members and Durham County Police, who are often forgotten, are also to be thanked for all their efforts despite the soaking they had.

Individual winners are:-
1/2 Marathon - 1st - Gary Brown, Darlington 2nd - Karl Edwards 3rd - Colin Gibson, Newton Aycliffe 4th - Paul Dixon, Sunderland
1st Lady - Sue Milburn, Newton Aycliffe
3 Mile Run - 1st - J. Stebbings, N. E. Vets 2nd - P. Harker, Newton Aycliffe 3rd - Nigel Pallinson, Wigton
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