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A Newton Aycliffe Amateur Theatre group has pulled off a unique show business coup by securing the services of International Superstar Danny La Rue to perform with them the spectacular Broadway hit "La Cage aux Folles"

It is to be staged at the Tyne Theatre/Opera House in Newcastle from 17th-28th October, 1995.

The management of Musicals North have conducted protracted and secret negotiations with Danny La Rue over the last few months, convincing him they had the skills and amateur talent to produce the show.

He watched videos of their last two successful productions at Aycliffe and agreed to work and rehearse with the Newton Aycliffe cast to present the spectacular North-East premiere of this hit show. Danny La Rue who has agreed to play the lead role of Zaza/Albin is internationally famous, being a legendary star of films, television, West End shows and music hall. He attracts capacity audiences worldwide and his unique style captivates all who are privileged to see him perform. His charm and sincerity shine through every performance.

The story of "La Cage aux Folles" is of a nightclub owned by Georges whose cosy 20 years "marriage" to his star Albin is disturbed when his son from his younger days announces that he is to be married to the daughter of a family who would just not understand or appreciate his father's long standing domestic relationship. Albin (stage name Zaza) has to fade into the background for a time, but returns to the scene masquerading as Georges' wife. Despite the show's highly contemporary theme, the

show is a good old-fashioned musical comedy with beautiful ballads including the defiant "I am, what I am", "With You on my arm", "The best of Times" and "Song on the Sand". Auditions are being held in the Tyne Theatre/Opera House, Newcastle Upon

Tyne on Saturday 22nd April, 1995 from 9.30am onwards for male/female dancers and anyone with acting/singing abilities who may be interested. Age limit for this show is 16+. Please contact 311756 if you require further information.

## LABOUR CONTROL TOWN COUNCIL BEFORE ELECTION

Labour has won a majority on Great Aycliffe Town Council before any votes have been cast.

At the close of nominations last week the Labour Party is uncontested in the following Wards on the Town Council:  
Neville - 3 seats  
Simpasture - 2 seats  
West 1 - 4 seats  
West 2 - 4 seats  
**TOTAL 13 seats**

In addition, because of the low number of opposition candidates, Labour automatically pick up 1 seat in Woodham South, 1 seat in Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall, 2 seats in Shafto, 1 seat in Woodham North. This gives Labour 18 seats minimum out of 30 on the Town Council. The opposition parties are guaranteed 6 seats. Only Shafto and Woodham South Wards are likely to be contested at the polls. There are two vacancies in Woodham North still to be filled and this will no doubt be done by co-option after the elections.

A.W. Gillico (LibDem) Cllr. Eric White, Independent Councillor for Aycliffe Village is stepping down at these elections from the Town and District Councils. Labour Councillor Arun Chandran paid tribute to Eric stating "Eric has served on the Town and District Councils for over 40 years, as an Independent, with knowledge and a wealth of experience, he has proved forthright, honest and tireless in representing his Ward and the town. He is one whom you could have an honest difference of opinion, yet still work with for the common good of the community. I personally will miss his wit, incisive insight into issues, and forthright approach". "We'll not see his like again, for some time" he added.

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The "Preview" is on Friday from 7.30 - 9.30pm and admission will be £2.50p

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This will mean that people in employment who cannot get during the week can take advantage of the extended hours.

It will also meet the needs of families, and family groups will be most welcome. In addition there will be an opportunity for both full time and part time students to make use of computers and other resources.

The aim is to make the College as accessible as possible by providing facilities for the wider community and by making it easier for students to slot in extra studying during their free time.

## Sedgefield 75 Swimming Success at Championships

At the Northumberland & Durham County Individual Championships in Darlington on April 9th Sedgefield 75 swimmers had another successful day.

Craig Thompson 14, increased his success by collecting the bronze medal in the longest event of the day the 1500m (60 lengths) Freestyle in a time of 17.19.16.

Kathleen Mohan took 4th place in the Girls 14 years 100m Freestyle in a time of 1.02.26.

Matthew Bowden took 4th place in the Boys 12

years 100m Breaststroke in a time of 1.24.42.

Ian Storey took 5th place in the Boys 10 years 50m Backstroke in a time of 0.41.90.

Congratulations to all those who attended the event which produced personal best times for the following swimmers: Lindsey Atkinson, Iain Cairns, Mark Surtees, Sarah Kelly, Adam Burton, Christopher Bowden, Kimberley Vickers, Scott Watson and Michael Turnbull.

The next N & D Championships are the team events on 20th May.

### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL Committee Meetings

Wednesday 12th April - Full Council - 7.15pm

Wed., 17th May - Council Annual Meeting 7.15pm

**THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

### LOCAL CHEMISTS EMERGENCY OPENING TIMES

Sunday 9th April, 1995

12 noon - 1.00pm - M&M Chemists, Shildon

Friday 14th April (Good Friday)

12noon-1.00pm - Neville Pharmacy, N/A

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# Letter to the Editor COMMON SENSE BRINGS HOUSING OFFICE BACK TO TOWN

Dear Sir,  
A victory for common sense at Sedgefield District Council! No thanks to the Labour Party, but brought about by Government, who for all the reasons given by tenants and opposition Councillors, have caused the SDC to restore the former Housing Office in the Town Centre.

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The premises have been held on lease, which the SDC have paid rent, even when empty. The need to decentralise housing management, due to Government requirements, means that Aycliffe will get back what should never have been transferred to Spennymoor. Never let it be forgotten that Labour disregarded the people here and it took a Government directive to restore the Housing Office for the convenience of residents. What does your correspondent Mr. Clare have to say about that? Who said an alternative view was useless against a Labour majority? This is one everyone but Labour will welcome. Don Fraser  
Woodham Ward.

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# Woodham Head to be Guest Speaker at Centre's A.G.M.

WOODHAM Comprehensive Head Teacher, Steve Harness, is the guest speaker at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre's AGM to be held on Friday 28th April commencing 7pm.



Steve was appointed to the Headship last year and he has some radical views on education and child welfare which he will no doubt express at the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend this Public Meeting and hear how successful our Town's Youth Centre is and how important it is to the community life of Newton Aycliffe. Anyone interested in serving on the Management Committee or helping the Youth Centre in any capacity should contact the Chairman, Syd Howarth on 300212 or the Leader, Mike Horne on 312520.

# Church Groups Join Forces for Easter Festival

EASTER Celebrations continue at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Saturday 22nd April at 7pm. Many groups from within the Church: the Youth Band known as KOS, the Christian Drama Group 'The Scorpions', Wives Club, Ladies Circle and the Church Choir all join forces in the worship of our risen Lord and they would be pleased if you could join them. You will see that these groups cover a large age span so whatever your age you'll fit in, so don't be shy, you will be made most welcome.

# TOWN TEACHER HONOURER AS UNION'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT

THE National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers are this year holding their Annual Conference at Eastbourne. This years Conference has a particular significance for all the members of the Aycliffe branch as it sees the induction of one of its members, Olwyn Elizabeth Gunn, as the National President. Olwyn, from leaving college, was an active member of the

UWT prior to the amalgamation of NAS with UWT in 1975. Her impact upon the new association of NASUWT was immediate. A founder member of the Aycliffe Association, it was not long before she was elected Secretary, county Officer and a member of the Women's Advisory Committee. In 1988 Olwyn sought election to the National Executive. By this time she was already President of the Durham Council of NASUWT and a member of the Durham Education Committee. Successfully elected to the Executive Olwyn served on the Conditions of Service Committee and became Vice-Chair. In 1992 Olwyn was elected Junior Vice President and her progress to the Presidency was assured. Olwyn is currently Headteacher of a County Primary School with a thriving nursery department. Her commitment and dedication to education and to the children she teaches is boundless as is her commitment to her Trade Union activities. Olwyn is a tireless, dedicated worker, currently resident in Newton Aycliffe, and all who come into contact with her are much richer for the experience. "Olwyn, we love you, Congratulations, enjoy your Presidency. It is richly deserved" said Secretary of the Aycliffe Association, Charles Thew.



# Letter Bus Left Mother & Baby Stranded

Dear Sir,  
I write to inform you of a very annoying and humiliating incident which happened with a United Bus Driver. At approximately 3pm. I was waiting at the Horndale stop for the No. 14 to Darlington. When it arrived the driver shook his head and said I was not allowed on the bus with my child and pushchair because the chair had four wheels! I started to explain that it folded down very flat and takes up little space, but he just shut the door in my face and pulled away leaving us stranded. I bought my daughter's pushchair on the manufacturer's recommendation that it was easy and convenient for public transport. Buses are my only means of transport and I was due for a vital and important post-natal check-up, and because of this gentleman's disgusting attitude we missed our appointment. It is hard enough for young parents to be out alone with prams and pushchairs without this kind of treatment from a local bus company. Yours sincerely  
Kerry Hutchinson.  
ED:  
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# VILLAGE MEETING

FRIENDS of Heighington Village are to hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday 18th April at 6.30pm. to arrange some form of event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of V.E. Day.

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I had the unfortunate experience of having my car reversed into by an undiscerning and ignorant taxi driver who had the audacity to claim to the Police and his insurers that the considerable damage to my car was my fault as I had driven into him!  
It was only after six months and a County Court case found in my favour, that I was able to claim damages and repair my vehicle.  
Name & Address supplied.

# TOP ACT STARS IN LOCAL CHARITY SHOW



LOCAL STAR act "Lee, Marie & Geogio" are giving their services to support an event organised by a Newtonian to aid Bishop Auckland Hospital.

The Civic Hall at Shildon is the venue for a Cabaret and Dance on Friday 12th May at 7.30 pm.  
Comedian Brian Lewis will

also appear on the Show which is compered by Singer/Actor Harry Herring.  
For only £4 a ticket you can enjoy a Raffle, Disco Dancing and a Bar.

Tickets are obtainable from Stevens and Venables in the Town Centre, Walkers at Simpasturegate and by phoning the organiser, Alan Chesterton, on 314808.

# Letter to the Editor DISABLED CAN PARK ON YELLOW LINES

Dear Sir,  
In response to Mr. Irwin's letter and with reference to a parked Ford Sierra with an orange badge, when there was an empty space 20 feet away. 20 feet may be a long painful walk for some disabled people and it is ridiculous to state that disabled drivers use their badge to break the law. Disabled badges are given to people who cannot walk or have great difficulty getting around.  
They are NOT breaking any law by parking on double yellow lines!  
There are limited car parking spaces in our town and the majority of the time these are taken by selfish people with no orange badge.  
As there are taxi ranks both outside Gateway and the Acorn Pub, this limits access to the Town Centre forcing disabled and other drivers to park in Greenwell Road. At

least disabled driver parked legally.  
Through past experience car driver and a taxi cust I would refute the statement that taxi drivers are responsible or sensible. The majority of them they have the God-given to drive as they please, se abiding by the laws o road and driving with a plete disregard for other I cannot count the times u using a taxi I have requ the driver to slow down to excessive speed, par larly in residential areas. I would end by saying t are few enough amenities disabled people as it is, to the prejudicial attitude people like C. Irwin. His bigoted remarks enough to show people the real moron is.  
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## Letter to the Editor Councillor Complaining About Himself!

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On 25th March Counc. Cockfield wrote to Newton News boasting about his role in holding down the Council Tax.  
Last week he wrote complaining about cutbacks in Council services.  
Cuts in spending CREATE

cutbacks in services. In effect, if both letters are correct, Counc. Cockfield has simply written to Newton News complaining about himself!  
What a strange way to run an election campaign.  
Your faithfully,  
John D. Clare

## £150 for Appeal

RING 'n' THINGS raised £150 for the Darlington Hospital Breast Cancer Equipment Appeal.  
The cash came from a percentage of the sale of Mothers' Day cards at the shop; and Mr. Cheesebrough thanks all customers who supported the effort.

## IRON HORSE F.C. LOSE CUP FINAL

NEWTON AYCLIFFE Iron Horse Football Club put up a valiant effort before losing 1-0 to Spennymoor Quinns Inn in the prestigious Auckland Charity Cup Final

on Monday 10th April. Iron Horse were under pressure for much of the game against the experienced Quinns outfit, with man of the match Paul Mather making a string of fine saves for the Aycliffe side.

But goalkeeper Mather was powerless to prevent Quinns only goal of the match from the penalty spot with just three minutes to go.

It has been a tremendous season for the Iron Horse team who have stepped up in class to the Hathaway Auckland and District League.

Their next big game is the semi-final of the Darlington Charity Cup at Cleveland Bridge on Tuesday 18th April. Kick off at 6pm.

They take on a team from Billingham Low Grange with Iron Horse defending the trophy they won last season.

## THANKS FOR DANCE

Dear Sir,  
I would like to express my sincere thanks to Brenda and Bryan Thomson for the free use of the Lee Green Dance Centre for a Dance in aid of 'Save the Children Fund' organised by Distriparts (Electrolux).  
Thanks also to June Jones and the Committee for all their efforts and support in an earlier successful Dance we held.  
Gratefully,  
Jackie.

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**STOTT, JOE** Remembering you is easy, memories never fade. You always made me welcome, goodnight Joe, sadly missed Gayle (Coventry)

**QUINN** Maggie and Jos. In memory of a dearly loved Mam, Dad and Grandparents in Gods care you sleep above, in our hearts you stay with love. Loving daughter Peggy and family - God bless  
**SIMPSON, CHRIS** In loving memory of a dear Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad, died April 22nd 1994. Also his wife Elsie, died February 5th 1990. Both greatly missed by all the family

**DOUTHWAITE, JOHNNY** A loving husband Dad and Grandad. You really haven't left us, nor have you travelled far, just entered God's own garden and left the door ajar. Love Betty, Jacky, Alan and Julie  
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**JOBES** 16-4-95, Happy 2nd birthday Simon, lots of love Mam, Dad, Sonya and Sarah  
**LEE** Happy April birthdays to Karen Jayne and Adam. Love you, Grandma

**CHRISTINE RYDER**  
Happy Birthday Christine



40  
18th April, 1995

Thank you

## PADDY

You might seem big and butch, but we saw the real you, wearing bra and knickers and luminous pink tutu. You brought a lot of pleasure and this is just to say, many thanks for being a sport and making Audrey's day - from all at Tricogen

**Mrs. ELEANOR DICKINSON** and family would like to thank Dr. Ferguson and all at Bewick Crescent Surgery, Doctors and nurses of Ward 14 Bishop Auckland General Hospital for all their help and support during Alf's illness. Also thanks go to relatives and friends for their kindness, support, cards and floral tributes during our recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Rev Wrist for his words of comfort.  
**Mrs. BERNADETTE McCORMICK** would like to say a big THANK YOU to her husband Jack, Family, friends and colleagues for the lovely cards, flowers add gifts given to her on her retirement. To the staff, parents, governors and friends of the school, tow Gwen for her beautiful cake and especially the children for making her last day at Sugar Hill full of such happy memories.

**JUST TO THANK** all my family and friends for there support and Darlington Memorial Hospital doctors and staff for their care and South Cleveland Hospital Chemotherapy Ward 3 - Valerie Ralphs

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## Aycliffe Judo Club Successes

Amy Pike one of the junior members of the club has competed extremely well in recent weeks achieving the following results.

**February 26th**  
Hebburn (Mini Mons) Competition - Bronze  
**March 19th**  
Spennymoor U18 Open - Bronze  
**April 2nd**  
(Gradings) Ashington, gained 1 Mon  
Promoted to Orange 2  
Well don Amy

## GRADINGS

At the 1st KYU and Dan gradings at Sunderlands Crowtree Leisure Centre the following results were obtained: Jim Ross (1st Dan) fought brilliantly gaining 30 points towards his 2nd Dan. Terri Kent (1st KYU) after a slow start she fought well gaining 10 points towards her 1st Dan, giving her a total of 64 points.

Andrew Carter 1st KYU, although he fought well and only narrowly lost his fights, Andrew remains on 40 points towards his 1st Dan.

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## Y.O.C. Meeting

Would all members of the Young Ornithologist Club please note that there will be a meeting of the Darlington and Newton Aycliffe YOC on Thursday 20th April at St. Clares Church hall from 6-8pm.

Could you help our YOC group?  
The YOC is the Junior Section of the RSPB. (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds), would you like to help us by donating any binoculars that you no longer need.  
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## "WE HAVE REPRESENTED OUR WARD FAIRLY"

Dear Sir,  
As you are aware I do not often write to your newspaper. I prefer to do my work as a Councillor without continually broadcasting this, particularly at election time.

However, the letter from John Clare has prompted me to write. I cannot agree with him that residents in the wards I represent (Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall for the Great Aycliffe Council and Middridge for Sedgfield District Council) 'been in essence disenfranchised' for the last four years..

My wife and I have in fact been opposition Councillors for the last eight years. For the short time that the residents did have a Labour Councillor, co-opted by the ruling group, they were not represented well. In fact he resigned after a very short period of time.

Until February of this year our attendance record has not been as good as the previous seven.

Those who need to know the reasons accept them as valid and, God willing, a one-off situation.

We have continued to represent our electorate. Attending Council meetings is only part of a Councillor's role. Dealing with problems and needs of the individual, plus listening to their views, whatever their political viewpoint is unseen, and equally as important.

Without this 'unadvertised' work we would be failing in our duty to represent the individual, the Ward and the Town, to the best of our ability.

John Clare's argument is, it seems, that in order to be represented on a Labour controlled Council the electorate must vote Labour. This 'one party only' argument seems very similar to that used by the Communist Party in Eastern Europe up until recently and taking the argument to its ultimate conclusion, in this country, we should all vote Conservative at the next

General Election.

John has a very short memory when it comes to opposition, if it were not for his, my and many other's opposition to the ruling Labour Party's decisions at County Hall, some years back, Greenfield School would not be functioning today and our residents children would be travelling to the other side of Aycliffe to school.

Opposition in political chambers is about countering the extremes and bad decisions of people in power.

That is something, it seems to me, that the Labour Party have often failed to do during their long period in opposition at National level.

If the electorate in my ward feel they have not been fairly represented then I have no doubt they will fail to return my wife and I at the election, but that is democracy!

Yours faithfully,  
Peter J. Bergg

## STATE BENEFITS HAVE CHANGED

Do you know that if you are claiming State Benefit, (eg: Income Support, Invalidity Benefit, Unemployment Benefit, etc.), the system is being completely changed in April?

You should be receiving a letter from D.S.S. anytime now outlining the changes but are the changes correct in your case? It could be well worth while having a free, complete benefit check now.

Or, on the other hand, you could be missing out on benefits you are entitled to. Recently the Government announced they have £1.6 billion to give away in unclaimed benefits. Unfortunately, they often do not say what these benefits are or how to claim them.

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## Letter to the Editor

### SPARE A THOUGHT FOR TAXI DRIVERS TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING

Dear Sir,

As a proprietor of a Taxi firm I must reply to recent letters. Parking spaces are not a privilege, but a chance encounter nowadays with so many more vehicles on the road compared with 20 years ago. Unfortunately the people who feel so strongly about taxis do not realise the value of the service they provide. Regular users do and it is for them we carry on against almost insurmountable problems.

Taxi proprietors are in business because there is a need for them, putting everything they have into making their firms a success, working long hours and taking financial risks.

Parking in residential areas is by no means viewed as ideal by proprietors. Leaving vehicles on which livelihoods depend is a constant worry as they are open to vandalism and theft.

The offence caused to others is unintentional but purely unavoidable at present.

Maybe O.N. Looker and Co. would be better suited if the taxi firm mentioned closed down, putting themselves and their employees on the unemployed list.

In an age where small businesses go under regularly, spare a thought for the people behind these vehicles who are making a living the best way they can and who cannot or will not let such people try to deprive them of this basic right.

Would not a more charitable and Christian attitude by all concerned be more constructive?

Yours sincerely  
Les's Taxis.

## Letter

### Moral Standards of Some Labour Candidates in Question

Dear Sir,

After reading Mr. Locklin's letter of last week I believe the moral standards of some of the Labour Election candidates have to be questioned.

My attacks are against Labour policy only and my facts are checked by senior officers before I put pen to paper, but all some people are doing is attacking me personally.

His letter made it sound as if Sedgfield District Labour controlled Council was doing us all a favour with the announcement of a zero tax, when the fact was they had overtaxed massively, and with money that should have been returned, subsidised the budget.

The 3 Labour controlled Councils we are governed by are among the highest taxing Councils in the country!

Could it be they have been in power too long?

Counc. Len Cockfield  
Woodham Ward

## "RAISE YOUR OWN FUNDS FOR TRIP TO CAMEROON"

Dear Sir,

Re: Youth Trip to Cameroon. In 1984 myself and friends were approached by Counc. Tony Moore for a small Town Team from Horndale to go to Liverpool as guests of Liverpool A.F.C. to play two games against a team there.

The Teams, families and friends organised sponsored slims, runs, discos and Social Evenings to raise funds for the trip.

Our lads had a great weekend and made new friends with the Liverpool lads who won both games we played, but we were very proud of our young

teams efforts.

Before leaving we left an autographed football with the Liverpool lads so that they could raise funds for a return trip to Newton Aycliffe.

Why go to the Council for cash. We achieved it by hard work. If there is any cash available from the Council it should be used for organised sport for the children of Newton Aycliffe or some kind of club to benefit the towns' youth.

Yours sincerely,  
S. Hall  
Angram Place

## GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL Committee Meetings

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