

newton news



Rent & rebate increases in Aycliffe

Rents of all Corporation houses in N/A are going up next month — but the rebate scheme has also been changed to allow higher rebates for more people.

All the increases, ranging from 16p for the oldest 3 bedroom dwelling to 64p for a 4 bedroom detached house with garage, will come into effect on April 4th.

Mr Frank Hiley, Director of Finance for the A.D.C. said "The Government has changed the law on rents and subsidies and instructed Local Authorities and Development Corporations to balance their housing accounts."

INFLATION

"In Newton Aycliffe, this means that we are having to increase rents by approximately 10%, which does not seem unreasonable in view of the inflation which has occurred over the last two years and the fact that there have been no increases in rents during that period. At the same time there are considerable increases in the allowances under the rent rebate scheme and these will alleviate the situation for the people who can least afford to pay."

The new rent rebate scheme can mean higher benefits for many tenants and rebates for some who did not previously qualify.

"It is vital that the application forms are filled in by everyone at present receiving a rebate and we advise people who think they might qualify — and especially all widows and single people with dependent children — to fill in their forms" said Mr Hiley. "The senior citizens will be given help in filling in the form by officers from the Housing Centre."

Houses which have had smoke control and other improvements are subject to additional increases of 10p or 22p a week — but these do not include any houses facing the highest increases. Some of these improvements were made as long as 2½ years ago.

Garage rents will go up by 10p per week.

There have been no increases in house rent in Newton Aycliffe for the past two years; garage rents have not been increased since 1968.

"As most people are aware, the rates are also likely to be

subject to increases and it is important to remember that application forms for rent rebates can, with the permission of the tenant be used to apply for a rate rebate from the local authority" said Mr Hiley.

Latest

Rate increase

Following the announcement by the A.D.C. of rent increases, Sedgfield District Council have now fixed the General Rate, the Northumbrian Water Auth. have published the Water Rate for next year, and it is at last possible to see the full effect of these changes on the inclusive rents in Newton Aycliffe.

The domestic general rate announced by Sedgfield is 72.1p in the pound for the Great Aycliffe Parish, and 72.8p for Shildon; increases of 15.36% and 12.87% respectively. The Water Rate is to be 9.81p in the pound, an increase of 30.8%.

In addition the domestic rate relief granted by the Government for 1974/75 is not to be continued next year and this adds something over 35p per week to the average rate figure depending on Rateable Value.

The full effect of these increases is best illustrated by an example:—

An average 3 bedroom tenant paying an amount of £5.04 per week including rent and rates will now pay £6.06, an increase of £1.02. This is made up of 35p rent and 37p rates.

Pro rata this means an average increase of approx. 20% to each tenant.



Married on Saturday 8th March at St Mary's R.C. Church N/A were Miss Audrey Harrison of Hebburn and Mr Thomas Gallagher of 88 Shafto Way, N/A. Thomas is at present serving with the Army in Northern Ireland. Photo: Sonny Steele

A.D.C. house boom - for workers only

A.D.C. Chairman, Dennis Stephenson has announced that the house building programme in Newton Aycliffe will be "jacked up" in the next 2 years to accommodate the expected increase in industrial jobs.

This is a change of policy approved by the Ministry.

Previously the attitude was jobs first, houses next.

This new move will mean the A.D.C. can attract new industry to the town by saying they have a number of houses available for immediate occupation.

This will only marginally alleviate the housing shortage for those living here already — namely the couples hoping to marry soon and live in their own home.

This policy though sound in the long term, will bring lots of criticism especially if houses remain empty for long periods.

RECREATION

CENTRE DISTURBS IT'S NEIGHBOURS

Complaints from residents in the Lilburne Crescent area have petitioned against undue noise from the Recreation Centre, and its car park, which in some cases is only yards from their house.

Young children are being wakened by car doors banging and persons shouting to each other.

The noise from within the Centre is also causing concern. The dances and discos are particularly noisy, so it is being suggested that the windows are double glazed or the amplification equipment turned down.

Ex Headmaster's Memorial Instituted at Vane Road School

The children of Vane Road Junior School have subscribed to a fund to purchase trophies to the memory of Mr Swainston their headmaster who was tragically killed, with his wife, in a road accident.

Of the two trophies, one will be presented weekly to the House gaining most points and the other will be awarded to the Newton Aycliffe Junior Football League recently formed.

As an additional living memorial to Mr Swainston, a tree, supplied by the A.D.C. was planted in the school grounds this Wednesday.

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The first session of a newly
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hall, Central Avenue on Tues-
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ing, designing, costume, prop-
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invited to come along and
join. There will be a charge
of 10p per session. Unfortu-
nately, numbers admitted on
the first and second sessions
will be limited. It is advisable
to bring soft shoes and wear
comfortable clothing.

Signs again

This paper has moaned of-
ten on readers' behalf for di-
rectional signs to no avail, but,
this time we achieved suc-
cess.

The tenants of new houses
in Hawes Place and Arncliffe,
up by the Cemetery, have no
street signs up, and it is caus-
ing an awful amount of in-
convenience.

Newspaper delivery boys,
tradesmen and postmen have
all experienced the difficulties
of locating houses in the area.
The tenants themselves
complained to us that they
could not even receive visitors
and were forced in some
cases to meet friends in a well
known spot and escort them
to their home.

The Corporation saw the
point and immediately ar-
ranged for temporary signs to be
erected.

Remember Good Friday with the Scorpions

The Scorpions are a new
music and theatre workshop
situated at the Methodist
Church, Neville Parade.

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7 p.m. in the Church hall, the
Scorpions will present 'Re-
member Good Friday,' a dra-
matic service of verse and
music appropriate to Good Fri-
day, and a modern version of
two York Mystery plays. There
will be a silver collection and
refreshments afterwards. All
are welcome.



Enloc Wu, the distinguished
pianist returns to Aycliffe on
Sat. 15th March when she will
give a pianoforte recital in Ay-
cliffe School commencing at
7.30 p.m. Tickets are on sale
at 60p (30p Senior Citizens
children, and students). They
can be purchased from Mrs
Swift, 12 Aylmer Grove.

Twelfth Night

On Tuesday 25th March at
8 p.m. in the Rec. Centre club
rooms, the Newton Players
have invited the Durham
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sed to welcome anyone who
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Miss Shirley Fiddes married Mr Michael Stuart at St. Clares
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"A lot of apathy in Aycliffe"

Helen Richardson and Peter Robinson, two 6th formers at the Avenue School, report the first of a series of interviews to be arranged with leading local arts organisers. Alec Belton, well known in the town for his wide variety of work supporting voluntary community action, was the subject of this first feature. They write:—

Let us start at the beginning. The District Councils have always been encouraged to promote art in any form, be it dancing, music, painting or acting. Before the boundary change, the financing of some of these activities was undertaken by the Darlington District Council who did their best to help in any way possible.

However, there has now been a local council of arts formed in Newton Aycliffe, run on grants given by the local authorities, the Development Corporation, the Town Council etc. The aim of the Arts Council is not just to give grants left, right and centre, but mainly to give a guarantee against loss to organisations who genuinely need the money to help with some plans for social activities in Newton Aycliffe.

HELP

For example, the Old Time Sequence dancing classes need to pay a deposit before they can bring Joe Loss to Newton Aycliffe. The Arts Council will help with this; they will also help in encouraging a Town Youth Band and in providing chancers for the town's Pipe Band Junior lessons.

The money given to these associations may be recovered, but in some cases it may not. Mr Belton told us he would like to see more social activities of all description encouraged.

There are many schemes affiliated to the Arts Council, some of these being, the Town Band, The Pipe Band, the Operatic Society, Dramatic Soc., and the Neville Male Voice Choir.

THEATRE

Newton Aycliffe has always been short of a good hall, but help may soon be on its way in the form of an 'Arts and Humanities' Centre, a theatre is also planned, these will provide the right atmosphere for artists to perform in and to use.

The Fetters who recently came to Newton Aycliffe were a great success and more entertainment of this kind has been planned, utilising the grants provided by local authorities. The High Level Ranters are expected at the Recreation Centre sometime in May.

There is no charge to join most of the organisations, some even provide equipment and instruments as well as coaching members. The Tenants handbook gives a list of services and addresses to apply to.

Very soon Newton Aycliffe hopes to be able to hold local exhibitions of art and pottery.

APATHY

While talking to Mr Belton, he told us he feels there is a great apathy in Newton Aycliffe. It's always the same few faces seen at meetings, while lots of people are clamoring for entertainment, a good deal of the town people show little or no interest, but the Arts Council hopes to change this and get more people joining in and enjoying themselves.

Next Issue from

Newton Press

is due out on

Friday 28th March

copy should reach

us by

Tuesday 25th March

We would like to mention here that the driving force behind the Arts Council was Mr Don Vickers who was Chairman, but is still an active member. We would like to thank Mr Belton for helping us with this article and we hope readers will continue to follow the progress of the Arts Council.

Exchange Bureau

The ADC has set up a Housing Exchange Bureau to help all residents who want to change their houses. The service is free and is also available to people who want to move from Aycliffe to other areas or vice versa.

Aycliffe's Housing Officer, Neville Village, said "The new bureau is designed to fulfil a need which we know exists. It is an extension of our services to people who either live in Aycliffe or would like to and we are not confining it to Corporation tenants. People who live in other Local Authority houses, or indeed in private properties, can all register in our bureau."

The bureau contains details of all properties available categorised according to size and type, and is open for inspection by anyone who is interested in an exchange.

Anyone who wants to discover what is available should call at the Lettings Dept. in the Housing Centre. A member of staff is available to assist any enquirer.

LOCAL WINNER OF T.S.B.

COMPETITION

Mrs Louisa Moyle of Sunnybrae, Shildon, a winner in the National 'Super Saver' competition jointly sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank and Family Circle magazine, received her prize last month from Donald Allmeyer, General Manager (Business Dev.) — designate of the Northumberland and Durham T.S.B. (see photo below).

Speaking at an informal sherry party held at the N/A branch, Mr Allmeyer said that the competition had attracted over 13,000 entries throughout the country and he was particularly pleased that we had a local winner. He was sure that in this time of ever rising food prices Mrs Moyle would find the contents of the food hamper most useful and the £10 Bank account would also enable her to enjoy the many services offered by the Bank.

Photo: Sonny Steele



Triumph Theatre Prods. present Noel Coward's famous comedy 'Hay Fever' at Darlington Civic Theatre until March 29th, which tells of an outrageous weekend with the Bliss family in which everything goes wrong. An all star cast includes Phyllis Calvert, Elizabeth Seal and Jimmy Thompson, and in this scene Judith Bliss (Phyllis Calvert) takes the opportunity to have a discussion in one of the more quieter moments of the weekend with her husband played by Jimmy Thompson.

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There's Calamity Jane herself, with Wild Bill Hickock, Doc Pierce, Henry Miller who runs the Golden Garter saloon here in Deadwood, a passel of rough, tough cowboys, and as many bar room gals and dancin' gals as you'd ever wish to see. Me? Well I'm Rattlesnake, stage coach driver. We'll be telling yer about the shenanagings they all got up to the time Henry Miller hired an actress name of Francis Fryer to appear here in Deadwood. Shore was funny. Don't forget now, see yer Easter week.

Rattlesnake

WELL DONE

Mr Ray Jones, a member of the Instit. of Engineering Inspectors, has been appointed chief inspector at David Brown Gear Industries, Benoni.

Mr Jones who lived in N/A and whose parents still live at 100 Washington Crescent, served his apprenticeship at Whessoe, Darlington, and later worked at Darlington Chemical Works.

Mr and Mrs Jones are naturally very proud of their son and we send them and Ray our congratulations.

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Jumble sale and Easter fair Sat. 15th March 2 p.m. in St. Marys School hall in aid of St Marys Brownies.

Disco to be held St Marys school hall, Sat. 15th March Admission 15p at the door 7 to 10 p.m.

Disco in Redhouse Hut, Thurs. 27th March 7-10 p.m. Tickets 15p from Horndale Dancing Academy members.

Gardens Guild AGM held in Upstairs Room of Oak Tree Tuesday 18th March.

Engagements

JACKSON — SAMS

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LOST

Budgie, pale rainbow colour Please return to 20 Crosby Rd Oval brooch, old fashioned, hollow back, old gold on enamel, sentimental value. Lost 24th Feb. in Broomlee Close Reward Tel: 5320

THANKYOU

Councillor Colin Fiddes wishes to thank electors for their support in the recent District Council bye-election.

Horndale Dancing Academy pupils and mothers wish to thank Miss Bowers (Mrs Jenny Robinson) for their great success in their recent exam success. Good luck in all future events.

Noel McMenamin would like to thank all those electors who supported him in the recent bye-election.

Ray Briggs, J.P., wishes to thank all electors in Ward 3 who supported him in the recent bye-election.

Mrs E. Kennedy wishes to thank all who helped to make the Coffee Evening for the 1st N/A Scouts such a success, especially Mr Ken Mackey who entertained us.

Wanted

Ladies cycle in good cond. 36 Mellanby Cres. Tel: 4606
Small garden shed, reasonable price 249 Scholars Path
Baby buggy in good cond. tel: 5083

Pedigree boxer dog wants person with boxer bitch. 67 Beechfield 4-7 p.m.

Cot with mattress 15 Bede Crescent Tel: 2363

Extension ladder up to 25 or 30ft. Aluminium or wood in good cond. also hiking ruck sack Tel: 4649

Large mirrors, full length pref. as many as poss for charitable purpose Tel: 3306

HOUSE EXCHANGES

From 2 bedroom gas c/h end house, small garden. To 3 bedroom any area con. 8 Silverdale Place Tel: 5088

From 3 bedroom To 3-4 bedroom with garage coal or coke 45 Stocks Green

From 2 bedroom To 3 or 4 bedroom anywhere 68 Mellanby Crescent

From 3 bedroom end house gas c/h To 4 bedroom semi garage if pos. near Byerley Park School 170 Tindale Gr.

From 2 bedroom Washington Crescent To 2 bedroom with c/h, garage any area consid. Box No. MM3, Newton Press

From 3 bedroom semi, garage, gas c/h small garden To 3 or 4 bedroom with garage near and larger garden. Box No. MM4 Newton Press

From 3 bedroom Peterlee To 2-3 bedroom any area N/A Tel: 078 323 4073

From 3 bedroom ter. house near T. Centre coke c/h To 3-4 bedroom anywhere except Williamfield area Tel: 4988

From 2 bedroom electric c/h maisonette To 3 bedroom anywhere on town Finlay 138 Hallington Head.

From 1 bedroom bungalow in Washington Cres. area To 1 or 2 bedroom bungalow in Simpasture area or old part of town Box No. MM5 Newton Press

From 3 bedroom gas c/h with garage To any 3 or 4 bedroom in London area. Box No. MM6 Newton Press

From 3 bedroom end house coke c/h with garage To 2 or 3 bedroom any area Tel: 2729

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FOR SALE

Baby cot and mattress, carry cot and stand, pram canopy Tel: 4439

Folding tarpaulin covered garage, metal frame, £10 14 Arrowsmith Square.

Double size divan bed in vg cond, £20 ono 14 Vane Road

Model control line aeroplane used once, unwanted gift, petrol engine, all equipment Tel: 5948

Hotpoint twintub washing machine, spinner needs attention £7 44 Silkin Way

4 oak dining chairs good con. £6 20 North Cottages, School Aycliffe

Navy Restmor pram, mattress, shopping tray ex. cond. £12 5 Balio Road

White wedding dress size 12 immaculate cond. £10 Tel: 2043

Rocking horse £5 Tel: 6824

Indesit auto washer £70 ono 17 North Cottages, School Aycliffe, Heighington

Babys cot, mattress, white in good cond. £10 after 6 p.m. 24 Ranulf Court

Welding dress size 12 (34" bust), 3 tier veil, petal head dress £20 ono 23 Bowes Road

'L' reg. Suzuki GT250K, low mileage good cond., extras. Offers Tel: 2013 after 5 p.m.

2 green leathercloth television chairs £3 each Tel: 6824

Berry Magicoal fire 2 bar coal effect with surrounds £30. Rayburn coke fire, back boiler inc offers 17 Fowler Road

2kw nightstore heater, teak finish as new £4. Boat type garden swing £2. 7 St Oswald Walk Tel: 5478

Amstrad 4000 Mk. 2 stereo amplifier, 15 watts per channel still in makers box £20 89 Kirkstone Place after 6.30

Subbuteo rugby international edition, ex. cond. £3.80 36 Stephenson Way Tel: 4248

Silver Cross pram, detachable body, mattress, tray £20. Canopy £3. Pram set £2. Car seat £3, baby walker £2 8 Church Close

Chinon Super 8 cine camera 3 speeds inc. slow motion 5x power zoom lens, case and accessories. Also Sankyo Dualux projector, zoom lens, auto threading 400ft. reels £50 tot 89 Kirkstone Place after 6.30

Various gents' clothes, pair navy blue trousers 42w 29L never worn. Navy blue cardigan (large), 2 sets underwear other items 96 Fewston Close

Upright vacuum cleaner v.g. cond. £15 ono 78 Langdale Pl

White bath with stand, Grey coach built pram, carrycot & wheels £9 lot or will separate 37 Silverdale Place

Bathroom wall shower, chrome plated, ubing, bracket £3. Tidy Two extending indoor clothes line £1. Mothercare maternity dress, red £1 21 Travellers. Gr

Golf clubs Tournament Star No. 4 wood, 4 and 8 iron, putter, bag, balls, tees and left hand glove, as new Tel: 2926

Bridesmaids dress, size 14 clover colour, polyester, long sleeves, suitable for evening wear, worn once £5 Tel: Bishop Auckland 5587

Girls cycle suit 8 years onwards, needs repair £1.50. Boys cycle 5-8 years £1.50 also needs repair. Poloroid land camera, black and white £4 170 Tindale Green

2 sturdy armchairs, steel framed, Toothill Vermont style in nylon, black with orange cushion £15 pair ono 22 The Green, Aycliffe Village.

FOR SALE

Jones elec. sewing machine good cond. £12 Tel: 2729

Crash helmet and visor, motor cycle gauntlets (leather) £5.50 3 Hackworth Close

Maxol gas water heater in vg cond. £5 7 Barnes Walk

Light brown sports jacket 38" chest never worn £5 3 Heild Close

Stereo record player and 200 singles £60 lot 30 Stead Cl. after 6 p.m.

New World gas cooker, 3 burners, eye level grill, as new £30 Tel: 3188

Maimond steam engine in good working order £4.50 ono 44 Westmorland Way Tel 2900

Medium sized deep fry unit with griddle and extractor. 1 Infra red toaster £140 ono sell separate if req. 168 Tindale Green

Raleigh cycle good cond boys or girls 8-11 year old £10 2 Isherwood Close after 6 p.m.

Paving stones, 2 1/2 ft x 2 1/2 ft. 50p each 9 The Green, Aycliffe Village Tel: 3494

Blue Dandycord mattress 1 1/2 yds x 3 yds £5 1 Emerson Way

Budgie cage, stand any offer over £1 69 Langdale Place

Electric cooker, 3 hob £8 ono 20 Hawes Place

Tumble dryer good cond £25 ono 41 Hawkhead Place

Mothercare baby sitter/stand £3. Young budgie and cage free to good home Tel: 3955

Swallow pushchair perfect £5 130 Hallington Head

Raleigh cycle £10 good cond. 2 Isherwood Close after 6 pm

Lounge carpet, stair carpet offers. Double bed £5. Single wardrobe £1 23 Ranulf Court Tel: 6774

Super 8 Cine camera, hardly used £20. Large quantity of science fiction paperbacks, 3 old pot dogs Box No. MM7, Newton Press

Mothercare baby bath, stand new £3.50. 2 pram blankets in wrappers Tel: 6787

Green carrycot, chrome transporter ex. cond. £6 176 Penning Walk

CARS FOR SALE

1964 Hillman Husky taxed till May 75 tested Oct. 75, 5 ZX tyres as new £70 ono Tel 3870

Austin 950cc engine, 5000 miles after rebore 45 mpg fits A35, A40 plus A35 gearbox in good con £15 5 Emerson Way

Daimler 250 Jag, & spares or swap for motorcycle over 250 cc Tel: 5948

1962 Hillman Super Minx £45 good cond. 89 Hawkhead Pl.

Morris 1800 (1966) tow away for spares £40 ono 18 Har dinge Road Tel: 3864

1964 Triumph Herald no MoT for spares or repair £20 Tel: 6824 after 5 p.m.

PERSONAL

Lonely and unattached? Contact the Norah Clark Introduction and Friendship Bureau. Informal coffee evenings, free Box No. MM1 Newton Press

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BABY SITTING

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