

NEWTON NEWS and Newtonian

FRIDAY 22nd APRIL 1977

ARE YOU FEATURED IN OUR "JUBILEE PROGRAMME?"

Newton Press are printing a Silver Jubilee Programme of events for the period June 4th — 18th.

Organisations who have not supplied information of their activities to the Jubilee Committee should get in touch NOW with the Secretary Mrs A. Blackham c/o CAB offices in the town centre (same floor as Town Council offices).

Failure to make known the events you are organising will mean a loss of valuable publicity and no printed record of your activities in this Souvenir edition.

The printed programme hopes to give the fullest day to day information on all the towns' Silver Jubilee Celebrations including a list of all Street Parties.

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ADC ask Government for backing

Dennis Steavenson, chairman of the A.D.C. called a Press Conference on 7th April to express his Board's concern over the Regional Strategy recently published.

The A.D.C. feel they have a responsibility to express their views against parts of the strategy which affect Newton Aycliffe. The pessimistic views contained in the document were deplored by the New Town chairman.

"If we accept the point in the plan that the North can expect little improvement in employment in the next 14 years it would be difficult to attract industry" said Mr Steavenson. "Are international firms going to expand in an area with such a gloomy outlook?" he questioned.

Newton Aycliffe has proved it can attract industry; we have confidently built advance factories and filled them. "We ask Government to back us and allow us to take the risks" said the chairman.

The plan states it aims to increase prosperity and the general quality of life in the North to reach the national average yet contradicts this statement with pessimistic projections of shortfalls in employment figures.

The A.D.C., as a Government Agency themselves, are stepping out of line to make their views known publicly. They are not known to make outcries against their masters too often.

But they do have strong arguments to back up their stand, not least Peter Shore's recent admission that Newton Aycliffe has done a great job in expanding the Industrial Estate, and should be allowed to continue its growth thus escaping the savage cuts facing other new towns.

LET HITACHI COME
Dennis Steavenson voiced his disapproval of objections to Hitachi's possible move to Aycliffe. "Whilst they haven't yet made a decision it would

be wrong for British competitors to oppose Hitachi plans and deny extra jobs for the area" said Mr Steavenson. The chairman thought if Hitachi decided to expand anywhere in Europe the competition to British goods would still be there. "Surely it is best they expand in the North East bringing jobs and other benefits to Britain rather than Belgium, the other country in which they have shown interest" concluded Dennis Steavenson.

Government

Youth Centre ready to repeat Fun Week success

Last year the Youth Centre might be able to help, come along to the Youth Centre at "Big Chief's Fun Week" and 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 27th April where we'll show you slides, photos etc. on what happened last year. There will be tea or coffee and we'll make you feel at home.

For the scheme to be successful we need helpers to give a hand looking after the children, organising 1001 different things, and generally having a good time.

If you are interested and

Hope to see you but should you have something else planned for the evening, ring me on Aycliffe 2521 and I'll pop round to see you.

Dave Pass

Members of the St. Clares Church Boy Scouts polish up the Town Council's silver to earn money for the Scouts 'Job Week' funds. The Mayor, Counc. E. Elmer looks delighted with the results.

Photo: Sonny Steele



INTERESTED IN BABY SITTING?

All persons willing to attend a meeting at Clarence Hall to discuss the forming of a baby-sitting Club, to be run as a rota system, perhaps with separate area groups, please notify "Compass", Telephone Aycliffe 2100. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 2 p.m.

Skaters save their Club

Beveridge Roller Skating Clubs "sponsored skate" has raised approximately £400 and saved its closure.

Finances have been at a low ebb for this Club, one of the oldest in the town, and without this life giving injection of cash it would have gradually faded out.

Thirty skaters aged from 7 years to adults took part. Janet Spark 18, Julie Graham 19, Carol Dunn 18, Maureen Taylor 19, Julie Clews 14, and Christine Smith 17 completed 24 hours non-stop.

President Godfrey Bennett was very pleased indeed with this marvellous effort. "The skaters were tremendous, and the support and encouragement from friends, parents and volunteers was magnificent" said Mr Bennett.

SORRY, NO ELECTION SPECIAL

Newton Press cannot follow the usual practice of publishing a special edition for County Council Elections.

Reorganisation in our printing works involving removal to new premises prevents the extra work being undertaken.

We apologise to candidates and readers alike; wishing the prospective councillors success in their campaigns with the best man winning the seat.

We urge Newtonians to take a serious interest in who represents them at County Hall, and to use their vote.

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Brain Drain denied

Dear Sir,
I refer to the article in your issue of 1st April regarding the alleged "Brain Drain" from schools in Newton Aycliffe, with particular reference to Greenfield Comprehensive and questioning its necessity. Education Authorities are often criticised for their lack of providing school places, in this instance we are criticised for over provision — can we

ever be right?

It has always been the policy of Durham County Council to provide schools in Newton Aycliffe in anticipation of an estimated population, and not to await population increase before making the necessary provision. Population increase is based upon the future building programme of the Corporation and estimated population made after

close consultation with Corporation Officials. The result has been that no new school has opened in this Town with a full complement of pupils, it is generally some years before this is achieved. This policy, I am sure, receives the approval of every parent. School building programmes are made many years in advance of realisation to allow necessary preliminary discussion and approval of Central Government.

EXTENSION

With regard to Greenfield School the House Building Programme of the Corporation has been curtailed through expenditure cuts imposed by Central Government. Consequently the population estimates have not yet been achieved; and although there is no doubt about the necessity of the School, it will be longer than anticipated before it reaches "full complement". Indeed provision for extension to the school has been decided. I am sure no parent will disagree with this as their children will be saved considerable travelling during these years.

In your article reference is made about another Junior School near completion. This is incorrect, the school nearing completion is a Residential School for E.S.N. children. A commencement will be made this year with Agnew Junior School (320 places), followed when required with Blue Bell and Cobblers' Hall Schools; and a provisional site for a school at School Aycliffe has been reserved.

REVERSE

In your article it is alleged that cuts in teacher places will result in a "Brain Drain" from the Town. I cannot understand this reasoning, as by my reckoning and mathematics, more schools means more teaching places. This is already taking place as teaching staff for "Greenfield" have already been appointed and will continue until completed in September. The teaching staff already appointed (with two exceptions) are from outside Newton Aycliffe, so the "Brain Drain" you refer to, if any, is in reverse, and towards Newton Aycliffe not from it.

It is true that meetings are taking place with the three Head Teachers, and Corporation Officials to resolve catchment areas. No stretch of the imagination could describe them as "frantic"; they are normal and a continuation of the policy of meetings with Corporation and County Council Officials which take place whenever matters concerning the two authorities are contemplated.

I can assure all parents that there will be no lowering of the standards of education in this Town, it is always the endeavour of the County Council to improve it if it is at all possible.

Yours sincerely,

A. Cessford
County Councillor

Editor:

The Brain Drain relates to lack of promotion opportunities for the better qualified teachers. Of course it is nice to have plenty of schools all situated in convenient geographical locations. But the writer does not justify new schools being built at the expense of the existing.

I understand there is a purge on education expenditure with the County closing and amalgamating uneconomic units, yet here we have more schools than we need!

As a result of Avenue School PTA protests there is to be a Public Meetings at the request of County officials to discuss the issue. WATCH FOR DETAILS.



Allan Love (right), Edward Newborn and Company in a scene from the National tour of the smash hit rock musical "Godspell" which returned to Darlington Civic Theatre recently for its' second successful run there.

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The date for the function is Friday 20th May, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., the venue the large hall at the Recreation Centre. It

will be again a 'Sequence Dance' but at the time of writing there are a few dance tickets available which we are prepared to sell to anyone providing they dance in the very centre of the floor and not interfere with the Sequence Dancers going round the outer area. Tickets are £2.40 and can be obtained from Mrs Frieda Wright at 21 Ross Walk, or if you want further details Tel: Aycliffe 4215.

For the lovers of good dance music who would like to spend anything up to 5 hours in the balcony and listen to the Maestro we can give you a very cheap night out at 50p each, obtainable from the Rec. Centre.

Alan Wright

WASTE PAPER

On behalf of Newton Aycliffe Cubs and Scouts we thank all readers who so kindly rang offering their old newspapers to help raise funds for the new scout H.Q. A route has been organised to collect regularly. If you have not offered your old papers and wish to help us, ring Aycliffe 4205 to have your name added to our list. Thank you.

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This year, on 7th May, Aycliffe Hospital is holding its first "One to One" Day and we hope every patient will have a 'friend' for the afternoon. Many patients will be visited by relatives or friends but there are others who are less fortunate and don't have a regular visitor.

Volunteers are being asked to arrive at the hospital for 11-11.30 a.m. and report to the Community Centre. They will be given a short talk about the hospital and the programme for the day. After lunch (volunteers are asked to

bring a packed lunch) they will then go to the ward to which they have been allocated to meet the patients. Activities will begin at 1.30 p.m. and continue until 4.00 p.m. These include a band, playbus, theatre workshop, fancy dress, disco, inflatables, painting, pony rides, water play, etc.

After the activities are over, volunteers are invited to stay for tea. In order to make this day a success we require your help, will you be a friend for the afternoon?

Please submit names to: Miss Sylvia Mabon, Voluntary Help Organiser, Aycliffe Hospital, Heighington, or telephone Aycliffe 2292 extension 4 before 27th April 1977.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

If you are organising an event for the above, during the period 4th-18th June, then you should send details to the Co-ordinating Committee who are compiling a diary of events. Details to: Syd Howarth, c/o Newton Press, Upper Beveridge Way.

"Compass" project going well

The Manpower Services Commission project — COMPASS — a job creation programme, which began in Newton Aycliffe on 7th February is progressing very favourably. The committee are very pleased to report, after our first few weeks in operation, that the response in this town to the scheme is very good, both in the co-operation of the householders to the interviewing and filling in questionnaires, and the excellent offers of voluntary help in all fields of social needs, sporting activities and personal problems. Our first newsletter of our progress has been delivered to householders already visited in certain areas.

All the people connected with COMPASS wish to thank those townspeople who have helped us so far — and our thanks too, in advance, to those who have yet to meet us or our interviewers. We need you all who are willing to give help, anyhow, anywhere, anytime. Certain ideas are already being considered from the many numbers of persons who have offered their time — and patience! Come and see at Beveridge Hall, Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., we'll be pleased to meet you.

ACTION PLEASE, NOT JUST GOOD THOUGHTS

Interested in the Towns' Social life? Want to see more entertainment in Aycliffe? Are you a member of a town society? Would you like to see a greater range of Art/Entertainment activity in Aycliffe? Well, it's no good sitting back and thinking about it. Get yourself along to the Arts Council A.G.M. on Tuesday 3rd May, 7 p.m. in the RAFA Club, and remember, many hands make light work. See you there.

Air Training Corps meeting

Through the generosity of the RAFA Branch in the town we can now offer facilities for young men 14 years old and over to join the Air Training Corps. The cadets will be part of 405 (Darlington) Squadron and will parade one night in Newton Aycliffe and one night at the H.Q. in Darlington.

An "Information Night" will be held in the dance hall of the RAFA Club on Tuesday 17th May at 7 p.m. where items of interest will be on display and questions answered by Officers of 405 Squadron. Parents are particularly welcome.

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Mayor Counc. E. Elmer holds the winning ticket in St. Clare's Easter Draw. To help him were (l to r) Phillip Jones, Robert Heels, Kevin Stout and Garrie Vickers from the Cubs and Scouts.

Photo: Sonny Steele

SWIMMING CLUB GALA

Sedgefield District 75 Swimming Club will hold the first of its club Galas on Monday 25th April at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Centre.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Darlington A.S.C., Bishop Auckland A.S.C. and Crook A.S.C. for the training facilities extended to Sedgefield 75 during the closure of the Recreation Centres' pool.

If you can help the Swimming Club in any way, we have a Supporters Club who would be grateful of your help. Please contact Mr Keith Walters at the Recreation Centre on Monday evenings or any Club member.

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Full marks again to town Operatic

Our Operatic Society can be justifiably proud of their presentation of "Finlans Rainbow" last week at the Avenue School.

Based on the story of the crock of gold at the end of the rainbow, the plot involves an Irish immigrant and his daughter arriving in a fictitious American community riddled with the prejudices of colour and capitalism. With the aid of a leprochaun, three wishes and romance, the tale brings about a succession of changes in attitude and everyone lives happily ever after.

Two members of another society helped fill principal roles but local talent came over very forcibly in sparkling performances by Jean Gunstone and Cec Jones.

Jean, as Sharon, portrayed the Irish colleen admirably. She has beauty of face and voice with a sincere stage presence. Cec didn't sing much in this part, but he proved his acting skill with a convincing interpretation of the wily Irishman complete with genuine accent.

The chorus singing as ever was superb, indicating many hours of rehearsals put in by the society to attain the high standard.

It would be unfair not to mention the fantastic part played by Barrie Dargue as Og the Leprochaun. He danced about the stage, sang and acted this difficult part as good as any professional.

Talking of dancing brings to mind the delightful interludes by Alison Sparey as Susan the mute girl who talked in dance sign language.

The set for Finlans Rainbow was fixed throughout and this is why the scenery was so good. All in all a commendable effort which will ensure for the "Operatic" continued support and encouragement from its satisfied customers.

INVITATION TO SAMARITAN FILM SHOW

Next week, 25th April to 1st May, is Samaritan Week throughout the country — this is a National effort to inform the public of the work of the Samaritans, and the service they can offer to people needing help, and also to recruit more volunteers — for we urgently need more helpers.

To coincide with the National Samaritan Week, the Darlington branch have been fortunate to secure a new Samaritan film "Call for Help" to be shown on Monday 25th April at Darlington Civic Theatre at 12.15 p.m., 12.45 p.m. and 1.15 p.m. and we hope very much that members of the public will come along and see the film.

Enter now for Jubilee Festival '77

The Festival Committee are providing a full programme of entertainment in conjunction with the Great Aycliffe Jubilee Committee during the Jubilee Celebrations.

Some require entry forms, such as the Festival Queen Competition which will be held at the Working Mens Club on 6th June and can be entered by ladies over 16 years who reside in the area. Prizes of £25, £15, and £10, plus free entry to the Dance.

The Festival Princess Competition on Simpasture Field 13th June. Open to girls between 9 and 13 years who reside in the area. Prizes £5, £2 and £1 plus trophy to hold for one year.

Carnival Day June 18th. Parade of floats etc. through the town to Simpasture Field where an afternoon of entertainment will take place. Entry forms are needed for floats and stalls on the field.

Entry forms for any of the above must be obtained from the Information Office or from Mr C. Jacques 5 Mellanby Crescent or Mr E. Hargreaves 61 Shafto Way as soon as possible.

DOG SHOW

The Yackley Dog Training Club are running a Jubilee Dog Show in Beveridge Hall on 4th June at 11 a.m. Prizes for the Best Shaggy Dog, Dog with the Waggiest Tail, Dog with the most endearing expression etc., etc. Entry forms from Information Centre or Mrs M. Clelland, 35 Beechfield. Fees 10p per dog.

Would anyone requiring entry forms get them as soon as possible, particularly for floats so that the police can arrange to have parade route organised.

C. Jacques
PRO Festival Committee

Does School really matter?

The Avenue P.T.A. are holding a Discussion evening on the above subject on Monday 25th April at 8 p.m. in the school hall. A panel of experts representing the school, careers office, Education Authority and teachers will answer questions put by parents and teachers.

All are invited to attend and submit questions on any topic concerning education.

Don't miss this interesting event which will undoubtedly answer some controversial question on the way your child is being educated.

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FOR SALE

Hotpoint washer £26 5 Faber Close
Goblin Teasmade with tray in vg cond. £21 167 Tindale Green Tel: 3942

Black vinyl 3 piece suite in vg cond. Tel: 5739

Tropical fish, — siamese fighters, large black lyretail mollies, red swordtails, sucker loaches, neons, zebras, large fantailed guppies, green/blue variegated guppies, red king cobra guppies 2 Bewick Cres. Tel: 5580 proceeds to charity

Radio gram £20 39 Garburn Place

Pair quality hi-fi speakers in ex. cond. nearest £35 8 Ross Walk Tel: 3435

Free to good home 5 year old mongrel dog, house trained, good with children 100 Biscop Crescent

Bow front china cabinet glass back & shelves Tel: 6434

Pushchair as new £5. Fire guard, full screen as new £5 198 Alston Walk

Hamster cage almost new £2 23 Oakfield

Mod. teak dining room suite 6ft sideboard, table & 4 chairs £30 ono Tel: 5420

Ladies leopard skin coat, long length, size 18 £5 as new Tel: 3711

Baldwin Electronic Organ double manual, bass pedals, Leslie speakers £395 Tel: 3485

Rack & top box for Suzuki 250cc £15. 53 Skirlaw Road

2 Centurian crash helmets, hardly used £3 each 178 Pennine Walk

Electrolux cylinder vacuum cleaner, as new, £20. Tel: 3524 after 5.30 p.m.

Electrolux chest freezer 11.5 cu.ft. 18 month old, new con. £65 Tel: 5812

CARS FOR SALE

J reg. Renault 6 850cc £280 T & T Tel: 2721 after 4.30.

Austin 1300 J reg. £300 ono 88 Fewston Close

BIRTHS

DODDS

To David & Kay (nee Stout) a son, Mark, first grandchild for Della and Howard.

Accommodation

Quiet gentleman, 37, requires good full board accommodation in N/A Box No. EA1, Newton Press

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

REK

To our darling daughter Melani Amanda on her 1st birthday April 25th. Lots of love & kisses from Mammy & Daddy

The Jubilee Committee asked the Town Council to consider acquiring a stock of flags and bunting for Town Centre decoration during the Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

The idea being that they could use the materials for Jubilee Celebrations this year and for future National events when they occur.

The suggestion was rejected even though the Council have invited a Royal personage to open the School Aycliffe Sports Complex and will need this type of decoration on that occasion.

Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, Syd Howarth, thought the Council's attitude "short sighted" and concluded there was very little support or encouragement from that quarter for his committees efforts.

The Council has already refused a request for financial support.

"What has been offered is no more than the usual offer of help given to the Festival Fortnight each year" said Syd Howarth.

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EXPANSION, NOT STAGNATION

DAVID WARREN
Conservative Candidate
Darlington Rural No. 3
(Town Wards 4 & 5)

The electorate of Newton Aycliffe will have the opportunity on 5th May to decide who they wish to represent them in the Council chamber at County Hall for the next few years.

Many promises will be made during the next week or so, but how many of them will be kept? I make only one promise, and that is to do all I can within the limits of my ability, to represent the views and interests of the people who elect me.

Specifically I would consider it essential that the public transport system in Newton Aycliffe needs a complete shake-up so that all parts of the town have the same standard of service.

I shall do all I can to ensure the future expansion of the new town in terms of new homes and new jobs.

The present system of Councillors being appointed as manager of schools is redundant. I want to see the appointment of people to these positions who have a genuine concern for education viz., parents, teachers and employers.

The structure plan drawn up by the County Council sees the County remaining as it is, stagnation instead of expansion. This is wrong if we are all concerned with the future of our children.

Finally, I would like to say that, whatever your politics, please ensure that you use your vote on Thursday 5th May. There is little satisfaction for a candidate to be elected by only a very small portion of the total electorate.

NEW CRICKET SEASON OPENS

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club open the new season with net practices each Monday and Wednesday commencing 25th April.

New and old members welcome. Further details from D. Dale Tel: Aycliffe 4245.

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