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They, of course, have not yet suffered financially but they must realise their days are numbered and can only look forward to a steady down turn in profit from Newton Aycliffe.

Their only method of keeping profits high is increasing rents, with the result that Aycliffe shopkeepers are paying as much if not more than their contemporaries in the High Street of Towns and Cities like Darlington and even London! How Newton Aycliffe compares with busy places like these is ludicrous!

The deterioration of our main shopping areas has been evident for all to see and it is clear the landlords are only interested in revenue.

They have shown no wish to serve or provide for the town's needs; no desire to ensure a good mix of shops to save residents the cost and inconvenience of travelling out of town for goods and services. Anybody prepared to pay the asking rent is allowed to take over premises which may have previously provided a valuable service to the community.

There has been no effort on the landlords part to promote our Town Centre. Just look at it over the Christmas period and ask what they did to help their tenants and bring some Christmas cheer to the Town Centre?

The Aycliffe Development Corporation first sold

the Town Centre to Grainger Trust, dismissing the traders bid to buy their own shops. The new landlords said they would cover in the shopping precinct, but it never happened - Instead they made a few million pounds profit selling to Jewish owned London property company "Freshwater" who employ local agents Sanderson Townsend & Gilbert to manage the Town Centre.

They negotiate rents and have a hard-nosed attitude pushing them higher and higher at each review, obviously not realising they are killing the goose laying the golden egg. Private shopkeepers, trying to sell as "going concerns" before the end of their leases, meet with derision when they show prospective buyers the overhead factor on their accounts.

"After the landlord has taken half your profit, the Council takes rates, heating, lighting and other expenses have been paid, you are only scraping a living" said one disgruntled owner. "I can't blame Newtonians for going out of town for supplies, but they must know in the end it is their lack of support for the Town Centre which will eventually kill off all the small shopkeepers" he added. Our Town Centre needs a large injection of capital to compete with the Metro, and all the other shopping malls springing up only a short car journey away.

If it was covered in with free car parking and the landlords reduced rents, Council reduced rates, making it worthwhile for shopkeepers to trade, we would keep Aycliffe money in Aycliffe. Without this and a radical change of attitude all round, even a new development on the Avenue site will not bring the heart back into our Town Centre.

Counterfeit Banknotes On The Increase

Counterfeit banknotes are flooding the country and many shops are installing electronic machines to detect faulty money.

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DURHAM POLICE GET OVER 6 MILLION EXTRA

Home Secretary, Michael Howard has announced that police forces in England and Wales will receive an extra £180 million

will have more scope to decide how this money should be spent to reflect local priorities.

More than £6.37 billion will be shared out amongst the 43 police forces in 1995/96.

Every force will benefit from this extra cash. And Chief constables and police authorities will now have more freedom to spend the cash on their own local policing needs.

The Government believes that decisions about the best use of resources should be made locally so they can reflect the view of local people. Durham will get £68.09 million in central government support for the police in 1995/96.

Under a new formula distributing police cash according to need, Durham gets an extra £6.29 million. Further work will be done next year on the funding formula. The Association of chief Police Officers and the Association of county Councils have been invited to take part in this work. Reforms in the Police and Magistrates Courts Acts 1994 mean that Durham Police authority and force

Santa Claus arrived in Consett early this year when he delivered a new suite from SCS to the Dixon family.

The "Diana" suite was first prize in a competition run by SCS to celebrate the £5000,000 investment in the new look Metro Centre store.

"We were amazed when we won the competition" explained Gillian Dixon. "A brand new suite has helped to make our Christmas extra special, this year. We were very pleased with the service from SCS and grateful they pulled out all the stops to get our new suite here in time for the holidays."

Andrew Brown, SCS Marketing Manager said "We were delighted to be able to bring a little extra Christmas cheer to Gillian and Harry, and we hope they enjoy many more Merry Christmases with their new suite."

The "Diana" suite was manufactured by Newton Aycliffe based Blenheim Furniture who custom built the suite comprising a two and three seater settee and an easy chair in a blue luxury dralon velour fabric.

CAREER SERVICE PRAISED

Job Seekers and school leavers give a five-star rating to Durham County Council's Career Service.

A survey of young clients aged from 16 to 24 shows 95% rate staff as either good or excellent and 91% found explanations given to them were clear or very clear.

Young people leaving education, youth trainees, those seeking to change jobs or without work and adult clients took part in the three-day survey at the County Council's eight full time and four part-time Careers Offices in the County.

Out of a total of 317 responses, at least three-quarters rated the service in the two highest categories in all five of the service areas and no one rated the service poor.

Janice Bray, who heads the service, said the results were consistent throughout the County. "Although by no means a scientific measure of our performance, the comments made by clients from different areas are almost interchangeable" she said.

"They are also almost universally positive. The evidence provided by this survey would

suggest all our clients groups seem more than happy with the service we offer, with all staff equally helpful and professional."

"Careers information and resources are universally excellent and even the standard of accommodation rarely drops below very good in the estimation of our clients" she said.

The survey found that 77% thought accommodation was either ideal or very good, 77% felt written information was either very useful or good and 88% thought their careers interview was either very useful or useful.

Comments made by clients about the service included: My interview lifted a great weight off my shoulders - Very helpful and show genuine concern about you and your future - The service helped a great deal when I thought I was stuck in a rut - The information I was given was very clear and precise. It was given in a manner that I found easy to understand and with useful follow up advice - I was put at ease and felt totally relaxed, by the careers staff. Nothing was too much trouble to them."

Aycliffe Athletic News

On Tuesday Dr Middleton and Jo Burnside ran in the Guisborough Wood Fell Race in a muddy condition and acquitted themselves well.

On Wednesday over 100 runners took part in the late Lamplight 5 Road Race in rather blustery conditions. The race was won by Graham Britain International Tony Morrell from Hartlepool in 25 minutes. Aycliffe runners taking part were Alan W. 30 minutes, Colin Gibson 29 minutes, Ken Metcalfe, Christine and M. Brunskill and E. Todd.

Bring & Buy Sale

St Clares Guide, holding a Bring & Buy Sale in the Church Hall on Wednesday 11th January 6.30pm.

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It helps those people over a financial crises who need short term help and cannot go elsewhere.

"Admittedly it would be cheaper to go to a bank, but we give people cash immediately as a loan secured by personal jewellery" said Mr Cheesemund.

The transaction is confidential and completed in a private upstairs office; unlike the old method, no one knows you are using a pawnbroker when you enter the shop.

"Our method has been copied by others outside Newton Aycliffe, but we pride ourselves on being first and having the lowest rates" said Mr Cheesemund.

90% of goods are redeemed within the loan period, and the jewellery left is very secure.

The rates are advertised in this issue and Mr Cheesemund can be contacted for further details on 310833

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If a person takes children into their home for more than 2 hours a day and is paid for this service they MUST be registered by Social Services. The only exception is where children are closely related to the childminder.

All prospective registered childminders undergo instruction and are vetted carefully before a registration certificate is issued. The intention is to ensure that the future minders home is safe and well equipped for children and that childminding is a suitable job option for them.

Once registered membership of the National Childminding Association (NCMA) is encouraged and regular training covering a wide range of child care topics is provided.

SHILDON DOCTOR TAKES AID TO WAR TORN CROATIA

Dr. Anne Claridge of Shildon, as guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting this week, related her experiences in taking aid to Croatia.

Anne is a member of a small group of women who organise arduous trips to former war torn Yugoslavia.

They travel in two old Ford Cargo Trucks they acquired from "Parcel Force".

Every 3 months these brave ladies take the trucks, full of vital foods and supplies, to dispense among hospitals, orphanages, homeless people and refugee camps.

Since December 1992 they have been over 15 times, experiencing many difficult situations along the way. But they know it is worthwhile because the goods are delivered direct to the people in need.

Imagine you are a mother whose home

has been invaded and ransacked.

They demanded your money and valuables. You give them everything, but this does not stop them dragging away your daughter to rape again and again! You scream for mercy - then they come back for you.

You could also be the mother of Ruza, a baby who lies in hospital, her body pitted with shrapnel and a 9 inch belly wound.

You might be the mother of 4 children who cannot find food for them and attempt

suicide because you cannot bear to hear their cries of hunger.

The trucks named "Faith" and "Hysteria" are now well known in Croatia carrying the title "Zene Za Mir" which translates to "Women for Peace". And the trips mean a lot to the people there who know they are not forgotten.

Between trips the group is busy collecting more aid and are constantly looking for cash to pay for the fuel, and goods to fill their trucks.

If you can help with

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BISHOP'S GATE SCHEME WINS AWARD

The presentation of one of the top awards in a major National Street Design Competition will head the agenda at a meeting of Durham County Council's Environment Committee soon.

The Authority's £80,000 scheme to enhance the appearance of the Gateway to Auckland Palace in Bishop Auckland - official residence of the Bishop of Durham - was highly commended in the competition organised by the Local Government News.

The award was presented to the Environment Committee Chairman Cllr Len James by the Editor of the Local Government News, Mr Phillip Cooper at a meeting of the Committee in County Hall, Durham on Wednesday 4th January.

The Palace Gates Enhancement Scheme was designed to improve the setting of what is a Grade 1 Listed Building in the heart of Bishop Auckland's conservation area.

Using natural materials, some salvaged from the previously existing

floorscape, the scheme also sought to improve the conservation area generally by taking up the patched and worn-out tarmac road and broken concrete footpaths, and by replacing them with traditional granite setts, cobbles and Yorkstone paving.

The Church Commissioners, who own the Gateway and adjoining buildings, sponsored a floodlighting scheme for the project and the designation of the area as a no-parking zone dispensed with the need to retain unsightly yellow lines on the road.

The judges looked for designs which demonstrated aesthetic appeal, performed well in use and which were easy to maintain, made good use of hard and soft landscape materials and street furniture and where lighting paid regard to energy efficiency and the reduction in light pollution.

The scheme was designed by Durham County Council and funded jointly by the County and Wear Valley District Councils with grant aid from the European Commission and English Heritage.

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Road Safety for Pedestrians

Every 21 hours, a pedestrian becomes a road accident casualty in Co Durham. In 1993, there were 412 pedestrian casualties, including 12 deaths and 77 serious injuries.

In an attempt to cut the stark statistics, Durham County Council is to launch a radio and newspaper campaign on Monday 9th January, to get the message across to all age groups to take extra care when crossing the road.

Special radio commercials will target younger "macho" listeners, using humour to bring home the message that they are not being 'hard' when they cross the road carelessly.

Another for the same age group tells of the consequences of being in a wheelchair after an accident and how much more difficult it is to cross.

Other commercials and newspaper advertising target the over 60's and rely on the nostalgia of times gone by when there was less traffic on the roads.

They urge people to find a safe place to cross, wear something light when its dark and double check for traffic, especially at junctions.

David Holland, Durham County Council's senior road safety officer, said the major cause of accidents involving pedestrians was the failure of people to stop, look and listen.

"Many people, strangely enough, think of themselves only as drivers, yet the moment they step out of the car they are a pedestrian and need to take care."

"Walking out from between parked cars is a major cause of pedestrian accidents. It is far better to walk a few more steps to where you can see and be seen by drivers than be killed or injured."

Not being seen is another contributory factor with 56 night-time casualties in 1993.

"People fail to realise that just because they can see traffic at night, drivers may not necessarily be able to see them, especially if they are wearing dark clothing" he said.

"Older people become victims because they often don't leave enough time to cross the second half of the road and drivers don't give them enough time to cross."

"But the most important reason why older people are knocked down is because they seem to have difficulty coping with traffic coming from a number of different directions."

"Yet they still cross at junctions which are notoriously difficult and where everyone, of all ages, should double check for traffic before walking out" he said.



PARACHUTE JUMP TO OVERCOME FEAR?

Just before Christmas Mr Peter Barion presented 1407 (Newton Aycliffe) Squadron of the Air Training Corps with a cheque for £200 following a Sponsored Parachute Jump.

Peter is a resident of Newton Aycliffe and was persuaded to seek sponsorship for the Squadron by members of its Civilian Committee when he decided to fulfil a lifetime ambition and overcome a personal fear.

Following the jump he was quoted as saying "It's something I've always wanted to do, but never again!"

As a token of thanks and to mark his achievement the Squadron presented him with a commemorative plaque.

(Photo: Mr Peter Barion being presented with his plaque by AWO Barbara Crabbe and Mr John McGrady and Mr Alan Dobson of the Civilian Committee)

SCHOOL GROUNDS SUFFER FROM DOG FOULING

A survey to determine the scale of dog fouling on school grounds throughout Co. Durham has produced "disturbing" results, it has been revealed. The study was carried out among 350 nursery, primary and secondary

schools as part of Durham County Council's "Action on the Environment" initiative.

It achieved an 85% response and showed that of the 198 schools who replied almost 80%

suffered from dog fouling.

Now, in a bid to help tackle the problem, every school in the County has been sent a special action pack on dog fouling containing information on awareness raising, a model letter to deal with offenders, legal advice and the framework for a questionnaire to be used by teachers to explain the link between dog ownership and responsibility.

The pack also contains details of two competitions open to schools - one to design a leaflet and the other to design a poster highlighting the dangers of dog fouling.

The winning posters will be displayed throughout the County as part of the next stage of the campaign and the winning leaflets may also be distributed locally.

Cllr Len James, Chairman of Durham County Council's Environment Committee said the results of the survey were "disturbing".

"The extremely high response rate to the survey confirms the level of concern surrounding this issue," he added.

"Dog fouling is one of the most common environmental problems in Co. Durham and one which causes a great deal of distress."

"By carrying out a dual campaign to educate the public about the dangers and to prosecute offenders, the County Council hopes to tackle it successfully."

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND LEISURE

PLAYGROUP VACANCIES

Town Council Playgroups are open to all children aged 3 years and over, although a younger child's name may be placed on the waiting list.

Qualified staff supervise the children in a warm, friendly environment where play activities include all those shown and more.

A host of new experiences can be discovered outside the home, new friends are found and new skills uncovered.

Fees are currently 80p per day if you live inside Aycliffe Boundaries.

For more information call in to one of the playgroups listed below or contact Mrs M Robinson at the Council Offices 300700.

Playgroup & Address	Open	Times
Agnew Community Centre	Mon-Fri	9.30-12
*Aycliffe Village Hall	Mon-Fri	9.00-11.30
Burnhill Way Methodist Church	Mon-Fri	9.15-11.45
*Elmfield Primary School	Mon-Fri	9.00-11.30
Moore Lane Pavilion, Moore Lane	Mon-Fri	9.15-11.45
*Leisure Centre, Beveridge Arcade	Mon-Fri	9.15-11.45
St Marys School, Central Avenue	Mon-Fri	9.15-11.45
St Oswalds Park, St Oswalds Walk	Mon-Fri	9.15-11.45
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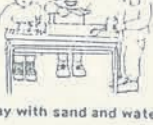
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dress up



build all sorts



play with sand and water



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GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL Committee Meetings

Tuesday 10th Jan - Recreation Comm - 7.15pm
followed by the Environment Committee

Wednesday 11th Jan - Parks & Allotments - 7.15pm

THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

The Greenfield Centre

based at Greenfield School

Telephone (01325) 300378 or 300386

PRE-ENROLMENT TAKES PLACE:

TUESDAY: 10th JANUARY, 6.30-8.30pm

WEDNESDAY: 11th JANUARY, 6.30-8.30pm

THURSDAY: 12th JANUARY, 6.30-8.30pm

TUESDAY:

Cake Decoration/Sugarcraft - Italian (beginners)

Making the Most of Yourself (begins 10-1-94)

Vegetarian Cookery - Painting & Drawing

R.S.A. Word Processing - Knitting Club (begins 10-1-95)

Taekwondo (begins 10-1-95, 6.30-8pm)

Youth Activities (begins 10-1-95, 6.15-8.30pm)

WEDNESDAY:

Basic Education - Calligraphy - Dressmaking

Computer Literacy - Floral Art (begins 11-1-94)

Fly Tying - Pottery & Ceramics - Local History

Holiday French - Massage & Aromatherapy

Car Maintenance - Self Defence for Women - Yoga

N.A. Youth Football Association (6-7.30pm)

THURSDAY

Decoupage (beginners) - Egg Decoration (Faberge Style)

German (intermediate)

Dried Flowers & Craft Work (begins 12-1-95)

Holiday Spanish - R.S.A. Word Processing

Sign Language - Massage & Aromatherapy

Aerobics (begins 12-1-95, 6-7pm) - First Aid

Gymnastics (7-11 years, begins 12-1-95, 6.30-7.45pm)

THESE COURSE BEGIN FROM

TUESDAY 17th JANUARY (unless stated otherwise)

Courses run from 7-9.00pm (unless stated otherwise)

Get Fit at Greenfield

The Greenfield Centre run many courses for all interests (Tel 300378 for details), but at this time of the year their fitness based activities are just what the doctor ordered after Christmas binges. Taekwondo on Tuesday, Yoga on Wednesday or Aerobics on Thursday are available - Telephone for times.

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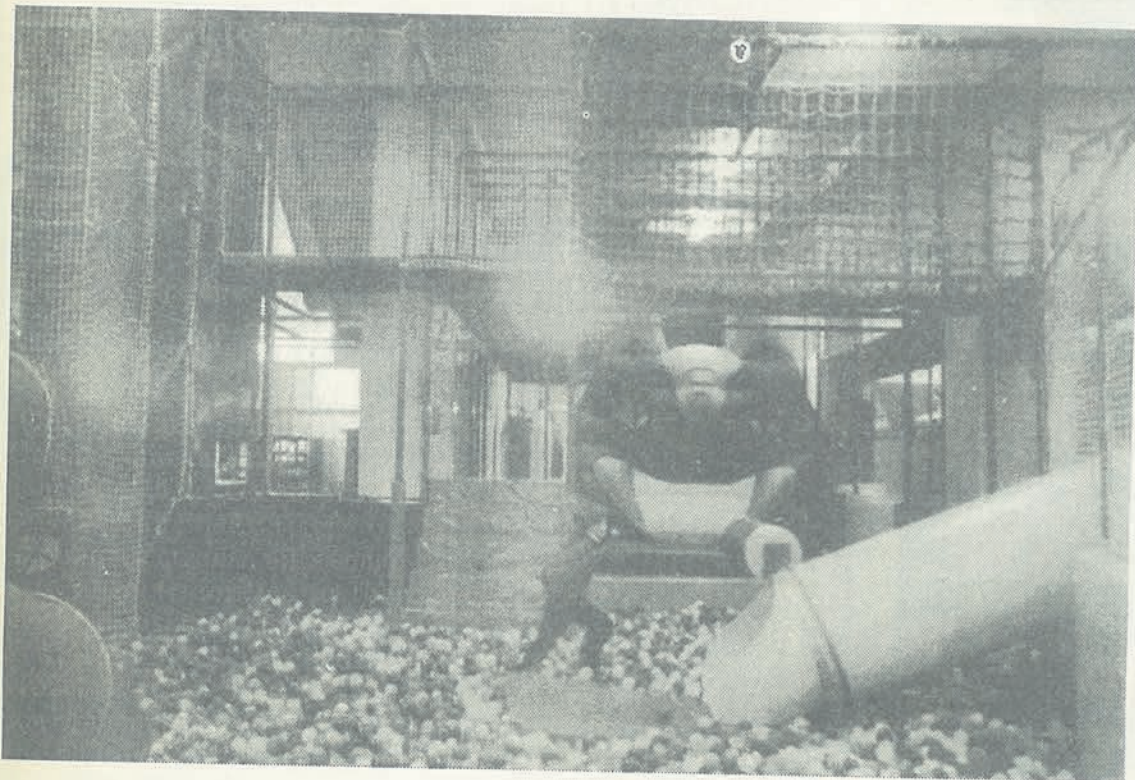
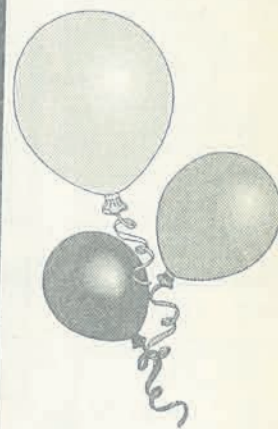
The Gretna

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GRAND OPENING OF OUR "INDOOR CHILDRENS ADVENTURE PLAYLAND" with Family Restaurant and Arcade



Continuing their steady expansion programme at The Gretna, proprietors Geoff and Christine Hamilton have invested another £200,000 in improvements.

The latest extension to this popular local Hotel is a Children's Adventure Playground with a Family Restaurant and Arcade. At last we now have a Restaurant where parents can enjoy their meal while the children get rid of excess energy amusing themselves in a soft play area.

Special equipment has been provided with adult supervision at a small charge of £1.00.

The same facilities are available for Children's Birthday Parties which will be a speciality of the Gretna's new facility.

These newly extended premises at the front of the Gretna provide sufficient space for parties of up to 60 children.

It has its own soft drinks bar also serving ice creams, milk shakes etc. The Gretna's main aim is to attract families to their establishment and their outdoor play area, installed last year, was very popular, used by local kids as well as those who called in at the Gretna while travelling the A167.

Parents can choose from a selection of menus to give their child a birthday party to remember. The Gretna Staff will help you organise the event and for a very reasonable charge relieve parents

of the worry and mess of a party at home. A choice of eight hot meals are provided for children's birthday parties including Beefburger and Chips and Chickent Nuggets and Chips.

The Playland area is available as part of the "Party Package" and parents will be amazed at the size and variety of activities offered. Included in the "package" is a free "Goody" bag for each child. As part of the promotion of the new area the Hamiltons are offering parents an opportunity to try it out with "Two meals for a Fiver" on Monday to Friday between 3.00 and 6.00pm until further notice. So if you want to find out what your kids think of the Gretna new Playland area call in soon while this marvellous offer is available - you won't be disappointed. "Newton News" would like to offer its congratulations and wish good luck to Geoff and Christine Hamilton on their latest venture. It is three years since they took over the dilapidated Gretna premises and the transformation has been remarkable. Proof of support for their endeavours was borne out over Christmas and New Year when the Gretna was full to capacity. We wish them continued success and best wishes for further expansion plans, yet to be announced.

PARTIES:

Monday to Saturday 3-6.00pm
(Excluding Bank Holidays)

PRICE:

£45.00 for up to 12 children
(£3.50 for each additional child)

INCLUDES:

1 Hour in "Playland", Childrens Meal, Soft Ice Cream Sundae,
Bottled Drink and a Goody Bag.

Parties must be booked in advance and children must be under
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In Memoriam

WRIGHT, KEVIN
(Mumphy) - Deepest
sympathy to Alice and son on
their tragic loss. "Only the
good die young". Maureen
and Harry, ex-licensees of
The Acorn (now at The Pier
Hotel, Withernsea)

MADDISON Samantha 12-
1-94. One year today you
went away, we love and miss
you everyday. Auntie Eleanor,
Uncle Barry, Shaun and Sarah
MADDISON, Samantha 12-
1-94. A much loved
Granddaughter and Niece. We
think of you in silence, but we
often speak your name. Oh
what we would give to hear
your voice and see your face
again. All our love Nana,
Grandad and John

MADDISON, Samantha 12-
1-94. January comes in with
sad regret, it brings back a
day we will never forget. You
closed your eyes without
goodbye. Our love for you
will never die, a dearly missed
sister always remembered -
Nicola and Robert XX
MADDISON, Samantha 12-
1-94. To my dearest Sam,
always loved and
remembered, love Steven
MADDISON, Samantha 12-
1-94, aged 15 years. When
you lose someone you love,
the hurt is hard to hide, but
when you lose your daughter
the hurt goes deep inside. Her
smile is gone forever, her
hand we cannot touch, but we
will never lose the memory of
a daughter loved so much. No
one knows the heartache, no
one sees the pain. We would
give the world Samantha
darling, just to have you back
again. All our love forever
and a day Mam and Dad
MADDISON, Samantha 12-
1-94. Just a little flower cut
down in the prime of her life.
Missed greatly by her loving
Grandad

BURRELL, Eddie, January
8th 1977. How wonderful
having a brother, loving, kind
and true. How wonderful it
was having a brother like you.
So sadly missed, Sisters
Mena, Jenny, Theresa and
Sophia. Brother Steve and
Brothers-in-law Joe and
Hughie

CYRIL HOUSE In loving
memory of Cyril who died
2nd January 1994. Dearly
loved husband of Doris and
dearly loved Father and
Grandfather

DAWSON, Elijah died 7th
January 1993. I think of you
in silence and often speak
your name, I have happy
memories and your picture in
a frame. No words can hear
the heartache, as I shed a
silent tear for a much loved
husband - your loving wife
Jean

DAWSON, Elijah died 7th
January 1993. Memories of a
much loved Dad who is
always with us in our
thoughts Doreen, Doris, Peter,
Billy, David and Leigh

RICHARD BROWN I loved
you then, I love you now, I
will love you until we meet
again - Kitty

Richard F. Brown

Died January 5th 1994

"It is good to have an
end to journey
towards, but it is the
journey that matters
in the end"

Still missing you.
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Your Son, André

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families

METCALFE - Carter, best
wishes Joanne and John on
your Engagement on
December 25th 1994.
Congratulations from Anne,
Dave and family

ALLEN - GIBSON Mick
and Kath Allen have pleasure
in announcing the Engagment
of their eldest son John to
Joanne Gibson, only daughter
of Ronnie Gibson on 1-1-95,
congratulations from both
families

ZACHARIAS - Mark and
Fiona (Nee Doran) would like
to announce the safe arrival of
Dane Mitchell Kenneth on
15th December 1994 - a
brother for Abbey Eloise
LEE Congratulations Karen
and Mark - thank you for a
beautiful Grandson, Aiden
Thomas, health and happiness
always - Mam, Colin and Sam
LEE (nee Dixon) Mark and
Karen would like to announce
the birth of their beautiful baby
boy, Aiden Thomas, 6lb,
11½oz, born 30-12-94

LEE congratulations Karen
and Mark for a gorgeous
Grandson, Aiden Thomas,
30th December, 1994 at
7.30am, all our love Mam and
Dad

ARROWSMITH, Samantha
happy 16th on Wednesday
11th January, lots of love and
happiness always Dad and
Mary

ARROWSMITH Happy
birthday Sam, love Margaret
and Jack

ARROWSMITH Happy
birthday Sam, love Karen,
Mark and Aiden
FEE Congratulations Sharon
and Nigel on the birth of your
beautiful daughter Rebecca,
our love to you all Mam and
Dad Tomlinson

LATUE - Blewitt - Caceres -
Mrs Eva Latue is happy to
announce the engagement of
her sons Simon to Diane and
Steven to Danitza on
Christmas Day, love from
Mam and family - God bless
you all

HARROP, Glen and Diane,
congratulations on your
wedding day 6-1-95, good
luck for the future, love
Wayne and Amy XX

HARROP, Glen and Diane,
congratulations on your
special day, all the best for a
bright and happy future
together, love Helen

STEVENS congratulations
on the birth of your son Ben,
thanks for a great nephew and
cousin for Daniel and Kelly
from Julie and Dave

STEVENS Michelle and Paul
congratulations on the birth of
your son, our first grandson,
Ben, 23-12-94, love to you all
- Mam and Dad XXX

STEVENS Michaelle and
Paul congratulations on the
birth of your son, Ben, 23-12-
94. A beautiful nephew for us
and cousin for Becky-Louise,
lots of love Marie, Geoff and
Becky XX

ROSE Happy 18th birthday
Andrew, good luck today and
always love Mum and Stuart
ROSE Many happy returns
on your 18th birthday
Andrew - love and best wishes
Nana

CUTLER - CURY
Congratulations and best
wishes on your engagement
Darren and Karen - hope you
have many happy years
together love Mam and Dad

CUTLER - CURY
congratulations Darren and
Karen on your engagement on
25th December 1994, Love
and happiness always
Grandma and Grandpa

CUTLER - CURY
Congratulations on your
engagement Darren and Karen,
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their daughter Rebecca

MRS NELSON - I would
like to thank Flora and
Blooms for helping me on
Christmas Eve, staying open
after closing time and making
me a lovely wreath

THANK YOU Nigel for our
beautiful baby daughter
Rebecca Fee, born 26-12-94.
All my love Sharon

SUFFIELD Kevin and Linda
would like to say a big thank
you to family and friends for
the lovely gifts received on the
birth of our son Daniel James.
Also a big thank you to the
staff at Bishop Auckland
Maternity Hospital

HARROP, GLEN Thanks
Glen for making our wedding
day so special, love always
Dianne XXX

HARROP, DIANE Thank
you for a wonderful day,
looking forward to our future
together, your loving husband
Glen XXX

Child's Christmas Present Stolen

Dear Sir
On Tuesday 27th
December 1994, my
son's bike was
stolen, it was his
Christmas present
and I hope the
person who stole it
is very happy.

You broke my sons
heart and upset a
lot of other people
who were all having
a family get-
together.

We all felt guilty
and upset, but its
you who should feel
guilty, though you
must have no
conscience if you
can steal a little 8
year old boys
Christmas present.
From an angry and
upset parent.

ED: We print this as
a warning that new
bikes are an easy
target if you don't
watch out for thieves.

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A Rummage Sale will
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