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BOROUGH COUNCIL EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION ON C35

The following statement was received from Sedgefield Borough Council following last weeks front page letter from Councillor Moore regarding the C35 upgrade, where it stated that Durham County Council's request for funding for the road had been refused by Sedgefield Borough Council.

Cobblers Hall has been part of the planned development of the Town for many years. It was identified for housing in the 1967 Master Plan and again in the 1982 Northern Area Study. The Development Corporation was originally

responsible for all aspects of the development of the New Town, including provision of land for housing and roads. When the Development Corporation was wound up, land use planning passed to the District Council and

road matters to the County Council.

LONG PLANNED EXPANSION

Since the development of Cobblers Hall was part of the agreed and long planned expansion of the New Town, as was the development of Woodham which also increased the amount of traffic using the C35, the District Council took the view that the associated road issues had passed from the Development Corporation to the County Council.

In 1989, the then Sedgefield District Council consulted on the outline planning application for the Cobblers Hall Development and all the roads issues raised by the County Council as highway authority i.e. the roundabout on Burnhill Way, widening of part of Burn Lane and provision of Bluebell Way, have been carried out and paid for by the Borough Council. It is important that we look to the future and to getting the best possible transportation network for Newton Aycliffe (looking at all types of travel). The Government has shown that it is looking to fund 'packages' of co-ordinated transport measures.

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Borough Looks Forward to Review

A 'package' for Newton Aycliffe would allow the Borough Council, the County Council, other organisations and the local community to work together to agree objectives and priorities, and jointly look for funding.

In 1995, the Borough Council suggested that 'packages' should be considered for the major towns in the County (including Newton Aycliffe) and again in 1996,

specifically suggested a 'package' for Newton Aycliffe as a way of addressing concerns like the C35.

The Borough Council has welcomed the County Council's recent suggestion of a review of the major towns to establish priorities for transportation 'packages' and is looking forward to working with the County Council and others, to find ways of tackling and funding the transportation needs of Newton Aycliffe.

160 CYCLISTS ATTEND SUPERVISED BIKE STAND

On Tuesday 29th July 1997, a partnership between Local Agenda 21, Hamsterley Forest Cycle Shop, P.C. Sarah Bullock, from Newton Aycliffe Police-Cycle Force and Sedgefield Borough Council brought about a Supervised Bike Stand in the Town Centre.

The Stand was open from 10am until 2.30pm and over 160 cyclists attended the stand with over 80 cyclist asking for their Bike to be security stamped.

Martin Woodcock the proprietor of the Hamsterley Cycle Shop said "the day was a great success, We were kept busy throughout" The next SUPERVISED BIKE STAND will be held on the 12th August from 10 am until 3.30pm. Again you can leave your bike there whilst you do some shopping secure in knowledge that your Bike is being looked after. Or you can turn up and get a FREE service for your Bike with FREE maintenance and security advice.

It was interesting speaking to Marc Purkiss one of the "Bike Doctors" he said "it is surprising how many young people are riding around with damaged gears and unsafe brakes in Newton Aycliffe" The advice we would give is to get your Bike checked regularly by your parents or get down to a Bike dealer for safety advice.



Hamsterley Cycles have been very supportive of the Cycleforce initiative. They have given discounts on maintenance equipment and free maintenance/repairs on police cycles from June-September. Pictured here is Martin from Hamsterley Cycles and PC Bullock having some adjustments made.

On Tuesday 29th July 1997, Cycleforce worked in conjunction with Hamsterley Cycles offering maintenance on cycles, security advice (to include a free post-coding service) and crime prevention advice.

A cycle record form is available from Newton Aycliffe Police Office so a full record can be kept of your bikes details.

Future dates for post-coding of cycles at Newton Aycliffe Police Office will be arranged in the near future.

SENIORS AND CRIME PREVENTION

Outside the home, the most frequent crimes that are committed against older persons are: purse snatchings; pick pockets and personal attacks. The criminal relies on opportunity and availability. If you are a victim of this type of incident, try to stay as calm as possible, and do NOT do anything that will jeopardize your safety. Here are a few points to consider:

- 1 - Carry only what you need and keep cash and personal property to a minimum;
 - 2 - Travel with a companion wherever possible;
 - 3 - Walk only in well-lit areas;
 - 4 - Vary your route to/from the supermarket or post office;
 - 5 - Be cautious when talking to strangers;
 - 6 - To avoid any dangerous situations, take the following precautions:
 - a - utilize the deposit system/direct debit system in your bank for cheques etc.
 - b - Use cheques or credit cards instead of cash wherever possible.
 - c - Never flash your money
- * Always report any crime or attempted crime to your local police office

PRACTICAL WAYS TO CRACK CRIME Part 1 - How women can protect themselves

Violent crimes are still comparatively rare; they account for only a small part of all recorded crime. Statistically, therefore, the chance that you or a member of your family will be a victim is already low. By following these simple and sensible precautions, the risk can be reduced even further.

- * Check your house security, particularly window and door locks;
- * Draw your curtains to discourage any peeping Tom;
- * When answering the telephone don't give your number. If the caller claims to have the wrong number ask him/her to repeat the number required NEVER reveal any information about yourself;
- * If out on foot, avoid short cuts where there is no street lighting;
- * Walk facing the traffic so a car cannot pull up behind you unnoticed;
- * Cover up handbags and expensive looking jewellery
- * If you regularly walk or jog around a particular route - vary the route and times;
- * If you think someone is following you on foot, cross the street, more than once if necessary - to check your suspicions. If you are still suspicious, run to the nearest place where there will be other people. Call the police as soon as you reach a safe place - try to give as much description of the offender as possible;
- * Self defence classes give you a feeling of greater confidence. Contact your local leisure/recreation department;
- * A personal alarm is worth considering but carry it somewhere accessible.

LETTER TIME TO RESIGN?

Dear Sir,
 It was with delight I heard the news that the Police case against former Town Clerk John Farquhar had been dropped, due to lack of evidence.

I would suggest that now there is no criminal charge to answer it is an appropriate time for those who instigated the witch hunt, on a man who was already facing the tragic loss of his wife to cancer, to resign from their respective offices.

I feel it totally wrong that anyone who can kick a man so badly when he is already down, can act in any way, shape or form as a representative of this community.
 Yours sincerely,
 "Disgusted"
 Name & Address supplied.

GREAT FUN IN THE T.A.



Tracey Morgan looks forward to her weekends and the leisure time it gives her - or is it leisure as we understand it?

For Tracey, a 24 year old from Darlington, spends several Saturdays and Sundays each year as a Combat Medical Technician with the Territorial Army. She first joined 7 years ago and since then has qualified both as a 'medic' and as a driver.

"It's great," she says, "I'm never bored in my time off. I'm usually far too busy training with my unit doing very interesting things in interesting places".

Tracey is a student at Darlington College of Technology and is based at the Newton Aycliffe detachment of 201 (Northern) Field Hospital, an important part of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Many of its personnel have no previous experience of medical matters but are fully trained by the unit - earning Regular Army rates of pay whilst doing so. In the past year many of its members have spent short periods serving voluntarily in places such as Cyprus, Ascension Island, The United States, Bosnia, Hong Kong, Fiji etc. It continues to seek recruits.

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Do You Care?

The Princess Royal Trust for Carer's, Sedgefield Locality Centre is looking for volunteers who live in Newton Aycliffe, Trimdon, Spennymoor, Ferryhill, Chilton and Shildon. Volunteers can provide companionship for people in need of caring, replacing the permanent carer to make it possible for the carer to have a short break from the daring caring role.

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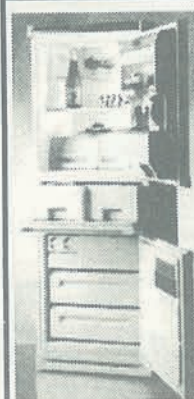
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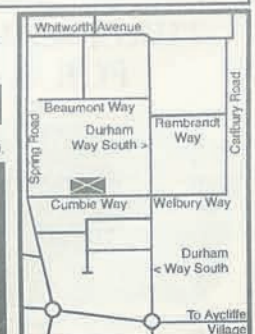
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TEENAGERS CLEAN UP CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA



Woodham School pupils aged 15 worked hard recently on a marvellous project to improve a play area in Kimblesworth Work. They worked for a week with patrol officer Brown and myself. Work included painting, swings, slide and climbing frame, making the area a safe place to play by removing dangerous objects and glass. We visited local residents and postcoded their property and encouraged them to display their neighbourhood watch stickers. A crime survey was

conducted to determine local peoples' fears and perceptions of crime. This project succeeded due to the fact that many local companies and agencies agreed to take part in the project. These included Nordic Chemicals, Aycliffe Paint Supplies, Blenheim Furniture, the Community Service, Mitchell and Struthers, The Acorn Unit, Simply Stipes, Bowater T and MC, John Russell and Sons, Sedgfield Borough Council, Aycliffe Town Council. Everybody's time and equipment were provided

free of charge, and this is a perfect example of a community coming together to improve an area.

New seats were erected, and the tarmac area was kindly painted by Ray Bewley, who drew number games, alphabets, hopscotch and generally improved a very grey and unwelcoming site. The children from the local playgroup were invited to

play, and the children from Woodham School took pleasure in showing the children the new games and the new-look playground. The teenage workers were Amanda Brown, Laura Parker, Calvin Young, Richard Whittaker, Danielle Denham, Marie Wilson, Samantha Naylor, Elizabeth Craig and Matthew Elliott. Community Force Officers: Joy Fletcher, Patrol Officer Brown.

Subways Are in Filthy State

Tony Moore has been writing letters again, this time regarding the town's underpasses which he says should be sealed to prevent misuse by unruly youngsters.

The County Council who are responsible for the structural condition admit they present problems of graffiti and debris, but state this should be dealt with by the Police and other authorities.

Two subways, Bluebell and Greenlea Garth will be treated with anti-graffiti measures this year.

Subways provide safe crossing for pedestrians and especially school children and the County Council believe it would be a retrograde step to seal them. The Borough Council agree that any nuisance at the subways is outweighed by the improved road safety.

Tony can't understand why they insist on keeping them open when there is no maintenance cash available.

"They are in a filthy state, stink of urine and are used as drink and drug dens, why spend thousands of pounds on traffic calming on the roads above and leave the subways open?" Asks Tony.

LETTER

Keep the Underpasses

Dear Sir
Having read reports about improving road safety in Newton Aycliffe I was pleased to see progress, however I am alarmed and extremely concerned at Councillor Moores views to close underpasses on these roads.

To close the underpasses would force parents and children going to local schools, the elderly and wheelchair bound to climb steep embankments to cross roads increasing the risks of road accidents.

I understand Councillor Moores reasons for closing the underpasses is to top youths congregating in them causing a nuisance and threat to those who live close by or people walking through them. But by simply closing them will not eliminate the problem, just move it onto someone else's doorstep.

I urge Councillor Moore to rethink before a child is injured or killed. I also urge people who use the underpasses to write to Councillor Moore asking him to drop his idea. P Clark, Blackton Close

RAFFLE WINNERS

MIND Fun Day raffle results are: (hamper) 206-210; (picture) 156-160; (chess set) 171-175; (gin) 61-65. The dolls name was Carena and there were 461 sweets in the jar. Total money raised for MIND came to £327.00 - All prizes have been claimed

VOLUNTEERS BUILD STILES FOR WALKERS



Before and after! The Aycliffe GAPS group, which is working to open local rights of way to walkers, held another successful work programme last Sunday, when they built a number of stiles. These pictures shows GAPS co-ordinator Andy Morton, helped by GAPS member Keith Murray.

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CARING FOR THE CARERS

Sedgfield Locality Carers Centre at Newton Aycliffe are hoping to offer a support life line to Carers resident in Shildon and Middridge Village.

The Carers Support Group in the town will be established with the intention of improving the quality of life for Carers within the Sedgfield Borough.

The Centre's Outreach Officer, Patricia Slater said "We understand it can be difficult for many reasons why the people of Shildon and Middridge cannot come to our Centre here at Newton Aycliffe. If we can bring our support to Carers in their area, hopefully we can improve their health and social well being. Many Carers take on their caring role, as they feel it is their responsibility or duty. Many times being left to cope with enormous strains, often in isolation and experiencing great loneliness."

It is our intention through the Support Group to enable Carers to meet people who are coping with the same problems.

We can offer support and advice on a wide range of subjects and are developing an information and educational programme assisted by speakers from specific areas of Carers' needs.

At present we are establishing a free sitting service to enable Carers to have a break from their caring role, so they can have time for themselves or to come along to our support groups and see what we have to offer.

If you would like to be involved or would like to be a volunteer sitter for further information please ring the Princess Royal rust Centre at Newton Aycliffe and ask for Patricia Slater on 308100

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FAMILY SERVICE

There will be a Family Service at St Clare's Church on Sunday 10th August, commencing 10.30 am.

The theme theme for this month's service is "Pilgrims and Travellers".

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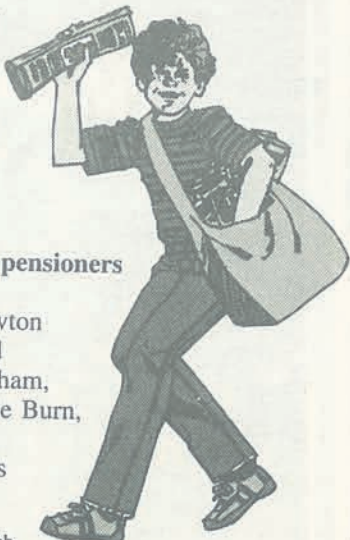
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TACKLING HOMELESSNESS FOR YOUTH IN THE COUNTY

As concern grows in County Durham about the numbers of young people becoming homeless each year, youth homelessness charity Centrepoint warns of the myth that homelessness is restricted to the capital. In reality young people, many forced out of home, have few places to go - particularly in rural areas. Centrepoint's new Northern office, funded by the Halifax for the next

three years, is looking to work with young people, voluntary agencies and local authorities to improve the housing options for young people in County Durham. Research in the region already shows:

- Over a thousand homeless young people counted by one nightstop last year.
- Growing evidence of 'hidden homelessness' in rural areas.
- An increase in young people sleeping rough.
- A huge shortfall across the county in suitable accommodation for under 25's.
- Emergency shelters having to turn away nearly half the people who need beds.

Neil Bowden, Centrepoint's Regional Development Manager in the North of England explains: 'Homelessness is not restricted to the city streets and young people no longer flock to London on the same scale as they used to. Increasing evidence is emerging that young people are at risk in many parts of the North. Centrepoint is concerned that the numbers of young people who have contacted the few places offering help are just the tip of the iceberg.' Centrepoint's Northern office is currently seeking funding for regional projects in Cumbria, Lancashire, County Durham and North Yorkshire.

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Sanyo UK Sales Ltd. has reservations on the recommendation to abolish RRP's for electrical goods and is reviewing its options. Commenting on the Report, Paul Dominy, Sales Directors of Sanyo UK said "We are very disappointed with these conclusions and we do not believe that they are in the consumers best interests. Sanyo, in common with several other leading electrical goods companies, has commissioned independent research which shows that most consumers value RRP's and find them a helpful guide and a useful benchmark against which they can compare retailers prices. It is totally unrealistic to assume that

removing RRP's will result in wide-scale price-cutting. Even if prices reduce in the short term, this will inevitably lead to retail closures. This in turn, will result in reduced consumer choice leading to increased retail prices"

the low levels of profitability in the sector were not relevant to its assessment - a view that Sanyo considers is wrong in principle.

Electrical Goods is an enormously competitive sector worldwide and the UK has some of the lowest prices in Europe. Products are lower priced in real terms than their counterparts were 10 years ago. Sanyo is unable to agree with the MMC's analysis that these favourable prices are merely a result of improvements in manufacturing efficiency, rather than as a result of the highly competitive market in the UK.

It is Sanyo's view that the Report was compiled without thorough, balanced research and as such, its findings are flawed. For example, in examining the pricing of electrical goods the MMC failed to consult shoppers about their views on consumer choice and selling price. It also ignored the importance of factors like service and value-added marketing. Worse still, the MMC decided that

NETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



Winners of the Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre Netball League - Sports Club - receive their trophies from duty manager Peter Boddy. Left to right: (Top) Louise Crossen, Carmel Whitfield, Peter Boddy, Angela, Pamela Todd and Gail Thompson (Bottom) Jennifer Owe, Rita Neasham and Carol Howard

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'From what I understand of the situation in Poland at the moment, many people have lost everything and we hope that these few pieces can at least help them to rebuild their homes.'

Medallion Found

On 28th May my husband found a medallion on the floor of the old post office. He decided to take it to the police station where it stayed for over 3 weeks. As no-one claimed it we now have it back. It is dated 1911 and maybe of some sentimental value to somebody. It is engraved with a Charity Cup. If anyone knows who it belongs to and they'd like it returned they can phone 313862 anytime.

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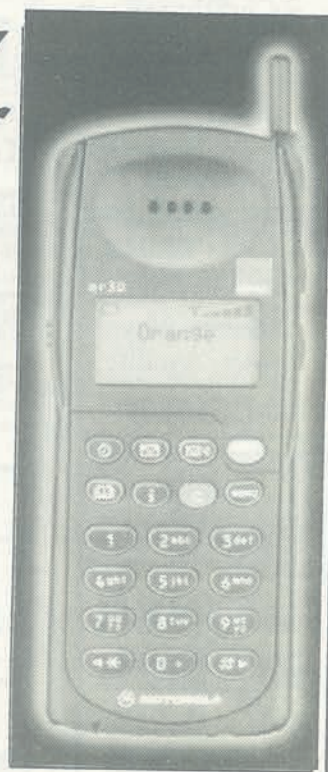
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COURT CASE LOST BUT Dr. MARTIN BOUNCES BACK

Dr. Howard Martin has lost his case against former partners at peace Way Medical Centre and will be vacating the premises. The property will be independently valued for Dr. Martin to receive his share. Any money received however will be swallowed up in the enormous £250,000 costs involved in bringing the argument to court. But, as in previous upsets in the Doctor's stormy life, he has bounced back by announcing his relocation to the highly prestigious new Carers Centre to be built at Cobblers Hall. The new Health Centre will accommodate the four doctors in Dr Martins present partnership and form an integral part of the £2 million complex which Sedgfield Borough Council are to build at Cobblers Hall. The doctors will provide comprehensive medical services to complement the new centre which will become a national showpiece in community care. Details of the Carer's Centre have not been released but press announcements are expected soon.

Both Mayors at Sod-Cutting Ceremony

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Sarah J. Iveson, together with the Mayor of Sedgfield Borough Council, Councillor Brian Avery, will perform a ceremony of "cutting the first sod" The ceremony will take place at 11a.m. on Monday, 4th August, 1997 at Woodham Park (adjacent to Woodham Way).

WILLIAMFIELD HOLD SECOND FUN DAY

A.S.K. (Aycliffe Support in the 'Kommunity) from the Williamfield area of Newton Aycliffe, have organised a Fun Day event starting at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 17th August, in and around the Silverdale Community House, which is next to the Aycliffe Arms (Dandy Cart) Public House. An extravaganza of activities are planned for the day, including Bouncy Castles, Merry-Go-Rounds, Rides, Face Painting, displays by local Jazz Bands, Gymnastic Groups, Line Dancers and Thai Boxing, as well as Races and Games for children. Plus there will be a variety of stalls and other activities. the community, who found it great fun and a boost to c-community spirit. This year's event is expected to be an even greater success and is open to all.", said Diana Fleming, one of the organisers. A.S.K. have been working together on community issues with the Aycliffe Community Health Project which aims to promote health and well-being in the area. The Silverdale Community House hosts a range of activities, e.g., Parent & Toddler and Support Group, Computer Courses, Healthy Eating and Cookery Courses, Play Activities for Children during school holidays and Weekly Citizens Advice Sessions. The Fun Day is a celebration of the support the community has shown over the last 18 months since the house first opened. For further information contact The Silverdale Community House on 01325 307539 during office hours.

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TOWN SWIMMER BRINGS THREE MEDALS HOME



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SCHOOLCHILDREN PERFORM AT CIVIC THEATRE IN AID OF HOSPICE

Local pupils from Sugar Hill, Greenfields and Woodham Schools will be lending their considerable talents to perform in a Charity Gala Evening in aid of the St Teresa's Hospice "Jig Saw Appeal" on Sunday 21st September at the Darlington Civic Theatre. The concert, involving some 200 children from schools across the region is being organised by Miriam Wilson in memory of her mother, Mrs Georgina Todd (known as Jean) formerly of Walcher Road in Newton Aycliffe. Miriam Wilson said "This is my way of saying thank you and giving something back to the Hospice. I could not possibly have survived without the support given both to my mother and myself by the wonderful caring staff and volunteers at St Teresa's. I hope that we will pack the theatre, as the evening promises to be very varied and entertaining." The evening will be compered by funny man, local pantomime dame and music hall star "Tony Peers". The audience will be treated to a programme of Music, Comedy, Drama and Dance and some lucky winner will take away a holiday prize from the grand raffle which will be drawn on the night. Tickets are on sale now priced between £4 and £6 for all bookings please telephone Howard Hudson on 314759

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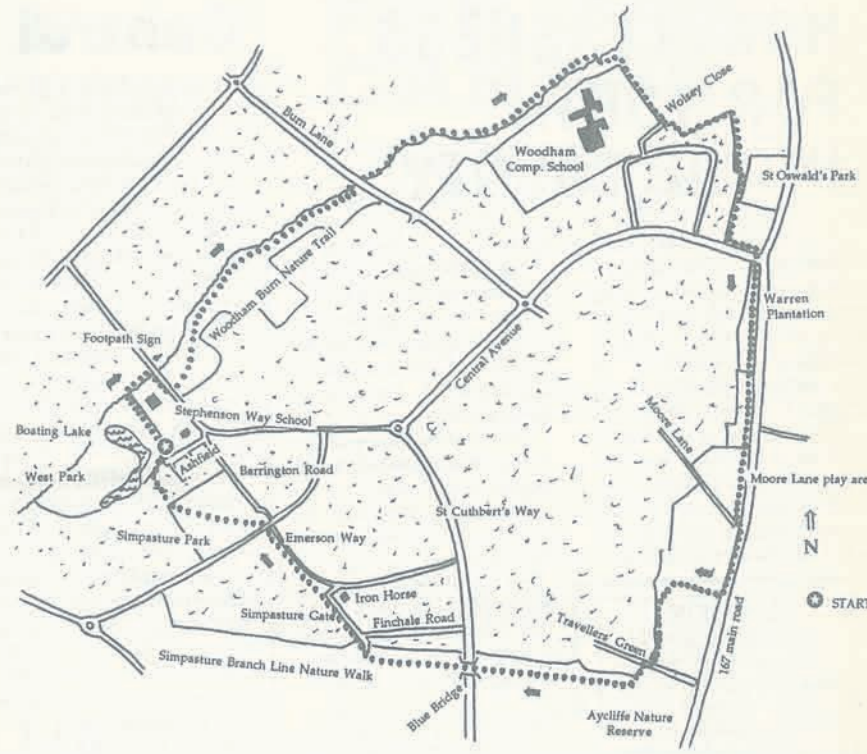


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Walk past the boathouse, along the side of the lake, to Woodham Burn. Cross the bridge and turn right along the burn.

At Stephenson Way, cross the road. Ignore the footpath sign and join the Nature Trail on the town centre side of Woodham Burn. This takes you along the burn and under Burn Lane to Woodham Comprehensive School.

At the school, follow the tarmac path right over a bridge, and up the cycle path between the school playing fields to Wolsey Close. Go straight on, walking on the grass behind the houses, making your way round to the traffic lights at the top of Central Avenue. You may wish to visit St Oswald's Park, Aycliffe's prettiest play area, or to look enviously at the beautiful gardens along St Oswald's Walk.

Crossing over Central Avenue, there is a track down through Warren Plantation (or, for wheelchair users, a tarmac path beside the wood). Walk down to Moore Lane park, then cross the playing fields to the left hand

corner of the park area. Exit onto the A167 and turn right, walking towards Aycliffe village along the footway beside the road. After about 200 yards, turn right through the gate onto the public footpath, then fork left down through the wood. At Travellers Green, go round behind the garages and up onto the old Simpson's branch railway line (wheelchair users do not go on at the first entry point; to avoid the bike barriers, go across the grass behind the houses and join the line a little further on).

Follow the path along, over the Blue Bridge, then continue for about 400 yards along the track. Turn right off the line down onto Simpson's Gate (passing by the Iron Horse pub). Walk along Emerson Way and cross Pease Way into the Simpson's play area. Walking across to the far left hand corner, you will be able to go down Ashfield, back to the boating lake.

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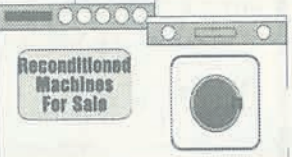
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DOUTHWAITE Happy 18th birthday Martin, love from Mam, Dad, Simon and Heidi
D O U T H W A I T E Congratulations Martin on passing your driving test, many thanks to Jack
KALYA EDEN To my beautiful goddaughter on her Christening day, 3-8-97, also big sister Amanda's 16th birthday, love and happiness to you both always Pamela XX
TONY & ALICE Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary. You must be mad, here's to the next 25 years together. All our love and best wishes from Michael, Connie and Kids (all six of them)

JOHNSON Lewis Paul To our darling little boy on his 1st birthday, lots of love Mammy and Daddy XX
NATALIE HADEN Happy 18th, loads of love and kisses, Kirsty, Mark and Col XXX
NATALIE HADEN Happy 18th birthday, love Big D and R XX
NATALIE JAYNE HADEN 3rd August, 18 at last, lots of love Mam and Dad XXX
VIVIENNE Happy birthday lots of love on your 30th, Phillip
TO MAMMY Lots of love on your 30th birthday. It's a world of laughter, a world of tears, it's a world of hopes and a world of fears, there's so much that we share, that it's time we are aware, it's a small world after all, Aston Lewis
DAVIES Happy 1st birthday Jack on 6th August, lots of love Mammy and Daddy XX
DAVIES Happy 1st birthday to my little brother, Jack, love Thomas XX
DAVIES Happy 1st birthday Jack on the 6th August, lots of love and kisses from Grandma and Grandad, Auntie Jo and Uncle Lee XX

REBECCA JAYNE I've heard you've passed your GNVQ in Health and Social Care, well done, also to Richard all the best for the future. Lots of love to you both
MARK BROWN Congratulations on passing your GNVQ in Engineering with a Merit. You have worked very hard this year and we are all very proud of you. Good luck with your apprenticeship another 4 years of hard work, but it will be worth it Mark. Love always Mam, Dad, James and Grandad Jimbo XX
LEE GOODWIN Hip Hip Hooray Lee passed his Driving Test today, 29th July. First time, well done son and may you have years of happy motoring. Love and congratulations from Mam XXX
MICHELLE PENDER Happy 5th birthday sweetheart, we love you lots, hugs and kisses Mammy and Daddy
MICHELLE PENDER Happy birthday Shelley, lots of love and sloppy kisses Melissa X
JULIE PENDER Loving birthday wishes from Rod, Michelle, Melissa - The kindest, loveliest Mam in the world XXX
NATALIE & PAUL Congratulations to our daughter Natalie and Paul on the birth of their son "Callum James Andrew" on 18-7-97. Lots of love Mam and Dad
NATALIE & PAUL Congratulations on the birth of you son "Callum" born 18-7-97. Love Nanna Margaret, Dot, Michelle and Gemma
CONGRATULATIONS Snow White on passing your driving test, love from Dopey

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Happy Birthday Barry
All our love Greta and Nicola

STAN AND IVY Congratulations on your Ruby Wedding
TAYLOR Congratulations and lots of love to David and Susan on the birth of a baby boy, born 29-7-97 (Nathan) a grandson for Eddie and Norma XX
BRITANNY Happy birthday Angel, lots of love Dad
KENT Congratulations Claire and Michael on your 21st birthdays, love Mum and Dad XX

Deaths

BRADLEY **BRADLEY** Suddenly in hospital on 29th July. Kenneth aged 64 years, loving Husband of Margaret, devoted Father of Steve and Sue and Father-in-law of Julie and Tony, dotting Grandad of Carl, Lindsey, Lucy and Billy. Also loving Brother of Audrey, Barbara and Greta and families. Funeral service at St Clares Church, Wednesday 9.45am. Followed by Private Cremation at Darlington. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the British Heart Foundation, 57 Northgate, Darlington. Resting at John Meynell's Funeral Home, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe

KAY SEAMAN 24-7-97. In loving memory of a dear Nanna, sadly missed, loved Tracey and Tony XXX - Good night and God bless great Nanna, love Luke and Gillisa XX
KAY SEAMAN 24-7-97. In memory of a special Mother-in-law and Nanna who will be sadly missed, loved always Pam and Gareth X
KAY SEAMAN 24-7-97. To a special Nanna, you will always be missed, love you always Amanda and Chris XX
KAY SEAMAN Good night and God bless great Nanna, love Kennedy XX

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Birthday Remembrance

NANCY HODGSON - 1st August

We sat by your bedside and knew your life was through. For though our hearts were breaking there was nothing we could do. You were so very special Mam. What more is there to say, we only wish within our hearts that you were here today. Thinking of you today and everyday. Love you always Mam. Margaret, Mick, Brian, Lynne, Neil and Karen

NANA NANCY - 1st August

On your birthday Nana, love and miss you always. Spencer, Curtis, Leanne, Janice and Natalie XX

In Memoriam

NANCY HODGSON Remembering a special friend, not just today, but everyday. Always in our thoughts. Jenny, Rod and family
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Thanks

DEAN & LINDA Wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for kindness, sympathy and support given. Also for letters, cards of condolence and beautiful floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Louise Hilton, Dr. Saunders, staff at Bishop Auckland and Newcastle General Hospitals and all friends who attended Jodey's Christening at the Hospital.

JODEY SLATER Died 19th July 1997. How do I start to say thank you for everybody's kindness in the bereavement of our beautiful daughter Jodey. People call Aycliffe, but I'm proud to have been born and bred on this town. Dean and myself want to thank Kevin, Louise, Davey and Donna, Joanne, Chris, John and Louise for attending Jodey's christening when she was on the life support machine. These people were so brave and without them we would not have got through it. They stayed until the end. Jodey was just like myself, full of laughter and kindness, these eight people knew that and stayed and gave there love to the end. Thank you Linda and Dean and Daniel

EDNA PARKER Died 4-8-89. Loving memories of a dear mother. To be with you in the same old way, would make my dearest wish today. Sadly missed by your loving son, Stephen.
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JANE WAKE Quietly thought of every day, sadly missed in every way, but in our hearts you will always stay. Daughter Jenny

LESLIE GORDON RAW Died 4-8-86. Simple words but very true, we will always remember you, your loving wife Peggy. God bless Dad, Peter, Paula, you never saw me, Grandad, Baby Tyler, Scott

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JODEY SLATER Gentle Jesus up above please give my Jodey a great big hug. I miss you Jodey so much. Your ever loving brother Daniel XX PS: I look after Enock and Buster for you
JODEY SLATER Bright and bubbly, cheeky smile, full of life, those blue eyes could get you anything. You were a brick, so kind, if there was an angel in training, you were. God bless you darling, your ever loving Nanna and Grandad
JODEY SLATER Life will be so cold now that you have gone, me and your Dad won't forget the fun, when you were born we nicknamed you Pepe le Puke, bandley little legs. Never a day went by that you didn't tell us you loved us. You help me with my karaoke in the bath, you would get round your Dad so easy with those big blue eyes. You loved life so much, people, animals. You'd talk to everyone. My heart is broken, your Dad's is too. Your memories will never leave our hearts. Mam and Dad. God bless you.

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Major (Retired) John Martin served for 28 years with the Regular Army. He now holds a 'B' Type commission as a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC), responsible for the Facility Management' and Personnel Administration of Barnard Armoury, Greenwell Road. Born in Sacriston Co. Durham (22nd Jan '49), and educated at Sacriston Modern School, he joined the Army at 17 and a half.



JOHN MARTIN

Over his 28 years he served in the Royal Engineers, Royal Army Pay Corps and Adjutant Generals Corps (Staff and Personnel Support).

He now wears a Royal Army medical corps Cap Badge. He progressed through the ranks gaining a commission in 1980 and promotion to Field Rank (major) in 1986. His last posting in the Regular Army was with HQ (NE) District, York, but he has served in Northern Ireland, Germany, Netherlands, Gibraltar, Kenya and more recently Bosnia.

He has four children and two grandchildren, and expects to become a father for the 5th time in January, 1998. He lives in Northallerton where his outside interests include, Governor of Mill Hill Primary School and the Circuit Treasurer at Northallerton Methodist church.

He is pleased to return to County Durham where the natives are friendly and speak the language he was born to. Barnard Armoury will be his place of work for the next 12 years and he is looking forward to meeting as many of the local people as possible.

He is keen to persuade them that joining the TA is a worthwhile weekend, recreational activity, which offers training, travel and a chance to make new friends, as well as the opportunity to earn two to three thousand pounds a year, extra spending money. He can be contacted at Barnard Armoury or by telephone 01325 311616.

5-a-Side Football Cup final Day

The Alexander-Le-Skerne Cup Finals day was a day of two halves! The first half of the day being played in dry weather and the second half being subject to torrents of rain.

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School Summer Holidays Will Be Better for Children in 1998

As schools in the North East break up for the holidays parents know that the Government's promise to set up more out of school clubs will not happen in time to help them this

summer. National charity Kids' Clubs Network estimates that there are 260* after school clubs in the north east providing play and care for approximately 6,240

four to twelve year olds. As there are some 21,932* primary school age children in the region this means there are places for less than 3% of children and thousands will be left home alone this school holidays. Throughout the country many desperate parents have queued for hours to secure places for their children on local playschemes, only to find that demand outstrips supply and that schemes have "sold out". All parents can hope for is that next year will be better. The Government's White Paper published on July 21st proposes using money from the Wednesday Lottery to set up Out of School Clubs in a quarter of all primary schools over the next three to five years to help children learn and help parents to go to work. Now is your chance to make sure the Government's promise becomes reality. The Government has said that it wants to hear parents views on their proposals. So, Kids' Clubs Network is asking as many as possible to write and demand more school age childcare. Harvey Gallagher, Kids' Clubs Network Manager North, said "It's good to see that school age childcare is on the national agenda at last. What we need to do now is make sure that Government promises are turned into Government action".

Huntsmen European Tour

J&C Coaches carry on their proud association with Huntsman Football Club by organising and sponsoring their first ever European Tour, writes Martin Walker.

Our local coach and holiday company's generosity towards The Huntsman continues with this very significant announcement which will also raise money for the club's funds.

This all inclusive holiday package to Lloret De Mar, Spain, during the Whitsun Holiday in 1998 is available at just £299 per person and includes 7 nights accommodation, en-suite bedrooms, all meals, all soft and alcoholic drinks, return executive coach travel, a day excursion to Barcelona and a visit to the Nou Camp Stadium. Huntsman full back and J&C Coaches director Neville Jones has organised three matches against top class Spanish opposition but regrets that he has only 48 places up for grabs. He says "Huntsman's performances have improved immeasurably since the formation of the club only a few short years ago. We thought that last years cup final victory deserved a suitable reward so it was decided that a European Tour should be organised for this great bunch of lads. If they'd been professional footballers and they'd won the FA Cup they'd be eligible to play in Europe, so this is no different." Meanwhile, Huntsman play their second friendly of the pre-season work-out as they play Horndale WMC this Sunday. Kick off at 10.30am on the old Avenue School fields.

Wedding at Methodist Church



Newtonians Steven and Mary Smith were married on 26th July at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church
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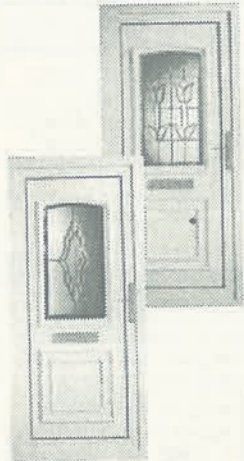
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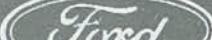
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