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On Friday 3rd March 1995 Sedgefield District Council will agree its Council Tax for 1995/96. The proposals, which are fully expected to be approved, show a small reduction in the amount householders will have to pay for services provided by the District Council such as Refuse Collection, Street Cleaning, Leisure Services and Grasscutting.

The tax payable will range from £49.50 for band "A" properties to £148.50 for band "H" properties, 74% of Sedgefield District residents live in Band "A" homes.

Councillor Jim Everson, Chairman of the Council's Finance and Land Sub-Committee said "It is a great credit to the Council that after a zero rate Council Tax in 1993/94, and £49.57

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The figures for the County Council and the Police Authority are subject to formal approval on Monday 27th February 1995. Whilst Sedgefield District Council has reduced its charge the County, Police and Town Council have increased theirs, and overall we can expect an increase of nearly

shown separately.

The County has come in with a whopping 111/4% increase, the Town Council 5% and the Police also has an

The tax payable by individuals will vary from household to household depending upon entitlement to Council Tax benefit and the 25% discount which is allowable to single person households.

Any residents of the District who have any queries about their entitlement to Council tax benefit should contact the Council Offices for advice.

Parents Thank The Gretna

Following last weeks complaint about the Children's parties at the Gretna, we print one of the many letters they have received from delighted parents

Just to say a very big thank for a splendid party yesterday. As a party of 3 babies, 12 toddlers and 24 adults (aged 21-75!) We ALL had a marvellous time. I must compliment you on the children's meals; right sized portions and not over-cooked as seems to happen at so many multi-eating establishments! All the adults I spoke with also said how delicious the food was and that they will recommend you to their friends.

We shall visit again on Mother & Toddler days and Sundays and hope' to party again with you very soon.

To sum up - very impressed, and every success for the future. Cheers Name and

address supplied

NORTHERN SINFONIA PRESENT "ELEMENTS OF AYCLIFFE"

Following Northern Sinfonia's highly successful worm at The Aycliffe Young People's Centre last year, the Orchestra launches one of its most ambitious projects to date.

"ELEMENTS OF AYCLIFFE" runs for a whole week in March when the Orchestra moves into Newton Aycliffe to work with over 1000 people drawn from the local community, schools, Adult Training Centres, homes for elderly people and the Young People's Centre.

The theme of the residency is Earth, Fire, Air and Water and projects will include: a primary school choir of children; composition workshops; performance workshops; Tea Concerts and drumming workshops. The week will culminate in a Gala Concert at Newton Avcliffe Leisure Centre featuring the Sinfonia, the massed Primary Schools Choir and children's compositions on Friday 10th March at 7pm Jane Dancer, Northern Sinfonia's Education and Outreach Director says "This is the first

time that such a wideranging residency project has taken place. The whole Orchestra will be involved and many players have, for the first time, devised their own projects.

There is a lot of excitement both within the community at Ayeliffe and the Sinfonia Centre in Newcastle, I'm sure that this enthusiasm will result in a very special concert"

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Rotary Club Visit Hydrotherapy Unit



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The Procession will commence in St Josephs RC Chapel with open prayers given by Fr Ian Jackson, continuing to the Anglican Church of Clares and concluding with Benediction in St Catholic Mary's Church.

The Rosary will be said throughout procession and the

carried to represent the Ecumenical fellowship Our Lady of Walsingham in newton Aycliffe neighbouring parishes. Fr Jackson, Fr Weymes and Rev Peter Baldwin of St Clares invite you to share this very special day of prayer and procession for Unity and Peace.

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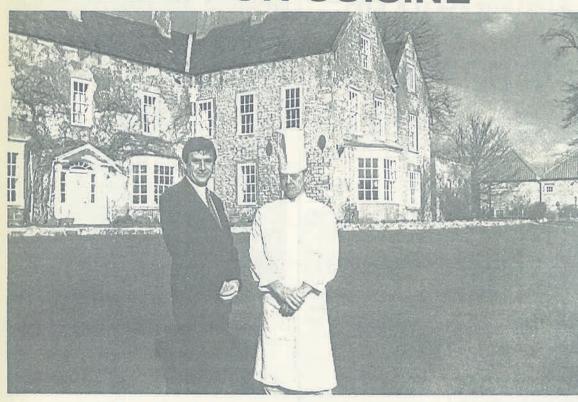
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Rhys Roberts, Hall Garth's new General Manager said "The official recognition of Chef Kevin Hacking and his culinary team is thoroughly deserved but firms what our regular visitors have known about for some time"!

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU SECURE AT AYCLIFFE

Dear Sir

Like a lot of people in Newton Aycliffe we are saddened to hear that the Volunteer Bureau may close due to lack of funding, and we sincerely hope that even now some money may be found to save it from closure.

However, because the name Volunteer Bureau and Citizens Advice Bureau often become confused, rumour has it that some people are

under the impression it is the Citizens Advice Bureau that is set to close.

May I therefore assure everyone through the Newton News that we fortunate enough to have secured our funding from the Local Authority for the next year, and we are here as usual to help all our clients who require, free, confidential and impartial advice

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I would also like to add this is now 6 times in 3 years, 4 months we have had car damaged. Myself and my wife would like to thank my fathers good friend Mr Ken Jeeves who went collect the wheelchair for us from Sedgefield, we are most grateful

Yours John E Cartwright

Letter to the Editor **Filthy Toilets** at U.M.M. Car **Boot Sale**

Dear Sir

We visit the UMM Car Boot Sale quite often and enjoy the atmosphere, but the whole event is spoilt by the disgraceful state of the toilets.

The "Ladies" in the factory shop nearest the main gate is abominable. They were formerly mens toilets and there are no basins or water to wash hands.

There is usually two inches of water on the floor and filthy seats. A toilet roll hangs on string and another floats on the floor!

The worst time is after 10.30am and I would have thought with thousands of people paying 30p each

admission we could expect something more hygienic and

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JW Spennymoor ED: We were unable to contact Nobles for their comments

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TOWN'S JUDO CLUB IMPROVE GRADINGS

Newton Aycliffe Judo Club are proud to announce the grading results of the Senior Judo Gradings held on 4th February 1995 at Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland

Paul Relton - Confirmed Senior Blue (4th Kyu) Lee Goodwin Junior Blue to Senior Blue (3rd Kyu) Andrew Carter 10 points towards 1st Dan (Black) Terri Kent 7 points towards 1st Dan (Black) Jim Ross 7 points towards 2nd Dan

Junior Club Gradings were held on 19th February, 1995 at Larchfield Centre, Darlington Barry Davies to 3rd Mon Trevor Flowers to 4th Mon Matthew Bell to 4th Mon Gavin Flowers to 5th Mon Shaun Bell to 6th Mon

Michelle Kent 11th Mon All players were a credit to the club and these results continue to show a marked improvement over recent months.

Teams of six are needed to swim in relay for 55 minutes in the annual

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Letter to the Editor

TIME FOR NEWTONIANS TO TAKE UP THE FIGHT TO KEEP BUREAU OPEN

Dear Sir

I am so angry and frustrated about the fact that the local authority have refused to fund our Volunteer Bureau. I would like to know who is responsible for this act of folly! Whoever it is, they must not be living in the real world. Do they realise how much pain and anguish they are causing to so many elderly and disabled people in Newton Aycliffe, not to mention all those who are depressed and have received help from the Volunteer Bureau. Rosemary Raine-Howe, the Bureau Manager, has always made time to listen to such as myself and my

We have been involved in the Bureau since 1988 when we first moved to Newton Aycliffe. We are both disabled and did not know many people. At the time, we needed help with getting our shopping and prescriptions, but eventually, I got a van with a chair lift and now instead of receiving help, we are able to offer help to other disabled people by giving them lifts in my van.

Each time the Befrienders Club is held, (which was started by The Bureau) I have the great pleasure of picking up a lady who cannot leave her wheelchair. If I did not pick her up, she would not be able to go to the Club. I also listen to children reading at Sugar Hill School on a voluntary basis. I get a great deal of pleasure from this and it is all down to the Volunteer Bureau.

Since reading the front page of the Newton News, I have felt nothing but anger and frustration. I needed to write this letter to let everyone now how I I appeal to all the people who have been helped by the Volunteer Bureau to make your voices heard. All I have seen so far in the press, is the Bureau trying to save themselves. Its about time we, as members of the community, started to

fight their battles for

Yours faithfully Mr & Mrs Pearson



Slimming Success



Dear Sir We have had so many requests for a picture of Ann Bell, so we are delighted to show this photo of Ann collecting her 5 stone award with her consultant Mandy Drake.

Ann has now lost 5 stone, 111b in 28 weeks which is fantastic; she is a great help in class along with her friend Carol, helping others realise you can lose weight without starving yourself.

Ann attends class at Neville Parade Church Hall Mondays at 5pm or 7.30pm - we also have a day class at 10.00am + Morrison Close, The Agnew on Wednesdays at 5 and

7.30pm - an day a typical day Wo Slimming healthy eating plan is follows: Breakfast: 2 Weeta with milk from ex allowance Lunch: Chicken w mixed salad Gril Dinner Gammon, poached of with 7oz potato boiled in ski cabbage mushrooms - 2 Gin a slimline tonic + 1 sn Milky Way

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Heighington News

COUNCILLOR LEADS FIGHT **AGAINST** BOROUGH'S HOUSING POLICY

Rosemary Boynton is organising a petition objecting to Darlington Borough Council decision which discriminates against thrifty senior citizens. Housing Committee closed the door on people with properties valued at more than £50,000 from moving into

Council-owned sheltered

accommodation. Chairman Bill Dixon accommodation should be for Council House Tenants who had paid for this over the years. Anyone who has £50,000 and over should make their own arrangements and not be encouraged to sell their homes and put the money in the bank" Clr Boynton is angry

over the decision and how it will affect Heighington residents., "There are very few houses in her Ward valued at under £50,000 and what do these people do if they

Sheltered Accommodation? Do they have to move from the area - leaving friends and family"

asked Rosemary. Heighington has no private sheltered accommodation and none is proposed, Clr Boynton is concerned that almost everyone over 60 in the village is being denied the right to apply to live in the only Warden controlled sheltered accommodation in Heighington.

"The Chairman doesn't seem to realise that the people concerned would not have the capital until they sold their homes and became homeless" said Rosemary.

Mrs Boynton is organising the petition, calling for the Council to reconsider the policies. She believes everyone has a right to be on the waiting list sheltered accommodation and each application should be judged on its merit.

Neville Parade Church Launch £20,000 Appeal for Roof Repair

Many thanks are sent from Neville Parade Methodist Church to everyone who helped to get the fund raising for the new roof off to a start supporting the Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning last week.

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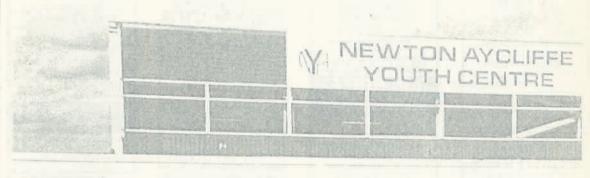
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Aycliffe Running Results

On Sunday in the Pocklington 10 mile road race Sue Cruddace of Aycliffe recorded a personal best time of 65 minutes 54 seconds and finished 5th Veteran Lady. Pete Milburn took 56 minutes and Kim Metcalfe 65 minutes also a personal best.

In the Sherman Cup Cross Country at Willington in very muddy conditions on Saturday the first Aycliffe runner to finish in a field of 175 runners was 50 year old Dave Middleton in 41 minutes followed by Ian Williams 42 minutes, Ian Young 42 minutes, Cec Sugden 47 minutes, Rob Nicholson 48 minutes and John Armstrong 48 minutes.

INVITATION TO YOUTH TO TAKE UP THE 'D OF E' CHALLENGE





D of E members practice pitching a tent ready for the next expedition.

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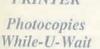
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last five years have been great, but the best are yet to come! Thank you and all my

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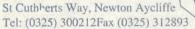
This year the club have formed both an under 13's and under 15's team to compliment the already up and running under 18's team to compete in the local junior leagues. The club have the services of an NCA Cricket Coach to help organise the teams, so any junior players, of any age group, who want to play regular cricket should contact Alan Courtney on 314401 for further details

To raise funds to help run these junior sides the club have organised a "Sportsmans Dinner" to be held at the club on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is Graeme Fowler, the ex-England, Lancashire and Durham opening batsman, with Allan Edgar, the Club President as Master of Ceremonies.

For further details regarding any of the clubs activities Secretary Lee Weldon can be contacted on 312424 or (01642) 437357



Newton Press



Town's Girl Thai Boxer Fights for European

Vicky Norman (20) of Newton Aycliffe represents England in a Women's Thai Boxing Championship for the European Super Lightweight crown this Saturday.

She challenges Irma Verhoef of Holland at Middleton Civic Hall Vicky, who is studying for a B.Tec Sports at Durham College, carries the best wishes of all her friends in the town.

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Yours sincerely, All at Shoe Express

ANNUAL SHOW REQUIRES P.A. ANNOUNCER

Great Aycliffe Show will be held in the grounds of the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August 1995.

The voice heard through the Public Address System for the last few years, announcing the start of arena entertainment and talking us through such spectacles as the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire Display was that of Councillor Peter Bergg. Unfortunately Cllr Bergg is retiring from his post at the Show and we would like to hear from a volunteer who would be willing to take over the microphone!

The task is not an easy one which requires a great deal of concentration, the ability to dea sympathetically with the public, a sense of humour and the ability to ad-lib at appropriate moments!

For further information please contact Mrs M Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe Tel 300700

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Letter to

the Editor

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