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The modern facilities will include a permanent exhibition promoting the District and its companies. It will also provide meeting areas and a fully equipped conference suite for presentations to inward investors and local businesses. £165,000 is being spent on the project with help from the TEC and a grant from the European Regional Development Fund. SDC Councillor, Terry Ward told "Newton News" the Centre would improve services to local businesses, create a strong focus for inward investment and present a modern positive image for the District. "In joining with SASDA and Business Link we are breaking new ground in service co-ordination" said Terry.

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Unfortunately you didn't print our name and address. We hope you will be able to print it this week and ask people to write to:
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Thank you
Year 5 Pupils

Letter to the Editor Should Ratepayers Money be spent on School Footpath?

Dear Sir,
Councillor Fraser has now mentioned the 'Woodham footpath' twice in the columns of the "Newton News". On both occasions he criticised the Town Council.
He does not refer, of course, to the footpath along Woodham Burn, but to a proposed path which would cut across a narrow strip of Town Council land, from the existing footpath to the bottom end of the Woodham School site.
Now it is true that large numbers of pupils do cut across this strip of land in order to take a short cut to school. So, when the issue came before the Town Council, we supported the idea. Although it is strictly a County Council matter, we voted £1000 towards the cost. But there are a number of problems with this.
The main one is that the County Council cannot afford

to build it! This is something that the Town Council can do little about. Mr. Fraser is a County Councillor and, instead of moaning at the Town Council, he ought to get on with his job of getting the County Council to fork out the money.
Secondly, where exactly should the path be built? Every pupil cuts across the grass at a different point, and there are many suggestions as to the best place for a path. You can be certain that, wherever you build the path, most pupils will ignore it and find more convenient routes! Should we spend a lot of ratepayers' money on a path which many children would not use? For this reason, some people have said that we ought also to build a large fence, to make pupils use the path. Do you really think so? Thirdly, there is the issue of legal liability. The narrow strip of grass is, in fact, a very steep bank. Any tarmac path will be very slippery in winter. The Town Council needs to make sure that it does not get landed with large compensation payments because somebody slipped on its path and broke their neck.
Finally, THERE IS ALREADY A PATH from Woodham Burn to the school. It involves walking about 200 yards further than the direct route across the grass. In effect, Councillor Fraser wants the Town Council to spend thousands of pounds to save pupils' legs!
What do you think? Have we done the right thing by granting £1000 towards the cost? Should we put more of our money towards the project? Or should we drop the whole idea and tell the pupils to go round the proper way?
Tell us, and we will do what the electorate wants. This really is a very small matter, whipped into a crisis by a Councillor wanting to appear to be doing something.
John D. Clare Councillor

Greenfield Bid Supported at County Council

Dear Editor,
Your readers already know that Councillor Fraser voted against the Town Council's decision to put money towards the Greenfield lottery bid. What they may not know is that Mr. Fraser is also a member of the County Council's 'Education Policy and Operations' Committee.
This is the Committee which has supported the Greenfield Centre bid from the very start.
On that panel, Councillor Fraser has given the bid his full support. But at Town Council level, he tried to stop payment of the money that would allow the bid to be made! What can you make of that - because it just amazes me!
Councillor Billy Blenkinsopp

COUNCIL MADE SURE MONEY WAS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL PROJECT

Dear Sir,
I was hardly surprised by Councillor Fraser's letter last week. Although I found it almost incomprehensible, its accusations were clear enough:
• the Town Council voted £40,000 without making sure it had the money.
• it did not debate the matter properly.
• the project is not certain to be in the interests of the community.
Please be assured that none of these things are true.
1. We did make sure that we had enough money. And we only voted it on condition that the Greenfield Centre application succeeds - if the bid fails we have not spent anything.
2. We did debate the matter! We listened to a long and detailed explanation of the scheme, and then we debated the issue before voting the money. The only problem was that it was very difficult to have a debate - every Councillor in the room was on the same side!

Here is the matter in its simplest terms: The Centre wanted to bring £2 million of community facilities to Aycliffe. It was £40,000 short of the money it had to raise in 'matching funding' in order to make its bid. What else could we do?

Can you imagine the letter that Council Fraser would have written if we had turned down this opportunity and refused the money?
3. The Greenfield Centre is trying to get £2 million of arts, theatre, dance, library, sports and child care facilities. If it succeeds, Aycliffe ratepayers will have got these things for just £40,000 of their money. The money will provide a Community Centre which will be run in partnership with Bishop Auckland College. The Town Council voted the money explicitly on condition that the community interest is safeguarded. How can anyone suggest that this may not be in the interests of the community?
Martyn D Locklin

S.D.C.'s Xmas Party Cost Us £1105.00

Dear Sir,
I wish to inform the Council Tax payers of Aycliffe that the cost of the Chairman's Christmas Party at Sedgefield District Council was £1050.00. I am appalled that at a time when the Council is about to raise the Council Tax and cut-back on necessary services, they saw fit to squander such an amount on food and booze. It is this type of expenditure that surely could be done away with in these times of financial restraint.
I call upon all residents to join me in complaining bitterly by 'phone and letter to Sedgefield District Council about such abuse of resources.
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THAI BOXERS GAIN SUPPORT FOR BANGKOK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Sir,
Thanks to the generosity of Newton Aycliffes Public and some Businesses the Champions Lee Smith, Gary McAlister and Sean Grant will be travelling to Bangkok in March in their Challenge for World Titles.
The response to the appeal to support their attendance at the World Championships has been extremely heartening and shows the esteem in which Newton Aycliffe holds its Thai Boxing tradition.
Support has come in from varied sources, Great Aycliffe Town Council have pledged their support, EBAC from Bp Auckland, suppliers of De-Humidifiers who employ one of the Champions are giving him their total support and funding his trip. Norsk Hydro have given a donation and additional ongoing sponsorship. Public Houses - The Acorn, Dandy Cart, Iron Horse and Hope at Sedgefield have all given their support. Whesso Varee, Ross Wright, Andrew Sykes, Kookies Cafe and Sedgefield shops have all contributed.

As a Community we have raised sufficient for their airfares now we need to provide them with their uniforms and kit to look the part on the World Stage and carry the name of Newton Aycliffe with pride and style.
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THREE TOWN COUNCIL SEATS VACANT

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Both of these Councillors have left or are leaving the town. Councillor S. Morgans, representing Woodham North, having not attended for 6 months, loses his seat. The three vacancies will be filled by election if within 14 days of the notice of 25th January, ten electors give notice in writing of their request for an election to the Returning Officer at Sedgefield District Council. If this does not happen the Town Council can fill the vacancies by co-option.



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now bereaved families from the Newton Aycliffe area wishing to pay respects to their loved ones would previously have had to travel into Darlington.

There will be an opportunity on February 6th & 7th for the general public to visit the premises between 9.00am and 4.30pm when refreshments will be available.

New Minister at Burnhill Church

Saturday February 10th at Burnhill Way Methodist Church is an opportunity for the people living in the Agnew area of the town and the newly built Avon Park to meet the Rev. Sheelah Stevens, recently arrived Minister of the above church and Industrial Chaplain involved with the factories on the Treading Estate. It is also a time of celebration as the Church has struggled for years to replace the roof. The Meltones, a male voice choir will offer us entertainment of a high standard - singing many of your favourites from the musicals. With a new Minister and dry warm premises it is hoped that Burnhill Way Methodist Church will play a more active part in the life of its neighbouring community. Admission: £2.00 Adults £1.00 Children Hope to see you at 7.30pm

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CAR BOOT SALES SHOULD BE RUN UNDER STRICT CONTROL


Dear Editor, I would like the opportunity to reply to I. TAYLOR and her comments regarding car-boot sales in Newton Aycliffe. I would not like to see car-boot sales being removed from the town and I do not recall stating the same. Although I do not agree, and have not been aware, that the nucleus of town entertainment reside within a weekly rubbish sale. The point I was making is this: car-boot sales should be run with strict adherence to the letter of the law. By this I refer to Hygiene and Safety laws plus stringent policing of goods being sold at these

TOWN COUNCIL CALL FOR ONE WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM FOR HOTEL

The Town Council have requested a one-way traffic system be a condition of the planning permission for the Motel and Restaurant proposed at Aycliffe Quarry. The Council is concerned that the entrance onto the A167 could cause road safety problems and they are suggesting there be one entrance off the A167 and an exit off the site onto St. Andrews Way.

They question the viability of two new Motels and Restaurants, so close to each other, but realise that is a commercial decision. Many are questioning the Highway Authority's policy which previously stated there would be no more entrances onto the A167.

This has affected the Equestrian Centre which despite many appeals still cannot get access off the main road to its facility. It must be frustrating for Bob Porter to see these two new businesses having no problem with the Authorities in getting their access.



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No New Village

We are informed by Sedgefield District Council that the development at Cobblers Hall, although similar in make-up to Woodham, will not necessarily become another new village in the northern area. Woodham, a wholly private-housing estate, was designated by the former Aycliffe Development Corporation as a separate village and residents include this fact in their postal address. The Sedgefield District Council, however, have no such plans in their promotion of the new area and it will become just another part of Newton Aycliffe. Aycliffe Development Corporation deliberately marketed Woodham as a separate village in order to attract owner-occupiers to Newton Aycliffe. Readers will recall that prior to this and the Governments Right-to-Buy Act the Owner-Occupier rate was as low as 10% in Newton Aycliffe.

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The names of the pupils taking the journey in March are - Trudi McCulloch, Charlotte Symington, Fiona

Johnson, Caroline McKay, Sue Curran and accompanying them is their teacher Mrs Charlotte Reynolds.

The week long trip has been organised for pupils to give them a chance to see a culturally, religiously and historically diverse country. It will also give them a better awareness and background for their studies in Religious Education. The trip will include visiting Jewish and Arab schools and mixing with the pupils, educationally and socially in the hope to forge exchange trips between the schools in the future.

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Whilst the Staff Sergeant in charge of the party, SSgt David Robinson, will mainly be working on range management duties, all of the others will be working as Driver/Medics providing much needed support to the hard working Paras. After mobilising from their detachment at Newton Aycliffe they headed off South to start their adventure.

"It's a chance in a lifetime for these young people," says Staff Sergeant Robinson, "A chance to see the world, a great experience - and Regular Army rates of pay while they're doing it." The group are part of the well known 201 Field Hospital which has its headquarters at Fenham Barracks in Newcastle and which recruits widely on Tyne, Wear and Teeside.

Upex Squash League Results

In the closest ever finish to the Upex Squash Leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, only one point separated the top three players. Rob Thompson finished level on points with Peter Ramsay and won his second consecutive title by virtue of the fact that he beat Peter in their match. Gary Hall finished only one further point behind and kept his place in the Premier League. Derreck Pinkney, John Ward and Richard Vitty were all relegated to be replaced by Dave Lyons, John Cardy and Mick Anderson.

In the Upex sponsored prize draw for league players, all the following were winners:-

Mike Hook, Sue McTague, Derreck Pinkney, John Ward, Shirley Longworth, John Jones, Sheila Pinkney, Michael Laverick, Ian Mohan, John Wadsworth, Margo Wood, Peter Toes, Alan McPhee, Julie Bowtell, Rob Robinson, Kevin Greenall, Rob Brunning.

Anyone wishing to join the Upex Squash Leagues or requiring further information should contact Richard Vitty or Sheila Pinkney at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

S.D.C. Showed Lack of Control

The Ombudsman has upheld complaints against Sedgfield District Council for maladministration, causing injustice, on a planning matter. The SDC was found to be lacking in their investigation into a breach of planning control.

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EURO M.P. HITS OUT AT PRESS

Stephen Hughes, Euro MP for Durham has hit out at press reports in the region indicating that a Euro law soon to be introduced in the UK will put thousands of HGV drivers in the North out of work. Mr. Hughes says that this is another example of the press peddling another "Euro myth".

The press recently said that Europe has decided to put into effect a new law which would require all heavy goods vehicle drivers to take an eye test without their spectacles in order to have their current licenses re-validated. The media indicated that this would lead to countless drivers being banned from HGV driving, resulting in massive unemployment.

The facts surrounding the case are that a directive on minimum standards on the harmonisation of driving licences (91/439/EEC) was approved by the council of Ministers in July 1991. This directive did stipulate that HGV drivers would need to demonstrate that they had a sufficient amount of sight without corrective lenses. The reasoning behind this specification is that drivers need to be in a position to implement any necessary safety procedures (securing loads, putting triangles out, etc.) in the event of an accident or breakdown.

It will be up to individual Member States to determine how a drivers visual acuity is measured - whether it will be an eye test or whether a driver will simply be asked to identify an object at a set distance.

Speaking from Brussels today, Stephen Hughes said: "Officials in Neil Kinnock's Directorate have assured me that these new rules, agreed by the United Kingdom Government back in 1991, will not lead to massive job losses for North Eastern lorry drivers when the law is introduced in July of this year. In fact, off the record an official indicated that a person would need to be almost "legally blind" not to comply with the new regulation. "If anything, the new law will make our roads and our local communities that bit safer to drive and walk through. "Far from being an example of Euro-lunacy, I predict this law will prove to be a Euro-life-saver."

FREE MOVEMENT OF PETS IN E.C. COUNTRIES

North Eastern pet owners will soon be able to take their pets with them on holiday on the continent.

Stephen Hughes, Durham's Euro MP Received a reply from Euro Commissioner Franz Fischler confirming that the EC's Rabies Eradication Scheme - based on a major vaccination programme - is expected to spell an end to rabies in the other EC member states by the end of 1996.

Once rabies is eradicated, pet owners will be able to move freely with their pets between all fifteen member states, including Britain, without quarantine restrictions. Pet owners will then need to carry a special "pet passport" to prove that their pet has been vaccinated against rabies. Since 1 July 1994 an alternative method to quarantine has been agreed for entry of traded dogs and cats into the UK and Ireland, this briefly involves vaccination, blood testing and micro-chip identification. Sweden has recently changed its laws and has

provided for a similar regime for entry of all dogs and cats from continental Europe as described above. Additionally the Treaty of Accession with Sweden provides for similar arrangements to be applied for movement between Ireland and UK. Commissioner Fischler, in his reply to Mr. Hughes said: -

"It can be confidently expected that rabies will be eradicated shortly." Commenting from his Constituency office today, Stephen Hughes said: - "The EC's Rabies Eradication Programme is clearly proving to be remarkably successful. But we must be certain of its complete success before we remove our quarantine restrictions.

"It now looks as though that situation really could be reached within the next 12 months according to the experts. That will be good news for the thousands of pet owners in the region who in the past have had to decide between a continental holiday or being with their pet."

Family Service

The next Family Service at St. Clare's Church takes place on Sunday 11th February, commencing at 10.30am. The theme for this months service is "Promises", so do come along to find out what it is all about!

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Theory Tests for L Drivers

BSM has welcomed the
arrangements for the new
driver Theory Test to be
introduced on 1st July but
has at the same time
warned that learners face
chaos, with possible waits
of up to four months for
an in-car driving test date
before the Theory Test is
introduced. And BSM
believe that things are
quickly going to get even
worse as learners attempt
to take their test before the
extra written exam is
introduced.

BSM are also concerned
that only 130 Theory Test
centres are being opened
compared to over 350
Driving Test centres
which may mean that
people have to travel some
distance to take the test.

The road safety experts at
BSM remain disappointed
that the new test will not
utilise modern audio/
visual technology as
originally indicated by the
Department of Transport,
and firmly believe that the
use of moving images in
the training of learner
drivers will ultimately
lead to safer motorists.

The company will also be
looking to the Department
of Transport to review the
practical element of the
driving test and hope to
see the test extended to
provide the examiner with
a more accurate picture of
a candidates ability and
attitude behind the wheel.
BSM has now reviewed a
selection of the questions
which will be used in the
new Theory Test and
believe that provided
people prepare properly
for the exam it should not
be too difficult.

BSM's managing director
Richard Glover said,
"Gone are the days when
learner drivers cram the
Highway code the night
before. The new separate
Theory Test will bring the
UK into line with much of
Europe and ensure that
new drivers are better
prepared on the Highway
Code and broader
motoring subjects such as
hazard perception,
understanding the causes
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SLIMMERS BREAK JANUARY RECORDS

Congratulations are in order for slimmers at Newton Aycliffe. After a record breaking January in Slimming World Classes. Consultant June Macfarlane would like to say well done to everyone, especially Audrey Edgar who is Newton Aycliffe's first target member in 1996. Audrey attends class every Monday evening at Neville Parade church hall. Meanwhile Monday morning at the church hall, Glenda Smith is amazing everyone, since she bought a 10 week countdown course, her weight loss is now an incredible 57lbs, Brenda Rodwell her consultant is very proud of Glenda. The Agnew Community Centre at Morrison Close, with Jenny Maddock, is proving just as successful,

Mae Tregoning is a credit to the class, losing 40lbs in only 14 weeks. Mae has just won the class Slimmer of the Month award, for the third time. Debbie Wilson from St. Clares church hall has seen some transformations in her Thursday night class. Everyone is doing well, and congratulations go to Rita Hymer after losing 11lbs in only 2 weeks. Debbie would like to let everyone know that her Thursday class, will be held in 'The Coffee Lounge' at St. Clares throughout February. Anyone interested in local classes should contact Mandy Drake on 01325 362120. Once again we would like to thank The Newton Press for being the 'only really affective local advertising in Newton Aycliffe'.

BAD WEATHER HITS TOWN FOOTBALL GAMES

POSTPONEMENTS riddled the Sunday morning League last weekend as Huntsman, along with many other teams, fell victim to the arctic conditions, writes Martin Walker.

Sub-zero temperatures and a blanket of snow mixed well to shelve any ideas of playing, with Huntsman and British Legion both failing to beat the freeze. And it was the same paltry circumstance for most professional teams too, with only five English games played from a scheduled 36. If all goes well this week, Huntsman will play fourth placed Fox & Hounds in the league. These tow are yet to meet both in the League and the Cup this season, but the game will undoubtedly cause problems for a very much out of form Woodham team. Huntsman's remaining fixture list for the season has tough written all over it, with only one game looking remotely attractive. An apathetic Stuart Hodgson had a rather grim look on his face when he revised his team's fixtures. The Direct of Football said: "Our season is just about over. There's only five League games left. One League Cup game-against Croft! - and an A.S.E. Cup game which is yet to be drawn. I'd still like to see us get maybe a couple of good results, but our season's been finished for some time already." Hodgson later had quite a few strong words to say what he thinks Sunday morning Football is really

about, saying: "There is one certain thing within the Huntsman team, and that's we'll never think we're better than we really are. We don't try to kid ourselves - we know we're not brilliant, we just go out every Sunday and

enjoy playing Football. That's what it's all about." A full squad should be available for the visit of Fox & Hounds, with full-back and good friend to the Manger Russell Hodgson (not related), returning after a weekend break.

PAINTING EXHIBITION AT S.D.C. OFFICES

When the paintings of Korean artist, Jun, Myung Ja were exhibited recently in Paris, her work was described as 'A collection of beautiful canvases which dazzle the eye with colour and light'. Following successful exhibitions in Seoul, Tokyo, Paris and San Francisco, her work will soon be seen, for the first time, in the UK, at Spennymoor, County Durham. An event for the Year of Visual Arts, Sedgefield District Council is staging the exhibition from 11th to 18th February, in partnership with local Tae Kwon Do organisations. Jun, Myung Ja has strong links with the martial arts community and a number of her paintings draw on this theme. Born in Seoul, South Korea, Jun, Myung Ja studied art at the University of Hong-Ik and later in Europe and in the USA. She is now Professor of Art at the University of Seoul

and has an MA in Fine Art from the Paris America Academy. The exhibition at Spennymoor will comprise forty paintings on subjects ranging from Korea and martial arts, to nature and impressions of the UK including some local scene. Local Tae Kwon Do groups have been involved in arranging and have supported the staging of this exhibition. The paintings will be exhibited at the Council Offices, Green Lane Spennymoor and the show is open to the public from Sunday, 11th February to Sunday, 18th February. Weekday opening times are 2.00pm to 7.00pm. Saturday and Sunday opening from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Admission is free. For further details please contact Pauline Murray at Sedgefield District Council on 01388 816166.

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**GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL
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Town Council Playgroups are open to all children aged 3 years and over, although a younger child's name may be placed on the waiting list. There is a place available for your child at Aycliffe Village, Burnhill Way, Elmfield, Moore Lane or the Recreation Centre Playgroup.

Qualified staff supervise the children in a warm, friendly environment where play activities include all those shown and lots more. A host of new experiences can be discovered outside the home, new friends are found and new skills uncovered.

The Playgroups are open for 2½ hours each day, Monday to Friday during the school term. The fee is 80p per day if you live inside Aycliffe Boundaries. For more information or an application form, call in at one of the Playgroups, or contact Mrs. M. Robinson at the Council Offices 300700.

Playgroup & Address	Times
Agnew Community Centre	9.30-12.00am
Aycliffe Village Hall	9.00-11.30am
Burnhill Way Methodist Church	9.15-11.45am
Elmfield Primary School	9.00-11.30am
Moore Lane Pavilion, Moore Lane	9.15-11.45am
Leisure Centre, Beveridge Arcade	9.15-11.45am
St Marys School, Central Avenue	9.00-11.30am
St Oswalds Park, St Oswalds Walk	9.00-11.30am
Sugar Hill School, Sheraton Road	9.15-11.45am

Please note that the "Moore Lane" Playgroup is temporarily operating from St. Oswald's premises from 1.00-3.30pm each day due to alterations at Moore Lane Pavilion.



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