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VOLUNTEER BUREAU OPENS WITH CHANGE OF NAME

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well-being of your local community".

By March, next year, the VDA will have purchased a caravette, which will be used as a "Mobile Volunteer Bureau" to take the information out to the community. It will visit specific towns within Sedgefield District on certain days of the week, to promote, volunteering and to provide an advice service for those people wishing to volunteer.

Other services which the VDA are able to provide to the voluntary sector, are: a typing/photocopying and fax service, advice on funding sources and provision of training on specific subjects relevant to volunteering.

The Agency will be holding its Annual general Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 16th January, 1996. An amendment to the Constitution will be proposed to change the name of the organisation to Sedgefield District Volunteer Development Agency. This is a public meeting and anyone is welcome to attend.

If anyone would like further information please call into the office between 10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday or telephone Aycliffe 300122. The office is situated at 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe Town centre. (Please note the office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year holidays from Monday 25th December to Monday 1st January 1996 inclusive).

Yours sincerely
Rosemary Raine-Howe
Manager

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TONY BLAIR OPENS NEW NURSERY



Labour Leader, Tony Blair officially launched Bishop Auckland College Nursery on the 2nd December. The £130,000 purpose built nursery accommodates 100 children from new born until school age and employs 28 people.

Nursery staff and the children prepared for the visit by making a mural of the Houses of Parliament, making the children aware of and be able to chat about Tony Blair's visit. Tony Blair is photographed with Samantha Pearson, aged 3

Santa Welcome at Silverdale

Residents of Silverdale have been beavering away preparing for Santa's visit to the area.

On Thursday 21st December he will be at the Community House at 10 Silverdale Place so that local children can put their orders in before the big day. The idea came from the local mums when asked to give suggestions of ways to promote community spirit and wellbeing - a major aim of the "Community House". Neighbours have been requested to donate spare tinsel etc. to decorate Santa's Grotto.

The local Brownie pack has provided Christmas pictures. Elmfield and St. Francis school have also offered festive posters.

A Jumble Sale last week raised £20 to help support the event.

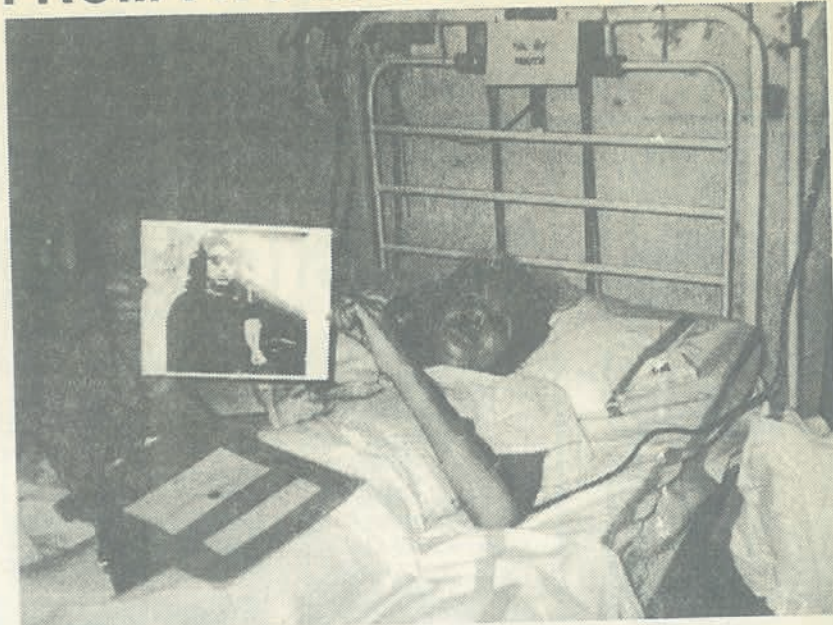
A Silverdale resident has made programmes advertising the visit and other community events and they are being delivered by

parents and children.

A Festive Buffet is being organised by local mums who have been seeking pledges for small donations of cakes, crisps, biscuits etc. "We are looking forward to Santa's Visit as we started with very little and people from round about have made the event possible by giving time, donating oddments, supporting the Jumble Sale and offering their skills and experience" said Liz Shaw, the Community Worker. Parents can take their children to see Santa between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Older residents are also welcome to join in the fun and support their community. Admission 20p.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Community House should call in during opening times: Monday 10am - 12 noon and 1 - 3.30 pm. Tuesday & Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. Thursday 10am - 12 noon and 1-3.30 pm. Tel: 307539.

BRAVE TEENAGER RECOVERS FROM TWO SPINE OPERATIONS



15 year old Louise Bailey of 12 Lilburne Crescent is at present recovering from two major operations to repair Skoliosis of the spine.

To reward her bravery her Aunt Jean arranged for a signed photograph of her favourite pop group "Bon Jovi" to be sent all the way from America.

Louise, a pupil in Year 11 at Woodham Comprehensive School spent a full month in Middlesbrough General Hospital and is now recovering at home.

She would like to wish all her friends and teachers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hopes to see them in the near future.

We send best wishes to Louise, on behalf of all our readers, hoping she has a full and speedy recovery.

Santa Helper Wanted

Great Aycliffe Town Council require one more helper to complete their team undertaking the tour of the Town by Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The volunteer needs to be available between 3.15 and 8.15 p.m. Please contact Christine at the Council Offices. Tel: 300700.

Letter to the Editor

INCREASE IN CHARGES DEPLORED

Dear Sir,
Massively increased charges for use of many of the Town Council facilities were recommended to the Finance Committee in November. Some at 20% and others up to 33% all said to be necessary as there were no increases last year. Was it coincidence that last year was also Election Year?

Increases were lessened by the Labour Group, but they are still well above inflation rates and I spoke and voted against them in Council. Our Town Council has the largest precept in the County at £957,524.00 - nearly a £million! This is almost £400,000 more than Spennymoor and £574,913 more than Shildon!

Our £133.93p Town Council Tax is nearly double what Sedgfield District Council charge for Band 'D' for all their services.

With inflation at 3.2%, Wages, Pensions held down, short term contracts, low paid, part-time employment, affecting many Aycliffe families, I had to vote against these massive increases proposed by the Town Council.

If they had been proposed by a Conservative Controlled Council Labour Councillors would have staged a protest and asked for the increases be justified.

Is our Town Council motto now a prophetic tax prediction? "Not the Least, but the Greatest we Seek".

Yours faithfully,
Don Fraser, Councillor
Woodham Ward

FURNITURE SCHEME

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Please note the Sedgfield District Furniture Scheme which aids needy families, will be closed over the Christmas period.

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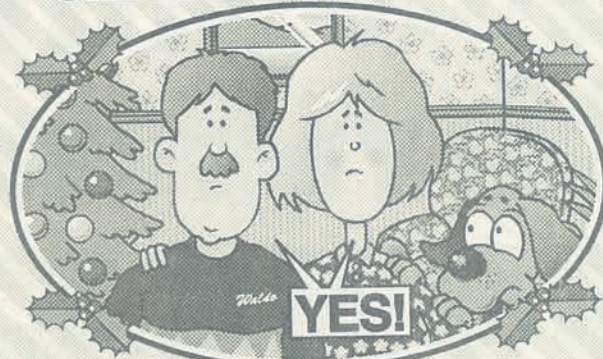
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Letter to the Editor

GOLFERS URGED TO BOYCOTT AYCLIFFE

May I, through your columns, advise the people of Aycliffe of a situation which has arisen lately affecting the members of Aycliffe golf Club?

On Wednesday 6th December I, along with several colleagues, attended the Town Council Meeting and was unfortunate to see "democracy" in action.

Since 1977 the our Club has played on the Aycliffe course bringing revenue and prestige to the town.

At the said meeting, our Club was dismissed within three minutes of the start of the proceedings.

We were advised that because the Council wish to form their own Club that we, despite being the local Club for almost twenty years, would not be recognised as such, and would no longer be welcome to play our fixtures on the public course.

No reason was given and I can only assume that it is an ego trip by one member of the Council, in particular, who wishes to become the "Golf Supremo" in Aycliffe.

This high handed attitude, in my opinion, is a blatant misuse of privilege and should be stamped on before they decide to take over all the Clubs using public facilities.

As a rate payer, I am incensed that these people are prepared to see large numbers of fee paying golfers take their money

elsewhere. Not only will we not be paying for season tickets next year, but we will not be using the Sports Complex facilities for our meetings and functions etc., resulting in the loss of thousands of pounds not only next year, but for the future years also.

As a Club we have always respected the course and the Complex facilities. We brought other Clubs, at our expense, for matches on a regular basis, thus putting money into the public coffers.

In short we have done nothing to warrant this slap in the face, and I for one demand we be given an acceptable reason for this despicable act.

We know the main instigators of the action and they can be assured that when it comes round to election time, they should not knock on our doors canvassing for votes!

Finally I would like to remind the Council that the PUBLIC own the course and all other sports facilities, and it is up to them to decide who use them, as long as the rules are observed.

I have never been so disgusted with any decision in my life, and would urge local golfers to boycott the new Club - should the Council ever get the required number of members to form one!

Yours faithfully,
W. J. Findley
Jackson Place

COUNCILLOR SETS RECORD STRAIGHT ON AYCLIFFE GOLF CLUB DISMISSAL

Dear Sir,

Recently Town Councillors had to make a difficult decision regarding the Aycliffe Golf Club. The Council decided it could no longer recognise the Club as the Aycliffe Course Golf Club.

Readers may have seen items in the press, but they give a false impression of what happened.

On Council Golf Courses like the one at Aycliffe, golfers have to make two payments - one to the Council to play on the course, and another to the Golf Club to be a member.

It is useful to know how this works at a comparable municipal course in the North East. There, the course season ticket is £240 and the Club Membership fee is £20. That Club has 700 members and a 2 year waiting list.

When Great Aycliffe Town Council considered the situation here, earlier this year, they discovered that at their course the Council season ticket was only £150 a year, but the affiliated Golf Club was asking for a first year membership fee of £67.50p!

We were also told that after 19 years in existence the Club had only 80 members, NO women and just three juniors. In addition, half the Club's members came from outside the Great Aycliffe area.

High fees and low numbers are very attractive for Club members. They allow easy access onto the course and into competitions, and they ensure wonderful refreshments after the games!

But they were preventing large numbers of Aycliffe people from properly enjoying their own golf course. The low, greatly subsidised Council season ticket, designed to encourage the sport for Aycliffe people, was being nullified by excessively high Club fees.

The Town Council asked the Club to reduce their fees, to increase the number of women and juniors and to allow a

Council representative to attend their meetings, just as a Golf Club representative is allowed to attend Council meetings.

The answers received were totally unacceptable. The club refused to reduce their year-by-year fees, and offered only to look into the 'possibility' of Ladies and Junior Sections. They refused, point blank, to accept a Council representative at their meetings.

With regret, the council decided to end its association with the Aycliffe golf Club and instead decided to encourage the formation of a new, more democratic organisation.

This Club will not belong to the Council, which only wants to be represented on the Committee to safeguard the public interest.

Great Aycliffe Town Council is committed to the provision of a golf course of excellence, which will be attractive to large numbers of men, women and juniors living in the town. It is ratepayers money that has extended and improved the course and year by year pays for its maintenance and they are entitled to a fair deal for the people of Aycliffe.

For this reason the Season Tickets for next year are as follows:

Men £150, A special offer of £90 to attract the ladies and the Over 60's and a very low fee of only £15 a year for juniors.

In addition, you will soon be able to join a Club which offers reasonable fees and has a strong ladies and junior sections.

Finally nobody is stopping the old club's members from playing on the course, which they can still do as private individuals. Moreover it is the sincere wish of the Council that members of the old Aycliffe Club will want to join the newer cheaper club, which can only benefit from their experience and commitment.

Yours sincerely,
J. D. Clare, Councillor

GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF FIRST WOODLAND RUN BY GREAT LAKES CO.



Three members of Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre were on hand this week to receive cheque from Great Lakes Chemicals on the Industrial Estate who sponsored the Inaugural Aycliffe Woodland Run last month, organised by the Centre in aid of the Refurbishment Appeal

Photo left to right: Michelle Kent, Garrie Kelly, Leslie Bowes (Great Lakes Chemicals) Tony Todd.

S.D.C. TO QUERY WASTED CASH ON NEWSPAPER ADS.

At last Sedgefield District Council are questioning the Government directive on the placing of public notices in newspapers.

The advisory body interprets the 1992 Act as stipulating that Council Public notices be published in a commercial newspaper, for sale, and not necessarily available throughout the Authority area.

This advice has not been challenged even though many local Authorities are now questioning the legality and the high cost to the tax payer.

They also complain the regulation prevents efforts to target the widest possible readership.

The last notice on performance Sedgefield

District Council were obliged to place with the "Northern Echo" cost over £3,000 and they had already published the information in their own magazine "Inform" which has reached all houses in the District.

This is an obvious waste of money and there is an indication that the regulations may be changed to take advantage of much cheaper rates of advertising in "free" newspapers.

Strangely enough the new rules will still not allow the Council to use its own publication for these official notices.

Presumably the Audit Commission does not trust Councils to present the information correctly. But that could easily be overcome by insisting that notices are approved first before being published, the Commission place the ads themselves and send the Council the bill.

It is difficult to understand how the 'powers that be' decided on the use of "paid for" newspapers, given the explosion of free local newspapers over recent years. "The Northern Echo" publish "freebies" which give a better circulation in our District than the regional issue.

The Act does not specify "bought" newspapers it just states a newspaper circulating the area.

So why don't the Association of District Councils fight the Audit Commission on this issue. After all, the money coming out of our pockets

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Sunday 17th December, 1995
12noon-1pm - Chiltons, Shildon

Sunday 24th December, 1995
12noon-1pm - Moss Chemists, N/Aycliffe

Monday 25th December, 1995
12noon-1pm - Hancock & Ainsley, Shildon

A1 FM Programme Schedule - 103.2								
	6am-10am	10am-1pm	1pm-2pm	2pm-6pm	6pm-7pm	7pm-8pm	9pm-12am	12am-6am
MONDAY	Gary's Wake Up Club Gary Wilkinson	Home from Home John Pierce	THE GOLDEN FREEWAY	Mark Brooks in the Afternoon Mark Brooks	THE FAST LANE	No Limits	Late Night (inc) The Quiet Storm Les Gunn	Overnight Expressway Jukebox
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SATURDAY	6am-10am	10am-12pm	12pm-1pm	1pm-2pm	2pm-6pm	6pm-9pm	9pm-12am	12am-7am
	Staurday Wake Up Club Gary Wilkinson	Strawberry Fields Forever John Pierce	Local Chart Steve White	Phone Exchange	A1 Sports First Steve White	House of Dance Les Gunn	Rock Show Robin Ellwood	Overnight Expressway Jukebox
SUNDAY	7am-10am	10am-1pm	1pm-5pm	5pm-8pm	8pm-9pm	9pm-10pm	10pm-12am	12am-6am
	Community Chest/Discussion Gary Burgham	Brooks Sunday Brunch Mark Brooks	Requests and More Mike Patterson	All the way from America Paul Dexter	A1 Arts	Good News Religion	As Time Goes By Peter John Bergg	Overnight Expressway Jukebox

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want to reply before he
comes round with the
presents.

Santa tells us a number of
children have not put
their names and addresses
on their letters, so he
cannot reply.

Letter
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Harmful

Dear Sir,
I wish to point out that the
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shopkeepers in the town.
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support.

Yours sincerely,
"Fair minded"

Name and Address supplied

Tony Blair Opens School Fayre



Tony Blair opened the
Christmas Fayre at
Stephenson Way Primary
School on Friday 1st
December, and very
generously donated a book
about himself, which was
later auctioned and raised a
staggering £70!
Gayle and Gillian, stars of
the Pantomime "Cinderella"
currently at Darlington
Civic Theatre, also paid a
visit, to draw the Raffle.
All three guests were

presented with personalised
school sweatshirts,
supplied by Elizabeth
Embroidery.

The "Friends of Stephenson
Way School" would like to
thank all who helped make
the Fayre a success -
businesses who donated
money or gifts for raffle
prizes, parents for their
donations and support -
Postman Pat, Mr. Blobby,
Punch & Judy, staff both
non-teaching and teaching,
and of course all members
of the "Friends" who
worked tirelessly for weeks.
£1500 was raised which
will be used to benefit the
pupils of the school.
Unclaimed raffle prize
numbers: 2799, 1083, 4550.

Aycliffe
Civic
Carol
Service

The Mayor of Great
Aycliffe, Councillor Jim
Rodwell, will hold a Civic
Carol Service on
Wednesday 20th December
in St. Andrews Church,
Aycliffe Village at 7.15 p.m.
The Service will be
attended by Civic
Dignitaries from the
surrounding area and the
public are cordially invited
to join in this celebration of
Christmas.

The choir is formed from
pupils of Stephenson Way
Primary School and they
will be accompanied by
Shildon Town Band.

This is the first Civic Carol
Service to be held and
hopefully will be a fore-
runner of what will become
a traditional event.

Carol
Singing

Great Aycliffe Council of
Churches would like to
invite you to join them in
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Aycliffe Town Centre on
Saturday 23rd December
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Sunday 17th December, 1995
10.30am - Family Carol Service
6.30pm - Carol Service

Christmas Day
10.00am - Christmas Morning service

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Woodham Christian Centre
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER
10.30am - Family Carol Service
followed by refreshments

6.30pm - Christmas Concert
with WCC Youth Choir and Special Guests

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER
10.30am - Christmas Eve Morning Worship
6.30pm - Evening Service

All visitors welcome

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Church of England

St Clare's Parish Church
SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

6pm - Carol Service
CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm Blessing of the Crib and Nativity Play
11.30pm - Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
8am - Holy Eucharist
9.30am - Choral Eucharist
4pm - Evening Prayer

St. Francis, Horndale
TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

7pm - Carol Service
CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm - Carol Service with Santa
11.30pm - Midnight Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30am - Holy Eucharist

St. Elizabeth's, Woodham
CHRISTMAS EVE

7pm - Family Eucharist & Blessing of the Crib
CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30am - Holy Eucharist

St. Andrew's Aycliffe Village
WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER

7pm - Civic Carol Service
CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm - Blessing of the Crib
11.30pm - Midnight Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY
9am - Holy Eucharist

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2.30 p.m.

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Santa's Christmas Eve Tour

ROUTE 1

3.45pm
St Oswalds Court
3.55pm
Wycliffe Close
Washington Crescent
Closes
Weile Road
4.25pm
Defoe Crescent
and Closes
4.35pm
Wiseman Walk
Swbank Close
Hardinge Road
Chandler Close
Chapman Close
Crowley Place
Hardinge Road
Housfield Crescent
Liber Close
Kendrew Close
Anderson Close
Hastob Close
Turn Lane
Westmorland Way
Jenson Grove
Whiteley Grove
Thurlof Grove
Lymmer Grove
4.50pm
Walton Way
Hartley Road
Aulknor Road
Lullock Road
Hillington Road
Valcher Road
Hilburne Crescent
Macmillan Road
Hertie Close
Webb Close
Westmorland Way
Newburn Court
5.00pm
Lumphrey Close
Hilkin Way
Lead Close
Wright Close
Priestman Road
Marshall Road
Burdon Close
Lightfoot Road
Thompson Way
5.25pm
Harrington Road
Hushfield
Hunstable Road
Harleph Close
Haba Close
Ruce Road/Pease Way
5.10pm
AFA Club
Aulinus Road
5.20pm
Pease Way

ROUTE 2

3.45pm
Bede Crescent
Anne Swyft Road
Clarence Chare
Clarence Close
Clarence Green
Clarence Corner
Baliol Road
Hackworth Close
4.05pm
Baliol Green
Travellers Green
Lingard Walk
Seton Walk
Gilpin Road
Palmer Road
Cosin Close
4.45pm
Bury Road
Wilkinson Road
Van Mildert Road
Greathead Crescent
Shafto Way
Greville Way
St Cuthberts Way
5.15pm - St Clares
5.30pm
Sheraton Road/Close
Sharp Road
Lumley Close
Hunter Road
Sharp Road
Crewe Road
Henderson Road
Crawford Road
Sheraton Road
6.00pm
Hatfield Road
Hield Close
Biscop Crescent
Skirlaw Road
Bek Road
6.25pm
Shafto Way
Creighton Road
Moore Lane
Swan Walk/Gunn Lane
Mellanby Crescent
Vane Road
Fowler Road
6.55pm
Shafto Way
Stanfield Road
Eden Road
Langley Road
7.10pm
Central Avenue
Welbury Grove
7.30pm
Aycliffe School
7.45pm
Central Avenue
Fire Station/Houses
Church Close

ROUTE 3

3.45pm
Greenfield Way
Burnhill Way
Malham Crescent
Rylston Close
Reeth Place
Askrigg Place
Skipton Close
Armcliffe Place
Aysgarth Close
Hawes Place
Pateley Close
Stainforth Close
Marrick Close
4.30pm
Garburn Place
Hawkshead Place
Honister Place
Silverdale Place
Kirkstone Place
Langdale Place
Whinlatter Place
Eskdale Place
Greenfield Way
5.15pm
Linden Place
Elmfield Place
Rowan Place
Beechfield/Oakfield
Pease Way
5.45pm
Cumby Road
Crosby Road
Doxford Close
Crosby Road
Lowery Road
St Godrics Road
Mills Close
6.15pm
St Godrics Road
Cumby Road
Watson Road
Simpasture Court
Simpasture Gate
Moule Close
Finchale Road
Lambton Close
Lee Green/Hopper Road
6.55pm
Finchale Road
Dixon Road
Walker Lane
Simpasturegate
Emerson Way
Butler Road
Castlereagh Close
Merz Road
7.15pm
Butler Road
Ritson Road
Bowes Road
Lyon Walk
Bowes Road
Marley Road
Wallas Road
Isherwood Close
Bewick Crescent
Emerson Way
St Cuthberts Way

ROUTE 4

3.45pm
Aycliffe Village
Durham Road
Millfields
Atkinson Gardens
The Orlands
(Millhouse)
The Green
South Grove
St Andrews Close
High Street
Heighington Street
Congreve Terrace
Bickford Terrace
4.45pm
Industrial Estate
School Aycliffe Lane
West Cottages
North Cottages
School Aycliffe
Eastfields Road
The Garth/Midfields
Lord Neville Drive
Binchester Croft
Menville Close
Bunynghill Close
Foresters Path
Smythsons Close
Sheppards Croft
Thursby Close
Wilbore Croft
5.30pm
High Barn Road
Meatlesburn Close
Springfields
Hazelrigg Close
Lowfields
Hansard Close
Jennison Close
Westfields
Aycliffe Hospital
6.10pm
Greenfield Way
Greenfield Dene Drive
Malvern Way
Colwell Court
Bedford Way
Witton Court
6.30pm
The Chase
Rookwood Hunt
Staintondale
Zetland Hunt
Hurworth Hunt
The Covert
The Stirrup
Bramham Chase
Bedale Hunt
The Post Horn
The Saddlery
7.10pm
Byerley Park
Lascelles Avenue
Luttryngton Court
Hambleton Court
Ranulf Court
Jesmond Court
Colburn Avenue
Elwick Avenue
Claxton Court
Russell Court
Yoden Court
Wynyard Court

ROUTE 5

3.45pm
Foxton Close
Herrington Court
Hardwick Court
Butterwick Court
Rushyford Court
Layton Court
Foxton Close
Woodham Way
4.10pm
Brafferton Close
Chilton Court
Grange Court
Grindon Court
Whitton Court
Woodham Way
4.25pm
Lowther Drive
Brook Close
Mulgrave Close
Middleham Way
Cartington Close
Helmsley Court
Burleigh Mews
Badminton Grove
Stoneleigh Court
Lowther Drive
Stag Lane
4.55pm
Kennilworth Court
Equestrian Centre
Hickstead Rise
Fallow Road
Hind Court
Brancepeth Close
Raby Drive
Woodham Way
Village Close
5.15pm
Bamburgh Crescent
Chillingham Grove
Alnwick Grove
Barnard Close
Woodham Way
5.40pm
Pemberton Road
Farnham Close
Beaumont Close
Kirkham Close
Egerton Grove
Dudley Drive
Howson Crescent
Pemberton Road
Clover Court
Sorrel Wynd
Yarrow Court
Harebell Meadows
Campian Court
Woodham Way
6.15pm
Sandown Drive
Tattersall Close
Beechers Grove
The Oaks
Woodham Way
6.30pm
Sunningdale
6.40pm
Woodham Way
Low Green/The Spinney
6.50pm
High Green/The Grange
7.10pm
The Bridle
Woodham Gate
7.20pm
Ryder Court
St Andrews Court
Acle Burn
Acle Meadows
7.35pm
Carwardine Court
Blackiston Close

ROUTE 6

3.45pm
Greenfield Way
Hallington Head
Tindale Green
Derwent Place
Angram Place
Scholars Path
Broomlee Close
Stocks Green
Waskerley Walk
Fewston Close
Blackton Close
4.15pm
Meadowfield Way
Stainmore Crescent
Greenlee Garth
Ladybower
Winterburn Place
Grassholme Place
Burnhope
Stainmore Walk
Cleveland Place
Lisle Road
Meadowfield Way
Burnhill Way
4.45pm
Bluebell Way
Coverdale Court
Wolviston Close
Alverston Drive
Hamsterley Road
Paxton Close
Bluebell Meadow
Bluebell Close
Avon Court
Burnhill Way/Burn Lane
Woodham Lodge
5.15pm
Sid Chaplin Drive
Fox Place/Bates Close
Brockett Close
Lorraine Walk
Mackenzie Place
Thornton Close
Sampson Close
Sampson Place
Hedley Close
Scott Place
Sid Chaplin Drive
Bakewell Place
Booth Walk
Burnhill Way
Agnew Way
6.15pm
Kings Drive/Ida Place
Osbert Place
Guthrum Place
Osric Place
Aldfred Place
Agnew Way
Heatherburn Court
6.45pm
Agnew Way
Well House Drive
Morrison Close
Tanfield Place
Stargate Close
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7.15pm
Kimbleworth Walk
Fenhall Green
Hutton Place
Callerton Rise
Deval Close
Elemore Place
Phoenix Place
Brockwell Close
Agnew Way

Carol Singing

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Latter-day Church Message

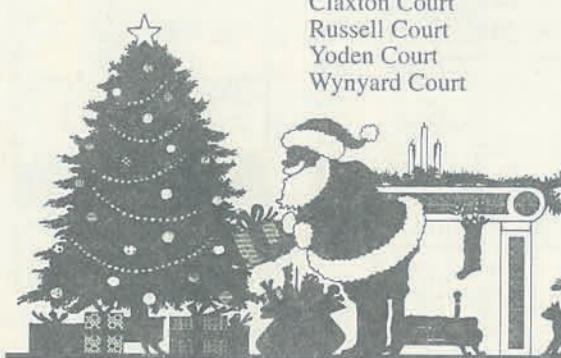
At this special time of the year when our hearts and thoughts turn to the sacred events in and about Bethlehem, may I, as the local Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints reaffirm our belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and saviour of the world. In their recent Christmas message, our prophet Gordon B. Hinckley and his counsellors stated: "on that night of nights so many years ago, the angel of the Lord calmed the frightened shepherds and said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy ... For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. The joy of that announcement pertained not only to the shepherds who heard it, but shall be to all people."

"At this sacred time of year, as our hearts are made tender and we reach out in greater kindness one to another, let us cultivate a more perfect love and pay heed to the counsel of another angel who said, fear not ... for I know that ye seek Jesus."

We express our love and gratitude to members of the Church and our friends throughout the world. May the hope, peace, light and love of the Saviour fill our hearts at this Christmas season and always.

We would invite all of our friends and neighbours to make this sacred season a time when in each home a greater effort is made to follow the example set so many years ago, by Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. May parents and children reach out in greater kindness and love to each other. May our children and spouses "fear not" and rejoice more. And may the "hope, peace, light and love of the saviour fill our hearts at this Christmas season and always"

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I may be a little late*



*Listen for my
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may be a little late*

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RAINE Hip Hip Hooray
Grandad is 50 today, lots of
hugs and kisses from Sam

RAINE Happy 50th
birthday Dad, love you
always Michelle

BETH THOMPSON
"Nana's Princess" Happy
1st birthday, lots of love
and kisses nana.

HIP HIP HOORAY Beth
Thompson's 1 today, lots
of love Aunt Angela and
Uncle Gavin

BETH THOMPSON To
our beautiful daughter,
happy 1st birthday, lots of
love and kisses Mummy
and Daddy

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BETH THOMPSON
Happy 1st birthday,
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and Tracey

KEITH AND ANDREA
congratulations on the
birth of your baby boy,
Thomas, from Trevor and
all your friends

GRANDMA Happy 50th
birthday, lots of love
Becky and Kirsty XXX

MAM Have a great 50th!!
Love you lots Marie and
Geoff XX

STERLING Rebecca,
13th December, Happy 7th
birthday to our special little
girl, love Mammy, Daddy
and James XXX

STERLING, Rebecca
13th December, happy 7th
birthday, lots of love
Nanna and Grandad XX

BARRIGAN, Craig
Congratulations Craig on
your 18th birthday, lots of
love and future happiness,
love always Mam and Dad.

PS Well done on passing
your driving test last
month, happy motoring.

BARRIGAN, Craig,
congratulations Craig on
your 18th birthday, best
wishes from Wayne, Neil,
Scott, Clare, Helen. PS the
drinks are on you

CAYGILL Jordan James
To our special little boy,
happy 3rd birthday on the
13th December, lots of
love Mammy and Daddy
XXX

CAYGILL Happy 3rd
birthday Jordan, lots of
love from Aunt Julie and
Steve XXX

CAYGILL Jordan happy
3rd birthday to a special
nephew, love Aunt Elaine
and Andrew

QUICKMIRE - HALL,
Yvonne and Wayne,
congratulations on your
engagement on 16-12-95,
love from Mam, Dad, Paul
and Anthony

HOGARTH, Dr. Martin
Philip, congratulations on
achieving your Phd in
Chemistry, all the best for
the future, Mam, Dad and
family

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Gary and Keeley, all our
love and best wishes on
your engagement, Mam,
Kevin and family

TERRENCE FOWLER
15-12-73, lots of love on
our 22nd wedding
anniversary, love you more
today than when we
married Jeannie

TERRENCE FOWLER
18-12-95, happy birthday
to the worlds greatest
husband and Dad, love
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home from your
universities have a lovely
Christmas, love Dad,
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**BETTY GOWLING**

Nissed again!

Happy 50th birthday

15-12-95, have a great

time but please no

wenditions of

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To a very very special

wife, love always

Dave XX

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the last 12 games, this
phenomenal record looked
to be tested against a
quality side who were fresh
from victory over The
Huntsman. This fear was
laid to rest in the early
stages of the match as top
scorer Trevor Cooke
scored a superb goal due to
the Legion's constant
pressure on a leaking
defence.

The goal was created by a
blistering run from striker
Michael Swankie down the
left flank who crossed in a
dangerous low cross, that
the defender failed to deal
with, this allowed Cooke to
drive in a precise shot
which left the keeper with
no chance. The Legion
added to this with another
Goal this time from
youngster Craig Malcolm
whose right foot drive left
two defenders clashing to
clear.

Down by not our Half
Moon regained control and
began to dominate
possession which gave
goalkeeper Ian Palmer the
chance to produce two
fabulous saves to keep the
Legion grasping the
chance of victory

Against the run of play Ian
Shepherd scored an
exquisite left foot goal
which lobbed a stranded
Half moon goalkeeper.
Three points in sight!
However it was the second
half in which Manager
George Topping's players
showed their strength and
class as they defended in a
way that would make
Nottingham Forest proud.
They stood up to an
increasingly frustrated
opposition who reacted
with several wild
aggressive challenges. This
was apparent when the
Legions 4th goal came
about. Malcolm dribbling
into the 18 yard box,
shrugging off several
tackles only to be brought
down. This left the Half
Moon players up in arms

at the referee's decision to
award a penalty - Captain
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Photo left to right: Paul Smith, Paul Garbutt, Michael Cairns, Helen Wood, Stephen Harrison and Malcolm Watson.

Advent Fayre Draw

The congregation of St. Francis Church, Horndale would like to thank everyone who came to support their Advent Fayre. It was a great success and the winning numbers in the

Prize Draw are as follows:
2136, 3965, 4250, 14445,
0677, 5088, 1213, 1660,
2370, 6213, 3824, 3774,
0125, 5068, 4043, 1784,
3257, 1501, 1611, 4105,
1048, 4115, 6053, 6820.

Dance School Perform

The McAdam School of Dancing is to entertain a Senior Citizens' Party given by the Youth Centre this week.

Mike Horne, Senior Youth Leader, told Newton News he wanted the Centre to be seen as giving something back to the community even though they are currently gathering as much finance as possible to pay for the refurbishment of their premises.

Christmas Play

St. Clare's Church invites you to bring your family to a Nativity Play and Blessing of the Crib to be held in the Church on Christmas Eve at 4.30 p.m.

The play is to be performed by Sunday School children and everyone is welcome. Hopefully Santa Claus may be able to call in before he starts his tour of the town!

"CAR PARK WAS MY IDEA"

Mr. Hindmarch of Silverdale Place rang Newton News to inform us he was first to suggest the use of West Park as a car park for Stephenson Way School.

He wrote to the Head Teacher, Mr. Akers, with the suggestion, over a year ago,

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Mr. Hindmarch is very pleased his suggestion is being implemented, but is a little peeved that the Councillor is taking credit.

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