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the report makes economic sense it will not go through Council without a fight from all affected by its controversial proposals.

Over three years ago we suggested that Greenfield should not have opened as there was evidence then that the Avenue and Woodham were in decline. Yet the County established another school, taking pupils away from existing comprehensives.

Convenient

One of the arguments for Greenfield was that its position made it a convenient walking distance for children in the area.

How convenient will Aycliffe schools be for the children of Shildon?

Had Greenfield not been built there would be a different situation. The Avenue and Woodham would be full to capacity and Shildon would have to remain unaffected.

COUNTY REPORT RECOMMENDS SCHOOL RE-ORGANISATION

SHILDON CHILDREN BUSSED IN TO FILL OUR SCHOOLS

A RE-ORGANISATION of schools throughout Durham is probable in the next two years if recommendations by County Education officers are accepted, and Aycliffe will be affected.

The report follows a dramatic drop in numbers attending comprehensive schools and the need to get the best from the money

allowed for education.

The Chief Education Officer is recommending that Shildon Comprehensive School be closed and

become a sixth form college serving Aycliffe, Shildon, Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas.

Pupils aged 11-16 living in

Shildon will be transported to Aycliffe to fill our comprehensive schools which are operating at two-thirds of their capacity.

Even allowing for the cost of transport, estimated at £75,000 per year, the County hope to save much more by this strategy.

The report has brought a storm of protest from Shildon and already public meetings have been called to express opposition.

Examining the falling rolls in primary and secondary schools the education authority shows ways and means of saving costs by closures and amalgamation.

Surplus

Most schools in the county have declining numbers and it is estimated that compared with 1977, secondary school populations will drop 27 per cent by 1990.

Even taking into account the continued growth of Newton Aycliffe there will still be a considerable surplus of places. The cost of running our three comprehensives is high because of underused accommodation.

The report considered changing Greenfield into a 6th form college as an alternative to Shildon. It appears there are too many problems relating to location and accommodation, and Shildon's Sunnydale met all requirements.

Amalgamation

Other recommendations affecting Newton Aycliffe allow for discussions to take place regarding the amalgamation of Elmfield Junior and Infant Schools.

There will be severe repercussions all round if everything goes ahead as suggested. Though

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16 MARLEY ROAD — A traditionally built 3-Bedroomed Terraced House in a very pleasant location just off Bewick Crescent. The property has the benefits of full Gas Central Heating, above average Gardens at the rear, and built-in wardrobes in all Bedrooms. Some re-decoration is required but we feel that the price fully reflects this, and the property has considerable potential for either first-time buyers or as a family home. Comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Area/Rear Entrance Vestibule, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. Small front and large rear Garden. Viewing: By appointment with Mrs Banks on Aycliffe 313386. Price: Offers in the region of £14,250.

40 EDEN ROAD — An ideal starter home, being a 3-Bedroomed End-Terraced House in a very popular location just off Vane Road, and close to primary and junior schools. The property offers good but easily managed accommodation which is in very nice decorative order. A number of sensible improvements have been carried out including the provision of a stone fireplace and Full Gas Central Heating. The Kitchen has also been improved and there are easily managed Gardens. We feel that this type of property offers good value for money to first-time buyers with the prospect of excellent capital appreciation. Comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge Area, Dining Area, L-shaped Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, separate W.C. Small front Garden and large rear Garden. Viewing: By telephone appointment with Mr and Mrs Johnson on Aycliffe 316153. Price: £14,350.

SACRIFICE PRICE

A 5-BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH 2 BATHROOMS, GAS CENTRAL HEATING, ETC. ORIGINAL PRICE £39,500, BUT NOW OPEN TO OFFERS OVER £30,000 FOR EARLY SALE

68 BISCOP CRESCENT — An outstanding family home offering very good accommodation with the advantage of a Garage. The house is virtually Detached although is actually on the end of a Terrace, and is set in beautifully landscaped Gardens. Internally the house is in very nice decorative order and has had a number of improvements carried out including the installation of fitted wardrobes, stone fireplaces and Full Gas Central Heating. As this type of property seldom comes onto the market in Aycliffe, we would recommend very early inspection. Comprises: Entrance Vestibule, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility/Freezer Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, sep. W.C. Landscaped Gardens on three sides. Side attached Garage. Viewing: By appointment with the Agents. Price: Offers in the region of £18,000.

13 BOUSFIELD CRESCENT — A larger than average 3-Bedroomed Semi-detached House, situated in one of the most sought after areas of the town. The property enjoys a very pleasant site with a secluded rear Garden, and it has just been completely redecorated inside and a number of internal improvements include the upgrading of the Central Heating system, fully modernising the Kitchen and re-fitting the Bathroom. Houses in this part of Aycliffe are always at a premium, and this is a particularly fine example, which should be inspected without delay. Comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and separate W.C. Attached brick Garage plus 2 good Store Houses at rear. Pleasant and secluded Gardens with lawns, etc. R.V. £187. Viewing: By telephone appointment with Mr and Mrs Mayhew on Aycliffe 313923. Price: £21,950 or nearest offer.

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SHILDON

159 BYERLEY ROAD — A 3-Bedroomed Family House, built of high quality materials and set in a prominent corner location about half way along Byerley Road. The property overlooks a school playground and provides all modern facilities and conveniences, including Gas-fired Central Heating. Comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and Sep. W.C. Walled Forecourts to the front and side, and large Rear Yard with Wash House and motor car access. R.V. £121. Viewing: By arrangement with Mr and Mrs Price, telephone Shildon 2618. Price: Offers over £20,000.

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AYCLIFFE VILLAGE

31 MILLFIELDS — A Detached 3-Bedroomed Bungalow which has been considerably improved by the present owners who have installed Gas Central Heating, a new fitted Kitchen, patio doors and numerous internal decorative features which can only be appreciated on inspection. Comprises: Entrance Hall, separate Cloakroom and W.C., Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and W.C. Pleasant Gardens to front and rear. Detached rear Garage. Viewing: Telephone Mr and Mrs Lennohan on Aycliffe 315011. Price: Offers in the region of £30,500.

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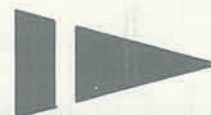
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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR LOCAL BRANCH LINE

Rural branch railway lines, which are threatened by a lack of investment have an important role to play in the future. These are the findings from a study of the Bishop Auckland to Darlington branch line in County Durham which has been jointly prepared by Sedgefield, Darlington and Wear Valley District Councils, Aycliffe Development Corporation and Durham County Council.

Nationally, the report is the first response to British Rail's Branches

on the Brink campaign which has highlighted the threat to rural branch lines.

The report conclusively demonstrates that when small scale investment in stations and car parking facilities is combined with new commercial housing and industrial development nearby, large increases in passenger and freight traffic can occur.

Following the opening of the Newton Aycliffe station in 1978 and new developments in Darlington, Shildon and Bishop Auckland there has been a 75% increase in passenger traffic.

The report has examined the potential for new development at the six stations along the line. It shows that future shopping, factory housing and recreation developments will bring people and jobs closer to the stations and should maintain the improvement in passenger traffic.

Opportunities

Other measures for increasing traffic are also highlighted. The report stresses opportunities for the introduction of rail freight facilities and the availability of grants for their construction. Projects include the possibility of building a rail freight centre and

waste transfer station at Newton Aycliffe and the provision of sidings for individual firms.

On the passenger side, the report suggests that the extension of existing passenger services from Bishop Auckland should be investigated. This would extend the range of jobs available to people living in South West County Durham and encourage labour mobility.

Potential

The tourist potential of the Hackworth and North Road rail museums has also been highlighted and the report suggests that they might be marketed with other rail museums in the North East with the assistance of the Northumbria Tourist Board. The report also highlights the number of sports complexes and shopping centres along the line and recognises that these facilities should attract more passengers to the railway.

The quality of passenger information is also examined and there is a call for the local authorities, Northumbria Tourist Board and British Rail to work together to improve publicity, timetable information and signing at stations.

The report is an example of what

can be achieved through the co-operation of local authorities, British Rail and Tourist Boards. It clearly demonstrates that the Bishop Branch Line has an important role to play in the social and community life of South West County Durham. It therefore calls upon the Government to play its part in providing investment for new trains, track and signalling on rural branch lines.

Perstorp team win 5 awards

On Saturday, 27th June, at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. Ltd., Birtley, the 27th annual competition of the North-Eastern Branch of the Industrial Fire Protection Association was held. The teams from Perstorp Wareite, Newton Aycliffe, took five of the trophies and now go on to the finals in London later in the year.

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CLUB FOR DISABLED LADIES

Dear Sir,

An invitation is extended to any disabled ladies who feel they would like to be included in the formation of a new "Disabled Ladies Group" which will meet every Wednesday afternoon in St. Clare's Church Hall.

The new club is to start shortly and the people involved in the organisation are themselves disabled, which allows them a better understanding of the life style of disability and the problems it creates.

It is planned to include a variety of activities including group therapy discussions on all problems of disability, lectures and demonstrations of various types, diet and health, beauty and hair care, cooker adapted for disabled, and arts and crafts.

The group hope to hold really enjoyable and beneficial meetings on these Wednesday afternoons, so no matter what your physical disability may be, if you feel you would like to be included in the group, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs L. Myers
3 Midfields,
School Aycliffe.
Tel. 315955.

BUS ROUTE COMPLAINT

Dear Sir,

I do not know who is responsible for the new bus routes operating on the town, but whoever it is should try and get transportation to the industrial estate from the Beechfield/Oakfield area between 3 and 4 p.m.

Prior to the re-organisation the No. 15 bus used to arrive in the area about 20 minutes to the hour, now there is none, and all buses seem to have been re-routed towards Agnew 2 and 3. People at this end of the town have to walk to the cemetery or the town centre.

Why weren't all the people of the town considered instead of a few. I hope something will be done about this before the winter weather is upon us again.

Yours sincerely,
J. Grayney
232 Rowan Place.

REGISTERED NURSE REQUIRED

Dear Sir,

We at St. John Ambulance Brigade desperately require the assistance of a State Registered Nurse to act as our nursing officer, and to assist and conduct our nursing lectures, and at times to help with first aid cover when we are on duty at large public occasions and the like.

I wonder if you could, through the columns of the Newton News, help us find this illusive person? Unfortunately, our present nursing officer, Mrs Vera Davison, is having to resign due to ill health, much to our dismay and regret.

As a Combined Division it is essential in order to comply with our regulations that this voluntary position is filled without delay.

As always, we need new members, and would welcome them at our weekly meetings.

Yours sincerely,
K. Clark
Divisional Supt.
43 Beechfield.

£50 RAISED FOR DISABLED COUNCIL

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Council for the Disabled, we wish to publicly thank all the members of the cricket club and those teams who took part in the Novice Six-a-Side cricket competition on Sunday, 14th June.

We would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way to this event which raised the sum of £50 towards our funds.

In particular we would like to thank Mr R. Mitchie for organising this successful day, a special mention to Mrs F. Hiley the patron of the competition who also generously donated £10 towards our funds. All of this money will ensure that we continue to provide our 'Personal Advice and Information Service' as well as representing the views of the disabled whenever such views are required.

Yours sincerely,
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AWARD FOR SISTER TOWN

A new method of building, which has reached the finals of the Prince of Wales Award for Industrial Innovation and Production, is being used in a 61,000 square foot factory/warehouse project in Peterlee, our sister town.

The system, invented by Nottingham structural engineer Les Kubik, and known as the Cubic space frame — is for the roofs of buildings.

It has no diagonal struts enabling services to be run in the roof space, can be fabricated on site without welding and is easy to

erect.

The Cubic system has been chosen by Peterlee Development Corporation for a 61,000 sq. ft. dual purpose factory/warehouse project. The £660,000 building on Cook Way will be started later this summer — and will be used by the judges in the Prince of Wales Award to assess the success of the design in practice.

Another 50,000 sq. ft. dual purpose building is also being designed using the system and it may be built in Peterlee later this year.

One of the other advantages of

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CONVENTION

Members of the Newton Aycliffe congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses will be attending one of a global network of conventions interlinking people in over 200 lands.

Ten thousand people are expected to converge at Murrayfield rugby football ground on July 9th to 12th, according to Mr C. Dodds, spokesman for the local congregation. "When this series of conventions across the world ends in late August we expect that well over two million people will have attended," Mr Dodds said.

"The theme at each convention will be 'Kingdom Loyalty'. For over one hundred years now Jehovah's Witnesses have proclaimed Christ's message that 'The Kingdom of God is at hand.' That kingdom will provide the only solution to man's insurmountable problems today. It is the kingdom all Christians pray for in the Lord's prayer.

We believe the time has come for it to assert itself and take over the reins of world government. It is

important that Christians re-affirm their loyalty to that kingdom in this twentieth century. We are happy about the theme that will be highlighted throughout the four days of the convention."

The convention will be open to the public and there will be no admission fee or collections.

"The need to develop the quality of loyalty has never been more apparent," said Mr Dodds. "Disloyalty to marriage mates and family, to employers, to government and even to God has increased at an alarming rate. This convention will help all who attend to cultivate the godly quality of loyalty."

"Newtonian" running well

The new town bus service recently introduced by United is proving a success.

The small bus, named after our newspaper, "The Newtonian", is fairly well used and is increasing in popularity each week.

"Tuesday market day is very busy," said Mr Kitching at the United offices. "The passengers say it is a boon and the service is much appreciated by those living on the outskirts of Newton Aycliffe," he added.

WELL DONE JULIE!

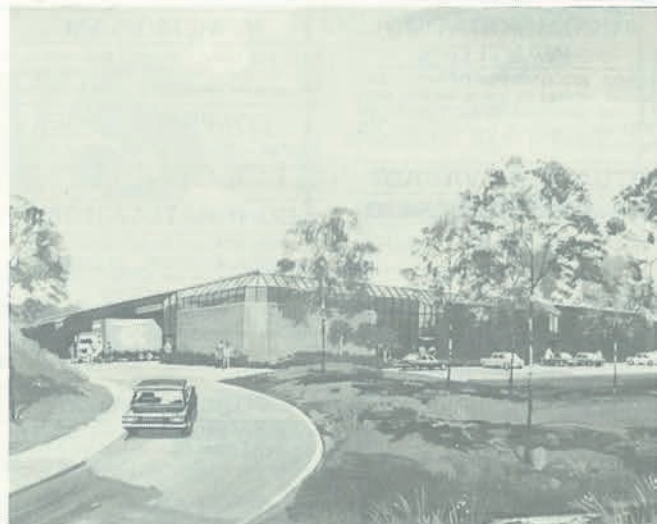
Julie Bowry-Needham, a guide with the 8th Burnhill Company, will receive the Queen's Badge from the County Commissioner next Tuesday, 30th June.

The presentation will take place at the Burnhill Methodist Church at 6.30 p.m.

Congratulations are well deserved, as few Girl Guides achieve this top award.



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