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Sedgefield District Council is currently investing millions of pounds to rebuild and refurbish Bessemer Park. Unfortunately, in recent months, the normal day to day life for some tenants on the estate, has been ruined by the anti-social behaviour of a small number of young people.

Council Leader, Brian Stephens, said, "There is a clear message here for all those who cause trouble to other tenants. The Council will do all it can to protect the interests of decent citizens. We have a duty to those people in our community who are faced with harassment and disturbance".

The two cases which were heard yesterday (2nd November) at Bishop Auckland County Court, arise from disturbances over several months at Bessemer Park. Housing Committee Chairman, Anne Mumford said, "We are working with the Police, Community Force and other organisations to ensure that a small number of individuals are not allowed to spoil the quality of life for their neighbours. Our success shows that the Courts understand the problems - we will not hesitate to take similar action anywhere in the District - we must stamp out this disgraceful behaviour".

## EX-MAYOR & MAYORESS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

The Second Front in World War 11 had just started when Betty, a driver in the M.T. section in the R.A.F. met John Woods who was an armoured with a Mustang Squadron at Bentwaters in Suffolk.

The friendship developed but they were separated when Betty was posted to Somerset and John went to Norway and Germany with the Second Tactical Air Force. On returning from Norway they were married in Darlington on November 17th 1945 - the latter being Betty's home town.

After demobilisation they moved to Peebles, Scotland where John belonged and in April

1966 came to Newton Aycliffe with their three children Tony, Des, and Pat, to be near Betty's parents who lived on the Town. John worked at Paton and Baldwins and Electrolux before retirement, and Betty worked for Laws Stores and the local shop.

On Saturday November 18th, in the evening,

John and Betty with their family and six grandchildren, relatives and friends are having a celebratory dinner at the Bay Horse, Middridge. John was mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council in 1987-88 and a member of Sedgefield District Council for nine years before retiring in May of this year.



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## Georges Jump Raises £500 for the Deaf



Last week George Clewes aged 58 of Fewston Close, successfully completed his first parachute jump in aid of the deaf.

George, a self-employed builder, jumped from a Cessna at 10,000 feet, raising over £500 from family and friends who sponsored his jump.

"It was absolutely fantastic, and a great experience which I would like to repeat next year" said George.

An ex Submariner, George has lived in Newton Aycliffe for 30 years. He served as a part time Fireman for 5 years at the Aycliffe Station.

## DISTRICT SWIMMERS VISIT TWIN TOWN IN GERMANY

On Saturday 21st October, 32 swimmers from Sedgfield 75 Swimming Club travelled to Rheinhausen in Germany as part of the Sedgfield / Rheinhausen twinning association. The swimmers were accompanied by their coach Mr. John Moore, several parents, and Councillor and Mrs. Rodger Ramsdale.

Our hosts in Germany arranged a wide and varied programme of excursions throughout the week which included: being welcomed by the mayor in his council chambers; a visit to Duisburg zoo; behind the scenes at Dusseldorf airport; a visit to an open cast mine; shopping in Dusseldorf; harbour cruise; and finally, a disco on the Friday evening to round off the week.

The swimmers participated in many other activities with their host families including ice skating,

horse riding and bowling. The spirit of friendship which was displayed by both hosts and visitors was a delight to witness and may these links between our clubs grow even stronger in the future. S V Rheinhausen will be visiting Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding area next October.

Throughout their stay the swimmers were privileged to be able to train in the 21 by 50 metre pool at Wedau Stadium, which is used for international championships. The swimming gala between the two clubs towards the end of the week was won for the third successive year by Sedgfield 75. Sedgfield 75 owe a great debt of gratitude to Janet and Philip Bowden for their organisation of the trip which began almost 12 months ago. Many thanks for all the hard work!

## Mayor and Mayoress of Darlington To Open Heighington Xmas Fayre

"Christmas will soon be upon us again and, as in previous years, St. Michael's Ladies Working Party are preparing to hold their annual Christmas Fayre in Heighington Village Hall on Saturday, 18th November, 1995.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress of Darlington that afternoon who will officially open the Fayre at 2p.m.

We also hope to see our many friends and supporters who will be able to do some Christmas present shopping at our numerous stalls, whilst the children can amuse themselves with various games. Refreshments will be served all afternoon and we very much look forward to seeing you there." E. Ellis.

## COUNCILS CAN HARNESS PRIVATE FIANANCE TO UPGRADE FACILITIES

Local Government Minister David Curry today announced rule changes to encourage investment by the private sector in local authority facilities. The changes will allow councils to harness private finance and management expertise in upgrading schools, leisure centres, libraries, theatres and other local facilities.

In addition Mr. Curry announced a new research study to help provide better understanding of the ingredients of successful joint ventures involving local authorities and the private sector. The study is designed to lead to the publication of a good practice guide for local authorities.

In reply to a written Parliamentary Question from Andrew Hargreaves M.P. (Birmingham Hall Green), Mr. Curry said:

"A year ago we announced a first package of measures under the Private Finance Initiative whose aim was to encourage joint ventures between local authorities and the private sector, and the disposal of surplus assets. We are continuing to implement and develop those proposals. Today I can announce another set of changes to the capital finance rules, to encourage further private sector involvement in the upgrading and, when necessary, replacement of local authority facilities. I am also announcing new research into the operation of joint public and private sector ventures.

"The rule changes I am announcing will increase from 50% to 90% the usable proportion of receipts from the sales of county farms for two years from 1st April 1996, as announced in Rural White Paper; increase from 50% to 75% the usable proportion of receipts from the sale of educational assets for two years from 1st April 1996; increase from 25% to 50% from 1st April 1996 the usable proportion of receipts from the sale of shares in education companies; reduce the capital cost for authorities when they enter into "design, build, finance and operate" type contracts for the replacement or upgrading by the private sector of facilities such as schools, leisure centres and theatres; give authorities greater scope for financing the replacement of these facilities out of the proceeds of their sale, by a number of rule changes whereby authorities can take account of the cost of replacement assets in calculating set-aside, including relaxations in respect of the treatment of leased assets; remove disincentives to the dual use of such facilities by an authority and the private sector; reduce the capital cost of equipment replacement contracts, making it easier, for example, for authorities to use energy services packages which improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.

"I hope to publish draft regulations embodying these changes within the next few weeks, and to lay them before the House, following consultation with interested parties, so that they can come into effect by 1st April 1996. In parallel with this consultation, I hope that further changes can be developed to extend the 'design, build, finance and operate' concept to virtually the full range of local authority capital expenditure.

The new research into the working of the Private Finance Initiative, commissioned by my Department and to be carried out by Coopers & Lybrand, will establish the nature and extent of authorities' involvement in joint companies through a questionnaire sent to all English local authorities. This will be followed by an investigation in detail of the role of companies in a number of case study local authorities.

In addition to a report on the research findings, it is intended that the study will lead to the publication of a good practice guide, designed to help local authorities in developing private sector partnerships through the medium of companies.

Authorities responses to the Private Finance Initiative have been very encouraging. There is now much greater consciousness of what private finance can achieve in improving local authority facilities and services. The Treasury's Private Finance Panel have worked with the Local Authority Associations to prepare a consultation paper drawing authorities attention to the scope for such action. The setting up of the Local Government Public Private Partnerships Programme, with its own staff to help authorities find the most effective opportunities, is a welcome further step.

My honourable friend the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Education and Employment (Cheryl Gillan) is making a separate announcement about the specific implications for private finance in education. My right honourable friend the Secretary of State for Wales is also making an announcement".

## FREE ADMISSION TO MUSICAL

For some time now a group of children and adults have been meeting at St. Clare's to rehearse a musical play called "The Selfish Giant". Volunteers have also been busy, building and painting scenery and making costumes for the production.

Two performances of the show are being presented in St. Clare's Church on Saturday

18th November and Sunday 19th November, commencing on both days at 4.00 p.m., so do come along and bring the family. Admission is **FREE**, but there will be a retiring collection to cover costs. Refreshments will be available in the church hall after the performance. Don't forget the dates - 18th and 19th November at 4.00 p.m.!

## TOWN LANDLORD COMPETES IN TOP T.V. SHOW

HUNTSMAN landlord Stan Fuller will be appearing on top T.V. show 'stars in their eyes', writes Martin Walker.

The news broke only last week, when karaoke host and entertainer Stan Fuller announced the good news over a microphone in his popular Woodham pub. Stan auditioned some time ago at the Crest Hotel in Newcastle. These preliminary sessions - with a staggering 36,000 applicants around the country - led to a short list of 90 singers auditioning at Granada Studios.

Judges were obviously impressed with Stan's vocal talents, as he was chosen - along with 49 others - to appear on the show. Recording will take place between 22nd March and 5th April of next year, and his forte will be Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees. On the footballing side of the Huntsman, last week's Redhall Rangers cup clash was called-off after lowly Rangers dropped out of the league.

But that is only one game. The team are lucky to be playing at all, after severe financial difficulties nearly crippled them in the summer.

Stan Fuller, the man responsible for the saving of the football

club, says he is very pleased with the sponsorship of the team: "At the time, I didn't think I was taking a risk with taking on the football team - and now I know. I'm sure the lads are as pleased as I am about the sponsorship, as they've got a nice pub to come to on weekends - including Sundays - and we're happy to see the customers."

This week, the Huntsman face Barnard Castle on home territory (Kick-off at 10.30a.m.). A full squad is available for the gaffer Stuart Hodgson, and an eventful game is bound.

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## LOCAL ADVISORY GROUP FORMED

Newton Aycliffe Local Advisory Group meets regularly each month to discuss local issues of concern and feeds back to the appropriate authorities suggesting ways of tackling these issues.

Current issues we are already looking into are, ways of improving access for local people both to information about services and physical access to facilities for people with a disability, people with young children and older people. We are also concerned about the lack of appropriate respite care facilities for people in the district to give those who are for someone at home a break, but in addition giving the person being cared for a change in an appropriate environment. One of our first priorities as a group is to develop a questionnaire to canvas local peoples views on needs and concerns in Newton Aycliffe, so that the group is truly representative of local people. To this end, during the next few months, we will be approaching local community groups and a random sample of people with this questionnaire to find out our concerns.

The group also makes

recommendations on local applications for funding new projects and the development of existing schemes which support local people in the community. Application forms and guidance are available from Jane Hartley, Health Alliance Co-ordinator on (01388) 816166 ex.4265. One of these projects which recently received funds was the Community Health of Newton Aycliffe which aims to work with local people in promoting health and wellbeing in the community. The funds provided running costs for a Community House in Silverdale Place, which is to act as a base for the project for use by local people.

Your Community representatives are:

The Revd. Nick Chamberlain - Chairman.  
Jim Rodwell - Vice Chairman.  
Margaret Cobb - Secretary  
Eric Eddleson. Carol Briggs.  
Carol Wright. Audrey Samme.  
Marie Coad. Maureen Sullivan.  
Al Ashworth. Michael Dalton.  
Olive McCabe. Keith Myers.  
Debbie Balcombe. Liz Shaw.  
Jean Hughs - Saunders Practice.  
Bewick Crescent.  
Mike Smith - Social Services.  
Tom Carver - Sedgefield District Council.

## Nearly New & Jumble

The Choir at Neville Parade Methodist Church have a large amount of good quality items which are on offer at their NEARLY NEW and JUMBLE SALE on Saturday November 18th at 10a.m. in the Church Hall. Admission is only 10p and coffee/tea and biscuits will be served throughout the morning.

## Letter to the Editor

### £8,000 BONFIRE NIGHT, WORTH EVERY PENNY says Councillor

Dear Sir,  
In ancient times, bonfires were 'bone fires': holocausts of bones of sacrificed animals. The ancient Celts, whose terrifying New Year celebrations occurred about this time of year, made a huge wooden cage, filled it with people, and set it

on fire! In Tudor and Stuart times, bonfires were used to warn the country about invasions, and to burn witches, heretics and effigies of traitors such as Guy Fawkes. So isn't it marvellous that, after such a catalogue of death and destruction, Great

Aycliffe Town Council has turned history on its head, and runs a bonfire that actually SAVES lives. Reading in the news about another crop of children burned and hurt on Plot night justifies, I believe, the Town Council's policy. At the same time, when other communities are falling apart, the bonfire provides a successful focal point of town life. The bonfire is a major Town Council expense. Sunday night's display cost £8,000 - each one of the big starburst 'mortars' can cost up to £50 each - but it was worth every penny. An estimated 7,000 people went to the Oak Leaf Complex, with hundreds of others watching the free display from their bedroom windows. At least this time the ratepayers were able to see where their money was going! Thanks - and congratulations - to all the officers of the Town Council who organised such a spectacular evening.

Yours faithfully,  
John D. Clare.

## Juniors and Parents Invited to View Greenfield and Woodham

Parents of all children in junior schools in current Year 6 are invited to visit Greenfield School and Woodham Comprehensive School next week. The schools will be open at 2.00 p.m. in the afternoon and 6.30 p.m. in the evening. Greenfield School is open on Monday 13th November and Woodham School on Tuesday 14th November.

Headteachers David Tate - Greenfield and Steve Harness - Woodham are recommending that all parents visit both schools in order to help them make the decision for comprehensive education for their children in 1996.

## TOWN'S RALLY DRIVER WINS 1600cc TITLE



Local rally driver, Geoff Wright has now completed the last two rounds of the Ears/Motoring News National Tarmac Series, where he won the capacity class in both races giving them the 1600cc Title for the year and also 6th overall, beating many more powerful cars including Turbos and 4WD models. Out of the seven scoring rounds of the

championship he had six wins and one second, which gave him the title by 14 clear points.

"My co-driver Donna Harper and myself would like to thank our families and friends, local sponsors, tyre experts, Dockray and Wealands and Sherwoods of Darlington for all their help and support throughout the year", said Geoff.

## FOUR BOWLERS SELECTED FOR COUNTY

Great Aycliffe Bowlers who play in the Leagues sponsored by Great Lakes Chemical Europe Ltd. at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex have started the season with four club members being selected to play for the county: Brend Mangles, Maureen Barron, Esther Helm, and Harry Ashcroft. The ladies play their first game against Yorkshire later this month.

The first inter club match in the mens league against Houghton, resulted in a win for Aycliffe. Later in the week they went on to win the Chairmans Trophy at Shildon, winning all

three games against Shildon, Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor to take the trophy for the second year running. The ladies won their first inter club match after a very close game against Chester le Street, winning by two shots. While in the Yetton Trophy, a national all England team competition, they won by 102 to 55 against Boldon to give them a place in the next round when they play Thornaby. Aycliffe Veteran's played Spennymoor in the first leg of the Co-op Cup and won by 47 to 32 shots. In their inter club league they picked up 3½ pts. to 1½ pts. against Shildon.

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# DISTRICT DIGNITARIES VISIT St. FRANCIS LUNCHEON CLUB



St. Francis Lunch Club had a visit by Chairman Councillor Mrs. Barbara Graham and Vice Chairman Mr. Kestor Noble from Sedgefield District Council, on Wednesday 1st November.

The visit went very well indeed - the chairman and vice-chairman moved around the Lunch Club chatting to "lunchers" and enjoying a cup of tea.

At 1.45 p.m. Durham County Ambulance Service visited the lunchers with a fully equipped Accident and Emergency Ambulance. The ambulance men

Paramedics Jim Broad and Eddie Taylor were fantastic. Ruby Jenner, veteran of the Second World War, said "They were marvellous and the new techniques are amazing". Ruby used to be an engineer working on Spitfires during the War.

The photo shows the whole group. In the middle Mrs. Barbara Graham and Kestor Noble, Eddie Taylor on the left and Jim Broad on the right.

There are still places available. Anybody wishing to join should contact Margaret on 316774, or Barbara on 318333.

## Letter to the Editor

### DECORATING FOR THE ELDERLY GETS UNDERWAY

Dear Syd,  
Can I just thank you for the help that the Newton News gave me regarding the request for volunteers to help do a little decorating. Without your Newspaper it would not have been possible. I am now in a position to help a limited number

of our old folk from within our community, we now have eight volunteers who are willing to give a hand with the painting and decorating of old peoples homes be they houses or bungalows.

Any of the old folks on the Town can get in touch with Denise on (01325) 311089, or Margaret on (01325) 318333, simply leave details, Name, address, telephone number, and somebody will be in touch to have a look at what needs to be done. This is a wonderful

thing to be part of, and it just goes to show that there is a community spirit on this Town if you look for it. I congratulate those who have volunteered to help and at the same time ask anybody reading this to consider giving some time to our older generation, who are just physically incapable of climbing up a height to get the wallpaper on the wall. So please, if you are not helping, give it some thought. Many thanks for your help and time. Yours sincerely, Martyn D. Locklin.



Great Aycliffe Town Council

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 1995

Notice is hereby given that the car parks opposite the Royal British Legion and near Isherwood Close will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12.00 noon, in connection with the above Parade and Service

The Civic and Military Authorities apologise for any inconvenience caused

J.D. Farquhar  
Town Clerk

## Pupil's £110 for Romania

Simon Clark Year 8 pupil at Greenfield Comprehensive School worked so well during the car wash in school, he decided to spend some of his half term holiday raising money for The Greenfield Challenge.

Simon (13) spent 2 days in the car park of Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club (Big Club) washing cars. He raised a commendable sum of £110.

The Challenge has almost reached £3,000 of its £4,000 target and now feel the visit to Romania during Easter 1996 is within their reach.

## METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY

On December 10th we celebrate 40 years in the life of Neville Parade Methodist Church at Newton Aycliffe and we will be inviting all who have been part of the Church at any time during those 40 years to join in the celebration.

Before the celebrations get under way there is something you can do for us - you might like to look out photographs or mementoes of occasions which were special to you and took place at Neville Parade. This is because we are having an exhibition entitled "40 Years on Parade" and it would be nice if your pictures could be part of that exhibition. The sort of

thing we are looking for are wedding/christening photographs or perhaps you were a member of one of the many organisations attached to the Church and we have photograph from the time you were a member, or perhaps a programme of a special event. If you have any contributions Mrs. Watson would be pleased to hear from you on 313078.

The exhibition will be mounted in the Church coffee lounge and will be opened with a coffee morning on Wednesday 6th December at 10.00a.m. and will be there until 11th December.....we hope to see you and perhaps renew some old friendships.



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- 2** Feed back to the appropriate authorities on the Health and Social Needs of Newton Aycliffe and suggest ways of tackling those needs.
- 3** Act as a forum for debate between representatives from the local community and those responsible for providing services.

## CONTACTS FOR ADVISORY GROUP

For further information regarding the Health Alliance, Newton Aycliffe Local Advisory Group, Finance Applications or the questionnaire. Please contact: Nick Chamberlain/Chairman/Newton Aycliffe Local Advisory Group on

(01325) 321533 or Jane Hartley, Health Alliance Co-ordinator on (01388) 816166 ex. 4265 or Liz or Debbie on (01325) 307539. **Remember:** We can only feed back to the appropriate authorities on local needs if we know what those needs ARE.



# £1,000 RAISED FOR TOP STAR'S LEUKAEMIA APPEAL



Congratulations to Mandy, Julie and Fiona on raising £1,000 for the Joe Longthorne Appeal for Leukaemia and Lymphoma unit at Leeds General Infirmary. A cheque was presented to Joe Longthorne at Hull City Hall on the 25th October where he was appearing in concert. The girls are now organising various ways of boosting funds further. They would like to thank the Metal Drum Company and Black & Decker and all who contributed for their support. Well done girls. Keep up the good work.

## Neville's Cross Battle Included in Register

The Battle of Neville's Cross, which English Heritage this year included in its National Battlefields Register, ended in a shattering defeat for the Scots and the capture of their leader, King David II. When, the following year, the English followed up their victory, they were able to occupy virtually all of Scotland south of the Forth and the Clyde rivers. It took a century for the Scots to recover all that they had lost. According to contemporary accounts, the Scottish army was 30,000 strong (although it is now thought to have been more like half that number) and the English were said to have had 700 men at arms and 10,000 archers, mounted infantry and other 'commoners'.

## A.S.K. COMMUNITY HOUSE OPENS FOR BUSINESS AT 10 SILVERDALE

Interest has been gathering in support of the "Kommunity House" in Silverdale Place over the last few months.

Local people, neighbours, "A.S.K." (Aycliffe Support in the Community) and the Community Health Worker have been furiously working together cleaning, decorating and furnishing number ten Silverdale Place in preparation for opening. The house will be a "mini community centre" with many purposes, aiming to promote the wellbeing of the community. People can call in Monday to Thursday 10 a.m.-12 noon simply for a chat, a cuppa and meet others, they can find out more about "what's on" in the area and what services are available to them, or they can join in planned activities if they wish.

The house has come about through suggestions and ideas made by people living in and around the area. As from November 13th the following additional sessions will be available free of charge in the afternoons from 1.30-3 p.m.

**Every Monday,** "Parents and children pop in" afternoon. A health visitor will be available to discuss and answer any health queries if required.

**On Tuesday, 25th November, 5th**

**December and 12th December,** "Check it out" - an information and advice session about welfare and benefit issues. Are you entitled to benefits you are not claiming? Are you unsure? Do you have difficulties making claims? Come along and check it out from the benefits expert - free and confidential.

**On Thursday, 16th November,** "Housing issues". This session provides an opportunity for people to discuss housing issues and questions in confidence with a representative from Sedgfield District Council.

All sessions are free of charge. People of the community, local businesses and organisations have demonstrated their support to this innovative community initiative and sincere thanks are extended to friends and neighbours, Electrolux Distriparts, local schools, Cornforth Paint Supplies, Blenheim, Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club, Boyes, Home Plan, South Durham Health Care N.H.S. Trust, Woodham Community Association, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Health Visitors, Tanfastic Sunbeds and the Redhouse Shop.

For further information please call in or telephone (01325) 307539 at the opening times stated.

## NEEDY FAMILIES FURNITURE SCHEME URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Furniture Scheme will take place at St. Clare's Vestry, St. Cuthbert's Way, on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30p.m., and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Furniture Scheme has been operating for nearly 2 years now and has helped many families in the area. The Scheme has a small unit on the Aycliffe Industrial Estate, which is open on two afternoons each week. It receives furniture from those who wish to donate it, and then it is re-cycled to people in need. Hundreds of families have benefited from the scheme. The scheme has a small van which both collects and delivers furniture. It

relies entirely on volunteers for its existence, and there is a great need for new volunteers. Help is needed in driving and helping on the van, looking after the furniture store on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and helping with the administration of the scheme.

The need for volunteers is urgent. If you are interested in knowing more about the scheme, or want to offer help, either telephone the chairman of the management committee - Peter Baldwin on 313613, or leave a message on the scheme telephone number 311736, or come down to the scheme premises on Tuesday or Thursday, between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. The unit is Unit 1, Whitworth Drive.

## Meeting Remembers Committee Member

The Youth Centre Management Committee stood in silence before the commencement of their meeting this week in memory of their member Valerie Ralphs who died at the age of 50. Valerie was a popular member of the Committee who contributed much to the deliberations and she will be sorely missed. Thanks for her service to the community were recorded in the minutes and sincere condolences extended to her family.

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## Memorial Service

### KEN WEATHERILL

21/8/1925 - 6/11/1995

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on

Friday 17th November, 1995  
at 2 p.m.

This service is being held for the benefit of the Weatherill family and Ken's many friends and colleagues throughout the area who wish to pay their last respects and who were unable to attend the private funeral arranged by his former wife Agnes (nee' Dodson) and family.

In accordance with Ken's wishes the collection at the Service is to be donated to the Methodist Church Building Fund

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to express special thanks to Nurse Brenda Newton and family who, in a private capacity, cared for both Ken and Agnes during illnesses. Despite his own illness, diagnosed as a brain tumour, Ken cared for his wife, with the assistance of Brenda, who took the role of a daughter when Ken's own family were unable, through distance, to assist.

This notice is placed by Ken's sister Ellen and Brothers Denis and Burton Weatherill

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## Congratulations

**MARK REAY**  
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**GALLACHER** Joanne Happy birthday sweet sixteen, love Doreen, Brian and Michael  
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**GALLACHER** Happy 16th birthday Joanne, lots of love from Mam and Dad  
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**B & M WINDOWS** thanks for the wonderful job you did on our conservatory, with a special thanks to Mitch and Steve. Two great lads, well done George and Maud Gray  
**BROOKS** Audrey and family wish to thank friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and flowers received following their recent sad loss of Husband and Dad, Les  
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**BROWN, FRED** Loving Mam, Nanna and Great-Nanna, Died November 10th 1994. Reunited with Dad, died November 23rd 1978. Memories keep you ever near, as time unfolds on the year, loving thoughts of you today, missed far more than words can say. Loving you both, forgetting you never. Loving daughter Hazel, Brian and family  
**BROWN, FRED** Died 10th November 1994. Brown, Ernie, died 23rd November 1978. Treasured memories of my beloved parents. They say time heals and I hope its true, never a day goes by I don't think of you. Your always in my thoughts Mam and Dad, love and miss you, your loving daughter Valerie and friend Catherine  
**HALLIMOND, Michael** died 11-11-93. Special memories of our dear son and brother, always in our thoughts, love Dad, Hilary, Denise and family  
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## YOUNG LETTER WRITER COMMENDED

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Dear Mr. Blair,  
I am writing to you about the cruelty to bears, just think every bear cub that is caught their mother get's shot so next time you see a dancing bear remember

there is 2 less in the wild.  
Also once a bear has been trained to dance it can no longer survive on it's own. Teaching a bear to dance is highly painful and distressing. The human that has captured the bear, will drill holes through the bear's palate or nose, put a chain through it's nose and if the bear won't dance they will pull the chain causing the bear pain and it will dance when it hears the music play.

In 1992 more than 100 brown and Aslatic bears were poached from the wild to become fighting bears.  
So the changes that I would like to see happen is that bears shouldn't be used for entertainment for people.  
If you see a dancing bear in the street don't give them money, because dancing bears will only exist as long as you pay to watch them. Next time you see a dancing bear don't stand there and watch, do something about it, report it, speak to the trainer try to make him understand that it's not right to do what he/she is doing. If you do see a dancing bear don't ignore it think about what I have said.  
Yours faithfully,  
Rebecca Pollard.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOWN'S REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE THIS WEEK-END

The following arrangements have now been made for the above and it is hoped that once again you will be able to attend.

The Parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury at approximately 10.35 a.m. and proceed via Greenwell Road and Central Avenue to St. Clares Church. In the event of completely inclement weather this route will be changed and the Parade will proceed directly down Stephenson Way to St. Clares Church. The Parade will halt outside the church under the guidance of the Parade Marshall and the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded. This will be followed by the Silence at 11.00 a.m. The wreath laying ceremony will then take place after which there will be a short church

service in St. Clares.

At the conclusion of the service the Parade will re-assemble outside the church under and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute which this year will be taken by Colonel D.S. Jolliffe. The Parade will then be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

The Royal British Legion have once again cordially invited those taking part to join them for light refreshments in the lounge at the conclusion of the Parade. This invitation is, however, reluctantly restricted to persons over 18 years of age.

Please note that for those persons under 18 years of age taking part in the Parade, arrangements have been made for refreshments to be served in the Scout Centre, Burnhill Way,

Newton Aycliffe, at the conclusion of the Parade. In view of the situation whereby the Barnard Armoury Yard will be used for assembling the Parade it is necessary for those requiring car paring facilities to use the car parks in Greenwell Road or the Town Centre. Please note that for security purposes the car parks opposite the Royal British Legion and Isherwood Close will be CLOSED.

Poppy Wreaths must be collected from the Royal British Legion Club at 9.30 a.m. on Remembrance Day, or by prior arrangement with Poppy Organiser, Mr. R. Nicholson. For this purpose he can be contacted on either telephone number 311738 or 312876.

## One Night Shows at Civic

A host of stars are set to hit the stage at Darlington Civic Theatre for one night only from November 18th. Famous names include comedy duo Little and Large, Vince Hill with his West End Music Show and the Country Roads Music Show. Thursday 16th November sees the return of Little and Large to Darlington. They are supported by Rebecca Storm. Darlington audiences may recognise Rebecca from her previous visit to the town when she played Florence in Chess in a national tour in 1990. Rebecca has also appeared in Evita, played the leading lady for two years in Les Miserables and played the coveted role of Mrs. Johnstone in the tour of Blood Brothers.

Favourite sounds from the West End musicals are in store the following evening when Vince Hill takes the stage.

On Saturday 18th November country music fans are invited to take a trip back to the beginnings of country music with Country Roads. Country Roads is a two hour music revue featuring award winning vocalist Little Ginny Brown, country balladeer Lorne Gibson and guest singer Mandy Winters. Ginny Brown has twice been voted the top U.K. female country vocalist at the Wembley Festival awards. Lorne Gibson's career spans more than thirty years. He has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in popular music: The Rolling Stones, The Beatles and Johnny Cash to name a few.

The intention of the show is to present the songs of famous country greats such as Patsy Cline, Connie Francis and Jim Reeves with an authentic feel but without attempting to impersonate the original artist. Tickets for the one night shows are available from the Box Office (01325) 486555. For press information please contact Kath Mylan, Press Officer (01325) 483271. Notes: Shows start at 7.30 p.m. each evening. Tickets priced from £6.50.

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## DARLINGTON GLASS COMPANY JOIN QUALITY SCHEME

A Co. Durham glazing specialist is one of the first in the country to join an important new quality management scheme for the emergency repair of broken windows in shops, commercial properties and homes. Elders Glass, part of glass giant Pilkington Glass Products, has achieved recognition as an Accredited Emergency Glazing Contractor, a valuable quality management initiative developed by trade body the Glass and Glazing Federation.

The firm is one of a nationwide network of Pilkington operations who were first to join the scheme. The company can now advertise the fact that it is an accredited contractor, a qualification increasingly being insisted on by police forces and insurance companies throughout the U.K.

The scheme owes its origins to terrorist bombings in major cities, when police, insurance companies and building owners became aware that standards among so-called emergency glazing contractors were haphazard, unregulated and often of dubious quality. The Glass and Glazing Federation looked into the problem and found that even small shopkeepers who had suffered breakages were worried about

standards of quality and performance.

The scheme was launched earlier this year. To become accredited, members must demonstrate compliance with a wide range of stringent technical, management and financial criteria to ensure that those who suffer breakages get top class service, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

\* Elders Glass is at McNay Street, Darlington, Tel. 01325 463354.

## Century Radio's Garden Forum

The Serious Horticultural Advisory Team, comprising of: John Simons; Adam Eden; Gary Philipson from Century Radio, 100 - 102f.m., are coming to do a gardening forum at St. Clares Church Hall: On Wednesday 15th November, at 7p.m. in aid of the Neurology Ward 38, Middlesbrough General Hospital. Tickets: £1.00 - from Mrs. M. Beale, 10, Bowes Road Newton Aycliffe; Thames Butchers, Newton Aycliffe; St. Clares Church Hall.

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