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The Newton Aycliffe Volunteer Bureau, after being reprieved from closure in August, 1994, now faces possible closure again. The newly formed Joint Commissioning Management Group, made up of representatives from Social Services, Health and Sedgefield District Council, provided money towards keeping the Volunteer Bureau open until March 1995. They have now turned down the Bureau's funding application for 1995 onwards.

The volunteer Bureau was originally formed in 1987 in response to a need within the community. One of its founder members was the Community Development Officer, Social Services, who along with other interested members of the community worked to secure funding and set the project up. The main aims of the Volunteer Bureau were to provide information on voluntary opportunities and to provide suitable volunteers in response to requests from individuals within the community. Carole Watson, Chair of the Volunteer Bureau said "It makes no sense at all to set up and develop a

successful project over 8 years, only to be told we no longer qualify for funding. Care in the Community is supposed to help people remain in their own homes and prevent them from going into Care. The Volunteer Bureau provides unique services towards this aim and we simply fill the gaps and improve quality of life by matching up the need with a suitable volunteer. The Health Authority will provide a wheelchair, but neither Health nor Social Services can provide someone to push it. The statutory agencies can provide essential services in a person's home such as Home Care, Meals on Wheels, etc., but they can't provide a friend to call on a lonely housebound person for a chat, walk their dog or transport and accompany someone to a hospital/doctor's appointment."

The Volunteer Bureau has always received the core of its funding from health/Social Services, with the remainder of its expenditure being raised by committed volunteers and staff. However, in August last year, it became obvious that donations were lower than expected and the project could not survive until the end of the financial year (March 1995). The JCMG agreed to provide half the required finance and a

Trust Fund provided the other half.

The Bureau then prepared an application for core funding equating to £20,000 (approximately two thirds of the total budget) for the year 1995/96. Clients who depend on their regular visits from the volunteer, waited hopefully for the response. The answer has just been received - a total rejection. The JCMG stated that the Bureau has a lack of partnership with the statutory agencies, and that there are already agencies within Social Services and the District Council, who provide similar services.

The Volunteer Bureau strongly challenges these statements. Over the last 12 months, 70% of the requests for volunteers for the Sitting Service have come from Social Workers, Health Workers, Wardens and Home Carers. There are also no other agencies in the Newton Aycliffe area which provides services such as wheelchair pushing, befriending, dog walking, dial-a-ride scheme and an information/advice centre for people wishing to carry out voluntary work. The Chair said "It is economic madness that the JCMG have rejected an application for funding for a project that it rescued to the tune of £4000 only 5 months ago. We understand that

Statutory bodies have many pressures on them since the introduction of Care in the Community. This makes it even more important that public money is handled appropriately."

The Management Committee are determined that the Volunteer Bureau will continue, but, without core funding, staff will be made redundant. The two main projects, the Sitting Service and Dial-A-Ride Schemes will be abandoned.

The Management committee have written to the JCMG requesting that the decision be reconsidered. The Country-wide Association of Voluntary Care Providers, a forum which is made up of many of the country's voluntary organisations has issued the following statement. Mr. John Roberts, Chief Officer for Durham County Age Concern and Vice-Chairman of the Association, said "In this new culture of Care in the Community and partnership, it is an appalling situation that the Volunteer Bureau at Newton Aycliffe is facing impending closure for the sake of £20,000 from an overall County expenditure budget of millions of pounds. This throws a shadow over all voluntary organisations in the future. The many users of the varied and necessary services, be

they older people, a disabled or merely lonely, frail or vulnerable, will view the loss of this virtually unique service with horror. We would ask that everyone who lives in the immediate Newton Aycliffe area who objects to the probable closure, to contact their Town, District and County Councillor and the local MP to express their views."

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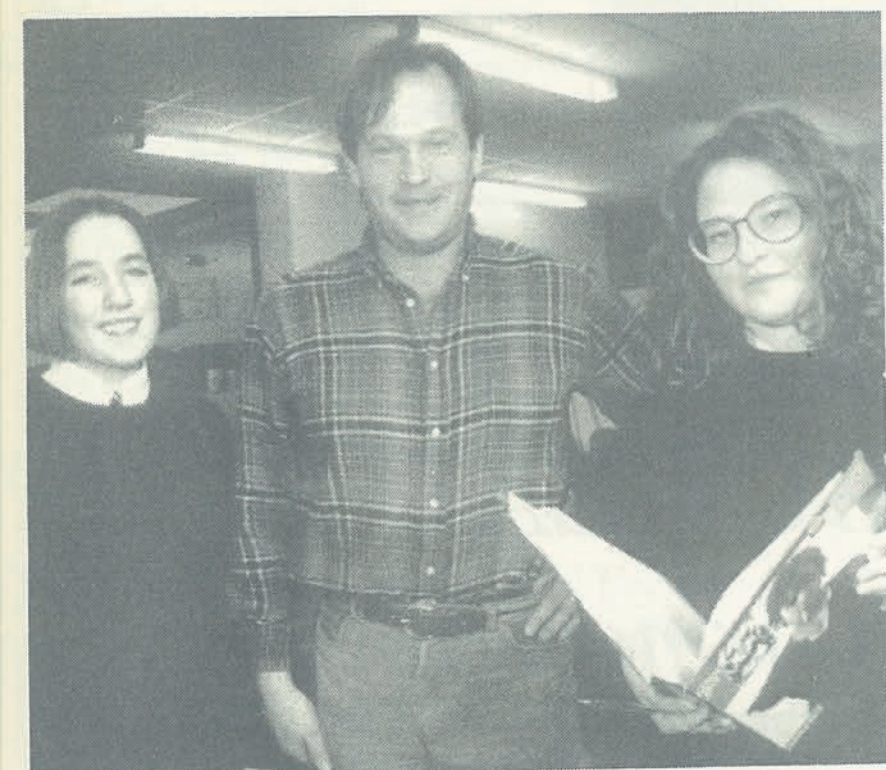
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Sports Award for Coach

On 27th January 1995, Colin Pemberton Snr, from Newton Aycliffe, was voted Easington District Sports Council Coach of the Year 1994. Colin's award was for, in the words of the Sports Council Chairman "His outstanding achievements and commitment to his

sport and students." In 1994 Colin coached seven students to National Champions, six to silver and eight to bronze in the Nationals - twelve students to 1st Dan Black Belt, three to 2nd Dan Black Belt and Double National Champion.

Colin is Chief Instructor of Sipjin

Taekwondo which is a full contact Korean Martial Art, his training camp is based at Seaham Leisure Centre.

Colin has also coached Gary Strong to become Senior Student Heavyweight National Champion, who was also voted Sportsman of the year.

Scottish Golf Offer

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Part of the old G.E.C. premises at Whinbank Road is to be converted to 16 small Industrial Units including car parking.

The application for permission is made by a Newcastle company, Rathbone Trustees and the units will be available for speculative letting.

Letter to the Editor FAMILY PRIDE THAT GOOD CAME FROM DAUGHTER'S TRAGIC DEATH

Dear Sir

I am writing to you with regard to my daughter Tracey's death, which I know will be of interest to your readers, many of whom know her well, as she had many friends here.

My daughter TRACEY JANE SALKELD and her boyfriend STUART McMURRAY, were both tragically killed when Stuart's motor cycle with Tracey as pillion passenger, were in collision with an articulated vehicle, which was across both lanes of the carriageway on the A75 Newton Stewart By-Pass in Scotland.

The accident happened at 11pm on the 30th April 1994. Tracey died at the scene after 30 minutes. Stuart was air lifted by helicopter to Glasgow General Hospital, but died on the way.

When Mrs. Deni Ledley (Tracey's Mother) and I went to identify Tracey's body at Dumfries Hospital we were approached by Dr. Gibson (Pathologist) and asked if Tracey was a donor card carrier. Although it was a traumatic time for us, we both agreed to her heart valves being used, as she had indicated on many occasions her support for organ donation.

In September of last year, we were informed that one of tracey's heart valves had been given to a dying 10 month old baby boy in London and the operation was a complete success.

Last month we received word from Dr. Gibson that Tracey's other valve had been transplanted into an 8 year old girl in Holland, and this too was a success.

Needless to say, all of our family are very proud and very pleased that some good has come out of this tragedy.

Thank you

P. Salkeld (Father) and D Ledley (Mother)

ED: Although Tracey wanted to be a donor, she did not actually carry a card. If you feel strongly about being a donor, and helping somebody to live after your death, the message in this letter is CARRY THE CARD.

School Win £500 Prize

Children at Woodham Burn Junior School have just taken delivery of their new Philips CD-i system and software worth over £500, which they won in a nationwide draw as part of the Philip's "Science in Action" initiative.

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*But today she feels she matters less,
He looks uneasy, in great distress.
Upon the scene has come a new attraction,
And he can't deal with this distraction.*

*She is tiny, with long blond hair,
He can only stand and stare.
His first love waits in apprehension,
Sensing the build up of their tension.*

*That first move comes from that forward miss,
Long blond hair swinging, she steals a kiss.
They walk off together, no backward glance,
His first love sees she had no chance.*

*She feels she'd like to shed a tear,
It was so touching and he so dear.
But to tell the truth she never felt happier,
than when she saw with what ease,
Her young Maltese,
Fell in love with her Toy Yorkshire Terrier.*
By Marjorie Spark

Tickets left for Sports Night

There are still a few tickets left for the Sportsman's Night to be held at Redworth Hall on Friday 17th February at 7.30pm organised by a District Rotary Committee.

A magnificent Dinner will be followed by speeches given by top T.V. Football personality Ian St. John and Tyne Tees Presenter Paul Frost.

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Aycliffe Take the Honours

Two teams from Aycliffe took the honours in the Mixed Fours of the Festival of Bowls Competition held at the Morrison Centre, Darlington.

In the round Robin Competition the team of Maureen Barron, Jenny Basham, Harry Ashcroft and Dave Barron won the competition by winning all their six matches. The other Aycliffe team of Wendy Ward, Walter Brown, Norman Ward and Anne Brown only lost one match against Maureen Barron's team and finished in third place behind a team from Guisborough.

In the annual Gateshead Ladies Triples Competition the Aycliffe team of Wendy Ward, Anne Brown, Ethel White and Brenda Mangles had a good competition and finished as runners up. All these players practise in the Great Lakes leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex and anyone interested in entering a team should contact the Bowls Club Secretary Sid Chapman (01325) 469639.

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Letter to the Editor Complain to the S.D.C. About Dog Fouling

Dear Sir,
In spite of all the letters sent in to Newton News, many people still allow their dogs

to foul our town.
I write to ask residents of the "Green Hill" area, and the parents of children who play on it, to write letters to the Environmental Protection Officer at Sedgfield District Council, Green Lane, Spennymoor.
I am reliable informed that if enough people complain there is a possibility of getting a dog bin sited here.
The area is well used by dog owners as a place to exercise and toilet their pets. A few ladies, who I am told are "dog walkers", bring a large group of animals from Butler Road area every day, and the dogs are allowed to foul wherever they please. I don't object to dogs - just the mess their owners allow them to leave behind!
I hope enough people will phone or write to the Council, so that children can play on the "Green Hill" in safety this summer, and the rest of us don't have to constantly watch where
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Dear Sir,
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Misled "do-gooders" would say, if these deranged miscreants were caught, that they came from a 'deprived background' or were 'latch key kids' of one-parent families.

I'm sorry to disillusion them, but I firmly believe that individuals have evil intent from a very early age. These unspeakable yobbos do such acts for 'kicks' and for the sheer delight of seeing an innocent animal suffer a lingering death. They have utter disregard for the fact that their action will scar a child's delicate mind for life.
In my opinion the morally degenerate minority who are cruel to animals get off far too lightly. They should face a prison sentence of at least three months, get a heavy fine and be banned from keeping any type of animal for life.

How would they feel to have their heads chopped off? Maybe frontal lo-

botomy - without an anaesthetic - would cut out the offending part of their measly brains - that is assuming they have brains to begin with!

Today they might be murdering pet rabbits, but tomorrow they might move on to humans for even bigger kicks.

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Yours faithfully,
Ken Jackson
Beechfield.

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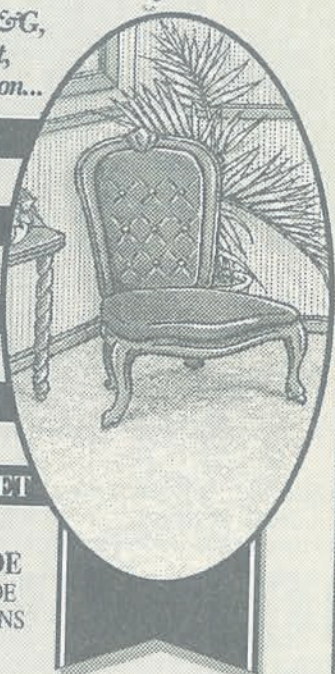
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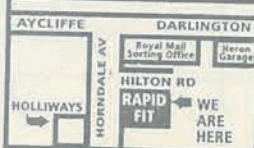
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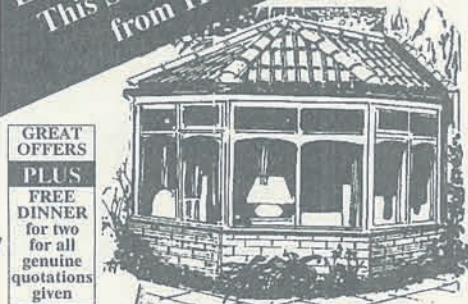
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Part of the new development includes landscaping at the front of the Company's attractive premises including ponds each side of the main entrance.

District Planners have welcomed the scheme, which will enhance the frontage along one of the main roads of the Industrial Estate - referred to in the regeneration plans as the 'heart' of Aycliffe Industrial Park (when the new name is adopted).

New Officers for Supporters Branch

Dear Sir,
May I use your columns to inform members of the town branch of Sunderland F.C. Supporters Association of the resignation of both the Secretary and Treasurer due to other pressing commitments. An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of full members is called for Sunday 19th February at

Horndale club at 11.30 am to elect new officials for these two responsible positions.

Anyone interested in the posts should contact G. Mills on 321647.

All members should make an effort to attend and remember their votes are crucial to the future of the branch.

NO NEWS ON POST OFFICE CHANGEOVER

There is still nothing to report on the future of the Town Centre Post Office.

The last unconfirmed rumour we heard was that Gateways had been refused permission to have the Post Office in their Store by the Landlords.

Another story was that the Landlords had agreed, subject to a much higher rent, but the increased rent had been too high for Gateways. The Town Clerk has tried to

find the truth of the matter, but, as yet, has not had the courtesy of a reply from Gateways.

Meanwhile everything stays as it was, but the threat remains.

We notice that Bishop Auckland is going through the same procedure, with Post Office Counters determined to have their way despite strong public opposition.

Teenager Holds Bring & Buy Sale For Appeal

Marie Ball, a 13 year old from Newton Aycliffe saw the Blue Peter Well Water Appeal on television and sent off for all the information.

With the help of adults she is holding a Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday 18th February in the Town Centre. If you would like to support her by bringing anything for the stall on that morning, or if you would like to leave anything before, please take it to 44 Defoe Crescent or 12 Church Close.

It is lovely when you hear of young people responding to these appeals. So let's encourage her by donating as much as we can.

THORN ANNOUNCE CLOSURE OF FONA/ RUMBELOW SHOPS

It was sad news this week to hear that the Rumbelows/Fona shops were to close down with a loss of nearly 3,000 jobs nationwide.

This affects our own Town Centre where they have a large corner site, and it could be a long time before we see it occupied.

The shops will close in the next two months as Thorn EMI blame 'out of town' shopping for the poor performance of their electrical goods sales.

It is ironic after a group profit increase of a third, but not so surprising when their retail electrical arm lost £10 million over nine months last year and £24 million over the previous two years. It seems that in opting to stay in the High Streets Thorn lost the competitive

edge to Stores such as Comet who moved out of Town Centres.

This is another clear sign that Town Centres are not competing hard enough to keep shops.

Aimed For Balance

We have been rebuked by the Trades Union Council for describing the Public Meeting called to debate Labour's Clause IV as a 'confrontation'. They state their attempt to bring Arthur Scargill and Tony Blair together was to create a balanced debate.

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STEVEN VAUGHAN

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greatest wish,
so this message is from
me to you
with all my love that is true.
From your caring
girlfriend Caroline X

GARY STOTT

I do not need silver
I do not need gold,
riches or jewels my
heart cannot hold,
I've something more valuable
than the things named above,
that my darling is simply
your love - Karen

LEE HOAR

I love you, be my Valentine
Love Leanne

TONY

Your a hunky handsome
heart-throb,
a fab and groovy dude,
a juicy lump of gorgeousness,
a scrumptious plate of food,
You're a hot and horny lover,
and if I had my way,
I'd smother you in chocolate,
and feast on you all day!
Love you tremendously
Kerry XX

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I love you, Be my Valentine
Love Kelly

ADRIAN

KELLY

To be your Valentine
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I love you always
In every way
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for today and always
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Happy Valentines
love from
Porky Pig - Andy

BEVERLEY

All my love on Valentines
Day and forever
Paul XX

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J.

The winner of the Valentine competition is the poem above to Gary Stott from Karen, who will receive a dozen red roses from Flora & Blooms. Newton Press would like to thank Flora & Blooms for sponsoring this competition.

NIGEL

ANITA

With all my love on our
5th Wedding Anniversary
14-2-95
Love ya stacks
Anita
XX

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

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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.

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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.



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"Sedgefield's rents have always compared very favourably with those of other Councils and housing associations in County Durham and the northern region" said Councillor Sam Carmedy, Chairman of

Sedgefield District's Housing Committee. He also points out that, "During the recent years the Council has embarked upon central heating, double glazing, kitchen and bathroom replacement programmes. All of these initiatives will continue to be fully funded next year meaning that almost £7m will be spent, improving the council's housing stock and the surrounding environment. "Through these initiatives more than 2000 tenants will see their properties improved next year and it is hoped that this combination of low rents and high investment can be continued well into the future." Councillor Carmedy added, "Sedgefield District Council has one of the lower rents in the North and I believe that it provides the best services of all."

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bless you Alf - your loving
wife Ann and family

ELGEY, ALF 14-2-94.
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dear Dad, loved and
remembered every day, love
Brenda

ELGEY, ALF A dear
Grandad, passed away 14-2-
94. A day never goes by
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Grandchildren Gordon, Gary
and Billy-Jean

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Grandad, Great Grandad,
sadly missed, always
thinking of you, love Gary,
Denice, Lee and Jamie

MELISSA BAXTER 13-2-
1989 - May you rest in peace
my love, on this sorrowful
day. For we have made them
take the blame for taking you
away. So take Wayne gently
by the hand, and give him
our good news. That God has
given "justice" for your life,
they took and bruised. We
will live with loving
memories of your undying
love. May you both find joy
and happiness in Heaven up
above. We hope your
laughter lives forever in
everybody's soul. Your
courage, strength and caring
ways be everybody's goal.
May God love and cherish
both of you, for your Mam
and Dad, and bless and care
for all of us, and strengthen
the love we have. Love you
both forever, Mam and Dad
MELISSA Precious
memories of our dear niece.
Like fallen leaves the time
slips by, but memories of you
will never die. Sadly missed
by Auntie Brenda, Uncle
Harry and family

SARAH STODDART Died
6-2-93. Remembered
always, never forgotten,
loving Son Cliff

MILNER, LILIAN, 11th
February 1993. In loving
memory of a dear Mother
and Grandmother. Today,
tomorrow, our whole life
through, we will always love
and remember you. Daughter
Mary, Son Len and Grandson
Jason

BURNS To a darling
husband Jim, died February
14th 1990. No matter how
my life may change, no
matter what I do, I won't
ever forget the precious
years, the ones I spent with
you. My love always,
Norma.

Someday! Somewhere! XXX
BURNS, JIM We think
about you always, we talk
about you too. Our hearts are
filled with memories but we
wish we still had you. Love
and miss you very much
Dad. From your loving
Daughters Gillian and Susan
and Grandson Michael XXX

HALLIMOND, JANE Died
11th February 1994.
Precious memories of a
much loved wife and mother.
Always in our thoughts and
sadly missed - Max and
family

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KAREN 4-2-95,
Congratulations on your 21st
hope this one is better than
the last three - all the best,
always and forever XX
ALLEN Happy 1st birthday
to a special little niece,
Becky-Louise, lots of love
and kisses, Auntie Mandy
and Uncle Gary XX
ALLEN Hip Hip Hooray
Becky is 1 today, lots of love
and kisses from your big
cousins Darren and Danny X
ALLEN Becky-Louise Lots
of love and kisses on your 1st
birthday Becky, love
Grandma and Grandad XX
ALLEN Becky-Louise all
our love Becky on your 1st
birthday 13-2-95, Auntie
Shell, Uncle Paul, Ben and
Pete XXX

ALLEN Becky-Louise
Happy first birthday to our
very special little girl, love
you lots and lots Mammy and
Daddy XXX
STEVEN'S Michelle and
Paul Happy 3rd Anniversary,
lots of love Marie and Geoff
STEVEN'S Auntie Michelle
and Uncle Paul, Happy
Wedding Anniversary, love
you lots Becky-Louise
MAMMY & DADDY
Happy anniversary, lots and
lots of love from Ben XX
PAUL STEVEN'S Happy
3rd Anniversary Paul (15-2-
95) love you more than ever,
Shell XXX

DOBSON This is to wish
two wonderful parents, a
happy anniversary for 10th
February. Lots of love, your
ever loving daughters and
son-in-law and
Granddaughters Michelle
and Sharon XX

KIRSTY HADEN Happy
18th lots of love Mam and
Dad XX

KIRSTY HADEN Happy
18th birthday big Sis, love
Natalie XX

KIRSTY HADEN Happy
18th, love Big D and R XX
SYKES Joseph Patrick
Happy 2nd birthday, 14-2-
95, lots of love and kisses
from Mammy and Daddy

SYKES Joseph Patrick
Happy 2nd Birthday, 14-2-
95, lots of hugs and kisses
from Rebecca, Matthew,
Michael, Liam and Luke

MATTHEW ALDER Hip
Hip Hooray Matthew's 2
today, lots of love Mammy
and Daddy

MOSS & HUGHES
Congratulations Wayne and
Sue on your engagement
love Dad, Mam and Mark

SHEILA WINTER Happy
50th birthday Mam, love
Darren, Gillian and Solo XX
SHEILA WINTER Happy
50th birthday Nanna lots of
love Charlotte XX

SHEILA WINTER Happy
50th birthday Mam, love
Deborah XX

SHEILA WINTER Happy
50th birthday to my
wonderful wife, all my love
Jim XX
WELLER Jasmine Natalie
happy 2nd birthday to our
little darling on the 12th
February, love and kisses
Mummy and Daddy XXX

WELLER Jasmine Natalie,
happy birthday little Sis, love
you, Claire XXX
HARTLEY Caroline
congratulations and best
wishes on your 21st birthday,
love Mum, Dad and Laura
TURNER - PERKINS 8-2-
95, Happy 1st birthday to our
darling daughter, Georgia
Victoria, we love you so
much Mammy and Daddy

KAREN SMITH Has
reached the big 40, happy
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always Amanda

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13th February 1995



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like to thank all her relatives
and friends for all the cards
and presents she received on
her 60th birthday - thanks to
Alan, Judith and Carol for
the cake and buffet in
Sunshine Corner at the Royal
British Legion

FORSTER Dot and Eddie
wish to thank family,
relatives, friends and
neighbours for cards and
flowers also for their help
and support during recent
weeks and for making the
sad day of Mam's funeral
into a warm and loving
occasion. We also wish to
thank Doctors of Bewick
Crescent Surgery, Matron
and Staff of Aycliffe Nursing
Home. Doctors and Nursing
Staff of Ward 11, Bishop
General Hospital. The
Reverend Peter Baldwin and
Co-Operative Funeral
Directors for their care at this
sad time.

WRIGHT The family of the
late Kevin Wright would like
to thank all relatives, friends
and neighbours for their
kindness shown. Also cards
of condolence and flowers
received during our very sad
loss of someone so very
special to us. Our thanks to
Vince and Denise from the
Acorn for all they have done
and to Rev. P. Baldwin for
the beautiful service. A
special thanks to all Kevin's
good friends for all of their
support - Thank you
THANK YOU - I wish to
thank everyone for their help
and support over the recent
death of my grandmother,
Mrs. Mary Cansfield of 2
Colling Walk, Newton
Aycliffe. Especially Enid,
Peggy, Gwen and Tony for
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**GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
Committee Meetings**
Tuesday 21st Feb - Recreation Committee - 7.15pm
followed by Environment Committee
Wednesday 22nd Feb - Parks & Allotments 7.15pm
THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

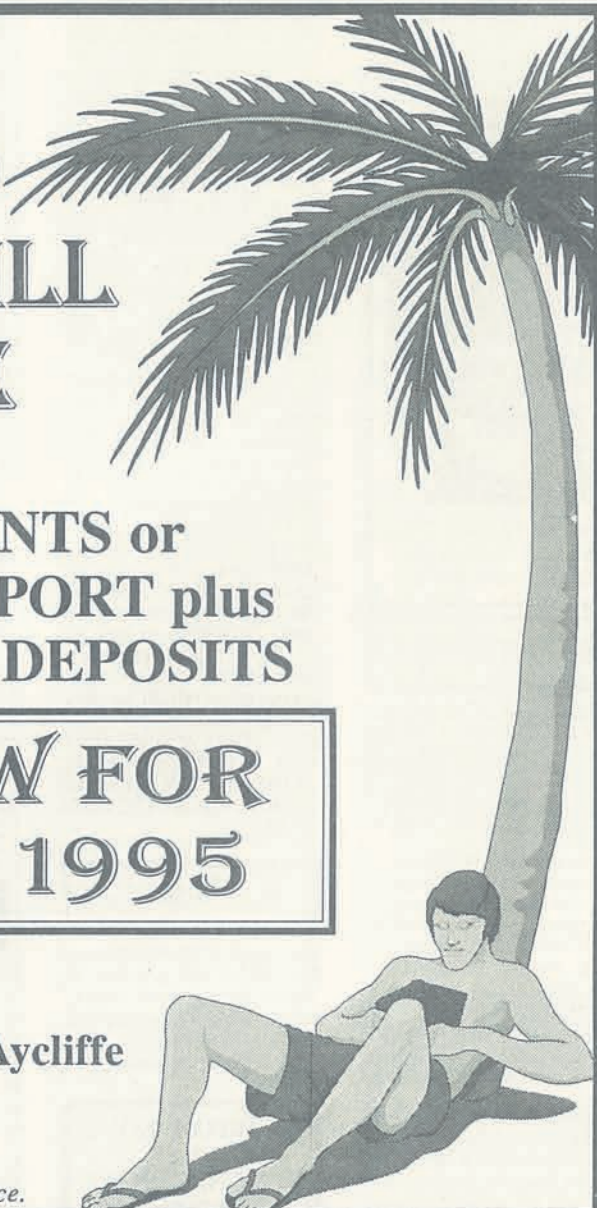
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S.D.C. Get Tough on Town Centre Litter

The District Council is about to get tough with private and other landowners in the Town Centre over litter.

They have powers under the 1990 Environment Act to prosecute, and, on conviction, those responsible for littering can be fined up to £2,500.

The S.D.C. are to first designate the Town Centre as a "Litter Control Area" and both Town Centre Landlords, British Land and Freshwater have been given 21 days to make representations before the order is made.

CARE HOME

A new Residential Care Home is to be built on land at Burn Lane by Milbury Care services of Lichfield. It will accommodate 8 people with physical disabilities offering them a homely environment for life.

Milbury's philosophy of care is to offer an ordinary home with individuals living together as a single domestic unit using all the local amenities. No residential staff are employed, but the occupants will receive daily visits and obtain 24 hour support if required.

£300,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS

The S.D.C. are to set aside £300,000 for Town Centre and Environmental Improvement Schemes.

TONY BLAIR CAN'T BE AT PUBLIC MEETING

As we anticipated, Tony Blair has declined, with apologies, the invitation to speak on the same platform as Arthur Scargill.

A Public Meeting organised by Local Trade Unionists has been called for 14th February at Mainsforth Community Centre starting at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested in hearing Mr. Scargill at his best should go along to see what he has to say about changing Clause 4 of Labour's Constitution.

10 year old Helps Appeal

On Saturday 18th February there will be a Bring & Buy Sale in aid of the Blue Peter Well Water Appeal.

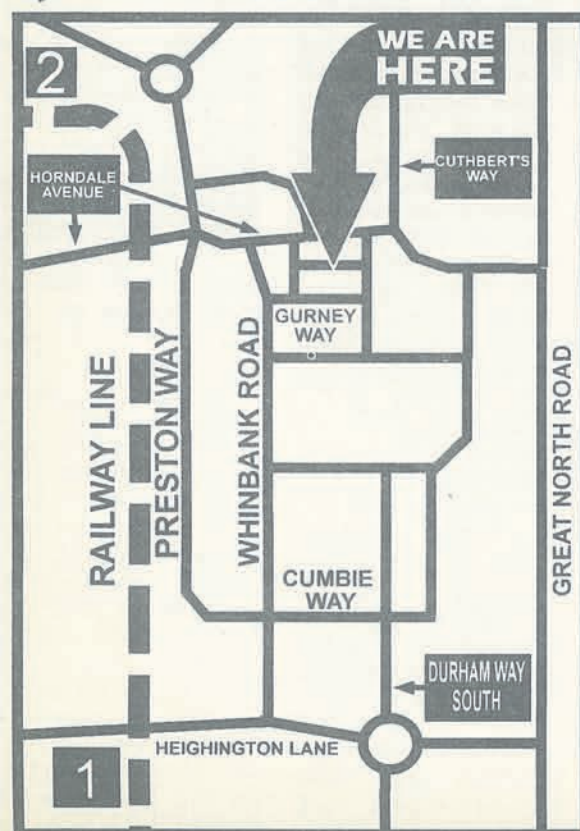
The event is being organised by 10 year old Glenn Robinson with the help of his friends in the 1st Newton Aycliffe Scouts. The Sale will be from 10 am - 2pm at the Scouts Centre, Bluebell Way, behind the Navy Club. Please bring along donations of toys, books, games and bric-a-brac. there is no admission charge and everyone is welcome. Come along to "Bring and Buy" - every little helps.

TWELVE NEW FLATS

Land at the junction of Finchale Road and St Cuthberts Way is to be developed to provide 12 residential flats. The flats will front onto both main roads with car parking sited at the rear of the premises. Access would be of Bradford Close which also serves the Ambulance Station.

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