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Bob Porter at Woodham Hotel is still in business despite rumours to the contrary following the end of a long-standing battle with the former A.D.C. which ended in a 3 week Court case which Bob has lost.

His solicitors will be looking at the Court Judgement, which found for the Aycliffe Development Corporation, and could cost Bob Porter £1/2 million in legal fees etc.

Remarkably calm after the ordeal Bob told "Newton News" he will be studying the transcripts for what he calls inconsistencies in the Judge's summing up of the case. Bob's case relied on the inadequacy of Stag Lane to take Equestrian traffic and the ADC's change of plans by building houses on the main access to the Equestrian Centre without turning points. At one point during the hearing a reference was made to "Hissing Syd" and the Judge asked to whom this referred. It brought some

amusement to the sombre proceedings when it was revealed that it was the nick name the A.D.C. had for Syd Howarth, Editor of "Newton News" who pounced on any apparent irregularities carried out by the former Development Corporation.

Bob Porter now waits to see what he can do next, but he is resigned to the fact that he may face an astronomical legal bill. Meanwhile he bats on trying to keep his business alive at Aycliffe and providing a good service to those who use his Hotel and Restaurant. Christmas arrangements are as in previous years with a good menu for Christmas Fayre and an excellent New Year's Eve function at £25 per head. For more details and menus tel: 311603.

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# Performers Wanted for Community Xmas Concert

Town Groups and individuals who would like to perform at the Community Christmas Concert are asked to contact the Towns Rotary Club who organise this annual event. The Concert of Carols and Christmas Songs is led by the Town Band, but Schools, Groups and individuals add to the variety of the programme.

800 people attended last year's "Sing-a-long", held at the Leisure Centre, and more are expected this year on Sunday 17th December at 2:30pm. If you want to perform contact Syd Howarth on 300212. We particularly want children, but would welcome anyone who can entertain with a suitable Christmas number.

# Town Driver in RAC Rally

Local Driver Andrew Tatham of Church Close is again competing in this year's Network Q R.A.C. Rally. This Monday the Rally passed through Hamsterley Forest, and Andrew had high hopes of performing well in his class driving a brand new 1.6 Vauxhall Corsa. Andrew is an Engineer with Nissan. He is single and was a pupil at St. John's R.C. School.

# Letter to the Editor CONFUSION OVER THE FORMATION OF ANOTHER TOWN DEAF CLUB

Dear Sir,  
On Friday 10th November I attended a meeting along with other members of our committee, that was called by the Social Services Dept, to look at the possibility of setting up a Deaf Club in Newton Aycliffe. As a result of that meeting it appears that such a club would be wanted by deaf people in the area. Whilst we would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for the future, and hope that their club is as successful as ours, we would like to inform the people of Newton Aycliffe that they have nothing to do with our club, even though their members may decide to call it the Newton Aycliffe Deaf Club. Over the last few years we have built up a very good relationship with the local community, in particular local businesses to whom we have approached on several occasions for help with different projects. We would hope to continue that relationship, and that they don't confuse our club with this new club in the future. Finally I would like to put an end to some unfavourable rumours that I have heard about our club. As our name suggests, we welcome deaf members of the community into our club. In fact ever since we started we have had deaf members actively getting involved with the committee. We used to arrange an interpreter for our committee meetings, we held a sign language course so that we could learn to communicate with the deaf members. We tried to involve them in all aspects of the club, even when we had general knowledge quizzes we would write the questions down for the deaf members, whilst we read them out for those who could hear. We have never deliberately excluded deaf members from taking an active role within the club. However we do have rules that apply to all the members of the club, and if some deaf people who have been members of the club have been made aware of them and left because they felt these rules have excluded them from the club, or we have not done things that they would have liked us to do then they were always welcome to air their views. As I said earlier, the new club has yet to decide on a name, but if the name is in any way similar to ours, and we have to change it in order to save any confusion, we will announce it at the appropriate time. New members are always welcome whether they are disabled or deaf, or even voluntary helpers, we meet every Wednesday evening between 7pm and 10pm at the Southerne Social Club. For more information please contact me on Aycliffe 314176  
Michael A Dalton  
Secretary, Newton Aycliffe Deaf & Disabled Club.

# NEW SERIES OF COUNTY WALKS

People who prefer rambling to revelling can explore County Durham's winter wonderland in a new series of walks. 46 winter walks have been put together by Durham County Council including a set of rambles over the Christmas and New Year period. The programme in the latest Guided Walks in County Durham leaflet, starts on 1st December and offers an escape from the festive crowds. It begins with a nine mile walk along the Weardale Way, including the ever popular Elephant Trees, with Voluntary Countryside Rangers Joan and Ian Martin while Rambler Michael Turner offers an antidote to Christmas shopping with an eight mile walk starting from Middleton in Teesdale on 16th December. Donald Miller, director of Seaham Harbour Coastal Centre, offers the opportunity for a breath of sea air on 27th December, David Butler is back in action again on 28th December with a hands on opportunity to

explore County Durham's archives and Ranger Mike Ord takes footsteps through history in a 10 mile walk starting from Sadberge on 30th December. On New years Eve, Ranger John Tyrell leads a fairly strenuous 11 mile walk along the Weardale Way and Stanhope Dene and local historian George Flynn looks at Darlington Borough Boundaries of 1846. Those who want to put their best foot forward on New Years Day can join Ranger Ian Gray on an 11 mile walk at Newfield and Bellburn Wood, near Bishop Auckland. The aim of the programme, which goes on until 29th February is to provide an enjoyable walk with learning something about the environment. Tickets can be bought on the day at £1 for adults with a 50p concession. The programme is available from Tourist information Centres and Libraries throughout the County or from the Environment Department, County Hall, Durham on 0191 383 4144.

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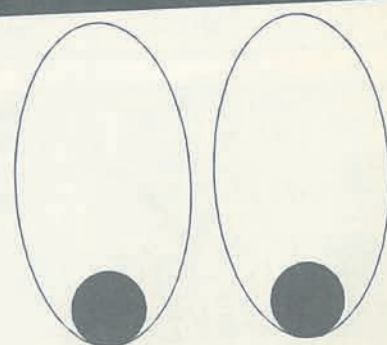
Four local companies are exhibiting with Sedgfield District Council at a major international exhibition this week. Two companies are launching products at the exhibition and the Council has taken a stand to help them all reach new customers.

Over 100,000 visitors are expected at Interbuild 95 which takes place at the NEC Birmingham from 19-24th November. The exhibition covers every aspect of the UK building and construction industry and is recognised as a showcase for new products, new processes and new ideas. Exhibiting with SDC are Synchro Fire Systems Ltd of Aycliffe, Co-Be-Tech UK Ltd and SMC Ltd of Shildon and another local company IBC Ltd.

Synchro Fire Systems have developed a radio operated fire detection system for use in factories, hotels, offices, and public buildings and have chosen Interbuild 95 as an ideal venue in which to launch the new product.

The Council has also enabled products from Aycliffe companies: Schott Industrial Glass Ltd; Roman Ltd; Thrislington Partitions Ltd and Perstorp Warerite Ltd to be shown at the exhibition and will be taking space to promote Sedgfield District as a location for manufacturers. Interbuild 95 opened last Sunday and the S.D.C. stand was within the Interiors Show.

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# TOP PRIZES FOR TWO TOWN PUPILS

Two Woodham School pupils took the top prizes in the North East Organ and Keyboard Competition held at the Hall Garth Hotel, Coatham Mundeville.

Michael Henderson and Charlene Witton both Year 11 students performed excellent recitals on the night with Michael awarded the winner and Charlene runner-up in the 16 years and over category for keyboards.

Both had fought their way through various competitions over the last year to reach the finals which were performed in front of a large audience.

It was an evening of excellent entertainment with adjudication by Trevor Daniels, one of the U.K.'s top organists and brother of the famous illusionist.

Congratulations to both youngsters on behalf of all readers who will have the opportunity to hear Michael at the Town's Annual Christmas Community Concert to be held on Sunday 17th December in the Leisure Centre.

## WEEKLY C.A.B. OFFICE AT SILVERDALE

The CAB is to operate a pilot advice scheme in the newly opened Silverdale Community House from now until the end of April 1996. Each Monday from 10am until 12 noon an advice worker will be available to offer advice and information on a full range of queries, including welfare benefits, housing, family and personal, employment and much,

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Please note, this service is in addition to the usual sessions provided each day in the Leisure Centre, Beveridge Arcade.

## Letter to the Editor

### WHY NOT LET THE CHILDREN PLAY?

Dear Sir

There's always one isn't there? Wherever you go, the people who never smile, never look at you, ignore everything - except wait for it "the ball on the garden"! Isn't it nice to know they have nothing else to think about! In this terrible world, children are abused and abducted everywhere and the only safe place for them seems to be in the garden or playing in the street. They complain and complain obviously forgetting that they were children, the mischief they once got up to, conveniently forgotten. Children need to play, to socialise and exercise it's all part of growing up. It's no longer safe to let them play in parks, where drugs and drink are readily available. So the responsible parent tries to keep them near and safe, only to incur the wrath of the "I've had children, I like children but not the ball and the noise, the running, shouting,

playing, in fact anything to do with them any more!"

Families mean children and children make noise, ask any parent, especially ones with boys! These people complaining are the first to turn around and say "Children these days only watch television and play on computers not like in our day".

People were also more tolerant in those days, they didn't mind children playing in streets or back lanes, in fact anywhere they could kick a ball, or play hide n seek. They got up to mischief then as they do now, and always will do! Good neighbours used to keep an eye on everyone's houses and children.

I appreciate the fact that older people cannot stand noise, but what price a headache or a rumpled flower, an abducted child from a park, because she couldn't play in her own street? Would these people even care?

I'm not saying children should be allowed to do or say anything, we all have to learn to give and take. Children should be taught respect and to behave in a responsible manner and to care and help one another, but they are children and children make mistakes (quite a lot!). It's a very hard job being a parent, believe me parents enjoy little peace and quiet just as much as everyone else, in fact, probably more so.

In the world we live in today, knocking a ball into a garden or a laughing happy child running up and down the street, sees a joy to behold, perhaps these miserable, unhappy people instead of twitching curtains waiting for a ball should watch these children's faces, laughing is infectious it might just cheer them up. Yours faithfully "Tolerant"

Name & address supplied

## Singers Needed to Form Choir for Town's Xmas Concert

The Town's Rotary Club is looking for choristers to form a choir to lead the community singing at the annual Christmas Concert to be held on Sunday 17th December in the Leisure Centre from 2.30 - 4pm.

Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses who have sung in choirs are requested to contact the organiser.

In addition to well known carols the choir will lead the audience in singing favourite songs such as "White Christmas", "Mary's Boy Child" etc. to the accompaniment of our Town Band.

Ring Syd Howarth on 300212 or after hours: (01388) 775143.

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Pictured with Carol are pupils Louise Armitage, Claire Heatcote and Victoria Bowker receiving their certificates after passing elementary tap, a difficult major exam which they did well to pass, 2 with distinction and one with honours.

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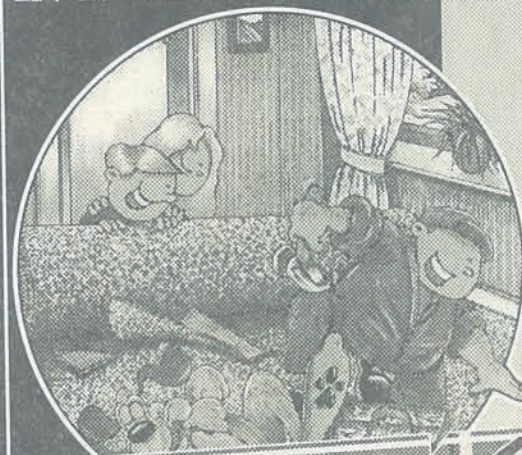
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## Letter to the Editor SCHEME TO HELP THE ELDERLY WITH DECORATING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Dear Sir,  
I wonder if I might use your very helpful Community Newspaper, to remind the Elderly or Disabled folk from the town of the Volunteer Scheme we are running. You will be pleased to

note that we have now completed three properties which requested help from the scheme, we are now looking to identify other properties for help. Anybody wishing to get a little decorating done to improve a property whether or not it is owner occupier or rented should get in touch with either of the following: Barbara on 318333 Denise on 311089 Margaret on 316774 Everyone should remember that the scheme is in place to help those that need it. We also need people to keep coming forward with requests for help in order to keep the scheme going.

We still need more volunteers to come forward to help the scheme. If you can decorate, then get in touch on the numbers above, we will be glad to hear from you. Many thanks Syd for the help of your vital Community Newspaper. Yours sincerely Martyn D. Locklin.

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There will be all the usual stalls, including cakes, tombola, handicraft, white

elephant, Christmas stall, books etc plus refreshments and don't forget to visit Santa in his grotto.

Our Anniversary prize draw will be drawn at 4 o'clock, the first prize will be £125, second - a bottle hamper, third - a luxury Xmas hamper, so if you have not bought your tickets yet, just see Anne on our prize draw stall.

We look forward to seeing you all between 2 and 4 pm for an enjoyable afternoon with lots to do and plenty to buy.

## HINTS FROM TOWN'S CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER

During the last few weeks there has been a large increase in burglaries in the Newton Aycliffe area. These break ins normally occur between 6-9pm and access is usually gained through the rear of the house either by patio door or by forcing any existing downstairs doors or windows. We are asking members of the public to be more aware of suspicious persons or unusually noises and report anything of this nature to the police or phone Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111, you won't be asked your name, address or phone number.

Some hints on looking after your property:

### BURGLAR ALARMS AND SAFES

If your possessions are worth a lot of money or you live in an area with a lot of burglaries, you should consider a burglar alarm or a safe. Ranging from inexpensive DIY kits to sophisticated systems costing hundreds of pounds, there are scores of burglar alarms on the market. Quality fitted alarms will certainly be a deterrent to burglars.

### LIGHTING

Good lighting can deter a thief. Some exterior lights have light sensors or infra-red sensor that switches the light on for a short time when it detects something in its range. Sensors can be bought separately to convert an existing outdoor light into a security one.

### DOORS

If your front and back doors are not strong and safe, neither is your home. First of all, make sure the doors themselves are of strong, solid core construction, 44mm thick. Glass panels are especially vulnerable. If any of your doors seem flimsy, replace them with solid core as above. If you are a council tenant, call the housing department about it. Fit back and front doors with a five-lever mortice deadlock to BS3621 or equivalent (seek advice from your local master locksmith). A deadlock can only be opened with a key, so a thief cannot smash a nearby glass panel to open the door from the inside. If the thief enters the property through a window they can't carry your belongings out through the door.

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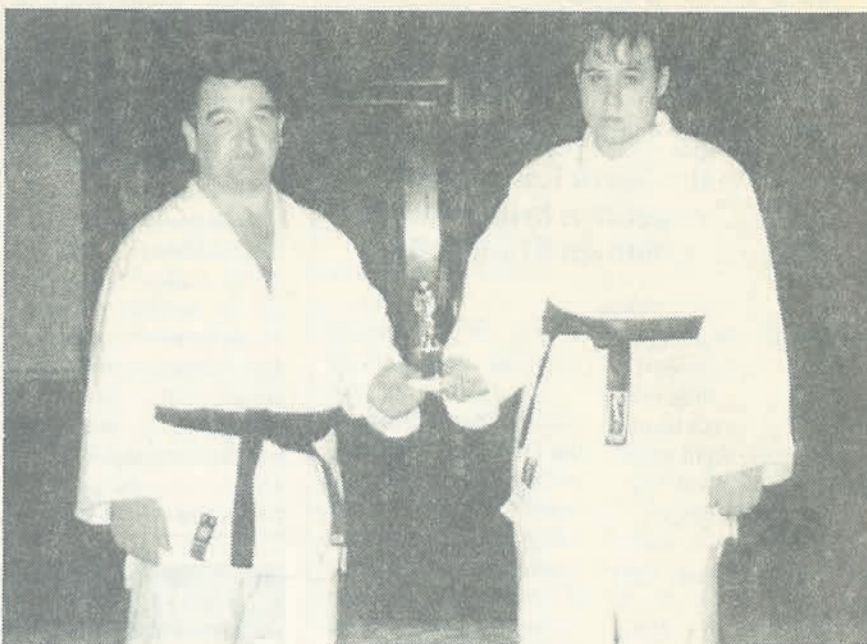
You should get specialist advice on fitting locks to patio doors. They should have special locks fitted top and bottom unless fitted with a multi-locking system. Also install an anti-lift device to stop a thief simply lifting the door off its rail. Fit security mortice locks to french doors, and mortice bolts to the top and bottom of both doors. With all security, consideration must be given to the risk of fire, and means of escape, fit a smoke detector, conforming to BS5446.

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Crime Prevention Officer

## JUDO GRADES BRING GREAT CREDIT TO THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE



## Breakfast Meeting at Woodham

Men's Breakfast Meeting - Attention all men! Prior to setting off on that Christmas shopping trip why not start the day by attending Woodham Christian Centre's men's breakfast on Saturday 2nd December starting at 8.00am at the church (Village Close).

Guest speaker will be the Rev Oliver Raper (UK Director of Christ for all Nations) who will be relating his experiences concerning this ministry. Tickets are £2.50. Further details can be obtained from the church office. Tel. (01325) 301760.

Oliver Raper will also speak at the church on Sunday 3rd at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm. Visitors are welcome.

## Athletics News

On Saturday 9 Aycliffe runners took part in the Brampton to Carlisle 10 mile road race. First to finish for Aycliffe in 43rd position was Pete Milburn in 55m 18s followed by Mick Brunskill 56m, G. Marshall 62m, John Burnside 67m, Cec Sugden 67m 33s, Sue Milburn 68m, Rob Nicholson 69m and Ray Todd 77m.

On Sunday Chris White of Aycliffe organised a 7 mile Cross Country race in Aycliffe in which 60 runners took part. Colin Gibson of Aycliffe finished 3rd.

This Wednesday night at 7pm is the lamplight 5 road race from Oakleaf Sports Complex.

At the junior judo gradings held at Stockton Leisure Centre on October, Gary Kelly and Mark Iveson gained their 3rd Mon. and 1st Mon. respectively at their first grading. Michelle Kent gained her green belt with 3 Mon's. All three fought extremely well and were a credit to Newton Aycliffe Judo Club.

Not to be outdone club coach Jim Ross and Terri Kent entered the senior 1st Kyu and dan gradings held at Sunderland's Crowtree Leisure Centre on 30th October. Jim fought brilliantly winning both of his fights with 10 point wins and achieved his black belt 2nd dan. Terri Kent, also in superb form, won

her first two fights gaining the points required for first dan status. As is tradition Terri then took a line of three other competitors (3 fights one after the other) and carried on her fine form winning all three fights. Both then successfully completed a theory examination gaining high marks. Terri has been a judo player for three years and is the first person from Newton Aycliffe Judo Club to come through the ranks to black belt status. Well done to Jim and Terri. Good luck also to Lisa Gibson who once again has been selected to represent Great Britain (British Blind Sports) in a tournament in Spain from 15th-21st November 1995.

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## Nine Goals Gives Boost to Town Team

Redhall Rangers 4  
The Huntsman 9

By Martin Walker

Redhall Rangers have returned to the Darlington Sunday Morning League, weeks after dropping out of it. After the second time of dropping out, they've returned once more, but how long will it last this time?

Director of Football Stuart Hodgson broke away from the selection headaches of recent weeks as he had only 11 players to choose from in this potentially lifeless fixture.

Apart from the feast of goals, lifeless is exactly what it was. There was a huge lack of passion and ambition in both sides, especially in the Huntsman, who took the game for granted. Stuart Hodgson told me that certain players will feel the punishment in their next match.

Paul Kelly scored a hat-trick for the Huntsman - as he covered for missing Morgan Fielding, while striker Chris Walker netted one.

Robert Walker and Russell Hodgson also scored, with goals that would grace nothing less than the Premiership.

The defending pair have earned themselves new nicknames thanks to their individual spurts of class.

"Roberto" scored with a delightful header from a corner, while already nicknamed "Shifty", now Brazilian import "Shiftinho" gloss finished a mazy run, which took him past several players and ended with a deft left-footed drive into the bottom corner.

Jim McCabe scored just one goal from a hatful of chances and Gary Rogers finished the route with an opportunistic goal. Make shift goalkeeper Tony Travis won the man of the match award, which disappointed obvious contenders like Shiftinho and Roberto. But no one was forced to wear the minger of the match T-Shirt, as Robert Dixon and Martin Haigh shared the votes.

Club secretary Dave Bullman is currently trying to set up a rearranged game for the Huntsman as there is no scheduled fixture this week.

## SUCCESSFUL FIRST TOWN RACE SPONSORED BY LOCAL COMPANY



Mike Bates of Great Lakes Chemicals presents prizes to the first winning Lady, Charley Mead (19) from Cambridge, studying at Durham University



Chris White uses a loud hailer to instruct the runners before the start.

THE first Aycliffe Woodland Race, organised by the Youth Centre, and sponsored by Great Lakes on the Industrial Estate, was a huge success and looks certain to become an annual event.

Well known town athlete and founder of "The Runner" magazine, Chris White, gave his expert services in setting the off-road course which took runners through a tough, but scenic route of Aycliffe. All the runners, some from as far off as Goole, commented on the beauty of the town's landscape and woodland paths.

"A scenic route adds to the enjoyment of a run and I will certainly come back if another run is organised" said the winner of the 8 mile race.

About 60 runners took part including a shorter 3 mile Junior Race. There were also races for Under 13's and under 11's on a course set around the Youth Centre fields - all adding to the feverish activity around the Youth Centre last Sunday morning.

It was nice to see the many sporting activities being enjoyed by all ages including a football match

on the field and a gymnastic class inside the Centre.

Great Lakes representative, Mike Bates, was available after the race to present the prizes.

It was a most enjoyable occasion with prizes for all who took part. Free hot tea and beefburgers was supplied by the Youth Centre to make sure all the runners remember the friendly hospitality offered at the Aycliffe race.

The Youth Centre thanks everyone concerned including the T.A. Medics who supplied an Ambulance, the marshalls who ensured the safety of runners when needing to cross roads, and St. John Ambulance Brigade for their efficient radio-controlled coverage of the race.

Special thanks to Chris White and Shaun for all their hard work in helping to make this first race a success.

Thanks also to Dawn in charge of catering and her helpers. Once again, sincere appreciation to Great Lakes Chemicals who made this inaugural race possible with generous sponsorship.



Mike Bates with one of the young prizewinners

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**BANKS, JAMES** November 25th 1994. Sweet memories, silently kept of one we loved and will never forget. God bless you Jimmy, love Bren XX

**BANKS, JAMES** 25th November. Today is just another day for some, but not for me, for on this day a year ago, you were taken away from me, I touch your pillow, I kiss your cheek, I can't find words to speak, I miss your warmth and smiling face, that's something no one could ever replace. You are still my love and my life, I'm still and always will be your devoted wife. I miss you, Annette XXX

**COLIN CLARK** 5/9/55-25/11/86. It's been 9 years since you left us, but you are in our hearts forever, love from Zoe, Zena and Carol

**WAYNE** In loving memory of our dear nephew, Wayne. Died one year ago today, amy the winds of love blow softly, and whisper for you to hear that we still love and miss you, and wish that you were here our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill, in life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. Missed and loved always Aunt Brenda, Uncle Harry and family

**WAYNE** To our darling brother Wayne. A year has gone since you went away, you are in our thoughts each and every day, the next time we meet will be at Heaven's door, you'll be there to greet us and we will cry no more. All our love always Darren and Jacky

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**MARTIN & KELLY** congratulations on the birth of your new son, Callum-James, love Mum, Dad, Linda and John

**HILL & BROWN** Congratulations Steven and Paula on your engagement love and best wishes from both families XX

**JOHNSON** Lots of hugs Grandad and Nana on your Golden Wedding love Emily-Jane

**JOHNSON** Tommy and Molly November 26th is the date for two special people, to celebrate fifty years together, they've had some of them good, and yes some bad, but you've both passed the test and your family wish you all the best love you lots.

**JOHNSON** Great Grandad and Great Nana, lots of love on your golden wedding Lauren and Anna

**PAIGE KELL** Happy 1st birthday to a little darling, love nana Kath XXX

**PAIGE KELL** Happy birthday lots of love Alan and Sharon, Leon and Kaylee

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**Thank You**

**ON THE OCCASION** of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, John and Betty Woods would like to thank the family for the lovely celebratory dinner given them on Saturday evening. They would also like to thank relatives and friends for their beautiful gifts and cards. John and Betty also appreciated the home visit of Father Keith Walker who renewed their marriage vows.

**DICKINSON** Sharon and Alan would like to thank all their family and friends for their support and help during Amy's stay in hospital with her broken arm. A special thank to the staff/nurses on Ward 21 of Darlington Memorial Hospital

**THANK YOU** all for the cards and flowers I received following the death of my wife Gloria. Special thank you to Carol for all your help - Missing you Gloria

**PHILLIP** and Vivienne would like to thank all family and close friends for making Astons christening such a wonderful day. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mam and Dad for all their help

**THANK YOU** to the volunteers group for sending me Margaret and David to paint my two outside doors, they made a perfect job and we found them very helpful, so to all concerned a big thank you and keep the good work going - Mr and Mrs Taylor, Ashfield

**HARNETT**, Christine, would like to thank family and friends for cards and floral tributes on her sad bereavement, also Dr Smith, Bob and Nick for the standard and Peter Baldwin for the service, also thanks to Co-op Funeral service.

**ROB & LISA** Graham would like to thanl all their family and friends for gifts received on the birth of their daughter Jessica, born 10-10-95

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Environment Secretary John Gummer said today that town centres need to be places in which people feel, and are, safe if they are to retain people's loyalty as places to live, shop, and find entertainment. Speaking at the Planning Week magazine conference "Town Centres: Vision and Reality", Mr Gummer said: "Our town centres have a lot to learn from how shopping centres are run. People expect to feel safe and secure, whether in the High Street or in town centre car parks. If town centres are to

compete effectively with shopping centres, especially out-of-town centres, they must keep people's trust.

"I want to see all the key people involved with a town centre getting together to tackle problems and grasp the opportunities, as part of developing an overall strategy to revitalise their town centre. It is only through such local partnerships, between the local authority, business and, in particular, the local community, that a secure future can be developed. "I have issued good

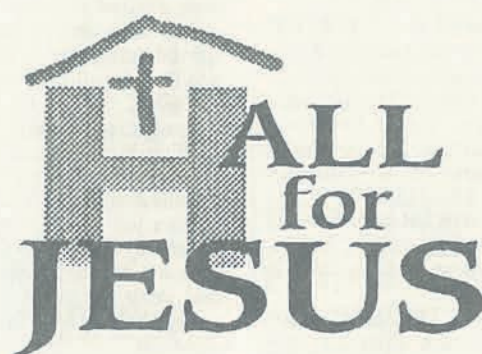
practice advice on creating vital and viable town centres, planning out crime and getting people back living in town centres. Making town centres more lively and enabling more people to live there will help increase people's feeling of security.

"The Government is also offering encouragement and funding for the installation of Closed Circuit Television and is encouraging local partnerships to tackle crime in the High Street. However more remains to be done to improve the

quality and security of our car parks."

In his speech Mr Gummer reaffirmed the importance of investing in existing centres - not only town centres, but also district and local centres:

"It is important to build up local centres, which enable people to get more of their everyday needs locally. Local authorities should take more active role to encourage a range of shops in such centres particularly appropriately sized food supermarkets."



## CHURCH MEMBER'S PLAY TELLS FORTY YEAR STORY

40 years in 90 minutes is the challenge Newton Aycliffe Methodists have set themselves as they seek to relive experiences in the life of the Church and town in a dramatic production to be staged in the Church Hall from 7th to 9th December, 1995.

Specially written in celebration of the Church's 40th Anniversary by John Wearmouth, a resident in the town, the production involves a cast of 70 people of all ages and is, therefore, suitable for an audience of all ages. Entitled "Hall for Jesus", it tells the story by means of drama, dance, and mime, of an imaginary family called Hall and the way in which they have come into contact with the Church over the years.

A leading role is being played by David Powell of Heighington, well known in the area for his performances in productions for the Avenue School and Newton Aycliffe Operatic Society. On this occasion, however, he spends much of the performance in a on-stage potting shed. John Wearmouth says "This is a community drama which seeks to

involve people of the Church telling a story in which they have already played a part. The production does not dwell on the past but recognises its contribution to the Church of today and offers hope for the future".

The intriguing logo specially designed for the occasion has a myriad of meanings which will become clearer on seeing the performance. Over the past four decades large numbers of people in Newton Aycliffe have been involved in the life of the Church at Neville Parade and we invite them all to join us for this 40th Anniversary celebration. There are four performances of Hall for Jesus:

Thurs., 7th Dec., at 7.15.  
Fri., 8th Dec., at 7.15  
Sat., 9th Dec., at 2.15  
Sat., 9th Dec., at 7.15  
Tickets costing £2 are on sale at "The Builders Arms" (Christian Bookshop), Thames Centre, Newton Aycliffe, or can be ordered by telephoning 01325 316172.

We look forward to enjoying your company as we experience together 40 years in 90 minutes.

## Wings Appeal Raised Over £1200

As Wings Organiser for the Royal Air Force Association Newton Aycliffe Branch, I Harry Clephane would like to thank all persons who assisted me in my task to raise funds towards the Wings Appeal 1995.

My thanks and utmost gratitude to the public of Newton Aycliffe for their support and donations during our collection day on the town, also my thanks to all the public houses and clubs that allowed us to collect on their premises, also the shops, for their donations and not forgetting the factories, and the businesses that helped us to achieve the grand total of £1,215.57 towards this needy cause. H. Clephane (Wings Organiser)

## Raffle Winners

The following is the list of winners of raffle prizes at the Heighington Christmas Fayre held on the 18th November: 0469, 1457, 1020, 0813, 0379, 0076, 0422, 0691, 0503, 0669, 0417, 0715.

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## K & J TRAVEL

Newton Aycliffe, Telephone 318863

### LEEDS SHOPPING TRIP

Sat., 2nd Dec., - £4.75, OAP's £4, Child £3.75

### CATTERICK MARKET

Sun. 3rd, 10th & 17th Dec., - £2.50 all seats

### NEWCASTLE METRO

on Sat., 9th & 16th Dec., - £3.00 all seats

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Local pick-up points, departing St. Clares 9am

**Telephone: 318863**

### LOCAL CHEMISTS

### EMERGENCY OPENING TIMES

Sunday 26th November, 1995

12noon-1pm - Boots, Newton Aycliffe

Sunday 3rd December, 1995

12noon - 1pm - Neville Pharmacy

## Woodham Country Club

Burnhill Way Way, Newton Aycliffe 301551

### CHRISTMAS PARTY CARVERY

**£13.50 per person**

#### STARTERS

Scotch Broth with fresh Bread Roll or  
Honeydew Melon Frappe with Black Cherrys & Kirsch  
or Mushroom Stilton or  
Farmhouse Pate with Cumberland Sauce

Champagne or Lemon Sorbet

#### MAIN COURSE

##### FROM THE CARVERY

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausages,  
Bacon Rolls and Chestnut Stuffing  
or Prime Roast Beef  
All served with Seasonal Vegetables, Roast and  
New Potatoes and Yorkshire Puddings

#### 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**

### OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC 60/70's MUSIC NIGHT

Music Quiz, Prizes, Lottery Draw, Raffle  
All in aid of "Children in Need"

**SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 1995**

9.00pm start - all welcome