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The Main Sports Hall of the town's Leisure Centre was crammed to capacity for the annual Community Christmas Concert, organised by the Rotary Club, last Sunday. Because the Hall reached the fire regulation capacity, a number of people were turned away and the Rotary Club members were sorry to hear this, but the 800 plus inside had a great time singing and listening to popular Christmas songs and carols.

The school participation in this popular event was excellent with nine taking part including Aycliffe Village, Sugar Hill, Stephenson Way, Elmfield, Woodham Burn Infants, Woodham Comp., Vane Road, St. Joseph's, Woodham Burn Juniors. They all performed superbly and were a credit to their schools and parents. The audience were delighted by the enthusiasm the children displayed and gave each group a thunderous reception.

As usual the Woodham Youth Choir astounded the audience with their professionalism. This group continues to bring great credit and prestige to our town in their concerts. The equipment they install for everyone to use at the annual event is superb and the quality of the public address system and the skills of their technicians is remarkable. Their contribution to the Xmas concert is essential to its success.

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FINAL MESSAGE AS VICAR LEAVES FOR NEW PARISH

This Christmas will be my seventh here in Aycliffe, and I have enjoyed all of them. It will also be my last, as I leave in February for a new post as Vicar of the Trimdons, though remaining Rural Dean of Sedgfield.

As I look from my rectory window, I have an illuminated Santa looking at me from the lamp post at the bottom of the garden. Just by the Church there is a tall Christmas tree with flashing lights and at its base, a brightly lit and highly coloured crib set.

Though some people believe that the Church provides the tree and crib, that is not so. It is provided by the Town Council, who makes a quite considerable effort to make Christmas special here in Aycliffe, especially with helping delivery of children's letters to Santa, and then preparing the way for Santa's journey on Christmas Eve.

As a Christian, I try to hold in balance the Santa and the Christmas Crib. It is so easy for Christians to be critical of what they call the commercialisation of Christmas.

The true message of Christmas is the birth of Jesus as one of us. Emmanuel means God is with us. The Christian faith

is an incarnational one, for Jesus is the Word made Flesh.

The Christian message is all about God's involvement in this world. To have too heavenly a message puts Jesus too far away, too remote. For many people that is convenient, for it saves their religion from having anything to do with the here and now, and having a bearing on how they live out their daily lives.

The Message of Christmas is about Jesus being present with us now, today, and the invitation is to share our lives with Him, so that along life's way, He can be our companion and our guide. He is also there to both challenge us and to comfort us.

On Sunday I was watching parents and children at the Crib outside the Church. Perhaps they were helping them to understand the Christmas story. I hope so. My prayer for you at this Christmas is that you too may find a place in your home and in your heart for the God who is with us - Emmanuel - Jesus Christ.

"O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee".
Happy Christmas.
Peter Baldwin

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR



We are proud to have had the opportunity to represent the Town and the Town Council as the Mayor and Mayoress over the last few months.

We have had many enjoyable engagements which have enabled us to meet people from many walks of life within the community of Great Aycliffe.

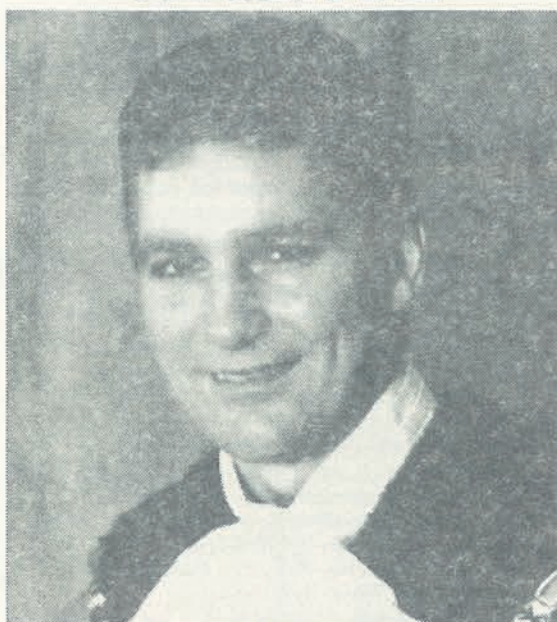
We look forward to continuing to represent the Town and meeting more people in the next few months at our forthcoming engagements, including the Civic Ball in February.

On Sunday last, we attended the Civic Carol Service at St. Mary's Church and it was good to see the Church full and to enjoy the performances of the youngsters who took part.

We would like to reinforce the message of the Carol Service and to wish all the people of Great Aycliffe, a peaceful and thoughtful Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Councillor John and Mary Moran

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS AT AYCLIFFE



Sedgfield Borough Mayor Kester Noble

At Christmas our thoughts turn naturally to family, friends and the events of the past year. 1996 has seen some important changes, not least, the change of status from Sedgfield District to Sedgfield Borough and it is hoped this will help to attract industrial investment and improve employment opportunities throughout the Borough.

At Newton Aycliffe, encouraging progress has been made with the five year regeneration programme for Aycliffe Industrial Park. In 1996, £3.4 million has been spent between the public and private sector partnership, on projects to improve facilities for local industry and potential investors.

These include the IES Centre, work on 'the Heart of the Park' regeneration scheme, the opening of Sedgfield Business Centre, environmental improvement grants and the 'Crime Ring' security system. It is also encouraging to know that four hundred new jobs have been created on the Park in the past 12 months, through investment and growth of existing companies.

Sedgfield Borough Council and its partners have earmarked a further £6 million for investment at Aycliffe Industrial Park during 1997 and look forward to the benefits that will bring.

It only remains for me to wish you all, on behalf of Sedgfield Borough Council, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

GENEROUS HELP FOR TOWN'S YOUNG HOMELESS

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank all those wonderful people of Newton Aycliffe who responded to our appeal for food in the 'Newton News' to make up Hampers for the homeless in the Town at Christmas.

It was very warming that so many people responded so generously. I can assure those people that the donations will bring a feeling of happiness and

belonging to a group of very unfortunate people at the time of year when others are enjoying the family atmosphere of a 'Normal' Christmas. On their behalf may I thank you once more and on behalf of all the staff and users of the Youth

Centre, wish every one in the Town the very best of wishes for the festive season and a happy and prosperous New Year.
Yours sincerely
Mike Horne
Senior Leader
Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

Carol Singing

Musicians from our Town Band joined the Rotary Club members to sing carols at the town's Residential Homes for the Elderly this week.

They spent half an hour at each home where residents and staff joined in the singing.

"It was a great experience and we thank the Town Band for their support and the residents of the homes for their warm welcome," said President of the Rotary Club, Tony Bird.

GARDENS GUILD

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*The Management Team & 'Press Gang'
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take this opportunity to wish all our
readers a Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy New Year"*



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CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

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YOUNG COUPLE MOVE TO NEW LIFE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



On 15th January Mark and Joyce Wilkinson will be leaving England. Both are giving up full time employment, Mark as an electrician and Joyce as a midwife in order to attend a college in Sydney, Australia. Mark will be trained in leadership, evangelism and missions whilst his wife Joyce will commence a course in Performing Arts involving vocals, music and song-writing. Mark first met Joyce at the Christian Life Centre in 1991 and they married in April 1994. Both have been actively involved in youth work in Newton Aycliffe and Mark briefly helped in youth work in Shildon. Joyce has always enjoyed singing, being a member of a small singing group whilst attending the Avenue Comprehensive School and then as a member of CLC Youth Choir since it started. She was a popular soloist at the annual Community Christmas Concert. Travelling to Australia has been a personal dream of Mark's for over ten years and Joyce's family originally come from some of Australia's neighbouring islands the Fiji Islands.

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NO HELP FOR TOWN'S NEEDY FROM SCROOGE COUNCIL

The Borough Council has responded in a Scrooge-like fashion to the Rotary Club's appeal for a concession on the hall hire at the Leisure Centre used for the Town's Annual Community Christmas Concert last Sunday. It is an entirely non-profit making event with everyone giving their services free to raise cash to provide Christmas hampers for the town's needy families.

In the first 2 years the District Council gave the hall free recognising the value of bringing the Community together for this occasion. Even over the last 2 years they gave a 50% concession on the £220 fee.

But this year the Borough Council has decided to give nothing, wanting the full £230 commercial rate for the use of the main sports hall which, because the town has no theatre, needs to be used for these events.

The bill has to be paid from the money raised by sponsorship, raffle and a collection from the audience on the day. This mean attitude does not set a good example from our local authority, which should be using some of our money to foster community spirit.

We could be equally mean and point to various Sedgefield District Council functions and events recently, where they have given money and facilities free.

And these events have not measured up to the full community involvement of the annual concert, which this year attracted over 800 people, but it is Christmas and we do not wish to appear vindictive.

The Rotary Club members have worked solidly over the Christmas period providing a Santa's Grotto at Somerfields, running the Community Concert and singing carols at six residential homes for the elderly over two nights.

This lack of support from the Borough Council has saddened the members who looked to them for a little encouragement.

"At least we know where we stand now and we probably won't be asking or expecting their help again" said the organiser Syd Howarth.

A bright note on this subject is the receipt of a donation from our Town Council of £200 which has saved the day - Thanks very much to our Town Councillors.

ANOTHER AWARD FOR REDWORTH

On the 5th of December 1996 Redworth Hall Hotel & Country Club was officially recognised as having achieved the National Standard for effective investment in the development of its employees. The panel of assessors, including the Managing Directors of companies who have previously obtained Investors in People, applauded Redworth Hall's Senior Management team for its commitment in training and developing the work-force in order to meet business goals and objectives.

Pam Henderson, General Manager, commented, "I am delighted we are the first independent hotel with over 40 bedrooms in the North East to achieve Investors in People. This national recognition is a glowing tribute to the enormous effort made by all the staff to reach and maintain the high standards for which we are known."

The award has confirmed the commitment given to staff development at Redworth Hall and has recognised the team spirit and high morale which exists between the staff." 1996 has been a tremendous year of achievement for Redworth Hall. Winning Investors in People comes on top of being selected as 'Best Hotel' in the Pride of Northumbria Search and as runner up in the County Durham Business Award for Tourism.

Under 11's Bad Defeat

Fishburn U11's - 10
Aycliffe U11's - 2

Last Sunday saw a disappointing end to 1996 for Aycliffe Under 11's at Fishburn. Aycliffe scored twice through David Teder and Michael Carr, which was as many goals as Fishburn had let in against anyone in the league. Unfortunately the defence had a torrid time as Fishburn laid siege on goal.

Man of the match for Aycliffe was goalkeeper Gavin Dodd who had his hands full throughout and held the score at 10.

The result was a shock for Aycliffe after six straight wins and a few questions may be asked, but the defence looked out of sorts against the mountainous Fishburn forwards.

In fact, the whole team was dwarfed by this well drilled side who are now certain favourites for the league title.

A welcome Xmas break is now upon us and the team would like to thank everyone who has supported them in this their first year.

Manager Bob Hamilton would also like to thank Sid Howarth and his news team at Newton Press for allowing us to use the Newton News to keep everyone informed on the latest results from the boys games.

Next year Aycliffe WILL get back to winning ways and are looking to finish in the top three.

With continued support from parents, fans and a dedicated committee, it won't be an impossible task.

Finally, a merry Christmas and a joyful and prosperous new year to all readers from the team.

The following prizes are still to be claimed from our Grand Xmas Prize Draw:

Ticket No's- 4000, 1415, 0074, 0375. To claim please call Sharran on 307321.

All winning tickets were chosen by members of the public at random at the Oakleaf Sports Centre on the 16th December 1996.

The committee and the boys wish to thank all those who took part in the draw and to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. ANDREW'S (C of E) - AYCLIFFE VILLAGE

Sunday December 22nd - 3pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 4pm - Blessing of the Crib

11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 9am - Holy Eucharist

ST. CLARE'S (C of E) - NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Sunday December 22nd - 6pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 4.30pm - Blessing of the Crib & Nativity Play

11.30pm - Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day - 8am - Holy Eucharist

9.30am - Holy Eucharist

4pm - Evening Prayer

ST. FRANCIS' (C of E) - HORNDAL

Christmas Eve - 6pm - Carol Service

11.30pm - Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day - 10am - Holy Eucharist

ST. ELIZABETH'S (C of E) - WOODHAM

Christmas Eve - 7pm - Family Eucharist

Christmas Day - 9.30am - Holy Eucharist

ST. MARY'S (RC) - NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Sunday December 22nd - 7pm - Penitential Service

Christmas Eve - 8pm - Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - 10am - Christmas Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S (RC) - NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Christmas Eve - 8pm - Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - 10am - Christmas Mass

NEVILLE PARADE (METHODIST) - NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Sunday December 22nd - 10.30am - Family Worship

6.30pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 11.30pm - Holy Communion

Christmas Day - 10.30am - Family Worship

BURNHILL WAY (METHODIST) - NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Sunday December 22nd - 10.45am - Family Nativity Service

6pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 4pm - Carols around the tree

5pm - Christmas Communion

Christmas Day - 9.30am - Family Service

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE - WOODHAM

Sunday December 22nd - 10.30am - Family Carol Service

6.30pm - Family Carol Service

Christmas Day - 10.30am - Christmas Service

Letter to the Editor

COUNCIL SQUANDERS MONEY

Dear Sir,
We have now been advised that the initial cost of the name change of Sedgefield District Council to Borough Council was just under £30,000. A considerable portion of that figure being paid by business sponsorship within the 'Borough'.

The Council itself is reputed to have spent in the region of £13,000 and this included £8,733 on a dinner for 220 Councillors and guests.

These initial costs and future ongoing costs, will of course have to be paid by ratepayers and Councillor Moore is to be applauded for bringing this matter to our urgent attention. Is there any wonder the Government is cutting back on fund allocation when it sees money being squandered in this fashion?

Putting monetary considerations aside for the moment one wonders why the name change. Could it possibly be 'sour grapes' due to Darlington's upgrading to full and proper Borough status? I for one suspect that is the case. The effect of the name change on business people wishing to set up in the area is minimal, if in fact it exists at all. The suggestion of increased prestige etc., by the Council clearly demonstrates their lack

of understanding of business requirements. Businesses look for good rail communication, available and suitable force etc., not a name change. Returning again to the financial aspects of this matter concerns me that the Council have accepted considerable sums of money from business sponsorship.

What will happen when the sponsors requires a return, which may be against ratepayers interests. Will any favours be shown to leave your readers to pay that one.

Yours sincerely,
John Upton.

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Letter to the Editor

DISGUSTED WITH THE COUNCILLOR OF THIS TOWN

Dear Sir,
'INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY'
I thought that was our Law in this country. It seems, with Aycliffe Town Council. The verdict on Mr. Farquhar was:

'GUILTY - DISMISSED'
Now prove you are innocent is what they say 28 years service to this Town taken away from a few Councillors and staff behind closed doors. A verdict taken on a man who has just buried his wife and who is still on the sick. A disgrace brought on this Town by Councillors running it. Why could the Council not give Mr. Farquhar a decent time of mourning. We read he has been hounded by the Council whilst on the sick. Could they not wait until he was stronger?

NO it seems to me as if they wanted to strike him as he was at his lowest. 'Let's put the boot in while he is down'. This is about as low as you can get. **DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOUR.**

Yours sincerely,
A Hope
Woodham Village

LOCAL CHEMISTS EMERGENCY ROTA

Sunday 22nd December, 1996

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12noon-1pm - Boots the Chemist

Thursday 26th December, 1996

12noon - 1pm - Neville Pharmacy

Sunday 29th December, 1996

12noon - 1pm - Neville Pharmacy

Wednesday 1st January 1997

12noon-1pm - Woodham Pharmacy

Aycliffe Bowls

With the first half of the season coming to an end in the Great Lakes Leagues, the men of the Great Aycliffe Bowling Club played Darlington in the second round of the Denny Cup. An all England National Team event going down to Darlington by 64 shots to 104. The Ladies also played Darlington in the second round of the Yetton Trophy also losing by 64 shots to 104.

Hoping to make it third time lucky the men and women joined forces in the Egham Trophy, once again against Darlington, after a hard fought game, the home rinks won by 46 shots to 36.

The away rinks came up against Darlington in top form losing by 27 shots to 51 making the overall score 73 to Aycliffe and 87 to Darlington.

In the Inter Club County League the Ladies played Haughton with 4 rinks winning and 2 losing, giving Aycliffe an overall score of 112 shots to 103 of Haughton picking up 9 points out of a possible 11, putting them on 27 points out of 33 points in 3 games with 2 games left to play. The second round of the Inter County Atherley Trophy saw three Great Aycliffe Ladies in the Durham team with Brenda Mangles, Lynne Jones and Jenny Basham playing at York. The last week of the Great Lakes League now being played at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, the second session starts on January 6th.

Anyone interested in joining the Leagues, please contact Mr S. Chapman on 469639, or come along and see a committee member.

Government Should Take Cold Winds into Account

Dear Editor, Winter has come early and we might even have that childhood thrill - a white Christmas.

Fine for those of us who can feel warm and cosy inside our homes. For many elderly people ice outside means ice inside as well, because they cannot afford enough heating. Hailing originally from Tyneside, I remember well how very cold northeastern winters can be! A cold weather payment of £8.50 is made to pensioners on income support for any seven consecutive days with temperatures at or below freezing point. If it is even one degree above for one day, then the counting has to start again.

With the help of Age Concern I have put forward a Private Member's Bill in Parliament to improve this

system. The Cold Weather Payments (Wind Chill Factor) Bill would mean that cold winds would be taken into account in measuring the coldness of a day. Everybody knows how much colder it feels when there is a wind - and that wind steals more warmth from people's homes. Wind chill is measured but it has just never been taken into account for these payments. This Bill is short and simple but would be a real help to many disabled people, some families with under fives and above all about two million pensioners.

Please help cold pensioners by asking your MP to back this Bill. Ask them to sign Early Day Motion 235 in Parliament, and particularly to attend the Second Reading on 17th January.

Yours Audrey Wise MP

League Leaders

Kader YCC U10's -1
Newton Aycliffe U10's -2

Last Sunday, Aycliffe Under 10's took on league leaders Kader YCC on their own ground and came away with a hard-fought victory which enabled them to leap-frog over their rivals.

With the wind behind them in the first half, Michael Purves soon gave the lads the lead with a low right-footer from the edge of the box after good work by Matthew Dodds. Graham Johnson then sent through John Johnston whose scorching shot was parried onto the cross bar by the opposing 'keeper. Soon afterwards though, Graham's trickery in the box caused a defender to haul him down and Michael Purves made no mistake from the spot.

Against the wind in the second half, Aycliffe's defence of Andrew Richardson, Lee Skinner, Kyle Summersby and Stewie Owen played out of their skins to keep the home team at bay although Kader did eventually beat Aycliffe's offside trap to pull a goal back. Then, in stoppage time, goalkeeper Scott Roscher pulled off another brilliant save to keep the lads in front. For his battling performance and unselfish distribution of the ball, Graham Johnson was adjudged 'man of the match' and all the lads are delighted to be league leaders over the Christmas break.

Team Coach, Neil Robinson and all the players in the squad would like to send all their parents/chauffeurs and supporters together with club sponsors Tyne Tees Leyland Daff & Lansing Linde Castle their best wishes for Christmas and a happy new year. They would also like to thank Newton Press for all their support in publicising their matches.

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Monday 6th January 1997
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In Memory

WENDY BOWTELL
28-12-95

Wendy It's only a little but it means an awful lot, just to say I haven't forgot. You'll be with me always, love Paul

WENDY BOWTELL
28-12-95

One year has passed since that tragic day, we love you more than ever Mam in every single way. Love you always, Katie, Paul and Thomas

BOWTELL, Wendy Jane, our dear daughter in law and sister in law, died 28th December 1995. Remembered always with love.

WENDY BOWTELL 28th December, 1995. Always in our thoughts, love Karen and Cathy

BOWTELL To Paul, Katie, Paul and Thomas, thinking of you all, love Karen and Cathy

WENDY BOWTELL 28th December, 1995. Loved and always remembered, friends and colleagues at Bells Stores

WENDY BOWTELL Nearly one year has passed since the day you were taken from us. Missing you so much this Christmas and always, Love Dionne and Paul

WENDY BOWTELL December 28th 1995. We miss you so much Binny, always loved, never forgotten, Kay and Linda

EVA WALLS

21st December 1995.

It's a year since you were taken, leaving hearts so full of pain and many treasured memories, until we meet again.

Sadly missed.

Loving husband Abie

EVA WALLS (21st December). There's no verse or rhyme that I can write to say, how much I miss you Mam. I didn't only lose a mother, I also lost my best friend. No-one will ever know just how much I miss you.

Your loving daughter Susan. **DEREK ILLINGWORTH** 28-12-93. All our love Dad, you are always in our hearts. Love Dianne, Andrew and Stuart

DEREK ILLINGWORTH 28-12-93. Loving memories of a special Husband, Dad and Grandad, who is sadly missed today and every day. Loved and remembered always

LENA JACKSON 27-12-87. You are in our thoughts and dreams every passing day. Loved and missed by John, Linda, Gary and Amber

LENA JACKSON 27-12-87. Although it's now nine years since you left us Mam, it only feels like yesterday. We will miss you forever, Debra, Geoff, Joel, Stevie Lena

JAMES CARSWELL Died 24th December 1995. Treasured memories of a dear Husband, Dad and Grandad. Loved and remembered always, loving wife Winnie and families

LES MCGARRIGLE 29th December, 1995. No longer in our loves to share, but in our hearts you are always there. Loved and remembered every day, your loving wife Bridie, daughters Pat and Kathleen, grandchildren and Great grandchildren

CONNIE GOWLAND Died 25-12-89. Facing life without you is very hard to bear, for losing you so quickly will always seem unfair, you left behind a broken heart, but happy memories too, I never wanted memories, I only wanted you. Your loving husband Vernon

CONNIE GOWLAND Mam, may the winds of love blow gently, and whisper for you to hear, that I still love and miss you, and wish that you were here. Loving son Paul

CONNIE GOWLAND Precious memories of a much loved Mam, find your softest pillow Lord to lay Mam's head upon, ask a host of angels to sing their sweetest song, and on her gentle face we miss, place a tender loving kiss. Your loving son Michael, Elizabeth and Neil

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94.

Time has come and time has gone, but Daddy you are still my number one. When I sat down on Santa's knee, I asked for you to come to me. But Mammy tells me you'll always take care, by my side you will always be there. I know this Daddy as I can feel the love, that you still give me from heaven above - I love you Daddy, from Mitchell Joseph

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. Gone but never forgotten, love Alice XX

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. You made us laugh, you made us sing, to us uncle Kevin, you were everything. Michael, Matthew and Bethany

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. Lord put your arms around my son, and say this hug is from your Mum. Who loves you so and wants to say, in her heart you'll forever stay. Devoted Mum and George

KEVIN WRIGHT 25-12-94. It's been two long years since that sad day, you waved your hand and drove away, gone forever we did not know, Oh Kevin how we miss you so. God bless you Kevin, all our love your devoted sisters, Karen and Alison

PAT FORRESTER (nee Kane) 24th December. Treasured memories of our daughter Pat, loved and longed for always, Mam, Dad and Barry, Eva and Reg.

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Birthday Remembrance

MAUREEN MURPHY 26th December. No cards or presents to send, just our hearts and prayers, to remember a loving and caring Mother and Nanna. Love Peter and family XXX

GLADYS REAY 3-1-97. To a loving Mum. It's hard to put on paper the feelings we have inside, of a broken hearted daughter who's missed you since you died. To me you were very special, I think of you often, I talk about you too. We had lots of special moments, but I wish I still had you. Happy birthday Mum, love from Betty, John, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. I also wish Dad was here too. Love you both XXXX

GLADYS REAY 3rd January. Mum. As long as our hearts are beating, as long as we shed tears, we shall never forget you, not in a million years. If all our prayers were answered, and all our dreams came true, we'd have nothing more to wish for, because we'd still have you. Your loving son Georgie, wife Agnes, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Also remembering at this time Sharon Elizabeth King, 29th December. No special day is needed to bring you to my mind, for days without a thought of you, are extremely hard to find.

BRIAN MEALE, age 58, 20th December. Always in our thoughts and never far away. A birthday wish is sent to you on this special day, that wish is filled love, a love that will never end. From your loving wife, Eileen and Children X

ERIC TAYLOR, 23rd December. Thinking of you on this your special day, love always Margaret, Tracey and Mam

MELISSA BAXTER 20-12-89. Happy birthday darling, 23 today, 16 when it happened, seems like yesterday. Has it been so long since you laughed and joked around, your tender touch and gentle heart nowhere have we found. You never blossomed fully, like a rose in morning dew, the petals fell away from you before you even knew. Our birthday wish for you is to kiss your loving face. And hold all together in our favourite place (home). Fondest love Mam and Dad XX

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28th December 1996
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CARRIE MOSSOP 23rd December 1996. Many happy returns on your 18th birthday, love from Gerry, Eileen and family in Birkenhead

CARRIE MOSSOP Congratulations on your 18th birthday, lots of love Mam XXX

CARRIE MOSSOP Congratulations on your 18th birthday, love Nanna Mealy, Auntie Anne, Auntie Carol, Uncle Joe and families

CARRIE MOSSOP Have a lovely Christmas, special love from Mam XX

CARRIE MOSSOP Happy 18th birthday sis, lots of love Kelly and Stephen

JAMIE NICHOLS Happy 5th birthday to our "best boy" on 31-12-96. Lots of love, hugs and kisses Nanna and Grandad XX

JAMIE NICHOLS 31-12-96. Happy 5th birthday, lots of love, hugs and kisses Mammy and Daddy XX

JAMIE NICHOLS Hip Hip Hooray, my big brother is 5 today, all my love Katie XX

JAMIE NICHOLS Happy birthday to our big boy, love Grandma and Grandpa George XX

JAMIE NICHOLS Happy birthday Jamie with all my kisses and cuddles from Uncle David XX

KEVIN SUFFIELD Happy 30th birthday, 23rd December, lots of love from Linda X

KEVIN SUFFIELD Happy 30th birthday daddy, lots of love and kisses from Daniel XX

KEVIN SUFFIELD Happy 30th birthday for December 23rd, you are catching up with us, from Bob, Madge and all the family

JOSEPH THOMPSON To a precious grandson, on your 1st birthday, love from Nana and Peter XX

JOSEPH THOMPSON Happy 1st birthday to the most beautiful boy in the world, love from Mammy XXX

ASHLEY BAILEY Congratulations from all the family for achieving your Judo Yellow Belt First Mon, also winning most improved player of the year trophy

McCABE Demi Louise, hope you have a wonderful day on your second birthday, all our love Mammy and Daddy

McCABE To a little sweetheart Demi Louise, Happy 2nd birthday all our love Gran and Grandad

McCABE Hip Hip Hooray, Demi Louise is 2 today, happy birthday love Nana and Grandad Dobinson

MICHELLE MILLER 23-12-96. Our warm wishes go out to you Michelle on your 21st birthday, all our love to you, from Mum and Michael

DALE JARY Happy 5th birthday sweetheart, lots of love from Mammy, Nana and Uncle Karl XXX

AIDEN LEE Happy 2nd birthday to our special little boy (30-12-96), love Mammy and Daddy XXX

AIDEN LEE Happy birthday to a sweet 2 year old (30-12-96) Lots of love Auntie Sam and Uncle Ian

AIDEN LEE (30-12-96) Happy 2nd birthday to our darling Grandson, have a lovely party, lots of love and kisses Nana and Grandad

AIDEN LEE (30-12-96) Happy birthday love from Grandma, Grandad and Uncle Geoffrey

JOANNE HOWARTH

Happy birthday Mam, from your angel of a son, Adam XXX

JOANNE HOWARTH 24th December. Happy birthday to the tiredest, but best wife, love from Stuart

JOANNE HOWARTH Happy birthday to our daughter, on the 24th December, love Mam and Dad

JOANNE HOWARTH Happy birthday to our sis-in-law love from Paul and Beverley, Chris and Michelle

AUNTIE JOANNE Happy birthday to our favourite Auntie called Joanne lots of love, hugs and kisses from John-Paul, Carrie and Matthew XXX

JOANNE HOWARTH Happy birthday Joanne, from Syd and Christine

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THANK YOU

from Steve, Bev and Ashleigh Anne Barker

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NANA - We want you here for Christmas, love you and miss you lots. Lyndsay Mae and Aidan Thomas XX

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Miserable Huntsman were lucky to scrape a draw after finding themselves 2-0 down with ten minutes spare against bottom of the table DPD Heating, writes Martin Walker. With four first team players missing from the Huntsman line-up, it all seemed gloomy when lowly DPD Heating took control of the game. Missed chances were all too frequent and attitudes in the Huntsman camp were very casual. Jim McCabe scored Huntsman's first after wasting

a string of golden opportunities - winning the Minger of the match award. Rob Lothian scored the late, late equaliser, while man of the match was Neil Partridge. Huntsman were forced to play away at Hundens Lane after Aycliffe Town Council said that playing on home ground alongside Horndale Celtic would be breaking safety regulations. Huntsman had no choice but to pay Hundens Lane £20 for the hire of a pitch, £20 for ONE game! One Council representative asked the Club to have the game postponed. This is a marvellous idea - no fuss, no bills and no confusion. But the

fact that the League make every decision concerning setting up an postponing games makes this easy solution impossible. Every one wants as many games as possible out of the way before the late January/early March period when pitches become un-playable. Bowing to the Council's laughable fancies would inevitably disorientate the League and it's system. This Sunday brings the Huntsman Christmas Draw 1996 in association with J & C Coaches.

A holiday to Euro-Disney, a holiday to Torquay (both courtesy of J & C Coaches), a traditional Christmas hamper, £33 worth of beauty vouchers from Saks, Food, Wine, Lager and a boxed Chocolates Hamper along with many other smaller prizes are included in the prize list - totalling around £500.

Final prize is an autographed Huntsman FC Football. The draw is at 9pm in the Huntsman, Woodham Village, and it will be sandwiched between a special Disco night. With a free buffet also on the go, it's sure to be a cracking night.

This week's poser - What club did John Wark score a UEFA Cup record of 14 goals for? (Answer after Xmas). **Last week's poser** - What country did Scotland draw with to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals? (Answer: Australia).

Thames Centre Carol Singing

Great Aycliffe Council of Churches would like to invite you to join them in singing carols in the Thames Centre, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday 21st December from 10.45am. Come and join in praising God for the reason for our Christmas celebrations - the birth of Jesus Christ.

TAEKWONDO CLUB CELEBRATE TENTH



Woodham TaeKwon-Do is part of the ChungDo Kwan group which is one of the largest in the country. TaeKwon-Do has been practised at the Community Hall in Woodham for the last ten years. Under the guidance of Garry Wallis and Doug Sinclair as instructors. The Club has had a variety of success and has, at one time or another, had amongst the ranks several Regional Champions as well as a British Champion. Pictured are some of the students with their cups and medals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students both past and present for supporting the Club and helping to achieve the ten year milestone, and to all concerned a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Woodham TaeKwon-Do will break up for Xmas 22nd December and return 5th January 1997 at 10.30am. All new student swill receive a free introductory lesson. Training times in 1997 will be Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.00pm and Sunday 10.30am - 12.00 noon. Telephone G. Wallis 311119 or D. Sinclair 307164 for information.

£254 for Stroke Club

I would like to thank all the Pubs and Clubs in Newton Aycliffe and Heighington for allowing David and Paul Land, helped by their wives Sharon and Sue, to take a collection on their premises in aid of the Stroke Club Holiday Fund for 1997.

Thanks also to their customers for their generosity. The sum raised on the night was £254, thanks once again and Best Wishes for 1997. Olive McCabe.

JUDO GRADINGS

On Sunday 15th December 1996 the junior members of the Newton Aycliffe Judo Club attended the Judo Grading held at the Larchfield Centre, Darlington.

All of the children competed with tremendous skill and enthusiasm and all gained promotion to the following grades:-

Anthony Cartwright	Orange 2 mon	to	Green 1 mon
Leon Pugh	Yellow 3	to	Orange 2
Natalie Ross	Yellow 2	to	Yellow 3
Andrew Cartwright	Yellow 1	to	Yellow 3
James Sanderson	Yellow 1	to	Yellow 3
William Roberts	Yellow 1	to	Yellow 3
John Atkinson	Yellow 1	to	Yellow 2
Benjamin Roberts	Yellow 1	to	Yellow 2
Lyndsay Peters	White 3	to	Yellow 2
Ashley Bailey	Novice White	to	Yellow 1
Nicky Ross	Novice White	to	White 3
Georgina Richardson	Novice White	to	White 3
Geoffrey Richardson	Novice White	to	White 1
Gareth Purvis	Novice White	to	White 1

All were a credit to Newton Aycliffe, well done. The Judo Club will be closed over the Xmas period and reopens Monday 6th January 1997. Monday's 6pm - Youth Centre, Central Avenue Wednesday's 5.30pm - Youth Centre, Central Avenue Thursday's 6.30pm - St. Frances School All ages and grades (Inc. complete beginners) welcome. Merry Xmas and a happy new year from all the members of Newton Aycliffe Judo Club.

XMAS EVENTS

You are invited to come along to the annual Carol Service at St. Clare's Church on Sunday 22nd December at 6.00pm. There will be a variety of seasonal items performed by the Church Choir. There will be traditional readings and also an opportunity for everyone to join in the singing of favourite carols. There will be a collection for charities for the homeless. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

St. Clare's Church invites you to bring your family to a Nativity Play and Blessing of the Crib to be held in the Church on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm. The Nativity Play is being performed by the children of the Sunday School. This short service is especially for the children, but all are welcome. Hopefully Santa Claus may be able to call in before he starts his tour of the town!

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