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"AYCLIBTE - A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE" Says Teacher

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Don't believe all those letters which say how great it used to be, and how dreadful it has become.

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'new town blues'. The town centre shopping was hopeless everybody used to complain about it then, too! And we had trouble with vandals and troublesome young people then as well; if anything, I think the young people of Aycliffe are more gentle nowadays.

We've made great strides forward since the 1970's. Newton Aycliffe has grown up. In 1974 every other person seemed to be a newcomer; there was a rapid turnover of population. At the Greenfield School intake evening last Monday, it seemed as though I had taught every other parent! We have three and even four-generation families living here now. We have a community. We have roots

OF COURSE there are problems. I'm not suggesting that there is nothing wrong - I, too, want to make our town better. But, generally, I think it's a lovely place to live. The roads are uiet; there are no traffic lights. Nowhere are you

more than five minutes from a well-kept park, or open countryside. The bulbs in springtime are wonderful. There are no huge areas of waste land or rotting slums. It is a safe place to live, compared with other places.

We have lots of good pubs and clubs AND we have a wonderful system of playgroups (highly praised in a recent inspection). I'm particularly proud of the bonfire, which seems to me to be one of the happiest 'communitytimes' of the year. Newton Aycliffe isn't an exciting or cosmopolitan place to live, but who wants to live in a city? I know people complain about the town centre, but it is NOT 'a joke'. The shops meet most of my weekly shopping needs, and Darlington is close enough if I want to buy something special. Only about 30,000 people live in Newton Aycliffe; we don't have the buying power to attract a MacDonalds to the town centre (50,000) people), never mind a bowling alley or a

superstore. You have to remember that if you want a 'big city' town centre, then you have to have everything that goes with it - traffic jams, pollution, night clubs, late-night street violence and worse.

No, I live in Newton Aycliffe precisely BECAUSE it is not a big city. It is a nice place. It is my home. I like it here. What an indictment of some of our so-called 'good citizens' that I expect to be roundly attacked for saying so!

Yours faithfully John D. Clare



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Each lunchtime there is a varied, changing, Table D'Hote priced at £5.90. Sample Menu could be as follows:

French Onion Soup, Pate De Campagne, Bric & Apple Crepes - followed by - Omelette Gourmandes, Pouletau Riz, Cassoulet - followed by - Baklaua, Lemon & Sultana Cheesecake, Fresh Fruit Salad, Apple Strudel.

You can also choose from the 'other menu', which includes sandwiches, pastries etc., and of course Banoffee Pie.

The evenings are even better, with more to choose from, starting at 5.30pm - 7pm, there is an A La Carte menu not to be missed or hurried, savouring every moment is encouraged and expected.

A must also is the Sunday Morning Brunch, Breakfast/ Lunch, which gives you a wide choice of different types of Breakfasts from around the world.

You can also dabble on the Internet, as the restaurant has several consoles which can be used by customers. Prices are by time used. So why not 'surf the line with a glass of wine'. The Xmas menu is the Piece de Resistance! There is also a Santa Claus. Bon Appetite!

TENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED WITH FLOWERS

The flower arrangers of many of Aycliffe's Churches came together to fill St. Elizabeth's Church with beautiful floral displays last weekend.

The celebration was the tenth anniversary of the Church, and coincided with St. Elizabeth's Day celebrated on the 17th of November each year.

"Many thanks must go to the many people who

generously donations towards the flowers and those who gave freely of their talents in arranging them", said Colin Jay, the vicar. "The weekend was a very special occasion with lots of people visiting the Church. A special thank you must go to Jane of 'Floral Charm' who ensured that there were plenty of flowers available to beautify the Church'.

Letter

Aycliffe Really Needs

Theatre

Dear Sir,
May I, through the medium of
your paper, say how much I
enjoyed the pantomime,
'Cinderella', recently held at
Neville Parade Church Hall, by the Acorn Players.

Considering the Players were only formed in March of this year, with finances of £10!, they have come on in leaps and bounds in a short space of time. They had their teething problems, the main one being confined space, behind stage, and moving large sections of scenery on and off stage, but they dealt with this admirably. It should be stressed that nearly all the members of the Players are young people, considering their tender years, they all performed in a mature and professional manner. I personally helped for a coupe of nights behind stage, and I was very impressed by the way everything was stage managed, the stage manager himself is only a young man. Ann Harding who formed the

what they have all achieved. The Ugly sisters were brilliant as was Baron Hardup and his Wife, Buttons, Cinderella, Dandini, the Prince, the Courtiers etc., etc., all played very good parts. The pantomime was basically done in the old tradition with ingredients of romance, slapstick, audience participation and modern music, cleverly woven into the show, it just proves it's what

players should be very proud of

people want in Aycliffe. would advocate we need an Entertainment Centre built on the town, with a theatre, which could show plays, musicals, variety shows etc. - why not write to the Council and let them know your views. Mr. Roger McNeal.

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PANTOMIME PLAYED TO **FULL HOUSES**

The Acorn Players presented their first production last week, the pantomime 'Cinderella', to a full house each night.

Having only been formed in March of this year, with the princely sum of £10, they have worked very hard to produce a show that was professional in every way - from the Program Sellers to the Musical Director and Cinderella to Clarrisa the Cow, everyone involved put their heart into each and every performance.

Mrs Vera Davidson, President of the Acorn Players said it all at the end of the show when she said: "To mention one person in particular would be wrong, as each and every person involved in the performance had been excellent"

Watching the final performance

on Saturday evening was Kathline Oates, Area Secretary for NODA (Northern Operatics and Dramatics Association) which the Acorn Players joined recently.

The Ugly Sisters (Michael Carlton and Paul Patterson) kept the audience entertained throughout, as did Buttons (Nicola Broadhurst).

The sudden bursts of singing and dancing to 'Saturday Night' (Whigfield) and 'Summer Nights' (from Grease) was unexpected and delighted everyone, especially the youngsters, who joined in the dancing.

All in all it was a brilliant performance, professionally done and enjoyed by all. - Well worth £3 of anyones money. Congratulations to everyone

involved in the production.

NEW LOCAL RADIO STATION LAUNCHED-"ALPHA" ON 103.2

Bosses at locally-based AIFM have just announced the launch of a brand new radio station for Darlington, Aycliffe and Sedgefield.

The new station, named Alpha 103.2 will take to the Wir in early December, broadcasting on the 103.2 FM frequency currently used by A1FM.

Using A1FM's high-tech computer-controlled studios in Woodland Road, Darlington, Alpha 103.2 is the result of considerable research and planning. While the new programmes will feature many of the established names and successful features of A1FM, they will be more strongly focused on a format of news, local information and 'Classic Hits'.

Alpha 103.2 will be aimed mainly at adults aged between 25 and 55.

"We've been listening to our listeners" commented Managing Direct Brian Lister. "They say they want more of the really great songs from the 1960's, 70'2 and 80's - mixed with only the best of today's music. Adding a lot of truly local news and information means Alpha 103.2 will have an unbeatable mix of the music local people want and information they need."

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XMAS

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lessons into practice with

Alpha 103.2".

TOP OF THE LEAGUE **DERBY GAME** OSTPONED

The eagerly awaited derby between Huntsman and the British Legion was last week postponed after a last minute pitch inspection, writes Martin Walker, in association with J & C Coaches.

Huntsman Director of Football, Stuart Hodgson, and the Legion boss both agreed with referee Martin Robinson that the conditions were too risky for the players, despite a bizarre suggestion that the decision should have been left to the goalkeepers.

It brought the curtain down on what might have been a thoroughly exciting match. Legion and Huntsman are both up at the top of the League, and the fixture is undoubtedly a sixpointer.

I think it would be fair to say that there wasn't many matches being played in our area last Sunday. Not guessing from the conditions you understand, but from seeing how many players and managers were all enjoying hearty breakfasts in one popular den for postponed games.

These hungry and, usually dehydrated football crazed fanatics then retreat to their beloved locals, feeling harshly done by, deprived of their weekly football quota.

This is a very likely sequence of events which are inevitable when we stumble across these absolutely unplayable conditions.

Huntsman will be hoping this week doesn't bring same dreaded outcome. Th scheduled for a trip to For Hounds.

Meanwhile, gaffer S Hodgson has dismi rumours of a mass exodus: the Huntsman. Four players have

strongly linked with mov other clubs. Rob Lothian, only just signed for Woodham Club two me ago, is alleged to have talks with Barnard Castle Rob Walker, linked with and Hounds or a move ab goalkeeper Tony (Alexander le Skerne) Scotch General James Go Theo McCabe (Otter & are also said to be considmoves.

But boss Hodgson s "Nobody is leaving Huntsman. I've got a squad, and we are hopin win something this year certainly won't do that if I any players. I'll do whate takes to keep my so together".

The players involved have denied the claims. Jim Mc said: "Who loves ya baby This weeks poser: What letters adorn the badge Argentinian Internati player? (Answer next wee Last weeks poser was: won the 100th FA Cup on a replay? (Ansi Tottenham Hotspur).

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Pictured from left to right: Mrs Joyce Hutchinson, "Children in Distress" receives a £50 donation to the charity from Graham Meikle, Somerfield Store Manager. The charity was chosen by Mrs Carmel Billany, winner of the gold card at the preview evening for the new Somerfield Store in Newton Aycliffe, who won £50 to the charity of her choice plus £100 worth of shopping vouchers.

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of the IAMTF Light Middleweight title successfully and convincingly retained his belt. He won in the second round with a knock-out. Gary McAllister's fight was described 'awesome' and went to a unanimous decision in his favour after a full five rounds. This is the third time Gary has won this title in succession.

Both British Champions now take up their places in the England Squad to compete in Thailand in February 1997. Last year they reached the quarter finals in the World Championships.

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NO CASE AGAINST AYCLIFFE CENTR

Peter Kemp, Durham County Council's Director of Social Services, has reacted to this week's announcement by Durham Constabulary that their investigation into allegations made by a teenager (Carl August) concerning his treatment at Aycliffe Young People's Centre in the early 1990's, had found insufficient evidence to justify any charges being brought:

"I am pleased that the considerable efforts we made to listen to Carl's complaints and to ensure that they were swiftly made subject to a rigorous police investigation have resulted in this outcome. "The allegations he made related to a period of time several years ago, and I was always at a loss as to understand why, if his concerns were genuine, he should have waited so long before bringing them to

"It is unfortunate that they created unnecessarily adverse and potentially damaging publicity for the Centre which may have affected the confidence of its existing and potential

"I hope that the outcome of the police investigation will reassure them all of the Centre's continued commitment maintaining the highest standards of care."

M.I.N.D. SEEK **DONATIONS FOR** MARKET STALL

Mind is now well established in St. Oswalds Park, Newton Aycliffe, with between 10 and 15 people using the facilities every day of the week.

The drop-in Centre provides support and advice to a variety of people at times of need or

The work of fund raising to maintain this needed facility is ongoing.

Mind has been kindly allocated a market stall in Newton Aycliffe on TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER.

The stall will sell toys and fancy goods to the people of Newton Aycliffe to help keep the cost of Christmas down and raise funds for the Centre.

We are asking for donations for this fund raising event, if you have any toys or items you think we could sell we would like to hear from you.

Donations can be made at: The Mind Centre at St. Oswalds Park, week days between 10.00 and 4.00; The Cubby in the town Thursday centre. afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 or, if needed, we

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Staff and Trainees of ITEC North East Ltd. would like to thank all those people who gave so generously to the Children in Need appeal. Trainees, in fancy dress, collected a total of £2,083.00 towards the

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may be able to collect from you by telephoning us on 300121.

Your kind support is greatly appreciated. Kevin Armstrong Centre Manager.

Letter to the Editor

COUNCILLOR CONGRATULATES

As a regular visitor to Shafto House for a number of years, may I take this opportunity to thank the staff for the wonderful job they do.

They are always pleasant, and manage to create a relaxed atmosphere that is, genuinely, a home from home.

Also may I congratulate

Durham County Counc on their exceller refurbishment of th House, undertaken at time of cuts in publi spending.

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Letter

Council Should Organise Work Better

Dear Sir.

May I express the views of many pensioners, who are infirm and disabled, they are DISGUSTED, like myself, at the way Sedgefield Council are conducting their M a n a g e m e n t Improvement Programme to some bungalows.

Many bungalows have already been fitted with double glazing, which is much needed, however, the same bungalows are now to be fitted with kitchen and bathroom units etc.

Surely, as pensioners and disabled are prone to the cold weather, it is would have made more sense to have conducted a programme to ensure that all double glazing to bungalows was done at the same time, and the Council were to get their priorities right Mr. E. Allen Bruce Road

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Bulbs were provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council who also co-ordinated the event in liaison with staff from the schools involved and staff from the Town Council's Horticultural Service Department.

Activities were undertaken over a three day period and were aimed at providing the children with an opportunity to broaden their appreciation of nature. The fruits of their labour should be in blossom next spring and will be there for the enjoyment of many generations to come.

Letter to the Editor ARE WE TO BE LEFT OUT AGAIN

THIS CHRISTMAS?

Dear Sir,

I once again feel I must write with regard to the lack of Christmas decorations in our town centre.

Darlington is awash with Christmas Lights, and has anybody been to Ferryhill lately, there main shopping area is aglow.

What has happened to Newton Aycliffe, once again the largest community tax giver in Sedgefield Borough and we are left out again.

I was under the impression that we were all trying to help the poor shopkeepers, and obviously the run up to Christmas must be very important to them, so come on who ever is responsible and switch our lights on, or will it be left to the lads in Horndale to lighten our winter evenings as in previous years.

Please do not mention vandalism as the reason. I do not believe that Darlington or for that matter Ferryhill are without this destructive element.

Yours faithfully C. Hutchinson (Mrs) Faulkner Road.

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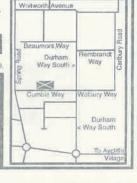
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WOOLWORTH'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Woolworths are offering yet another free competition for the children of Newton Aycliffe.

Following their successful 101 Dalmations Wordsearch competition six weeks ago, Woolies are now inviting kids between the age of 5 and 12 to enter their Christmas Competition.

The Competition involves designing your very own Christmas Card. There will be winners and runners-up in two separate age groups - the first group being from 5-8 and the other from 9-12.

Here's what to do: Design your card on a folded A4 sheet of paper, using plenty of colour and imagination. Leave the back of the card - and write on the back your full name, address, telephone number and age.

When you've completed

your card, take it into your Woolworths Store in Aycliffe Town Centre an post it in the Post Box with 'Kids Xmas Card Competition' wrote on it. The winner from the 5-8 age group will win the 'Toy Story' video, while the winner from the 9-12 age group will win the 'Babe' video.

Two runners-up from each group will receive Woolies goodie bags. Winners will be decided by the Woolworths team.

Meanwhile, your Woolworths Local Store are offering many special offers for the Christmas period. One of those is their new 'Toy Price Promise'

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There will be more special offers from Woolworths in the very near future - so watch out for them in the 'Newton News'.



ASK YOUR KIDS TO CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

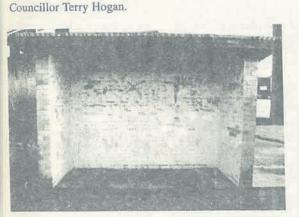
Bus Shelters and Underpasses are costing us thousands of pounds in cleaning and repair bills

Recently, as Chairman of Great Aycliffe Town Council Environment Committee, I had to authorise the painting over of certain disgusting graffiti on two bus shelters on Williamfield Way.

Every time I walk through a subway I am horrified, not only by the amount of graffiti, but also by its nature, which seems to belong to the very lowest levels of humanity. It is time that we, as a community, went to war against graffiti, and the Town Council intends to bring forward, in its forthcoming budget, a number of proposals to try to

defeat such visual vandalism. This is especially important as we approach our halfcentenary year, when Newton Aycliffe will be at the centre of attention, and will play host to visitors from all over

In the meantime, can I urge parents, and everybody else who deals with youth in the community, to try to impress upon our children that they must take care of our environment, which they will inherit in the near future.



pleads Town Councillor





Aycliffe Beats League Contenders

Guisborough MT Juniors - 2 Aycliffe Under 11's - 3

Aycliffe victory at Hartlepool allowed week Guisborough to creep into 2nd place in the league, but it was now their turn to face this resurgent side and become victims of a 5th consecutive

For the opening 15 minutes there was only one team in control as Aycliffe's forwards tormented the Guisborough defence with some great

The defence was solid with Craig Cherie brilliant in the centre and fullbacks Jonathon Robinson and Craig Taylor mopping up any wing attacks. Ryan Stonehouse was calm alongside Craig and set up the 1st Goal. His through ball found Ryan Wilson who raced 30 yards toward goal, firing past the keeper. Guisborough looked stunned.

More pressure brought goal no2 as Aycliffe turned the Guisborough 18 yard box into a pinball machine with Brendan Hindle finally

smashing the ball into the net. Minutes before half-time Guisborough pulled a goal back and might have equalised just after the break but for some superb goalkeeping by Joe Mctague as he raced out to block a near certain chance.

Aycliffe absorbed more good work and then made it 3-1 when Brendan Hindle slipped to Michael Carr. He slid the ball to James Black who knocked the ball home after only seconds of appearing as

More timely work by sub goalkeeper Gavin Dodd kept Aycliffe on top until a late 2nd goal ended the game 3-2 in Aycliffe's favour.

Once again man of the match was David Palmer. Brimming with confidence he terrorised the Guisborough defence with skill and pace and he, and the team, need to be congratulated for their unselfish passing

The next home game is on Sunday 1st December at Greenfield School. Kick-off is 11am and all support is

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St. JOHN **AMBULANCE** STORIES REQUESTED

St. John Ambulance, the UK's leading first aid organisation, searching for its lost youth. Next year, 1997, is the 10th anniversary of the 'badgers' (junior members aged 6-10) and the 75th anniversary of the 'cadets' (aged 11-18).

To celebrate, the charity is searching for local people who were involved in St. John Ambulance as a youngster and who have an interesting story to tell.

You may have saved a life as a result of your firstaid skills gained with St. John Ambulance, or you may be part of a St. John family, where generations have cared for people in your local community. A cadet or badger in your division may now be famous and you have happy memories of working with them. Alternatively, you could be the proud parent or grandparent of a junior lifesaver, who's too shy to come forward.

"We particularly want to hear from young lifesavers who might not be known to us", said James Hilder, Youth Service Manager. "And from any St. John family that feels they have a special tale to tell. For example, your grandparent may have been one of the first youngsters to join the cadets, and you have followed in their footsteps."

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Newton Aycliffe's quest to catch leaders Kader YCC were thwarted last week when their opponents Tontine Juniors called off their League game after initially pronouncing the game on.

Aycliffe currently lie joint second in the League (Division 2) but with two games in hand over the leaders.

This Sunday, (1st December), the lads are in action in the quarterfinal of the League Cup against Hartlepool St. Francis.

The game kicks off at 10.30am at Vane Road Primary School and local support is always welcome. Hartlepool St. Francis are one of the stronger Division 1 teams and a close contest is

Instead of watching video highlights of 'Match of the Day', why not pop along to Vane Road and see the future stars of the Premiership in action, in the flesh!

Family Service

There will be a Family Service at St. Clare's Church on Sunday 8th December, commencing at 10.30am

The theme for this months service is 'The Parable of the Lost Sheep'.

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.

WOODHAM **LADIES GOLF PRESENTATION EVENING**

At the annual presentation night of the Ladies Section of Woodham Golf Club, Newton Aycliffe, held in the restaurant of the Club, 1995/ 96 Captain Christine Johnson, Woodham Village, presented awards to Ladies Club Champion Anita Maxwell (Woodham Village) who also won the LGU Pendant and Medal Twelve. The Club Champion Bronze Division winner was Pat Usher (Woodham Village) who also won the Irene Geddes Memorial Trophy, Medal Eight, Golightly Putter, Medal Ten and the LGU Bronze Medal. Matchplay Champion was Irene Dodds (Darlington) who also won the Eclectic, Medal Thirteen, Medal Fourteen, and the Woodham Wayward Trophy. Matchplay Runner-up was Margaret Nisbet (Fishburn) who

Sue Parkinson won the Birdie Tree Silver Division, the LGU Silver Medal, the May Lowery, Medal Three, Thornville Garage Cup, Medal Four, Medal Five, and won the Easter Mixed and May Day Mixed along with her husband Allan.

Audrey Brooks (Woodham Village) was winner of the Birdie Tree Bronze Division.

Chris Quinn (Seamer) won the mid-week League, Runner-up in the Winter Shield, and paired with Allan Parkinson to win the Captain's Mixed, and with Ian Alexander to win the Mixed Ladder. Pat Woodward (Croft on Tees) won the Directors Cup, Medal Two and Medal Sixteen, was Eclectic Runner up, and with Jill McKenna (Newton Aycliffe) won the Dransfield Trophy. She also won the Edmenson Trophy and was the Mixed Ladder Runners up paired with her husband Brian. Jill McKenna won the Winter Shield, the Margaret Bellshaw Shield and Medal Seven.

The Whit Bank Holiday Mixed winners were Karen and David Edmond (Coulby Newham). The Kath Golightly Salver and Medal One went to Liz Greenwell (Fishburn); Lady Secretary's Prize and Medal Nine, Sue Beckman (Thornaby); Medal Eleven, Carol Littlefair (Newton Aycliffe); Lesley Wake Memorial Trophy and Medal Fifteen, Roz Railton (Woodham). The Rex Ward Woodham Wooden Spoon was won by the Lady Captain's Team.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies Section Sue Parkinson of Hurworth Place took over as Captain and Karen Edmond of Coulby Newham was appointed Vice-captain.

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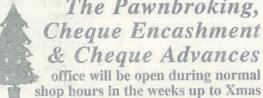
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COUNTY COUNCIL **EXAMINE GUN** OWNERSHIP

The sale and possession of handguns and combat knives in County Durham is to be examined by Durham County Council.

Council Leader Don Robson told members of the Authority today that in the light of draft legislation to outlaw the possession of most handguns and proposals to control the sale of combat knives, it was right that the Council's Public Protection Committee should assess and debate the situation as it affected the County they served.

Speaking at a meeting of the full County Council today, Coun. Robson added: "I doubt whether any member of the Authority is aware either of the extent of handgun ownership in the County, the availability of these knives, or what effect moves to control the possession of both is likely to have.

"This Authority is the appropriate body to discuss the issues at stake in relation to County Durham, and as soon as the proposals relating to the sale and ownership of these weapons are made clear, we should hold a special meeting of the Public Protection Committee to examine the whole situation."

Coun. Robson's call met with unanimous support, and a detailed report outlining the scale of handgun possession in the County, the availability of combat knives and proposals to limit both is to be prepared for Members' consideration.

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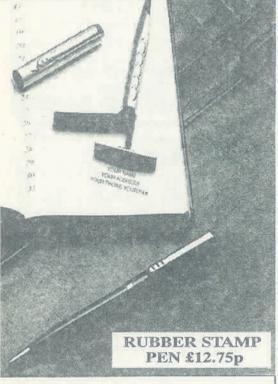
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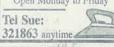
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Loving memories of our dear "Forgie Boy" on his 39th birthday, November 28th. Your smile has gone forever, your hand we cannot touch, but we'll always have the memories of the son we loved so much. Love Mam and Dad DERRICK WALKER Treasured 30-11-95. memories of a dear friend. Today, Tomorrow, our whole lives through, we will always think of you. Gone but not forgotten. Janette and Peter XXX

DERRICK WALKER Died 30th November 1995, aged 45. Much loved father and grandfather, love as always Samantha, Gary and Niccié-Tamara

DERRICK WALKER (BASHER) Gone but not forgotten from all your friends at the iron Horse HILDA GREENWOOD 27-10-95, You closed your eyes a year ago, you never said goodbye, but I got fond memories of you u ntil the day I die - a friend

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Birthday Remembrance

FORGHAM 28-11-96. Happy birthday darling. It feels like a lifetime away when I heard you say "I Love You", and it doesn't feel the same going through the day without you, I can't stop the world from turning only you could stop the hurting. The Love Story had to go and change, I will never love this way again. I knew life would never be the same although my nights are long I keep holding on to all our memories. You will always be "THE LOVE I LOST" All my love as always Ann XXX

FORGHAM 28-11-96. Happy birthday. You are always in our thoughts, all our love Shaun and Liam

BENNET - FORGHAM November 28th. No gifts to give, no card to send, I loved my brother to the bitter end. He was taken away from us all one day, the heartache and pain is the price we pay, I cry inside nobody knows, the empty feeling, it only grows, my only wish is that we'll meet again, and I will no longer feel this pain. Sadly missed from Sheila,

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ELISHA Happy 18th Birthday love Beverley, Paul, Carrie-Louise and Matthew

CARRUTHERS, Victoria - Congratulations and well done Vicky on passing your driving test, best of luck Mam and Dad

CARRUTHERS Vicky, Congratulations on passing your driving test, well done, love from Sadie and

TINKLER, Emma Jane Congratulations on passing your driving test, drive safely, love Mam and Dad TINKLER, Emma Jane. You passed your driving well done, take care, love Grandma, Grandad, Nana all your Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

TINKLER Congratulations on passing your driving test Emma Jane. Well done from Grandma, Granda and Nanna

IN KLER Congratulations on passing your driving test Emma Jane, from all Aunts, Uncles and Cousins

PYBUS Happy 30th Birthday - couldn't resist it! From D.B. and Smelly THOMPSON, Gillian Happy 18th Birthday Gillian, good luck for the future. Love Nana

THOMPSON, Gillian Congratulations on your 18th Birthday on the 1st December. Lots of love always Mum XX

DRAPER To our darling daughter Charlotte Louise on your First Birthday, I-12-96. Tons of love and kisses Mammy and Daddy DRAPER Happy First Birthday Charlotte Louise. Lots of love from Mark and

STEPHEN HUDSON To my one and only brother on his 21st Birthday, one of the best, love Joanne and

STEPHEN HUDSON To a special son on his 21st Birthday, loads of love Mam

STEPHEN HUDSON Happy Birthday Uncle Stephen, love Conor STEPHEN HUDSON All

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HARPER Stephen Ronald - To our darling son on his 16th Birthday, November, Mam and Dad TYLER MASON WALES Happy 1st Birthday darling, lots of love Mammy and Daddy

PAUL CURRY Congratulations on your passing out from H.M.S. Raleigh, sorry we couldn't be there, love from Mum, Dad, Neal and Chelcie CHLOE HINDLE 30-11-

95. Happy 1st Birthday to our lovely granddaughter, lots of love from Nana and Grandad XXX

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Letter to the Editor

THIEVES DOING THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Dear Sir,

On Thursday or Friday night the 21st or 22nd November some mindless low life came into my garden and stole my two year old son's birthday present, his Bubble Car.

I can't believe someone could steel from a child, so close to Christmas. The car has an orange base and a yellow roof. The roof has a few stickers on it, so let's hope whoever has it cleans it up and no doubt it will be a good Christmas present for someone as this is probably why it was stolen. This mindless act was not carried out by children it was, shameful

to say, - an adult.

I would be really grateful

if the mindless thief could return my son's car as he is very upset and can't understand why he can't play with his car any more. Yours faithfully 'Hopeful'

'Hopeful' Kirkstone Place

Medals Found

Four silver coloured medals inscribed S. W. Stokes were found on 21.11.96 in Newton Aycliffe and handed in Newton Aycliffe Police Station.

Please contact Julie Willis on 01325 742603 for further information.

CARE CLIENTS WATCH MAGPIES

Recently a group of County Durham Care Day Centre clients visited a Newcastle United training session at Maiden Castle in Durham.

There was great excitement as the devoted fans watched their heroes in the build up to the Newcastle v Metz game in France. Some lucky people had their autograph books and shirts signed.

All of the Day Centre clients have a learning disability, some also with a physical disability.

The clients were from Country Durham Care establishments all over the County.

Auckland Gate Centre in Bishop Auckland; Beck House, in Darlington; Durham Centre; Lee Hill Centre in Lanchester; Oaks Centre Newton Aycliffe; Shinwell Centre from Peterlee, Jubilee Centre, Spennymoor, and Pontop Centre from Stanley.

In the new year, 2 lucky clients from each centre will have the opportunity to meet the whole team!

Junior Soccer

Aycliffe under 16's and Under 15's had no League Games on Sunday 24.11.96 so a friendly between the teams was arranged.

Once again the weather was the winner, with the pitch being slippy and snow falling it was not worth the risk.

Lets hope this Sunday brings better news for both

Under 16s Man of the Day I C Pitch Under 15s Man of the Day

S Lippy

COUNTY LIBRARY IN £50 MILLION LOTTERY BID

Library users in County Durham could have the world at their fingertips if a national bid for up to £50m of lottery money is successful.

Libraries in the County are part of the Information For All campaign which aims to give everyone free access to information held on computer using high speed communications networks such as the Information Superhighway.

Connection to the networks through public libraries would mean even the most isolated communities would have the chance to tap into publicly available information at international, national and local levels.

Patrick Conway, Durham County Council's Director of Arts, Libraries and Museums, said the County supported the bid by Information For all which was set up by the Library Association and the Library and Information Commission.

"Public access to the wide range of information available on the Information Superhighway is vital if people in the County are not to be disadvantaged because they don't have computers at home or in their workplace," he said.

"The County Council is already trying to provide computers for the public to use in libraries despite the pressure on resources. We have achieved this in some libraries such as Seaham and Murton through partnerships with other organisations and funding from Europe and Central Government.

"Although this has helped us provide public access to computers in some libraries, it means that current provision is piecemeal.

"If the Information For All bid is successful, it will help us achieve a wider provision of computers in our libraries," said Mr Conway. The County Council will be putting information about its services on the Internet in 1997 aimed not only at local people and service users but also companies considering investing in the County.

Martial Arts Festival

A Martial Arts Festival is to be held this Saturday 30th November at Newton Aycliffe Recreation Centre.

Many forms of Martial Arts will be on Display and you will have the opportunity to meet with Instructors, Champions and some of the many participants. Women, Men and Children all partake in Martial Arts for various reasons.

The specialities on display are all available within Newton Aycliffe which is particularly rich in variety and expertise.

You are invited to come along, either pay at the door or purchase a ticket at the Recreation Centre or from Kings Cobra Muay Thai - Tel 314611 (£2.50 adult, £1.50 children and OAP's).