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Why you MUST Vote

Town and District Council seats are to be
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ber of candidates on Thursday May 6th —
Election Day.

It is a healthy sign that so
many people wish to serve
the town, but how many who
stand in Council Elections do
so for the right reasons?

How many seek Council
positions to gratify their ego,
or to increase their stature in
the community? How many
stand to propagate Party doc-
trine? How many, in the case
of District Councils, fancy the
extra money that can be
made?

Fortunately, we in Newton
Aycliffe have a high propor-
tion of men and women, pro-
spective councillors, who are
anxious and concerned over
the way the town is run.

It is our decision on Polling
Day to sort out the best per-
son for the job. It is our duty
to make the voice of the ma-
jority heard and return a true
representative body to govern
our affairs.

A well known quip at elec-
tions against party politicians
runs:— "Put a monkey up in
that Ward and it would get
in."

It is true some people
vote as the family have al-
ways voted and give little

consideration to personalities.
Some would agree that party
politics, nationally organised,
have the brains and discipline
to do the job properly. Others
would say that they are hide-
bound by that discipline and
unable to make the right
local decision.

There is evidence in New-
ton Aycliffe of party members
resigning on this very issue,
and it is always interesting in
these cases to see whether or
not these rebels are re-elected.

It all boils down to you the
voter making the effort to de-
cide on your choice and going
along to the Polling Station
to register that choice.

A 30-40% poll is not good
enough to return a truly re-
presentative Council.

If only three or four out of
ten bother to turnout then the
type of Councillor we don't
want has a greater chance to
be elected.

And we can then blame no
one but ourselves when
wrong decisions are taken in
the Council Chamber.

So please, study the can-
didates; read their comments
in this issue; listen patiently
to their doorstep patter, and
make a decision for yourself
and the town.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES

3 years ago the people gave
a strong vote of confidence in
the Liberal Parties record in
Newton Aycliffe which has
meant that the Town Council
no longer is controlled by one
party — gone is the spectacle
of 'Great Aycliffe Road Show'
a coalition in effect had to be
formed and most major is-
sues are decided in full council
with no party whip. When
Liberals achieved control we
shared Chairmanships and
Vice Chairmanships with our
political opponents. The ach-
ievements now that the bick-
ering has ceased have been
impressive:

- 1 Improved recreational fa-
cilities. 2 More football pit-
ches and the outdoor sports
complex. 3 More help for lo-
cal organisations. 4 Increased
bus tokens for our older
people. 5 Unanimity with our
dealings with the Develop-
ment Corporation. 6 Awards
in sport and Britain in Bloom.

However, Labour managed
to take control again last year
and took all Committees over
and the situation has started
to deteriorate again; truth-
fully the only programme they
have initiated was to put
ducks on the lake!

As far as the District Coun-
cil is concerned Liberals have
provided a constructive and
responsible opposition, ruth-
lessly exposing waste of rate-
payers money; Recreation
Centre bar and cafe; the loss
of £1 million pounds on one
modern baths scheme at Shil-
don.

We object to Newton Ay-
cliffe paying high rents and
rates to subsidise the rest of
the district who pay a grossly
uneconomic rent which your
Labour Councillors have ag-
reed to subsidise to a much
greater extent out of your
money in the next financial
year.

Liberal councillors are not
frightened to speak their
minds on behalf of their elec-
tors whether this makes them
popular or not with the auth-
orities.

Your Candidates are:—

WARD 5

District Council:
Ann Beadle, Mike Gardner,
Olwen Hill.

Town Council

Mike Gardner, Olwen Hill,
Tom Eldrett, Lorraine Cole,
Kath Whitehouse.

WARD 3

District Council
Jill Frise, Nora Marr.

Town Council

Jill Frise, Nora Marr, Brian
Roberts, Paul Jay.

WARD 4

District Council
Vera Price, Brian Roberts.

Town Council

Vera Price, Fred Price, Elsie
Lowther.

Front Page Letter

"Floating Voter"

Dear Sir,

They cross the square to
nod at you.

They stop you in the super-
market for a chat.

They toot you as they pass
in their cars.

Yes, the local elections are
here again and we are being
acknowledged again.

We are what they call the
floating voter, the moderate,
the uncommitted, the voter
they need to get re-elected.

They are the so called do-
gooders who claim thousands
of pounds each year for ex-
penses, and we pay it in rates.

They have never had it so
good!

I would suggest to all who
are concerned about this blat-
tant misuse of our rates that
they abstain from voting this
time, the resultant low poll
would bring home to these
money grabbers just how we
feel and also prove just how
powerful are the politically
uncommitted.

Name withheld

WARDS 1, 2, 3 (9, 10, 11)

LABOUR CANDIDATES

I am writing on behalf of
the Labour Candidates who
are contesting all the seats in
the above wards.

The Labour Councillors in
the G.A.T.C. have, over the
last three years, initiated and
carried out progressive poli-
cies that have put the council
in the fore front for local
Authorities of its size.

If elected these progressive
policies will be continued in
all aspects of functions that
are under the control of the
Town Council.

Within the Sedgfield Dis-
trict Council the Labour Coun-
cillors representing these
Wards have played their full
part to ensure that Newton
Aycliffe gets its fair share of
amenities.

The Labour team is un-
equalled in experience and I
would confidently ask for
your support on May 6th.

Mrs W. Dormer agent for:
Sedgfield District Council

Ward 9 N. Gibson, D. Vickers
Ward 10 R. Briggs, N. Mc-
Menamin. Ward 11 H. Dixon,
E. Elmer.

Great Aycliffe Town Council
Ward 1 N. Gibson, T. Spens-
ley, F. G. Taylor (elected un-
opposed). Ward 2 J. G. Dor-
mer, V. Hardaker, N. Mc-
Menamin. Ward 3 H. Dixon,
Mrs W. B. Dormer, E. Elmer,
A. Sinclair.



The principals of the cast of the "Vagabond King" which
was staged last week. Photo: Sonny Steele

One of the best!

Operatic Society Show success

Our local Operatic Society
notched up another successful
show in last weeks presenta-
tion of "The Vagabond King."

As in other productions the
members put in an exhausting
amount of work over the re-
hearsal period and at the five
nights the show was given to
the public at the Avenue
School.

It has never been the policy
of this paper to review the
show critically. Our aim, as
always, is to praise and en-
courage this group of dedica-
ted amateurs who strive each
year, despite mounting costs,
to bring a high standard of
entertainment to the town.

We forgive the instances of
poor acting and forget mis-
casting of a couple of princi-
pals. We do applaud the qual-
ity of singing by Vince Vic-
kers and Janice Towns. We
also congratulate the excel-
lent character portrayals by
David Wright as Oliver and
Edwin May as Louis XI. The

scenery was better this year,
but could be bettered with
less cash on costumes, more
on props and better materials
for the scenery maker to work
with.

The chorus had little work
to do in this show which was
a pity as it is now better bal-
anced due to an increase in
male members.

I really liked the five dan-
cers who appeared on stage
to entertain at times. They
were gorgeous and did for
"Vagabond King" what "Pans
People" do for "Top of the
Pops."

A marvellous show which
will go down as one of the
best the Society have done.

Next year they attempt
"Finians Rainbow" but mean-
while they are holding an
Autumn Fayre and with one of
Harold Wilson's pipes to auc-
tion they should at least at-
tract all Labour Party sup-
porters!

New Bakers shop opens

When the 50th shop of
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Beveridge Way next Tuesday
morning, the first 250 cus-
tomers will each receive a free
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wives will be able to "cash
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make.

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proaching £20,000, the new
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ceptionally high standards of
ultra-modern hygiene and dis-
play facilities.

To take charge of the new
venture, Doreen Brown moves
a few yards down Beveridge
Way from the bakery shop
where she had worked for
about nine years.

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control a staff of seven
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when practically every house-
wife baked her own bread, the
sight of stotty cakes cooling
at open windows was one of
the most common in the
North East.

OUR APOLOGIES

Newton Press wish to apol-
ogise to all who submitted ar-
ticles for inclusion in this is-
sue and which have not ap-
peared. Due to the marvellous
response to our invitation to
election candidates to use our
columns, this weeks paper
has emerged as an 'Election
Special.'

We hope that this has not
caused too much inconven-
ience to our readers and con-
tributors.



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CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

MRS V. C. HALFORD

WARDS 5 and 13 — TOWN and DISTRICT

If elected as your Councilor I would feel obliged, as a housewife and parent, to say that we, as a party, are deeply concerned at the high cost of living existant, and that full support would be given to assist to bring this down to ease the purse strings, and enhance the economy.

Again rents appear to be a factor which effects the purse strings also, and becomes a very emotive subject.

I know that this branch of the Conservative Party is fully aware of differences which arise via envisaged District

Council rents as against the balancing of the Aycliffe Development Corporation books under Government instructions. This will be under constant review on your behalf.

I can assure you that pressure will be brought in the right places to try and improve shopping generally and for the opening in the Williamfield and Hornedale areas for Pharmacy facilities.

SEDGEFIELD DISTRICT

DON VICKERS

It would be dishonest of me to make statements or promises that could not be affected if I am again returned to the Council.

We have to accept the fact that the economy of this country is in a critical state due to inflation.

With steeply rising prices and wages it will be difficult to maintain our present standard of services. The Council will be required to do careful housekeeping. The Sedgefield District Council is a big organisation; it is big business. As its' present Chairman, I can offer my considerable experience in management of what is your affairs. When the new Council takes office after May 6th, it will begin to negotiate the transfer of Development Corporation houses and associated assets i.e. open spaces, greens etc.

I have no doubt that we have had a high standard of care and maintenance of our houses and environment. When the Council effects this transfer I will make every effort to maintain these standards.

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Ward 13 District and Ward 5 Town Council

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MRS L. CESSFORD

MR J. CONLON

MR D. GARDNER

TOWN COUNCIL

MR J. CONLON

MRS E. MEADOWS

MR A. MEALE

MR J. FOSTER

MR P. KELLY

MR P. GOTTS

MR E. NOBLE

Ward 12 District and Ward 4 Town Council

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR J. FLYNN

MRS A. KILPATRICK

TOWN COUNCIL

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CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

D. T. COOK

WARDS 5 and 13

Writing as a Conservative, and indeed as a trade unionist being a member of the union of National Graphical Assoc., my intention will be to assist the wards electorate along with my colleagues to support the projects which have been raised and will be pursued on your behalf.

I would draw your attention to the rate for 1976/77 submitted by Sedgfield District Council under the heading "Services administered by the Durham C.C." out of the estimated product of 1p rate yielding £7,036,393 of the total average rate 78.30p, the amount absorbed by Education is 66.84p. Do you as parents receive full education value in respect of your children's education? If so, why not!

We as a party will be monitoring the rates on your behalf.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

WARD 12 (Aycliffe Parish 4)

BILL LINDSAY

What can I offer you that you have not had before? The offer I make, along with all other Conservative Candidates, is the offer of a free vote in Council, a vote not constructed or manipulated by a Political Party.

I have no desire to rule or regulate, I have only a desire to serve; a desire to serve as a Councillor for the Ward in which I live. The meaning of the word Councillor I believe is most important. It means a member of a deliberating or administrative body, and the word deliberating is, in my opinion, the constructive word.

This is my offer to you, that I shall well consider my actions; that I may not decide on any subject without first taking into consideration the desires and wishes of the electorate.

MIDDRIDGE WARD

PAUL LAMB

Dear Electors,

As a Town Council candidate for the Midridge Ward may I take this opportunity to make the following points.

Our area, because of the present boundary system, often tends to be forgotten. As a Labour Party member seeking a place on a predominantly Labour Council, I would

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YOUR LABOUR CANDIDATES

WARD 13 DISTRICT COUN.

MRS L. CESSFORD

59 Ashfield

Is a present member of the Sedgefield Council and serves on the Recreation and Amenities, Environmental Health, Policy & Resources Committees and Personnel Sub-Committee. Former Chairman of the Personnel Sub and at present Ice Chairman of the N/A Recreation Centre Committee.

Former member of the Darlington Rural District Council. Serves as a member of several School Managing Bodies and Chairman of the Woodham Comp. School Governors.

Has served the public for many years and will continue to do so if returned and will be available at all times for consultation with her electorate.

MR J. CONLON

20 Oakfield

Well known for his service to the public in N/A for many years. Is at present member of Sedgefield Council and serves on the Housing, Recreation & Amenities, Policy & Resources, and Vice Chairman of Recreation Finance sub-committee. Vice chairman of the Assoc. of New Town Auth.

Former member and chairman of Darlington Rural District Council.

Is also a candidate for the Town Council on which he served for many years.

Member of the Governing Body of the Woodham and Avenue Comp. Schools.

MR D. GARDNER

115 Silkin Way

Is present Mayor of N/A, and a serving member of the District Council, and member of the Policy & Resources, Recreation & Amenities & Development Committees, and Transportation Sub Committee Vice chairman of Industry sub committee.

Serving member of the Avenue (former vice chair-

man) and Woodham Comp. Schools, and of the N/A Youth Centre Management Committee.

WARD 12 DISTRICT COUN.

MR J. FLYNN

16 Windlestone Walk

Has lived in the Town for 21 years and in Ward 12 for 16 years, and served on the Parish Council from 1969 to 1974. Former member of the Local Employment Committee and Social Security Advisory Committee. Founder and ex-chairman of Trades Council is interested in the progress of Town Youth as our most important investment.

Is also a candidate for the Town Council.

MRS A. KILPATRICK

2 Lilburne Crescent

An active member of the Simpasture Branch and the Women's Section of the Labour Party. Member of the General Management Committee of the Bishop Auckland Constituency Labour Party. Past Sec. and Treas. of the Trades Council. An EPTU Shop Steward for 7 years. Treas. of the Womens Institute and a manager of Woodham Junior and Infants Schools.

Is also a candidate for the Town Council.

WARD 5 TOWN COUNCIL

MR J. CONLON

See District Council

MRS E. MEADOWS

21 Stephenson Way

Has lived in the town for many years and served on the former Darlington Rural District Council. Has been a member of the Parish and Town Council for a considerable time. Former Chairman of the Parish Council. Is serving as a manager and Governor of Stephenson Way and Avenue Comp. Schools. Employed as a shop manager.

MR A. MEALE

83 Beechfield

Married with two children, 27 years old. Employed as a machine operator on the Industrial Estate. Is a branch official of the A.E.U.W. Member of the Trades Council. Delegate to the Constituency Labour Party and the Sedgefield District Labour Party, and Observer to the Town Council Labour Group. Interests: Finance, housing and Recreation.

MR J. FOSTER

69 Honister Place

Married with three children 30 years of age. Employed at Eaton Axles as a fitter. Is a member of the Town Council and vice chairman of the Parks Committee. A manager of Sugar Hill Infants School. Branch Officer of the AEUW.

MR P. KELLY

11 Hartley Road

Has lived in the town for eight years. Self employed building worker. Manager and vice chairman of Stephenson Way Schools. Vice chairman of Simpasture Branch of the Labour Party.

MR P. GETTS

67 Arncliffe Place

Has lived in the town for three years and employed as a Plastics Process worker on the Industrial Estate. Is a manager of the Elmfield Junior and Infants Schools.

MR E. NOBLE

10 Pease Way

Married with two children, 50 years of age. Has lived in the Town for 15 years and employed as a Commercial Assistant with Flynn on the Industrial Estate. Retired from Durham Constabulary in 1974. Interested in road safety, recreation and welfare of the aged.

WARD 4 TOWN COUNCIL

MR J. FLYNN

See District Council

MRS A. KILPATRICK

See District Council

MR S. BROWN

63 Dalton Way

Employed as a caretaker. Educated to Cambridge University Senior Examination Standard. Served in the Royal Air Force as a Warrant Officer from 1939 to 1947. A previous member of Darlington Rural District Council and the Parish Council.

MR D. DONOGHUE

9 Elstob Close

Married with two children, 33 years of age. Employed at Eaton Axles as a machine operator. A.E.U.W. shop steward. Interested in housing, finance, recreation and social work.



Mrs Peter Hay performs the unveiling ceremony of the RBL Honours List with Rev. H. Hall, padre of the RBL and Mr H. Atkins, Chairman of the N/A Branch. Photo: Steele

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Due to pressures on space, this weeks 'News Mart' has had to be held over until our next issue. We hope this will not inconvenience readers too much.

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CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

PETER NOBLE

WARD 4 TOWN COUNCIL

Freedom of speech, the right to work, the right to have the option of purchasing your home, for there is no justice in denying people that right. I consider it unfair that tenants in Aycliffe should be enforced a rent increase far in excess of those tenants of the District Council.

Rates are levied for local government spending. Essential services are needed, but with the increase in costs, the spending of this public money should be carefully controlled. I consider the position of councillor to be taken seriously, and I promise that, if elected, I will serve with the utmost of my ability, and fight for what I consider to be of benefit to the Town and its inhabitants.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

TONY MOORE

On May 6th you will make a very important decision; you will elect your Councillor. I am asking you to vote for me so that I can speak on your behalf for the amenities you urgently require in your area, forgotten by the controlled bodies which govern it. Can you risk electing someone for their party alone?

Can you risk electing someone who does not know your views fully, and who will not think only about getting something done about those views? Can you really afford to elect someone you will not see or hear of again after the election? I believe that people should come before politics.

I am not saying I will be able to get everything you want. I am promising to fight my hardest to get as much as possible.

LABOUR CANDIDATE

MIDDLEDGE WARD

RAY JONES

Dear Electors,
I would like to take this opportunity of introducing myself as the Labour District Candidate for the Middridge Ward. The Middridge Branch of the Labour Party is newly formed, but its members are well aware that our area is 'sandwiched' between the interests of two town councils. If I were elected I would fight as a Labour member, who wishes to put his local community first, for the following amenities: A Health Clinic and more recreational facilities, and I would hope to put pressure on the Development Corporation for house repairs. I am fully aware that this is a particular problem in our area.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

EVELYN MURRAY

WARD 4

Like a lot of people, I am fed up with party bickering, hence my decision to stand as an Independent. I've no party backing only you, the electorate, to help me bring about your needs, both personal and environmental.

I have lived in Newton Aycliffe for 12 years and value the home I have in a beautiful town.

Through the power of the pen, and the publishing media, I helped get the local shop in our area. Recently, through the same media, and with the help of the Corporation Development Officer and others, we now have the 'Central Community Club' which is proving successful, the venue being the Youth Centre 1.15 p.m. each Tuesday.

At present I am a home help having served in this worth while post four years.

A mother of four, and a grandmother of seven. I ask you to vote for me so that I may help you, and the district we live in.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

ELSIE KENNEDY

WARD 4 TOWN COUNCIL

WARD 12 DISTRICT COUN.

Whilst serving on the Town and District Councils, I have endeavoured continuously, to protect the interests of the electors of the ward and if re-elected will continue to do so.

Great Aycliffe ratepayers subscribe a large portion of the total income of the Sedgefield District Council, and I entirely disagree with the small representation Aycliffe councillors have on the committees dealing with our affairs. Not one was included in the proposed delegation to the Minister of the Environment, to discuss Town rents.

The elderly, disabled and youth organisations of the Town will continue to receive my energetic support whether elected or not, but as an elected representative the task is simplified considerably.

CEILIDH

Newton Aycliffe and District Round Table are holding a Ceilidh on Friday 14th May in Heighington Village Hall at 8 p.m. There will be a licensed bar with refreshments. Tickets £1 available from the Newton Press Shop.