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FRONT PAGE LETTER

"CHILD WORKERS ARE GOVERNMENTS CHEAP LABOUR"

Dear Sir

Some while ago, I was talking to a friend who praised the job done by "our wonderful milk boys", who rise with the dawn to give us our milk. I can remember at the time, wondering if my friend had ever seen the same "wonderful children" in school the next day, many of them surly and half-doped because they were desperately short of sleep.

But milk boys are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to working children. They are merely part of a growing army of youngsters who do all sorts of jobs out-of-school and at weekends. A recent survey of Aycliffe and Darlington found over a hundred under 16's at work. Now the government is proposing to investigate the possibility of giving work as an alternative to school.

Child workers are part of this governments cheap labour policy. They allow employers to force wages down particularly the wages for unskilled and simple manual jobs (ie: the lowest paid workers). Employed in large numbers, children steal jobs which would otherwise be done by adults.

They increase the number of workers who are working uninsured, and who pay no tax; they thereby reduce the amount of money being paid towards the welfare state, and contribute to the pressure to cut welfare services. Arguably, they also damage industry,

because employers who would otherwise be forced to modernise can - by using cheap labour, delay the introduction of modern working practices, whilst still making a profit.

Most of all, these children risk damaging their long term education-for-a-career. The older I get, the more I believe in the conspiracy theory of society. You can be sure that prince William and all the nobs who are starting at Eton this September will not be getting up at 4am to go out and do a milk round. No! They will work through A-levels and university into the top jobs in industry and government. Too many of our Aycliffe youngsters - who are their equals in every way - are being manoeuvred into a future where they can fail to achieve their educational potential, so they can spend the rest of their lives in lesser jobs, creating the wealth that others will enjoy. As our Aycliffe children go back to school, we need to raise their aspirations and ambitions so that they AIM HIGHER than simply "a job" and a certain amount of money in their pockets. Ultimately, children who spend adequate time at home and at school studying to build a future don't NEED large amounts of spending money to fuel their social lives.

At the same time, there is a pressing need to look again at the bye-laws which regulate the employment of children. They are out-of-date and largely irrelevant to the present-day situation of our children. They include prohibitions of

work as "a lather boy" or "in any billiard or bagatelle saloon". They prohibit employment in hotel kitchens, in a hairdressers or in the morning.

Thus MANY children who work are working illegally. Last year only 6 children registered as employed - thus all but six are working uninsured. Darlington has a completely different set of bye-laws to the rest of County Durham.

In the past, people have **PRaised** the youngsters who "work for their pocket money". We need to change this once and for all.

We need to **REDUCE** the number of our children who go out to work, and to better **PROTECT** those who do.

Yours faithfully
John D Clare

Is your child breaking the law? The local bye-laws state that on school days, County Durham children under 16 should do NO WORK AT ALL in the mornings, and NO MORE THAN 2 HOURS in the evening. They can work 4 hours a day at weekends and holidays, but must have a substantial rest period. Children are not supposed to work at hairdressers, the kitchen of a hotel, restaurant or fish shop, a club or pub, a theatre, a fair-ground, a slaughterhouse or a race course. They are not supposed to work as a rag-and-bone man, or do any heavy agricultural work. No child under 14 should work at all. Every child under the age of 16 who has a job of any nature should also be registered with the Local Education Authority through the Education Welfare Service, should have had a medical and should have obtained the consent of his/her headmaster; if they have not done this, they are not insured in the case of an accident. The telephone number of the Darlington Education Welfare Officer is 355311

WOODHAM SCHOOL'S OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Woodham School's sixteen year olds have achieved outstanding results in this year's G.C.S.E. examinations. The town has every reason to be proud of its youngsters.

It is worth considering just a few facts and figures. 121 students (47% of the year group) gained 5 or more A-C passes. This is a considerable improvement on last year's 38%. 14 students, managed 11 A-C grades and a further 24 have 10 A-C grades; Woodham students are amongst the highest achievers in the County.

Added to this year's splendid A level results at Woodham the future looks bright for our young men and women. Many will be coming back to Woodham's Sixth Form and the school has been flooded with enquiries about A level, G.C.S.E. Mature and G.N.V.Q. courses.

There are still some place left and anyone interested in studying at Woodham should contact Mrs. Clayton (head of Sixth Form) on (01325) 300328/9. Applications from mature students are particularly welcome.

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"ANIMALS AND UNRULY CHILDREN SPOIL OUR TOWN"

Dear Sir

Every week now for I don't know how long we read about dogs dirt, name discs etc., and what our Council is doing to clean up the town. I am amazed that nothing is done about CATS, dogs dirt we can see, cats we don't. The only good thing for a cat owner is they know their cat will foul other peoples gardens and not their own. Isn't it about time the council did something to kerb this problem.

Now for my second concern, unruly children, before I moved to this town twelve years ago, I visited quite often and really thought it was a pleasant area to settle. However over the last twenty years, a certain

Close on one of the Burnhill estates has seen many changes in occupants of houses, and I must say at the moment the majority of the children there are the most disrespectful and foul mouthed individuals I have met. What disturbs me more is the attitude of parents encouraging their offspring to victimize a certain lady and her daughter.

How sad when even the police don't seem to help. Maybe if the Councillor for that area visited people and saw for himself the state of the area and did something about the illegal parking of untaxed cars and maliciousness of residents more people would be encouraged to buy their property as the council wishes.

Thirdly, I would just like to say to the family business person in Aycliffe that if you took a leaf out of Morrisons book and made people welcome in your shops instead of making them feel like shoplifters when looking around you may be able to open another shop on the town

Yours faithfully
"Disgruntled"

Name/Address supplied

Fire Officer Retires

Assistant Chief Fire Officer David Winter has retired after 31 years with Durham County Fire and Rescue Brigade.

David started as an auxiliary fireman at Wheatley Hill before joining the Brigade in 1964. After training, he was posted to Hebburn, then moved to his home station at Peterlee in 1966.

He served most of his career in Seaham, Peterlee and Newton Aycliffe gaining promotion to divisional officer.

In 1992, on reorganisation of the Brigade, he was promoted to senior divisional officer and appointed senior operations officer. In February, this year, when the former deputy chief fire officer retired, David was appointed temporary assistant chief officer in charge of operations. Over the years, he has been involved in numerous projects including the new Rapiere rescue water tender ladders. David who lives in Sacriston with his wife Karen, intends to spend more time with his two young sons. A founder member of Peterlee road runners, he has already resurrected his interest in road running.

WEIGHT WATCHERS "SLIM & TRIM" SPECIAL OFFER



Ready to greet new members in Newton Aycliffe and district. Eight leaders for Weight Watchers lost a total of 270lbs between them.

Has the long hot summer days played havoc with your waistline? ... Are you feeling the effects of too many BBQ bangers? ... Or do you just yearn to be able to slip back into those Autumn clothes with ease? Well one person who knows all about getting into shape is Weight Watchers member Holly Wilson, 18, lost an incredible 3 stone with Weight Watchers in just one year!

Holly spent years as a chubby child and teenager always longing to be slim and fit like her friends. Although Holly loved sport she was very conscious of her size during PE lessons and often felt embarrassed amongst her friends. It was in February 1993 that

Holly vowed to lose weight so weighing 12 stone 8lbs she went along to her local Weight Watchers meeting. Straight away Holly began to see the pounds slip away thanks to all the healthy food she could eat. "I always thought losing weight meant you had to eat a lettuce leaf and go hungry all day, but with Weight Watchers I ate lots of delicious meals including my favourite things such as club sandwiches and choca-mocha mousse!" By the time summer came Holly really began to notice just how many pounds she had lost. Her love of exercise and following the Weight Watchers programme meant that on her return to school in the Autumn a new Holly arrived. "My friends who I had not seen over the summer could not believe it was really me, they thought I was a stranger! I had lost loads of weight since they saw me and felt absolutely wonderful" says Holly.

SPECIAL OFFER
So why not take advantage of the latest Autumn offer from Weight Watchers. Weight Watchers are so confident about their 1995 Slim and Trim Programme that they are guaranteeing to give you your third week FREE if you do not lose a sensational 6lbs in the first two weeks and to make the offer even more tempting there is FREE Registration a great saving of £9.00.

All you have to do is drop into your nearest Weight Watchers meeting anytime between Monday 28th August and Thursday 14th October 1995. The new easy to follow Slim & Trim Programme offers a wide selection of mouth watering recipes the whole family can enjoy. From traditional recipes which include beef stew and cauliflower cheese to more exotic meals such as lamb tikka and thai style rice, you will find losing weight with Weight Watchers has never been simpler or more delicious!



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WEDNESDAY : 6th & 13th SEPTEMBER, 6.30-8.30pm
THURSDAY : 7th & 14th SEPTEMBER, 6.30-8.30pm

TUESDAY:

Making the Most of Yourself (begins 26-9-95)
Cake Decoration/Sugarcraft
Italian (intermediate)
Vegetarian Cookery
Painting & Drawing
RSA Word Processing (begins 12-9-95)
Woodwork - Knitting Club
Taekwondo (7-8.30pm) - Fly Tying
Youth Activities (6.15-8.45pm)
Gymnastics (5-11 years, 6-7pm, 26-9-95)
Holiday French - Improve your Mathematics



WEDNESDAY

Basic Education - Calligraphy
Dressmaking - Computer Literacy
Dance - Floral Art (begins 27-9-95)
Pottery & Ceramics (begins 4-10-95)
Music - Massage & Aromatherapy
Yoga - Self Defence for Women
Youth Football Association (6-7.30pm)
Italian (beginners) - Jewellery Making
Using PC's, Intro to personal computer



THURSDAY:

Decoupage - Music (Guitar)
Egg Decoration (Faber Style)
German (leading to GCSE)
Desk Top Publishing - Holiday Spanish
Childminding (NVQ1) - Aerobics
Word Processing (begins 14-9-95)
First Aid - Improve your English
Dried Flowers & Craft Work (begins 28-9-95)
Gymnastics (5-11 years, begins 21-9-95, 6.30-8.00pm)

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WOODHAM ANNUAL FAYRE

**Saturday 9th
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EXHIBITS TO BE BENCHMARKED: 9.00am to 10.00am

JUDGING 10.45am OPEN TO PUBLIC 12 noon.

SECTION ONE: HORTICULTURE (OPEN)

ENTRANCE FEE: 30p

CUT FLOWERS (6 Classes)

VEGETABLES (6 Classes)

FLORAL ART (2 Classes)

SECTION TWO: INDUSTRIAL AND HOME (OPEN)

ENTRANCE FEE: 30p. (5 Classes)

CAKES (4 Classes)

CELEBRATION CAKES

On the theme of "V.E. Day" (3 Classes)

HOME PRODUCE (3 Classes)

SECTION THREE: CHILDREN'S SECTION

ENTRANCE FEE: 20p

Class 30 - Under 5's - Colour in picture "Fireman Sam"

Class 31 - 5-8 years old - Painting "Fire Station"

Class 32 - 9-13 years old - Painting "Fire Station"

Class 33 - Under 7's - Handwriting:

verse "Favourite poem"

OR Favourite Nursery Rhyme" (Illustrated margins)

Class 34 - Under 12's - Handwriting:

Three verses "Favourite Poem" (Illustrated margins)

Class 35 - Model from kit

Class 36 - 3-6 years - Potato Men

Class 37 - 7-12 - Potato Men

Class 38 - 12-16 years - Collage "V.E. Day"

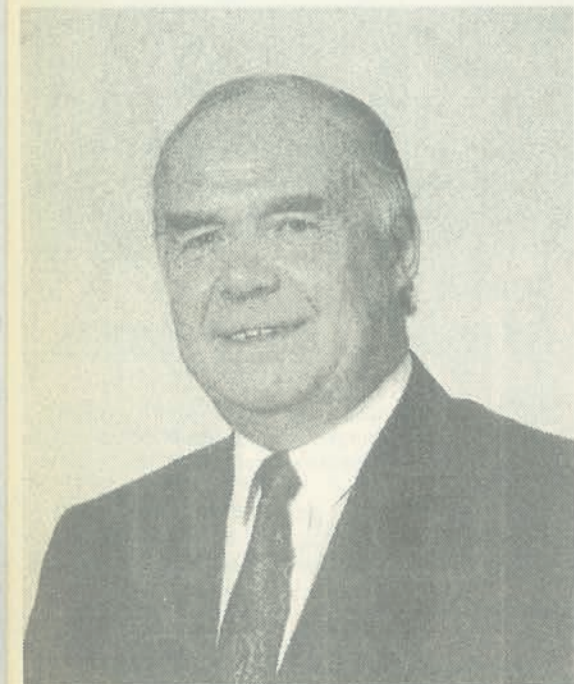
Section 30, 31 and 32 to be judged by "Fireman Sam" on the day. All entries for Children's Section must be at the Community Centre no later than Friday 8th September.

Section 30 pictures are available from the Community Centre each day 9.30am to 11.30am or from "Woodham Post Office". Names and addresses must be written on the back of ALL pictures, which will be returned after the Fayre, if required.

OTHER EVENTS ON THE DAY INCLUDE: Craft Stalls, Fire Brigade, Police Force, Ambulance Service, Territorial Army, Children's Games and Races (Weather permitting!) and **MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!** Postman Pat the Air Training Corps Drill Team.

THE EVENING 7.30pm to 11.00pm - In the Main Hall at the Community Centre we are holding a Dance to the "Big Band" Sounds of the 40's. Period dress optional (Get your medals out for an airing!). Bring your own alcohol, small buffet provided. Grand draw or Raffle. (£1.50 per ticket). Dance to the sounds of Glen Miller, Joe Loss and his Orchestra and many more favourites. Tickets available from Committee Members.

If the weather is fine OK!, but if the weather is bad you can always blame it on Bob Johnson, Tyne Tees Weatherman, who will be in attendance - Don't forget to make a note in your diary - **SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER, 1995 from 11.00am onwards**



Popular T.V. Weather forecaster, Bob Johnson will be at the Fayre

After Peace Friendship

During the War Gordon was an RAF pilot, who afterwards became a metallurgist consultant for a German Steel Combine. One of his colleagues was an ex-Luftwaffe pilot and they became firm friends, resulting in him being Godfather to his two sons.

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NEW SURVEY SHOWS MAJOR INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in marginal Conservative seats has rocketed by almost 50% since John Major became Prime Minister, figures released recently by Labour Employment Spokesman Ian McCartney MP reveal: Unadjusted figures, obtained by Mr McCartney from the House of Commons library, show that in the 75 most marginal Conservative parliamentary seats, unemployment increased by an average of 47.5% between November 1990 (when Mr Major replaced Mrs Thatcher) and July 1995. Although some seats will see boundary changes before the next general election, the figures show that unemployment is now a serious handicap to Government efforts to create any "feel good

factor" in key electoral battle grounds.

The figures reveal that:

* The biggest increases came in Hayes and Harlington (majority 53, increase in unemployment by 117.3%) and Stevenage (majority 4888, increase in unemployment 104.7%).

* Unemployment increased in every one of the 75 marginals studied and went up by more than 50% in 34 constituencies.

* Connection with Conservative Central Officer gave no immunity.

Tory Chairman Brain Mawhinney's Peterborough saw unemployment rise by 45.5%, his predecessor Jeremy Hanley's Richmond seat saw a rise of 72.6%, and vice chairman Angela Rumbolds Mitcham and Morden saw a 117% increase.

* Amongst ministers constituencies, former employment and now DTI minister Philip Oppenheim's Amber Valley saw a rise of 41.7%, unemployment in Social Security Minister

Alastair Burt's Bury North went up by 29.9% and former minister Edwina Currie's Derbyshire South constituency experienced a 63.1% increase.

Commenting on the figures Ian McCartney said "When John Major came to power he promised to create a country at ease with itself. These figures show he now heads a country in fear of its future."

"Massive increases in unemployment have left many areas of the country with a feel-good, not a feel-bad factor, and at the next election the Conservative party will suffer the consequences. "Every day in Britain millions of people who have seen their friends and neighbours thrown onto the dole go to work wondering if they will still have a job at the end of the day."

"The Tory party may believe that unemployment is a price worth paying but these figures show that many Tory MP's will pay for their complacency about unemployment with their own jobs."

Summer Wedding For Local Couple

On Saturday 15th July, Angela Walker and John Robert Danby were married at St Andrews Church in South Church aided by bridesmaids Louise Walker, Karen Danby, Jackie Cruddace, Maria Tweddle and Alison Dolan and best man Paul Danby. The couple live in Shildon and work in Newton Aycliffe John at Silverscreen and Angela at 3M's. After a reception at the Royal British Legion they enjoyed a honeymoon in Benidorm



ANNUAL 'POT LEEK' SHOW AT PELAW

Dear Sir

As press officer for the National Pot Leek Society, may I draw your readers attention to our annual show, which will be held in the "Pelaw and District Social Club" Heworth, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

Entries to be staged on Friday 15th September, between 3 and 9pm, when judging will commence. The show will be open to the public for viewing from 10am to 10.30pm on Saturday 16th and from 10.30am to 2.00pm on Sunday 17th.

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It is easy to see why the Show is THE major event on the "Aycliffe Calendar" with free activities for children and (adults too) and with so much going on inside the marquees and Sports Complex as well as outside on the Showfield, there really was something for everyone to enjoy.

The organisers were unaware that problems with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight would mean that the planned double display of Spitfires would not materialise, but the solitary Spitfire which did appear was still a memorable sight. Stuntworld's successful attempt to get into the record books with a 150' death slide was a great hit with spectators who waited with baited breath to see if Colin Guppy would emerge from the flames alive! The Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition were again very popular with over 1000 entries and most people

managed to send their entry forms in earlier. Although the majority of entries were from Aycliffe residents, some entries were received from as far afield as Cumbria and North Yorkshire.

The Five-a-Side Football Knockout was a resounding success with the children who took part and their parents who cheered them from the line.

RESULTS:

The winning number for the Show Programme draw was No 1756.

Pet Parade (Sponsored by the Cat's Protection League), 1st Adam Clarke with his dog Oscar, 2nd Jennifer Mackintosh with her Guinea Pig, Posie and 3rd Chris Angles with his pet sheep Patch.

Football Knockout 7-11 years winners "Shooting Stars", runners up "Darlington All Stars" (B). 11-14 years winners "Newton Nutters", runners up "Horndale"

Plate Trophy 7-11 years winners "Heighington Wanderers", runners up "Heighington Rangers". 11-14 years winners "Heighington FC", runners up "Willington Spectrums"

Home Produce Winners

Class 1 - home made jam

1st - Mrs S Howells
2nd - Mrs S Howells
3rd - M Hare

Class 2 - lemon curd

1st - Mrs J Walker
2nd - Mrs S Howells
3rd - Mrs JR James

Class 3 - chutney

1st - Mrs G Bailey
2nd - Mrs J Walker
3rd - Mrs JR James

Class 4 - marmalade

1st - Mrs G Bailey
2nd - Mrs CE Stoddart
3rd - Mrs JR James

Class 5 - Swiss roll

1st - Mrs JR James
2nd - Mrs I Miller
3rd - Mrs S Howells

Class 6 - Sandwich Cake

1st - Mrs G Wade
2nd - Mrs A McGeecham
3rd - Lisa Richmond

Class 7 - 4 Fancy Cakes

1st - G Wade
2nd - Pauline Gardner
3rd - Mrs S Howells

Class 8 - Ginger Cake

1st - Lisa Richmond
2nd - K Tinkler
3rd - Mrs J Walker

Class 9 - Shortbread

1st - Mrs S Howells
2nd - Mrs G Bailey
3rd - Mrs J Bell

Class 10 - 1/2lb Fruiteake

1st - Mrs JR James
2nd - Mr D Williams
3rd - Mrs A McGeecham

Class 11 - 4 jam tarts

1st - Mrs I Miller
2nd - Mrs I Miller
3rd - Mrs JR James

Class 12 - Apple Pie

1st - Mrs H Kearton
2nd - Mrs A McGeecham
3rd - K Tinkler

Class 13 - Cake iced

1st - G Wade

Class 14 - 4 fruit scones

1st - Mrs JR James
2nd - K Tinkler
3rd - MRS MI Robinson

Class 15 - 4 scones

1st - Mrs H Kearton
2nd - Mrs MI Robinson
3rd - Mrs I Miller

Class 16 - 1lb White loaf

1st - Mrs MI Robinson
2nd - Mrs G Bailey
3rd - Mr D Williams

Class 17 - 4 Tea Cakes

1st - Mrs MI Robinson
3rd - Lisa Richmond

Class 18 - 4 sausage rolls

1st - Mrs I Miller
2nd - K Tinkler
3rd - Mrs MI Robinson

Class 19 - 9" Quiche

1st - Lisa Richmond
2nd - Mrs S Howells
3rd - K Tinkler

Class 20 - Egg/Bacon Pie

1st - Mrs P Gardner
2nd - Mrs A McGeecham
3rd - Lisa Richmond

Class 21 - Tea Tray

1st - Mrs S Simms
2nd - Mrs A McGeecham
3rd - Mrs P Gardner

Overall Winner:

Mrs. S. SIMS

Abbey Road, Darlington

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WOODHAM SIXTH FORM 1995

Vacancies still available on the following courses:

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Football Competition Winner

Top picture "Shooting Stars" 7-11 year old winners

Middle picture "Newton Nutters" 11-14 year old winners

Bottom picture - Stuntworld entertaining the huge audience



Competitors "Face The Music" in Durham

A prestigious music competition featuring some of the region's up and coming musicians comes to the DLI Music and Durham Art Gallery soon (September 16th). The Lloyd Webber Medal Competition, staged by the L.C. College of Music Society, is open to all students who have successfully taken diploma examinations at the college in the last two years.

The Newcastle centre holds examinations three times a year with students coming from North Yorkshire, Scottish border and east and west coasts. The competition, on September 16th will include instrumentalists including alto saxophone, guitar and piano, as well as vocalists who will perform a wide range of music from Poulenc to Smetana and Mozart to Rachmaninov.

Adjudicators for the competition are Martyn Williams, chairman of the London College of Music Society and Merrick. Taking part are Mark Brown on clarinet; Laura Hird, recorder; Hilary Ions vocals; Edward Lock, guitar; Caroline Smith, flute; Richard Wallhead, piano; Alex Walter, alto saxophone and Julia Watson vocals. The event will also see the presentation of diplomas to Megan Bloem, Caroline Smith, Richard Wallhead, Lillian Pattinson, Hilary Ions, Sally Greenwood, Edward Lock and Julia Watson. Tickets, which include refreshments are £3.50 and £1.50 for children under 14 and the event starts at 1.30pm for 2.00pm

Craft Section Winners

Class 22 - Crochet, wool
1st - Mrs P Smith
2nd - Mrs J Ebdon
3rd - Lilian Carlyle
Class 23 - Crochet cotton
1st - Mrs J Ebdon
2nd - Mrs DM Hall
3rd - Mrs M Armstrong
Class 24 - Embroidery
1st - Mrs C Mason
2nd Mrs M Ward
3rd - Edna Boyton
Class 25 - Embroidery
1st - Mrs B Perry
2nd - Mrs E Tebbitt
3rd - Mrs DM Hall
Class 26 - Embroidery
3rd - Mrs ME Sampson
Class 27 - Tapestry
1st - T Nattress
2nd - Mrs E Hunting
3rd - Mrs EP Ashley
Class 26 - Canvas work
2nd - Mrs D Moore
3rd - Mrs P Smith
Class 29 - Embroidery
1st - Mrs J Lisle
2nd - Mrs S Sims
3rd - Mrs M Smith
Class 30 - Decoupage
1st - Mrs M Vassilounis
2nd - Mrs M Vassilounis
3rd - Mrs M Carr

Overall Winner:
Mrs. B. PERRY

Bloomfield Road, Darlington

Hand Knitted Winners

Class 39 - Pic sweater
1st - Mrs G Hudson
2nd - Mrs G Hudson
3rd - Mrs G Hudson
Class 40 - double knit
1st - Mrs J Walker
2nd - Mrs E West
3rd - Mrs J Somerset

Class 41 - Aran Garmen
1st - Mrs JR James
2nd - Mrs J Somerset
3rd - Mrs JR James
Class 42 - baby cardigan
1st - Mrs J Walker
2nd - Mrs C Norton
3rd - Mrs J Ebdon
Class 43 - 3 ply
1st - K Tinkler
2nd - Mrs E West
3rd - Mrs JR James

Overall Winner:
Mrs. J.R. JAMES
Carlton Terrace, Easington

Wine Section Winners

Class 44 - white/red dry
1st - M Hare
2nd - m Hare
3rd - Mrs D Woodward

Class 45 - whi/red sweet
1st - Mrs D Woodward
2nd - Mr E Nobbs
3rd - Mr E Nobbs

Overall Winner:
M. HARE

Lowther Drive, Newton Aycliffe

Wood Section Winners

Class 46 - any article
1st - SJ Double
2nd - EC Wood
3rd - C Santon

Class 47 - any article
1st - Kay Robson
2nd - Ruth Kokes

Overall Winner:
S. J. DOUBLE

Emerson Way, Newton Aycliffe

Photography Winners

Class 48 - B/W Print
1st - T Chaytor
2nd - FD Archer
3rd - T Chaytor
Class 49 - People
1st - FD Archer
2nd - FD Archer
3rd - S Nelson
Class 50 - Animals
1st - Mr A Wright
2nd - FD Archer
3rd - MP Wilson

Class 51 - Landscape
1st - Mr A Wright
2nd - FD Archer
3rd - SJ Allison
Class 52 - under 16s
1st - Kevin lee
2nd - Emma Simpson
3rd - Jane Richardson

Overall Winner:
KEVIN LEE

Bewick Crescent, Newton Aycliffe

Art Section Winners

Class 53 - Oil Painting
1st - Marion Wheeler
2nd - M Walker-Hill
3rd - Colin Mindmoor

Class 54 - water colour
1st - T Jordan
2nd - Margaret Young
3rd - Mrs V Waine

Overall Winner:
Mr. T. JORDAN

Bury Road, Newton Aycliffe

Children's Art Winners

Class 55 - picture
1st - Marcus Sims
2nd - John Richardson
3rd - Justin Sims
Class 56 - paper plate
1st - Mr Melissa
2nd - Marcus Sims
3rd - Kayleigh Bland
Class 57 - decorated egg
1st - Marcus Sims
2nd - Kayleigh Bland
3rd - Justin Sims
Class 58 - Biscuit
1st - Marcus Sims
2nd - Laura McGrath
3rd - Justin Sims
Class 59 - picture
1st - Laura Wise
2nd - Hayley Thompson
3rd - Laura Wise
Class 60 - kitchen roll
1st - Natalie Peart
2nd - Andrew Bland
3rd - Victoria Bayles
Class 61 - Biscuit
1st - Natalie Peart
2nd - N Glendenning
3rd - David Turgoose
Class 62 - necklace
1st - D Turgoose
2nd - Victoria Bayles
3rd - N Glendenning

Class 63 - picture
1st - R Scott-Woodcock
2nd - Paul Archer
3rd - R Scott-Woodcock
Class 64 - craftwork
1st - Naomi Bayles
2nd - Shaun Embleton
3rd - P R Archer
Class 65 - Embroidery
1st - M Ward
2nd - Miss SM Walton
3rd - M Ward
Class 66 - 4 scones
1st - C Turgoose
2nd - Oliver Robson
3rd - Clare Noble
Class 67 - Poster
1st - DM Walton
2nd - Jillian Sygrove
3rd - A Noble
Class 68 - craftwork
1st - Kay Robson
2nd - K Hudspeth
3rd - H Lamb
Class 69 - Embroidery
1st - H Younghusband
2nd - H Younghusband
3rd - DL Walton
Class 70 - butterfly cakes
1st - Andrew Noble
2nd - Lisa Richmond
3rd - Lisa Richmond

Overall Winner:
NATALIE PEART

Christopher Walk, Newton Aycliffe

Vegetables Winners

Class 71 - 2 Pot Leeks
1st - J Lawson
2nd - J Lawson
3rd - R Wheeler
Class 72 - 2 long leeks
1st - J Lawson
2nd - E Graham
3rd - J Lawson
Class 73 - 3 onions
1st - J Lawson
2nd - J Lawson
3rd - F Batley
Class 74 - 4 Shallots
1st - A Dobson
2nd - Stan Double
3rd - A Matthews
Class 75 - 2 carrots
1st - J Lawson
2nd - J Lawson
Class 76 - 2 parsnips
1st - R Wheeler
2nd - R Wheeler
3rd - A Dobson

Class 77 - 3 beetroot
1st - A Matthews
2nd - A Matthews
3rd - KM Fraser
Class 78 - Cauliflower
1st - J Nicholson
2nd - A Matthews
3rd - A Matthews
Class 79 - Cabbage
1st & 2nd - A Matthews
3rd - KM Fraser
Class 80 - 3 potatoes
1st & 2nd - S Kellett
3rd - A Matthews
Class 81 - 4 diff veg
1st - J Lawson
2nd - R Wheeler
3rd - J Lawson
Class 82 - tomatoes
1st - JE Harris
2nd - EM Armstrong
3rd - SB Shackleton
Class 83 - Marrow
1st & 2nd A Matthews
3rd - KM Fraser

Overall Winner:
JOHN LAWSON

Nickstream Lane, Darlington

Flower Section Winners

Class 84 - all round
1st - J Nicholson
2nd - R Wheeler
3rd - E Graham
Class 85 - 3 Chrysanth
1st/2nd/3rd - J Nicholson
Class 86 - 3 Dahlias
1st/2nd/3rd - R Wheeler
Class 87 - 3 Dahlias
1st - R Wheeler
2nd - KM Fraser
3rd - KM Fraser
Class 88 - Hybrid Roses
1st - S J Double
2nd - SJ Double
Class 89 - Sweet peas
1st/2nd/3rd - J Jones

Class 90 - 3 Gladioli
1st/2nd/3rd - J Nicholson
Class 91 - Gladioli
1st/2nd/3rd - J Nicholson
Class 92 - House plant
1st - S Shields
2nd Mrs J Clelland
3rd - S Shields
Class 93 - pot plant
1st - S Shields
2nd - G Kearton
3rd - Mr D Egglestone
Class 94 - buttonhole
1st - S J Double
2nd - J Nicholson
3rd - A Dobson

Overall Winner:
JOHN NICHOLSON

St Andrews Road, Bishop Auckland

Floral Art Winners

Class 95 - activity
1st - Mrs DG Chapman
Class 96 - Walk
1st - Rita Johnson
Class 97 - Market
1st - Mrs DG Chapman
2nd - Rita Johnson

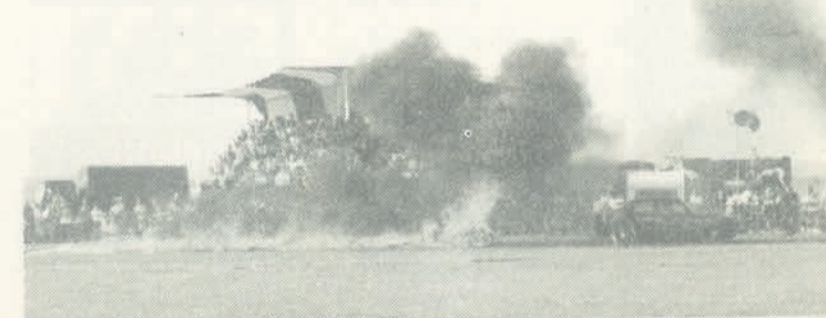
Class 99 - dance
1st - CA Stewart
2nd - Mrs EM Armstrong
3rd - CA Stewart
Class 100 - seashore
1st - R Johnson
2nd - CA Stewart

Overall Winner:
RITA JOHNSON

West Green, Heighington



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CONNELL To Martin and Debbie a son Benjamin William, brother for Scott and Mark, congratulations love Grandma C

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RONNIE & KELLY Have a great day and a wonderful honeymoon Tracey and Peter

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DANIEL HYMAS To my big brother now you are 4, love from Anthony

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SANGSTER The Banger, happy 18th big bruv, lots of love and hugs from Darran, John

SANGSTER Happy 18th Michael, love and best wishes from Nana, Stanley and Gary

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MARK REAY Happy birthday Mark and congratulations upon passing your entrance test into the Green Howards

hope your training goes well, love and best wishes from Mum and Dad, Tracey and Chris

MARK REAY Happy 20th birthday 1-9-95, also congratulations on getting into the Green Howards Regiment, show them all you can dot it, lots of love Julie, Mark, Kayleigh and Mark

LAURA CULLEN All our love and best wishes to a very dear and special friend on your 80th birthday, September 3rd. We will have a drink to your good health and happiness (sorry, we can't be with you) love Dorothy and Cec

CULLEN Happy birthday "gran" hope there's many more love Julie, Dave, Daniel and Kelly

DOWSON to Richard and Jill (nee Dinsdale) a beautiful baby girl, Katie Lauren 13-8-95, lots of love from both families

CARPENTER, MANDY 4-9-95, happy 17th birthday from Joanne, Graeme and Julia

PIRIE - MITCHELL Happy 6th birthday to our number on granddaughter Siobhan also happy 1st birthday to our number two granddaughter Chloe, love and hugs from Nana and Grandad Simpson

TROUTEN Congratulations to Ian and Gail (nee Tarvit) on the birth of your beautiful son (Calum George) all our love Mum and Dad

For Sale

BABY CLOTHES birth to approx. 2 years, over 100 items, plus socks and bibs £20, girls clothes, birth to approx. 1 year £10, high chair/swing £10, bouncing cradle £3 Tel 311798

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Thanks

JOSIE would like to thank all clients of J.E.S. for their condolences and messages of sympathy during her recent loss. I look forward to seeing you ALL in the next few weeks, when our routine will return to normal. Also special thanks to Jan and Lesley for all their hard work

ADRIAN and Charlotte Dawson would like to thank family and friends for cards and gifts received on their wedding day. Special thanks to bridesmaids, ushers, best man, Mr and Mrs K Kilby and a very special thanks to Mams and Dads, we couldn't have done it without you - thanks everyone for making it a special day.

TROUTEN (nee Tarvit) Gail and Ian would like to thank all family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts received on the birth of their son, Calum George 21-8-95, brother for Joss

MRS SONIA NORTH wishes to thank her husband, family, friends and neighbours in Bewick Crescent for all the kindness shown during her recent illness

Accommodation

ROOM TO RENT owner occupied bungalow, Aycliffe, employed person, non-smoker, use of facilities Tel 300709 for details

In Memoriam

DOWNING, EILEEN 30-8-95 Still missing you more and more Mam. We think of you every day God sends. God bless and keep you safe always Brian and Chris

IAN CLARK Died 1-9-92, still sadly missed, from all at Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club

ELLA RICHARDSON No matter how our lives may change, no matter what we do, we won't forget those precious years, the ones we spent with you. Remembered with love Mena, Joe and family

RON WELLS 3rd September 1990. Loved and remembered always, loving wife Mary

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LOCAL MAN IN KEY ROLE



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(22.4 overs)
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Mike Holten 23
Dale Kelly 13 NO

FILM COMPNAY SEARCH FOR 'SEA DOGS'

Dear Sir

I am researching a major new BBC television series which will explore the lives of Britain's seafarers during the first half of this century.

The fisherman and merchant may have been the masters, but the sea was also the workplace and playground of the affluent and "well-to-do". Behind every fishing fleet successfully operating off the British coast and beyond were the owners. These were fiercely proud and, at times, ruthless men who

controlled and protected their interest in the community and the market place.

But who were these owners and how did they feel about the men who risked life and limb to bring in the daily catch? In the Royal Navy, class divisions were strong. As an institution the Navy was conservative in the extreme, with its admiralty and officers drawn mainly from service families in the upper middle classes.

The social structure within the Navy magnified the rigid hierarchy of the rest of society. It was thought that "good breeding" would serve an officer well when under extreme pressure in battle. For others, the sea provided luxury and enjoyment in the form of exotic cruises on the beautiful liners of the 1920's and 30's. Companies like Thomas Cook were at the forefront of the cruise business, offering package holidays for the wealthy.

If you were a fleet owner, a high-ranking officer in the Navy or went on luxury cruises (not a transatlantic passage) before 1950 I would very much like to hear from you: Anthony Niven, Testimony Films, 12 Great George Street, Bristol BS1 5RS.

Save the Children Domino Handicap

In last weeks Newton News we informed readers that "Save the Children" were to attempt a world record for domino playing. It is only the intention of Jackie Race and Kath Nichol, the

marathon players, to beat Jackie's own record of 362 games set back in 1988.

The Domino Marathon will take place at Gateway, Newton Aycliffe on 12th September.

"A LAD FROM DURHAM" SEEKS PUBLISHERS FOR NEW BOOK

Tom Robson, author of "A Lad from Durham" is now looking for a publisher for his second book which he has just completed.

Tom, who lives at Avon Court in Newton Aycliffe says "It is the ideal therapy for anyone who is retired". His book, entitled "Boy

Seaman R.N. - The True Story", tells of the life of young boys of 15 who trained in the Royal Navy from 1790-1976. Included in the book are the historical facts and the tough regimes they had to endure to emerge as the best trained disciplined sailors in the world.

An ex-Boy Seaman himself, Tom relates his own experiences of the brutal treatment and punishments given to boys such as that of a Boy Seaman who was given 24 strokes of the Birch for singing a "rude" song, or boys made to eat cigarettes when caught smoking. Many died in training. Tom says "they were continually pushed to the limits to prepare their characters and fitness to become members of the Senior Service and their readiness to join ships of the fleet". He goes further by saying "the quality of these young men, resulting from that training is sadly lacking in today's society, a feeling what is shared by many".

SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1995

Ferryhill Carrs - Fencing Project

During the winter we will be planting up new hedgerows on this very special wildlife site. Today's project is to construct a section of fencing which will protect the young hedge. An interesting and satisfying project no experience necessary. Meet at 10am at the junction of Cleves Avenue and Wood Lane, Ferryhill at the start of the footpath which leads to the railway line. Bring a packed lunch and wear old clothes and boots.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 1995

Eating Out - (Fruits and Fungi)

An easy 3 mile walk in search of something good to eat, led by fungi expert Brian Athey. Meet at 2pm by Cow Plantation at the junction of Wood Vue and Ox Close Crescent, Spennymoor. Children very welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a collecting container and waterproof clothing.

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 1995

Footsteps Through History

Join Michael Ord for this 8 mile walk, looking at places and events which have shaped Ferryhill and Cornforth over the years. Meet at 11am in Ferryhill Market Place, outside the Town Hall.

For further information on these or other countryside events in Sedgefield District, please contact Graham Clingan at S.D.C. on 01388 816166 ext 4487

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Wednesday 6pm & 7.30pm, Thursday 12.30pm
Friday 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am

White Horse Hotel, Harrowgate Hill - Monday 6.30pm

NEW MEETING FROM 6th SEPTEMBER IN DARLINGTON

St. Herberts Church Hall, Yarm Road - Wednesday 9.45am

FERRYHILL Town Hall - Wednesday 9.30am & 6.00pm

SEDFIELD Ceddesfeld Hall, Rectory Row - Wednesday 6.00pm

SHILDON Methodist Church Hall, Main Street - Monday 6.15pm

SPENNYMOOR Leisure Centre - Monday 9.30am, 5.00pm & 6.30pm

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Community Centre Memorial Hall, Darlington Road - Tuesday 6.00pm

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