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The Society do not own the premises, and are paying full market rent for them, but 80% of the business rates are subsidised by the Local Authority and the V.A.T. is subsidised by the Government.

Although a charity "scope", unlike many of its business rivals is not

strapped for cash. In fact with some £35 million in reserves it is in a very healthy position.

Further more the Town Centre property which is being so vastly improved is owned by Millionaire Landlords with offices in The Strand, London.

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Landlords! Is this a proper use of our Taxes? Are there any politicians local or national with the courage to look at the subsidies to the Charities which have now become very big business indeed or do all the businesses have to close under the weight of High Rates and taxes before any action is taken?

Yours sincerely
A Shopkeeper.

JOIN THE ARMY!

Local girl, Michelle Kennedy along with 15 other Durhamites has joined the Army's "Challenger Team", which provides youngsters with fun activities as well as a privileged look behind the scenes of army life. This army Youth Club supports medical opinion and concerns that too many youngsters are spending more time indoors due to perceived social dangers and the explosion of home-based entertainment.

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HALL GARTH'S GOLF DAY HELPS C.L.I.C. CHARITY



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OVER 30 golfers competed for the Brymor Trophy at the annual charity golf day at the Hall Garth Golf & Country Club. The day was broken down into two separate halves with the morning set aside for a 4-ball team Stableford competition. This was won by the Offshore Golf team comprising of Alan Powley, Colin Eeles, and father and son duo, Tom and Michael MacDonald, with a score of 39 points. Two local media giants fought out the runner-up spot with the North Eastern Evening Gazette just beating off a challenge from North of England Newspapers. In the afternoon, the individual Stableford competition saw team members competing against each other as well as all other players. With a stream of five birdies to complement the

two achieved in the morning's session, the Northern Echo's Adrian Green looked like being the eventual winner of the Brymor Trophy until a sustained challenge from Michael Severs of Trafalgar House which included an eagle at the 14th hole, brought the contest to a very close finish! At the end of the competition, both players had 38 points, but Michael Severs won after a count-back and Rhys Roberts, the Hall Garth's General Manager, is pictured presenting the trophy. Other prizes included Mike Bruton for the longest drive approx. 210 yards whilst no fewer than 10 players scored birdies. The overall winner however, was the CLIC charity (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children), to which all proceeds went.

ADVENTURER VISITS WOODHAM SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION EVENING

ON THURSDAY 6th July 1995, Robert Swan M.B.E., was the guest of honour at the Year 9 Presentation Evening. This was an opportunity for parents, staff and friends of the school to acknowledge the achievements of those pupils who are nearing the end of the first stage of their secondary education and will be embarking on their G.C.S.E. courses in September. Robert is the only man ever to have walked to both the North and South Poles and he is currently a United Nations Ambassador for Youth and the Environment. He presented Certificates of Excellence and prizes to 24 pupils who had been nominated for their effort and achievement across the curriculum. He also presented the Governors' Prize for contribution to school life to Lucy Pearson, and the Headteacher's Prize for notable effort to Jessica Pateman. He then entertained the packed Main Hall to

tales of his exploits and his hopes for our young people and for our planet. Robert then left to fulfil another engagement in Northumberland, leaving everyone marvelling at his energy and enthusiasm, and his natural ability to convey his message and leave an impression on all who heard him speak. The evening continued with the presentation of the Group and Individual Awards, culminating in 80 pupils receiving Certificates of Merit and prizes for their achievement in individual subject areas. Year 9 pupils performed a variety of musical and drama items, included a preview of this year's school production, '@The Sound of Music', in which Leanne Moret received great acclaim for her interpretation of the title song. Year 9 pupils also provided the excellent buffet which completed the evening. Pupils, parents and staff pronounced the evening a great success.

Consultations on Hospital Care

COUNTY DURHAM Health Commission is continuing its work looking at how acute services in the south of the County can be improved for the next century. This work takes into account improvements in national standards of health care and the health needs of local people. The work is not yet at the decision stage. The Commission is studying the data from the Newchurch report which looked at key factors determining future patterns of acute services. County Durham Health Commission intends to ensure that all necessary information and professional medical advice is gathered before any proposals are made. The hospital consultants, Durham County Ambulance Service and managers at the Hospital Trusts are being consulted about the report's findings and accessibility to services. Factors such as travel times to hospitals, the quality of care provided and paramedics'

skills and availability are important and need to be taken into account. National developments and improvements in health care and recommendations by the medical professions also need to be considered. These include: * the need to meet the reduced junior doctors, hours standards * the need for improved training for junior doctors * the need for consultants to work in teams and be able to provide 24 hour cover * increasing specialisation in some clinical services, such as urology, vascular surgery and the different types of cancer Tony Jameson, the County Durham Health Commission's chief executive said: "We intend to take the time necessary to carry out this analysis properly before we make any firm proposals. Change is needed if we are to improve services in the south of the County and to meet the standards being set nationally. We intend to provide as many services as possible locally taking into account the quality of an accessibility to services. Our timetable now calls for full consultation to begin in August and we will welcome a full debate. Over the next few weeks we will continue to work very closely with the medical profession, managers at the acute hospitals, the ambulance service, Community Health Councils and other organisations. We intend that investment at Bishop Auckland General Hospital should go ahead and to achieve this we need to be sure that the NHS is providing the necessary services in the best possible way for patients in the next century."

LONELY? - JOIN THE SINGLES CLUB

ARE YOU divorced, separated, widowed or single and fed-up of spending long nights in front of your TV set? If you are, just a reminder that The Welcome Club which meets every Monday in Horndale Workingmen's Club in Meadowfield Way, Newton Aycliffe, from 8 to 11 p.m. can help you get out of a rut. The club has about 80 members altogether, with a regular weekly attendance of a couple of dozen. Since the club was formed nearly three years ago members have enjoyed coach trips to Blackpool, Bronte and Emmerdale country, The Lake District, London, etc, and short holidays to Butlins at Ayr, Skegness and London. There is a quiz every week in a warm, friendly atmosphere, with the emphasis firmly on

friendship. It is definitely not 'pick-up joint.' Often we just prefer to chat rather than having a set form every week, but we're open to suggestions for things like Beetle drives, dominoes, card games and so on. At the end of August so many members are spending weekend at a castle near Rhy. Activities here include tennis, archery, croquet, bowls, air rifle shooting, snooker, billiards, darts, and card and pub games. Transport is by coach. This Sunday a party of members is set to enjoy another coach trip to The Lake District. If you are shy or nervous about the thought of attending singles club, please call the secretary, Jan, for a friendly reassuring chat on (01323) 312038.

CONCERT AT WOODHAM HOTEL

A Concert featuring "Spiritual Dawn", "Ska Trek" and local singer "Rocky" will be held at the Woodham Hotel on Friday 14th July. The production is staged by Black Banshee Production as fund-raising event for Thai Boxing Club King Cobra which needs new equipment and transport to events. The Club attracts people of all ages and currently boasts member who holds two British championships. Muay Thai is practised for many reasons, self defence, fitness, competition and for gaining self confidence and esteem. A display of Muay Thai will be given on the night, which will also include a raffle. Come along and support your local talent. Tickets are available at the door, or by ringing 314611 or call a Kookies in the Town Centre.

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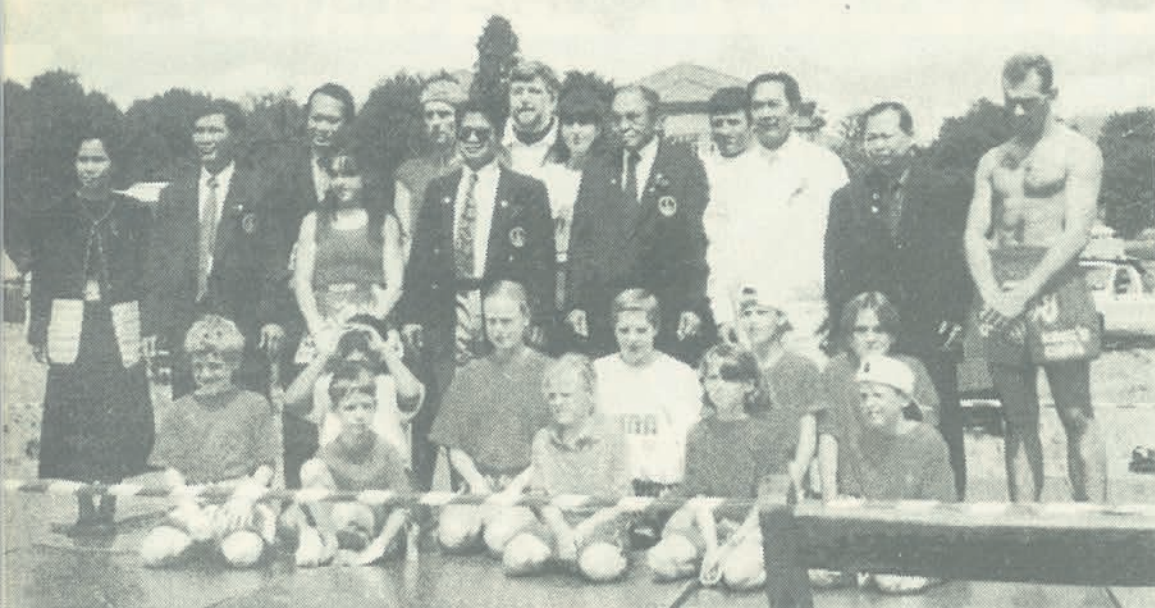
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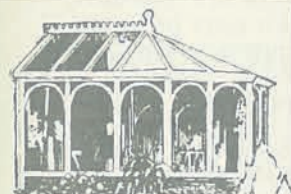
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The festival was organised by County Durham Development Company with the help of Durham County Council and Durham City Council, which brought commercial and trade representatives from around the world to County Durham. It was held to coincide with the World Cross Country Championships which were held in County Durham at the end of March. General manager of RS Cardboard, Angela Wolstenholme, said: "I found that the festival was an ideal way of meeting potential customers and doing business. "We were delighted that discussions during the event lead to an order from Oshino and we look forward to building on our relationship with them." Oshino Lamps set up their manufacturing base in Newton Aycliffe, County Durham in February this year creating 50 new jobs.

County Durham Development Company's head of marketing, Phil Eadon, said: "The main idea behind the festival was to promote joint ventures between County Durham companies and companies around the world. We are however delighted that it has also brought about business within the county."

Town Family Firm Takes over 100 Year old Business

J. D. Spooner of Aycliffe has taken over Parkin Ness of Darlington who have dealt in gardening supplies, disinfectants, cleaners, paraffin etc. for over 100 years.

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Letter to the Editor

RESIDENTS OBJECT TO SMELL AND FLIES FROM BOATING LAKE

Dear Sir,
Why do we have to put up with the disgusting smell from the Boating Lake each time it is emptied?

We have to pass the lake area to get to the local Bell's Store and children pass it to go to school.

It is an eyesore too with thousands of flies

surrounding the area. Why can't it be emptied, filled in and grassed over to get rid of the smell for good?

I wonder if the authority know how bad it is, especially on a hot day?

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. D. Moore
Whinlatter Place

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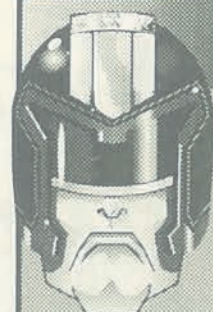
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We also appreciate the help given to us by Newton Press through the Newton News.

We still have some fund raising to do to reach our target of £20,000 and in thanking the people of Newton Aycliffe for your support at our fund raising events in the past we look forward to

seeing you all again at our forthcoming events which include:

Sept. 20th Quiz Night
Oct. 7th Afternoon Concert - Treble Clef Concert Party
Oct. 18th Old Time Music Hall performed by the children of the Church.

Nov. 11th Christmas Fair

Dec. 8/9th "Hall for Jesus", a theatrical event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our small Church Hall which was, in the early days, our main Church building.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL BANNER ON INTERNATIONAL DISPLAY



ON WEDNESDAY 5th July, thirty children from St. Francis C of E School were accompanied by parents, teachers, governors and Rev. Nicholas Chamberlain to Durham Cathedral.

The theme for this year's Primary Leavers Service was co-operation, which focused on the Centenary of the Co-op and the 50th Anniversary of Christian Aid.

In this the anniversary year of both St. Clares (40 years) and St. Francis (25 years) the children were delighted at the prospect of designing a banner on the chosen theme.

Each school attending the service processed with two banners, its usual school banner plus a commemorative one.

At the end of the service the banners were left in the Gallilee Chapel on display to the general public.

They will then be taken to Manchester and displayed from 1st September to 7th October as part of the Centenary Congress of the International Co-operative Alliance.

St. Francis School feels justifiably proud that the banner designed by Y6 pupils will be seen by over 2,000 delegates from all over the world.

As can be seen from the photograph the banner depicts the earth encircled by hands of friendship, the dove of peace and the cross of St. Francis.

The school hopes to display the banner somewhere central in the town for all to view when it is returned.

Class Teacher, Mrs. Storey thanks Y6 for their ideas and co-operation in producing the banner.

"On behalf of all the staff and governors of St. Francis I wish you all every success in your new schools," said Mrs. Storey.

Letter to the Editor

BROKEN GLASS CAN KILL!

Dear Sir,
After so many letters complaining about dog dirt it makes a change to read about the litter left by humans of all ages.

The photograph is but one example of the hazard dog owners and children encounter on the paths and fields of Woodham.

Most dog owners do pick up their dog's mess, but it is a pity that children, teenagers and adults cannot do the same with their empty beer cans, soft drink containers, take-away trays, crisp and cigarette packets,

often discarded within of a litter bin!

Such litter may not be harmful, but the beer bottles and glasses carried from the pub and smashed on the ground as well as the odd milk bottle, pose a real danger to any small child who may stumble. So, please! if you must carry your bottle of liquid refreshment, take it home with you or put it in a bin. Remember BROKEN GLASS CAN KILL!

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Trimdon C & DH 208 all out
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Justyn Castle 11
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Staff from the Benefits Agency at Darlington visit Newton Aycliffe on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July to answer any queries people may have.

Liz Petty and Denise Mundy will be available in the foyer of the Recreation Centre in the Town Centre for confidential enquiries on any benefit related matter.

They are able to give advice and information on all Social Security benefits and warmly invite people to go along and talk to them.

On Monday a representative from the Red Cross Carers Association will attend, which is an ideal opportunity for people caring for sick or disabled relatives or friends, to find out what is available in the way of benefits and other support.

On Tuesday a representative from the Contributions Agency will also attend the session to answer queries about National Insurance and related issues.

Liz and Denise hope many people take this opportunity to see if they are entitled to benefits.

Remember, millions of pounds are unclaimed each year and you may be one of those people who are missing out on much needed financial help.



LIZ PETTY



DENISE MUNDY

INCREASE IN SUPPORT FOR RE-OPENING OF BUREAU

"THE VOLUNTEER Bureau have been overwhelmed with letters of support from their colleagues within the voluntary, private and public sector. They are in the process of applying for a major government grant which if successful, will mean they can extend their services district-wide. As part of their application, they must demonstrate the support of other local agencies who will work in partnership with them to encourage and support people in their voluntary work.

The Management Committee presently consists of representatives from Age Concern, Victim Support, St. John Ambulance, Alzheimer's Disease Society, MIND, Methodist Church, the

Mental Health Centre and two Volunteer Representatives. It also has the professional support of a Bank Manager as Treasurer and a Chartered Accountant to process staff wages and Annual Financial Statements. Each member of the Management Committee devote their time and expertise on a voluntary basis and it is hoped this impressive list will demonstrate the commitment and support of the local community.

Letters of support will also be included in the grant application, from the local Police, the Job Centre, Aycliffe Young People's Centre and Mr D. Foster MP, together with correspondence confirming the landlords commitment to providing rent-free

premises and the Town Council's agreement to continue supporting the Volunteer Bureau, if core funding is secured. If the grant is awarded, the Volunteer Bureau could be open again by as early as October this year.

Rosemary Raine-Howe, who is secretary to the Management Committee said: "For the first time since we closed, we are daring to be slightly optimistic. I know there are a lot of people in Newton Aycliffe who are following our progress with great interest. We are very grateful to the Newton News for allowing us to report on developments and to keep everyone informed." Rosemary can be contacted at the Volunteer Bureau, 4 Beveridge Walkway. Tel: 300122.

Parents Invited to Open Day at Byerley Park

BYERLEY PARK Primary School, Greenfield Way, are opening their doors to parents to enable them to view the school, meet staff and watch the children at work.

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