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Oshino Lamps Ltd of Japan switched on this week at Aycliffe Industrial Estate with the announcement of 50 new jobs and a £1.5 million investment

Mr. Isao Oshino, Managing Director, Oshino Lamps, and Mr. Toshio Koyama, Managing Director, Oshino Group were at the new site to switch on a specially lighted Oshino logo.

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Mr. Toshio Koyama,

Managing Director of the Oshino Group said "Locating at Newton Aycliffe will allow us to service new and existing customers in the European market. The North of England has good access to Europe, a first class communications network and dedicated team of business support services. These factors were very influential on our decision to locate in County Durham."

In officially opening facility the Managing Director said a new demand for their product prompted the company to open a new manufacturing unit in Newton

Aycliffe.
"We look forward to building a good working relationship with the people of County Durham to satisfy our customers throughout Europe producing a high quality product with good service, delivery and prices" said Isao

Oshino Manufacturing Ltd is a part of the Oshino Group which was formed in 1931 by Mr. Masaji Oshino, father of the current President. It has manufacturing facilities in Japan, Hong Kong and Germany with sales and distribution outlets worldwide. Customers of the group include major manufacturers and their sub-contractors as well as household names in the aerospace industry

Sedgefield District Council Chairman Terry O'Brien was pleased with his Council's involvement in attracting this new Japanese Company.

"This type investment is vital to our local economy and we must continue to encourage industry to our District" said Terry.

"Newton News" interviewed Hirofumi Itakura who moved into Newton Aycliffe last week.

His wife and two children are delighted with their new home which unlike their Tokyo house is "very spacious". "I like Newton Aycliffe and find the shops and amenities very convenient" said Hirofumi.

He and his family are looking forward to exploring the Durham countryside and would like to become involved in general

We are happy to welcome the Itakura family and hope they will be happy here. We also welcome Oshino to our Industrial Estate and wish them much success in the future.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"CHILDREN'S PARTIES NOT PRIVATE"

Says Disgruntled Mother

Dear Sir

With reference to the recent "write up" about the new Indoor Playland at The Gretna and in particular the Party Package.

I feel that any parent considering booking a party for their child should be made aware of the following fact. The Playland facilities are not private or specifically set aside for your child's party. They have to be shared with other pre-booked parties and also with the children of any members of the general public who visit the Pub and pay the £1.00 entrance fee. Providing there are no more than 50 children in total in

the play area. Those who have paid £1.00 now have unlimited time to play whereas party children can only stay in for one hour.

So why bother booking?

In fact you could just take your party of children along, pay a £1.00 per head admission to the play area, buy them a meal of their choice and have just as much fun. I know they will not receive a goody bag, but they will be able to play as long as they like in the play area.

ED: Mr Hamilton, the proprietor "Newton News" that all literature explains clearly that parties are mixed with others and the general public.

He also states that parties are 50p per child cheaper and all children receive a free "goody bag", eg: Party of 12 costs £45.00 (£3.75p per head). Individual admission would be £1.00 to play area, £2.25 for meal, 50p for drink, 50p for ice cream, costing in total £4.25p.

The writer is mistaken in thinking that a set meal is only available for parties. A choice of 8 different meals is on offer for all children. As the play time comes before the meal it is HIGH CHAIRS and RECLINERS



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necessary to restrict

the time to one hour. It

would not be senisble

for children to return

to the play area after

having a meal, ice

cream and pop, but they could. Most

parents would realise

what would happen if

children jumped about on a full stomach"

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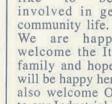
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AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO RECONSIDER **FUNDING OF** BUREAU

Newton Aycliffe Volunteer Bureau is still under threat of having to make staff redundant at the end of March and drastically reducing their services to the community. Despite tremendous support from local people the Joint Commissioning Group. made up from Social Services, Health and District Council, they still refuse to reconsider giving grant aid beyond March this year.

Since 1987 the Bureau has provided volunteer services to the town's vulnerable peo-

The JCMG claim that some similar services are already provided by other agencies. They also state the Bureau does not fir into their priority areas for funding under 'Care in the Community'.

I have referred a number of people to Social Services who have requested help for volunteers, i.e. wheelchair pushing, dog walking, escorting, gardening etc. They have been told these services are not available from the statutory authorities. These requests for help may not be essential services, but they certainly go a long way to improving quality of life and help to allow the person to remain in their own home environment for as long as possible." said Rosemary Raine-Howe Project Man-

Mrs. Craggs of Newton Ayeliffe said: "I have used the Volunteer Bureau for many years. I have breathing problems and have to attend regular hospital appointments. Although I can use the ambulance service, I prefer to use a volunteer driver who will pick me up from my home, accompany

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and stay with me in the hospital, then take me home again. It is a much more personal service and gets me home much quicker. I really don't know what I am going to do when the Bureau has to disband the Dial-a-Ride Scheme. I also have a volunteer who visits me and takes my little dog for a walk. I think it is shameful that such a valuable service has to close, when there are such caring people who are prepared to give up their time for nothing."

Susan Cruddace who cares for her disabled mother said: "I try to do the best for my mum, but working full time makes it very difficult. I can only take her out in a wheelchair on week-ends. The Bureau arranges for a volunteer to take her out during the week. I rang Social Services to ask what they could do and was told they could not provide a wheelchair pusher. I cannot understand why they have turned down funding for the Bureau and I have now written to the Director of Social Services to ask for an explanation.

The Bureau has requested the JMCG to re-consider, but they are unable to provide further grant aid because of financial restraints and the fact that this source of funding is only intended to be used for 'pump priming' new projects, usually only for 3 years. Carole Watson Chair of the Bureau said: "If this source of funding is only to get new projects started, and there is no alternative funding to replace it after three years, I would question how many other voluntary organisations are going to be in the same situation in the future."

GOOD RESULTS FOR TOWN'S **SWIMMERS**

Sedgefield 75 swimmers picked up a glittering collection of medals recently at a Meet held at Bewick Hills, Middlesbrough. Personal Best Times and Speeding Tickets (SPD) were awarded to the following:

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33m	Backstroke	0.28.18	SPD
33m	Breast	0.28.68	1st
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	Breast	0.33.54	SPD
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100m	Freestyle	1.18.12	2nd
33m	Backstroke	0.28.42	SPD
	Breast	1.45.22	6th
100m		1.34.49	
Lynd	sey Needham	Aged 10/11	
100m	Breast	1.46.04	SPD

An outstanding effort from everyone who competed including those who very nearly achieved personal best times: Paul Compton, Andrew Cairns, David Metcalf, James Hogg, Nicola Miles and Alison Storey

The Social Worker by "CHAIR - RIOTEER"

In days which seem long past, when I was able bodied, I needed no one to help me, but now it's quite another story, And just to survive another day,

Takes every ounce of what little strength I've got, Yet still there's a battle to keep fighting,

If I'm to retain any dignity at all.

For now you see, I've got a 'Social Worker' Sorry, wrong title I forgot, a 'Care Manger'

Who I was given to believe,

Would be there to help me get whatever help I need.
But Shock, Horror! I have to fight her every inch of the way,
A long and lengthy battle, while daily I am dying more and more

But does she seem to care? No!

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With cunning evasions, excuses etc. She fobs me off, yet again.

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So I'm left feeling, that hope of securing any help at all, May come too late, to give me comfort or relief. As for the Social Worker (Care Manager) To her I'm simply another case, recorded, With paperwork, on file, Her notes about me bearing little resemblance to the real truth. Fictitious, deceptive, inventive distortions, Of the same mould. While time passes laboriously on, and data is processed. I, the Customer, Client or whatever I'm supposed to be known as, Reflect upon my existence, in a timeless vacuum, And wonder at all the meaningless jungle Of words, questionnaires, and other contrivances, Supposedly lending to a fair and just system, The Social Worker (Care Manager) carries with her Purportedly to assist her with ASSESSMENT. Then other Agencies (O.T's, Physios, etc, etc,) Come into view along with yet more of the same, Meaningless claptrap, more and more paperwork, For the ASSESSMENT. Now my life is full of this paper nightmare, And so turned upside down, there still seems no end in sight And I begin to think this dreadful merciless battle Will drag me under till I drown. Why, Oh, Why? Did I ever dream of approaching, The system we call Social Services?

Cry out for help, in desperate need? After all I'm only the Customer or Client Or whatever I'm supposed to be known as. And that means I'm, nobody at all! Perhaps I shouldn't have the audacity To beg for help when I need it

Or put my trust in the Social Worker (Care Manager) Whose job is allegedly to help me get help I so desperately need!!!

An Invitation to all the Ladies

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service is being held at St. Clares Church on Friday 3rd March at 7

p.m. This year's Service has been prepared by the women of Ghana and the theme is: "The Earth is a House for All People".

The speaker is Miss Marjorie Batey, a former worker in Ghana.

The Service will be followed with light refreshments in the Church Hall. All ladies are invited to

attend this ecumenic event.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL Committee Meetings

Wed., 1st March - Finance Committee - 7.15pm

Wed., 8th March - Full Council - 7.15pm

THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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GOLDEN WEDDING



Local couple Frank and Mary Allison of Lyon Walk celebrate their Golden Wedding on the 3rd March Their 50 years of marriage started in Kingsbury London where Frank met Mary while serving in the Army. Prior to this Frank had seen out the war as a regular soldier; joining up in 1937 and spending the war year as a "Desert Rat" fighting Rommel in the middle east. In 1952 Frank brought his wife back to his native Durham. He was born in

They were housed in Newton Aycliffe which was then a small new township surrounded by open fields. Mary had never travelled out of London before and it was like entering a new country with a different language.

Shildon and worked at the

Brussleton Pit as a miner.

"I had great difficulty at first understanding the dialect, but I soon settled and came to enjoy life in Newton

Aycliffe." said Mary. Frank took a job as a Process Worker with Bakelite (now Hydro) where he worked until his retirement

Mary, a florist, worked first at Neville Parade Greengrocers, then at the A1 Garage, but she was better known while managing the Town's one and only Launderette, situated in Beveridge Way. The active couple, now both aged 75, enjoy walking, dancing and reading. Mary is a member of the British Legion Ladies Se

they both attend to 60's Club. They h daughter and two grandchildren.

Frank and Mary are holding a Party at the Leisure Centre when their relatives, friends and neighbours will join them in celebrating their 50 years of marriage. May we add our congratulations and hope both continue to enjoy good health in their retirement years.

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Aycliffe **Athlete** Second

On Sunday last in the North Yorks and South **Durham Cross Country** League at Barnard Castle Sue Cruddace of Newton Aycliffe continued her recent excellent form to finish 2nd Veteran Lady in a field of 50 runners.

She took 20 minutes to complete the muddy 3 mile course. Ray Todd of Aycliffe took 39 minutes for the 5.1 mile Men's

TOWN SCHOOLBOY **BOXER IN** NATIONAL

Aycliffe Amatuer Boxing club travelled to Leeds last Saturday to support Devlin Spensley who fought in the Semi Final of the National Schoolboys Championships.

Devlin attend St. Johns RC School and trains at the Youth Centre.

He took his record to 13 bouts with 12 wins against P. Roche of Nuneaton.

The fight started with Spensley moving in behind his left hand then scoring with the right. In the second session Roche tried to push Spensley back only to be outclassed in all departments. At the end of the contest Devlin was a clear winner and goes on to the National Final at Torquay on 4th March. (Devlin said autographs will

be available from the club 6 - 7.30 pm Tuesday and Thursday)

Everyone at the Club wishes him luck against Alan Milton of London. May we add our congratulations to Devlin on his success so far and send best wishes for the final on behalf of our

ROTARY **ORGANISE** "DADS'ARMY" NIGHT AT HEIGHINGTON

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club are organising a "Dads' Army Night" in Heighington Village Hall on Saturday 11th March commencing 7.30 pm.

The theme will be based on the 40's and 50's with opportunities to dance to the music of that era and enter various competitions to test your knowledge and memories of war and postwar life in Britain. If you weren't around at that time it will still be of interest and great fun!

Included in the price is a traditional Fish & Chips Supper, which you can wash down with beer or wine from the bar provided. There is also a prize offered for the best 40's/50's style Fancy Dress, so dust off Grandma's dresses and Granddad's uniform or just put on a gas mask and turn up in casual dress - you will be very welcome!

Tickets are only £6 and are available from Newton Press and Walkers at Simpasturegate. Telephone to book tickets on 300212, 312022 and (0388) 777540. Hurry, numbers are rationed!

LOCAL COMPANY **COMES TO** THE RESCUE

"Optimum" the Domestic Appliance Specialist at Gurney Way, on Aycliffe Industrial Estate, came to the rescue of a Newton Aycliffe one-parent family this week.

A mother of three children, one with a disability, just out of hospital with pneumonia, needed a new tumble drier. She had an increase of washing as a result of her child's illness and as her old drier had broken down and was beyond repair, she was in a desperate situation.

We contacted Optimum, on her behalf, hoping they could help out with a good discount on one of their models, but they went fur-

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powerful machine, free of charge. The mother was completely

ther than that and donated a

overwhelmed and can't thank them enough for their kindness.

"I am over the moon with this generous gift and I wish to thank Roger Hurkett and his staff for the kind and speedy way they came to our aid." said the grateful mother.

"They not only installed the machine to make sure it was working satisfactorily, but took the old one away! Such kindness is heartwarming and I want the Company to know I appreciate what they have done for our family." she added. Optimum specialise in the refurbishment of slightly damaged electrical appliances, which they sell at greatly reduced prices.

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TR currently supply Electrolux with a broad range of fastenings and are the sole supplier to the com-

Photo left to right: Andrew Martin, Janette Turner, Bob Todd, Steve Cunningham, Wendy Graham, Craig Gains and Alan Thompson.





YOUR CHILD BADGER"

The Badgers are the junior section of the St. John Ambulance for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 10 - and there's loads going on when you're a member. For a start, Badgers follow the Badger Course in Absolutely Everything" which includes FirstAid, Hobbies, Games, Communications and much more. Being a Badger helps you to prepare to move up into St. John Ambulance where you can use your knowledge to help

But while you are a Badger there is plenty of time to cram in lots of other things to do. A happy friendly atmosphere is offered where the youngsters can develop new interests and make new

The set meets on Friday nights at the Youth Centre at 7pm for an hour. They cover lots of interesting things as well as holding parties and going out on trips.

If you are interested or want more information contact Julie Kent the Badger Leader on 301221 anytime.

TOWN BAND RUNNERS UP IN GRADING CONTEST

This month saw our Town Band gain honours in the Durham County Brass Band League Grading Contest held in Peterlee.

The Band which recently amalgamated Brancepeth, plays in the fourth section and came second out of nine entries. This is the second time this has been achieved the last occasion was in 1990.

The amalgamation with Brancepeth has helped in this recent success as anyone who attended the annual Community Christmas

Concert will testify. They have a very good mix of instrumentalists providing a rich brass sound.

But like most bands they are always on the lookout for additional players of any age and ability. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining why not go along to the rehearsal evenings and see how enjoyable it is. In particular the Band would welcome cornet players, although anyone is welcome whatever instrument played.

The band has plenty of good quality instruments which will be provided free of charge.

The amalgamation has encouraged the Band to obtain a new uniform ready for the various engagements undertaken throughout the year. The design is being finalised now and a new logo badge has been adopted.

If you are a player, enjoy mixed company and have a light hearted approach to the love of music, why not give them a try?

The band meets on Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30 and on Sundays 5.30 - 8pm. at their own band room behind Ramseys Garage on the Industrial Estate.

Further details are available from the Secretary Dave Carnell on (013250 720128.

CALLING ON **MARATHON RUNNERS TO RUN FOR** TOWN'S YOUTH

If you are entering a Marathon this year and need a good cause to run for please consider Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. They are always looking for cash to support youth activities in the town and would be grateful for any monies raised through sponsorship.

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I know - I had the same thought - I went to the Juior disco when I was 11 too, but this is different!

You have to be 14 to join and we have members as old as 23 - not exactly the usual crowd found at the "Youthy".

We're a group of people who all have one thing in common, 'D of E.' - we get on well - we are a team, and we're a bunch of friends who would never have met otherwise.

Thing is - we need you! We are a small group and getting smaller as people move onwards and upwards. A number of us plan on "Uni" next year.

We need the group though, it needs you and we feel you may well need it! I live in Newton Aycliffe and have for most of my life - I know how boring it can be. I know there's nothing to do for people of our age. I've lived it - I'v hated it too, but there is something you can do about it.

Oh yeah, a word to the wise, Universities love 'D of E' Awardees. It's one of the things they like to see on UCAS forms along with good grades and a tenner stapled between the sheets! (joke folks - it doesn't work, they only get a photocopy and that ain't going to help now is it?) Pity, or I might have tried it.

Anyway I'v finished my missive on the wonders of 'D of E' and I know you might still have your doubts, but why not come along to our "Open Evening" on Sunday 5th March and try it, after all, you have nothing to lose.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Sundays 6 - 8.15 p.m.

Sarale Hickson

Letter to the Editor

TWO BIKES, LEFT FOR A MINUTE, STOLEN!

On Monday 13th February at approximately 3pm, my 15 year old son went into Instep to try on a pair of shoes. His friend remained outside with their new mountain bikes.

When my son called him inside for his opinion he left the bikes for less than a minute.

In that short period of time both bikes were stolen. A man shouted to tell them what was happening and I ask him to come forward or get in touch with the Police to give a description of the thieves.

One bike was a Red Diamond Back and the other a Black Giant with purple flashes.

I feel so heart-sick about this theft as this is the second bike my son has had stolen in the past few months.

He has a paper round and worked hard to buy this bike with his own money.

I know it is no good appealing to the parents of the boys concerned, as they obviously don't care, but has anyone else noticed boys in their neighbourhood with two new bikes, as described, which they have suddenly acquired?

Or did anyone else in the town centre recognise the boys who took the bikes? Please get in touch with me or the Police.

My son and his friend are both honest and decent lads and don't deserve this to happen to them. I hope someone can help us to trace their bikes.

Yours sincerely, Mr. Gallagher 34 Emmerson Way.

Aycliffe Nature Park March **Events**

Sat 4th: Practical Task -Ecological Survey at the Nature Park, 10.30am.

Wed 8th: Association meets at the Locomotion Pub at 7.30 pm.

Sat 18th: Visit to Coatham Marsh Reserve, please ring for details.

Sun 26th: Circular Walk with Shildon Group. Middridge Redworth.

For further details on Aycliffe Nature Park and their activities contact the Chairman Ben Hardaker on 314442 or Tom Spowart on

COUNCILLORS **CLAIM EXPENSES** FOR MEETING **HEY MISSED**

Town Councillors Lawler and Elgie are in trouble over alleged false claims for ex-

They claimed amounts of just over £17 each for a District Council Committee Meeting which they did not attend, and colleagues are calling for their blood.

It may have been an innocent mistake as the Councillors did make the

journey to the Meeting, but they went to the wrong venue!

They assumed the Meeting was at the District Offices in Spennymoor, but the agenda issued to them, called the meeting at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. They claimed their expenses anyway and this could be investigated by the District Auditor and the Police. There has already been a call for them to resign from another Councillor. It is only a trivial amount and the Councillors did incur personal expense travelling to Spennymoor.

But they did not attend the Meeting and their mistake cannot be blamed on any one but themselves.

The question is should they pay for their own mistakes



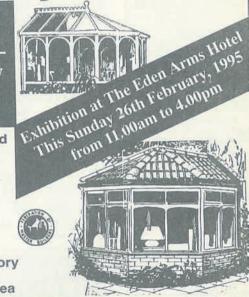
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COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE WALKS

Shrug off those winter cobwebs and put a spring in your step with some o the outings on offer in Durham County Council's latest programme of guided walks.

The new spring walks programme contains 71 walks to choose from, 26 of which are more than six miles long.

For the less energetic, the alternatives include an introduction to the work being carried out in the County archives at County Hall.

The programme starts on a macabre note when local historian David Butler leads "Gunpowder, Ghosts and Gallows" walk around Durham City on Wednesday 1st March, and continues through to the end of May with a variety wide of interesting walks to suit everyone.

Nature lovers will enjoy looking at "Sings of Spring" and "Crocus and Quakers" or they can join an early morning "Birdsong and Breakfast" walk starting at 7am.

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new walks along part o the Teesdale Way which opened as a long distance footpath lass year and "Newton Cap Viaduct" - from Rail to Road", to celebrate the planned opening of the

Penshaw Monument to

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bridge to traffic. Councillor Len James Chairman of Durhan County Council' **Environment Committee** said: "As usual the lates

programme includes something fo everyone. "The philosophy behind the programme is to provide an enjoyable walk combined with an opportunity to learn something about the environment" he added "We are working hard to make the walks a accessible to as many

walks

difficulties car telephone the Countryside Group a County Hall (Tel 019) 4144) fo information about eacl of them to assess it fo themselves and see whether we are able to

children and over 60's. The spring guided walk programme is nov available from loca libraries and touris information centre throughout the County or from County Hall

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Ann and Tony CAROL WILKINSON You left a place no one can fill, we miss you Nana and always will - Vicky, Neil, Conrad and Wayne ALLINSON Mary Elizabeth 24-2-94. Forever in our thoughts, God bless and take

car always. Sadly missed by your ever loving daughter Christine, Grandson Andrew ALLINSON Memories of a much loved Ma, Mary died 24-2-94. Remembering you is easy we do it every day, it's the heartache of losing you that never goes away. Loving daughter Pauline, son-in-law Allan ALLINSON loving

memories of a dear Gran and Great Gran, remembered and loved always Keith Diane

and Jackson
ALLINSON Remembering my dear wife Mary, died 24-2-94. No longer here, my life to share, but in my heart your always there - Albert. ALLINSON Memories of a

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Rocky) February 24th 1994. Loved and remembered always, loving wife Jessie KEN THORNE 29-2-92. As each day dawns and starts anew, as each day ends I think of you, and in between no matter where, In my heart you are always there. I miss

you, loving wife Iris KEN THORNE died 29th February Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday, it's the heartache of losing you that never goes away, always loved and sadly missed, loving daughter Elaine DAVID LAVERY 27th

February 1991. Treasured memories of a dear Husband and Dad. Sadly missed and always in our thoughts, Lily, Derek and Ingrid WHARTON

Loving memories of a very dear husband Joe, died 2nd March 1988. A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here. I love and miss you - Jessie. God bless grandad, love Mark, Vikki, David and Hayley XX TENWICK, PAUL 25-2-89.

No longer here, our lives to share but in our hearts, you are always there we think of you often, we miss you a lot, we love you always. Also remembering his good pal Michael Dryden, sadly missed Mam, Dad, Sharon, Andrew, Kier and Carley

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birthday, love you lots and lots - Becky-Louise X RITCHIE Angeline Happy birthday pet, love Betty, Dave, Michelle, Paul and

SMITH Joanne Sarah Smith 27-2-95, Happy 16th birthday, lots of love Mam, Dad and David XXX

CAYGILL Julie and Steve, love and best wishes on your engagement, good luck for the future, love Elaine and

Andy PEACOCK, Christopher 24th February, Happy 21st birthday, love from Mam, Dad and Mark

PEACOCK, Chris, Happy 21st birthday, all my love Amanda XX PEACOCK, Chris Happy

21st birthday, love from Pam, Ronnie and Gareth PEACOCK Karen 21st February. The big 40 has arrived, its downhill all the way now. Enjoy your 2nd honeymoon in London, love from Pauline and Ann

BETTY CARR You are 60 years old, a Mam and Nanna with a heart of gold, relax, be happy and enjoy the scene-from Steve, Les, Chris and Pauline. Grandchildren, In-laws and "Lucky" too. Send congratulations and lots of

love to you.
PEACOCK - CAYGILL Congratulations Julie on your engagement to Steve, love Robert and Wendy

AUNTY JULIE and Uncle Steve, best wishes on your engagement on 26th engagement on 20 February love Jordan XX CONGRATULATIONS
and best wishes on your
engagement Julie and Steve,

love Mam and Dad XX HARLAND Here is a story we have to tell, it's all about man called Mel, as a barber Mel is nifty, even though he's reached fifty. Some give him a smile, some give him a wink, some say he looks like Humperdink, when he played in the band, you were in for a treat, cos good old Mel is never out of beat. Mels a great guy better than most men, he says he's not fifty he's forty-ten. Happy birthday Mel, from Dorothy, Cec, Julie and family DIXON,

Congratulations on your 50th birthday, love and best wishes from all the family and little Arran

Birthday Remembrance

ALFRED ELGEY March my thoughts are with you, and loving memories of what we shared, missed by loving wife Ann and family CARLTON, DAVID 1-3-95.

Remembering this special day, Grandad, love to you always, we will always miss you Claire, Shaun, Ashley,

Lyndsay and Matthew CARLTON, DAVID 1-3-95. To a dear Dad in his birthday, loved and remembered on this special day, you are always in our thoughts Dad, love all your children CARLTON, DAVID 1-3-95.

To a dear husband on this special day loved and thought of always, your loving wife Edna

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GREEN AWARD FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

Durham County Council has been presented with a prestigious Green Apple Environment Award.

The certificate, from The Green Organisation, is "in recognition of efforts and initiatives to protect and enhance the environment".

This is the first time the awards have been presented, and most of the local authorities in the UK responded to the initiative.

They were all invited to their outline environmental efforts within their local community, and the Green Apple Award winners are identified as Greenest Britain's Councils.

A spokesman for The Green Organisation said "We had a tremendous response, and we were very impressed with the high standards being achieved maintained.

Green "The Organisation launched only last year, aimed at encouraging and helping councils, commerce and industry to play their part in protecting environment.

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Newton Aycliffe Rally Driver, Geoff Wright had his tools and valuable equipment stolen from his workshop near Heighington last week.

Among the items stolen valued at over £1500 was a large tool chest full of hand tools, Mig Welder & Bottle. Drills, Grinder and special tools for the Rally car.

Obviously this has caused Geoff some difficulty in oreparing his car and he nay have to miss some events as he needs to replace the stolen items.

"We thought we may have to withdraw from the Championship round on the 20th February, but family and friends helped and with borrowed tools we were able to compete.

"We continued our successful start to the season by winning our Class in the National Tarmac Rally held in Oxford." said Geoff

If anyone has any information on the stolen goods please contact Geoff on 310800 or the Police.

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O.U. DEGREES FOR FOUR TOWNSPEOPLE

A Technical Representative from Newton Aycliffe is among 13,333 people who gain Open University degrees this year.

Shaun Duggan (28) of Newburn Court has gained a B.A. with Honours and joins the 141,850 people who have taken and passed the University Courses since it was founded in 1969.

Others in the Town to gain degrees include: Colin Fleming BSc. (37) of Aycliffe who is an Engineer, Ms. Jane Reid B.A. Honours (39) a Day Service Worker and Mel Temple BSc Honours (29) a r sign Engineer.

Graduates come from all walks of life, but whatever their background they will have fitted their studies into a busy working and domestic schedule. Some face additional challenges - around 5000 people with disabilities are studying with the O.U.

There are several programmes of study including: undergraduate, higher degrees, business management, manufacturing and computing, professional development in education,

health and social welfare, community education and leisure studies.

There are 136 courses in the undergraduate programme and more than 250 single courses through other programmes.

There are no entry qualifications and the only requirement is that applicants are adults, resident in the U.K. and Europe.

The amount of work expected of a student varies, but a typical undergraduate full-credit course involves 12-14 hours study per week over a nine month period. Most students take five or six years to complete a B.A. or BSc. degree. Each year's courses include both continuous assessment and a three hour examination. About 80% pass their 1st

year exams and more than 55% graduate between four and six years later.

Fee for an undergraduate course is £279, and for summer school £178.

Details about studying for a degree are available from the Central Enquiry Office, Open University, PO box 200, Milton Keynes, MK7

Great Lakes Support Bowls for 5th Year

The Management of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex and the Committee of the Aycliffe Indoor Bowls Club are delighted to announce that Great Lakes, on the Industrial Estate, are to continue their support of Indoor Bowls in Newton Aycliffe. They have been involved for the last five years and provide sponsorship totalling £1200 a year for the Aycliffe Bowls Leagues.

"Support from local companies like Great Lakes is very important for the development of sport" said Manager Richard Vitty. " The extra prizemoney attracts better players and gives more local people an incentive to improve their standard of play" he added.

Anyone interested in joining or requiring further information should contact Sid Chapman Tel: 469639.

Letter to the Editor

Heartless and **Cruel to Close** Bureau

Dear Sir,

I had the article about the possible closure of the Volunteer Bureau read to me as I can't read normal print any

It was with horror I heard of the disgusting way bureaucrats are withdrawing funding of this very important group, the backbone of the voluntary sector within our community.

It is heartless and cruelly ignorant and shows how

little Social Services, Sedgefield District Council and the Health Authorities are willing to put into "care in the community".

For all their empty promises of the past they have come to show their true colours by this decision.

I speak as one severely disabled resident of Newton Aycliffe who feels very unhappy at the possibility of losing this valuable service. Yours sincerely, Ms Evelyn Sim

STORAGE FIRM WIN FRANCHISE

The local franchise for the U.K.'s leading storage system manufacturers direct order catalogue, which covers a wide portfolio has been awarded to Spectra Systems on the Industrial Estate.

Storage Direct is the country's largest supplier of systems by direct order from a catalogue. Since it was launched just over a year ago Storage Direct has generated over 30% increase in sales for Apex Linvar, one of Britain's biggest manufacturers.

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