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TOWN COUNCIL CAN HAVE AGNEW WOOD AND MORE IF ...

In replying to the Council's request for Woodham Golf Club to donate Agnew Wood to the Town, Director Stan Roberts says he has already offered it, and a lot more, if the planners allow him to build executive houses on unused land he owns.

His proposal to provide an exclusive executive Hamlet comprising 25 houses on third of an acre plots has been refused.

In return for this development, which would help him build a new Hotel for the town, he would upgrade and improve his stretch of the notorious C35 road, hand over the 20 acres of Woodland and complete all public paths and bridlepaths over his land which were left unfinished by the Development Corporation. "It seems a good deal to me just for a few houses on derelict land" said Stan Roberts who maintains the land in question was designated for development in original plans, and should have been re-introduced at the same time "Eldon Whins" was opened for house building.

According to Mr. Roberts the Town cannot lose as any profits made would be ploughed back into improving the area - especially the C35 which is a danger and inconvenience to motorists caught up in traffic jams every day.

"The town would also have a new Hotel, bringing prestige and increased business to the town" said Stan.

On the face of it one has to agree with Mr. Roberts. It would cost the authorities nothing and the town gains are indeed very attractive - so what is the problem? Other instances of green field development have been allowed to bring prestige and jobs - why not at Woodham?

We spoke to Richard Atly at the SDC who told us the main objection was that the proposed development would be in the countryside half a kilometre from the nearest estate.

A government inspector's report on the Local Plan

upholds the view which states any housing development on the site would appear isolated by the swathe of the intervening open land, emphasising the rural character of the place. It would appear intrusive just at the point where panoramic views herald the approach of countryside having just left the built-up area.

This argument would be acceptable if applied to everyone, but it is clear from recent developments in the country that building in the countryside is being permitted for bigger and more intrusive schemes than that being proposed at Woodham.

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TOWN COUPLE CELEBRATE DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY



George and Frances Pearson Celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 12th September 1995. They received a telegram from the Queen and the Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe Town Council came to visit them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers

Good Response for Hospice Appeal

St Teresa's Hospice which covers the whole of Darlington area and beyond to Richmond, Barnard Castle, Shildon and Newton Aycliffe, has been very encouraged by the response from the general public and industry in the area which it serves to its first Sunflower Week.

Sunflower Week is a national appeal for the Hospice Movement which took place in June and offered members of the public a Sunflower lapel in exchange for a contribution to their local Hospice.

The Hospice is extremely grateful to all the individuals who purchased a sunflower, and is keen to emphasise how valuable the appeal has been to the on-

going work at St Teresa's. The 1995 Sunflower Appeal raised a staggering £10,800 for St Teresa's Hospice in Darlington. The appeal served a dual purpose as many people who were previously unaware of the existence of St Teresa's now know about the Hospice and the services which it provides. Sunflower appeal co-ordinator Mrs Jenny Hardy thanked everyone who helped with the appeal, "This appeal has been a tremendous success. we have achieved our two most important aims of raising a large sum for our local Hospice and promoting awareness about the care and kindness provided to terminally ill people by St Teresa's".

SQUASH TIE

For the first time there has been a tie at the top of the Premier League in the Upex Squash Leagues at the Oak Leaf sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe.

Previous Champion Gary Hall finished with the same points as fellow first team player Dave Lyons and Richard Vitty finished third.

Nigel Blenkinsop, Steve Heslop and Kevin Greenall were all relegated to be replaced by John Ward, Peter Ranisay and Robert Thompson, and with five of the top six nominated players in the premier league in the coming month it should prove to be very competitive.

Sheila Pinkney continued

her good run of wins in the first division of the ladies leagues with Sue McTague and Julie Bowtell 2nd and 3rd respectively and in the Upex sponsored prize draw for players who played all their games the following were winners: Tony Butt, Steve Mears, Jed Hodgson, Keith Wallace, Margo Wood, Phil Gatiss, Peter Toes, David Carlisle, Rob Brunning, Terry Bowater, Gerry Vickers, Andrew Carlin, Nev Gillan, Glyn Davies, Steve Bell and Bernard Borsberry.

Anyone interested in joining the Squash Leagues should telephone the Sports Complex (01325-300600)

Athletic Club Race Results

In the Dalton Dash over a difficult 10 mile course the Aycliffe Captain Dave Askew took 60 mins. and Pete Milburn was 4th in 58 mins. Sue Cruddace completed the race in 72 mins. Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Oakleaf Sports Complex and new members are always welcome.

Other results:
Darlington 10K
Teams finished 2nd and 9th against the best in the North East.
In the Riverside Challenge Mick Brunskill came 13th Raby Castle 10K:
Geoff Thurlbeck 41:15,
Julia Atkinson 44:30,
Sue Thurlbeck 47:35.

In the Billingham 10K Road race, 4 Aycliffe runners ran particularly well. First to finish for Aycliffe was Mick Brunskill in 33 mins followed by John Burnside 39 min 50 sec, Alan Wilkes 40 min 25 sec, and Cec Sugden 40 min 43 sec

On Sunday in the Great North Run Aycliffe runners performed particularly well. First to finish for Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club was

Pete Milburn in 75mins, followed by John Burnside 88m, Dave Middleton 88m 35secs, Sue Cruddace 91m, Cecil Sugden 94m 04s, Trevor Needham 94m 30s, Ray Todd 98m, Rob Nixon 100m, J. Lea 115m, P. Thistlethwaite 115m and J. Thistlethwaite 140m.

Legion Leek Show Results

British Legion Leek Show Results

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K. Vincent
Most Points (Vegetables)
R. Davey
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Margaret Hodgson

Photo Club Seek New Members

Newton Aycliffe Photographic Society are looking for new members to join them at their weekly meetings held at the Over 60's Club, Neville Parade 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. The group has a very interesting programme of events on all aspects of photography including talks, tips, demonstrations, tuition and competitions. Everyone is welcome and the members are particularly keen to enrol beginners and ladies. For further details contact John Snowdon on 312417.

Newton Press 5-a-side Winners

In the last Newton Press Bank Holiday 5-a-Side Tournament of the year at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe, previous winners, Card News, had another victory in this popular event.

As usual the eight places were snapped up quickly and the two groups were very competitive with the eventual group winners, Card Press and Tyne Tees Packaging both going through to the semi-finals on goal difference.

In the Final, Tyne Tees Packaging took an early lead through Adrian Gough but this was quickly equalised by Andrew Rose.

Tyne Tees scored again through Craig Lazenby and that was equalised by Scott Turner.

In the second half Card News took control with three quick goals and they then ran out comfortable 7-3 winners.

After the Presentations, all the participants enjoyed a buffet supplied by sponsors Newton Press.

COUNTY SCHOOL TRAVEL PROVISION

Statement by Keith Mitchell,

Durham County Council's Director of Education

The County Council must provide free home to school travel for pupils aged under eight who live more than two miles from their nearest suitable school.

For pupils aged over eight, the distance is three miles, but in fact, the County Council has used its discretion and decided to provide transport for those living more than two miles away.

If parents do not send their children to the nearest suitable school but prefer to choose another, the County Council does not have to provide them with home to school travel. When the Government decided to extend parental choice it did not make any more money available to local authorities to pay for home to school travel and the County Council does not have the resources to provide travel for all pupils who do not attend their nearest suitable school.

We write to parents asking them to express a preference for a school and at the same time explain which is the nearest suitable school and if free home to school transport is available.

The letter also explains that home to school travel is not normally available if they choose to send their child to another school.

When parents decide not to send their child to the nearest suitable school, they presumably take into account how the child is to get there.

Travel is provided by way of a seat on a contract vehicle known as the school bus - or by a contract ticket for use on a scheduled passenger service.

Where there are spare seats on a school bus, they are offered to parents as a concessionary travel.

Parents who request concessionary travel complete an application form which details the conditions and the basis on which it is made available.

Parents are reminded again that the County Council has a duty to provide home to school travel for these pupils. Prior to 1994, the County Council used to take into account the number of entitled and concessionary travellers when tendering for school buses. In January, 1994, the Government reminded the County Council that it could not provide or arrange transport for pupils who don't qualify for free home to school travel.

This means the County Council can't arrange to provide transport for pupils who use concessionary travel. It can only offer them a surplus place on a bus if one exists. The number of entitled travellers varies from year to year and it follows that the number of surplus places for concessionary travel also varies from year to year.

No commitment can be, or is, given to parents that concessionary travel will be available in any one year and certainly not for the entire school life of the pupil. Parents are advised of this when they apply for concessionary travel and even sign a form to say they have understood the conditions attached to concessionary travel.

It is an inescapable fact that there are insufficient spare places on school buses this September to accommodate requests for free home to school travel.

We are unable to provide concessionary travel for all parents who have requested it, especially having been reminded by the Government that we cannot provide or arrange transport for pupils who do not qualify for free home to school travel. From September, 1995, it is estimated that over 650 pupils will be provided with concessionary travel, and the County is pleased to be able to help as many youngsters as possible where genuinely "spare" seats are available.

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LETTER CUB & SCOUT GROUPS CLOSE FOR LACK OF LEADERS

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The 2nd Newton Aycliffe
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have been in existence
almost as long as Newton
Aycliffe itself.
Unfortunately this era is
about to end.

The Cub and Beaver
Scout sections were closed
down three weeks ago due
to a shortage of leaders,
unfortunately without the
Cubs and Beavers the
Scout section will bow to
the same fate by
Christmas 1995, unless
help is forthcoming. New
helpers and instructors

are needed to inject new
life on a regular basis
both in the day to day
running of the group and
also in the background as
the Group committee.

Alternatively contact
either myself Brian
Winwood on Aycliffe
307440 (evenings) or Mr
Thomas Nicholson on
Bishop Auckland 01388
606460 (evenings).

All help will be gratefully
received.

Yours Hopefully
Brian Winwood
(Assistant Scout Leader)

New Rotary President Takes Office



Terry Crowe hands over the presidency of the Towns
Rotary Club to John Dormer well known local
Councillor and J. P.

"Treble Clef" in Concert at Neville Parade

The Ladies Circle at
Neville Parade Methodist
Church invite you to join
them on Saturday, 7th
October at 2pm when they
are hosting a concert by a
group called Treble Clef.
Treble Clef are a very
popular group of five
enterprising over fifties
who have formed a band
with electronic keyboards.
Their music is restrained
and melodic with the
emphasis on easy listening.
Their repertoire of tunes is
mainly standards and old
time melodies - Golden
Oldies. They take it in turn
to play melody and
harmony or rhythm -
popular music rather than
pop music. Not
surprisingly most of their
audiences want to sing

along with the music and
you, too, will be
encouraged to do so.
Although organised by the
Ladies Circle it is not a
ladies only event - it is open
to everybody. There will be
a Faith Tea (everyone takes
something to share), and a
Silver Collection will be
taken in aid of the Rafter
Fund.
The Ladies Circle meets
each Tuesday in Neville
Parade Church Coffee
Lounge at 2.30pm and have
a programme of speakers,
discussions,
demonstrations, outings
etc. Any lady going along
for the first time would be
made most welcome, have
an entertaining afternoon
and a cup of tea and a chat
before going home.

WOODHAM YOUTH ACTION GROUP FORMED TO COMBAT CRIME

A group of young people
from Newton Aycliffe -
who are involved in
combating crime in their
own authority - are set to
take part in a Roadshow
soon where they will meet
scores of others involved in
the same work, aimed at
swopping and sharing good
ideas.

The Woodham Youth
Action Group, based in
Woodham Comprehensive
School, Newton Aycliffe, is
sending six members as
delegates to the Prudential
Youth Action Initiative
Roadshow being held at the
Spennymoor Leisure
Centre, High Street,
Spennymoor, in County
Durham.

On Saturday 7th October
over 200 young people
from groups all over the
North East will descend on
Spennymoor for the day.
they will be involved in a
number of workshops,
ranging from peer-led drug
addiction and conflict
mediation, to learning how
to stage and publicise
conferences in their own
communities. The
workshops are all run by
youth leaders and youth
organisations for young
people.

However, the group from
Newton Aycliffe, will still
have time to get involved
in other events, including

going swimming at the
leisure centre.

The Prudential Youth
Action Initiative is a five-
year programme backed by
£1.25 million funding from
Prudential and managed by
Crime Concern, the
national crime prevention
organisation.

Being launched at the
Roadshow are the 1995
Prudential Youth Action
Awards recognising the
important work of over 950
Youth Action Groups in the
UK and what they have
done to tackle shop theft
and fear of crime, the two
project categories.

Young people stand to win
a total of £2,000 as the
overall award winners, and
£1,000 each as category
winners, for crime
prevention projects that
will make a difference in
their communities. The
winners will be announced
next year.

The Spennymoor
Roadshow is one of five
being held around the
country, involving more
than 1,200 young people.

Enquiries:
Suzy Whitehead
Press Officer
Crime Concern
Tel: 01793 514596
Mrs C Reynolds
Woodham Youth Action
Group
Tel: 01325 300328

LETTER STRICTER INSPECTION OF TAXIS REQUIRED

Dear Editor,
I am a regular user of Taxi's
in and around Newton
Aycliffe from both Taxi
ranks and via telephone
bookings.

I have noticed that a
number of Taxi companies
seem to think that the
general public do not notice
how bad some of their
vehicles are and that some
Taxi's are in a very bad
state of repair and
condition, badly painted,
rusty and holed bodywork,
dents and various damaged
body panels. The interiors
are no better, holed carpets
and seats, dirty windows
and seat coverings
damaged and broken door
handles etc.

On speaking to various
Taxi drivers, I have been
told, that licensed Taxi's are
tested twice a year and that
the Council employs an
Inspector to control the
condition of these vehicles.
I would like to know how

the Council can allow these
vehicles to operate in this
condition?

I would also like to mention
that not all vehicles are as I
have described above and
that most Taxi owners keep
their vehicles in excellent
condition.

From a disillusioned
Aycliffe Taxi user.

P.S. I have also written to
the Council Taxi Office.

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supply to the Fujitsu site.

Town Centre Toy Shop Raided

Thousands of pounds
of toys including bikes
and scaletrix sets were
stolen in a burglary at
Hardings in the town
centre this week.

Many of the items had
been set aside in the
stores Christmas Club
and fortunately the
goods are fully insured,
but this is no
consolation to the
owner Alan Knox who
bought the shop three
years ago.

It was obviously a
professional raid and a
van must have been
used to remove all the
items. The burglary
happened on Monday
evening between 5 and
9pm and if anyone saw
a vehicle at the loading
bay behind Beveridge
Way Shops they are
asked to contact the
Police Tel: 314401 or
Alan on 312003.

DICKIE BOW CLUB PROVIDE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



On Saturday the 9th September, Dr Pounder went along
to the Southerne Club to accept a vacu-aide breast
machine from Mrs Bella Gay, the cost of which was met
by The Dickie Bow Section of the Southern Club.

The Dickie Bow section is a charity which anyone can
write into with a request for help, unfortunately some have
to be refused but the rest we help to the best of our ability.
The donation to the Pease Way Medical Centre came from
a letter sent in by Mrs Bella Gay, and we thought it would
benefit the community so we decided to honour her
request.

The funds for our various charities are raised entirely by
voluntary helpers on a Sunday after-noon from 12pm to
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BARBECUE TREAT FOR HAWKSHEAD COURT RESIDENTS



The Residents of Hawkshead Court next to the Southerne Club were treated to a special Barbecue, by members of the "Dickie Bow Club" a fund-raising section which meets regularly at the Southerne Club. The Dickie Bow Club have been in existence for a number of years and have helped numerous local charities. Pensioners have received many acts of kindness and this Barbecue was greatly appreciated by all who attended.



AYCLIFFE TEACHER HONoured AT "WOMEN OF THE YEAR LUNCH"

Olwyn Gunn, National President of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) and a Durham Primary Headteacher will be one of the honoured guests at the 1995 Women of the Year Lunch. Olwyn's work in the teacher trade union movement and in nursery and primary education has gained her a place with 500 other distinguished women at London's Savoy Hotel on Monday 30th October. Now in its 40th year the Women of the Year Lunch is held in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind. The Lunch was founded by the Marchioness of Lothian to bring together women from all walks of life who have achieved outstanding success in their chosen field. The event will be attended by HRH Princess Alexandra and the International Guest of Honour will be Madame Simone Veil. This year the Women of the Year Lunch acknowledges young artists who are blind and partially sighted. The winner of the "Picture This" Art Competition, which received some 70 entries from children all over the

UK, will be at the Savoy on behalf of her school, to receive the Frink Award, a bronze eagle, by the late Dame Elizabeth Frink to be held for one year and a cash prize to be used to the benefit of the pupils.

SDC SAY NO TO IDENTITY CARDS

Sedgefield District Council have decided not to support proposals for the introduction of a National Identity Card Scheme. This is in response to a Government consultation document which the Council also publicised in their "Inform" magazine. The response from residents was poor but those who did reply was 3 to 1 in favour of Identity cards. Despite this the Council have indicated their objection.

CHALLENGE FOR DAREDEVILS



Daredevils from Durham are being invited to complete a 12,000 feet sponsored free-fall tandem skydive in aid of local deaf children. The National Deaf Children's Society is looking for hundreds of adventurous

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Thanks also to the Royal British Legion for the donation of their concert hall for the evening.
We also wish to thank all of the companies who donated prizes towards our grand raffle that was drawn on the night. Including J&C Coaches, Argos, Gregg Little, Dixons Group, Sun & Health, Pizza Hut, Marks & Spencer, Thorntons, Black & Decker, 3M, Vaux, Bass and Newcastle Breweries, Perstorp Ferguson and Fujitsu. Not forgetting Newton Press who kindly printed all of our raffle and concert tickets free of charge.
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On Friday 29th September we are having a quiz night with pie + pea supper, at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £1.50 and are available by ringing 311798 or 320112. On Sunday 1st October at 10.45am we are celebrating harvest. Everyone is welcome to join us although we ask that any harvest gifts could be non-perishable items as they are to be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.
Yours faithfully
Lynne Arnold
On behalf of St Elizabeths Church.

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WOODHAM PUPILS IN FINAL OF BT KIELDER CHALLENGE



Left to Right (Back row) Gail Marshall, Laura Bell, Claire Robinson, Steven Odie, Jonathan Jimenez. (Front row) Kathryn Holmes, Michael Deane & Luke Hardwick.



Target practice for Michael Deane (in chair), helped by team mate Jonathan Jimenez and watched by Olympic swimmer & TV personality Zara Long.

Eight youngsters from Woodham Comprehensive School have taken part in the final of the prestigious BT Kielder Challenge competing against five other teams from around the UK.

More than 90 teams entered the BT Kielder Challenge, battling through local heats and semi-finals to reach the final, held over the weekend (September 15, 16, 17,) at the Calvert Trust Centre, Kielder, in Northumberland. The challenge tests the way four youngsters with disabilities and four able bodied pupils combine to tackle a variety of outdoor challenges.

During the weekend the pupils tackled different outdoor games in Kielder Forest, all with the theme of "birds of prey". Supporting the event were the Ramsey Raptor Trust, of Cambridgeshire, who exhibited several birds of prey.

The aim of the event, organised by Sheffield based Fieldfare Trust, is to enable youngsters with and without disabilities to enjoy the challenge of working together as a team and to stimulate an interest in environmental education.

Launched in 1985 the challenge became a national event in 1987. It is sponsored by the BT Community Programme as part of its support for people with disabilities.

Sandy Walkington, BT's Head of Corporate Affairs, who presented the prizes said: "We are very proud of our involvement with the challenge. It is about team work, co-operation and most importantly about talking to each other; talking so people can work together and plan."

"Kielder is an event which is not only fun but is also a true challenge and leaves a lasting sense of achievement in all who take part," said Mr Walkington. The final is held at the Calvert Trust Centre, Kielder, a centre specially designed for people with disabilities and gives easier access to the surrounding countryside and Kielder Water.

British Olympic swimmer and TV personality, Zara Long, attended the event and helped present the awards.

A team from Hereford won the event with a team from Widnes runners-up. The team unity trophy going to a school from West Sussex.

ENVIRONMENT WATCH FORMED

A newly formed environmental group in Sedgefield District needs volunteers to keep an eye out for development proposals which may threaten their patch of countryside.

The Sedgefield District Committee was set up in July by the Co Durham Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Its members monitor planning applications submitted to the local authority and object to those which appear damaging to the

local environment. To be really effective, the committee would like to have a "watchdog" volunteer for each village or town in the district, because only residents can properly assess the significance of each application.

Places where volunteers are especially wanted are in Newton Aycliffe and anyone interested should contact Brian Gibson 7 Magdalene Place Ferryhill Tel:- 01740 652743

St. Francis Celebrate 25th

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

St Francis Church & C of E Junior School, Horndale are to celebrate 25 years of worship & learning on St Francis Day, October 4th.

The school will begin the day with a Eucharist at 9.30am which will be led by pupils & staff. Then at 7.30pm the church service will be led by the Rev Nicholas Chamberlain to which the congregation extend a warm welcome to all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

at ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Harvest thanksgiving services will be held at St Clare's Church on Sunday 8th October.

At 8.00am there will be Holy Eucharist, then at 10.30am there will be a FAMILY SERVICE to which everyone, young and old are invited to come. Tea and coffee will be served after the Family Service.

In the evening Choral Eucharist is at 6.00pm, followed at 7.15pm by an Auction of Produce in the Church Hall, for the work of Christian Aid.

Gifts of fruit, vegetables, tins, packets etc are most welcome at all of the services.

LETTER Family Thanks For Charity Show

Dear Editor,
With regards to the Charity Show held in the Royal British Legion on August 17th in aid of the "TREE OF LIFE" (HOMOGRAFT FUND). There are still several prizes still to be claimed, the numbers are as follows: 10920, 14828, 25480, 25838, 25283. If you have these numbers please contact me on 01325 300883 or see Christine or Richard in the British Legion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Steve Ibbitson of the British Legion for arranging with the Dave Carr Agency the excellent entertainment on the night of the show, and also to thank Mrs Carol Gordon for contributing towards the HAMPERS etc.

My family and I would also like to thank once again Mrs Carole Ellison and her family for planting a tree in Newton Aycliffe cemetery in memory of our daughter Tracey Salkeld.

Thanking You,
FROM THE FAMILY OF TRACEY SALKELD

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big thank you to all members of staff management at the Leisure Centre for their help support and interest which they have put in to help with our project. For further details contact Mr G. Cooper at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Tel: 01325 300800

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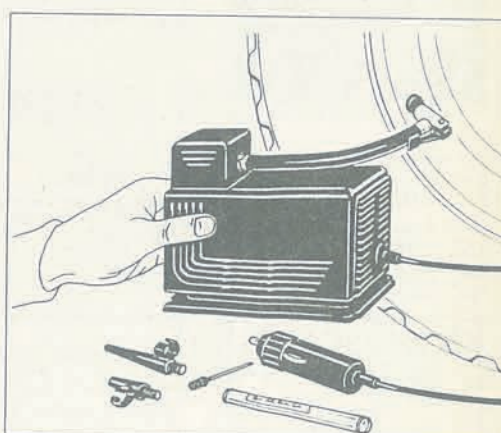
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Nana and Granda

SAMANTHA CURRAN
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sweetheart, lots of love
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Grandad

KATIE NORTON Happy
1st birthday to a darling
little girl on Tuesday 3rd
October. Lots of love and
kisses Grandma, Grandad,
Uncle Paul and Uncle John
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JOHN SPELLMAN
Happy birthday and
congratulations on your
18th birthday (Saturday
30th September) Love
Mam, Dad, Paul, Tony,
Ann-Marie and Katie

LEE GREEN Dancing
School Congratulations, I
enjoyed every minute of it,
especially to my
granddaughter Vikki, well
done love Gran Audrey

CHRISTINE
RICHMOND Happy 50th
Chris, on 26th September,
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Paul Anthony Lyons, the director of two Newton Aycliffe companies, was disqualified from being a director or taking part in the management of a limited company for three years at Darlington County Court on Friday 22nd September 1995. Both companies - Flag Projects Limited and Gistroll Limited - provided quantity surveying services.

The court held that P A Lyons allowed the companies to trade in the same way and to fail in succession. Debts in respect of VAT, PAYE and National Insurance contributions totalled £26 141 for both companies. He was also held liable for the Official Receiver's costs.

Winding up orders were made by the court for Flag Projects Limited on 23rd November 1994 and for Gistroll Limited on 17th June 1992.

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PUB TEAM SLUMP TO MISERABLE POSITION IN LEAGUE

THE HUNTSMAN conceded their second consecutive defeat last week, and slumped to a miserable position in the league.

After a 7-1 mauling from Hole In The Wall two weeks ago - in which The Huntsman were shown a few lessons in the art of how to kick a ball to a teammate - strong words were exchanged in the changing room before last week's away fixture against D.C.S. But it didn't help an unsettled Huntsman side, and D.C.S. stole all three points in the final moments of the game.

The first twenty minutes were fruitful for the visitors - with several slick passing exchanges and off the ball movement in midfield, resulting in The Huntsman taking the lead.

But after the break, failure was the conclusion to all attempts of success.

Chances were missed, challenges were lost and hopes of an away point were soon dashed when the home side capitalised of a lapse of concentration in the

Huntsman defence - with a last gasp effort that won the game 2-1.

Man-of-the-match for Huntsman was Neil Partridge and the winger-of-the-match T-shirt was awarded to Tony Travis. Director of Football, Stuart Hodgson, blasted: "We can't afford to go to places like D.C.S. and take for granted that we're going to win - like most of my players did last week. If you do take it for granted, it means you have to win - and we didn't. We ended up with egg on our faces."

He later added: "The chances are that we'll go out with a different team for the next match, but I'm not fully sure yet. I need to see who's fit, because we took a few knocks last week."

The Huntsman are yet to spark off this season, so maybe against Tut'n Shive, at home, they can bounce back and start a revival. But until then, it's only four points from six matches - and a lowly third bottom position staring them in the face.

AVON COURT CELEBRATE 15th ANNIVERSARY



Mrs Mary Grimes aged 96 the first and now oldest resident of Avon Court presented a bouquet to the Resident Manager at the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the opening and 30th year of the formation of "Housing 21".

Nearly 200 relatives and guests joined residents recently for a Buffet Supper and entertainment which included our Town Band.

Various presentations were made by Eric Little, Secretary of the Residents Association who also proposed the Loyal Toast.

The Lord Lieutenant was among the Civic Dignitaries present and he cut the special cake. The Chaplain Rev. Peter Baldwin said prayers and gave the blessing.

"GIVE BACK £100 FROM YOUR ALLOWANCE"

Says Councillor

Dear Sir,
May I put the following for my Elected Aycliffe Colleagues on the Sedgfield District and Durham County Councils to give consideration, and, hopefully, respond positively to?
Both Councils have increased their Attendance Allowances for the elected members, as of April this year.

As predicted by New Labour's Mystic Megs, my voting against that produced nothing significant from silent majorities. Seconds out, it fell on deaf ears, so to speak. However, all is not lost. If every Aycliffe Elected Member of both Sedgfield District and Durham County Councils donated one Hundred Pounds each to an "Aycliffe Fund" it would amount to £16,600 to promote an Annual Aycliffe Event.

12 Aycliffe District and 4

County Councillors, donating £100 annually, each. Dual Councillors on S.D.C. and D.C.C. Councils donating £200, a hundred pounds for each council elected to.

The "Aycliffe Fund" could be used to promote an Annual Event, such as an Aycliffe Open Golf Tournament on G.A.T.C. Golf Course, or an Annual Family Swimming Gala-Fun Day in Aycliffe Recreation Centre Swimming Pool, or a Music and Arts Festival? Aycliffe Elected Members could lead the way for others to follow? Provide a gesture of solidarity, irrespective of any Party Politics? Promote worthwhile publicity, and, a beneficial Town Social

Event for those we serve and represent on THEIR councils?

If Elected Members agreed, we could meet, discuss any possibilities, venues, costings, organisation, dates, etc, begin the promotion of an "Aycliffe Town Event" in good time for forward planning and the publicising of it.

We have to start somewhere, with something ALL Aycliffe Councillors can subscribe to, the benefit of the Town. I am willing to contribute to such a Fund, and work with other elected colleagues to that end. I believe it could be beneficial, can we co-operate and achieve it?
Don Fraser. Woodham Ward

REME TA RECRUITS PASS-OUT



On Sunday the 3rd September recruit Andrew McClintoch received his cap badge from Maj Iain Grime, Officer Commanding 124 Recovery Company REME (V) at Newton Aycliffe. Six recruits had just completed four weekends of basic training starting with a recruit selection and culminating in a field exercise. During their training the recruits were taught weapon handling, drill and leadership development. All the basic soldiering skills were tested in the final Exercises at Proteus Camp, Nottingham. They will now join their platoons and start training in their trades. They will also have to pass a two week recruit course at IIQ REME TA at Bordon.

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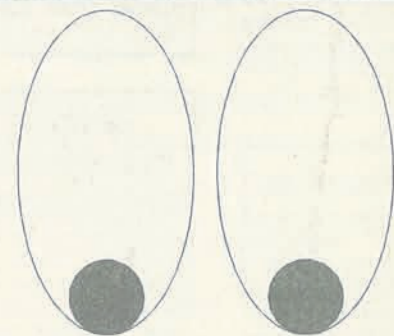
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