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## S.D.C. RESPOND TO TREE FELLING CRITICISM

Dear Sir

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the letter which appeared in your issue of 4th November regarding the felling of two mature willow trees in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

"Newtonians" belief that the Council's action "highlights their total disregard for the Town's residents" is a complete misconception. I can confirm that the trees were felled with the sole intention of ensuring the safety of the public.

Both trees showed extensive signs of rot in their lower trunks which is still evident in the remaining stumps. In addition, our opinion was that the root systems of the trees may be unstable with obvious consequences in terms of risk to the general public.

Your correspondent infers that the felling operation was carried out on a Sunday for some clandestine reason. In fact the work was programmed to minimise the disturbance and risk to the public.

Sedgefield District Council is proud of its record in environmental improvement issues as can be witnessed by the numerous schemes being progressed throughout the District, including Newton Aycliffe. Your readers may be interested to learn that over the last year we planted over 55,000 trees and shrubs; almost half of these in the Newton Aycliffe area! Extensive tree planting and other woodland management initiatives are presently being promoted and progressed in Bluebell Wood, Ropemoor Plantation and various other parts of the town to enhance the existing and provide new woodland areas for the enjoyment of the residents.

You may rest assured that the decision to fell a tree is not one that is taken lightly. However, we have a responsibility for the safety of the public and the Council must ensure that any potentially dangerous situation is dealt with quickly and effectively, hence the action taken in this particular case.

John Litherland,  
Director of Planning and Technical Services

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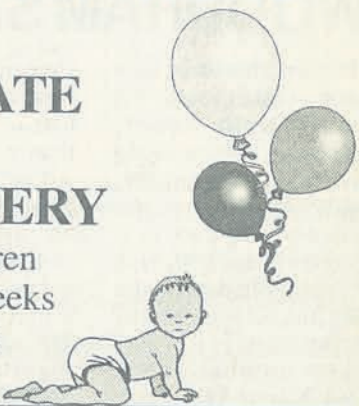
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## HAIR COLOUR GRAPHICS AT WOODHAM SALON

Hers and Sirs has now been in business for 9½ years. Denise Watson, the salon owner, along with Nicola Banham, who won the hairdressing award at Darlington College, Paula Ramshaw, who has just returned to the salon after having baby number three, and Karen Wilkinson who has two young children, are all very excited with the new range of colours that Hers and Sirs are now using.

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Denise and her staff look forward to meeting many new customers as well as their regular clientele.

## Aycliffe Athletics

On Sunday in the North Yorkshire and South Durham Cross Country League at Loftus the conditions were very muddy and Aycliffe runners performed well to finish 5th in the senior mens race.

Joe McCreadie ran brilliantly to finish third just behind Leigh Towers of Shildon, Ian Monkman was second to finish for Aycliffe in 20th position followed by Mick Brunskill 27th, Pete Milburn 42st, Dave Askew 34m, P. Guy 37m, I Williams, Derek Smith, Dave Middleton 40m.

In the junior race S Moody was 15th and in the Ladies Sue Milburn was 20th and Sue Thirlbeck 35th

## VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT

If you enjoy open air and practical activities and have some free time on Mondays or Saturdays, why not join one of the countryside projects at Ferryhill Carrs or Newton Aycliffe? Volunteers are wanted to help with a variety of practical projects including stile building, signposting, hedgelaying, coppicing and planting. Ferryhill Carrs has been proposed as a local nature reserve and with its woods, wetlands, cliffs and open grasslands, its home to a variety of wildlife. The projects in Newton Aycliffe are in new Wood, Bluebell Wood and Rope Moor Wood. It's an opportunity to make a real difference to the environment and have an enjoyable day out at the same time.

On Monday 27th November a new hedge will be planted with a mix of hawthorn, holly, hazel, guelder rose and blackthorn. On Saturday 9th December there will be another chance to try the traditional craft of hedgelaying. The last project of the year, at Ferryhill Carrs, will be on Monday 11th December when a simple bridge will be built to improve access. Ferryhill Carrs is less than one mile from the centre of town. For Saturday activities meet at 10am opposite Belsay Close on Cleves Avenue, Ferryhill, where a cross field footpath leads over to The Carrs. On Monday there is free transport available at 10.30am from Ferryhill Market Place opposite the Town Hall, 10.40am from the Eldon Arms, Ferryhill

Station and at 10.45am from Cleves Avenue opposite Belsay Close. The projects in Newton Aycliffe are part of a wider scheme to improve and protect the woodlands around the town. The work begins on Monday 20th November with hedge planting and fencing in New Wood. Again, a variety of native species will be planted including hawthorn, blackthorn and holly. On Monday 4th December there are projects at both new Wood and Bluebell Wood, erecting signposts along the footpaths through the woods. Work begins in the morning at new Wood and continues in the afternoon at Bluebell Wood.

There is a tree planting at Rope Moor Wood on Monday 18th December. A variety of trees and shrubs will be planted at the northern end of the existing woodland, between Middridge Road and Burnhill Way, Newton Aycliffe. This continues a project which has been in progress for three years. Volunteers are welcome for all the Newton Aycliffe projects and free transport is available from St Clares Church Bus Stop, Central Avenue at 10.45am or meet on site at 11.00am. The projects are being organised by SDC and BTCV. Tools, tea and coffee are provided and no experience is necessary. As the projects last all day, volunteers should bring a packed lunch. There are many opportunities to gain practical conservation skills, through experience and training. For more information Tel Graham Clingan on 01388 816166

## ONE IN THREE DO NOT BELT UP!

An alarming one in three drivers is failing to belt up, says the AA. An AA spotcheck of 100 motorists has revealed that one third are risking their life - and a fine - by not wearing a seatbelt.

"This is extremely worrying," says Andrew Howard, the AA's head of Road Safety. "British motorists must, by now, know just how much protection a seatbelt gives in the event of an accident, and they face a £50 fine if they are caught driving without one. Yet it seems not only do some drivers think 'it won't happen to me'; many are also deliberately flouting the law."

More than 2,000 deaths and 55,000 injuries have been saved since it became compulsory to wear front seatbelts in 1983.

There is no excuse for not belting up, says the AA. But here are five reasons and excuses that people may think they can use to get away with it:

My airbag will save me if I crash.  
The law is 12 years' old so it must be out of date.  
The roads are so busy that I can't get up enough speed to hit the windscreen.  
I'm such a good driver that I don't need a belt.  
I'm only driving to the local shop.

## POET'S CORNER Wanted - A Beaver

Even a beaver can build a damn even  
A damn as big as a neck even  
Even a hippo-po-pot-a-mus-us neck  
Which is bigger I think than the hole in the bek?

Even a beaver could build a damn even  
In the bek where the fish get swept down  
To an underground cave ne'er again to see  
The Kingfishers beak as he swoops for his tea.

Even a beaver would build a damn even  
A damn to block up the hole and stay  
The flow of the bek as it took from his sight  
His watery home where he lived with delight.

Even a beaver could build a damn even  
That an engineer can't in the bek  
To fill up the hole where the water runs down  
Leaving a muddy and miserable frown.

Even and beaver could build a damn even  
To keep his environments beauty  
To watch the clear water run fast once again  
Over pebbles and plants on its way to the main.

Does anyone even have a beaver even  
To teach the council to block up the hole  
The hole in the bek as big as the neck  
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# BONFIRE NIGHT POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS



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## NEW LANDLORDS WILL HELP VILLAGE EVENTS

New Landlords have taken over the North Briton Public House and they are making the village community there priority. The Landlord, Barry and Gwen Evans, both from Sunderland have stated that they will do whatever they can to help to promote the village or to support various village bodies.

They have made the "Function Room" available to local groups for fund raising events free of charge. Anyone, both in the village or the town of Newton Aycliffe should get in touch with them to discuss booking arrangements. "We have the ability to cater for any function" said Barry,

"I have now reinstated the Kitchen and we are providing a domino handicap, pool league and quiz night and will be looking for pool team players. The function room is already booked to raise funds for local charities for the events: 3rd December, live entertainment with Mandy Scott, helping to raise money for a local football club. 10th December, live entertainment and a disco in aid of the Greenfield Romanian Appeal. This is a very good cause and should be supported. We wish them luck for the future and hope that their new venture is a success.

## Letter to the Editor CHILDREN IN NEED RECEIVE HALLOWEEN PROCEEDS

Dear Sir  
A big thank you to all the generous families in Acle Meadows who supported our Halloween evening, by way of donations for BBC Children in Need in place of Trick or Treats. With your help we raised £20.00. If anyone is interested in

supported us in our other events please contact us on 310072.  
\* Sponsorship required for our rollerskating speed session  
\* Cake raffle  
\* General donations  
\* BBC Children in Need merchandise  
Many thanks  
Craig Pritchard (10)  
Gareth Pritchard (6)

## WANTON DESTRUCTION!

Dear Sir  
I quite agree with Mrs Shirley Johnson's letter

in the Newton News, dated 4th November about the deliberate and casual destruction of that lovely matured willow tree opposite the Thames Centre. Over the past few years there has been too much wanton destruction of perfectly good trees. Take the Over 60's Club and other areas in the older part of town, they now look stark and miserable empty. Instead of cutting good trees down the tree fellers should be conserving them, there's been a completely dead tree opposite the Working Men's Club at the beginning of Sheraton Close, standing there for six years now! Joan Lawler (Mrs)

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The boxes should be in place from 25th November and the last collection will be on Thursday 14th December. Stamps will cost 12p and deliveries will be made for the following areas only: Newton Aycliffe, Aycliffe Village, Shildon, Dunston-on-Tyne and Castleside.

We will be holding a sale of toys, games and books on Saturday 18th November at the Scout Centre, Bluebell Way, 10am-3pm. There will be a few side shows and of course tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available. Anyone wishing to donate items for the place please contact the 1st Aycliffe Baden-Powell Scout Group on 313349

## GREAT LAKES TOWN RACE NEEDS MORE RUNNERS

Runners in the town are invited to take part in the inaugural Great Lakes Aycliffe Woodland Race this Sunday. An adult 8 mile off-road and a 3 mile junior race have been organised with prizes in all categories.

Runners can enter before the race which starts at 11.00am.

Registration at the Youth Centre, fees £4.50 for adult (+50p U.A.), Juniors £1.50.

Free refreshments will be provided for all competitors and a memento of the day.

This first race is supported by "The Runner" magazine and should attract over 100 entrants.

Races for under 11's and 13's will be set around the Youth Centre fields, so why not come along and have a go?

All proceeds to the Youth Centre Appeal which included providing male and female shower and changing room facilities for sporting occasions such as this race.

The management committee wish to express their gratitude to Great Lakes Chemicals on the Industrial Estate for their generous sponsorship. It is hoped this will be an annual event so please give your support and enter the race.

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# BARNY F.C. STEAL A DRAW FROM HUNTSMEN

**Huntsman 2 Barnard Castle 2**  
*by Martin Walker*  
A typical Sunday morning pub game unravelled itself upon a typical Sunday morning pitch.

The winter has settled once more - but Sunday morning "footy games" will always be donned with the traditional hacked football field and oh, so dangerous tackles. And this game was no exception - with a field that would grace the town of Yeovil, and challenges baring a resemblance towards

that of Wimbledon FC. Barnard Castle took the lead early in the first half, but that goal was cancelled out by a stunning strike from Morgan Fielding. When a promising Huntsman attack was broke down by the away team, Fielding pounced on a defensive error 25 yards from goal - nonchalantly chipping the 'keeper with such aplomb.

Versatile Paul Kelly put the home side 2-1 up and Huntsman seemed to be cruising to a victory - but Barny stormed back to earn themselves a point. Loyal supporter Gerry Shevvells said after the match "I came to watch an entertaining game, and like I say, I wasn't disappointed. The game spilled thrills, excitement and dare and, like I say, that's what I came to see." Huntsman's next match was scheduled to be against Redhall Rangers in the league, but due to their dropping out, its another free week for the Woodham side.

# ENTRIES INVITED FROM TOWN FOR COUNTY ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Businesses, community groups, schools and individuals are being urged to take part in Durham County Council's prestigious annual Environment Award Scheme. Launched in 1989, the highly successful scheme has inspired and recognised improvement projects both large and small. Last year's entries ranged from the platform improvements at Durham Railway station to musical instruments made from timber in the heart of Hamsterly Forest. To be eligible for the 1995

Awards, schemes should have been completed during 1995, except in the case of tree planting schemes, which should have been established for at least five years. In making their awards, the judges will look for entries which have improved the built and natural environment of County Durham. In addition, projects which demonstrate sustainable development - including energy conservation, renewable energy, minimal use of scarce resources or other enhancement of the local environment as set

out under Local Agenda 21 - will continue to be encouraged. The Council would also welcome entries from mineral operators demonstrating high quality restoration work as a means of promoting higher standards. Entry forms are now available from the Director of Environment, County Hall Durham DH1 5UQ and should be returned by 31st January 1996. A plaque and certificate will be awarded to the most outstanding entries, with a modest financial prize for appropriate schemes.

# 1,000 MORE BLUEBELLS FOR THE WOOD

Next spring, Bluebell Wood in Newton Aycliffe and Tudhoe St Charles RC School, Spennymoor should be ablaze with colour due to the efforts of youngsters from Walworth School in Newton Aycliffe and Tudhoe St Charles. Over 1000 bluebells are being planted among the trees in the Bluebell Wood to complement work

already carried out there by Groundwork East Durham. The schools grounds of Tudhoe St Charles are being planted with bluebells, snowdrops and wood anemone as a part of a woodland area being developed at the school. The bulbs have been paid for by Sedgfield District Council, Tudhoe St Charles RC School and the Countryside Commission.

# 7 MENINGITIS CASES IN 2 WEEKS PUTS DOCTORS ON THE ALERT

Seven cases of suspected meningococcal infection occurring in residents of County Durham have been reported in the last two weeks, only four of which have so far been confirmed by laboratory testing. All the cases are well on their way to making a full recovery. Two of the cases, one suspected and one confirmed are twin brothers who attend a

nursery school in the Durham area. Two of the other cases, one suspected and one confirmed, each attend different schools in the east of the County. It is not unusual to see an increase in the number of cases of suspected meningococcal infection in the County at this time of the year. With the exception of the twin

boys, there is no reason to suspect that the other cases are connected in any way with one another. The close contacts of all the reported cases have received a special antibiotic treatment to protect them against the infection. The children and adults attending the same nursery as the twin boys were offered this treatment over this last

weekend. The head-teacher of each of the tow schools in east Durham has written out to the parents of children attending their schools, one during last week, and the other today, to reassure them that their children are not at any additional risk of developing the infection. Two of the confirmed cases of meningococcal

infection have been due to the group C strain of the infection. The close contacts of these cases have in addition to the antibiotic treatment been offered vaccine as an additional measure to protect them against the infection. General Practitioners throughout the County are being advised of the need for special vigilance.



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# MALAWI PRIEST VISITS St. ELIZABETHS

The preacher at St Elizabeths Church, Woodham on Sunday 19th December will have travelled a long way to be there. He is the Reverend David Graciano from Mulanje in Malawi. Since the beginning of this year, members of the two churches have been building a link, exchanging information about their different areas, praying for one another. Members of St Elizabeths have also been helping children from Malawi by paying their school fees. Now they are looking forward to meeting David in person, though he has not travelled all the way from Malawi, just to deliver one sermon, he has in fact been taking study leave in Belfast for the past couple of months.

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# Art display at Durham

Community tapestries, rich in texture and colour, help form a new exhibition to open at Durham Art Gallery

Woven Together is the work of Alison Wood and the countless thousands who have worked with her in groups on tapestry projects. In the last 10 years, Alison, who lives in Durham, has facilitated the weaving of over 40 tapestries involving groups of four or five to 1,500. Among her major projects was a 10-piece centenary tapestry for Gateshead Arts and Libraries Department, and working with groups in Brandon and Ushaw Moor, weaving two tapestries which draw in people's most treasured memories.

"I love tapestry weaving. I love the process which is both methodical, with certain constraints, yet paradoxically spontaneous and free," she said.

"If, in the past, you had asked me what my work was about, I might have answered 'mythology, trees, relationships or my fascination with water.' Now I am coming to understand it is really about creating tapestries in partnership with other people. The 'what' is not so important as the 'how'.

"We are familiar with the saying 'it's all part of life's rich tapestry,' meaning everything is part of the big picture.

As well as examples of community tapestries, Woven Together, which runs from November 11th until December 10th, will include some of Alison's own figurative and abstract works, including a view of Firenze, Italy and a scene from Mervyn Peake's classic novel, Gormenghast.

The exhibition runs alongside Re-View, a collection of paintings by Sunderland-based Robert Soden whose work is over 40 public and corporate collections, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

# NEVILLE METHODISTS CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY

The small hall at Neville Parade was opened on 10th December 1955 when over 200 people attended the Dedication Service. Tea was served in the Sugar Hill Infants School followed by entertainment by the Neville Male Voice Choir.

The programme for the opening in 1955 included the following message from the Minister, the Rev. Ray Gostelow: "Hats off to the past; coats off for the future".

Today's members would like to take their HATS OFF to anyone who has been connected with Neville Parade Methodist Church during the past 40 years. People who have been married, christened in the church, ex-members of the Boys Brigade, Guides, Brownies, Youth Club, Sunday School, Wives Club, Ladies Circle etc.

If you have had any connections with the Church in the past we invite you to join us at 10.30am or 6.30pm on Sunday 10th December when we shall celebrate 40 years of living and serving at Neville Parade.

The Minister for both these services will be Rev. Andrew Gunstone who grew up in the town when his father Rev Roy Gunstone was the Minister. Andrew looks forward to renewing some old acquaintances. It goes without saying that anyone who would

like to join us for the first time and take part in "Coats off for the future" will also be very welcome at these services.

*PS Has anyone got a 1960's pram we can borrow? We need one for a theatrical event we are staging from 7th to 9th December as part of our celebrations. It is about an imaginary family and their contact with Neville Parade over 40 years and so far we haven't got anything to put the baby in! If you can help we would be most grateful if you could ring John Wearmouth on 312770.*

# OVER 100 BURGLARIES A MONTH IN AYCLIFFE!

It's getting near to Christmas and in the last few weeks, since the clocks went back, over 100 houses in Newton Aycliffe have been burgled.

A seasonal rise is expected by the police, but this is a steep increase this year and the police are urging everyone to take extra precautions. Thieves have no conscience when they go out to steal and certainly no regard at all for the misery they cause their victims.

It's the season for obtaining bikes and electrical goods and selling them on to people looking for a bargain Christmas gift.

Our local crime prevention officer warns everyone to be extra vigilant about house security and to keep an eye out for suspicious characters in your neighbourhood.

If you see or hear something odd contact the police station on 314401.

Be wary about accepting expensive goods from strangers at bargain prices - they may be stolen and it is an offence to receive these items.

More important watch that your own expensive goods aren't stolen and take every precaution to see your house and property is secure.

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# County Drafts Plan

Durham County Council today formally set out its vision for County Durham in the next century - and for the first time it includes a Green Belt to protect the special character and setting of historic Durham City.

The County Structure Plan Review was placed on public deposit for six months to give people the chance to have their say on the Authority's proposed policies which are aimed at guiding development and helping to shape up the face of the County up to the year 2006.

The Deposit Draft Plan can be seen at County Hall in Durham, District Council offices and local libraries throughout the County.

Any objections or representations of support must be submitted to the County Council before 18th December.

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**TODD (LILY)** 18th November 1993. In loving memory of our dear cousin Lily, always in our thoughts and prayers Jack and Eileen

**ROB MELDERIS** 21-11-94. Special memories of a loving brother-in-law, always in our thoughts, remembered always, Annette and family

**ROB MELDERIS** (Saxon) 21-11-1994. In loving memory of a loving husband, may the winds of love blow softly and whisper for you to hear, that I will always love you and wish that you were here. Loving wife Marie

**ROB MELDERIS** (Saxon) 21-11-1994. Partings are heartaches no one can heal, memories are treasuries no one can steal. Son Karl and daughter Louise

**ROB MELDERIS** (Saxon) 21-11-1994. If tears could build a staircase and memories were a lane, we would climb our way to Heaven to bring you home again. Remembered always in my heart, love Stephanie

**MELDERIS** Grandad Robbie 21-11-1994. Just as you were, you will always be, someone special in our memory and heart, love always Carrie, Lisa and John-John

**ROB MELDERIS**, Dad, 21-11-1994. Not a day passes by without us thinking about you, we miss you very much and love you always, love Darren and Mary XX

**ROB MELDERIS** 21-11-1994 To a dear brother in law, sadly missed but not forgotten, from Darren, Jen and family

**SHEILA AGAR** 5-11-95 in loving memory of my dearest friend Sheila, will always be missed and loved, your friend Pat

**GRANT, EDGAR** Our darling son tragically killed 16th November 1985. We think about you with love today, but that is nothing new, we thought about you yesterday, and the day before that too, your smile has gone forever, there is nothing left to touch, but we will never lose the memory, of a son we loved so much. Loved and longed for always, darling, Mam and Paul XXX

**GRANT, EDGAR** our brother tragically killed 16th November 1985. This day comes with sad regret, the time the place, we will never forget, the years go by, we know they do, but we will always long for yesterday and you, love from brothers Lee and Andrew

**WAYNE BAXTER** 23-11-94. It's been a year, a year too long, since we touched your smiling face, your laughter and your courage, the warmth of your embrace, we miss the twinkle in your eyes, your tender caring ways, the pain you hid from all of us, you were so very brave, there are no words for us to say, to tell you how we feel, the pain, the heartache and the tears, we can't believe its real, but when we shout your name dear son, and emptiness replies, we know you are in Heaven with Melissa and you died. God took away the both of you, why we'll never know, perhaps he needed special stars to make his Heaven glow. So shine brightly our lovely ones, your always in our hearts. Till we kiss and cuddle once again, never more to part - Mam and Dad XXX

**SMITH - CATHERINE** Treasured memories of a dear daughter and sister died 17th November 1991. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Mammy, George, Timothy, Tracey, Tommy and Lynn

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## Congratulations

**CAIRNS - BENTLEY** Ellen and Les are proud to announce the birth of their first Grandchild, the gift of a son 7lb 11oz, born to Andrea and Paul, November 8th, both well

**CAIRNS - BENTLEY** Congratulations Andrea and Paul can't wait to see my new nephew, I'll be home soon, love Philip

**SARAH TEMPLE** 21-11-95. Happy birthday, all our love Mam, Dad & Michael

**JEFFERIES, JACKIE** 17-11-95, Happy 30th, you old knocker, from Lizzie and Rex

**GEORGE GRAY** Best wishes Uncle George on your 60th, love from Robina, Jackie, Carole, Malcolm and Clive

**GEORGE GRAY** Best wishes George on your 60th birthday from Bena and Lana

**GEORGE GRAY** Best wishes George on your 60th birthday from Jean, Derek and family

**GEMMA KITCH** 18-11-1993. Happy 2nd birthday Gemma, lots of love Auntie Marie and family

**KITCH** Gemma Louise Happy 2nd birthday on the 18th November, from Mam and Dad

**HIP HIP** Hooray, Gemma is 2 today, from Richard, Kenneth, Gareth and Shane

**HAPPY** 40th birthday Daddy, love and miss you lots from Joshua James

**WALKER** Charlotte, lots of love for your 2nd birthday on 21-11-95, from Grandma & Granda Eales

**WALKER** Charlotte Victoria Happy 2nd birthday lots of love from Uncle Paul, Auntie Susan and James XXX

**SHOTTON** Hip hip hooray, Joshua is one today, happy first birthday, lots of love and kisses from Mammy & Daddy 22-11-1995

**SHOTTON**, Joshua happy first birthday love Nana and Grandad

**O'BRIEN** Congratulations Maureen and Tony on your silver wedding 21-11-95, love Mam and Dad

**EDDIE MACKAY** Happy birthday little Ted, loads of love Marie

**CARL & SUZY** Congratulations on the birth of your son, Jack, 8-11-95, lots of love Mam, Dad, Steven and all the family XXX

**DAVIES** Happy 2nd birthday to our son Thomas Allan, lots of love Mammy and Daddy XX

**DAVIES** Happy 2nd birthday to our grandson Thomas on November 17th, lots of love from Granma and Granda, Auntie Jo and Uncle Lee

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## Thank You

**HOWSON** Stuart and Denise would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely cards and gifts received on "Georgina's" christening. Also a big thanks you to our families for all their help and Father Michael for a lovely service

**THE WISHING** Well Club would like to thank the staff of Kooki's for organising a raffle which raised £68.10 - the winning number was 410

**GILES** Muriel, Richard and Christopher would like to thank everyone who sent letters, cards or condolence and floral tributes on the sad death of Peter. Also for friends and neighbours who attended his funeral, it was a great comfort to know so many cared. A special thank you to Denise, Cath, Shelaugh and Carl, the Vicar, Co-op Funeral Service, also Darlington Memorial Hospital where Peter peacefully passed away and where the floral tributes were sent. Monies sent in lieu of flowers is being sent to Cancer Research. May he rest in peace. Thank you all once again

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**ST. ANDREWS** Church, Aycliffe Village are holding a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November 1995

**SANTA COSTUME** for hire Tel 312005  
**LINCOLN** Bavarian Market, Saturday 9th December, pick up from Byerley Park, St Clare's, Aycliffe Village and Heighington £10 Tel 313924 after 4pm

**NEW Bums**, Tums and Thighs class commencing Tuesday 21st November 1995 at Greenfield Meeting Hall (next to Caygill's Shop) from 6.40pm to 7.20pm, £1.50, also aerobics 5.30pm-6.30pm £1.50. Instructor Diane Macadam YMCA, IRSA Tel 317983 after 2pm

**NEVILLE** Parade Methodist Church Christmas Fayre, Christmas cake weighed 6lb 5oz, peas in jar 1772, sweets in jar 204, prizes have now been claimed

**ST CLARE'S** Women's Fellowship have arranged a "Princess House" Party in the Church Hall on Thursday 23rd November, commencing at 7.30pm. Admission is 50p which includes light refreshments and all proceeds are for the Development Fund.

## Wanted

### AUCKLAND ANTIQUES

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Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausages,  
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or Prime Roast Beef  
All served with Seasonal Vegetables, Roast and  
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#### DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas Pudding in Rum Sauce  
or Homemade Sherry Trifle

Coffee and Mints

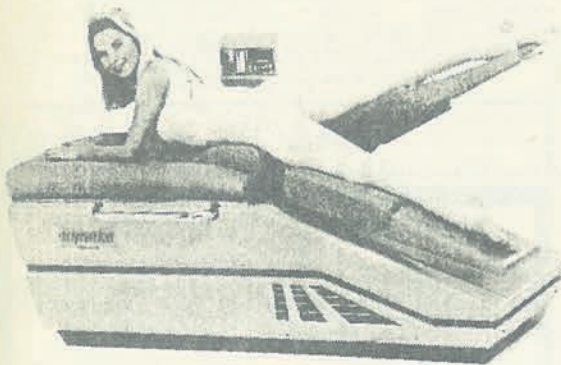
For £15.00 a Christmas Disco is included on the following dates:

Saturday 9th, 16th and 23rd December

BOOKING IS STRONGLY ADVISABLE



## ROOTS OFFER THE EASY WAY TO SLIM AND LOOK GOOD



Well known local hairdressers, Roots, have opened a new service at the "Upper Room" in their Chilton branch, 1-2 Durham Road. They now offer the new revolutionary Toning Tables - the easy way to slim, get fit and feel great... no exhausting lifting, straining or jumping exercises - the machine does it for you - with quicker and better results, they are so confident in this that they are offering a free trial to all customers on their first visit. And you can complement the session with aromatherapy (a full or half body massage), with a full range of oils and burners for use during your session, at home or work. A solarium is also available - everything designed to lift your spirits and make you feel invigorated with your new self. The manageress, Venita, who is a qualified lecturer of hairdressing, and her staff, Leslie and Karen are all highly qualified, carrying diplomas from recognised institutions in Health and Beauty treatments. They offer a cheerful and relaxing atmosphere at the "Upper Room" which has been tastefully decorated in the Regency style. Later, as the business progresses the "Upper Room" hopes to offer reflexology - watch "Newton News" for more details. To book your session or for more information contact the Venita, Lesley or Karen at the "Upper Room" on 01388 721974.

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## Woodham School Earns Praise for Teaching Skills & Admin

The School was inspected in September and the Inspectors found it to be very successful with a number of significant strengths.

Woodham is a large comprehensive for 11-18 year olds. It also admits a small number of adult students.

There are good facilities for pupils with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities.

The School has 1322 pupils taught by 72 full-time and 2 part-time teachers. The average teaching group size is 24.4 pupils.

Woodham meets its dedicated aim of providing a good standard of education and is a united community in which pupils, parents and staff enter into an effective partnership. Other points recognised by the inspectorate:

Standards at GCSE are above average. A levels are average. General standards of lessons are sound and often good throughout the school. Science, art and history have particularly high standards. Pupils learn effectively and work well together. Relationships are good at all levels.

The high quality of teaching is an outstanding feature at Woodham.

Leadership is very effective and highly valued, finances are efficiently managed giving good value for money.

Pupils develop well socially, culturally, spiritually and academically and their innate moral sense is strongly fostered by the school's ethos.

Key issues that the School needs to address:

To continue to strengthen the soundly based planning and implement policies consistently with systems which are cost-effective.

Provide appropriate job descriptions for all staff with an appraisal system linked to training.

Urgent measures to be taken to ensure attendance and punctuality of pupils throughout the school day.

Continue to review the curriculum, including the length of the school day and improve the provision for information technology.

Carry out a thorough review on homework to ensure its effective use.

Review policy and practice to ensure equality of opportunity for all pupils, including the most able and those with behavioural problems.

Prepare students for a life in a cultural and ethnically diverse society.

Address the legal requirements for: collective worship in tutor groups, religious education for the sixth form, for information technology at Key Stage 3, and for the proper completion of all registers.

Carry out a review of Health and Safety.

The Governing Body is responsible for drawing up an action plan within 40 working days of receiving this report, showing what the school is going to do about the issues. The plan is then circulated to all parents.

## BYERLEY PARK SCHOOL ENJOY HALLOWEEN DISCO



Some of the Byerley Park School pupils showing off their costumes at their recent Halloween/Bonfire Night disco arranged by the "Friends of Byerley Park"

## SILVERDALE'S COMMUNITY HOUSE WELL SUPPORTED

Silverdale Community House neighbours and people living round about have showed support for this new venture by calling in and seeing what was on offer following its opening this week.

Most said "It's about time something like this was set up". The project aims to promote activities, health and wellbeing in the community.

People who called in were pleased with how the house was expecting to run. Downstairs as a drop-in meeting place with local information, and upstairs two separate rooms where other sessions can take place with private facilities, if required.

The Parent and Children's session was well attended on Monday, supported by volunteers and a Health Visitor. Others have expressed great interest in attending the "Housing Issues" session on Thursday where they can discuss housing and environmental matters with a representative from Sedgefield District Council.

Positive suggestions were made about ways to raise community spirit and already neighbours have set about planning Christmas activities.

Another encouraging development over the first week is that from Monday 20th November the Citizens Advice Bureau will provide a service from the house on a regular weekly basis.

The programme from next week includes: Monday 20th November

10am-12 noon C.A.B., 1.30 - 3pm Parents and Children's "Pop-In" when a Health Visitor is available if required. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon between 1.30 and 3 p.m. and Thursday between 10 am and 12 noon will be "Open House". A time for anyone to drop in at their leisure. Thursday 1.30 - 3pm is Housing Issues. A free Prize draw runs throughout the week for all callers.

Please note the Benefits Agency session will be held on 5th & 12th December from 1.30 - 3 p.m.

## BUSINESS CENTRE FOR AYCLIFFE

Sedgefield District Council is to establish a Business Centre at Newton Aycliffe. The one-stop Advice Centre will incorporate various services to businesses seeking help, premises and grants to locate in this

area. Special offices will be fitted out and staffed by experts.

The cost of the scheme is estimated at £165,000 and tenders for the work should be approved by the end of November.

## HELP THE AGED

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