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People in Sedgefield Borough face a sharp increase in Council tax due to cutbacks in Government funding.

The Borough Council has been told it can increase its annual expenditure of £8 million by only £15,000 this financial year and, at the same time, the Council faces a reduction of nearly half a million pounds in Government grants.

Brian Stephens, Leader of the Council, explained "To maintain our services at the level we believe they should be, we were looking to increase our expenditure by £625,000 this year. "We are now faced with a maximum increase of £15,000 and nearly half a million pounds reduction in Government grants. We have looked very hard at all our services and how we carry them out since the grant settlement was approved three months ago.

"We have succeeded in finding savings and will maintain virtually all our services to the public but unfortunately we have had to increase Council

Tax to make up for the loss of grant".

The Council Tax bill in Sedgefield Borough will increase by around 14.7% which means an average increase of £71.55 per year for people in Band A accommodation and £107.33 in Band D. Council Tax is collected by Sedgefield Borough Council but only a small proportion is used for the Borough Council's services.

For every £1 paid, Durham County Council takes approximately 66p, the Police Authority 6p, the Parishes an average of 15p while the Borough keeps only 13p to pay for its own services.

Brian Stephens added "Although Sedgefield is often praised for the high level of services, provided at relatively low cost, the Council's spending has effectively been cut by £1.6 million over the past three years. We are maintaining our services to the public but this year's settlement has been the worst ever".

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A second Craft Fayre, organised by Sedgefield & Wear Valley District Branch of Save the Children is to be held on Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th of April, 1997, by kind permission of the Bishop of Durham, in the State Rooms of Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, following the great success of the first such Craft Fayre, held in April last year.

The Castle, the home of the Bishops of Durham for over 800 years, will be open to the public from 10am to 4pm each day. Crafts-people from all over the North East, who produce goods of high quality for you to buy, will be returning this year to take part in this event, which looked so well last year in such magnificent surroundings.

Inclusive cost of admission to the Castle and Exhibition entitled 'The Story of St. Cuthbert and the role of the Bishops of Durham', the Chapel and the Craft Fayre will be: ADULTS & CHILDREN Over 12 Years - £1.50. CHILDREN Under 12 Years - FREE.

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It is a sure sign that the housing market is back to strength when we see the return of gazumping - when a seller accepts an offer but then sells to a higher bidder - which can cost disappointed buyers hundreds of pounds in wasted solicitors' and surveyors' fees. Now at least there is help on hand: the RICS has come up with an agreement which could beat the gazumpers.

The law, as it stands, allows either party to withdraw until contracts are exchanged and obliges agents to put any alternative offer to the seller right up to the time when he or she exchanges contracts. So, the RICS has taken up the challenge and drawn up a contract with the help of Justice, a voluntary body of lawyers whose aim is to make the law work fairly.

The idea behind it is that, if one party pulls out of the sale, at least the other party should not be out of pocket. This should act as a deterrent against withdrawal or renegotiation.

The RICS' standard personal contract covers both gazumping and 'gazundering' - when a buyer reduces his offer just before exchange of contracts or to take advantage of a falling market - as well as other cases where either side fails to keep their word.

It specifies that if, within an agreed period, either party withdraws from the proposed transaction or seeks to renegotiate the purchase he must pay the other compensation.

If the seller breaks the informal agreement, by gazumping or otherwise, he or she has to pay the purchaser's legal expenses, plus any bank or mortgage charges and the cost of the survey.

If the purchaser pulls out, the compensation will be 5% per annum above bank base rate on the agreed purchase price from the date of the agreement until the offending action, plus the vendor's legal costs incurred during this period.

There are three exceptions to this rule:

* If the purchaser's solicitor advises him not to buy the house at the agreed price because of a serious defect or risk associated with the title to the property.

* A survey or mortgage inspection report becomes available which discloses defects which are more extensive than the purchasers could reasonably have been expected to identify during a visit to the property.

* The property has been damaged since the date of the agreement. The contract cannot prevent either party withdrawing from the transaction or stop the vendor selling his property to someone else. But it will make people think more carefully about practicalities before agreeing terms, and about the importance of honouring their word.

Of course there are risks for both parties - particularly if circumstances change or if it proves difficult to get a suitable mortgage so the agreements will not be suitable for everyone.

Both buyer and seller need to agree a time limit for the contract which suits both parties' circumstances. This might last until contracts are exchanged or for a shorter time, say, while the purchaser gets a building survey.

If you are selling your property through a chartered surveyor estate agent, recognisable by the letters ARICS or FRICS after their names, he or she will be able to advise.

GROUP CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Women from Williamfield celebrated International Women's Day last week with a Chinese Theme at the Silverdale Community House.

Tony and Nam demonstrated how to use Tai Chi as a simple daily exercise and relaxation technique.

"It was great, my idea of exercise. There was nothing over strenuous about it you could feel it affecting your muscles and the best thing about it was you could do the exercises in about 15 minutes and didn't need a Pamela Anderson figure to feel comfortable in joining in" said Diana Fleming, a local mum. She went on to add "it was a great bonus to know my son enjoyed playing, painting and singing with the other children in the free creche so I could relax and join in."

Nam gave cost effective tips for Chinese Cooking at home and

demonstrated how to use a wok and various spices. A Chinese buffet followed.

Throughout the week, Scovon Bartlett, a local lady, used a video to film projects within the Community House as part of the celebrations. Scovon is presently studying video recording techniques which she found out about through the Community House.

On Thursday local mum's and children went to Bishop Auckland College to enjoy International Women's Day celebrations there. Everyone enjoyed the day - women surfed the internet, took part in health and beauty sessions, creative writing workshops, and many more activities whilst the children played in the free creche provided.

One lady, through the creative writing group shocked herself when she produced an extremely poignant poem about women. Liz Shaw, Community Worker, said she can't wait to get this

poem framed and displayed in the Silverdale Community House.

The Silverdale Community House is a collaborative initiative supported by South Durham NHS Trust and the local community.

Pirates of Penzance

The Bishop Auckland Operatic Society are pleased to present, as their Spring Show, the Gilbert & Sullivan favourite: 'The Pirates of Penzance'.

The show will be performed in the Eden Theatre in the Town Hall from Monday 17th March until Saturday 22nd March - commencing at 7.15pm.

Tickets, priced at £5, are available from the Town Hall from 10th to 15th March or by ringing 01388 602282 or 01388 602371.

"SHELTERED HOUSING IS A JOKE"

Dear Sir,
I am a 75 year old woman living on my own, in an area which is supposed to be 'Sheltered Housing', which to me seems a joke,

since I have had nothing but aggravation for years, from the children on this estate, (not the tots I might add but the ones who should know better).

The latest trick is raw eggs thrown at my windows and doors, every other day. It is no easy task cleaning egg yolks and shells off your windows and paint work when you are young and fit, never mind at my age and racked with arthritis etc., sometimes at 11 o'clock at night, because if you leave it on to congeal you'll never get rid of it.

I've contacted the Police and Volunteer Services who sympathise but don't seem to be able to do anything about it. I never see Police or Volunteer Services unless I call them out anyway.

Perhaps the parents of children living in the Bluebell Close area should try checking where their children are at 9-11 o'clock at night and, also, I'd like to know, where do they manage to produce the eggs they are throwing from anyway.

Other elderly and disabled people have been targeted too, so they are obviously picking on the ones who can least fight back.

I am so unhappy living under these conditions that I stay with my daughter from Saturday until Tuesday, otherwise I'd go crazy living with all this harassment.

I've applied to move elsewhere but have had no success as yet.

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But there is nothing to stop a foreign broadcaster buying up the rights and beaming them in from abroad via Cable, Satellite or Pay TV, because British Law does not apply to companies broadcasting from abroad.

Now the European Commission plan to close this loophole - after Labour Euro MPs demanded action. So even if exclusive rights are sold, broadcast rights must be sold to BBC, ITV or C4 to be shown free.

It could also be good news for fans of other top British events like the Proms and Royal Weddings - because the European Commission wants each Member State, including Britain, to draw up a list of

events which cannot be shown exclusively on channels which need Cable, Satellite dishes or extra payment. The list need not be limited to sports events - although at the moment only sporting events are protected in Britain.

Stephen Hughes, Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon said "This is good news for armchair sports fans. The public have a right to watch top sporting events for free - without paying Cable or Satellite channels. Now the European Commission have taken up the suggestion of Labour Euro MPs and plan to close a dangerous loophole in existing rules. In an age of international broadcasting we need some international rules."

He added "If this goes ahead it should encourage a debate on what events should or should not be protected in this way. This could be good news for Tennis and Football fans if they want to argue that Wimbledon and Cup Finals should be put on the protected list.

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ANNUAL WALK OF WITNESS

The Great Aycliffe Council of Churches will be holding its annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday (28th March). This is when Christians of all denominations join together to proclaim their common faith. There will be a short service in the Town Centre, commencing at 11am. The Walk of Witness will

then leave at the end nearest to the Health Centre, taking the following route: Dalton Way, Westmoreland Way, MacMillan Rd., Stephenson Way, Pease Way, Bowes Rd., finishing with prayers at the 'Green Hill'.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW POSTER COMPETITION

This years Great Aycliffe Show will be on the weekend of the 28th and 29th JUNE - instead of in August as in other years. Children under the age of 16 years are invited to enter the 'Really Great Aycliffe Show' Poster competition - Your poster

should be on paper no bigger than A3 and it can be coloured using crayon, paint, felt tip etc. You must write your full name, age and address on the back of the poster. You must be aged 16 or under to enter. The poster should be

bright and cheerful and show some of the things that the Show has to offer. Here are some things that will be at this year's show: The Bandit Monster Truck; A Human Cannon Ball; Eagle and Vulture Show; Motorcycle Stunt Show; Dog Agility Displays, plus a Teen Disco, Brass Bands, Pipe Band, Dance Troupes, Gymnastic Displays, Battle Re-enactments, a Fairground, Football Competition, Badminton Competition, Golf Tournament, Free Quad Bikes, Free Pulsar Laser Activity Centre, Free Bouncy Castles, Free Toddler Soft Play, Free Face Painting and much, much more.

The winning poster will be used in the advertising campaign to promote the Show and the winner will receive a gift voucher, an art box and will have their poster framed for posterity, as well as the knowledge that copies of their poster are on display throughout the area.

Your entry should be sent - before MONDAY 17th MARCH - to Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham. (Don't forget to write your name, age and address on the back!)

"CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER SHOPPING FACILITIES??"

Dear Sir, Last week, Tony Moore wrote about his 'campaign' for better shopping facilities.

No doubt I will be savaged by his 'press poodles' who write in his support, but perhaps OTHER readers will forgive me if I ask: 'WHAT campaign for better shopping facilities?' We all get the Newton News every week. Have you been aware of any such campaign by Mr Moore?

The Newton News campaigned to improve the town centre in January 1995, and July 1995. Mr Moore did not even write to support it.

Great Aycliffe Town Council met the landlords in July 1996, but Mr Moore was not involved. And shopkeepers tried to clean up the town centre in January 1997, but Mr Moore had nothing to do with that.

In fact, the first time we heard of a 'campaign for decent shopping facilities' was after I suggested that he had done little about the Avenue site! Out of the blue, Mr. Moore became a crusader for the town centre!!

I challenge Mr Moore to

supply details of what he has DONE in the last two years in his 'campaign' for the town centre, shops he has attracted here, etc. Or has his 'campaign' for the town centre' been as successful as his 'campaign' about the Avenue site - all noise and nothing to show?

We saw last week who got movement on the Avenue site - it was Bob Fleming, the Labour leader of the Council.

So why Mr Moore's sudden concern about the town centre? Why these vicious letters against me? Could it be that the County council elections are drawing near?

Yours faithfully John D Clare

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Dear Sir, Councillor Fraser's personal and muddled comments failed to answer my very simple question, which was (I remind readers):

"I challenge Councillor Fraser to tell us how he will vote at the General Election - Labour ... or Tory?"

What was so difficult about that? For myself, I am happy to tell readers that I will be voting LABOUR.

We are faced with a country ruined by 17 years of Tory government.

Labour has promised to cut school class sizes, NHS waiting lists and unemployment queues - while keeping

down public spending and inflation.

I refuse to be fooled by lies and scare-mongering which tries to label all Labour politicians as wastrels and squanderers.

I want Tony Blair to become Prime Minister, and I know that I share that desire with most of the people of Newton Aycliffe.

I do not think Labour can change everything immediately - 'Rome cannot be rebuilt in a day' - but for goodness sake let's vote into power a party which cares what happens to ordinary men and women.

With thanks
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Town Councillor

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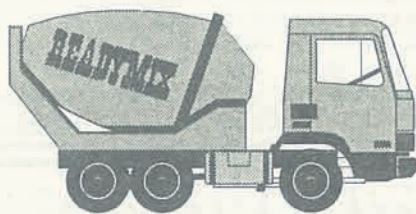
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The School has had a very successful year with various competitions. The biggest being the Nationwide Medallist of the Year at Blackpool in November. The children competed in their area heats back in September to qualify to dance at the Nationwide which brings together the elite of the country.

The School took second and third place in the aged 6-8 years Rosette Competition, which danced 59 competitors. Second place was taken by Laura Scott (Shildon) and third place by Stacey McMullen (Chilton), pictured above.

Many of the other competitors gained recalls and some even got into the semi-finals, exceptionally so, Sophie Craggs and Danielle Simpson. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

The School will hopefully have as good a year this year as last and will be enduring many an examination session and competition to keep their competitive spirit alive.

May the School also take this opportunity to offer it's thanks to a few people whom have helped make the year such a success: **Electrolux (Spennymoor)** donated a Cooker and Fridge Freezer to raffle, in aid of raising money to help with the children's bus fares for their next Blackpool trip; **Dianne White's Academy of Dance** which has given it's support tremendously to the School; **Lynne McMullen & Carol Simpson** for their continued exceptional fund raising activities from which the pupils have benefited greatly; **Joan Walton** (Clare's Mum) for her continued support to Clare as she has progressed on to teaching.

Finally to the parents who have supported their children and helped their success every step of the way. *Here's to a successful 1997!* For details of classes near you contact Clare Walton, IDTA (A.F.) on 01388 420809.

Table Top Sale

The 1st Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade are holding a table top sale at Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 22nd March 1997.

We will have two halls full of stalls with a bargain for everyone.

Along with this there will be a coffee morning and cake stall in our Coffee Lounge and refreshments will be served throughout the event, which starts from 10am that Saturday. Everyone is invited to come along and admission is only 20p and it all happens at Neville Parade Methodist Church in Newton Aycliffe.

Fund Raising

Dear Sir,
Once again the staff at the John Eliot Footwear shop are busy raising funds for the 'Dreams Come True' charity.

For Easter we are having a raffle consisting of the following prizes: an autographed football donated by the Newcastle Football Team; a large tin of Roses chocolates and an Easter Cake.

We are also holding a colouring competition, with prizes given for the best pictures in the 4-7 years and 8-11 years age groups (Boy and Girl in each group). Please call in the shop for your picture.
Anne Harland.

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Lottery Grants Criticised As Unfair By North East People

The dishing out of National Lottery loot has been labelled as unfair by people in the North East.

New NOP consumer market research out this week reveals a resentment of National Lottery support for big national arts projects with two in three people believing that too much money goes to projects that only benefit wealthy art lovers.

The vast majority of people in the North West (74%) believe should begin nearer to home and more National Lottery cash should find its way into local community projects. Almost three quarters (77%) of those polled think they should be able to have more where the hand-outs go.

The results have been released by high street supermarket Sainsbury's to mark the launch of the Somerfield Community Charity, the for which will be raised through the sale of Somerfield Community Charity Scratch Cards, with charitable funds going to local causes nominated by customers.

The money will be raised through the sales of Scratch Card profits going to local charitable initiatives nominated by customers. When asked specifically whether national arts organisation such as the Royal Opera House and the English Stage Company deserved National Lottery funding, nearly two thirds (62%) questioned in the North East expressed their disapproval. Arts projects were the least favoured target for National Lottery funding with only one per cent naming them as a worthy recipient. While 84% felt money for charities through the National Lottery was a good thing, 83% did not understand the criteria used to select recipients and a similar majority wanted a greater say about organisations should benefit. Over three quarters said they prefer to participate in a Lottery scheme where the majority of the money went to local causes.

Charities which finance research into major diseases topped the list of most worthy causes, followed closely by children's charities. Least popular causes were arts and national monuments (1% each) and overseas aid (2%).

The survey also revealed a belief that funding was biased towards cities rather than rural areas. In general, people from the north felt that too much money was spent in the south.

David Simons, Chief Executive of Somerfield, said: "The research shows that an overwhelming majority of people favour of more money being given to local good causes and exactly what the Somerfield Community Charity is set up to do."

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BELLWAY AT WOODHAM LEA



North East house builder, Bellway, has released its most popular house designs for sale at Woodham Lea, Newton Aycliffe. Woodham Lea has both semi-detached and detached Beadnell properties. The semi-detached house is Bellway's largest three bedroom property in Newton Aycliffe. A spacious home with three large bedrooms and a single garage, the Beadnell has breakfasting kitchen, separate lounge and dining room and patio doors leading from the dining room to the rear garden. Upstairs the master bedroom has en-suite bathroom and the main bathroom is luxuriously finished with mahogany bath panels and gold effect taps. The house is double glazed throughout and wired for a burglar alarm. Bellway sales negotiator Keeley Greaves said: "The Beadnell is our most popular house type. The two dining areas make it ideal for growing families. It is well priced as a starter home and a very good buy as a family house." Woodham Lea is close to local schools and shops and has easy access to the A167 trunk road and the A1. There are four semi-detached Beadnells and four detached Beadnells for sale. Prices for the semis start under stamp duty price at £58,500. The detached Beadnell starts at £63,950. Two end terrace Tauntons, priced at £44,950 and a three bedroom semi-detached Langford, priced at £56,950 are also for sale at Woodham Lea. For further information on the Beadnells or any of the remaining properties at Woodham Lea contact Bellway sales negotiator Keeley Greaves on site Friday to Monday 11am to 5.30pm and Thursday 11am to 8pm, Tel: 321 898.

Euro Rule To Aid Shoppers

County Durham shoppers will be quids in when a new Euro rule makes all shops display prices by the weight or other unit of measurements as well as the total price. Local Labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes voted for the rule which will benefit all shoppers who need to know what they are getting for their money. The EU will enable them to do just that. "It is very confusing when faced with tins or packing all of a slightly different size and shape to know how to compare prices. But for many pensioners and hard-pressed families every penny counts. This will take some of the worry out of shopping and help shoppers save money if that is what they want to do". Stephen Hughes also supported moves to give corner shops more time and information to comply with the directive. He said "Many pensioners depend on local corner shops. It would not be fair to deny them the benefits of this Directive. But the European Parliament has recognised that many family run shops will need more time and advice to implement the Directive than the big supermarket chains".

New Security Measures for Meter Readers



In common with Utility Companies keen to ensure that householders are able to identify unauthorised callers, AccuRead has introduced a distinctive new identity for its national workforce and established a special Freephone number. AccuRead was formed in October 1996 and is responsible for reading the gas meters of 19 million consumers throughout Great Britain. Mr Hugh Douglas-Pennant, Director of Business Development said: "We are making every attempt to eradicate the problem of unauthorised callers and this drive is supported by the introduction of easily recognisable new uniforms and a security Freephone number. "In addition we have briefed the Police, Members of Parliament, Local Authorities, Gas Consumer Councils and other Caring agencies to establish both an understanding and awareness of AccuRead." The company stresses that if any householder needs to confirm the identity of an AccuRead meter reader they should call the security line on 0800 393 499.

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Dear Editor,
I write to you on behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Access Task Group. This is a group of people who regularly meet to discuss problems of access to buildings, land and public places in and around the Newton Aycliffe area. Readers are probably already aware of the proposal to relocate the Post Office in Newton Aycliffe but perhaps few are aware of the work going on behind the scenes to make sure that the building will be user friendly and accessible for all users. At its meeting on 17th February the Access Task Group invited Paul Johnson, Regional Network Manager, Post Office Counters Ltd. (P.O.C.L) and Norman Walton, Manager of the Newton Aycliffe Post Office to set out the proposals for the new Post Office site. The group had the opportunity to contribute toward these proposals, advising them on the need for things like easy opening doors, low counters, few in-store obstacles etc. Hopefully these issues will be taken into account when the new building takes shape. Readers will, I hope, be interested to know that, by consulting with representatives of the community, the Post Office really do care about the needs of local people in Newton Aycliffe. Yours sincerely
Heather Snowdon
Health Alliance Officer

READER COMPETITION THE END IS NIGH . . . "TWELVE MONKEYS"

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Twelve Monkeys is due to be released on 17th March, priced £14.99. If you would like a chance to win one of 3 copies we have to give away, enter the competition above and hand into Stevens in the town centre or Newton Press offices on the Industrial Park before Thursday 27th March, 1997 (over 15's only).
SYNOPSIS
The year is 2035 and the earth is in turmoil. A deadly virus has infested itself within the human race and population's are dying out. Those that survive are now living in a subterranean world and must rely on time-travel in order to determine the cause of this virus and preserve mankind's very existence. James Cole (Bruce Willis) is the "Volunteer" picked to travel into the past and unravel this apocalyptic mystery. His abilities to carry out the mission successfully are initially doubted by scientists, but Cole's obsession with the baffling childhood images he is haunted with gives them the confidence they need to send him back in time to the year 1996. Due to an error in transit, Cole arrives in the year 1990. His prophecies of the future are deemed those of a madman and he is placed into an asylum under the care of psychiatrist Kathryn Railley (Madelaine Stowe). Cole is befriended by the mentally-unstable Jeffrey Goines (Brad Pitt), whose psychotic babble makes Cole question his own existence and mentality. Before long, scientists in the year 2035 have realised the error in Cole's time-travel and retake him back into their own time zone but sanity and madness begin to intertwine as Cole is shuttled between the unreal "present" of 235 and the too real past of the 1990's. After a gruelling mental interrogation, Cole is once again transported back, this time arriving in 1996. He re-establishes himself with Kathryn Railley and having convinced her of his identity and prophecies for the future, the two embark on a mission to unravel the truth behind the viral wipeout. Two clues act as their aid - the haunting dreams from Cole's childhood and a series of mysterious symbols from a territorial group which is now run by Cole's old friend Jeffrey Goines, known as "The Army of the Twelve Monkeys"
The Future is History . . . The video is "Twelve Monkeys."

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Interested? Contact the National Spring Clean Hotline on 0990 88 55 77

Great Aycliffe Town Council would be particularly interested in helping any individual, group or company wishing to take part in activities in the Newton Aycliffe or Aycliffe Village areas - For further information please contact Mike Wilson on 01325 307192 or 01325 300700

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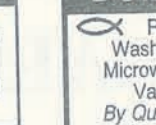
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Vaux Retail Promotions Manager, Keith Phillips (right) and Coca Cola Representative, Phil Jones (left) present Richard & Anita Grayson with their tickets

Two, Newton Aycliffe, Vaux licensees have won tickets for the Coca Cola Cup final and are hoping Middlesbrough will win the cup - The Emmerson Way. Football supporters Richard and Anita Grayson, who run the Iron Horse in the aptly named Emmerson Way, won tickets for the big day at Wembley after scooping first prize in a Vaux/Coca Cola back bar display competition. The couple, who have run the Iron Horse for seven years, are Newcastle fans but will be rooting for the Boro at Wembley. "Now that Middlesbrough have beat Stockport in the semi-finals, I'm confident they'll go on to win the cup. They have the players to rise to the big occasion" said Richard.

Stray Dogs Cause Concern

Dear Sir,
I would like to address the irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs out alone, especially to the owner of a black & tan mongrel dog that got into Stephenson Way Infant School on Tuesday morning (11th March). Only due to the intervention of a teacher and parent was a tragedy averted. The dog was excited and chasing the little children around, ready to bite. As a parent it was a terrifying scene to witness. We have seen many instances lately in the press of dogs savaging children, so please stop allowing your dogs out onto the street before Newton Aycliffe is the scene of such a tragedy. Name & Address supplied

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SEDFIELD 75 MEET RESULTS

Last weekend 8th - 9th March at the first of the Northumberland & Durham ASA Championships, held in Bishop Auckland, Sedgfield 75 collected 1 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Codes **R/F** = *Reserve Finalist* **PB** = *Personal Best Time*

The medal haul was lead by Club Captain Kathleen Mohan, who collected the gold medal and the Luxembourg Trophy in the Junior Ladies 50m Freestyle in a time of 0:28.15, which earned her a silver medal in the open event.

Kathleen Mohan (16)	4th	100m	Back	1:10:94
	6th	100m	Breast	1:20:90
Kiyo Kobayashi	2nd	100m	Breast	1:16:97
Mark Surtees (15) - Junior	3rd	50m	Free	0:26:45 (PB)
	5th	100m	Fly	0:58:20 (PB)
	4th	100m	Free	0:58:20 (PB)
	R/F	200	I.M.	2:20:02
Adam Burton (12)	3rd	100m	Free	1:09:74
	4th	200m	Free	2:25:05 (PB)
	4th	400m	Free	5:08:53 (PB)
Lindsey Atkinson (15)		200m	I.M.	2:42:26 (PB)
	4th	100m	Fly	1:11:39
Natalie Thompson (11)	4th	100m	Fly	1:26:13
Chris Daley - Junior	5th	100m	Free	0:58:91 (PB)
Carol Mohan (12)	6th	200m	Free	2:27:00 (PB)
	R/F	100m	Free	1:08:84 (PB)
Angela W-Smith (12)	6th	100m	Free	1:08:72 (PB)
Michael Turnbull (14)	6th	100m	Free	1:00:04 (PB)
Jill Hunter (12)	R/F	200m	Free	2:29:00 (PB)
	R/F	400m	Free	5:08:50 (PB)
Ian Storey (12)		100m	Free	1:11:26 (PB)
	R/F	200m	Free	2:32:06 (PB)
Alison Storey (15)		200m	I.M.	2:50:18 (PB)
		100m	Fly	1:19:27 (PB)
Sarah Kelly (14)		100m	Free	1:05:06 (PB)
		200m	I.M.	2:46:40 (PB)
Jane Anderson (14)		100m	Free	1:06:05 (PB)
Kimberley Vickers (13)		200m	Free	2:22:30 (PB)
		400m	Free	5:00:03 (PB)
Beverley Vickers (11)		100m	Fly	1:38:41 (PB)
		100m	Back	1:25:84 (PB)
Chris Bowden (12)		100m	Free	1:12:03 (PB)
Mark Richardson (12)		100m	Free	1:12:16 (PB)
Katie Hewitson (10)		50m	Free	0:38:87 (PB)

Congratulations to all those who swam in the gala: **David Farmer, Matthew Bowden, Iain Cairns, Tarryn Samuel and Stephanie Brian.**

Last weekend 9 year old **Scott Carpenter** competed in the biggest age group meet in Wales, with over 2,500 entries:

1st	50m	Back	0:40:69
2nd	50m	Breast	0:46:60
3rd	100m	I.M.	1:34:00
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<p>96 (P) FORD MONDEO 1.8LX 5 door, finished in Petrol Blue metallic, only 3,000 miles, our own car since new £11,995</p> <p>96 (P) FORD FIESTA 1.8LX Diesel (new shape) finished in State Blue, only 8000 miles, power steering, sun roof, our own car since new £8,595</p> <p>96 (P) FORD FIESTA CLASSIC Diesel 3 door, finished in Ontario Blue, only 5000 miles, our own car since new, performance and economy £6,595</p> <p>96 (N) FORD ESCORT ENCORE 3 door, finished in Diamond White, only 6,000 miles by one meticulous owner £7,995</p> <p>96 (N) FORD FIESTA 1.3LX 3 door, finished in Moondust Silver, includes Fiesta power pack, our own car since new £8,295</p> <p>96 (N) FORD ESCORT 1.6LX 5 door, finished in Ash Black metallic, power steering, electric windows, boot spoiler £9,595</p> <p>95 (N) FORD ESCORT 1.6 GHIA 5 door, finished in Slate Blue metallic, only 10,000 miles, alloy wheels £9,995</p> <p>95 (N) FORD ESCORT 1.8 SI 3 door finished in Diamond White, alloy wheels, boot spoiler, looks sensational £9,995</p> <p>95 (M) FORD MONDEO 1.8LX TURBO DIESEL finished in Petrol Blue metallic, only 22,000 miles, meticulous owner, performance and economy for £9,195</p> <p>95 (M) FORD FIESTA 1.1 MISTRAL 5 door, finished in Moondust Silver, only 7,000 miles, sunroof, looks like new £6,495</p> <p>95 (M) FORD ESCORT 1.4 EQUIPE 4 door, finished in Tourmalard Green metallic, one owner, Holiways supplied, only 18,000 miles, you won't find better £7,995</p> <p>94 (L) FIESTA 1.1 3 door, finished in Radiant Red, one owner, Holiways supplied, only 26,000 miles £4,595</p> <p>94 (L) FORD ESCORT 1.6LX 5 door, finished in Aqua Foam metallic, only 25,000 miles by one meticulous owner, the best we've seen £6895</p> <p>94 (M) FORD FIESTA 1.3 LX MISTRAL 5 door, finished in Ash Black metallic, only 18,000 miles by one owner, Holiways supplied and serviced £6,595</p> <p>94 (M) FORD ESCORT 1.4 MISTRAL 5 door, finished in Mallard Green, one owner, Holiways supplied, only 27,000 miles, CD player and sunroof £7,995</p>		<p>94 (L) FORD FIESTA 1.1LX 3 door finished in Ash Black metallic, only 16,000 miles by one owner, superb condition £5395</p> <p>94 (L) FORD ESCORT 1.6 JAVA 5 door, finished in Java blue metallic one owner, Holiways supplied, too many features to mention ... £7,995</p> <p>94 ESCORT 1.6L 5 door, only 29,000 miles by 1 owner, FSH, finished Ontario Blue, superb throughout £6,495</p> <p>95 (M) FORD FIESTA 1.8 Diesel LX 5 door, finished in Alberto Green metallic, one owner, service history, not many around £6,595</p> <p>94 (L) FORD ESCORT 1.6LX 5 door, finished in Nouveau Red, only 32,000 miles, power steering, sunroof £7,295</p> <p>93 (L) FORD FIESTA 1.1 3 door finished in Diamond White, only 14,000 miles by one meticulous owner, you won't find better £4,995</p> <p>94 (L) FORD FIESTA 1.1 FREESTYLE 5 door, finished in Moondust Silver, only 28,000 miles by one owner, possibly one of the best we've seen £5,795</p> <p>94 (L) FORD FIESTA 3 door finished in Tourmailard Green, only 27,000 miles by one owner, colour code bumpers, where do we find them? £4,995</p> <p>94 (L) FORD FIESTA 1.1 3 door, finished in Oppord Red, one owner, Holiways supplied, only 9000 miles, YES, 9000 miles £4,995</p> <p>93 (L) FORD ESCORT 1.3 3 door hatchback, finished in Garnet Red, one owner, Holiways supplied, colour coded bumpers, good value £5,495</p> <p>93 (L) FORD FIESTA 1.3LX 5 door finished in Tourmailard Green metallic, one owner, Holiways supplied, only 25,000 miles, not to be missed £5,495</p> <p>93 (K) FORD ORION 1.6LX finished in Radiant Red, only two owners since new, ideal family motoring £5,395</p> <p>92 (J) FORD ESCORT 1.6LX 5 door, finished in Opporto Red, one owner, Holiways supplied, only 28,000 miles, won't be here long £5,295</p> <p>92 (J) FORD ORION 1.4 LX Finished in Magenta matallic, two owners only 51000 miles, ideal family car £4,995</p> <p>92 (J) FORD ESCORT 1.6 ENCORE Finished in Bahama Blue metallic one owner, Holiways supplied, boot spoiler, sun roof £4,895</p> <p>91 (J) FORD FIESTA FLIGHT Finished in Moondust Silver, one owner, alloy wheels, sun roof in superb condition throughout £3,995</p>	
		<p>£500.00</p> <p>MINIMUM ALLOWANCE</p>	
		<p>AGAINST ANY USED CAR</p> <p>(Must have a current MoT)</p>	
		<p>PLUS FREE 12 MONTHS WARRANTY</p>	
		<p>AND A TANK OF PETROL</p>	