

Letter to the Editor

COUNCILLOR IS A BIG ASSET TO OUR TOWN

Dear Sir
I would like through your newspaper to thank Councillor Tony Moore for all the good work he has done during his term of office. He is conscientious and gives unhesitatingly of his time to help anyone in Newton Aycliffe.

As a Councillor he is a big asset to this Town. Win or lose, Tony gives his all. He was responsible recently for helping to get a better system of Street lighting installed at the Bluebell Close estate, which is

much appreciated.

A few years ago he helped to get a through bus to Bishop Auckland routed along Burnhill Way to the advantage of residents on both sides of the road. Before that elderly residents had to walk half a mile to the nearest bus stop.

I've mentioned two of the many things he has done. I could go on and on. Tony Moore loves to help anyone, thanks again and good luck in the May elections.
George White

PETITION AGAINST WOODCHIP PLANT EXPANSION

Sedgefield District Council have still to determine a planning application by George Reynolds factory for further extensions to his chipboard factory.

The SDC have received numerous objections from people in Middridge, School Aycliffe and Redworth who complain of noise

and dust.

Some even object to the plants impact on the environment and have called for better landscaping to help it merge with the countryside. Meanwhile a petition is being raised by a Middridge lady who is collecting signatures against the expansion of the plant.

LOCAL CHEMISTS EMERGENCY OPENING TIMES

Sunday 26th March 1995

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Tues., 28th March - Recreation Committee - 7.15pm
followed by Environment Committee

Wed., 29th March - Parks & Allotments 7.15pm

THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Letter

Why is there no Interest in the Town Council?

Dear Sir

Here we go again, Cllr "Sniffer" Fraser spouting his usual garbage about Council expenses - it must be nearing election time!! Information from a reliable source prompts me to write the following:

Name any Town councillor who has claimed the maximum £25 attendance allowance over the past four years, or any Town Councillor who has claimed up to £300 per year for attending meetings.

Now equate the above with the following District Councillors Allowances.

£1600-£1800 per year requiring two attendances per year, or one every six months to qualify.

This equals £800-£900 per meeting - eat your heart out Cedric Brown from the Gas Board!

Trips abroad (Germany and others).

Trips around the country (for whose benefit?)

Subsidised meals

Hospitality bars

Travelling allowances

Phone bill allowances

etc. etc.

Come on Councillor Fraser get your nose to the ground and get, and report all the facts.

Tell me how there is a scramble to get elected to the District, unlike the Town Council, where there is a total lack of interest - Why?

Yours concerned about the truth

Michael Bent

Prospective Future

Candidate for

the Monster

Raving Loony Party.

Don't Forget the "Watch"

Dear Sir

I wonder is you could remind our residents of the Harebell Meadows area of a recent spate of burglaries, car theft and vandalism on our patch has led to the introduction of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Any resident wishing to participate is urged to contact the organiser Brian Wilson at 17 Harebell Meadows or telephone 310637
Brian Wilson

Elmfield Mums Raise £86 for Red Nose Day



On Red Nose Day, Friday 17th March, Elmfield Mums and Toddlers Group did a sponsored toddle and collection in the Town Centre.

The children braved the weather in fancy dress and collected a brilliant total of £86.00 from collecting alone!

So well done everyone and thank you for your donations - Anyone wishing to join the Mums and Toddlers Group can come along to Elmfield School on Wednesday 1.30-2.45pm for just 30p, including coffee, juice and biscuits.

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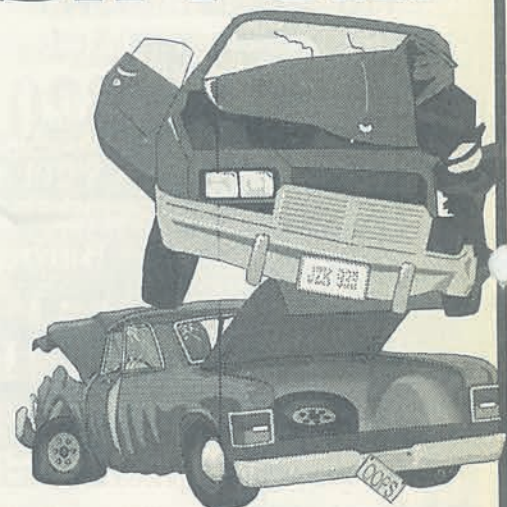
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Afterwards refreshments will be made available to all who attend, free of charge and will include wine and cheese.

They certainly know how to look after you at woodham!

S.D.C. WILL REPAIR AND SAVE BLUE BRIDGE

Following questions regarding the safety of the Blue Bidge, SDC Director of Planning, John Litherland, assured us there is no danger.

Nor have the Council any intention of demolishing the structure, as was first thought might be necessary.

The Town Council, believing they were responsible for the maintenance, faced heavy repair bills, but then found it was not in their ownership and stood back.

Sedgefield admitted responsibility and placed a net on the underside, presumably to catch falling masonry.

A recent inspection showed no appreciable fall and the bridge presented no danger, but plans are in hand to refurbish it when funds are available.

Letter to the Editor BUREAU WORKERS MADE REDUNDANT

Dear Sir
Myself and Ann, would like to say goodbye to the hundreds of people we have met over the last 8 years through our work at the Volunteer Bureau.

Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, we are both to be made redundant at the end of March.

It is a very sad time for both of us. We really enjoyed our work, which

was both rewarding and very satisfying.

We have made lots of friends and even more importantly, we know, as a result of our work, we have created many other friendships and bonds between volunteers and clients.

To everyone we have served, we wish you all good health and happiness for the future.
Rosemary Raine-Howe
Ann Smith

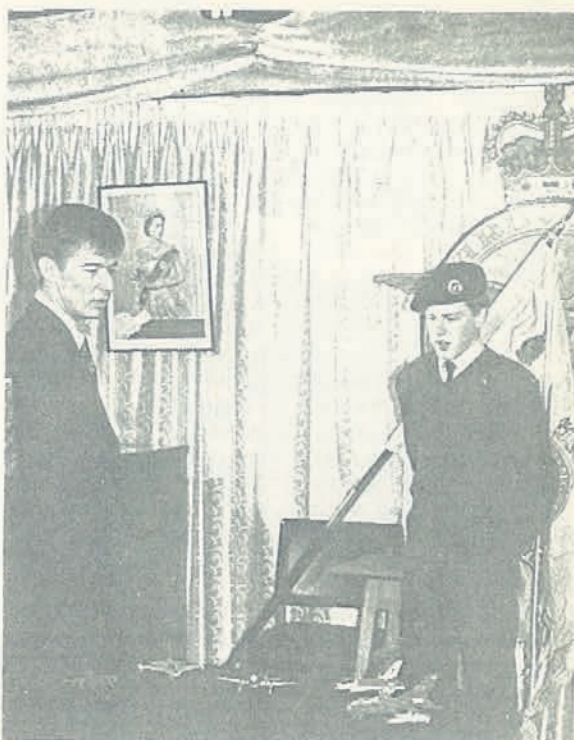
ALL FOOTBALL LEAGUES GAIN SPONSORS

For the second year running Newton Press will be sponsoring the popular Bank Holiday 5-a-side Football Tournaments at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

This sponsorship means that all 5-a-side competitions at the Sports Complex are now sponsored; Monday League (Taunton Cider); Thursday League and Champions Tournament

(Hydro Polymers); Sunday League (Newcastle Breweries) and Junior Leagues (Alexander-le-Skerne). Only the first eight teams to apply for the bank Holiday Tournaments will guarantee their places and the application forms for each tournament will first appear in the Newton News so watch this space.

TYNE - TEES T.V. VISIT TOWN'S R.A.F. CADETS



On Tuesday 7th March the Squadron based at the RAFA Branch in Barrington Road was visited by TV cameras from the Tyne Tees Weekend Programme. Their visit was in order to investigate the spare time activities of one of the newly enrolled cadets, Cdt. S Baddeley, who has won a £1000 Northern Electric Sports Award to help advance his training in fencing. Cdt. S Baddeley's ambition is to become a pilot in the Royal Air Force.

MOTHERS DAY AT ST. CLARES

A Mothering Sunday service is to be held at St. Clares Church from 9.30am on Sunday 26th March.

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In answer to an appeal to companies on the Industrial Estate, Garphyttan Limited have been the first to "buy a square metre of roof" for Neville Parade Methodist Church Rafter Fund, closely followed by Rayovac Vidor Limited and Perstorp Ferguson Limited.

We understand more donations are on the way but these are extra special as they are first, and Church members are very grateful to these companies for their kindness in getting our business appeal for the Rafter Fund under way. A coffee morning is to

be held on April 1st from 10am to 12 noon at Neville Parade when the reasons for having a Rafter Fund are to be explained, and how members and friends can help with it. There will also be an opportunity to look at slides and photographs which show a little bit of Newton Aycliffe's history - the various parts of the Church premises at Neville Parade in the course of construction. Everyone is invited to go along and see what it is all about - a good cup of tea or coffee and something delicious to eat has been promised by the Minister, Ken Kilby.

RUNNING FOR THE YOUTH CENTRE

Richard Llewellyn, manager at Woodrich on the Industrial Estate is to run in the London Marathon on 2nd April.

The "Flying Welshman" as he is fondly called, will be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe with all proceeds going to Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

If you wish to add your name to the sponsorship list please contact "Newton News" on 300212 with details of your pledge.

There is a special prize for the person who predicts the time in which Richard completes the course. The Youth Centre wish to thank Richard for his efforts and join with everyone in wishing him a successful run.

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GARDENS GUILD

The Sales Hut is now open each Sunday morning 10 a.m. till 12 noon until the last Sunday in October.

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Ols and new members are welcome. Subscription £1 a year.

Letter to the Editor "HALF TRUTHS, INNUENDOS AND MISLEADING" says Council Leader

Dear Sir

I would like to reply to Don Fraser's letter "Your Town Councillors May Be Claiming Too Much". This article is full of half truths, innuendo and is totally misleading. I would like to reiterate my previous statements that Town Councillors do not receive payments for attending Town Council meetings.

The only time that a Town Councillor may make a claim for an attendance allowance, for travelling expenses or subsistence is when they are fulfilling duties approved by the Council at a venue three miles or more outside of the Town Council's boundaries. As a member of the Town Council for eight years and as Leader of the Council for the past three years, I have attended almost 500 meetings in Newton Aycliffe and a large number of meetings on approved Council business outside of the three mile radius. During that time, I have travelled in excess of 2000 miles to meetings in my own car. I have received no attendance allowance over this period, no subsistence allowances, and the grand total of eight pounds in travelling expenses. I am not alone in not having claimed expenses from the Town Council as the majority of Councillors do likewise.

Town Council members expense claims are open to scrutiny at all times by the public and are audited by the Government Auditors every year.

Cllr. Fraser who is also a District Councillor and County councillor, claims that Town Councillors can claim more than District and County Councillors, this is totally untrue.

County Councillors receive an annual payment of £786 per year and to qualify for this payment they only need to attend one meeting every six months and remain a County Councillor. They are also entitled to claim £12.50 on any day that they attend a meeting; and of course they are entitled to claim a subsistence allowance of £4 per day and travelling expenses.

District Councillors receive an annual payment of £1664 and, like County councillors, to qualify for this payment they only need to attend one meeting every six months and remain a District Councillor. They are not entitled to attendance allowances by may claim a subsistence allowance and travelling expenses. In his calculations, Cllr Fraser bases payments to our "big brothers" on a figure arrived at after the amounts received by these Councillors are divided by meetings held. If he really wants to sniff out abuses of the system, he should turn his attention to the number of times Councillors attend meetings. As he well knows many meetings are held but the percentage of those attended leave a lot to be desired. He need not sniff too far to find abuses of the system at District Council level.

It is well known that one of his fellow SDLP members who was elected to represent the Shafto Ward is attending District Council meetings only once or twice every six months.

If he sniffs this one out he will find that that member is receiving over £800 for attending one or two meetings every six months. Not only is that member not representing the people who elected her, she is also being paid pro rata more than the Chairman of British Gas!

Yours faithfully
Councillor Bob Fleming
Leader of Great Aycliffe Town Council

PETROL SURVEY GETS RESULTS

Dear Sir

It is nice to know that people can express their opinions in your paper, sometimes getting results. The recent surveys have had the effect of most of Aycliffe garages reducing the price of petrol by as much as 3p a litre (13.50 a gallon, unleaded) and 2p (9p a gallon, leaded) while at the same time one garage not so very far away has increased theirs by 4.50p a gallon now being 18p a gallon more than most. We now have the situation of what was one of the dearest garages now being one of the cheapest.

I, for one did not expect much action and am pleasantly surprised, while on the subject of garages (the price of inflation) 20p to blow a tyre up! Who knows, next week we could even see inflation down? Well done Mr. Watson (Manager of BP) for taking notice and being one of the first to reduce your petrol, perhaps pigs CAN fly (or at least they're taking off)

SCHOOLGIRL SWIM AIDS COMIC RELIEF



Nichola Blenkinsopp of Mellanby Crescent has raised nearly £100 for Comic Relief in a sponsored swim.

She repeated her performance of 2 years ago when at 10 years of age raised £80. Nichola who attends Woodham Comprehensive is a Girl Guides, likes horses and has a pet hamster called "M United".

African Tour will go Ahead

Tony Moore's trip to Africa with a youth Football team may lack Town Council financial aid, but it is gaining support elsewhere and the Councillor is confident this tour of the Cameroons will go ahead.

Keith Mitchell, Director of Education has informed Tony Moore the county council will agree a grant.

"There is no doubt the visit will, in general terms, provide personal and cultural opportunities for the young people concerned" said Mr. Mitchell

Mothering Sunday Greetings

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
love from Daniele

CHRISTINE MADDISON

Happy Mother's Day Mam, thanks for everything you have done for me. I'll miss you loads when I move, love always Nicola XX

WENDY HILL

The day for you, at home and rest, put your feet up and we will do the rest
Andrew, Claire & Katie

TO MUM

Happy Mothers Day, lots of love, Michelle, Richard, Kellie, Lisa, Adam, Liam & Rebekah

DIANA

Happy Mothers Day,
love from Victor, Mark, Emma and Amy

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

To a special Mam and Grandma love from Victor, Diana, Mark, Emma and Amy

BARBARA SWAILES

Happy Mothers Day, have a great day,
love Jessica and Hayley

MARY ROACH

Happy Mothers day Mam, love Susan & Joe
TO NANA with all our love on Mothers Day
from Gavin and Sarah May XX

WILSON

Happy Mothers Day Mammykins,
lots of love Alison and Connor

WAKE (BURRELL)

Although you are no longer with us, to celebrate this Mothers Day, we all still think about you, in a very special way. Remembered with love always, daughters Mena, Jenny, Theresa and Sophia, son Steve and sons-in-law Joe and Hughie

PAULINE BULMER

We might not say it much but we appreciate what you do. We want to thank you for all you've done. And just for being you.

Happy Mothers Day, all our love
Joanne, Michelle and Nicola

CORA HUTCHINSON

Happy Mothers Day love from
Liz Steve & family

WILSON

Happy Mothers Day best wishes to a wonderful Mother, Julie, love Michelle

JULIE WILSON

The best Mam in the world, lots of love Clare

JULIE WILSON

Happy Mothers Day, love Kelvin

JILL HARMAN

Thanks for all you do for us, we might not show we care, we just want to let you know we're glad you are always there.

Happy Mothers Day,
love Vicky, Mark, Gareth and Karl

DOREEN DAVIES

Happy Mothers Day to the best Nana in the world, lots of love from Vicky

GLADYS LAING
Happy Mothers
Day to a
Special Mam
and Gran.
Love from all
the family

BEVERLEY
Dad says you can
have a(nother) day
of rest on
Sunday!!!! Have
a nice Mothers
Day, Mam
Lots of love
Carrie-Louise
XXX

FAMOUS G.I.E.T. TWINS

Hannah and Chelsea Burns would like to wish their Mummy, Janice a Happy Mother's Day and thank her for the gift of life.

We love her very much, we are only 8 months old, so Daddy wrote this greeting for us.
Hannah & Chelsea XXX

RENA HUMBLE

Happy Mothers Day Mam. Thinking of you on this special day. Why did God take you away? It hurts so much to understand, you are not here to hold our hands,
love always Lyndsey, Amy, Jeff Sture

JOAN EDWARDS

Thanks for everything you've done
Mam, love you loads - Anne

WILSON

Happy Mothers Day, with lots of love
from Angela, Graham and
Grandchildren Laura and Adam

GILMORE

Have a great Mothers Day with love
from Graham, Angela and
"The Bairs" Laura and Adam

NORMA BURNS

Happy Mothers Day to a very special Mam
and Gran, lots of love from Gillian & Michael

SYLVIA SPENSLEY

Not just a great Mam to Julie, a great
Mam-in-Law to John and a great Nana
to Michael, Stephen and Paul, love
you lots, have a nice day on Sunday XX

DORIS THOROGOOD

Happy Mothers Day, lots of love
Lynne, Lisa and Emma

KAREN HARRISON

Happy Mothers Day to the best Mam,
love Michelle, Joanne and Mark

JENNY TARVIT

Best wishes Mam on Mothers Day, all our love
Bill, Audra and James

JENNY TARVIT

Happy Mothers Day Mam, love today and
always Gail, Ian and Joss

JENNY TARVIT

Lots of love to the best mum in the world, a
our love from Joan, John and family

JENNY TARVIT

To a very special Mother with lots and lots
of love from Lily, David and family

JENNY TARVIT

Lots of love to the best Mum in the world
with love from Jenny, David and family

JENNY TARVIT

Lots of love to a special Mother with all
my love from Karen and family

JENNY TARVIT

Wishing you a Happy Mothers Day, with a
our love from Daphne, Alan and family

JENNY TARVIT

Hope you have a great Mothers Day, lots of
love from Kathy, Martin and family

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IGNORANT DOG OWNERS!

Dear Sir,
This letter is for the attention of dog owners who allow their pets to foul the pavements only yards away from my front door on Bowes Road. A trail of dirt was left where small children walked on their way to school. I expect the teacher was not too pleased to have to clean the child's shoes before the

mess was trailed all over the classroom. I went out to clean away the mess with disinfectant and I wonder why we have to clean up after such ignorant dog owners. Why don't they carry a bag for the dirt when they take their dogs for a walk and dispose of it in the bins provided? Disgusted.
Bowes Road Resident.

Mother's Day

Sunday 26th March 1995

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'D OF E' CAMPAIGN AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

An Open Evening was organised by the young people of the Duke of Edinburghs Award Group that have met regularly at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre. They have felt in need of new members to add an extra dimension to the group and create more opportunities for young people. A hard core of 10 young people joined together with their Award Leader.

Andy Wilkinson and Sue Turnbull the County's Development Officer for the Duke of Edinburghs Award. An article was written by Sarale Hickson and with the support of the Editor it was printed in the Newton News the week leading up to the Open Evening on the 5th March.

Sue spoke to three school assemblies on the preceding Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at

Woodham Comprehensive and spent 40 minutes with the sixth form explaining about the Award. The result on Sunday 5th March was worth all the hard work and effort that had gone into publicising the event and preparing the venue for an exciting and informative Open evening.

40-45 young people came down to the Youth Centre to find out more about the Award. 35 signed up to come back the following Sunday. Parents showed interest, one of the Youth Leaders Sheelagh Todd and her daughter, Dianne came down and organised the Tea and Coffee. Judy Bowerbank from the Darlington Award Centre came and offered her support for which we were grateful, to get around all the young people and their parents

during the evening was not an easy task and Judy lightened the load. The outcome was an overwhelming success.

FUTURE AIMS

- 1 - To hold the interest of the young people who wish to make a commitment to doing the Duke of Edinburghs Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level.
 - 2 - To organise expedition training and opportunities for practise and qualifying venture.
 - 3 - To link young people into opportunities out in the community to satisfy various sections of the DoE Award.
 - 4 - To keep the volunteers that we have and actively recruit new volunteers.
- If anyone requires further information please contact Newton Aycliffe Youth centre on 312520 or call in on any Sunday evening at 6.30pm

CRUFT'S WIN FOR NEWTONIAN



Janice Bracher of The Chase, Newton Aycliffe is the proud owner of a Crufts Champion. Her Boxer, Mulbrae Really Sharpe won 1st prize in its class and Janice is delighted with the result. Janice who works for Craggs Construction, has been showing for 8 years and her dogs have won many prizes. She names all her pets after Manchester United Footballers and her win at Crufts was marred by her teams loss last Sunday against Liverpool. Janice asks us to thank her boss Keith who kindly gives her time off to attend competitions.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS LAY DOWN CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,
In answer to John Clare: As a member of the major opposition on Sedgefield District Council, the Liberal Democrats believe we play a very important part in Local Councils.

Being an effective opposition is what we are and attending meetings is an important part of this. Every year a list of attendances is made public and our record is certainly

equal to that of the Socialist Group.

Mr. Clare picked out one meeting and if he had bothered to attend previous meetings he would have realised that was where most of the work was done and where the opposition played its part in helping to keep rate increases down.

If Mr. Clare still cannot grasp the importance of an opposition in a democratic society then maybe

he will challenge the undersigned and our Party to a public debate, when we will enlighten the Socialists what democracy really means.

After all, it is the Socialists who have moved their position to make them more democratic - a position we have held for many years.

Yours Sincerely,
Len Cockfield
Woodham Ward.

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from us, just broke my heart
in two. Loved and treasured,
loving wife Irene and family
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great granddaughter Carrie
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your smile you warm our
lives, with your wisdom you
guide us through, with your
understanding you ease our
hurt, with your love you
make us complete, without
you we would be lost -
thanks for all your help over
the years and here's to many
many more - happy 70th
birthday nan, all our love
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birthday, love from Nan and
Bill

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upon your life that the
moments when you have
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XXX

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beautiful first grandson,
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and Grandpa Vincent

I WOULD like to thank
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flowers from everyone, it
kept me going knowing so
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- a big thank you to my friend
Abby - Susan Brown

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Spring judging will
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CONTACT
Any person or group
who wish to enter in
any of the above
categories or who
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information should
contact Mr. A Bailey,
Director of Parks and
Leisure, Great Aycliffe
Town Council, PO Box
2, School Aycliffe
Lane, Newton Aycliffe
- Telephone 300700

Letter to the Editor

"TAXIS AND BUSES SHOULD PARK ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE"

Dear Sir

It was very upsetting to read in your columns recently of a bus belonging to K&J Travel being vandalised in broad daylight on Durham County Council property - parked there with their permission I trust??? - I see the company offered a substantial reward for information concerning this act.

I feel that Mr. K&J would be better advised to put his reward towards a garage or parking lot for his collection of buses. These buses cause havoc with the peace and tranquillity of his neighbours.

I have seen quite recently, from my window, K&J Travel using the cul-de-sac where he lives for washing his big buses as well as his assortment of taxis and mini-buses - why his neighbours put up with it I'll never know, nor

do I know why the Police of newton Aycliffe or the Department of Environment allow such goings on. I am lead to believe that a lady living in the cul-de-sac has had difficulties selling her house ,because everyone coming to view sees K&J's fleet of mini-buses.

Also, while I'm on, we now have a new taxi office in Greenwell Road, so the taxis are now taking up a section of the Car Park which should be left free for people visiting our shopping centre.

If these people want to be in business, then why don't they acquire proper places to operate. I feel sure that there must be suitable places available on our Industrial Estate or does the idea of paying out money for this not figure in their cash flow - I think not!

Mr. O. N. Looker
Faulkner Road

TOWN'S YOUTH CENTRE POP QUIZ TEAM WIN COMPETITION

The Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre's pop quiz team, made up of Glenys Carr, Vikki Saunders and Charlene Pulford along with their leader Carol Ridley, took part in the Skerne Park pop quiz on Thursday 16th March. This was the first time that the centre had entered a team for quite a while.

There were eight other teams in the competition and it was a closely fought contest with the Newton Aycliffe team emerging as narrow winners over last years winning team from Darlington Duke of Edinburghs Award Unit.

The team were each presented with an individual trophy by Mr. G North JP., Field Officer for the South Durham Area and the Competition Shield will be held by Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre until next year.

The whole event was enjoyed by all participants and our team were quite obviously overjoyed at becoming victors. Congratulations to all involved in the competition and may I express our thanks to the organisers for their work in producing such a well balanced quiz.



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This was not always so, elmfield Primary School once shared it site with Elmfield Community Centre and a route was clearly sign-posted through the maze. Unfortunately when the

centre fell into disrepair and was no more the signs too disappeared. During the past year the School Governors, Aycliffe Town Council and the Director of Education have all tried to persuade the relevant departments of Durham County Council to sanction new signs.

The school has even agreed to use some of its meagre funds to pay for them. All the school has to show for these efforts is a file of letters including unfulfilled promises to visit and view the situation. Perhaps the Director of Environment and his staff are still out there looking for the "lost school".

JOHN WATSON

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COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR AYCLIFFE WEST

RESIDENTS URGED TO ATTEND MEETINGS

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The aim of the group is to listen to residents needs and concerns and to help to bring about positive changes in their area. Already A.S.K. have carried out a small pilot of opinion and needs in the area and have now arranged two events "Ask, Be Heard, Find Out!" Representatives from a number of

services and groups (Youth and Community Groups, Citizens Advice, Neighbourhood Watch, the Benefits Agency, to name but a few) will be available to talk to people, listen to their views and concerns as well as giving information about their services.

Both events are intended to be relaxed and friendly. Admission is free and includes a free prize draw, with prizes donated by Bells Stores, Caygills, Red House Shop and Greenfield Community Association and Walkers Butchers.

The first "Ask, Be Heard, Find Out" event is at Greenfield Meeting Hall, Wednesday 29th March from 2.00-5.00pm and the second at Elmfield School on Wednesday 3rd April from 2.00-5.00pm.

Maggie Cobb, a mum from Langdale involved with A.S.K. said "We hope very much people will come along and support these events, which will be very informal and a bit of fun too, everyone is invited. All A.S.K. members have done their bit, but we have also had a lot of support from people who don't want to be members of A.S.K. but do want to support what we are doing.

A.S.K. hope to have an input into the Local Advisory Group (LAG's) soon to be set up in Newton Aycliffe which will be responsible for advising Health, Social Services and the Local Council about local need, and influencing developments in communities.

So if you live in the area don't miss the opportunity to "Ask, Be Heard, Find Out" Further information can be obtained from Liz Shaw, telephone: 01325 364694

FORTY YEARS ANNIVERSARY AT ST. CLARES

In July this year St. Clares Church celebrates 40 years of its consecration. The months of June and July will be full of events to celebrate this event in the life of the Church and this Community

During those 40 years there have been many changes in the life of Newton Aycliffe, so too in the church, but one of those things that has not changed has been the time and basic pattern of the worship. However, 1995, is to be the time for changing even that, at least on one Sunday morning each month. Beginning on the second Sunday in April, the pattern of worship for the second Sunday of each month ONLY will be as follows:

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