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Town Joins

National Chain of

V.E. Day Beacons

After consultation with the Royal British

Legion it has been agreed that the main

Celebrations to mark the Fiftieth

Anniversary of the ending of the Second

World War will take place in Newton

Aycliffe 19th/20th August 1995.

The location of the Beacon will be on the hill overlooking the playing fields at the Leaf

Complex.

The Beacon will be lit at precisely 8.40pm. Prior to the lighting of the Beacon maroon shells will be fired at 8.35pm to mark the 2 minute silence.

All residents are invited to join the President of the Royal British Legion (Mr Jack McRoyall) and the Mayor to pay tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice which enable Peace to be achieved.

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OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE?"

We would like to write in agreement to the letter in your edition dated 22nd / pril 1995, "Will we ever become a real town?", and ake it a step further.

What is there for the future generations of Aycliffe? The only development is housing - we now have only two Comprehensive Schools - how is the town going to cope with the up and coming generation? There is nothing on this town other than the Youth Centre that is within the pockets of our 12-18 year olds. What we need is meeting places in different areas of the town (this has come from us talking to local youths) so that young adults can socialise within their own area. We are certain that pubs/ clubs/churches could help in this area - without charging exorbitant prices.

What is wrong with the Leisure Centre holding weekly dances. There are so many ideas that could be explored, ask the young adults what they would like to see, and I am certain that we are not the only people in this town who are concerned at the lack of amenities for the youth of Ayeliffe. We hear so much of groups congregating and causing a nuisance - but in all fairness what is there for them to do? All they want is somewhere where they can get together and talk.

How about the council deciding to build a complex on the Avenue School Site to incorporate a Cinema, Snooker, Ten-Pin Bowling, Multi-Age bar etc. All age groups could then benefit?

A local Neighbourhood watch Name and address supplied

"Good Opposition Means Good Government"

After reading in your paper that in certain Wards, Labour have a walkover. I do hope that there will be some opposition. As many like myself know, good opposition, means good government at whatever level, no opposition means dictatorship.

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During the week activities will include digging and covering the area with plastic and the planting of main shrubs. Further details on these plans to improve Woodham School can be obtained from the organiser, Mrs. Williams on 300328

BT Environment Week 1995 is a week of environment action, organised by The Civic Trust, taking place between 19-20th May. It is the UK's biggest environmental event encouraging all sectors of the community to improve their surroundings in a large or small way.

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In the long history of the

competition there have only

been two winners from

Sunderland and Hartlepool

teams have dominated the

competition in recent years, but we now have the chance

of putting Newton Aycliffe

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line of over 300 teams. They will play Newton Hall on the Brewery Field,

be appreciated.

VILLAGE PUB REPEATS **FUN DAY**

Following the success of last years May Day event, 'The Huntsman' at Woodham Village is organising the 2nd Annual Fun Day.

There will be lots to do for all the family including Roundabouts and Side Shows, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Balloons, Stocks, Karaoke, Soft Ball

Later in the evening a Disco and much more is arranged.

Part of the proceeds from the day will be used to aid Counc. Tony Moore's appeal to send a team of town youngsters to play football in the Cameroons.

Also we will be boosting the appeal to buy an EGC Monitor and Printer for Bishop Hospital's Special Baby Care Unit.

Everyone is welcome and snacks and refreshments will be available all day.

Town School in B.T. Contest

A team of teenagers from Woodham Comprehensive School competed in the BT Kielder Challenge heat held at Hardwick Hall this week. The 8 strong team of 13 -16 year olds are each made up of equal numbers of members with and without disabilities.

The winners of the heats will go to the semi-finals. The Final will be held at Kielder Water in September.

RAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY **EVENINGS**

The Ramblers Associa-Wednesday tion evening walks programme is on show in the Town's Public Library. These popular short walks start at 6.45 pm from various local venues and explore the surrounding countryside. Non-members may make a voluntary contribution

Be Early

Neville Parade Methodists

are having a Cake Stall in

the Town Centre Market on Tuesday 2nd May, but you

will have to be there early

The last time they had a stall

everything was sold in an

However the members are

doubling their efforts this

time to satisfy the demand.

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be gone if you don't get

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Cakes

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there early.

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ers which can be redeemed if they join the Ramblers Association. For more information contact Alan Hutchinson, 1 Caithness Way, Darlington. Tel: 482164.

of £1 and receive vouch-

Village Church holds an Easter Bonnets and Flowers Exhibition.

funds.

Fashion Show

Woodham Golf Club Ladies Section is to hold a Fashion Show and Sale of leading chainstore seconds at the Clubhouse in Burnhill Way on Thursday 4th May starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £1 and include cotiee.

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Heighington Village Celebrates V.E. Day

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Just before that the Church bells will be rung to launch the celebrations.

A Fancy Dress Competition has been organised with prizes for the winners, followed by games on the Green arranged by the Scouts.

There will be a 'Faith Tea' for all plus a Sing-along, after which each child will receive a £2 piece coin which has been donated by the Parish Council. The day will end with a short Service in the parish Church.

but, none of this can happen without help - We need things for the Exhibition, plus

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bunting and flags. We need help to organise the tea etc. A 'Faith Tea' is when everyone brings something to eat such as cakes, scones, savour-

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Let's make it a day to remember - anyone who remembers V.E. Day is asked to join in and help.

Nearly New Sale

Bargains galore are available at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Saturday 6th May at 10 am when the Choir hods a Nearly New/ Bric-a-Brac/Jumble Sale in aid of their funds.

Admission is only 10p and the Coffee Lounge will be open to rest your tired feet after finding all those bar-

Alternatively you can just pop in for Coffee and Biscuits. Either way you are, as usual, very welcome at Neville Parade Methodist

Letter

Watch Scheme Gains

Success

75%

Thankyou very much for reminding residents of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at Harebell Mead-

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Residents wishing to join or seek further info should contact Brian on 310637 or Joy on (01388) 721351. Yours sincerely,

Brian Wilson Harebell Meadows.

Letter

WE CAN BEA REAL TOWN

Dear Sir,

Newton Aycliffe can become a real town if the will is there. Since it began over forty years ago we haven't a lot to show and we are lagging behind most of the other new towns.

I believe the Council have always had massive control by Labour and at the moment things are at a standstill as they appear to have run out of ideas.

I suggest a change is needed if we want to progress and to balance the Councils we need more Independent Councillors - new blood with new ideas to get things going and with minds of their own to vote as they wish for the benefit of the town.

An even-balanced Council makes less mistakes, so I urge the electorate to vote with their feet on May 4th. More independent Councillors will make Newton Aycliffe better. Tony Moore is a good example - more like him would improve things here.

Yours sincerely, George White.

OBITUARY ANN BATCHELOR



It is with deep regret we record the death of one of Newton Aycliffe's best known personalities, Ann Batchelor, who with her husband Geoff, ran the Town Centre General Dealers and Off- Licence for many years. Ann passed away peacefully, on Wednesday 19th April aged 53 years, Butterwick Hospice in the presence of her husband, two daughters, close family and friends.

She fought a courageous battle against cancer for over two years, always cheerful, giving inspiration to fellow sufferers and receiving great admiration for her outlook on life and death.

Ann, a spiritualist, drew great strength from her personal beliefs and throughout her illness used this to help and reassure her family. She was born in Doncaster and moved to Shildon as a 12 year old, attending the local grammar school. She trained as an Office Clerk and met Geoff in her late teens. After their marriage in the early 60's they settled in Newton Aycliffe where her husband ran the family business. Ann was involved with the shop except for the times when bringing up their two daughters Amanda and Leslea.

She was a member of the NewtonAycliffe Inner Wheel, supporting many charitable

Residents who were regular customers at 'Batchelors' will recall Ann's ready smile and a kind word for everyone. She was always available to counsel and help anyone in need.

The Funeral Service was at St. Clares this Tuesday and was one of the biggest ever seen in Newton Aycliffe. People from all walks of life, from near and far, filled the Parish Church to capacity with many standing in the aisles and outside.

It was a very emotional occasion and the Minister commented that it was unnecessary to talk about Ann as the sheer number of people present was tribute enough to her life.

Geoff, Amanda, Leslea and all the family thank the many kind people who have sent messages of sympathy. "They have been a great help to us all in our bereavement" said Geoff.

The family have requested donations, in lieu of floral tributes, be sent to Butterwick Hospice, 96 Bishopton Road, Stockton. We add our condolences on behalf of the communityAnn served. She will be remembered fondly, missed and greatly admired for the marvellous way she faced her

illness and eventual death.

OPEN LETTER

GOLF CLUB SECRETARY RESIGNS

Dear Sir,

Following the Special Committee Meeting of the 23 April, I have no option but to offer my resignation as Secretary of Aycliffe Golf

I called this meeting having been assured I has the full support of the Committee in my endeavours for the

This turned out to be a big mistake on my part, except for the support of two members to whom I extend thanks.

There seems to be a very small group within the Club whose sole intent is to push out the old guard like myself. I cannot see why as there appears no-one capable of filling our shoes!

It cannot be mere coincidence that in the last year the three hardest working Committee men have fallen victim to the pressures from this same faction.

The Chairman spoke of reviving harmony, but if he looks around or asks members what they think, he will see where the dis-harmony

My aim has always been to eliminate 'pressure groups' within the Club, but without the support of the Committee I was bound to fail. I wish REAL members all the very best in the coming year.

Yours sincerely, Bill Findley Committee 1986-95 Captain 1989 President 1994 Secretary for 6 years.

Letter

E.E.C Food Query

Dear Sir,

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years, ie: the future of

the Avenue site, must

be in the interests of the

people of Newton

Avcliffe.

I also believe, as the largest town in Sedgefield District and the highest contributor to the budget of the authority, we should receive a fair share of the total pie and that services provided to Newton Aycliffe by Sedgefield District Council should be the best standard for the money available.

Over the past four years, it is unfortunate that the Shafto Ward has not been properly represented Sedgefield District Council. Councillors have tried to represent the Ward from Hull and, more recently, a Councillor has only attended 2 out of 99 meetings. If I am elected on the 4th of May, I promise to give a commitment to the Ward which has not been seen for many years.

Bob Fleming Labour Candidate Shafto Ward

Party

COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE VILLAGE

I am 38 years old, married with 4 children and I have lived in Heighington since 1987. I graduated from Aston University in 1978 and now run a small engineering business in Shildon.

I passionately believe that the Tory cuts in education spending and its supporters in Darlington have failed children of Heighington. I was elected as parent governor Heighington Primary School in 1989 and I am a member of the Friends of the School Committee. I have actively campaigned within the Labour Party to retain Woodham Comprehensive as the "Community School" for Heighington after Darlington gains unitary status.

I am part of a growing number of small businessmen that value the support local business obtains from the Labour controlled councils.

As a councillor I aim to encourage this positive partnership and strengthen the links with the business community.

I am a strong supporter of Tony Blair and the changes that have transformed the Labour Party, His clear sighted vision for Britain contrasts sharply with the weak, indecisive and divided Tory Government and their supporters Darlington.

am strongly committed protecting the village from unwelcome developers that threatens to breach the village envelope and destroy what makes Heighington special.

I believe Heighington and Redworth need a strong voice in the ruling Labour Group in Darlington that will unequivocally fight the developers destructive plans.

The Tory Party in Darlington is divided, marginalised and reeling from a string of resignations. With only 15 of the 52 council seats in Darlington Tories have no realistic prospect of control A Labour councillor will give the villagers in and around Heighington real influence.

The Labour controlled district council have

Election **Address** Heighington

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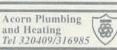
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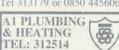
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TOWN'S THAI CHAMP DRAWS FIGHT WITH DUTCHMAN

Local Thai fighter and Instructor Barry Scott returned home with a draw from his fight representing England against Holland in Wakefield last week.

The fight soon became a battle of wits with the European No.2 Ranked Dutchman using his kicking ability against Barry's vicious punching and kneeing.

After 5 rounds the judges were called in to separate the fighters and a draw was given.

Both sets of supporters believed their man had won the fight so a draw was probably correct.

This means the European Title shot will be put on ice until the IKK can choose between the two fighters.

Barry would like to thank C + C Blockpaving for their sponsorship and valuable support.

He hopes to be promoting a top class Title Show at Catterick in July and any company interested in sponsoring the event should ring him on 320504.

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Gym Club Work to Raise £4000

Acorn Gym Club, founded in 1994 and held in the Leisure Centre on Saturdays, have been raising funds to purchase new equipment. The Club is well supported

with over 70 children aged from 2 - 15 years. Due to limited resources the

Due to limited resources the Coaches and children have undertaken to raise as much as they can.

12 girls took part in a Sponsored Rock Climb at the Leisure Centre using the new Rock Wall, under the careful supervision of Rock Antics Staff who provided the equipment and instructors free of charge.

The climb raised £120.50p and Coaches Joan Farthing and Jean Stifman would like to thank RockAntics and all who supported this event.

The money will go towards a donation of £200 from a Charity Group to buy crash mats and other equipment needed to develop the new Pre-School class which was started in January.

The Club will be working hard to raise further funds to purchase other equipment totalling £4,000.

Raffle Winners

The Easter Coffee Morning Raffle held at St. Clares was won by the following numbers: 207, 327, 320

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Letter to the Editor

"I COST LESS THAN A FARTHING A DAY"

Councillors for the

payments they will

receive. In my own

case, as a recently

retired headteacher I

can, if I chose, make

more money working

as a supply teacher in a day than I could make

in a month if I were a

District Councillor.

valuable than money -

they give their time.

Time, once it is spent

can never be recovered.

My use of the term

farthing above, may

point to me being old

commitment and a

sense of duty is old

fashioned then I am

proud to be so. I am

also old fashioned in

that I do not boast about

how much I donate to

charities. That is something which is

private between me and

Aycliffe Town Council

give

more

Councillors

something

fashioned.

my cause.

Your sincerely

Leader of Great

Bob Fleming

Dear Sir

In his letter published in the Newton News last week, Councillor Don Fraser challenged all Aycliffe Councillors to publish their accounts from 1987.

I became a Councillor in 1987 and over the last eight years I have attended well over 600 meetings in Newton Aycliffe and have frequently attended meetings to organisations outside of the town.

In carrying out these duties I have travelled well over 2000 miles in my own car, I have been the Leader of Aycliffe Town Council for the past two years and my commitment as a Councillor is second to none.

During the eight years I have been a Councillor I have claimed a total of £8.00 (eight pounds) travelling expenses.

If I carry out a similar financial calculation to Councillor Fraser, this equates to less than a farthing a day!

One of the problems which Councillor Fraser has, is that he is obsessed with payments to Councillors.

In my experience people do not become

Town Teams in Sunday League Final

On Friday 28th April Newton Aycliffe teams AFC Acorn and the British Legion battle it out for the Darlington District Sunday League Divisional Trophy. They meet at Ferryhill Athletics Ground, kicking off at 6.30pm.

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Town Sport

STAFF TAKE THE HONOURS

Staff at the Oak Leaf managed a clean sweep of the titles in the Upex Sponsored Squash Leagues held each month.

Richard Vitty the Manager won his first Premier League title by winning all his matches. Colin Ward and Gary Hall were second and third whilst Dereck Pinkney, Mick Jewitt and last month's Champion, Nigel Blenkinsopp were relegated to be replaced by Peter Ramsey, Kevin Greenhall and Steve Heslop.

The Ladies title was won by Duty Manager Sheila Pinkney with Julie Bowtell and Linda Luke retaining their places in the 1st Division, to be joined by Sue McTague.

PICTURE QUIZ



Do you recongise this couple getting in the mood for V.E. Day? This snap was taken at a recent 'Dads' Army' function where guests were invited to come in 40/50's fancy dress.

COUNCIL Vote on MAY 4th

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Hands-on, foot-slogging experience in all aspects of Ward and Council case work. Early warning and strategic systems in place. Town Guide not required to locate or identify with any part of the Ward, night engagements included.

Fully aware of whatstill needs to be done, worked for, promoted, throughout the

Aspirations: To continue to be a conscientious, hardworking Ward Councillor. Working with and for residents and the well-being of all the Woodham Ward.

If elected to do my best, give as good a service as I can. Continue to respect and value responsibilities and good faith invested in me by residents on their behalf, as I have genuinely tried to do since 1987. Don Fraser.

ELECTIONADDRESS

TONY MOORE NOW FIGHTING FIT FOR

It has been my honour to represent you for the past 21 years. During the last four years I have suffered two major illnesses, but I am now fighting fit

For quite a long time on the advice of my specialists, I was unable to take a fully active part in local politics. But thanks to the care of my doctors and my dear wife, Joyce, I have totally overcome the health problems I suffered.

I believe councils have a duty to keep their taxes down, especially at a time when people are suffering the effects of the recession.

It is disgraceful that while our essential services are being cut, Sedgefield Council continues to spend massive amounts of your money on booze, food and holidays abroad for councillors. I believe it is important to have a strong

independent voice on the council - a man who makes up his own mind irrespective of petty party politics - to act as a check on local authority excesses - I believe I am that man. Rising crime is also a major area of concern. The people of this area had a particular problem with absconders from the Young Aycliffe People's Centre. That problem has now been dealt with after a lengthy campaign. However, we cannot afford to be complacent and I will be on the look out to make certain the old ways do not return.

When you cast your vote on May 4th ask yourself if you want a fair system, a council which is accountable to local people, a council not dominated by one group. I ask you to consider my record and cast your vote in favour of me.

Tony Moore

ELECTION ADDRESS

"I WILL PUT AYCLIFFE FIRST"

LEN COCKFIELD Woodham Ward District Council

Candidate

Dear Sir, One of the rerasons I requested a Public Meeting with Labour candidates (which they declined) was so that people could hear, see and question all facts and figures provided by those candidates who wanted their support.

I am confident of my figures and will be using them in my Election leaflet, where they have to be correct, by law! Aycliffe provides the biggest slice of Sedgefield District Council's budget and to get a fair deal it needs elected Councillors who put their town before the Party.

Elected Labour Councillors have been proven to be incapable of this.

We have seen financial support withdrawn, the latest being the Volunteer Bureau, yet the Council Tax has still increased.

If re-elected I will continue to put Aycliffe first! In last weeks 'Newton News'

a Councillor produced his

expenses, but I wasn't awa this was an issue now. Anyone putting their name forward as a candidate, do so to represent the peop and the days of high clai by Councillors have go and rightly so.

Attendance at meetings ha been an issue of the Elect campaign, but to attend meetings is only possible you are either retired or t employed.

As a working Councillo attend all meetings I pos bly can concerning Ayclin However over 50% of the meetings do not inclu Aycliffe at all!



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Do we realise how precious democracy

Democracy meant so much to Jan Palach, a young Czech, that in 1969 he burned himself to death in protest at the Russian occupation of Czechoslovakia. Last year in South Africa when the blacks got the vote for the first time, they walked miles and waited hours - just to exercise their right to

vote. Yet how much are WE prepared to pay for our democracy? For two out of three people, not even a short stroll to the polling booth. Shamefully, in some local elections, the turnout falls below

Many people 'don't like to get involved in politics'. That does not mean they are not political - indeed, they comment ferociously about a range of issues from Bosnia to the bollards on the green. But inexplicably, when it comes to voting they draw the line.

And so we get the government deserve. The last fifteen years have seen nationalised

industries and the nation's council houses sold off. Where has the money gone?

The economy wastes away. The Health Service is being dismantled, and the state education system starved to death. State pensions and benefits are being phased out. The homeless and the criminalised increase. Yet the super-rich have become super-richer. And this winter, while some old people were dying in their unheated homes, the Gas Board Chairman gave himself a massive pay rise.

Now is not the time for silence. When you stand in the

polling booth, no lord, no financial tycoon, not even the Prime Minister himself has more of a say than you. It is a right purchased for you through years of war, rebellion and agitation. It is one of the most precious privileges on earth.

PLEASE go to vote on 4th May. Your vote is your say in how we are to be governed: MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT! Yours faithfully

John D. Clare

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