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For all that turned out, it was still a poor effort from Tony's publicity team and one would have expected more media attention for this important occasion.



TONY BLAIR

As far as I am aware, "Newton News" was the only member of the media present to record the event.

A barrage of press and TV should have been there, but perhaps they had given the Labour leader too much coverage that day already. Perhaps they had gone home to rest, unable to keep up with Tony's punishing schedule. On my count Aycliffe was his 5th engagement that day, and, on the following morning he would be at the Constituency A.G.M. followed by the opening of a new "Little Chef" at Sedgefield.

Had questions been allowed at the Public Meeting "Newton News"

would have asked the Labour Leader, now that he is a National Celebrity, how he can possibly hope to carry out his constituency duties. He evidently tries very hard, but is he not in danger of spreading himself too thinly? Give him his due he gave Aycliffe some quality time last Friday.

He made a point of shaking everyone's hand in the audience and stayed to answer questions person to person.

As said previously, no public questions were allowed, and this appeared a deliberate manoeuvre to keep the occasion quiet and sociable.

And it was a nice event with part of the evening spent in tribute to Labour stalwart Win Dormer - a supporter for 45 years.



WIN DORMER

She received a Special Merit Award from Tony Blair and a bouquet of flowers for her long 25 year service as Branch Secretary.

Win has the distinction of serving as a Councillor in Newton Aycliffe for over 25 years and was our first Mayor.

She will continue as a Town Councillor, seeking re-election in May.

In thanking Mr Blair, Win took the opportunity to pass some of the credit to her husband John, who had always supported her work for the Party. "It is a family effort" explained Win.

Tony's speech, the content of which had been heard many times before, came across fresh

and vigorous, drawing rapturous applause in a standing ovation.

The Labour Leader's charisma had many of his audience reaching for the application forms to join his NEW Labour.

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One other question we hoped to ask on your behalf related to the acceptance that he couldn't give his constituency the attention of a "normal" M.P.

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WHAT TOSH! Letter

I would like to take issue with a letter that has recently been published in your increasingly wonderful newspaper.

Len Cockfield's letter challenges the mad history teacher, John D. Clare, who wrote the previous week. But it seems to me that John was quite right. If the "Opposition" were doing as wonderful a job as they keep informing us through your paper, wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that they might just have got their act together to block the Town Council's rate precept plans. In fact, they could not do so because, as Mr. Fraser said "the opposition was a let down".

Mr. Cockfield then went on to say this (and I quote) "If Mr. Clare 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".

This simply does not make sense. Is Mr. Cockfield trying to say that Mr. Fraser is confused and that it was at a lot of meetings before the one that Mr. Fraser had mentioned and criticised that the rate precept was decided ... or what?

I just could not make head nor tail of it! Then Mr. Cockfield starts to ramble on about opposition in a democratic society and all that sort of thin - merely proving that he does not understand it much himself at all.

Perhaps it was precisely because Mr. Clare does have some grasp on the reality of a democratic society that he wrote in the first place. I for one will look forward to the duel that Mr. Cockfield seems to want with Mr. Clare.

Looking at the letter still further and the way Mr. Cockfield has a go at Mr. Clare, one would be forgiven for thinking that the crazy Christian teacher was a leader of the Town Council. He is not, he is simply a

teacher at a local comprehensive school is struggling against a government that is trying to de-construct the state education system, so that his boys and girls can pass their history exams
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Dear Sir

After reading Sedgefield District Council's Labour party propaganda rag "Inform" it reminds me of Blackpool, reading their joke magazine "Billy Liar".

It states that its a standstill budget, but all three Labour Controlled Councils have increased budgets above the inflation rate.

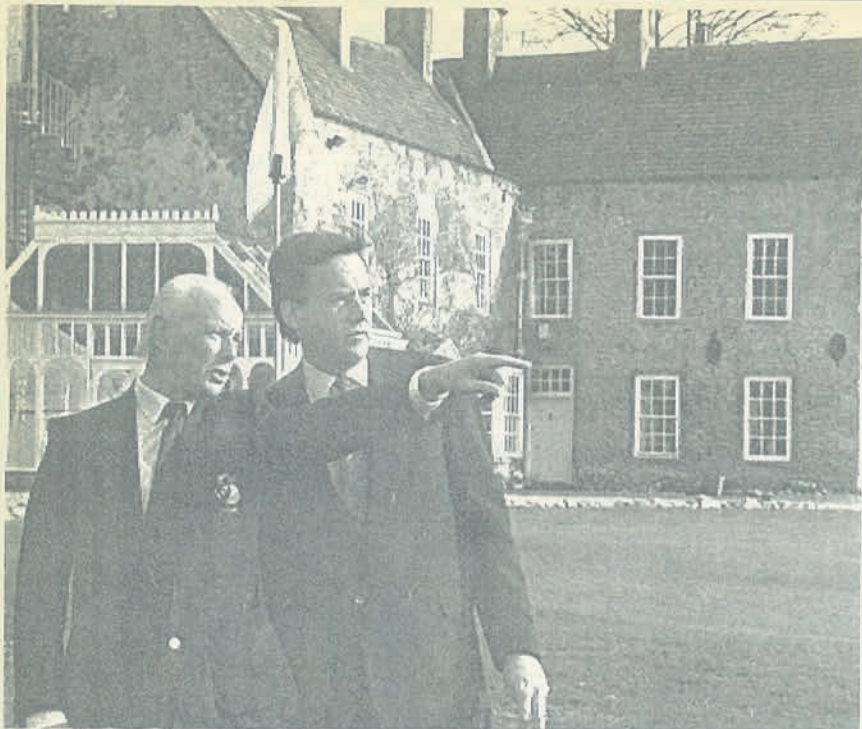
Sedgefield Council deny this, but what they don't disclose is that when Poll Tax was introduced they insisted we would have lots of non-payers and against all our opposition the Labour Party insisted they would charge the regular tax payer £26 each, extra to cover any loss by non-payers.

After showing a lack of confidence in the District tax payer, the Labour Party now resort to deceive by using £269,603 of that over claimed tax, which the law said should be paid back to the tax payer, to subsidise their budget.

Without this amount Sedgefield District Councils rate increased by 14%
Cllr. Len Cockfield
Woodham Ward

**Palm
Sunday**

A Family Service for Palm Sunday is to be held at St. Clares Church on Sunday, 9th April at 10.30 a.m.
Everyone is welcome.



GOLF COURSE OPENS IN MAY

The long awaited opening of the new 9 hole Golf course at the Hall Garth Hotel at Coatham Mundeville is now planned for Monday 15th May, 1995.

Following extensive irrigation and course drainage work over the past 6 months, which included drilling a 250 metre deep bore hole, the 70 acre course is now in great shape, according to head greenkeeper Richard Creane.

The owners, Regal Hotel Group, have taken advantage of the delay to improve upon existing playing facilities and impose their own brand of quality on the new course.

Improvements have cost over £2,000 and include an enlarged lake surrounding the 5th Green (shades of Augusta), some re-laid greens, extended holes and six new bunkers. Seven new ladies tees have also been added.

Golfers changing rooms have been linked to the existing Leisure Club shower facilities etc. by an enclosed walkway.

To accommodate golfers appetites, stimulated by this challenging course, further monies are being spent upgrading the Stables Bar to offer all-day wining and dining.

The management had a change of heart regarding restricted membership plans and the course now becomes a 'pay and play' facility with prices ranging from £15 per person for an 18 hole round on weekdays to £20 per person at weekends.

Further details available from General Manager, Rhys Roberts on (01325) 300400.

BRICK FIRM'S STOCKPILES TOO HIGH!

Plasmor, the Breeze Block manufacturer near the Blue Bridge, are creating mountains of material at the rear of their premises, spoiling the environment for nearby neighbours and giving passers-by an ugly view of what was once quite pleasant. The slag heaps have reached tree-height and concern by residents brought the SDC Environmental Health Officers to investigate.

They acted quickly and advised the firm to reduce the height of the heaps and install wetting equipment to prevent dust flying of the site onto nearby properties. Recent high winds have covered nearby houses and gar-

dens with the black dust. One resident complains fish have been destroyed by the film of muck floating on his pond. Bungalows in Clarence Green, nearest the site are occupied by elderly and infirm people and they were devastated by the site of 5 lorries an hour building the heaps higher and higher blotting out their skyline.

The area is used to store breeze block material, but it can only be to an acceptable height.

When asked what that would be the Divisional Environmental Health Officer replied: "When we don't get complaints."

Pie, Peas and a Quiz

Did you know that there is a Badminton Club at Neville Parade? Yes, there is.

This week they are asking us to take notice of their P's and Q's - they are having a Pie and Pea Supper and Quiz on Saturday 8th April at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets are £2 per person and must be purchased in advance (so they know how many pies to bake!) and are on sale at The Builders Arms in the Thames Centre.

These Quiz Nights have been held before and have always been very highly entertaining and a good family night out. They hope you will join them in the fun and help to raise some money for the Church Rafter Fund.

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Liz Shaw, organiser of 'Aycliffe Support in the Community' was very pleased with the numbers that turned out from the Western area of the town to discuss their concerns and needs. A steady flow of people called in at the first of a series of get-togethers held at Greenfield Hall. The next Meeting is on Monday 3rd April between 2pm and 5pm at Elmfield School and everyone is invited. Free Refreshments and a Free Raffle is offered to all who call in for an informal chat.

Letter to the Editor AFRICAN TRIP WILL BRING GREAT BENEFIT

Dear Sir,
Town Councillor Chandran said the main reason for not supporting our forthcoming trip to Cameroon was 'the distance and the lack of real benefit to the town as a whole'. Firstly the distance as far as we are concerned is no problem, given modern day transport. Secondly by offering financial assistance, no matter how large, to benefit the whole of the community, could be the most sought after theory and ultimate challenge to those in control of public funds. We appreciate current financial situations may produce finite resources and Councils may have to ration and prioritise where only those in most need will benefit. We have found with previous trips that it does provide local children with real benefits and it may be difficult for sponsors to evaluate.

Benefit have included the enhancement of self esteem, promotion of social skills and moral development. It also increases the ability to interact with peers; acknowledging and responding to the needs of others. All of which may indirectly benefit family, school and the community. Counc. Chandran also thought it was more of a 'holiday' and we acknowledge participants may gain many rewards a holiday may bring such as fun, laughs, enjoyment, purchasing duty free etc. However the trip is not simply this and each adult and youngster will be expected to compile a project or assignment on their visit. They will research the environment, local education, crime, deprivation and oppression etc. Each member will be encouraged to make a presentation on their return to Schools, Youth Clubs or any other interested organisation. Current sponsors agree this educational aspect will prove beneficial to those involved, and a wider audience. A great deal of preparation is already underway and each adult involved is giving 2/3 evenings to organise the trip. As any person involved in caring for children will appreciate, this will be a full time job with huge responsibilities, particularly in a foreign country. Holiday? For us two yes - A Busman's Holiday! Geoff Riley Nigal Farley

BUSES ARE NOT AN EYESORE

Dear Sir
I feel I must write in response to the letter from "O.N. Looker" concerning the parking of coaches and taxis in Newton Aycliffe. I understand that K&J Travel do have garage premises in Ferryhill and that coaches are only parked on the old school site between 9am and 3pm on schooldays to avoid empty running between Ferryhill and Aycliffe. It is not possible to obtain premises on the Industrial Estate for coach parking or a taxi operating base as these types of businesses are classed as "motor trade" rather than a service industry and as such are out-lawed by planning authorities in Aycliffe and elsewhere. I know, I have tried to find premises myself! Mr Shaw operates a very well presented fleet and in my opinion his vehicles are no more an eye-sore than a cul-de-sac full of private cars. He is only trying to make a living. The letter suggests that taxi operators do not include the cost of premises for their business but as it is taxi firms can barely recover the cost of paying wages and maintaining cars from the revenue they earn. People simply won't tolerate a fare increase to cover the cost of premises. I am afraid the public will cheerfully spend £20 a night in a pub, or buy a lottery ticket but won't pay 10p extra on a taxi fare which is why I no longer have a taxi in Aycliffe. I bet "O.N. Looker" is one of those people!! Taxi firms already have some of the most restrictive and ill-conceived licensing systems

to contend with in addition to financial pressures. Star Cabs on Greenwell Road no doubt pay their rates and as such are perfectly entitled to use the car park which is not full anyway most of the time. Of more concern to me is the parking of private cars on Greenwell Road. I always drive around to find a parking space but so many people park outside Pizza Cottage on the bus stop and the yellow zig-zag markings which clearly state no parking. When people do trouble themselves to use the car park they don't do it properly; taking up two spaces for example. Last Saturday, one car was parked alongside the white fence with its rear end sticking out. On one occasion I was amazed to see a brand new Nissan Micra "abandoned" at the same spot, across the flow of traffic with its front pointing to the road. Much of the mindless parking is caused by disabled drivers who park on this road without any regard for the safety of others. The yellow lines may just as well be removed for the use they are. Again, on Saturday a Ford Sierra with an orange badge parked on the road while there were three spaces less than twenty feet away. This mindless moron then left the car a foot from the kerb and just next to the entrance so that an accident nearly occurred. As a car turning in could not be seen by a car driver coming out of the car park. I know not all disabled drivers behave in this way, but many do think

Letter to the Editor

an orange badge is a licence to break the law. Remember please, O.N. Looker that taxi and coach operators are generally responsible, sensible individuals who are probably less of a nuisance than your neighbours private cars. Yours faithfully C Irwin

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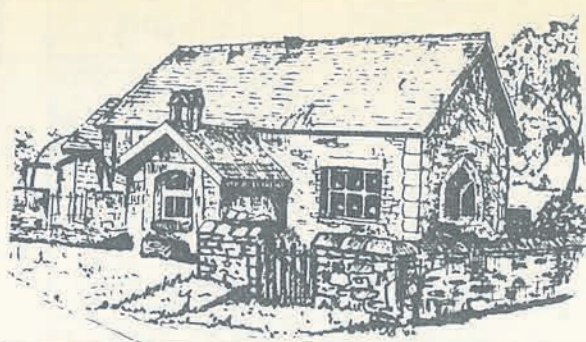
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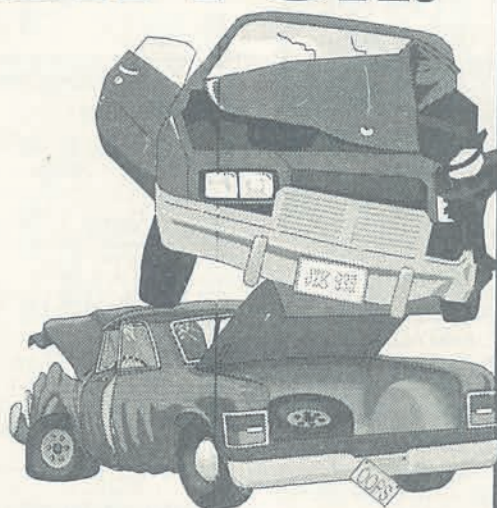
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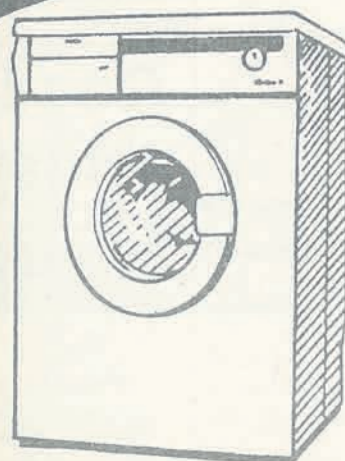
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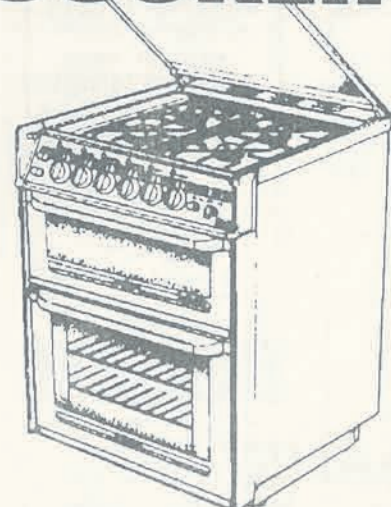
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and Wolsingham attending.
Newton Aycliffe's teams
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Good Friday

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including tombola, cake,
white elephant and for
children the Great Egg
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raffle winners will be
announced.

Congratulations

LO-LO

21 AGAIN?

You look fantastic to me
I hope you get everything
you want from life,
I will always love you

**ROB
XXX**

**DEREK
PERCIVAL**
Happy Birthday



Not quite the boy you
were, but still quite
the man.
Happy 60th Birthday
Derek, love as always

PERCIVAL Happy 60th
birthday Granda, love Billy,
Daniel and Aimee

PERCIVAL Happy 60th
birthday Dad, love Denise
and Billy

PERCIVAL Happy 60th
birthday Dad, love Julie and
Richard

DAWN SKELTON Happy
birthday Dawn, 30 years old,
I think I'll have to be trading
you in for a younger model
shortly, love Mick

DAWN SKELTON Happy
birthday Mammy, from your
lovely daughter Amer XXX

SKELTON Happy 30th
birthday Auntie Dawn, April
2nd, lots of love Emily, Nick
and Debbie

SKELTON April 2nd - Lots
of love on your 30th birthday
Dawn, from Mam and Dad

DAWN SKELTON
Congratulations on your 30th
birthday 2-4-95, love from
Margaret, Derek, Gail, Pete,
Sophie, Tracy, Peter, Jeff,
Amy, Ronnie and Lorna XX

CROSSEN, Bill and Winnie.
To Mam and Dad on their
Golden Wedding, 2-4-95.

With all our love and best
wishes from Michael and
Jean, Patricia and John,
Monica and Tom, Bernard
and Christine, Angela and
Jimmy, Gerard and Luke,
Louise and Peter - Eighteen
grandchildren and five great
grandchildren. Have a lovely
day on Saturday - thank you
for all the love and support
you've given us all over the
years.

MR & MRS ROBERTS
have pleasure in announcing
the engagement of their
daughter, Eve, to Michael
Taylor. Love and very best
wishes from both families
and grandparents

PAULINE ROWLAND
Happy 40th birthday to a
wonderful Mam, all our love,
Clare and Chris XXX

PAULINE ROWLAND Yo
Ho Ho It's the big 40 on 3rd
April, lots of love and best
wishes from Mam

RONNIE MAYOH Happy
60th birthday (March 28th)
from Maria Mayoh

THOMAS OAKLEY
(March 29th) Happy 3rd
birthday from Mammy and
Daddy, big brother Ronny

ALLEN Congratulations
Kath and Mick, on your
Silver Wedding 4-4-95. Love
from Mam, Margaret, Joe,
Chris, Marnie, Jackie, Jan
Ian and Sarah

**JOHN
WINGFIELD**
Happy Big 40



From Ali, Marie
and Timothy

JOHN WINGFIELD Best
wishes on your 40th
birthday, from Elizabeth,
Allan and family

WARD THOMAS 1-4-95.
Many happy returns Thomas
on your 2nd birthday, lots of
love and kisses Mammy,
Daddy and Louise.

WARD THOMAS 1-4-95.
Hip Hip Hooray Thomas is
2 years old today. Love Nana
and Grandad Champion

WARD THOMAS 1-4-95.
Happy 2nd birthday Thomas,
lots of love and kisses
Grandma and Grandad Ward

BONAS Rhianna Louise 1-
4-95. Happy first birthday to
my special little girl. Lots of
love Mammy and Joe XXX

BONAS Rhianna Louise
Happy first birthday
sweetheart, lots of hugs and
kisses - Grandma

BONAS Rhianna Louise
Happy first birthday, lots of
love Uncle Lee and Tracy XX

BONAS Rhianna Louise
Happy first birthday Rio, lots
of love Auntie Julie and
Uncle Allan

WHITTINGTON, Happy
birthday on the 29th March,
David. Also congratulations
to you and Cath on your
engagement. love Mam and
Dad XXX

WHEELER Happy birthday
Pam, 31st March, all our love
Mam and Dad, Gary and
Julie XXXX

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Birthday Remembrance

BOB DICKINSON (3rd April) Birthday remembrance of a
beloved husband. My thoughts go back as they often do, to
other birthdays spent with you. Though absent, you are always
near, still loved and missed, still very dear - Loving wife Peggy

BOB DICKINSON (3rd April) No cards to send, no presents
to give, just memories of a Dad we loved and miss. Love from
Brian, Susan, Alan, Linda and Sharon. Love you Grandad from
Craig, Emma, Stacey and Amy

ELSIE DICKINSON 27-3-95. Special memories of a
wonderful Mother and Nana. Who will always be in our hearts.
we love you today more than yesterday, but not as much as
tomorrow. Sadly missed by Denise, Tony, Walter, Craige and
Clarissa and all your loved ones.

Thank you

VINCENT Thank you
Lynne, Kelvin for our
beautiful first grandson,
Andrew Allen, 15-3-95,
weight 7lbs 6 ozs.
Congratulations from both
families, especially Grandma
and Grandpa Allen, Nana
and Grandpa Vincent

COLIN & LESLEY wish to
thank the following people
for their help and kindness
during the illness and death
of our beloved mother, Joyce
Morgan. Bryan Shepherd,
The Rev Colin Jay for a very
comforting service, Bobby,
Anne, Rhonda, Tish and
Julie with whom she shared
a special friendship. Forever
thankful Colin and Lesley
Morgan

JOANNE of Bell Walk,
thank you so very much for
your kindness taking me to
hospital when I fractured my
wrist. Also thank you to my
many lovely friends for their
visits, cards and
thoughtfulness when I was
ill. Thank you, bless you,
Norma, Moore Lane

WESTGARTH Sandra and
Stewart would like to thank
family and friends for the
beautiful presents and cards
received on their Silver
Wedding anniversary and for
making their party such a
happy event. Also thanks to
Anne and Terry for the use
of "Carpies" Social Club

THE FAMILY of the late
Mrs Muriel Usher, 38
Lowther Drive, Woodham
would like to express their
sincere thanks and gratitude
to everyone for their support,
kindness and cards received
following their sad loss.

TO ALL MY family and
friends for cards, flowers and
gifts on my 40th birthday. An
extra special thank you to
Tracey Kilburn for the help
you gave to Rob. With all my
I heart I thank my husband
Rob for the surprise party
and 40 red roses (I love you)
Barbara Oliver

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In Memoriam

BOB PORTER died 1st
April, 1989. Deeply loved
and missed by June and all
the family

RENE MURPHY 8-4-94.
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this day and every day, your
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Maureen

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PUBLIC DEBATE WITH COUNCILLOR LEN COCKFIELD

Dear Sir

Q: How can you tell when a politician is worried?

A: When he writes a nasty letter

Q: How can you tell when he KNOWS he is wrong?

A: When he challenges you to a public debate!

I was amazed at Cllr. Len
Cockfield's letter
attacking me in last week's
Newton News. It was not
ME who complained about
the attendance of the
opposition Councillors at
Council Meetings, but
Don Fraser - an opposition
Councillor!

"Being an effective
opposition is what we are",
writes Mr. Cockfield with
a refreshing disregard for
the rules of grammar,
"AND ATTENDING
MEETINGS IS AN
IMPORTANT PART OF
THIS". Meetings, he tells
us, "were where the work
was done". Is that so? In
fact, Mr. Cockfield's
attendance during the last
four years on the District
Council has been 43%.
Now if I, as a teacher, were
to turn up to less than half
of my lessons, many
parents would be trying to
get me sacked. But Mr.
Cockfield is not alone.

At the last elections,
Middridge and Woodham
Wards elected FOUR
opposition Councillors to
the District Council. The
attendance records of Mr.
Cockfield's colleagues
stand at 57% (just over
half), 26% (one in four
meetings) and 21% (one in
five). Last year, one of
these gentlemen attended
just seven meetings out of
a possible 93. See how
well your opposition
Councillors defend your
democratic rights! Yet this
is the man who demands
(s o m e w h a t
ungrammatically) a debate
to "enlighten (me) what
democracy really means".
All this talk about
attendance is a politicians
smoke-screen to drag your
attention away from the
real issue, which is
REPRESENTATION.
Councillors are elected to
represent the people of
their Ward. They are the
"voice of the people". Mr.
Cockfield knows as well
as I do that, in the Town
Council and District
Council, both of which

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"Sam", lost in Byerley Park
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have Labour majorities
his voice has been "a voice
shouting in the
wilderness".

Now I am aware that
opposition Councillors are
very good at shouting,
particularly as the
elections draw near - Mr.
Cockfield suggests in his
letter that opposition
Councillors have done
good work in the town
"helping to keep rate
increases down". How
have they done this? By
shouting? Is there any
single person reading this
letter who really believes
that the controlling Labour
group kept the rate
increase down because
they listened to Mr.
Cockfield and Mr. Fraser?
I think not! The Labour
group kept the rate
increase down because the
Labour Councillors
wanted to keep the rate
increase down. Nobody
listened to Mr. Cockfield
at all. This may hurt his
pride, but I'm afraid it is
true. All the decisions that
really matter are taken by
LABOUR Councillors,
because Labour is the
majority party. Strange as
it may seem to Mr.
Cockfield, this is good and
right, because that is what
happens in a democracy.

The problems occur, of
course, in areas which
have not elected a Labour
Councillor. Four years
ago, the Woodham and
Middridge Wards of
Newton Aycliffe elected
four non-Labour
Councillors. Those
Councillors have not been
privy to the important
decisions in this town. The
good people of Woodham
and Middridge wards
have, thereby, been in
essence disenfranchised. If
they want a say in the
decisions which really
matter (and good heavens
they deserve to have a say)
they need to elect a
LABOUR Councillor!
This is not a matter of
political opinion, or of
public debate, it is a simple
matter of fact. Mr.
Cockfield is getting so hot
under the collar precisely
because he knows it is
true; and that, of course, is
the last thing he wants his
electors to realise.

All this would not be so
bad if the opposition spoke
with one voice, but they do
not. This has been clearly
demonstrated in their
recent letters to the
Newton News. Mr. Fraser
criticised the attendance of
opposition Councillors;
Mr. Cockfield praised it.
Mr. Fraser bemoaned his
failure to reduce the rates;
Mr. Cockfield boasted
how he kept the rates
increase down. These are
the town Councillors
elected by the voters of
Woodham Ward to
represent them. Heaven
help us if they ever get
control of the Council!
Thank goodness that
instead, for the last four
years, we have had a
responsible Labour group
who have looked after the
interests of the people of
Newton Aycliffe.

I repeat what I said at the
end of my last letter, that
if ever there was a time to
get behind Mr. Blair and
vote Labour, this is it.

Yours faithfully
John D Clare

ANNUAL AYCLIFFE BOWLS PAIRS TOURNAMENT

The Annual Great Lakes Indoor Bowls Pairs Tournament is to be held at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on the 29th and 30th April and application forms are now available.

The organisers are expecting a good entry from around the region to play for the total

prize money of £400 and all participants will be able to enjoy a free buffet after the Presentation.

The Entry Fee is only £4.50 per pair, application forms and further information are available from the Sports Complex 300600

TAXI FIRM ANSWERS CRITICS

In reply to the letter from O.N. Looker, we own Star Cabs, the taxi office referred to.

I wasn't going to reply and I took the attitude that some people are never happy, they don't like businesses run from residencies, and they don't like business run from commercial premises.

I thought having never

advertised the taxi office myself - this letter had done a pretty good job in letting it be known that there is one!

However, almost everyone I've spoken to picked up on the other point, the implication that I got the premises for nothing.

The landlords of the Town Centre are not known for leasing properties rent-free (if this O.N. Looker knows of any rent-free properties, I would be interested). SDC did not write a nice letter stating that in our case they'd overlook the rates bill, The Refuse Dept. did not come round saying "here have a £116 wheely bin on us and we will collect your rubbish free".

The insurance company did not say on public liability insurance "don't worry have it on the house" - I could go on. We do park cars in the public car park, not all the cars all the time, but some cars, sometimes.

They are insured and taxed, but just like the majority of car owners who work in the town centre, shop assistants, office personnel etc, we use our cars to come to work and we all use the public car parks.

To end I would like to thank all those people who have welcomed the opening of the taxi office and who have wished us every success. Star Cab Co.

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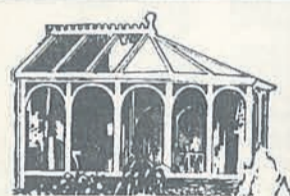
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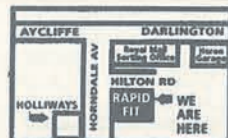
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