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GOOD LOCAL SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED CARERS' CENTRE

Around 80 people attended a meeting at Spennymoor Leisure Centre to look at ways of establishing a Carer's Centre for Sedgefield District - and a Steering Committee was recruited to take the project forward. Many of those who attended the meeting were carers themselves and spoke of their need for help and a sympathetic ear.

The proposed Carer's Centre could provide access to information, services and support from a wide range of organisations. It could also arrange practical help and act as a base for fieldwork across the District.

Guest speakers at the meeting included Colin Williams from the Princess Royal Trust for Carers who described the network of Carers' Centres the Trust has helped to establish throughout the country. Two carers from Sunderland, Maureen Sullivan and Margaret Mackenzie explained how Sunderland Carers Centre had "Opened up the world again as it's only a phone call away". Louise Carlton from the Red Cross Carers' Project highlighted the results of a recent survey which is not off the press and looks at the needs of carers in the district.

Sedgefield Locality Health Alliance partners - the District Council, Health Commission and Social Services attended the meeting and the Health Alliance Co-ordinator, Jane Hartley, stressed their commitment to try and obtain the necessary funding for a Carers' Centre. The enthusiasm for the project was confirmed when 21 people put themselves forward for membership of the Steering Committee. These included individual carers, voluntary organisations such as Carers for Action, Sedgefield District Advice and Information Service, the Red Cross Carers Project, Stonham Housing Association, South Durham Hospice and SW Durham Young Physically Handicapped and Disabled Club.

The Steering Committee will meet in early December to take the project a stage further. Anyone wanting more information can contact Jane Hartley on (01388) 816166, extension 4265.

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Are you getting all the benefits to which you are entitled? "Carers for Action Sedgefield District" invite you to an Open Meeting to find out. This meeting takes place in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Spennymoor at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 12th December. Denise Mundy, an advisor from the Benefits Agency will be there to address the meeting and to give help, support and advice on the subject. Come along, get informed, ask questions and find out so that you don't miss out! Everyone welcome. For further details contact Louise Carlton 0191 3832622.

HEIGHINGTON PARISHIONERS INVITED TO CELEBRATE 100th BIRTHDAY

Heighington Parish Council is 100 years old in December and the Parish Council have decided to commemorate the anniversary with a Village Party, to which all residents are invited. The event is to be held on 10th December in the Village Hall. A special cake has been made and wine will be served to all who attend.

A brass plaque will be unveiled to mark the occasion and the opportunity taken to switch on the Christmas lights, and receive the award as Runners-up in the Tidy Village Competition. Readers will remember our previous announcement of Aycliffe Village receiving First Prize in the Competition, so it is quite an achievement to have two villages in our area winning the top awards.

C.A.B. MAKE SHORT MOVE

Due to the Leisure Centre refurbishment the Citizens Advice Bureau will be temporarily moved to another part of the building. As from Tuesday 5th December the CAB will be using the Beech, Ash and Cedar rooms on the first floor for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. We apologise to our clients for the inconvenience and assure them that we will be offering the same quality of service from our temporary office. Please keep reading the Newton News for details of our move back downstairs in the New Year.

Letter to the Editor "I NEED MY SPACE, JUST LIKE THE CHILDREN"

Dear Sir, Am I alone, or is there anyone out there like me? You see, my experiences of children playing and in particular the dreaded football, have not been so full of fun. Am I the only one whose heart sinks at the sound of a bouncing football as I wonder what it will ricochet off next: my wall, windows or perhaps a nice indentation in the side of someone's car? Children playing, yes definitely, but where do we draw the line between play and nuisance? Noise, what harm can it do? But when in the case of a neighbour, the children regularly use the side of the house as the goal, what do you do? Sit inside listening to the thuds, wishing they were better goalkeepers or, worst of all it seems, ask them to play elsewhere? Parks are certainly not a nice place to be sometimes, but how many parents would it take to supervise a few children playing - one, perhaps two? In a world where everything associated with children, toys, games, clothes, the latest trendy trainers which cost the earth, thank goodness time is still free! I'm not against children playing in the street and perhaps adequate resources are not put into looking at alternatives, but perhaps also the phrase used by "Tolerant": *Children should be taught respect and to behave in a responsible manner*, could also be more widespread. If parents don't see some of their children's activities as

invasive of other people's privacy then these values are not going to be passed down. No, I don't mind children running up and down the street. I shudder when I see them run out into the road, so often wrapped up in their games to look properly, or running after a football as a car grinds to an abrupt stop - thank goodness for careful drivers! However just as children need to be allowed their space to play, to socialise and exercise - don't we "curtain twitchers" of the world deserve our space too? I don't want the road, the path or anyone else's garden. What I would really like is my space, my garden and my windows intact. Yours faithfully, "Curtain Twitcher" Name & Address supplied



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Athletic Results

On Sunday in the North Yorkshire and South Durham Cross Country League at Thirsk, Aycliffe runners performed extremely well. First to finish for Aycliffe in the senior men's race over 5.5 miles in 20th position was Ian Monkman in 30m20s followed by Mick Brunskill 30m28s (29th position), Steve Wright 30m38s, Pete Milburn 31m, Dave Askew 31m. Derek Smith 33m40s, Dave Middleton 33m42s, Ian Williams 34m27s, John Burnside 36m, B. McCready 37m. In the Boys race Richard Wade finished 10th and in the Ladies race Sue Milburn and Sue Thirlbeck ran well.

Tolerant Support

Dear Sir. I write to express my total support for the letter you printed last week from "Tolerant". Of course children should be allowed to play in their own street and on greens, for very obvious reasons. They should be able to do what they want, wherever they want. (?) Reading "Tolerant's" letter it is obvious that the only conditions are that none of the damage, noise and abuse happens on "Tolerant's" doorstep thus allowing him to remain "Tolerant". Yours faithfully

A1 FM Programme Schedule - 103.2

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SATURDAY	6am-10am Staurday Wake Up Club Gary Wilkinson	10am-12pm Strawberry Fields Forever John Pierce	12pm-1pm Local Chart Steve White	1pm-2pm Phone Exchange	2pm-6pm A1 Sports First Steve White	6pm-9pm House of Dance Les Gunn	9pm-12am Rock Show Robin Ellwood	12am-7am Overnight Expressway Jukebox
SUNDAY	7am-10am Community Chest/Discussion Gary Burgham	10am-1pm Brooks Sunday Brunch Mark Brooks	1pm-5pm Requests and More Mike Patterson	5pm-8pm All the way from America Paul Dexter	8pm-9pm A1 Arts	9pm-10pm Good News Religion	10pm-12am As Time Goes By Peter John Bergg	12am-6am Overnight Expressway Jukebox

£50 for County Player

County Table Tennis player Richard Eden aged 16, of Newton Aycliffe, applied to the SDC for financial assistance towards his £700 expenses. The Director Works recommended the Council give Richard, currently ranked 160 in the rankings, a £50 grant.



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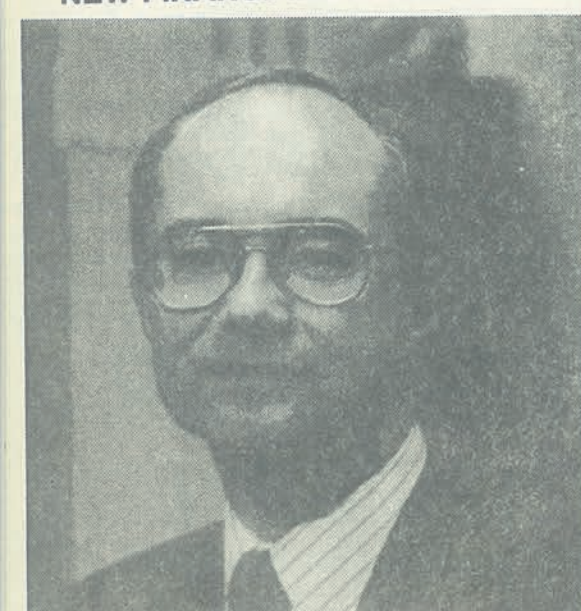
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Village Lady's 90th

Mrs. Eva Clapham, Heighington's oldest resident, quietly celebrated her 99th Birthday last Sunday in the company of her friends and family. Eva, who lives at Hopelands Court, originally came from Aycliffe Village, where she lived with her late husband Jimmy, a Shildon Railway Shops worker. She is looking forward to her 100th Birthday and a telegram from the Queen. Best Wishes Eva, from all "Newton News" readers.

SANTA HAS SPECIAL POST BOXES IN THE TOWN

Each year Santa replies to over 1,000 letters he receives from children in the Great Aycliffe Parish. Our Town Council will install special Post Boxes at four locations in the town on Friday 1st December.

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All children's letters will receive a hand delivered reply from Santa's Ice Palace in Greenland, but please make sure that you write your name and address clearly on the letter.

The boxes will be removed after the last post is collected on Monday 18th December, so make sure Santa has your letter before then!

Letter to the Editor CHARITY ROADSHOW RAISED £2,000

Dear Sir,
Through your newspaper we would like to thank everyone involved in making the Southerne Comfort Charity Roadshow a huge success. Thankyou to the Southerne Comforts: Tanya, Linda and Angela (the dresses were great) to Scott Graeme (who gotcha! John) Bryan Jones, an excellent opening act, "Off the Wall" duo for their top class performance, Sniffer our Master of Ceremonies and the Southerne Club Scroungers (who can only get better!).

Gratitude also to Gary, Dave and Alan, our roadies, Suzanne Speedy, Denise and Sheila for their help at each Club. Through all the hard work

of these people a total of £2007.20p was raised and cheques were presented for £1,003.60 each to Homelands Hospital Pegasus Bed Appeal and Parkinsons Disease Society. Many thanks to the Clubs involved for allowing us free use of their facilities to put on Shows and also everyone who supported us with donations and raffle prizes. To Ken and Jackie Shaw of K & J Travel for their help with transport. To Brenda Inners an extra, extra thank you for her help and backing with everything. Last, but not least to Lynn and Ken for putting up with us over the past five weeks. Forever in your gratitude, John Melvin and Brenda Dobson.

UPONOR WIN £85 MILLION CONTRACT

Uponor of Newton Aycliffe a Derbyshire based subsidiary of Finnish plastic pipe systems group Uponor Oy, has secured a major supply agreement with the British Gas distribution and transmission company TransCo.

The agreement, valued at £85million over the five year contract period, covers the supply of polyethylene pipes and fittings for the construction and refurbishment of Britain's gas distribution network.

The five year contract is exceptional and is Uponor Ltd's largest to date.

Ten companies took part in the tender with British Gas aiming to reduce its number of suppliers from five to just two for the beginning of the new contract, commencing in January 1996. Uponor will be the major supplier with two thirds of the orders.

Keith Lyons, Managing Director of Uponor's UK

and Irish operations at Hilcote, Newton Aycliffe, Crawley and Cork in Ireland said the company was awarded the contract due to a combination of economic, quality and product innovation factors.

"We have introduced new types of products and services onto the market which have had a positive impact in our clients' logistics and efficiency" he said.

"Additionally, we believe that the on-going innovative development programmes probably gave Uponor an important edge in the very competitive TransCo tender."

He believes the long term contract will also present uponor with an opportunity to extend co-operation with British Gas in many other parts of the world and with other utilities using plastics as a primary piping system. British Gas is the world's largest gas industry company, with operations all over the globe.

Redworth Village Assoc. Needs Officers or Hall Will Close

Redworth residents are urged to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Association this Sunday 3rd December at 2.30 p.m. All the Officers and four Trustees must be elected due to ill health and absence of the present incumbents.

The Village Hall is used for community events and meetings and has been the focal point of village activities.

"It is in good structural condition and finances are sound" said the present Chairman Robert Hewitson.

The Association has done good work in the past in uniting residents in various campaigns against unwanted development and other matters affecting village life and it is important people come forward to take over the reins.

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COMPASS COMPETITION WINNER OFF ON A V.I.P. TRIP TO THE U.S.A.



Tea cups were raised to toast the success of Margaret Cummings of North Shields this week after she took delivery of tickets for a VIP visit to the USA, thanks to a competition run by Newton Aycliffe based Compass. She was the National winner out of thousands of entries in a free Prize Draw in a "Taste of America" competition.

Fergus Walsh who has charge of the Compass North East Offices in Newton Aycliffe, which provides on-site catering services said: "In this region we serve 25,000 people a day, so we are delighted that one of our customers has won this trip to New York with red carpet treatment. Margaret and her husband Bob will stay at the Radisson Empire Hotel and will be taken by helicopter for an aerial view of the Manhattan skyline.

But Mrs. Cummings was not the only one in celebratory mood; Dave Smith, Compass Catering Manager, has won a study tour trip to the USA and Dave Henderson of Newcastle won £300 for an American style "night out".

Photo: Margaret Cummings (centre) accepts her celebratory cuppa from Fergus Walsh of Compass North East while Dave Smith, (left) Jaqui Dunlop and Dave Henderson join in the toast.

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Golf Club Changes

Mrs. Margaret Marshall has ended her year as Ladies Captain of Woodham Golf Club. At the Annual General Meeting of the Section she thanked all who had supported her during what she described as an "excellent year of golfing and social activities".

She paid tribute to the work of the Handicap Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Robinson, who retired after almost four years in office.

Mrs. Christine Johnson of Woodham Village took over as Lady Captain and Mrs. Sue Parkinson of Hurworth is the new Vice Captain. Mrs. Marshall was elected Secretary and Mrs. Karen Edmund is the new Handicap Secretary.

£100,000 Nursery Opened

Labour Leader, Tony Blair, will officially launch Bishop Auckland College Nursery this week-end.

The £100,000 purpose built nursery accommodates 100 children from new born until school age and employs 28 people half of which were trained at the College.

The children have been making a mural of the Houses of Parliament which has helped make them aware of the event.

Woodham Toy Service

On Sunday 3rd December at 10.45 a.m. St. Elizabeth's Church at Woodham is holding a "Toy Service".

Good quality second hand toys will be brought to Church and passed on to the WRVS for distribution to needy families.

On Saturday 9th December we are holding our Christmas Party in Woodham Community Centre 2 - 4 p.m. Santa will be there in his Grotto and there will be a Bouncy Castle, Punch & Judy, Tea and games. For more details contact Colin Jay on 320112.

On Friday 15th December our Pram Service, Nativity Play and Party will be held in Church at 1.30 p.m.

All are welcome.

Lynne Arnold

SUSPECT CAR THIEVES TARGETED TO BEAT CRIME

On the run up to Christmas, Sedgefield District Police will be targeting suspected car thieves in the area in an effort to reduce this escalating trend. Members of the public are being asked to do their part by locking, securing and better still garaging their vehicles. Any suspicious incidents concerning vehicles/persons should be reported to the local police. Some useful hints are as follows:

Over a quarter of all recorded crimes are car thefts of thefts from cars - like stereos and mobile phones. It's a problem that affects us all, no matter where we live. It diverts much police time and can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences.

If your car is stolen or broken into, it could mean weeks of expensive inconvenience and losing your no-claims bonus.

It may be difficult to protect your car from a determined, professional thief, but most car crime is opportunist and you can put them off with vigilance and relatively cheap security precautions.

* Never leave a car door unlocked or a window or sunroof open, even when just going into a shop for a moment or two.

* Don't leave any belonging in your car. A thief won't know what a bag or coat doesn't contain something valuable and might break a window to get at it. If you can't take them with you, never leave things on display - lock them in the boot.

* Security mark your stereo and if it's removable, always take it with you. Make a note of the serial number and keep it in a safe place.

* Don't leave credit cards or cheque books in the glove compartment. 1 in 5 stolen cheque and credit cards are taken from cars.

* Never leave your vehicle documents in the car - they could help a thief to sell it.

* Remove the ignition key and engage the steering lock even when parking in your own driveway or garage and don't forget to lock the garage door.

* Always try to park in a well lit, open location.

* Double check that all car doors, windows, sunroof and boot are locked before leaving it and put your aerial down to stop it being vandalised.

* Etch the car's registration number on all glass surfaces - windows, headlamps and sunroof. Thieves don't want the expense of replacement.

* Fit lockable wheel nuts and fuel cap.

* Fit an anti-theft device, and use it every time you park. There are many types of car security devices on the market from steering wheel and clutch pedal locks to sophisticated electronic protection. Alarms should conform to BS6803. Check before you buy is it Sold Secure Pack Approved?

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Crime Prevention officer

BASIC WINTER CAR CHECKS WILL SAVE YOU MONEY

Unfortunately winter is fast approaching! Whether we like it or not we are likely to be faced with a long, cold and wet period over the next six months. How depressing! After the exceptional summer we have just experienced it makes everything appear very gloomy. For motorists in particular, the change in the seasons brings additional difficulties associated with the nights closing in, reduced daylight and the distinct possibility that roads will become treacherous. The time has now arrived to think seriously about what should be done to ensure that our cars are roadworthy for the tricky months ahead.

There is no doubt that some winter conditions can cause accidents which, at the very least will result in damage to the car, and, in the very extreme, could involve a multiple crash and the loss of human life.

On top of all this, there are financial dangers with some drivers with faulty vehicles running the risk of losing some or all of their insurance protection.

Frizzell, the direct insurance and banking group, has published a list of basic safety checks and precautions which, if followed, can at least reduce the risk of the worst happening.

As Graham Darby of Frizzell says: "Under the terms of your motor insurance, you are obliged to make sure that your vehicle is in an efficient and roadworthy condition, to at least meet the minimum legal requirement, before using it on a public road".

The first items which should be considered are concerned more with personal safety than anything else. For example you should make sure that you have a basic tool kit in the car; that you carry spare bulbs and fuses; that you have a warning triangle in case of breakdown; that you have simple things like a good torch in good working order, loose change or a phone card, a de-icer and scraper, a map, blanket and last but not least jump leads.

However, what is more important, is to ensure that the simple, routine checks are carried out regularly to ensure that your car meets the legal and safety requirements. Frizzell offers the following list of basic and non-expensive tips to ensure that this is so:

Always check that all your lights are working - this should include both brake lights and rear fog lights. Remember that it is illegal to have non-functioning lights. This is probably the most common defect in cars.

Check the overall condition of your tyres. When you do this do not forget the spare (remember that you must always carry a spare by law). The minimum legal requirement for the tyre tread is 1.6mm across the whole width of the tyre. However, don't forget to also check the walls of the tyre, there may be bulges where the tyre has come into contact with the pavement and this could also be illegal. Although it may cost you a little money it is always worthwhile to get your garage to check regularly that your brakes and steering are working properly. It is very easy to overlook the fact that your brake pads or discs are wearing. Faulty brakes lead to far too many accidents.

You can quickly check your wiper blades to ensure that they function efficiently in the worst weather conditions, and allied to this you should always make sure that the washer bottle is always topped-up. Driving in drizzle or after a heavy downpour can leave your windows spotted or streaky and you certainly need clean water from your washer bottle (a cleaning additive also helps) to clear this.

If your car is not fitted with a sealed radiator, then it is essential to ensure that the water level is maintained and anti-freeze is added before the cold weather sets in.

As Graham Darby says: "If an accident occurs for which the cause could possibly be attributed to lack of upkeep or repair, then your insurer may not meet your claim. A little time spent in carrying safety checks and getting any necessary remedial work done, will ensure you

keep your car in a legal, roadworthy condition and thus satisfy the insurance conditions required under most policies. Most of all this will ensure that your car is safe for you to drive, whatever the winter weather, that it is safe for your passengers to ride in and does not present a danger to other motorists and road users".

If, after you have read all this you get terribly depressed, don't be - just remember that a little time spent on checking your car could pay dividends for everyone!

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Eighty Pupils in Premier of Greenfield School's Musical

Greenfield School's musical drama entitled "A Christmas Visit" is to be performed on the 13th and 14th December.

The Show has been written by Head of Music, Peter Simpson and produced by Claire Deighton.

Approximately 80 children are taking part in a range of roles including acting, singing, dance, music, sound, lighting, backstage etc.

Altogether a fabulous team effort which is worthy of support for the world premier of this entertaining and lively musical.

Tickets cost £2 for Adults and £1 for children and Senior Citizens and are available from the school office. The Show commences at 7 p.m. with a duration of one and three quarter hours plus a short interval.

Letter to the Editor

Two youngsters raise cash for "Children in Need" Appeal

Dear Sir,
We wish to thank the following businesses for sponsoring our Rollerskating Speed Session in aid of Children in Need which raised £62.35p: Scope, Floral Charm, Greenwoods, Food Weigh-house, Dewhurst, Blockbuster Kenny, Brian Venable, Paul Gittins, Hall Fabrics, Whitegates, Debbie Mackays, Caroline Bradley, M. Robinson, J. Boyd (Debbie Inglett, N. Jenkins, A. Gasper and J. White) of Woolworths, V. Wintrell, Winners, Greggs, Select, Motorworld Ladieswear and C. Young. Special thanks to our Nanny and Grand sire, Auntie Laura and Uncle Peter as well as our parents for your generous donations. Thanks also to our Roller Skating Coach, Janet Lodge and everyone in the Club, for their great support. May we thank our school friends at Byerley Park for buying Children in Need badges which raised £24.80p

Thanks to members of Durham District Rollerskating Club and our parents for buying various pieces of merchandise which raised £50.94p

£21.50p was raised from a raffle of two 35 mm Cameras donated by Stevens and we wish to thank all who supported the draw. The winning tickets were 7 and 22. With last months Halloween donation of £20, we have raised a grand total of £179.59p which has been sent to Children in Need. Many thanks for all the support.

From Graig (10) and Gareth (6) Pritchard of Woodham Village.

Xmas Dinner for £1

Woodham Christian Centre members are providing a Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens for only £1 on Monday, 11th December at 7 p.m. The three course meal is available to all Senior citizens and free transport will be provided if necessary.

Bookings can be made through the Church office Tel: 301760.

EUROPEAN COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Stephen Hughes, Durham's MEP is encouraging all 12 to 14 year olds in the North East to take up the challenge to show their elders how Europe should be educated towards a better environment.

The IEIC (European Inter-regional Institute for Consumer Affairs) is launching its third European Young Consumer Competition. The theme for the 1996 competition is "The Impact of Consumer Behaviour on the Environment".

Its challenge to young people is to prepare information material on a chosen product, examining its life cycle and effect on the environment. The youngsters will then have to make a presentation on the topic to their peers in the form of slide shows, video spots, posters, magazine pages or a combination of these.

Emma Bonino, European Commissioner

responsible for Consumer Affairs hopes that this new edition of the European Young Consumer Competition "will encourage young people to find ways to take better care of our planet's resources."

The European Commission is funding the competition and offering cash prizes of 300ECU (£250 approximately) to the top twenty projects entered for the UK national final. The European finalists will travel to Brussels for a recreational weekend and the chance to win further prizes, to a value of up to 2,500ECU (£2000 approximately). Entries are invited from schools and other groups of young people of eligible age and the closing date for registration is 17th January 1996.

Further details and registration forms are obtainable from: South Ayrshire Council, Trading Standards Department, Ayr or Telephone (01292) 267093

HEIGHINGTON NEEDS A SPORTS FIELD says Councillor

Counc. Rosemary Boynton of Heighington, attended the Planning Inspector's Hearing this week which is reviewing objections and proposals of the Borough's Local Plan.

Each Authority has submitted its Local Plan which sets out future policies on planning affecting the development of housing, industry and the

environment. Mrs. Boynton is pushing hard for land in Heighington to be developed for recreational purposes. "There is no Council provision and we are entitled to a certain amount according to population size," said Rosemary. We need a Council owned Sports Field and there is land available for the purpose, she added.

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EURO M.P. PRESENTS PRIZES TO GREENFIELD STUDENTS

On Friday 24th November, Greenfield School celebrated the success of students who left this summer.

GCSE certificates, Subject and special awards were presented to Students by Stephen Hughes, MEP. The year group were praised for their achievements having produced the best results the school had obtained.

The head Teacher, David Tate, congratulated students for their hard work stating: "They had done themselves and the School very proud."

Acknowledgement was given to the various groups that had supported the students and the school, the Careers service, Post 16 Establishments, The Raising Achievement Group, including statistician Ian Stamp and Educational Psychologist Donna Boutilier. David Tate made special mention of the support and hard work of the staff and the parents.

The Mayor's Trophy for the highest academic achievement was presented to Joanne Clayton who had obtained 11 high grade passes and the highest average points score.

Stephen Hughes complimented the students and the school for the high standard of achievement. In his address he spoke of the importance of the wider European Community and the need for students to improve their communication skills both through a deeper knowledge of languages and the use of Information Technology.

Awards were presented to the following students:

Art Achievement: Sarah Dinsley

Art Effort: David Walker

Business Studies: Michelle Thomas

Dance: Sharon Bell

Design Technology: Jayne Greenall

English: Clare Cheverall

Geography: Joanne Clayton

History: Marc Sproat

Integrated Humanities: David Walker

Mathematics: Danielle Peart

Modern Languages: Lisa Willows and Samantha Mitchinson

Music: Jill Parker

Religious Studies: Samantha Arrowsmith

Science: Joanne Clayton and Mark Davies

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GENERAL AWARDS

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HEIGHINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

by

Sara Palmer & Carrie Bradshaw

(Year 5)

Jenny Rees & Katie Short

(Year 6)

When we were in class 4 we began to like football. By the time we were in class 5 people began to notice we had skill and interest in football.

We were not in the school team until we were in class 6. The way we got on the team was playing at playtime and a course with Mr Coates in class 5 and 6. When we were chosen for the team we felt excited and we could not wait for our first game.

When we play matches people from the other team shout insults to us because we are girls, but we just ignore these boys and play even harder against them. The teams we have played are Shildon County, Evenwood, St Cuthberts,

Copeland Road, Escomb and St Wilfreds. Our school plays in the Bishop Auckland Primary Schools Football Association and the Rudd Cup.

Our coach Mr Coates, this it is a good idea to have boys and girls playing together. We have played football for 3 years and we started to play football because it is a fast, exciting game. Sara plays right back and Carrie plays left wing. We are the first girls to play football for our team but some of the schools we play against also have girls on their teams.

Sara Palmer
Carrie Bradshaw (year 5)
Heighington Primary

Runners - up in Cross Country Race

On Saturday 11th November, 4 year groups from Heighington Primary School went to Pease's Sports Ground in Crook to represent our school. We had to run a Cross Country course in a 3 person relay. The weather was dull but the supporters were very enthusiastic.

24 children in all from Heighington Primary School went to this well organised event. Wear Valley District Council organised the event. Mr Coates and another teacher called Mrs Caldwell were our coaches.

Most of the children trained each day for 2 weeks before the event. We sometimes did different courses and worked very hard at it. The course at Crook for year 3 and year 4 was about 400m and for year 5 and year 6 about 600m. Year 5 and year 6 had to go up a hill and round a tree which made it harder for us and the hill became very muddy slippery.

Louise Newbould, Laura Baker and Francesca Redhead ran for year 3 girls and overall they came 2nd. Then Christian Wood, Adam Thompson and Matthew Hewitson ran for year 3 boys and they came 1st, so they received a plaque.

Then Hannah Jones, Gayle Etherington and Charlotte Kay ran for year 4 girls and they came 4th. Running for year 4 boys was Paul Butt, Andrew Caldwell and Jamie Adamson and they came 1st, so they received a plaque.

This time year 5 girls had to go up by the tree, so running for year 5 girls were Natalie Cox, Carrie Bradshaw and Joanne Newbould and they came 3rd. For year 5 boys were Steven Swinbank, Zach Ayre and Nicholas le Druillenc and they came 3rd. Next were year 6 girls, Jenny Rees, Katie Short and Emma Heslop ran and they came 3rd.

Finally year 6 boys and by this time the track was very slippery, Mark Butt, Mark Hammond and Christopher Hammond ran and they came 9th. Overall our position was runners up so we got a trophy.

Jenny Rees and
Katie Short (year 6)
Heighington Primary

Join the Local Guided Walk

The Ramblers Association have a local guided circular walk on Sunday 3rd December from Coatham Mundeville. Non-members are welcome to enjoy the easy 6 mile ramble along country lanes with a picnic stop.

It starts at 11.15 a.m., ½ mile along Whitley Hill opposite the Foresters Arms Public House. Further information on this and the Ramblers Association can be obtained by ringing Alan Hutchinson on (01325) 482164.

READER OFFER



Woodham Night of Fun

A Cracking Good Night! This Saturday, 2nd December, Woodham Christian Centre is holding a Mega Fundraiser for "Christmas Cracker".

This is a National Charity which has raised £3m in the last 3 years for overseas projects.

This will be an excellent night for all the family with games, vids, food, auction of quality products, "traidcraft", Christmas Gifts, and much more. The fun starts at 7.30 p.m. Admission £2.50p

Family Service

The next Family Service at St. Clares takes place on Sunday 10th December at 10.30 a.m.

The theme this month is "The Bible" and there will be an Exhibition of Bibles in the hall afterwards, when refreshments will also be served.

A warm welcome is extended to all to share in this short informal all-age Service.

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