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RESIDENTS FEEL SAFER THANKS TO COMMUNITY FORCE

Residents of Sedgefield District feel safer in their homes and on the streets since the introduction of the Community Force - according to a recent survey

The Centre for Criminology and Legal Research at Sheffield University has conducted the survey to explore the reactions of people in Sedgefield District to the introduction and operation of the Community Force, set up in January 1994.

Over half of the residents interviewed feel safer from a number of crimes, including burglary and car theft, as a result of the introduction of the Community Force. Councillor Brian Stephens, Leader of Sedgefield District Council, said "We are extremely pleased with the findings of this independent survey carried out by the highly respected Professor Paul Wiles and his research team. When the Community Force was set up it has two main aims; to increase public safety by acting as a deterrent to crime and to reassure the public. The results of the survey confirm that it is achieving these aims."

"It has always been the intention of the Force not to compete with the Police. The Force has a policy of 'observe and report only' meaning they are acting as eyes and ears for the Police."

The survey clearly shows that the public feel there is a definite need for the Community Force. Over 80% of those asked were in favour of the Force.

Sedgefield residents also made it clear that they do not want the Community Force replacing the Police as patrollers of the streets. Neither does the District Council, as it sees crime prevention and community safety in general as being

issues which must be tackled by all agencies working in partnerships. The Community Force is one element of the Council's contribution

to this partnership. Sedgefield Community Force, the first of its kind, provides community patrols, consults with local residents on anti-social

problems, liaises with local police, provides advice on crime prevention and adopts a non-confrontational policy of observe and report.

The District Council owns property valued at many millions of pounds and as part of their duties provide regular security patrols to these premises, 24 hours a day.

FLYMO EXPANDS ITS UK OPERATION

To facilitate its continued rapid growth in the UK, European and other world markets, Electrolux owned Flymo, Europe's leading manufacturer of powered garden products, based in Newton Aycliffe, has announced plans to increase the size of its UK operations.

This will be achieved by taking on an additional 133,000 sq ft of space vacated by Distriparts, the Electrolux Group Spare Parts Division, which is located at the same site, on the Aycliffe Industrial Estate. Distriparts will relocate its business to the Electrolux site at Spennymoor alongside the existing Major Appliances activities. This move will be conducted as a phased process with completion due by mid 1996.

This move represents part of Flymo's continued growth, and the additional space will not only provide Flymo with the opportunity to expand its overall operations, but will also enable the Company to establish its own spare parts operation to service the whole of Flymo's worldwide sales.

"Our business has been growing rapidly over recent years and looks set to expand at an even greater rate following the launch of successful new products, such as the Turbo Compact and GardenVac and also our expansion into various European markets. As a result we have been looking to extend our Aycliffe facilities for some time" said Les Evans, Flymo's Managing Director. "This site not only allows us to expand our total operation, but also to change the way we run our spare parts business. It will give us one of the most integrated operations in the outdoor products market, with the ability, from the Aycliffe site, to further meet the growing needs of our customers in all markets including, from early 1996, a dedicated Flymo spare parts service".

It is proposed that the 140 Distriparts permanent employees will transfer on their current terms and conditions to the Spennymoor site which is approximately 15 minutes away by car.

Commenting on these moves, Mike Regan, Electrolux's Personnel Director, said "This direction is a very important vote of confidence for the employees in the North East. Not only will it provide potential long-term security by retaining a Distriparts presence on a major Electrolux site in the UK - but it will also enhance the competitiveness of Flymo across Europe."

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CONCERN OVER GAS METER READINGS

Letter

Dear Sir,
Thank you for publishing our letter in last week's Newton News, it seems our hoped for "early warning" was a little late as we are now given to understand that meter reading contractors have been in our area from at least 8.12.94. British Gas only released this information the first week in January and it stated it was due to start on a trial basis in Darlington and the surrounding villages. A concerned resident has sent us details of this new system as it has affected him. Seemingly cards were delivered to all houses in his area whether or not they had an outside meter, in this case the meter was outside. The cards were delivered by "youngsters", NOT contract meter readers, in this case at 6.15pm. The cards give great cause for concern for the following reasons:

1. Anyone who had access to a computer and a printer could very easily produce them.
2. There is no contact address or phone number on the cards for a resident to contact either the Company or the Gas Board to enquire if this card is genuine.
3. It gives a day and time for a Meter Reader to call, the time being between 9 am and 2 pm which would allow anyone who was not authorised to call by the Gas Board ample time to get in before the official Reader. The elderly in particular would be expecting someone and could let anyone in.
4. The card states: "If this is not a convenient or you do not wish to be disturbed please read your meter, insert the reading in the boxes below and place card in the window for the meter reader." As the Gas Board sponsored a County wide car crime prevention initiative what are they doing allowing contracted persons to deliver such

cards and ask residents to advertise the fact that they are out?
5. The card also states "In order to improve our service to you we need your help" This will not improve the service it will reduce the Gas Board's costs and save the meter reader from returning or alternatively reduce the production of estimated bills for those who are out and, especially for those at work, prevent the annual visit they have to make as the meter must be read at least once a year. I am reliably informed that in the case in question "a non uniformed person" came round the next day and read their outside meter, and presumably entered homes of those with internal meters. It is appalling that a monopoly company such as the Gas Board should allow such practices, which are apparently so lax in security, to be carried

out in their name. It may be too late to prevent this starting in our area however, you do not have to accept the situation and let them in, or leave cards in the window and you can still write and

complain as it supposed to be a trial period. However please remember a Gas Board Official does have right of entry.
Yours faithfully
Councillors Andrea and Peter Bergg.

METHODISTS CELEBRATE 25th ANNUAL CONCERT

This year the Neville Parade Methodist Church Choir celebrate the 25th anniversary of their Choir Concerts. The first concert was given by the Teesside Apollo Male Voice Choir. These concerts have made a valuable contribution to the cultural life of the town, and over the years have built up a loyal following. Unfortunately due to

new safety regulations recently introduced we are now strictly limited to the size of our audience and have to restrict admission to ticket holders only. We have been fortunate enough to once again have the Apollo Choir with us to celebrate the anniversary. One of the leading choirs in the country they were recently invited to Holland to take part in the Liberation Celebrations and will be presenting a completely new musical programme this year. The concert takes place at Neville Parade Church on Saturday 4th February at 7.15pm. Tickets priced £2.50 can be obtained from Stan Layfield or any choir member.

Letter

Bike Park for Kids on Avenue Site?

Dear Sir
The area of land which was once the Avenue Comprehensive School should be converted into an Adventure Park for kids and Mountain Bikes etc, or better still (with Government Aid) a Super Velodrome similar to the one in Manchester. The kids in Newton Aycliffe would then have somewhere to go and save the Town Centre Pedestrian Precinct from being used as a training centre for future mountain bikers or cyclists.
Yours faithfully
Chris Bowron

WHAT'S ON

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SATURDAY 21st JANUARY
"Julian Trent" plus "Holly Lane"

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followed by Environment Committee

THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

LOCAL CHEMISTS EMERGENCY OPENING TIMES

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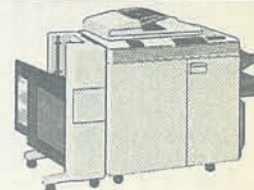
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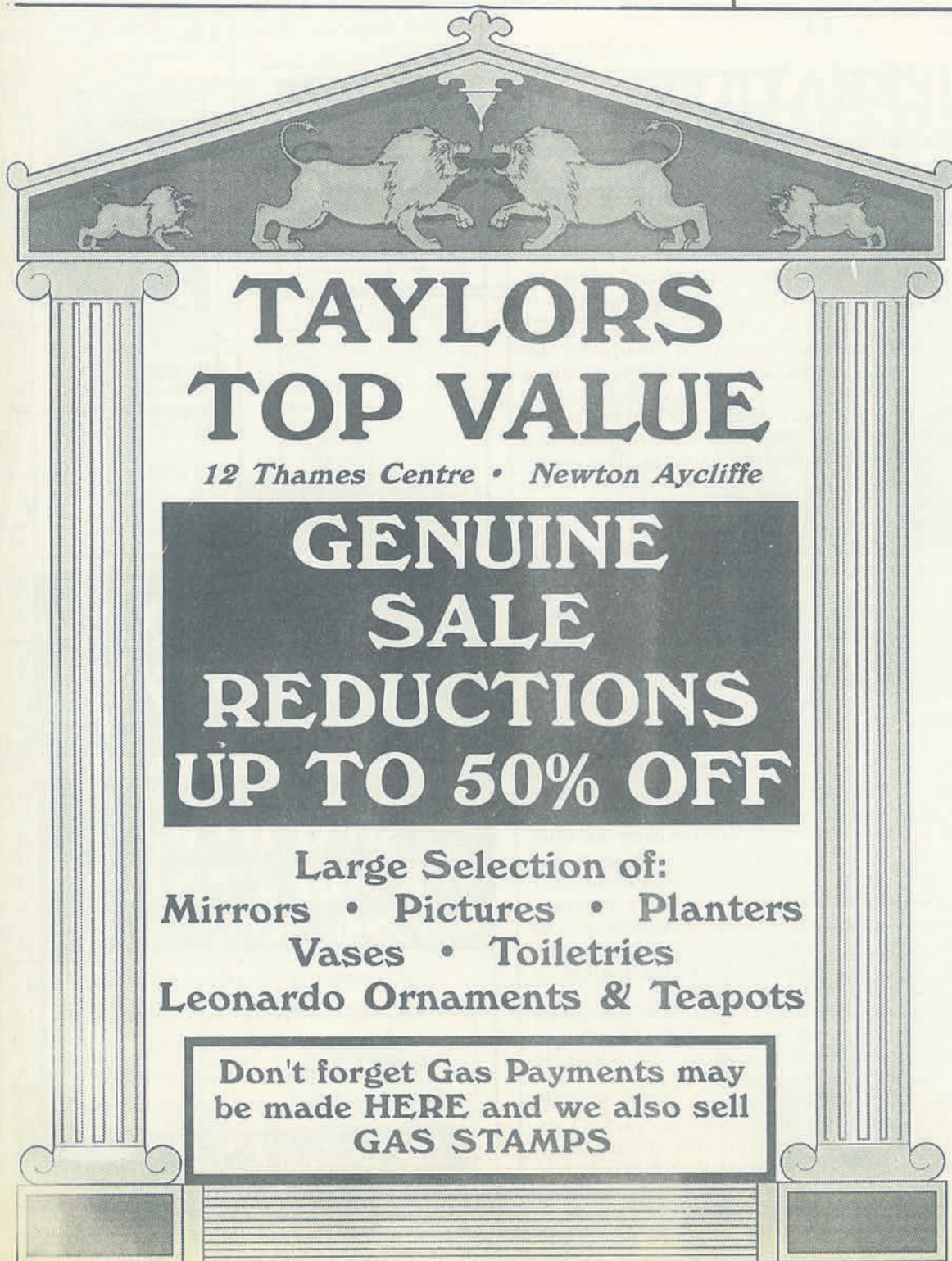
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Since its launch six years ago, the Authority's award
scheme has grown in importance and prestige,
inspiring and highlighting environmental
improvement schemes both large and small.

Designed to encourage good guardianship of the built
and natural environment, the scheme is open to
individuals, community or amenity groups, schools
and companies.

Entries for the 1994 Awards should be submitted by
31st January.

Last year's entries included the restoration and
refurbishment of Bishop Auckland Town Hall, the
creation of a new building for student
accommodation at Durham Castle and the relocation
of a war memorial and creation of a playground at
Newfield Village.

To be eligible for the 1994 awards, schemes should
have been completed during 1994, except in the case
of tree planting schemes, which should have been
established for at least five years.

Durham County Council's Director of Environment
David Newbegin said: "This year we will particularly
welcome projects which demonstrate sustainable
development, including energy conservation,
renewable energy, minimum use of scarce resources
or other enhancement of the local environment."

"County Durham has a good reputation for first class
reclamation of derelict land, and it would be very
encouraging to receive examples of good practice in
restoring quarries and
waste disposal sites."

The most outstanding submissions will win a plaque
and certificate together with a modest cash prize
where it is considered appropriate.

Entry forms can be obtained from the Director of
Environment, Durham County Council, County Hall,
Durham, DH1 1SU.

HYDRO EMPLOYEE WINS TOP NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AWARDS

Gary Robinson (39) was
this week named as one of
the Northern Region's
Individual Training Award
winners.

Gary, an ex-Avenue School
pupil, is employed at
Hydro Polymers as a
Process Control Technolo-
gist. He lives at Woodham
and is married with two
children.

The award is recognition
of both Gary's hard work

over the past ten years and
the Company's commit-
ment to training and edu-
cation.

Regional recognition for
Gary's achievement fol-
lows on from a National
Award for Individual
Achievement presented in
London last month.

John Pollock, Personnel
Manager at Hydro Poly-
mers said: "Gary is an ex-
cellent example of what
has been happening in

education and training on
the Aycliffe site over the
past few years."

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90 (H) FORD ORION 1.4 EQUIPPE. Finished in Tasmin blue, alloy wheels,
radio/cassette, spoiler, electric windows, sunroof, FSH, from one owner,
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90 (G) METRO 1.3L Clubman 5 door in white with grey trim, sunroof, radio
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conservatories are a departure from the usual but does truly complement the existing property by matching tiles and bricks. It might also be the answer to the all glass conservatory which can get too warm at times. As a local builder Watsons have built up a good reputation for top quality workmanship and can boast 1000's of satisfied customers including many in the Newton Aycliffe district. They can design, manufacture and build your conservatory including foundations, doors, windows, brickwork, roof with Finial and acorns, lead flashing and guttering either in uPVC or

hardwood, from a wide range of designs. They guarantee to complete the installation economically, providing drawings and obtaining planning permission if necessary. Their professional advisory service is free and if you can't get to their exhibition this weekend they are only a phone call away. The firm does not employ high pressure sales people, just friendly staff able and willing to help and answer all your questions.

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A range of superb properties are currently available at Avon Park including 3 bedroom semi detached houses and 3 & 4 bedroom detached houses with prices ranging from £53,000 to £89,995. The quality and design is excellent in all properties which include central heating, double glazing, fully fitted kitchen and

bathroom suites available in a choice of colours. There are also a range of helpful schemes designed to suit all circumstances, these include part-exchanges, free finishing touches and the move maker.

Gill Grover, Sales Manager at Ideal Homes (Northern) Limited, said, "The Avon Park development at Newton Aycliffe is situated in a much favoured residential area and is proving very popular with many visitors. Our aim is to make moving house simple and straight forward and we are offering a range of options to accommodate all circumstances".

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"NEWTON NEWS"

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THE JOY OF BEING SANTA CLAUS

My wife was the first to see it, she was drinking coffee while reading our local newspaper, the Newton News. 'They want Santa's, she called out.

Now for the past six years at least we have stood on various street corners with our Grandson, waiting to see Santa as he paused to wish the local children Merry Christmas and I felt that having received so much enjoyment in Christmas's past it was now time to put something back into the system, and had said so to my wife.

I eagerly took the newspaper and telephoned the number given. No reply, well it was Sunday wasn't it. We could expect people to be unavailable that day couldn't we? Monday morning, after putting out the Wheely bin I would ring again.

A nice young lady took my call, I won't give her name but she knows who she is. Yes, they still wanted Santa's and when I gave my age and my dimensions we both laughed and she said she was sure I would fit the bill. A Santa was needed for Route Two which was to the south and east of Central Avenue including Neville Parade and St. Clare's Church. She would send me a letter

confirming our conversation and giving me details of where to meet Santa's helpers, my driver and my guide. Christmas Eve was a freezing cold day you will remember so all the clothing that I was wearing made me look even more tubby when reported for kitting out. The long red robe with enormous hood fitted perfection but oh! The beard. Held in place by elastic loops over my ears it was as itchy as the proverbial hair shirt. Nevertheless, I had wear it. A Santa without a white curly beard; Who had ever heard of such a thing?

Climbing into the vehicle dressed thus was only a small problem but on board I was told that the Hut was for Jenny, another helper? No such luck, Jenny was the generator that provided the current for the coloured lights that illuminated my rig. I handrail, dressed in Santa red held me secure as moved off. Hand bells ringing merrily, we commenced our run with me in a state of anxiety. Would I make a hash of it and disappoint the youngsters? That certainly did disappoint me.

Groups stood all along our route. Eager, excited faces, looked up at us with wondrous eyes with my best "Yo Ho Ho" voice I pressed sweets and lollipops in outstretched hands before moving off with all "Merry Christmas" calls.

We stopped many times during our four hour run and on each occasion children of all ages greeted me, some offered small gifts and Christmas lists. Father's video's, Mother's flash guns, small child thrust into my arms before with yet another "Yo Ho Ho" we moved the next street corner handbells clamouring warning of our coming must admit I was a bit daunted by the prospect of a call during Nativity play at Clares's but with the guidance of the V.I. My job there was quickly completed. Shafto House was my one down the trip but my spirit were quickly restored the next street corner that by the end of the evening I can honestly say I enjoyed my Would I do it again you ask? Try to stop Next Christmas come soon enough this little boy. So say "Thank you" to me for my best Christmas present SANTA P.S. To those who put the Christmas spirit I say Thank you, I do not offend when with a nod and a Paper cups go under the Beard who of sight of little Again my thanks.

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Letter

Dear Sir,
Enclosed is a copy of the reply to my letter to The Director of Education D.C.C. as to the needs for a Nursery and Primary Education provision, for Woodham, Rope Moor, developments in Great Aycliffe. I made out as strong a case as I could, quoting current and past arguments as to the need for both, community needs

included. And, have argued that case further since. However, as you see, the response is as stated by The Director in his reply. The reasons given are clearly laid out by Mr. Mitchell as to why that proposed provision may not be made. The reason D.C.C. does NOT have land in it's ownership for a

Primary School in the Northern Area, N.A., is they sold it for residential building. Hearthstead Homes now stand on it. NO doubt they got a good price for that land? I'll continue doing all I can to influence that extra provision for Aycliffe, including lobbying our M.P. however, in view of the proposed cut-backs in D.C.C. Budget 1995, and

being in a minority situation. I have to be realistic as to how much influence that may have on what are decisions by the controlling Group of D.C.C. on education provision. I'll do my best and give full support to residents in their efforts. Don Fraser. Woodham Aycliffe North.

Labour Leader's Visit

Plans are being made for Tony Blair to visit Newton Aycliffe. The purpose of the visit is to introduce the newly elected Leader of the Labour Party to the Towns-people and a Special Public Meeting will be called when he will give an address and answer questions. Due to changes to the constituency boundaries Tony will be our prospective Parliamentary Candidate at the next General Election.

POETS CORNER

The following poem was written by an aid worker after a visit to Bosnia ...

SWEET CHILD OF DARUVAR

Are those your eyes, child,
Those eyes that have known
What no man's eyes should know,
Let alone yours,
Sweet child of Daruvar?

Is this your mother, child,
This frail woman in black
Huddled, shaking, behind the door,
While, in between, remembering
Past joys of faraway home and family?

Was that your father, child,
The man behind the wire,
That spark of ancient hatred,
Who, in the end, screamed as the kicks
And rifle butts rained down till he lay still?

Is this your country, child,
This shell-shocked limbo,
This pall of unquiet silence,
With, in between, the video libraries,
Pizzerias, bars and discotheques?

Is this your future, child,
To live in hunger, thirst, disease
Among the remnant trappings
Of, in between, what might have been?
How can I help to bring you peace again?

Are those your eyes, child,
Those darkened hollow rings
That have sobbed into the blackness
Of a hundred sleepless, endless nights,
Sweet haunted child of Daruvar?

Chris Mosley

OFFICIAL REPLY TO CALL FOR NEW SCHOOL AT WOODHAM

Dear Councillor Fraser,
Thank you for your letter dated 20th November, 1994 in respect of the on-going housing developments in Newton Aycliffe and requesting that consideration be given to the future provision of a new Primary School and Nursery Unit.
At the present time the Authority has no plans to construct a new school within Newton Aycliffe, neither does it own any site in the area's identified within your letter. However, I am well aware of the relative tightness for primary places within Newton Aycliffe and I believe that such future needs will have to be addressed on the basis of providing additional accommodation on the sites of existing primary schools. You may be aware that approval has already been given to the provision of an additional 60 places in the area and these should be available for use in September, 1995. Thirty of these places (i.e. one additional classroom) will be made available at Woodham Burn Infant School and the other 30 places will be provided by constructing an additional classroom at Woodham Burn Junior School.
As part of the Authority's submission to the Secretary of State for Education in October, 1993, in respect of Annual Capital Guidelines, a bid was made under the Basic Needs category for additional primary places in Newton Aycliffe. Unfortunately, that bid was unsuccessful and did not result in any specific ACG being allocated to such provision in other words, the Government has refused to recognise the need. But the County Council has: the additional classrooms at the Woodham Burn Schools have been made available by the County Council from its own resources without assistance from DFE.
Bearing in mind the very severe restrictions currently being imposed on Local Authorities by Central Government there is simply not enough finance available to consider the purchase of a suitable site for the future construction of a new primary school in the area's you have identified. Similarly, there is insufficient capital available to consider the construction of a new school, even if the site was currently in the ownership of the County Council. As a result of this, the additional accommodation required to meet future demands will necessarily need to be on a piecemeal basis by extending existing schools. I am bound to add that there is in fact, a strong case for proceeding in this way, since LMS means larger schools are more secure and that adding to the number of schools, with the implications for parental preference and competition in too confined an area, has clear risks.
I note your suggestion that additional nursery places should be considered to meet the demands of the new housing developments. Although the Authority has a very proud record in respect of the provision of Nursery places throughout the County (approximately 80-85% coverage on a part-time basis), any expansion of such places is extremely difficult due to the restricted levels of revenue and capital budgets. I am aware that it is the Members' wish to reintroduce such a programme of expansion as soon as is possible but the location of any future Nursery Units will need to be considered on the basis of priority need and only as resources permit. As you know, LEAs receive no assistance or recognition whatsoever in Government funding in relation to nursery provision.
I hope you will find the above notes of assistance.
Yours Sincerely
Keith Mitchell.
Director of Education, Durham County Council.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR "YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT RACISM IS"

Dear Sir,
Your correspondent of last week was not the only Newton News reader to object to you use of the adjective 'Jewish' in your edition of 7th January. I, too, was horrified. Your disclaimer in the 14th Jan. issue made the situation worse!
It is not the same-as you claim- to call a person 'Jewish' as it is to call them 'Peruvian'. Perhaps, if the firm had been a foreign-owned business with its headquarters in Tel Aviv, it might have been relevant to describe it as 'an Israeli-owned firm'. The word 'Jewish' however, indicates a particular race, and a particular religion. The race of the firm's owners is of no relevance whatsoever to their commercial activities, good or bad. The only proper descriptive adjective in this context was the British firm ... What made the appellation unpleasant was its context. To call the owners 'Jewish', while complaining about their business practices, was racism by insinuation. This is totally unacceptable. It is as racist as it would be to condemn a sportsman as 'that black footballer'. As an historian, I am forced to point out that anti-semitism in 1920's Germany started in exactly the same small way, with complaints about Jewish firms, and the unspoken feeling that local businesses should have been German-owned. Only later did it develop into Nazism. Finally, your use of the word 'Jewish' has undermined your own case. However much

you may have been right in principle, you put yourself in the wrong by a dreadful piece of inadvertent racism. Your refusal to apologise make it clear that you don't understand what racism is.
Yours sincerely,
J. D. Clare.

Ed: Both correspondents are

obviously sensitive on a matter where we admit to being objective. Like most journals we would have no qualms at describing Andy Cole as a "black footballer". This would not imply disrespect as we believe he is proud of being black, just as an Israeli is proud to be Jewish, and we are proud to be British and Anglicans or Catholics.

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BARBER Christopher Happy 2nd birthday 21-1-95, lots of love from Nana and Grandad Cox
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TONY LANGDALE - Dib - Happy birthday, lots of love Karon, Laura and Luke
WHITE 10-1-95. To Lynn and Paul, the welcome gift of a son, Dean. Loving brother for Dawn and Karla, love and best wishes from Mam
MERCER Hip Hip Hooray our granddaughter Danielle is 1 year old today, love you lots, Nana and Grandad
MERCER Happy birthday Danielle, 1 today, love Aunt Amanda and Uncle Tony
MERCER Happy 1st birthday to my great granddaughter Danielle, love Nana Cannon
MERCER To our darling daughter Danielle, happy 1st birthday 22-1-95, lots of love and kisses from Mummy and Daddy
MERCER Danielle Happy 1st birthday to our Goddaughter and friends, love Dee, Anth, Sabrina and Bethany XX
BRETT Hip Hip Hooray my big sister is 7 today, love Bethany XX
BRETT Sabrina Happy birthday have a wonderful day, lots of love Mum and Dad XX
BRETT Sabrina Happy 7th birthday 22-1-95, love Great Gran Hatty XXX
BRETT Sabrina, have a lovely 7th birthday, love Aunt Louise and Uncle Chris XX
BRETT Sabrina Happy 7th birthday darling, love and kisses Nana Margaret and Gramps John XX
BRETT Happy 7th birthday Sabrina, hope you have a lovely day, love Karen, Russell and Danielle
MARK HUGHES Congratulations on passing your driving test, love Margaret, John and Family
BIELOK, KARL Congratulations Karl on your 18th birthday love Grandma and Grandad and Uncle John
BIELOK, KARL Congratulations on your 18th birthday, 22-1-95, love from Mam and Dad
BIELOK, KARL All the best on your 18th birthday 22-1-95, love from Karen, Kathryn and Kirsty
STEVENS Christopher Happy 18th birthday lots of love Mam, Dad, Jonathan and family XX (21st Jan)
GREAT AUNT JUNE Brumwell, Happy 50th birthday love Joel, Stevie, Lena and Amber XX
HANSOM STAN Happy 50th Dad, love from Stephen and Claire
HANSOM STAN To my loving husband happy 50th birthday, all my love Dorothy and Ricky
HANSOM STAN The big 50, happy birthday Dad, love and best wishes Carol and Rex
LIAM MARTIN Happy 1st birthday, lots of love Mammy and Daddy XXXX

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In Memoriam

KEN DINSLEY 17-1-92. A special smile, a special face, a special Dad, we cannot replace. Teresa, Kevin, Michelle, Louise, Mark and Grandchildren
LEN APPLETON 13th January 1983. Loved and remembered always loving wife Betty, son Neil, daughter Beverley
GLEN DENNING, WES 23-1-92. In memory of a dearly loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. A light from our household gone, a voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled - loving wife Peggy and family - God bless

Thank you

I WOULD like to thank family and friends for the lovely presents and cards received at my 60th birthday party - from Sadie X
THORNBERRY Gordon and Christine would like to give a big thanks to everyone who attended their wedding and gave presents, cards etc. Special thanks to Jean and Jimmy Payne, Walter Shaw, Lynn Leach, Rita and Bill Siddam, Joan and Peter Thompson from Newton Hall, Durham. The Revd Peter Baldwin for a very nice blessing and "Keith" at the "Locomotion" for a lovely meal. You all made our day a special one and thank you again.
BARBER Terry and Tina thank you so much for our new grandson Joshua James love Mam and Dad

Public Notice

SECONDHAND bookstall in St Clare's hall on Saturday 28th from 10am to 12 noon, proceeds for Parish Development Fund
ST CLARES Guides raised £70 for the Blue Peter "Well Water" appeal at a bring and buy sale held recently in the Church hall. The winning number for the raffle was 32, the winner can collect from St Clares hall any Saturday between 10am and 12 noon
HOMEMADE cake stall held in St Clares Church hall has now resumed again after the Christmas break. It is open every Saturday morning from 10am to 12 noon (except Bank Holiday weekends) with a tempting selection of cakes, both large and small. Coffee/tea and home made scones are also available. Proceeds are for the Parish Development Fund
DAY TRIP Burnley Mill and Blackburn Chocolate Factory 28th February - £15 includes coffee and choc Tel 313924 to book

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FRIENDS OF WOODHAM
Comprehensive invite you to a quiz Night on Wednesday 25th January at 8pm at the Locomotion hosted by Denise and Geoff Raine

Birthday Remembrance

SALKELD TRACEY JANE Birthday memories sweet and tender of one we love and always remembered. Thinking of you always on this your special day 17-1-65. Loving you always - Mam and Pete
SALKELD TRACEY 17-1-65. Time passes by but memories stay, it's the heartache of losing you that never goes away. On your birthday I'll be sad, but I'll always be your ever loving Dad. Dad, Gareth, Samantha and Hazel XXX
SALKELD TRACEY 17-1-65. Dear Sister, birthday wishes time passes by but our thought of you will never die, you are always on our minds, especially on this special day, love Stephen and Carol XX
SALKELD TRACEY 17-1-65. Silent are the thoughts of all of us together, deepest loving memories will always last forever. Love Kath, Keith, Pamela, David and Fiona XXX
SALKELD TRACEY 17-1-65. It doesn't take a special day to bring you to our minds, a day without the thought of you is very hard to find. Missing you more than ever before. Luv Donna, Lyndsey and Andrew XX
SALKELD TRACEY R.I.P. The heartache of losing you will never go away, Luv Reg, Jenny and Christopher XXX
SALKELD TRACEY 17-1-65. Broken are the hearts, that will always love you, silent are the tears that fall, through life without you. Luv John S. XXX

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Lost & Found

LOST 12th January in Town Centre ladies gold Rotary watch, sentimental value, reward, please contact 315739
LOST on Boxing Day night, ladies Chanel wrist watch, black face and black and gold plated strap. Last seen Huntsman pub, sentimental value, reward given Tel 307557
LOST 10-1-95, Greenfields area, black and white rabbit Tel 300107
LOST Neville Parade area 12-1-95, black and brown tabby tom cat, has lump on right shoulder, much missed pet, Tel 314346
LOST gold cross on leather strap at Leisure Centre on New Years Eve, owner heart broken as only keepsake of son, reward, please contact Box No LOST1, c/o Newton Press, St Cuthberts Way, Newton Aycliffe
LOST Male grey tabby kitten, Kirkstone Place area, reward Tel 317011 after 6pm

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"Our Bowls Leagues have become very popular since we laid our new Greengauge Carpet on a laser levelled floor" said Sports Complex Manager Richard Vitty, and the extra prize money donated by Great Lakes Chemical means that they are very competitive.
The winners in each category were as follows:
Mens Fours John Clare, Eddie Taylor, Bobby Allen, Jackie Grayson and Don Collinson.
Mens Triples Chris Lynn, Jim Degnan, Robert Forster, Keith Dunning, Gordon Thubron.
Mixed Triples Jenny Basham, Maureen Barron, Dave Barron, Harry Ashcroft.
Ladies Fours Brenda Mangles, Joyce Beswick, Yvonne Potter, Vicky Knight, Joyce Stephenson.
Ladies Pairs Ann Brown and Jenny Basham
The Spring Season of leagues start soon and the eventual winners will play the Autumn winners in the Champion of Champions Competition.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE STUDENTS REWARDED WITH CROSS COLLEGE AWARDS

Students from Newton Aycliffe attending Bishop Auckland College were rewarded for outstanding effort with the Cross College Awards for Outstanding Achievement.

Students from a variety of courses received their awards at a special ceremony held at the College to mark their hard work and commitment that so many of the students have put into their studies. John Morley, Chairman of the Corporate Board presented the awards. The Overall Joint Student of the Year Award was won by Stuart Skaife of the NEB childcare course and Michelle Miller of the Health and Social Care course, both of whom had shown real effort and determination to succeed. Outstanding Achievement Award for Hair and Beauty 1993/94 was won by Lorraine Smith of Newton Aycliffe who attended a full time hair and beauty course. She was nominated by Sandy Pittaker who said her work was continuously good. Lorraine had the right attitude, kept her

motivation. High standards in work, appearance, attitude - even through periods of illness. She has two children and is committed to her learning. Thorough and also has a good personality. Her award was sponsored by Saks Hair Design of Bishop Auckland. The Outstanding Achievement Award for Combined Studies Year 1 Degree Programme 1993/94 was won by Julie Kilpatrick of Newton Aycliffe. Julie first came to college as a member of the Access course, where she was a star student, and then a member of our first course for the BA in Humanities. Julie first came to prominence in the Access Group when she was asked to do a local history project. She had prepared a family tree and asked whether it would be suitable as a project,

producing a file, one and half inches thick going back 200 years. Two thirds of the material was written in pencil. She explained that the pencil material had come from single sources, while the material written in pen had all been confirmed from at least one other source. It was at this point that Julie was recognised as an exceptional student, with a tremendous talent for detail, accuracy and cross checking. She has a string of first class and upper second class marks in her first year of the degree. Julie is now at Sunderland University.



Photo: Bishop Auckland College Awards Top Students standing from left to right Gillian Richardson, Kevin Ng, Gordon Wilkinson, Julie Kilpatrick, Michael Hope, Joy Robinson, Glen Walton and Roisin McVeigh. Sitting from left to right Lorraine Smith, Victoria Clark, Rita Summerbell, Stuart Skaife, Carrie Anderson, Deborah Murthar, Kelly Ann Saville

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