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The success of the project depends upon the involvement and usage of local people. A recruitment drive for help to get the project up and running is underway. So far we have premises, it needs cleaning, decorating, furnishing and the plans putting into action.

"It's a bit like 'Challenge Anneka' said Liz, 'It's about people making positive things happen, it's very exciting'. Help is needed from individuals, local organisations and business, in all kinds of ways from people who want to sponsor, organise or arrange activities, to those who can give time or volunteer to help run the house with practical help for example: decorating, gardening or caretaking. Sedgefield District Council are supporting the project by providing accommodation gratis and a grant for basic overheads has been made from Sedgefield Locality Health Alliance for this 1 year pilot. Financial, and material donations will be most appreciated.

Support and involvement is what this project is about and is welcomed no matter how great or small. Some people may feel they would like more information or perhaps would like to become involved but are unsure of how. If this is the case Liz will be available to talk to people about the project in the Dandy Cart Public House on Tuesday 11th July between 2.00 and 3.00pm and at Elmfield School on Wednesday 12th July between 3.00 and 4.00pm or can be contacted by phone on (01325) 364694 between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday



LOCAL THAI BOXER'S COMEBACK

Newtonian Barry Scott, Sit Sirisompan Thai Boxing Club of Catterick is to fight for yet another British Title at his own show in Catterick on August 26th. Barry who was British Champion in 1993, has come out of retirement, winning in Holland and England in preparation for another shot at the title. A coach is provided, but places are limited. Anyone needing further information please phone (01325) 320504., he is especially looking for any person/business who would give a sponsorship deal. Due to popular demand Barry is starting Junior and Senior Thai Boxing Classes at the Scouts Centre, Newton Aycliffe on July 9th 10am to 11am and 11am to 12.15pm

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A NATIONWIDE search is underway to find people who have made a real difference to their community through Neighbourhood Watch. Five medals are up for grabs - three for England and one each for Scotland and Wales - with each winner also receiving £1,000 prize money to spend within their Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Certificates of Commendation will be awarded to individuals who have shown high levels of commitment.

The winners will be invited to the National Neighbourhood Watch Conference in London on Saturday 11 November to officially receive their Medals, when one of them will be announced as the national winner. The medal scheme is part of National Neighbourhood Watch Week which will run from 5-11 November 1995. The Week is sponsored by top UK insurers General Accident and organised by crime Concern.

Ray Andrews, head of media and communications

at General Accident said: "Last year, we were amazed by the tremendous energy that Neighbourhood Watch members put in. B their very nature, volunteers often play down their efforts, so we are relying on other members of the community to put those deserving Neighbourhood Watchers forward for national recognition."

Official 1995 General Accident Neighbourhood Watch Medal entry forms are available from your local crime prevention officer or from Crime Concern - telephone 01793 514596.

Neighbourhood Watch - or Home Watch as it is known in some areas - is the largest volunteer movement in Britain, with over 135,000 active Neighbourhood Watch schemes covering 5 million households. Schemes work in partnership with the police and provide a way for local residents to get together and do something about the problems that concern them most.

SCHOOL THREE DAY EVENT

GREENFIELD SCHOOL was the site of frenzied activity this week Year 9 pupils were involved in a special three day event. Following last year's successful "Quality Counts" conference which looked at Quality in Industry, the focus has turned this year to the community. The event began with a "Community Carousel" where eight representatives of different organisations talked about their role in the local community. This was followed by seven groups of pupils carrying out "Community Challenges" ranging from planning a drop-in centre for senior citizens to a series of "community murals."

The event culminated in a big display in the school hall accompanied by presentations from each of the groups on their challenges. The students ended up with a much better view of their local community and how they can take a part in it and Greenfield would like to extend a big thank you to all those guests from the community who gave up their time to be involved.

£800,000 FOR OFF ROAD PARKING PROGRAMME

MORE THAN £800,000 has been spent by Sedgefield District Council as part of a three year programme to give cars a proper parking space.

The Council has liaised closely with local people to find out where cars parked on roadsides are an inconvenience and to provide suitable off-road parking instead.

"People want cars as close as possible to their homes, which is understandable," said Bruce Adams, the Council's Technical Services Officer, "They don't want cars parked at the end of the road."

But inconsiderately parked cars have damaged grass verges and can obstruct other cars and emergency vehicles.

By working closely with those living nearby, Sedgefield District Council has been able to supply people with parking bays near to their homes. Schemes have been carried out throughout the district. "It's been a big success. A lot of people have come back and said that by doing this we've tidied the area up," added Bruce Adams.

The Council said it always consults local people first and if they are totally against off-street parking, it's unlikely to go ahead. But most people approve.

It's programme is now drawing to a close but the Council said it's still keen to hear from people who think their road could benefit from such a scheme.

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FOUR STAR RATING FOR COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION

COUNTY DURHAM Health Commission has been awarded a four star rating in this year's NHS performance league tables. The rating is for the number of GP surgeries in the County which have produced Practice Charters for patients informing them about the standards of service they can expect from their surgery or health centre and the ways in which patients can help the practice.

The Commission has been working closely with local GP's to produce the Charters which are in an easy to read leaflet and available from surgery receptions.

The Charters vary in content and may include the following details:

Opening times, how to make an appointment and what patients should do if the have to cancel an appointment. How results of any medical tests are given.

How patients can help look after their health.

Arrangements for obtaining repeat prescriptions.

Arrangements for out of hours visits and house visits including when it is and when it is not appropriate to call your GP for out of hours treatment.

Details of the way complaints and suggestions are handled within the practice.

How patients may access their medical records under the Data Protection Act 1984 and Access to Health Records Act 1990.

How patients can change doctors.

When patients may be issued with a sick note.

In County Durham 76% of surgeries have Practice Charters, ranking County Durham Health Commission 22nd out of 91 and awarding four stars out of a possible five.

Tony Jameson, chief executive of County Durham Health Commission welcomed the news. He said: "It shows the commitment we have in the county to increasing awareness of the services which are available from GP surgeries. It also shows that patients are our top priority."

Dr Paul Milne from Park House Surgery in Lanchester said: "Patients are certainly taking and reading the leaflets. The production of the Practice Charter has helped us to formalise our own standards. It is important that practices are able to set and have total ownership of their own Charters."

Dr Dinah Roy, who recently opened a new practice in Oxford Road, Spennymoor sent a copy of her practice

charter along with her surgery leaflet to all her patients. Dr Roy said: "Despite patients already having received copies they take more from reception. I believe there has been a general increase in awareness about the services offered as a result of the charter. Staff in particular have found it useful."

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ACORN JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB PRESENTATIONS



"OPERATION HOMEWORK"

NEWTONAYCLIFFE Police are this week launching a new initiative to crack down on crime in local schools.

The scheme named Operation "Homework" will target burglary and vandalism which normally occurs out of school hours and it is anticipated that it will continue throughout the summer holiday period.

Increased police patrols will involve regular and Special Constables and it is hoped that each school will be covered with a special emphasis being placed on schools subject to repeat victimisation.

The scheme devised by Detective Chief Inspector Barry Peart has already started with each school being informed of the Operation by letter and requested to have alarms serviced and windows and door locks checked. The letter also informs the school that PC Alan Penman the Crime Prevention Officer can be contacted at any time for any crime prevention advice.

DCI Barry Peart, Newton Aycliffe Police says: "Unfortunately, it is often young people who live in the area of the schools and are

pupils or ex-pupils who are responsible for the damage and break-ins. Ultimately, they are damaging their own education and futures because of the disruption to normal school life.

I am sure the schools would prefer to spend their money on books and equipment rather than on repairs to damage or replacing stolen items.

The police are committed to reacting positively to this problem and we will make every effort to trace those responsible and prosecute where warranted."

THE ACORN Junior Badminton Club held its first presentation for children who had reached their first stage 'Carlton Award.' The photograph shows some of the Club members after being presented with their award.

The Club meets at 5.00 p.m. every Friday evening at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for training sessions. Any new members are always made welcome and we have a qualified coach to help with training.

For further information please telephone Heather Clegg on (01325) 316528, or pop along to the Club on Friday.

Watch Scheme Meeting for new Members

NEW MEMBERS of Neighbourhood Watches in the Newton Aycliffe area are invited to attend an informal meeting that will be held on Tuesday 11 July at the Horndale Club, Meadowfield Way, commencing 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in their area will be most welcome to attend. Please come along and find out what Neighbourhood Watch can do for you and your Street!

Draw Winners

WINNING NUMBERS in the Greenfield Summer Draw are as follows: 5685, 0165, 9050, 1447, 8515, 3390, 1270, 9451, 4514, 4041, 9164, 3001, 1181, 3000, 1625.

Re-union of St. Andrew Grads.

Dear Editor,
I AM TRYING to arrange a reunion and wonder if your newspaper could help. My old friends from St. Andrew's University have scattered far and wide and, together with the University's Alumnus Centre, I am trying to track down John Turnbull, Bryan Taylor and others with a view to holding (1) a reunion dinner and return football match for former members of the St. Andrew's University 1sts and 2nds, 1975-81, in October this year; and (2) a grand reunion ball for all St. Andreans of whatever vintage, for July next year.

Any of your readers who are former students, interested in receiving details of either event, are warmly invited to contact me, John Drysdale (MA 1978), c/o Heather Walker (MA 1983), Alumnus Centre, North Street, St. Andrew's, Fife, KY16 9AJ. Many thanks for your help.

Yours Sincerely
JOHN DRYSDALE

FIRST COUPLE MARRIED AT St. CLARES RETURN FOR RUBY CELEBRATION

TO CONCLUDE the 40th Anniversary celebrations at St Clare's Church there is to be a special service focusing on Marriage, to which all couples who were married there are cordially invited to attend. The special service is to take place on Sunday 16th July at 3.00 p.m., followed by a reception in the hall,

where there will also be a small exhibition of wedding gowns and other related items.

The first couple to be married at the church were Cynthia Hugill and Eric Batchelor. Their wedding took place on the 16th July 1955, one week after dedication. We are pleased to announce that Mr and

Mrs Batchelor will be guests of honour at the special service, which will also be the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to come along to share this occasion, including any that were married in the Farmhouse.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE ACCIDENT and EMERGENCY UNIT

The Council at its Meeting on Wednesday 5th July discussed the above closure, unfortunately, although they were invited the County Durham Health Commission did not attend.

The result is that the Council take certain actions, one of these, and the most urgent, is that as many people as possible attend Meetings of the Health Authorities which are scheduled to be held next week.

The Council feels that the attendance of residents at these Meetings will help strengthen the case against the proposals and to this end anyone wishing to attend and support the Council at Meetings of the Health Authorities next week should contact the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Telephone (01325) 300700, when they will be advised of the Meetings, the Times and Transport arrangements.

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The Greenfield Centre, based at Greenfield Comprehensive School, Newton Aycliffe are seeking to engage tutors for evening class work in the following subjects:

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our vehicle's don't get stolen," said John Hutchinson, the Council's Public Works Manager. The scheme is being hailed as a success. Other Councils have since followed Sedgefield's lead. Now the Council is keen for people to keep up their vigilance and report any Sedgefield vehicles which don't display either the sign or the wheel clamp at night. "We want to remind people to keep an eye out for our vans at night. They would be helping us to report any they see without a sign, or a wheel clamp, to the police," added John Hutchinson.

Dear Editor
FOUR YEARS ago my mother died after suffering from cancer and now I am starting a screening programme to make sure I do not develop the same condition.

But my future looks bright, thanks to the work of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Why not show your support by taking part in the Fund's forthcoming sponsored event, 'The Return of the Big Dangle.' On Sunday July 16 more

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If you are daring enough to do the Dangle contact Helen on 0191 3832529 or send your name and address to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 150, Durham. DH1 4YT.

Why not compete for my future; and others like me. Ring for your entry form today.

Yours faithfully
Jayne Allinson (10)

STAFF FROM Distriparts and Flymo in Newton Aycliffe and Electrolux Refrigeration and Group Logistics in Spennymoor, County Durham will be attending a reception at Woburn Abbey on Wednesday 5th July at which Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children, will be present. The reception is being held in recognition of the achievement of Electrolux group employees all over the country in raising £100,000 for Save the Children. Those attending have all been personally involved in the year long fundraising effort. Staff at all levels on all the sites became involved in the charity effort, with

events including raffles, golf days, parachute jumps, site open days, sponsored walks, spot-the-ball competitions and the sale of a book of poetry all contributing to the £100,000 national total. Electrolux company secretary Julie O'Neill, who was responsible for co-ordinating the whole scheme, said, "Our staff have been brilliant - and we've all had lots of fun. As an exercise this has worked wonders to bring staff from lots of different sites, and different businesses, together in a spirit of co-operation and enjoyment." The original target set for the fundraising scheme was £75,000 in recognition of 75th anniversaries of both Electrolux and Save

the Children in 1994. But by the time the scheme was due to end in May, the total had already exceeded £100,000.

Janet Abbott from Save the Children says, "This has been an extremely successful venture, exceeding everyone's expectations in every direction. A great many people in Electrolux worked tirelessly through the year, and we are enormously grateful for their wonderful contribution."

The reception will be attended by 150 employees, representing 23 group operations from all over the country. Leif Johansson, President of AB Electrolux, will be hosting the event.

Enclose payment of £ (made payable to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre)

A NEWTON Aycliffe based Society that began life last October to provide local residents with discount trips to West-end shows is gaining national recognition as it has astonished spectators with its unprecedented growth. 'Showstoppers' as it was named, was organised so that residents could benefit from large discounts through group bookings and excursions, but it is already spreading fast throughout the North East and is now also affiliated to a local University, as people are stunned and impressed by the value of the discount prices they offer.

Andrew Hancock, president of the Society said: "We owe a lot of our growth and success to the 'Newton News' who kindly published details of our last trip - to which we had a tremendous response." 131 people thoroughly enjoyed the last trip to see *The Phantom of the Opera*. The next two trips are both in August, Sat. 12th Aug. - a day trip by luxury coaches to London, including shopping and sight-seeing tour and Press-Circle tickets for the matinee of *Starlight Express* - only £40. Monday 14th Aug. - leaving in the afternoon to see a special evening premiere of 'CATS' at Manchester - luxury coach and limited places in middle stalls - only £25 per person.

To be included on any trip, you must be a member of the 'Showstoppers Society.'

Individual Membership is £3 a year or £5 a year for family membership, this includes free Showtime Magazines with all the latest news and details of trips.

"We are also planning trips further afield for 1996, including weekends in Paris and Euro-Disney at discount prices," adds Andrew, "But we will continue to serve the needs of our Community and work closely with the 'Newton News'."

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TOWN'S THAI BOXING CLUB'S SPONSORED PAD KICK HELPS FUND



ON SATURDAY June 17th, Newton Aycliffe's own Muay Thai Boxing Club gathered in force to partake in a Sponsored Pad Kick. The event was to raise funds for new equipment. Holder of 2 British Titles and King Cobra member Gary McAlister began the Kick by setting the target for the rest of the Camp. Club members, family

and friends cheered on the enthusiastic participants. The Junior event was won by 9 year-old Mark Makin (pictured above with his brother), who achieved 62 kicks in 30 seconds. The senior event was closely contested but won by Lee Smith with 106 kicks in 1 minute. Lee Smith will be fighting for the British Light

Middleweight Title on Saturday 8th July in Manchester. Tickets for Lees fight are available from Kings Cobra Thai Boxing camp for anyone who wishes to support our local contender. Kings cobra Thai Boxing camp train at Greenfield Meeting Hall, Horndale, Newton Aycliffe on Monday 6-8, Thurs. 6-8, and Sat. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

SKA TREK FUNDRAISING EVENING

BLACK BANSHEE Promotions are staging a music/fund raising event, Raised funds will go to a local THAI Boxing Club. There will be a cross section of musical styles ranging from an acoustic set by local singer (Rocky). Another local band Spiritual Dawn will also appear along with a seven piece Tyneside Band SKA TREK,

who's set captures the sounds and atmosphere of 1979-82, Stomping out top 40 hits by The Specials, Madness, Selector, UB40, Dexys, etc. The event will be staged at the Equestrian Centre, Newton Aycliffe on Friday 14th July. Doors open at 7 p.m. Organisers stress the need to arrive early so as not to miss any of the spectacular event.

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The Fun starts on Saturday at 11 a.m. and will finish at about 4 p.m. (10 a.m.-3.00 p.m. for Car Boot Sellers). The event is in aid of the St. John Ambulance Badger Set and the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, which is run by volunteers in Jerusalem. We wish to thank Warehouse Clearance, Thames Centre Cleaners, The Builders Arms, K M McGuinness, Peters Bakers and all other sponsors and people who have kindly donated Raffle prizes.

For more info: Please contact Garry, Assistant Badger Leader on 01325 311423.

So Roll Up and enjoy the first of many "Sight For Sore Eyes Event 1995." We guarantee you will find it "Eye Opening."

DISTRICT COUNCIL'S NEW SCHEME FOR RENT/BUY HOME OWNERSHIP

HELP IS being offered for Council tenants wanting to take their first step on the home-ownership ladder. Sedgefield District Council has teamed up with the North British Housing Association to help people with a spot of D.I.Y. - Do It Yourself Shared Ownership. The scheme aims to help people who are unable to buy a home on the open market and yet are still keen to own property.

Families or individuals who find a house or flat they like have the opportunity to buy 25, 50 or 75 per cent share of it - while paying rent on the remainder. There's then the opportunity to buy further shares - eventually owning the property outright. Similar schemes are popular in the south-east but are yet to take off in the north. Sedgefield District Council says it has high hopes for the project. Anne Mumford, who chairs the Council's Housing Committee, said "The Council is pleased to be involved in such a scheme which helps would-be home owners to take the first step towards home ownership." Priority under the scheme is given to Council or Housing Association tenants. Homes must fall within the upper value limits of

£50,800 for a two-bedroom home and £59,900 for a three-bedroom home. Sedgefield District Council is keen for more tenants to take advantage of Shared Ownership. Dennis Scarr, Housing Policy Development Officer, said, "This is a big help to get people on the home ownership ladder."

CHRISTIAN AID RAISE £2,700 FROM TOWN COLLECTION

AS A RESULT of the house to house collection this year, Christian Aid has received £2,700 from Great Aycliffe Council of Churches. Thankyou for all the efforts of organisers and collectors during this ecumenical effort by the following Churches: St. Clare's, C of E, St. Francis, C of E, St. Elizabeth, C of E, St. Andrew's, Aycliffe Village, C of E, St. Mary's, R.C., St. Joseph's, R.C., Neville Parade, Methodist, Burnhill Way, Methodist

and Woodham Christian Centre, Woodham Village. A very special Thank you to the people of Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village for their generosity. The money will go directly to those in most need. Christian Aid Workers ensure that no money is diverted from any project and every penny is used where it will produce the best results. Thankyou again, Terry Anderson, Christian Aid Organiser, Great Aycliffe Council of Churches.

GREAT AYCLIFFE



TOWN COUNCIL

1995 GARDENS COMPETITION

All gardens within the Great Aycliffe area, including Aycliffe Village and School Aycliffe, are eligible for entry, private or rented. Prizes are as follows:

- Five First Prizes of £30.00 plus Certificate
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All garden entered must be the personal work of the owner/occupier.

The "Lady Beveridge" Rose Bowl will be awarded for one year for the garden adjudged to be the best in the town and the owner of that garden will also be awarded a small trophy to keep as a memento.

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 memento.

ENTRY FORM

Please enter my garden in the 1995 Competition

Name

Address

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THE FIRST steps towards setting up a framework for controlling mineral extraction in County Durham are under way. Durham County Council's Environment Committee today (July 3) agreed to publish a first draft of a Minerals Local Plan which aims to provide a firm basis for controlling the extent and impact of mineral extraction in years to come. When finalised - after a County-wide public consultation exercise - it will provide for the mineral needs of the County's economy but at the same time minimise the impact on local communities and the environment. The draft sets out suggested policies and proposals to regulate mineral extraction throughout the County, including suggested areas for the possible future working of limestone, dolomite, sand, gravel, brick clay and barytes. A separate consultation document will be issued with the draft which seeks views on sites suggested by the opencast coal industry for future working. The views of the public will be sought on these industry suggested sites before their suitability as part of a co-ordinated programme for future opencast activity in the County is considered. A full public consultation exercise on both documents will be held later this year. Councillor Don Ross, Environment Committee

chairman, said the County Council would seek views from as many people as possible before drawing up a formal minerals plan. "Many people in County Durham are affected by the minerals industry, in terms of its effects on local amenity and the wider environment and also through its implications for the County's economy," he said. "We are keen to hear everyone's views and we will be happy to talk to individuals and groups. "The public has an essential part to play in ensuring that future mineral extraction takes place in the right locations and in an acceptable manner," he said. Once both documents are published, they will be distributed to district and parish councils, government departments, neighbouring authorities and other statutory bodies as well as being available to the public in the County's libraries and for sale from County Hall.

Summer Ball in Memory of Cancer Victim

A SUMMER BALL to raise funds for the Joanne Gillespie Memorial Fund will be held at the Hall Garth Golf and Country Club on Friday, July 21st. The Ball starts at 9.00 p.m. with a Bucks Fizz and Canapes Reception, and guests can dance until dawn when breakfast will be served. A champagne, oysters and strawberries bar will be open throughout the event and tickets cost just £22.00 each which includes a £5 donation to the appeal. Joanne Gillespie appeared on Wogan and other national television programmes before she died aged 15 following a six year battle against brain cancer. Her parents, Kath and Peter, set up the appeal after her death in 1993 and all funds go towards the purchase of a life-saving laser for the treatment of cancer in the North East. For tickets to this worthwhile event, please contact Caroline Lusk on (01325) 300400.

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Anniversary Mam and Dad for
9th July, lots of love Cecily,
John, Alexander, Matthew and
Graham

HARNETT Congratulations
Mam and Dad on your Ruby
Wedding Anniversary lots of
love Martin, Alison and Claire

HALTON Valerie E.
Congratulations on attaining
your BA (Hons) Degree at
Sunderland University, very
well done Love Mam and Dad

HIP HIP HURAH Lauren
Podmore's three today, love
and kisses Gandad Mikey,
Grandma Pam

PODMORE Lauren Jade.
Happy 3rd birthday to our
precious girl, love Mammy
and Daddy

FORSTER - ALLAWAY
Matthew and Maxine
congratulations on your
Engagement, all our love
Mam, Dad, Edward, Carol,
Paul, Heather, Edward,
Louise, Craig and Laura X

COLIN & JANE
Congratulations on your
Wedding Day 8-7-95, wishing
you all the best, love from
Heather, Paul, Craig, Laura

MICHAEL LEWIS Happy
4th birthday love from Auntie
Jen-Jen

MICHAEL LEWIS Happy
4th birthday love Mammy and
Daddy

MICHAEL LEWIS Happy
birthday for a dear little
Grandson, lots of love
Michael, Love Nanna and
Grandad

HILLERBY Congratulations
Michael on passing you HGV,
also happy 30th birthday, love
Dad, Mam, Kay and Kids

HILLERBY, Michael Happy
30th birthday, it's all down-hill
from here, but by the look of
it, you know that already!!
From Wayne, Jill and family

MANDY & TONY
Congratulations on the birth of
your baby girl, lots of love
Michael and Elizabeth

WING Jason and Helen (nee
Brumwell) Congratulations on
the birth of your son Lewis,
23-6-95. We are very proud,
love Mam, Dad and Phillip

Birthday Remembrance

EDNA WALTON 10th July.
We are all thinking of your
Birthday, but wishing that you
were still here to enjoy it. Love
you forever, Mam, Eric, Paul
and Lisa, Tim and Annette,
Paul and Sarah and Ian

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send a copy of their
representations to the
applicant at the address
given at the top of this notice
- 8-7-95

JUMBLE SALE on
Tuesday 11th July at 10am in
St Clares Church hall.
Nothing over 20p. Proceeds
for Parish Dev. Fund

SUBSTANTIAL Reward
offered for information
leading to the return of a
black "Muddy Fox"
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JUMBLE SALE to be held
on Saturday 15th July at
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Thursday 13th July 4-6pm

Thank you

JOHNSON To my darling
wife, Gail, - thank you for
making our family complete,
with the arrival of Craig
David, love Paul, Lee

JOHNSON Thank you
Mummy for my little baby
brother, Craig David, love Lee
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our first year, may thanks
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"Hello" to new faces who
have just found us.
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our best for customers
old and new.
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a smile at our
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Special thanks to
established shops at the
Parade for welcoming us
and a big thank you to
Harry for the bottle of
"Bubbly"
Jacqui, Angie and Tracy

EDNA & NEIL Thompson
wish to thank friends and
neighbours for the kindness
and sympathy shown, and the
cards and donations received,
during their recent sad
bereavement

MANY THANKS Yvonne
for all your help without your
selfish act I could not have got
through, all your own work,
I'm so very proud, best
decorating ever, lots of love
Mam and Ian

EVA PALMER would like to
thank relatives and friends for
the beautiful flowers and cards
she received during her recent
stay in hospital

MICHAEL & Elizabeth
would like to thank everyone
for the lovely cards and
presents received and for
making our engagement party
such a good night

BRUMWELL Tom and June
would like to thank family and
friends for cards and good
wishes on the birth of their
first grandchild, Lewis, born
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Dad and Sister Denise

PATRICIA BENSON 1st
July 1980. Treasured
memories of a much loved
Wife and Mother. Not a day
passes that we don't think of
you with love. Miss you and
will love you always. Keith,
Tracey, Ian, Michael and your
little granddaughter Katie

CRAIG STOREY 10-7-94,
Treasured memories of a
loving son and brother. You
gave us love, You gave us joy,
You gave us sunshine in our
little boy. For his sunshine he
did share, he taught us all how
to care. Every minute of each
hour, was so precious just like
a flower. Now that flower has
died and gone, just like our
precious little one. There is an
emptiness inside, that we can
never ever hide. There will
always be an empty space, that
no-one can ever replace. We
will always miss you so. Until
the day its time for us to go, to
the place you went one year
ago. Love you always Mam,
Dad and sisters Andrea and
Gemma

CRAIG STOREY 10-7-94,
A loving Grandson and
Nephew. One year has passed
since that sad day when God
decided to take you away.
Taken from our lives, but not
from our hearts, you really
haven't left us, nor have you
travelled far, just entered
God's own garden and left the
door ajar. Love Nanna,
Grandad and Auntie Carol

WHARTON Loving
memories of a very dear son,
Peter. Died 9th July 1983. A
daily thought, a silent tear,
a constant wish that you were
here. I love and miss you,
Mam. God bless Dad, love
Vikki (Little Princess)

TUPLIN, IAN Treasured
memories of my son-in-law
Ian, always loved, never
forgotten, God bless Ian, Mam
Stocks

IRIS MORGAN Formerly of
Villiers Place, died Saturday
1st July 1995. Much loved
Mam or Roz, Janet, Lesley,
Sharon and Corinne and sons-
in-law. Loving Grandma and
Great Grandma. Chairwoman
of Newton Aycliffe
Grenadiers Juvenile Jazz Band
during the seventies. Greatly
missed by Les and all who
knew and loved her. Sleep
tight Mam

PANAYIOTA CATMULL
7th July 1994. Treasured
memories of my beloved wife.
A smile for all, a heart of gold,
she was the best this world
could hold, never selfish,
always kind, these are the
memories she leaves behind.
God saw that she was weary
and the road was hard to
climb, so he took her in his
loving arms and whispered
"Peace be thine". In life the
love we had was strong, in
death this love still lingers on.
Love always, your loving
husband Kenn

PANAYIOTA CATMULL
Died 7th July 1994. In loving
memory of a dear Mother, one
year has passed since that sad
day, you closed your eyes and
passed away. No longer in our
lives to share, but in our hearts
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EURO MP BLAMES GOVERNMENT FOR SLOW PAYMENT FROM E.C.

STEPHEN HUGHES, Durham's Euro MP and Chairman of the Euro Parliament's Social Affairs and Employment Committee met with Commissioner Padraig Flynn to discuss the problems that late payment of Euro funding to training bodies such as the Workers Educational Association (WEA) and Northern Training Trust in the North East is causing. During the hour long meeting, the Commissioner gave Mr Hughes assurances that although it was the UK Government to blame for

the delays, that the problem could be resolved quickly if documentation requested by the EC in 1993 was submitted to Brussels immediately. Stephen Hughes has today written to Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Employment urging him to comply and pointing out that it is simply a matter of documentation which could be rectified straightaway if action is taken without further delay. The background to the current funding difficulties is that at the end of 1993 one European Social Fund

Programme ended and a new one, with new criteria and rules for application came into force on 1st January 1994 throughout Europe. The UK Government broke the rules at that time by submitting payments for projects which began in January under the "old" 1993 headings. By justifying these payments under the "newer" guidelines, payment could be freed.

Speaking from Brussels today, Stephen Hughes said: "It is inconceivable to me that this Government would let training projects which are benefiting thousands of unemployed people go to the wall all for the sake of a bit of paperwork."

The European Commissioner has indicated that this is purely a British problem - every other Member State has managed to secure a smooth transition of payments. I have urged Michael Portillo to act immediately to get these funds released.

It couldn't be simpler - this Government broke the rules and now they have been given the opportunity of a second chance - for the sake of the unemployed being trained and the dedicated trainers in our region, I urge them to grasp this opportunity for immediate payments."

10K ROAD RACE

ON SUNDAY in the Middlesbrough 10k race Derek Smith of Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club finished in 38 minutes 34 seconds followed by John Burnside in 39 minutes 43 seconds, Cec Sugden 40 minutes 57 seconds and Ray Todd 42 minutes 12 seconds.

New Green Group to be Formed

ONE OF the country's leading environmental organisations is planning to launch a new local group in Sedgefield District.

The Co. Durham branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which already has groups in five other districts, is holding a public meeting at Sedgefield Parish Hall on Tuesday July 11. The speaker will be Paul Wynne, CPRE land use officer, who specialises in agricultural issues. He said this week, "Agricultural policy does not encourage farmers to protect and enhance the quality of the countryside. Many farmers, against the odds, do this admirably. Unfortunately, many others either cannot afford to do it or do not consider protection of the countryside as an essential element of farming."

He added, "We need new agricultural policies designed to enable all farmers to manage the countryside positively." The CPRE, which has over 45,000 members and 43 county branches, has campaigned successfully for nearly 70 years in favour of firmer planning laws, Green Belts, National Parks, stronger woodland and hedgerow protection and agricultural, forestry and water policies designed to meet environmental priorities. It is concerned to ensure a better environment in both rural and urban areas. It works on two fronts: in London campaigners lobby Whitehall, Westminster and Brussels to influence legislation, while regionally volunteers monitor planning applications to ensure that new development contributes to the beauty of the countryside and does not threaten it.

Volunteers already in Sedgefield will speak at the meeting about their work so far and there will be an opportunity to voice individual concerns about local countryside matters. "Our major problems in this district are housing developments, waste disposal, the burning of toxic fuel and transport," declared CPRE volunteer Brian Gibson of Ferryhill. "We have been doing what we can but we need more help to tackle these issues effectively and cover the whole of Sedgefield District."

The meeting, entitled 'The Battle for Sedgefield's Countryside,' begins at 8p.m. and is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Garden Party Raffle Winners

THE SUN shone last Saturday for the Garden Party held at St Clare's. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped to make it a very successful event, raising just over £1,650 for the Parish Development Fund. The winning numbers for the Prize Draw are as follows:- 1544, 2465, 1424, 3302, 3922, 2756, 5952, 5859, 1441, 449, 1565, 1119, 164, 678, 1834, 5828, 6036, 966, 600, 613, 3774, 1989, 1748, 597, 1670, 905, 5720, 2275, 5560, 3892, 2588, 4205. Prizes can be collected from St. Clare's on Saturday or Monday.

PARTY!

NEWTON AYCLIFFE residents are invited to join in Britain's biggest birthday party - and support a mammoth national fundraising campaign in aid of the British Red Cross.

For supermarket giant Somerfield has pledged to raise £1.25 million for the charity - which this year celebrates its 125th anniversary - to finance vital local community projects.

One of a countrywide chain of 125 beacons will be lit at Great Aycliffe Leisure Complex, at the end of a day of fun events marking the organisation's official birthday on Friday 4 August. Also stores throughout the region have joined forces with British Red Cross groups to stage their part in the massive 'more-than-a-million' birthday bash.

THAI BOXING AT CHURCH FETE

THE KING Cobra Demonstration Team enthralled spectators at Sundays Fayre held at St. Mary's Church, Newton Aycliffe. The Junior team performed several combinations of kicks, punches, knees and elbows executed with speed and precision. The instructions for which were all given in the Thai language. These were understood even by the youngest participant 6 year-old Matthew Landells who took centre stage at one point to deliver resounding blows on the Clubs Instructor, former European Champion Sean Dooney.

The Senior demonstration of sparring showed the awesome techniques used by the Thai Boxers. Gary McAlister the holder of 2 British Titles sparred with his club mates. The speed and accuracy they showed left no doubt as to why Kings Cobras produces champions, and why Thai Boxing is such an effective and deadly art.

Husband and wife team Tim and Wendy Chapman showed how these abilities can be put to good use as self defence when Tim pulled an all too real knife on Wendy only to be well and

truly defeated. Instructor Sean Dooney then took on the role of an elderly, infirm man who was again confronted by a knife wielding attacker. A walking stick was used to good effect as the thug (alias Tim) took yet another beating from his victim. The demonstration was impressive and entertaining to see. Anyone wishing more information about Kings Cobra Camp should call in at Greenfield Meeting Hall, Horndale, Newton Aycliffe Mondays 6-8 p.m., Thurs. 6-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-12.

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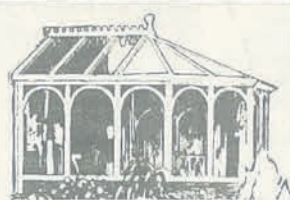
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Our children will be demonstrating their skills in science, computers and art during the course of the day.

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