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The Appeal is capturing the imagination of a lot of people, based on the success of Co. Durham's most used Youth and Community premises.

Over 40,000 people use the Centre each year and the demand is growing - particularly now that the Youth Centre has use of the ex-Avenue School playing fields adjacent, where they intend to promote outdoor specification. where they intend to promote outdoor sporting and community activities.

There has been a lot of interest from town organisations wanting to use the land which has an all-weather pitch, with potential for football, cricket and tennis etc. The Management Committee want to see lots of activity on the land and will be holding big events there themselves to raise funds for the appeal.

One such event is a "Genuine" Car Boot Sale to be held on 12th August, admission free. Sellers from a car boot pay £5 and another £5 if they have a trailer as well. Traders will definitely not be allowed on the site.

Application for space should be sent to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Central Avenue,

Newton Aycliffe along with the fee. A big public launch day for the appeal is on 9th September, when some major attractions are being staged at the Youth Centre. More details will be announced later, along with information on a Fun Run and Sponsored Bike Ride. If you can help the Youth Centre Appeal in any way, contact the Youth Leader Mike Horne on 312520.

BROWNIE POINTS AWARD



The 2nd and 3rd Newton Aveliffe Brownies had their commitment to the National Animal Sanctuaries Support League recognised when four of them received certificates from the

The girls pictured are Kirsty Wilson, Rebecca Dineen, Christa Ross and Kirsty Bielock.

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H.R.H. The Duke of Kent was in Aycliffe this week visiting Fujitsu and Tallents.

I am sure many of our readers would have liked this information last week, but we only heard about the news the day before the Duke was arriving.

The Central Office of Information in Newcastle should have informed us and apologise for missing Newton News off the list. Some criticism should also fall on the two companies for not letting the community know they were being honoured by a

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have qualified to carry the "IIP" marque.

Account Manager, Terry
Fowler from SCCTE said "Trifast have demonstrated a commitment to the development of their staff by signing up to IIP, I wish them every success in the

TR's IIP appraisal was made over a 2 week period

by National Assessor, Don Jeffrey, visiting 6 of the company's 16 networked UK manufacturing and distribution locations, interviewing randomly selected members of the 430 strong management and staff. The object of the exercise was to confirm that TR's commitment to providing skill related training and a full development programme for all staff was consistent throughout the Group. Mr Jeffrey was disappointed.

Each location visited was able to demonstrate that all staff; know enough about the goals and targets of the business to explain them to a customer, client or new colleague; are properly skilled and qualified to do their job; can explain their job, its importance to the business and to whom they are responsible; know that the whole business is committed to developing everyone's skills and qualities; are aware of the opportunities which exist for their own development; and benefit from the and benefit from the commitment of managers at all levels in their everyday

Malcolm Diamond, CEO of TR remarks "The IIP standard is not a simple case of "window dressing". It is an award that requires established and company successful culture, where people and particular their development, are placed as a key resource and continually invested in.

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The project will be managed by Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College and will involve visits to universities, activity days and publicity materials for 14 to 16 year olds with the aim of raising their expectations motivation to get good qualifications and to progress to university. The scheme was first piloted at Greenfield school and the success had led to the formation of a local project group

schools. Longfield, Haughton, Branksome, Eastbourne, Hummersknott, Hurworth, Sunnydale, Bishop Barrington, and Staindrop Greenfield are involved plus Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, Darlington College of Technology representatives from local universities.

Bob Tuddenham, Vice Principal, said "We are delighted that County Durham TEC have agreed to provide substantial funds to enable this initiative to go ahead. Over the three years we anticipate that more than one thousand pupils will have a better idea of life in university and the advantages of further study to achieve high qualifications."

SEDGEFIELD 75 LIFE SAVING WIN

On Saturday the 10th June, at Chester-le-Street, representatives members of Sedgefield 75 took part in the Northumberland and Durham A.S.A., Life Saving Competition. This was the first occasion that members have taken part and the result proved exceptional.

Scott Watson gained a silver medal. Other representatives of the club were able to demonstrate considerable life saving

skills these included: Katy Ball and Carl Barker. AYCLIFFE WISHING WELL CLUB

TO HOLD CHARITY CONCERT

Wishing Well Gateway Club (for people with learning disabilities) are having a Charity Concert at the Southerne Club on Monday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

Artistes include John Melvyn, Mandy Scott and also other local entertainers. Tickets are £1.50 and we hope local people will support the organisation by buying a ticket for a good night out; tickets are available from Kooky's Coffee Shop in the town centre or from Newton Aycliffe Southern Club.

The Wishing Well Club relies on the support of the local community and we hope the Charity Concert will help give us the funds which will enable to continue to

provide the service. We would also be very grateful if any local businesses would like to support us by donating a raffle prize.

I would particularly like to thank all the artistes who have given up their time free of charge and John Melvyn for organising the event.

COMMENTS WANTED ON SEDGEFIELD CARE PLAN

THOUSANDS could benefit from Sedgefield's most ambitious ever Community Care Plan. The plan is the first of its kind to focus purely on the needs of local people.

It's been launched under the banner of the new Health Alliance - a partnership between the local Social Services Department, the District Council and Health Commission in the Sedgefield area. The plan is a colourful folder which includes a series of pull-out leaflets aimed at people who require services and support to remain in the local community such as the elderly, children and families and people with disabilities. The pack also includes information on health promotion, how services are planned locally and useful contact names and addresses.

It is important local people in the area see the plan and have the opportunity to comment on its contents', says Jane Hartley, Health Alliance Co-ordinator.

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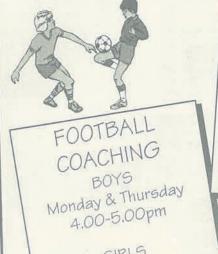
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OPEN LETTER TO THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

"WOODHAM REPRESENTATION ON DISTRICT COUNCIL IS UNFAIR" says Local Councillor

Average ratio: 1 Councillor for 1,400 Electors Woodham Ward: 1 Councillor for 2,629 Electors

I am advised that in the circumstances, as described below, that matter of concern must firstly be referred to yourself for initial consideration, rather than the Government local Commission.

Assuming that to be the case, I respectively submit the your for following considerations, in the hope that you may agree that the Local Government Commission may undertake an Interim Review to remedy the current underrepresentation of the Woodham Ward on Sedgefield District Council.

Currently, Sedgefield District Council comprises 49 members with 22 Wards, returning between 1 and 3 Members. That Order was made in 1979, effective as from 1983 Elections.

The Woodham Ward is an

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expanding, developing Ward, currently the designated prime development area within the Parish of Great Aycliffe, formerly subject to the Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporation, The New Towns Commission, and currently in the Sedgefield District. As confirmed in their consultative

Local Plan. In the recent Local Elections for The District Council, the Woodham Ward returned Two Members to represent 5,258 Electors. A Ratio of 1:2,629. An Electoral imbalance on the average ratio of 85%. As I understand it, a Plus or Minus 10% is acceptable, we in Woodham Ward exceed that by far the greatest variation in the Council. As I understand it, such imbalances should only be accepted in 'Exceptional Circumstances.' None exist that I am aware of? Previous calls to redress the imbalance

have been to no avail to-date. Moreover, as the Ward is, as above, developing apace with Private Housing New Build all the while, that imbalance increases accordingly, without hope of redress. Unless an Interim Review may be granted to address that undemocratic, unacceptable level of Ratio excess, and representative imbalance endured to-date? I enclose the figures I have of the representation on the District Council by Wards, to demonstrate that without a review the electorate of the Woodham Ward will continue to be seriously underrepresented, quite dramatically until 1988/9? May we in the Woodham Ward

hope that you may consider the circumstances sympathetically, with a view to alleviating the imbalance and unacceptable level of ratio excess? And the extreme variation endured todate made subject to a speedy resolution to the benefit of our electors, by increasing Ward Members by one?

Given the composition of The Council that would be fair and equitable, achieving a balance rather than an excess of imbalance?

On behalf of The Ward, we hope and trust you may consider sympathetically the creation of a democratic balance and recommend an Interim Review to The Commission to achieve that beneficial increase as speedily as possible?

Yours faithfully, Donald McKenzie Frazer, Woodham Ward.

St Clares **Baptisms**

As part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations there is to be a special service in St Clare's Church on Sunday, 2nd July at 3.00 p.m., when all those who have been baptised in the church during the past 40 years are invited to attend.

All the Baptism Registers that cover this period have been obtained from the Diocesan Office and will be on display in the church hall, so that you will be able to see the entry for your baptism (and show your family!), and maybe your children's entries as their must be quite a number of generation second Newtonians among them. Everyone is invited to stay for a cup of tea and a piece of celebration cake and to see a small display of Christening gowns and other related items

Pool Closure

RECENTLY £20,000 was spent by the County Council on repairs and maintenance Stephenson Way School

swimming pool. So it was devastating news to hear that it is planned to be closed all together for finanial reasons.

The Governors meet this week to plan their response which is expected to be severe considering the pool has approximately 700 School and community users each week.

Another 6 months

Planning Officers have recommended that the Car Boot Sale and Market held each Sunday at U.M.M. be granted permission to operate for a further 6

The Town Council still have objections based on traffic congestion, rubbish, indiscriminate parking and that the event has become a Market, contributing nothing to the Town or District rates and is detrimental to Town Centre traders who do!

B.P.

Powell Scouts invite you to a Strawberry Fayre in Heighington Hall Gardens, Church View, on Friday 14th July at 7 p.m. All are welcome to come along for strawberries and cream, refreshments, cake stall, the Scouts famous bottle stall, plus lots of side shows for children.

great family evening.

OPTIMISM MOUNTS FOR RE-OPENING OF **VOLUNTEER BUREAU**

Since the Volunteer Bureau had to temporarily close due to lack of funding, it is still receiving requests for from other voluntary organisations and individuals who are not aware of their plight.

For example: Oxfam have written to them specifically appealing for local volunteers to help with their recycling project of books and

Residents of a local residential home have asked the Volunteer Bureau to find volunteers who would be prepared to push a wheelchair on their daytrips out; and a disabled gentleman has asked for help with his gardening. Several local charities have asked for typing to be done, which was a service the Volunteer Bureau were able to provide when it was

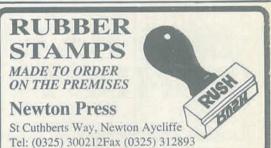
People have also been calling in or telephoning the Volunteer Bureau to volunteer and the Council of Voluntary Services in Darlington have reported an increase in enquiries at their office from the Newton Aycliffe area which also proves there is a need for this type of service in our

Rosemary Raine-Howe who is involved in the present campaign to raise approx. £17,000 said "These examples of enquiries are clear evidence that the work of the Volunteer Bureau is essential to our community. If we had been in operation, we could have helped everyone of these people with their problem".

The Volunteer Bureau are in the process of making three major grant applications for core Management Committee are starting to feel very optimistic. If core funding is secured for at least two years, Aycliffe Town Council have agreed in principle to continue supporting the Volunteer Bureau. Rosemary said "This decision by Aycliffe Towa Council is particularly encouraging. It is a positive demonstration from representatives Aycliffe Newton residents, that we are needed and wanted in the town".

Anyone interested in supporting their fundraising campaign can contact Rosemary at the Volunteer Bureau, 4 Beveridge Walkway 300122

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ALW S.D.C CHAIRMAN PICKS YELLOW BRICK ROAD AS HER CHARIT

A GLIMPSE of a television programme confirmed Barbara Graham's charity

Councillor Graham is Sedgefield District Council's new Chairman and has decided there's no better charity for her year in office than the Children's Hospice Appeal for the Yellow Brick Road.

"I was watching a television appeal for the charity and I thought the work they did was wonderful. We all know children and we would all want to help where we can. The hospice is a wonderful idea"' she

The Yellow Brick Road's Children Hospice Appeal hopes to raise a total of £5million to build and equip rooms for children alongside existing hospices in Gosforth, Carlisle and

Stockton. Councillor Graham, from Tudhoe, has been a member of Sedgefield District Council since 1989.

Married, with two grownup children, she's taken a year off from her job as a shop assistant to take up the chairman's role.

"I feel very proud to represent the people of this district", she said, "it's a great honour to be asked to

It's hoped that local people can come up with ways of raisin money for Councillor Graham's appeal. Any ideas would be warmly welcomed. The money raised will be handed to the appeal at the end of Councillor Graham's year in office.

Councillor Graham Councillor succeeds Terence O'Brien. His year in office raised £8,000 for his chosen charities; The Association of Stammerers and the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

THAI REF APPOINTED

Danny Gales, British Thai Boxing Champion has achieved his "A" Class Referees award, this allows Danny to referee international European and British title fights.

He is the only BTBC Referee at this level in the north East and one of four in Britain. This has always been one of his aims and he achieved it with the help of his trainer Paul Hamilton (Sitnari Club, Darlington)

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All garden entered must be the personal work of the owner/ occupier.

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In addition the "Harry Bilton" Memorial Trophy will be awarded for one year for the best Senior Citizens garden and the owner of the garden will also be awarded a small trophy to keep as a momento.

ENTRY FORM

Please enter my garden in the 1995 Competition

Name

Address

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Judging will take place during the last two weeks in July 1995

Letter to the Editor **GLASS BOTTLES**

MORE DANGER THAN DOG DIRT

Dear Sir

In reply to the letter from Derek Dunning: Myself and my fiance always pick up our dog's mess, I am not just saying it WE DO IT. Anyone can stop us in the street and ask to see our bags!

With or without Bruno we always have bags with us. One woman has even shouted at us while Bruno was doing his business, but, if she had waited, she would have seen WE CLEAN UP.

Everyone who knows of us and our dog, will verify this - Is this another purge on dogs and their owners? What about the vandals who discard glass bottles in the street, surely this is more dangerous to children (as well as animals)? John and Jean

COUNCILLORS HOLD SURGERY

Dear Sir Woodham Ward Surgeries

May I through your columns, advise residents that it is the intention of Labour Councillors for the above Ward to hold a Surgery at Agnew Community Centre, Morrison Close, Woodham between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 12.30. p.m. on Sunday 2nd July 1995. Councillors representing both Great Aycliffe Town Council and Sedgefield District Council will be in attendance.

It is hoped that this meeting between Councillors and Residents will successful and the forerunner of a system of Surgeries to be held at three differing venues on a quarterly basis.

CHURCH TO HOLD 50's **GARDEN PARTY**

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the dedication of St Clare's Church this year's "Garden Party" is to have the "FIFTIES era" as it's theme.

Everyone is invited to come along on Saturday 1st July from 2.00 p.m., when lots of things will be happening in the church halls and the Rectory garden.

There will be fun and games for all the family, plus lots of stalls including: Home-made cakes, sweets and biscuits, plants, crafts, bottles and much more.

Especially for the younger children there is to be a BOUNCY CASTLE and BALL POOL for them to enjoy. Home-made Afternoon Teas will be served all afternoon.

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Mayor Meets Runners

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The Torch and runners were met on Last Monday 26th June at 2.40pm as it entered Great Aycliffe at the junction of the A1(M) and the A167.

The Torch and runners then continued along the A167 to Rushyford and on to Durham.

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SEDGEFIELD SWIMMING DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

SATURDAY 10th June, 1995 saw the Northumberland and Durham, Masters Championship held for the first time in its four year history away from Gateshead. The event which was supported by Sedgefield District Council was held at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, the home of Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club. The event proved to be a huge success and the organisers hope to stage the event again next year. The competition involved adults in the 25 - 85 year ages groups, and attracted 130 competitors all competing for individual and team honours. This number contained three founder members of Sedgefield 75, Brian Riley, Peter Boddy and Jayne Sanderson.

A glittering collection of medals were won by the clubs master swimmers: Susan Hudson 30/39 years, Gold 4 x 1 I.M., 25m Backstroke, 25m Freestyle, 25m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle and Silver 50m Breaststroke. Jayne Sanderson 25/29 years, Gold 25m Backstroke and 50m Backstroke. Stuart Begg 30/34 years, Silver 25m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle, 25m Breaststroke, and Bronze 50m Breaststroke and 25m Freestyle. Julia Atkinson 25/29 years, Gold 25m Freestyle and 25m Butterfly. Janet Bowden 35/39 years, Silver 25m Breaststroke and Bronze 25m Freestyle, Myra McMenamon 45/49 years, Bronze 25m Freestyle. Peter Boddy 30/34 years, Gold 25m Breaststroke. In the team events Sedgefield 75 collected 5 Silver and 4 Bronze medals. Teams consisted of individual medallist plus the following: Brian Riley, Mandy MacMaster, Marlene De Lucia, Carol Raisbeck, Peter Mecklenburgh, Hilary Johnson, Kareen Newbould, Catherine Maron, Joyce Thompson, Sue McTague, Angela Maughn and John Moore.

Chief coach John Moore congratulated all those who took part in individual and team events. John stated that Brian Riley was an inspiration to all those members of Sedgefield 75 who took part, he trained extremely hard and only narrowly missed out on the medals.

The Sedgefield Swimming Development Scheme provided 15 swimmers many of whom had not swam in competition events before. Anyone interested in the Development Program should contact John Moore at Aycliffe Leisure Centre

NEW NAME ON "REAH" SWIM GALA TROPHY

On Wednesday 21st June, the 4th annual Mike Reah Gala took place at Aycliffe Leisure Centre with 10 Primary Schools from Newton Aycliffe taking part: Vane Road, St. Francis, St. Josephs, Byerley Park, Stephenson Way, Heighington, Aycliffe Village, Woodham Burn, St. Mar'ys and Sugar Hill.

A new name was added to the trophy to join Heighington and Byerley Park, the winner on this occasion with a great overall team performance was VANE ROAD, led by their coach Miss Sykes. The whole event was conducted in the spirit of sportsmanship with all the swimmers, parents and teacher cheering on their own particular favourites. It was good to see so many children enjoying taking part. It was a fitting tribute to the memory of Mike Reah, that the Gala was carried out in this spirit, as his wife Andrea intended. For many of those taking part it was their first and possibly their only experience of competitive swimming. All those taking part, children, parents and teachers were presented with a commemorative medal and a trophy for their school by Mrs Andrea Reah. Once again congratulations Vane Road!

Well done to all those who attended the event and to the Chairman of Sedgefield 75 Mr Doug Cairns, and Andrea, for setting up such a well organised and enjoyable event for the children of Newton Aycliffe.

ATHLETIC NEWS

On Saturday in the latest Fell race organised by Chris White at Hamsterley Forest. 66 runners took part in the demanding run up hills and through streams.

First to finish the 7.5 mile course for Aycliffe was I Williams in 56 minutes followed by Steve Holland in 56 minutes and John Armstrong in 58 minutes.

Corin Whitelock of Aycliffe was 2nd lady in 59 minutes.

On Thursday night at Crook on the Clover Leaf relays the Aycliffe first team of Ian Monkman, Mick Brunskill, Dave Askew and Tom Vinal finished a very creditable 6th. Derek Smith, Ian Williams, John Burnside, Trevor Needham and Pete Milburn ran well.

SELLOUT FOR GREENFIELD "MUSICAL MAGIC" SHOW

Last weekend Mary Macadam's School of Dance held their tribute to musicals with their show "Musical Magic" Greenfield at the Meeting Hall on Friday and Saturday evening. Both nights were sellout performances, with a packed hall attending each night. The cast of children and adults entertained the appreciative audience with dance and song routines from some of the great musical shows of our time, including superb renditions of "Edelweiss", "Phantom of the Opera" and "That'll be the Day". The smiles on the faces

of the cast was proof enough that they were enjoying every minute with the audience showing their admiration after each routine. Costumes for the show

Costumes for the show were designed and made by three of the "Mums", and added an extra touch of class to the performance.

Choreography, was by

Choreography, was by Diane Macadam, who deserves a lot of the credit for the smooth running of the show.
All in all the whole

evening was very entertaining and well put together, congratulations to all involved, on a successful production.

My only criticism of the night would be the "squeaky" stage, which could be heard over the top of the music. (And, someone please tell Peter Martin that if he is going to play the "King of Siam" to shave his head not his chest!!

Mary Macadam's School of Dance meet each week on Wednesday for the senior between 6-8pm and Friday for Juniors (babies to 13 years) 5-7pm for more information contact 316874 or 311737



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Dad, Debbie and Jayne

MARY DICKINSON died 23-6-89. Sadly missed by Alex, daughter Alma and family

FEENEY, CHARLIE died suddenly in Arbroath, 20-6-95. Much loved Father and Grandfather, sadly missed by Susan, Carol, Linda, Gordon, Graham, Gary and Tony and Grandchildren Rebecca, Richard, Michael and Nicole

Thank you

HOGAN Ann and Mark would like to thank Bob Porter and his staff at the Equestrian Centre for a lovely wedding reception and evening discowe all had a lovely day 24-6-95

VALERIE GOWLAND
would like to thank friends,
relatives and staff of the
British Legion for cards and
flowers after her recent

HELEN & JASONthank you for a beautiful nephew and cousin, Lewis. All our love Sonia, Paul, Jason and Jordan PAT COULSON Thanks Mam for the last 2 weeks, all our love Julie and martin

PAT COULSON Thank you Grandma for letting me stay, lots of love and kisses Bobby HELEN Thank you for a beautiful son, love Jason

THANK YOU to the man who returned my purse and contents to me on Wednesday morning 21st June. Which I had left in the telephone box opposite Horndale club on Tuesday night. It's nice to know there are still some honest people about - thank your Diane Baker.

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HARVEY The family of the late Sarah Harvey would like to thank all friends for their kind thoughts, cards and floral tributes at this sad time. Thanks to all staff at Tindale Crescent hospital for their kindness and attention shown to her. Thanks to the Funeral Directors John Meynell and a big Thank You to the Rev. Peter Baldwin of St. Clares Church for his caring services - thanks again Annabel Harvey and family

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PETER BERRY Happy 45th birthday, pet, always in my thoughts etc., truck on, sexy! JOHNSON - HOGAN Marriage 24-6-95. Congratulations Ann and Mark, love from Susan, Chris, Steven. Simon, Donna, Christopher, Tracy and ben MR & MRS JOHNSON Wolsey Close wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Ann to Mark Hogan. Congratulations to you both. May you have a long and happy life together.

happy life together.

CLAIRE Happy 18th on 4-795, all my love Alan

JASON & HELEN are
pleased to announce the safe
arrival of there son Lewis 236-95, weighing 8lb

ROBINSON Congratulations Mark on your 21st, have a good night love and kisses Mam and Dad ROBINSON Happy 21st

Daddy, love and loads of kisses Jordan Thomas ROBINSON Good luck Mark on your 21st, loads of love and

kisses Beverley
GILLIAN BENNET (Toto)
Lots of love on your 21st

Lots of love on your 21st birthday from Mam, Dad and Shep GILLIAN Congratulations on

your 21st birthday (30-6-95) love Michael and Angie GILLIAN BENNETT Happy 21st birthday from Nan and Auntie Jenny GILLIAN BENNETT Aunty

Toto, Happy 21st birthday love Becky and Luke
GILLIAN BENNETT
Henry 21st birthday lots of

Happy 21st birthday, lots of love Bev, Louise and Naomi GILLIAN BENNETT Hip Hip Hooray She's 21 today, love aunty Jackie and Dave PETER HUNT 28-6-95 Happy 40th birthday Dad, love Joanne

PETER HUNT 28-6-95, your the big 40 now Dad, Happy birthday love Louise CLARE ROWLAND Happy

21st birthday to a special sister lots of love Chris CLARE ROWLAND Congratulations and best

Congratulations and best wishes on your 21st birthday, lots of love Mum CLARE ROWLAND Best wishes Clare on your 21st birthday, 1st July, lots of love

from Nanna CLARE ROWLAND Hip Hip Hooray Clare is 21 today, lots of love from Les, David

CLARE ROWLAND To the best cousin in the world, love, hugs and kisses from Steph CLARE ROWLAND Congratulations on your 21st birthday lots of love Chris and Donald

JILL HYMAS Happy 5th birthday to a special daughter, lots of love Mam and Dad JILL HYMAS Happy 5th birthday Jill love Scott and

WHITEHEAD, ANDREW 30-6-95, Happy birthday lots of love Sharon

of love Sharon
WHITEHEAD, ANDY
Happy birthday Mate, lots of
love Geoff

MICKY & LIZ
Congratulations on your
engagement, love Geoff,
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Dave, Michelle, Paul and Ben
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congratulations on the birth of
your son, Lewis, love Geoff,
Marie and Becky-Louise
MOLYNEUX, DAVE
Congratulations on our

MOLYNEUX, DAVE Congratulations on our engagement, love Toni

ROCK BAND VISITS AYCLIFFE



CALIFORNIAN ROCK BAND 'LightStream' will be visiting Aycliffe this week as part of their National U.K. tour. The 'flying' visit will include visits to schools and two evening concerts. The vibrant, contemporary sound of LightStream has brought light and joy to youthful audiences throughout California, Hawaii, Brazil, Columbia, Portugal, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, England, Austria, Yugoslavia, and the Azores. LightStream will go anywhere people will gather to listen and be moved by the music and the message. LightStream is an awesome ensemble of multi-talented professional and semi-professional musicians who devote nearly four weeks each year, singing and winging on waves of sound, soaring at the speed of light, sounding a drumbeat and a note of triumph, making this dark world a little brighter with streams and beams of light and life! Concerts are on Tuesday 4th July, Woodham Christian Centre 7.30 p.m. and Wednesday 5th July, Greenfield School, Newton Aycliffe 7 p.m. Free admission to both concerts. More details Tel./Fax (01325) 301760.

Popular Rambling Day

Last Sundays Family Rambling Day was a great success and enjoyed by all with the younger children and their parents having their own guided walk near the River Tees together with competitions and picnic.

The new Summer/
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22% INCREASE IN CANCELLED HOSPITAL OPS

In the week Labour is expected to launch its health policy document, Margaret Beckett has published new and embarrassing figures showing a 22% increase in the number of cancelled hospitals hospitals operations in the last quarter of 94/95.

The information is published within a hard hitting dossier of "Killer Facts" and amounts, claims Labour's health spokesperson Margaret Beckett to "evidence of a failed Secretary of State and a failed set of Conservative health reforms"

In the three months 1st January to 31st march 1995, 14500 patients had their operation cancelled at the last minute, a 22% increase on October 1st to December 31st when 11,874 were cancelled. The number of patients not re-admitted within 1 month (as promised by Charter) Patients increased massively from 1,343 to 2,005 or 49%.

In total 48,163 operations were cancelled on the day of, or even the day after, admission to hospital in the year 1994/95 (1-4-94 to 31-3-95), 6161, 13% were not re-admitted within one month.

These cancellations occur against the background of

a sharp reduction in the number of acute hospital beds - down 6% between 1990/91 and 1993/94 from 116,788 to 109,875 - beds the government claim are not needed.

The Rt Hon Margaret Beckett, Shadow Secretary of State for Health, said: "Every cancelled operation is a personal ordeal of considerable inconvenience - they must be kept to an absolute minimum and the trend should be towards less, not more of them".

"It is quite clear that the huge reductions in hospital accompanied in some areas by actual hospital closures are placing a tremendous strain on the NHS".

"The Conservative Health 'Reforms' have not only led to greater bureaucracy and ever more privatization but also more cancelled operations and record waiting lists".

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S.D.C. LAUNCH HUNT FOR PHANTOM

A HUNT is being launched by Sedgefield District Council to find the area's phantom fir tree dumper. Piles of old conifer clippings have been found dumped throughout the district. Several roadside spots have been spoiled by the mounds of rotting vegetation. Sedgefield District Council says it's had enough of the constant tidying up and it wants local people to help catch the culprit.

There are various sites throughout the district

CAST FOR

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WANTED

The people of the Parish of Newton Aycliffe are planning to

stage a musical in St

Clares Church on 18th

and 19th November

this year. It will be

based on Oscar Wildes story of "The Selfish Giant" and we hope to

where the clippings have been dumped. Favourite haunts include Eldon Bank at Shildon, the road from Rushyford to Bradbury, West Cornforth and lay-bys along the A177.

"This is costing the ratepayer a lot of money," said Bruce Adams, the Council's District Technical Officer. "Every time the clippings are dumped we have to go out and clear them away."

"If we leave rubbish in any one spot for too long, people assume it's a dump

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and it draws more waste there like a magnet." Sedgefield District Council says it wants to hear from anyone who may be able to identify who's responsible

for the illegal dumping.

And don't forget that there's no need to dump anything in a lay-by or a field. There are civic amenity sites close to most people. They are open seven days a week. They are at Heighington Lane, Tindale Crescent and

Local Firemen at Rally

The Preston Hall Fire Engine and Historical Vehicle Rally is run annually by off duty firefighters, enthusiasts and their friends sponsored by Stockton Borough Council with the help of five local fire brigades to help support The National Fire Service Benevolent Fund and nominated local charities (1992 North Tees Burns Unit, 1993 Cleveland Fell Rescue).

We have something for all ages, from vintage fire engines to children's rides, all supported by a full arena programme with everything from Fireman Sam and his pals to fire fighting and emergency displays, some with fire safety in the home in mind.

There is also on site various motor traders. craft stands and free entry to one of the best museums in the area.

FORMER VICAR RETURNS FOR 40th CELEBRATIONS

ST CLARE'S Church celebrates the 40th Anniversary of it's dedication on Sunday 9th July with a Celebration Eucharist at 9.30 a.m., to which all those who have been confirmed there during the past 40 years are warmly

invited to attend, and to join with us at a reception in the hall afterwards. We will be welcoming as preacher on this special occasion the Ven. Granville Gibson, Archdeacon of Auckland, who was vicar of the parish from 1977 to 1985.



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invite all parents to their annual open day on Friday 14th July between 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-3.30pm. The day will be of particular interest to parents of pre-school children. Everyone is welcome however, to take this opportunity to view the school

Our children will be demonstrating their skills inscience, computers and art during the course of

Refreshments will be provided. For further information please contact the school, telephone 300598 or 311560

involve as many people from the town as possible. We shall need: a host of Senior Citizens

Enjoy Tea &

Dance

The first event of the Birthday celebrations got off to a good start last Saturday when some 60 senior citizen members of the congregation enjoyed Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. This was followed by entertainment, which included a dancing display by pupils from the Jacques-Hargreaves School of Dance, an hilarious monologue performed by Janet English, and rounded off by a Singalong with Gordon Bell on the piano. This is the first of a number of events which have been arranged by the 40th Anniversary Planning Group for the birthday celebrations,

Fell Race

ON SUNDAY in the Durham Dales Challenge there were 350 entries for the demanding 28-mile Fell race. Three Ayeliffe runners took part. Pete Milburn finished 4th in 4 hrs 20 mins followed by Rob Nicholson in 8th position in 5 hrs and 4 mins and John Armstrong 22nd in 5 hrs 41 mins.

£3,200 Raised

ST MARY'S R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe would like to thank all those who donated towards their Garden Fete last Sunday. It was a huge success, raising £3,200 for Church repairs

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Special Service

WHAT A DAY, Congratulations to Michaela Lawson aged 8 yrs of 1 Baliol Road, who had a very busy day last Sunday 25th June. She made her FIRST Holy

Communion at a Celebration Mass in St. Joseph's R.C. Church, 10-o-clock followed by a celebration lunch, then made a quick change from her Communion Dress, into her Irish Dance Costume where she is a member of St. Leonards Irish Dancers from Silksworth, Sunderland then performed with the troupe at St. Mary's Garden Fete in the after-

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