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Dear Sir

The letter from Roger McNeal highlights the difficulties faced by any group wishing to put on a performance in Newton Aycliffe.

This became obvious to the Parish Church Council when the Acorn Players rehearsed in St. Clare's Hall and they decided to do something about it. The stage in St. Clare's Hall had been out of use for many years, and it was agreed that this should be cleared and refurbished to make a stage available to the community. Unfortunately the stage could not be made ready for the Acorn Players performance, but refurbishment is under way and the stage will be usable by Christmas. Discussions with some potential users highlighted the lack of back-stage space as a problem, and the P.C.C. asked for the preparation of a plan to overcome this, and to provide rooms which would be available as dressing rooms when stage productions were in hand and available to organisation requiring meeting rooms at

other times. Building on the land at the rear of the stage would provide three good-sized rooms, with a separate entrance, at reasonable cost. The church has in the past two years upgraded the general hall facilities to provide two good halls for use by church and community and has an ongoing programme of upgrading supported financially by the congregation. It has therefore been decided to start a separate fund to raise the money for this additional building, and to seek help from companies, businesses, organisations and individuals to enable us to provide this needed community facility as a community effort, and not as an addition to our already high council charges. The outline plans will be complete and we will be in a position to launch our appeal during January, and hope to receive

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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 for the £8.90p Table D'Hote similar to the one above. Then from 7 p.m. 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'.

Bon Appetit!

P.S. The Xmas menu is the 'piece de resistance'!

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Dear Sir,
Thank you, and very well done to the new group, the Acorn Players, for their most enjoyable show "Cinderella"

The performance of all the individuals can only be described as fantastic and it was easy to see that everyone concerned gave 100%.

As an audience member the comments around the hall were very encouraging and

I thought the group should know, through "Newton News", how entertaining they all were.

For a group to perform to such a high standard on the basics, given in money, equipment etc., the overall performance was absolutely fabulous.

Thank you once again and I look forward to your next production.

Mrs Parkinson

THANKS FROM
THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Sir,
As Chairman of the newly formed Acorn Players may I thank through Newton News everyone who assisted us in our first production "Cinderella" which was a huge success.

Everyone from the front of house staff to the back stage, sound & lighting and the wonderful talented cast a big "thank you" - You were truly great! There were a few nail-biting moments when our keyboard player was stuck

in a traffic jam trying to get to the hall. Then our Stage Manager was called into work in an emergency.

The final straw was when the wonderful piece of scenery, which took hours to make, didn't fit the stage! But when I heard all those children laughing and cheering it was all worth the tremendous effort.

Watch Newton News for details of our next venture - better still why not join us?

Yours sincerely,
Anne Harland

C.C.T.V. AT
WOODHAM

Woodham Comprehensive School is to erect Close Circuit T.V. Cameras to protect their premises.

The planners have recommended approval for 4 cameras after being satisfied that nearby neighbours will not be

subject to passive viewing and an intrusion of their privacy.

The installation will make a significant contribution towards identifying and deterring intruders intent on criminal behaviour.

CHURCH
SERVICES AT THE
AGNEW HUT

The Church of England in Newton Aycliffe is holding a special Christmas service for the Agnews on Sunday 15th December at 4pm in the Community Hut in Morrison Close.

Everyone is welcome, young or old, regardless of denomination. There will be a cup of tea or coffee too.

In the new year we hope to hold a regular monthly service on the 1st Sunday of every month. These will commence with a Christingle service on Sunday 5th January at 4pm.

The services are being started by members of the local Church of England

Parish and we want to provide a service that will suit the people of the Agnews. Therefore, we would welcome any comments or suggestions as to what you would like to see happening within the services. If you have any comments or would like further information please contact Revd. Colin Jay on 320012 - we look forward to seeing you on Sunday 15th December.

Decent
People
Exist!

Dear Sir,
Thanks for publishing my letter last week.

I have not had the Bubble Car that was stolen returned, but thanks to Newton News I have been in touch with a very kind lady who is giving me her son's unwanted toy as a replacement.

I didn't think there were any decent people left in Newton Aycliffe, but now I know there is.

I would like to publicly thank Mrs. Hayles for her help and generosity.

S. Honeyman
Kirkstone Place

Rugby
Team win
44 - 0!

Fielding a scratch side, Newton Aycliffe were convincing winners at home on Saturday. The home side dominated throughout beating Houghton-le-Spring 44-0.

Aycliffe forwards controlled the ball in scrummage and line out allowing the half back pairing of A. Dawson and D. Pettit to dictate play. The Aycliffe back row pressurised the opposition into many mistakes.

Houghton were forced to play most of the game in their own half. The try of the game was scored by Bub Malvern who, after running almost ten yards, threw the biggest dummy seen by somebody not wearing a romper suit. Trundling Ray Roondhal put in an amazing display at full back in borrowed kit.

Roy explained later, his wife had thrown his old stuff away. Also scoring tries were D. Pettit (3); A. Dawson (1); S. Carroll (1); P. Deets (1); Pettit scored 9 points with the boot. Team sponsors are Great Lakes

Under 11's
Football

Aycliffe U11 - 4
Tontine - 1

For the first time in a month the sun shone at a Sunday game and we could leave our thermos underwear in the wardrobe. Those who still felt chilly were soon warmed by some enterprising play. Aycliffe's midfield and attack carved out some great openings and could have put three goals away in the first half but the Tontine keeper pulled off a string of great saves.

The Aycliffe defence was solid again and kept the Tontine assaults on goal to a bare minimum. The game was goalless at the break but a brighter start to the second half promised goals and they came. James Black aimed a corner kick towards the six yard box; the keeper could only punch away and Ryan Wilson drilled the ball home as it fell to his feet.

The next goal was pure genius: a Tontine goalkick was superbly volleyed back into the goal from 30 yards, again by Ryan Wilson. Aycliffe's man of the Match David Palmer made goal number three with a typical blistering run down the right wing. Brendan Hindle met the cross and converted coolly.

Then with minutes remaining left back Jonathan Robinson pushed forward and both teams were left stunned as his cross came shot flew in for number 4.

A late consolation for Tontine left the final score 4-1 and moved Aycliffe into third place in the league.

Many thanks go to all who supported the team on Sunday. An attendance of around 40 watched this entertaining game - Watch out for the next home fixture

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Michael Dalton Secretary (right) presents a tankard to Cliff Hudspeth as a token of appreciation watched by the Chairman Mary Vallier.

The Committee and members of Newton Aycliffe Club for the Deaf and Disabled wish to thank Cliff Hudspeth for competing in the Great North Run and helping to raise over £700 for the annual holiday in June 1997. We also thank the following for their generous

sponsorship of Cliff: Hydro, Perstorp Waverite, Yorkshire Game, 3M, Moore Lane Sports Club, PMB Darlington, "Shoulder of Mutton", Kirby Hill and all the individual sponsors who will enable our group to have an enjoyable holiday. Michael Dalton.

VALUE OF POLICE SPEED CAMPAIGN QUESTIONED

The Speed Campaign undertaken by the Police during October showed good results while they were there, but as soon as they left motorists reverted to their previous anti-social behaviour in ignoring speed restrictions in our town.

During the 13 day campaign 505 drivers were stopped and warned in respect of their speed. A further 46 offended at such a level they were prosecuted! Nearly a quarter of those

stopped, surprisingly, were speeding in their own locality.

County Councillor Jack Flynn, who is Chairman of the Highways Committee, hopes lessons were learnt, but admits to being disappointed that speed is only reduced when there is a police presence.

This will not surprise anyone, and is a fact of life, that most people easily slip into high speed and the only real answer to the problem is cameras!

NEW ACT WILL ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Local authorities in England and Wales will find it easier to create "poop scoop" areas after

a new Act comes into effect on Sunday.

"Poop Scoop" areas are places where dog owners must clear up after their dogs. The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act allows local authorities to designate most public land as poop scoop areas without having to refer to central government. Previously, local authorities have had to secure the agreement of central government to create the necessary bye-laws.

Under the new Act, failure to clear up on designated land is an offence subject to a maximum fine of £1000. Local authorities can also give offenders the option of paying a fixed penalty of £25 rather than go to Court.

Welcoming the new Act, Environment Minister James Clappison said "Dog fouling is a real nuisance - whether we are walking down the street or using a park or beach. A minority of irresponsible dog owners are spoiling open places for everyone else by not cleaning up after pets.

"This new Act replaces the bureaucratic process of making dog fouling bye-laws. So that it will be easier for local authorities to create new "poop scoop" areas. It will help to encourage responsible dog ownership as well as to make our towns and cities cleaner and more pleasant places.

"I am confident that many local authorities will welcome these new powers - and use them. But the message to dog owners is - don't wait until the law makes you clear up - Clean up today!"

Greenfield School's Premiere of New Musical

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 16th, 17th, & 18th of December, Greenfield School will be staging yet another brilliant musical.

As always it will be an original piece written by Music Teacher Peter Simpson and directed by P.E. and Dance Teacher Claire Deighton.

For months now a cast of over 100 pupils have been going through their paces and just last Friday they worked together with students from Darlington 6th Form College, creating a recording studio at the school and producing a professional cassette of the songs from the Show.

This unique tape will be on sale each night of the performance which starts at 7 p.m.

Listen to A1FM this Sunday between 7 and 9 p.m. for highlights.

Tickets on sale now, Hurry! Price £2 (£1 concessions). A great night out for all the family!

FAMILIES INVITED TO JOIN THE CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG WITH THE TOWN BAND

Woodham Youth Choir will lead the singing at the Annual Christmas Community Concert to be held on Sunday 15th December at the Leisure Centre from 2.30 - 4p.m.

Our Town Brass Band will be providing the rousing musical accompaniment and the event is promising to be a really good sing along of Christmas Songs and Carols.

Schoolchildren will be performing and they will all get together to sing "Rudolph and Jingle Bells" for the adult audience - part of the programme not to be missed.

The whole audience will raise the roof with "White Christmas", "When a Child is Born", Good King Wenceslas and many other favourites.

The Rotary Club

organise the Concert each year and invite the townspeople to get together for this really grand community event.

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EURO MP's IN CLOCK CHANGE DEBATE

Local Labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes voted with the European Parliament for clocks to change at the same time throughout the European Union for the next five years.

1996 was the first year that clocks throughout the EU went back at the same time - avoiding

those two or three weeks in October when Britain had a two hour difference with the rest of the continent.

Now Euro MP's including Stephen Hughes Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon, are urging EU Governments to keep up a synchronised clock change for at least the

next five years - and have come up with the dates for summer time to begin and end from 1998 to 2001.

Mr Hughes said "Putting the clocks forward and back is a national decision taken by individual governments. But the European Parliament and the EU can help to co-ordinate decisions. If the EU comes up with a date for changing the clocks then no country can say that any other country is trying to impose a date on them"

For readers with 1998 diaries the dates for changing the clocks are 29th March and 25th October.

Mr Hughes is keen to promote a wide ranging discussion in Britain on whether the clocks should be changed for summer time and whether Britain and Ireland should change to the same time as the rest of western Europe.

UNDER 16's REVERSE THE SCORELINE

On Sunday 1st December Aycliffe under 16's were away to South Cleveland Boys in the League Cup. The last time the teams met Aycliffe put up a poor performance and were beaten 4-1.

The game got under way in blustery conditions on an uneven pitch. Aycliffe tackled hard but clean and defensively they were very organised. Cleveland created very little up front in the first 20 minutes as chances fell for Gareth Richardson and Lou Stott for Aycliffe. In the 25th minute Aycliffe pressed forward and Lou latched onto a tough ball to volley home to put Aycliffe 1 up.

The second half saw Cleveland come out fighting. Cleveland equalised with a shot from the left which Chris Wilson had covered until the wind caught the ball and made it dip into the net.

Aycliffe then had a few close shaves and on a couple of occasions could have fallen behind. The Aycliffe team still had chances a plenty when they went on the attack but just lacked the finishing edge. Then 15 minutes into the second half Aycliffe really started to show their true grit with David Clay and Tony Biddick in midfield playing out of their socks Aycliffe then realised that the "over the top" and "through

ball" for Gareth and Lou was the game to play.

Gareth had a succession of attacks injuring the Cleveland keeper who was taken to hospital.

Gareth Richardson made a few runs down the left wing, catching the keepers head and putting the ball into the net to make it 2-1 for Aycliffe.

Will Swinburn took a 25th minute corner and Scott Brassell headed it into the left corner of the net 3-1 to Aycliffe.

Lou Stott latched onto another through ball to hammer it home for his second of the 4-1.

Aycliffe finished the game on top and in total command, full credit to all the team. Aycliffe now play away to 1st Division Team New Marske in the Quarter Finals on January 5th, but the team performance was there best yet.

Men of the Match: David Clay and Scott Brassell

REFEREEING IS A SHAMBLES

"Shambles" that's how Huntsman Director of Football Stuart Hodgson described the Darlington and District Sunday Morning League's referee situation last week.

Bad weather conditions postponed the Aycliffe derby clash between Huntsman and British Legion two weeks ago. Huntsman were then rescheduled to play away to Half Moon as their original opponents Fox and Hounds were tied up in cup action against Aycliffe side Working Mens Club. The club won 6-1. A maximum of seven refs are required every week - yet only three or four are being set up each week.

That is why League Secretary John Parker is pleading with referees from the area to help them out, even if it's just a couple of games.

If you are a ref, and you find yourself twiddling your thumbs on Sunday mornings,

telephone John Parker on 487910, the League are in urgent need of your help. Meanwhile, Morgan Fielding's suspension started last week following his sending off against DCS five weeks ago. Durham FA imposed a six week ban, but fortunately for Huntsman it advances into the Christmas break, which means that he's only likely to miss another three games.

Huntsman's Christmas draw is still in action - but you must be quick in snapping up your ticket as they are selling fast. Huntsman will this week play away to basement team Otter and Fish - that's referee provided!

This weeks poser: Who began his reign as European Footballer of the year in 1983? (Answer next week). Last weeks poser was: What three letters adorn the badge on an Argentinian International Player (Answer: AFA) Martin Walker

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Sedgefield Swimmers Excel at Open Meet

At Darlington's 13th Annual Open meet, Sedgefield 75's success continued with 3 medals, 18 finalists and one national qualifying time.

Kathleen Mohan (15) gained the National Qualifying Time finishing in 3rd position in the 15/16 years 100m Backstroke event in a time of 1.08.21 and was 6th in both the 200m I.M. and 50m Freestyle.

Kiyo Kobayashi (10) finished 4th in the 10 years 50m Breaststroke in a time of 1.18.71 and the 200m I.M. in 2.31.48

Natalie Thompson (10) finished 4th in the 10 years 50m Butterfly event in a time of 39.57 and was 7th in the 50m Freestyle 37.17.

George Carpenter (10) finished 4th in the 10 years 50m Butterfly in a time of 28.83 and was 5th in the 50m Freestyle 33.60.

Mark Surtees (14) was 5th in the 13/14 years 100m Freestyle event in a time of 59.84, just in front of his team mate Iain Cairns who finished in 8th position 1.00.08. Mark finished 8th in the 100m Butterfly in a time of 1.10.09

Samantha Mitchell (10) finished 6th in the 10 years 50m Breaststroke event in a time of 46.12

Zoe Mitchell (11) finished 7th in the 11/12 years 100m Breaststroke event in a time of 1.27.69.

Carol Mahon (11) finished in 8th position in the 11/12 years 100m Butterfly event in a time of 1.21.28.

Beverley Vickers (10) finished in 8th position in the 10 years 50m Backstroke event in a time of 42.74.

Kimberley Vickers (12) finished 8th in the 11/12 years 100m Freestyle event in a time of 1.08.31

Congratulations to all those who took part in the event: Alison Storey, Lyndsey Atkinson, Matthew Bowden, Vicky Blair, Ian Storey, Christopher Bowden, Angela W-Smith, Jill Hunter, Lyndsey Needham, Andrew Cairns, Claire Longley, Leanne Boddy, Sarah Kelly, Michael Thompson and Michael Turnbull.

Christmas Holiday Arrangements for NEWTON NEWS

Please note the Christmas edition of the "Newton News" is
FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER, 1996

There will be no "Newton News" week ending 27th December, 1996

the next edition will be
FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY, 1997

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Santa's Post Boxes are in place in Newton Aycliffe so all the boys and girls can now write to him and receive their reply before Christmas. Last year Santa replied to over 1000 letters but he had to miss out a few because they did not have the name and address of the children on them, and he was very disappointed he could not write back. Santa asks mums and dads to make sure the children put these important details clearly on their letters this year. The Special Post Boxes are at:
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Make sure you post your letter before Friday 20th December because that is when the post boxes will be taken back to the Ice Palace in Greenland.

Youth Football Club Needs Help to Run 8 Teams

Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club now runs seven Junior Football Teams with the possibility of eight teams next season. The administration of a club with so many teams, as well as the financial side, is really tremendous. The club would now like to progress and take a big step forward for the future, forming a sub-

committee. The sub committee will be made up of five people and they would handle financial matters and the general future of the club. Anyone with financial knowledge who is willing to help the club and would like to be a member of the sub committee please contact Keith on 318731 or Brian on 316269

Village School's Visit From Popular Author

Thursday 21st November was a exciting day in our lives. The author, Rob Childs, came to speak about his work and the first encounter was very different from that which we expected. He looked like an ordinary man, but he was crackling with ideas, and he grabbed our attention when he showed us some new books which had not yet been released. We listened with interest as he read from his work and he showed us how his manuscript was transformed into the completed article ready for the shelves.

We were amazed to hear that this process could take nine months or more! We could choose from Footy Flukes or Soccer Shockers.

We all enjoyed his company and we are thrilled to say he really enjoyed visiting our school and would be delighted to come again.

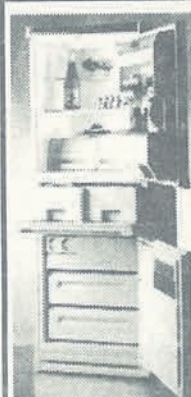
Report written by Sarah Knoz, Holly Ainsworth, Sam Ferguson and David Robinson (9 and 10 year old pupils)

"Why I Don't Like Newton Aycliffe"

Dear Sir,
The front page letter last week made me think why I often say I don't like Newton Aycliffe! Most of the good things mentioned I like - the walks I can take my dog, and I also like to see the decorated top windows of the flat in Horndale at Christmas with all the

lovely lights. It is beautiful again this year and I thank the occupants. What I don't like is the smelly boating lake when left empty and it is really cold up here in the north. My heart is always left down south when I go back there.
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EXCITING MARTIAL ARTS FESTIVAL

On Saturday at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre over one hundred people gathered to watch a display of numerous Martial Arts performed by some of the most respected Champions and Instructors.

Newton Aycliffe has produced a host of dedicated, extremely competent Martial Artists. Those who attended watched as Dave Blackburn, Senior Karate Instructor led his disciplined and competent team through a series of Katas and light sparring. Seniors and Juniors of all grades took part.

At an International Competition held at Garstang recently the Club had success especially young Adam Dodds and Katie Brewster who both won in their categories.

The Club meet at The Over 60 Club on Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday and Sundays from 6.30 to 9pm. Junior sessions are from 6.30-7pm followed by seniors. First lessons are free, the fees are juniors £1.00 and seniors £1.50.

Also appearing at the Festival was Paul Pearson who among his many skills in martial arts is the instructor for Hanuman Muay Thai Camp. Paul gave 2 demonstrations with Glen an Instructor in Muay Thai. The first demo was of Jiu Jitsu and explored its use in a self defence situation. A spectacular array of holds and take-downs were shown. The Art demonstrated how a person even when attacked by an assailant of larger stature can effectively protect themselves.

Paul and Glen had the room in rapt quiet and awe as they proceeded with their second demonstration. Seldom seen in this country is the art of Penjat Salat. This Indonesian Martial Art developed for fighting on terrain which is frequently slippery and uneven, where combat often takes place near to the ground. Shown as its training element the demonstration was shown to the hypnotic music of its roots. The movements graceful and filled with strength, poise, purpose and balance, the appreciative respectful audience sat in stilled silence throughout. A rare opportunity viewed.

Paul Pearson teaches Muay Thai on Mondays 7.30-9pm, Wednesday 6.30-8pm and Fridays 6-7pm at Larchfield Sports Centre. He also teaches Jui Jitsu on Wednesday from 8-10pm, Sunday 6-8pm, also at Larchfield Tel 318713 for more details. Glen teaches Muay Thai at Gilegate Comprehensive Community Centre on Mondays at 7.30-9pm and Wednesday 6.30-8pm, also at Seaham Leisure Centre 7.30-8pm. Seniors and Juniors are welcome.

Kings Cobra Muay Thai, who organised the event, gave a demonstration of several aspects of the art, warm up exercises, pad work and sparring were shown by different groups from the Camp. Self defence and some Master Tricks were demonstrated by the brothers Lee and Mark Makin. Precision kicking was demonstrated using a sword and apples, as was wood breaking. Lee Smith, British Light Middleweight Champion both took part in the event. These young men have both qualified for the World Championships in Bangkok to be contended in February. Kings Cobra Muay Thai train at Greenfield Hall Mondays and Thursdays 6-7pm Juniors and 7-8pm Seniors. Also on Saturdays 10-11am Juniors and 11-12 noon Seniors and Trimdon on Tuesdays 7-8pm, Bishop Auckland College Monday and Thursday lunchtimes.

The Festival climaxed to its finale with the appearance of the internationally acclaimed "Bacon Man" who arrived wearing his customary red and black attire with full face black mask. He entered the arena with his adoring entourage to howls and chanting from the crowd. The ancient art of Bacon Wrestling was introduced to onlookers with an invitation from the super hero that he would take on all challengers. Sporting spectators from all age groups and Martial Art backgrounds attempted to uproot the Champion in the quest to take his title. Finally his young fans could no longer contain themselves and mobbed their hero. After being overcome by the youngsters they tore his mask from his face, but before anyone could discover his true identity "Bacon Man" fled from the hall.

The event was a great success and Kings Cobra would like to thank all those who took part for their contribution and support, the staff of Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre were extremely helpful. It is hoped that with the interest shown further similar Festivals can be held. Thanks must also go to Sedgfield Borough Council especially Mr P Ball who organised the use of the hall. Without his support the event could not have taken place.

SUPPORTER'S XMAS PARTY

The Sunderland AFC Supporters Association, Newton Aycliffe Branch, are holding their Xmas Party Night at The Royal British Legion, Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 19th December, 1996, starting at 6.45pm - Meal to start at 7.00pm. Tickets are £14, which

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In Memory

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Apologies for wrong date in last week's issue

JOE DICKINSON 10th December. Treasured memories of a dear Dad and Grandad. Simple words, but very true, we will always love and remember you. Love Brian, Susan, Alan, Linda and Sharon and grandchildren Craig, Emma, Stacey and Amy.

JOE DICKINSON 10th December. Treasured memories of a dear husband, life's so empty now you're gone, and it's taking courage to carry on. So little I can do, so little I can say. But memories hold me close to you, each minute and each hour of my day. From your loving wife Peggy XXX

VINIFRED ACOBSON - Died 8-12-95. A dearly loved Mum and Nana, sadly missed by Maria, Bob, Paul and Lisa.

COLLINSON, TOT. In memory of our dear Uncle, loved and missed always. God bless you. Niece, Lena, Joe and family.

THOMAS COLLINSON -12-88. Gone are the days that we have shared, but in my heart you are always here. A vacant place that no one can fill. I miss you but always will. Too dearly loved to be forgotten. Your loving wife Lena.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - very special Auntie thinking of you always. Love Brian, Sharon and Liam.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - 1-12-95. A very dear Auntie who is always in our thoughts. Love Norma and Ray.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - fond memories of a special Auntie, always in our thoughts. Love Lynn and Geoff.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - remembering a special Auntie, not just today but ways. Love Malcolm and Arold.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - gentle Jesus up above, love Auntie Linda a great hug. Love Philip and Matthew.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - 1th December, 1995. Treasured memories of my dear sister, not just today but every day with loving thoughts. I member. God bless you Elsie.

ARMSTRONG, Linda - our loving thoughts to a very dear Auntie. Elsie and me

Congratulations

BERYL WILD



BIG 40
(10-12-96)
Happy Birthday
Love Steve
Caril & Lindsay
X X X X X X

SUFFIELD Daniel James Happy 2nd birthday to our special little boy. Lots of love from Mammy and Daddy XX

SUFFIELD Hip Hip Hooray our Daniels 2 today, 11th December. Lots of love from Grandma and Grandad XX

HOORAY, HOORAY Dan Dan's 2 today, 11th December. Lots of love from Baboo XX

LINDSAY CARLTON December 6th, Happy 8th birthday, lots of love Mam and Dad

LINDSAY CARLTON December 6th, Happy birthday, lots of love Ashley

KELLY EWIN 12-12-96. Happy 18th birthday to our first granddaughter, love Na-Na and Grandad

KELLY EWIN Happy 18th birthday, lots of love Uncle Joe

KELLY EWIN Have a lovely 18th birthday, love always Auntie Ann, John, Michael and Terez

NEIL WHEATLEY Congratulations on your 18th birthday and good luck for your Driving test, love Mam and Dad, Tony and Angela

NEIL WHEATLEY Congratulations on your 18th birthday, good luck for the future, love from Gran Stone

DAVID THOMAS 50 on 6-12-96. You are round the bend, but not yet over the hill, all my love Sylvia

DAVID THOMAS It's the big 50 today son. Happy birthday loads of love Mam and Rosemary

KELL Wishing a happy 80th birthday to Auntie Lal, 11th December, love Colin, Julia, Ian and Yvonne. A special hug and kiss from Colin and Christy

KELL Wishing a very dear sister, a happy 80th birthday, 11th December, all our love Ivy and Stan

AIREY Congratulations Bev and Chris on the birth of your son "Benjamin John", born on 21-11-96. Lots of love Mam Smith X

BERYL WILD



Happy 40th Birthday
10th December, 1996

You don't remember this! Lots of love, haha! From Mam and all the family XXX

BLYTHE Sam and Mark congratulations on the birth of your son Bradley James on the 22-11-96. Thank you for our first grandchild love Mum and Dad

DARGUE Emily Jade Happy 4th birthday, 12-12-96, lots of love Grandma and Grandad Skelton

DARGUE Emily Jade 12-12-96 Happy birthday. Hope you have a great party, love Mam, Dad and Holly Paige

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CHRISTMAS Charity Night in aid of Oswald House Residential Home for young adults with learning difficulties. Thursday 12th December from 7.30pm at the Royal British Legion featuring the excellent showgroup Egypt and male vocalist Alec Blackwood plus raffle and bingo, so come along and have an enjoyable night and support a local worthy cause. Tickets £2 each available from Oswald House, British Legion or on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

JUMBLE SALE in St Clares Church Hall on Tuesday 10th December at 10.00am. Proceeds for Church Funds

LADIES NIGHT Saturday 14th December from 7-11.30pm at Aycliffe Village Hall. Starring JJ Chapman and Starsky plus a Drag Act and Disco. Strictly over 18's only. Licensed bar, tickets £5.50 Tel 300028

Christmas Greetings

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Scouts Offer Xmas Post

The 1st Baden Powell Scout Group are again delivering Christmas cards in the Newton Aycliffe, Consett and Shildon areas.

Stamps are still at last years price of 12p and are available from the Scout Centre near the Royal Navy Club, A1 Store, Aycliffe Village and from Scout Leaders.

For more information ring Sue on 313349. The last post will be collected on 17th December.

LOSE WEIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

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Slimming
WORLD

INDUSTRIALISTS UNITE AGAINST AYCLIFFE CRIME

An entire business community is uniting to build a unique high-speed computer based defence against crime and anti-social behaviour.

The "crime Ring" designed to embrace all of the 240 businesses and manufacturing outlets in Aycliffe Industrial Park, has been developed between Durham Constabulary, Sedgfield Borough Council, SASDA, the North East Chamber of Commerce, Helical Bar, part owners of the Park and Durham County Council. Over half the companies on the Park have already signed up to the project and it is hoped the remainder will join the partnership by the end of the year.

Under the project all business enterprises can be alerted within minutes to suspicious behaviour or criminal activity taking place anywhere within the Park. Information fed into the computer is automatically relayed to all member companies.

"The 'Crime Ring' service is absolutely free and will not only play a part in helping to catch criminals, but will act as a deterrent and help to prevent repeat offending. The business and manufacturing community is uniting to provide a secure working environment" said Janet Johnson, Sedgfield Borough Council's Economic Development Manager.

"We are determined to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Borough and cultivate a flourishing manufacturing and commercial base that will underpin our hopes for the future" said Councillor John Kitson, who chairs the Borough Council's Development Committee.

"There are more than 1000 partnerships between the police and the public working successfully across County Durham. They are responsible in no small way for helping to produce the biggest annual drop in crime in England and Wales" said Superintendent Eddie Nicholson, Sedgfield Division Commander.

"This is the first time in the north that a 'crime ring' computer has been used by the whole business community. We believe it will help to provide an effective tool in the fight against crime" he added.

Young Methodists Work to Aid South American Indians

The Methodist Church (Youth Groups), Survival and Christian Aid have been and are working to alleviate the suffering of the indigenous Indians of South America and the Philippines who are being exploited and deprived of their lives and land by the destruction of forests in which they live. Mining and timber companies are being permitted to destroy the forests and pollute the rivers in which these Indians have lived and depended on for centuries.

On Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm there will be a special event including groups, singers and speakers at Neville Parade Methodist Church.

Green Ribbons will be on sale (50p minimum) to be worn by those who support the campaign to help the Indians. These ribbons will also be on sale in the Christian Bookshop, the Builders Arms and some of the churches in Aycliffe. Please make an attempt

to attend this interesting, entertaining and informative event and support all those who are attempting to highlight the desperate plight of the Indians of the forest. Everyone will be most welcome.

Terry Anderson
Christian Aid Organiser
Great Aycliffe
Council of Churches

Judo Club in Contest

On Sunday 10th November Newton Aycliffe Judo Club based at the Youth Centre hosted a Junior Team competition and Senior Individual competition.

The idea behind the event was to give the younger members of the participating clubs experience in competition Judo. A great days Judo was the outcome and I'm sure a lot of new friends were made by the children - many thanks to the participating clubs

RESULTS
Boys Team Competition
Gold - Newburn
Silver - Stockton
Bronze - Aycliffe (1)
Girls Team Competition
Gold - Stockton
Silver - Newburn
Bronze - Aycliffe
Mens Competition
Gold - Stockton
Silver - Aycliffe
Bronze - Aycliffe
Womens Competition
Gold - Aycliffe
Silver - Aycliffe
Bronze - Aycliffe
Bronze - Newburn
Best stylist of the day
G Renick - Newburn
On Sunday 17th November Junior Members of the club entered an under 18 years competition.

All competed extremely well and were a credit to Newton Aycliffe especially Lee Goodwin who won Silver in the over 71kg category. Monday 25th November saw 4 senior members of the club enter the Judo Gratings at Crowtree Leisure Centre at Sunderland.

Darren Bourne who was competing for points for his Black Belt Frist Dan won two of his first three contests to enable him to take a line out of three contenders. After easily winning the first he was beaten in the second still 30 points to wards his ultimate aim.

Janet Cartwright - Janets first grading saw her win both her contests in style with major throws. Janet moved from white belt to top orange. Peter Graving - Also first grading winning one of three and was very unlucky no to get a result in the other two. Well done everyone

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