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Volunteer Bureau Fundraising Update...

The Volunteer Bureau's attempt to raise £17,000 is now well underway and approaches have been made to all major local businesses in the town, local and national charitable trusts, individuals and the National Lottery Charities Board. It has already received a cheque for £1,000 from a north east based charitable trust - only £16,000 to go!

Although the Volunteer Bureau is not open for business, it has received several calls over the last couple of weeks, either requesting voluntary help or from people enquiring about voluntary work. Rosemary Raine-Howe, who is currently undertaking the temporary post of Fund-Raiser/Consultant said "It is very frustrating not being able to help these people, but I must concentrate on raising funds to secure the future of the Volunteer Bureau. When we reach our target, we can then open our doors again and get down to the real work of helping those in need."

THANKS

Rosemary has asked that particular thanks be given to the lady who underwent a sponsored swim on behalf of the Volunteer Bureau. It is hoped she will raise of £100 from her sponsors. The Volunteer Bureau again appeals to local people to come forward with ideas, suggestions (or money) which will help to reach their target. Rosemary will be at the Volunteer Bureau most days between 10am and 4pm at 4 Beveridge Walkway or telephone 300122 there is an answerphone where you can leave a message if she is not there.

Youth Centre Pool Team Reach National Final

A team from Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, made up of Jenny Barraclough, Diane Todd, Michael Randall and Gary Spooner represented Durham County in the Youth Clubs UK Regional Pool Competition held at Chester-le-Street Youth Centre on Sunday 14th May.

They had previously won the County Competition at their own age range (under 16). This time they met teams from as far afield as Sheffield and Northumberland.

It is run on a team competition basis with doubles and single games, this gives each of the team members a chance to show their skills. They won their section and will now go on to represent the North Region at the National Finals to be held at Nottingham University on weekend of 22nd/23rd July, 1995.

This competition weekend is held as a part of a series of National Finals in a large number of small sports and looks set to be a very enjoyable weekend. Well done to all four players and all the best wishes for the final.

Manufacturing Plant gets the Green Light

Sedgefield District Council has given retrospective approval for the George Reynolds Manufacturing Plant at Shildon subject to various conditions designed to control the development

The whole plant has to be painted a subdued grey colour by the 31st December 1995.

A scheme of landscaping must be submitted to the SDC by 30th September 1995 in order to achieve an improvement of visual amenity.

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Prior to this Government edict we were classed as a 'transit camp' in which people resided till they found a place to buy elsewhere in the County.

The town was 90% rented property with just a few odd pockets of owner occupied areas.

The attractive discounts were a great incentive to buy and settle in Newton Aycliffe; putting people on the ladder of home ownership, buying and selling, moving and improving their life styles.

The volatile housing market in recent years caught a few as 'negative equity' became a dreaded phrase.

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St. Clares 40th Birthday Events

There will be a lot happening at St. Clares Church during the month of July - special events have been planned to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church (9th July, 1955) in which we hope you will be able to participate. Please make a note in your diary of the following dates:

The first event is a "Fifties" Garden Party on Saturday 1st July at 2pm.

On Sunday 2nd there will be a short Service at 3pm for all who have been baptised at St. Clares, followed by refreshments.

The following weekend Friday 7th to Monday 10th a Flower Festival will be held on the theme "Celebrating Church & Community".

On Sunday 9th July there will be a Celebration Eucharist for the whole parish, to which all who have been confirmed at St. Clares are invited with a Birthday Cake afterwards in the hall.

On Sunday 16th July a Service will be held at 3pm for all couples who have been married at St. Clares. Look out for further details of all these events nearer the time.

GRANTS FOR NEW TOWNS' ANNIVERSARY

A nationwide arts initiative set to hand thousands of people an opportunity to display the human face of new towns, gets underway next month with major financial backing from the Commission for the New Towns.

New Towns Act! is a CNT sponsored scheme that plans to award up to £1000 to schools and community groups in the 21 new towns.

It aims to give ordinary people, schoolchildren and adults a vehicle to record and depict events shaping their everyday lives through celebratory artistic media like song, music, dance and mime, plays, exhibitions, paintings and books.

New Towns Act! wants to bring forth the human face of new town development. Planners can build bricks and mortar but it's people that create a city or town. Research shows that 99% of people are happy with the new towns in which they live and are enthusiastic and committed to them.

People come to a place and make it their own and "New Town Act" is meant to give them a way of discovering, recording and bringing to life the stories that have shaped their environment. The CNT hope to be snowed under with applications.

"New Towns are really all about people and this initiative will help bring out the individuality of the locations, their history and their human touch" said Dave Ludford.

The scheme offers grants of £100 to £1000 to schools and community groups who produce creative works of art inspired by an aspect of life in a new town. It is hoped everything will come together for a special event in July 1996 when the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the New Towns Act is celebrated.

This should not be limited to displays of planning or

architecture - we must give voice to the contributions made by the people themselves. It's up to the residents of these towns to bring life into the Anniversary Festival.

More information available from: New Towns Act!, The Old Bath House, 205 Stratford Road, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5RL. Tel: 01908 322568

SOUTH BANK BRASS BAND IN CONCERT

Attention all Brass Band lovers - we have just what you have been waiting for: The South Bank Brass Band will perform on Saturday 10th June at 7.30 pm in Neville Parade Methodist Church Hall.

It is over 100 years since a group of workmen from the iron and steel industry got together to form a band in South Bank.

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He was ably supported by Tommy Docherty

with his "more clubs than Jack Nicklaus" stories whilst Fred Wedlock "The Oldest Swinger in Town, also entertained the audience with his own particular brand of musical humour.

These days Freddie Trueman is usually on the other side of the fence at such events, because it is he who organises world famous sporting stars to be guest speakers at his own Sporting Dinner club in Sheffield.

But he was so impressed with both the ambience and the audience support at the Hall Garth that he has signed a contract designating the Coatham Mundeville hotel as the exclusive North East venue for the second arm of his club.

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To take advantage of this offer bookings must be made now and readers are advised to contact J & C Coaches on 312705 immediately to avoid disappointment.

CHURCH CHOIR PRESENT CONCERT

St. Clares Choir invite you to join them on Friday 9th June at 7.30 pm for an evening of entertainment for all the family.

There will be a varied programme of popular music and other items - something for everyone! So do come along and bring your

family and friends. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

Doors open at 7pm so come early for a good seat. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for the Parish Development Fund.

£800 Received in Memorial

Mr. Geoff Batchelor informs us the total amount sent to Butterwick Hospice, in memory of his wife Ann, was £796.65p. Nearly £350 was donated at the Funeral Service held at St. Clares Church, the remainder, in cash and cheques was sent in lieu of floral tributes to the Hospice, which cared for Ann, at the request of the family. Geoff sends his sincere thanks to everyone, assuring them that the money is helping a very good cause.

Golf Income Up and Down

Income from the Town Council Golf Course increased over the last 9 months by over £2,000 compared with the same period last year. However, the income from the Driving Range dropped by over £3000. Obviously some new incentive to use this facility is called for.

Village Councillor Starts off well!

New Town Councillor, Billy Blenkinsopp, has requested the Town Council investigate the possibility of sponsored hanging flower baskets being provided on the main road of the Village. Billy appears to have jumped into his Council work with both feet and

is actively involved with the revival of the Village Summer Fair which is to be held on Saturday 17th June.

He has already secured the support of many village people and the event seems to be building up to something quite spectacular.

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title. After a nervous start Newtonians eventually won 4-1 to win the £120 first place prize.

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Election Thanks

Thanks to all who voted for me in the Great Aycliffe Town Council Elections. I have always done my best for you and I will continue to do so. Yours truly, Jim Rodwell

NATURE PARK ASSOCIATION JUNE EVENTS

Aycliffe Nature Park Association have organised the following walks in June; **Sunday 4th June** Circular walk, Whitley Hill, 12 noon from Locomotion Pub. **Wed. 7th.** Association Meeting in the Locomotion Pub 7.30 pm. - all welcome.

Friday, Saturday 16/17th June: Night Life Watch and Dawn Chorus 10 pm on the Nature Park. Further details from Chairman Ben Hardacre on 314442. Tom Spowart 318984 or Youth Branch Leader Adele Eglen 312597.

CAVALCADE OF CLASSIC CARS

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£266 raised for Childrens Charity

Dear Sir, Once again may I on behalf of "Save the Children" thank the kind residents of Newton Aycliffe who contributed to our recent house to house collection.

The total raised was £266.48p. My thanks also to the volunteer collectors who gave their time. Yours sincerely, Mrs. Linda Morgan

Revenue Officers Received Over 200 Visitors

The Inland Revenue has again written to thank Newton News for publicising their visit to the town to advise residents on tax matters. Over 200 people attended the sessions at the Leisure Centre - the best ever experienced.

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ARE YOU WALKING THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD?

Don't forget to visit Redworth Hall for the Yellow Brick Road event on Sunday 11th June commencing at 2 p.m.

If you are not taking part in the walk itself why not come along for the entertainment, stalls, games etc., or enjoy a picnic, in the beautiful hotel grounds.

You can still register for the walk and help raise cash for the special unit built and equipped to care for our region's children. There is a short walk for "Munchkins" and a longer walk for older people - neither walk is strenuous and it is routed through lovely countryside, so come along and enjoy the day organised by the Town's Rotary Club.

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EURO M.P. SAYS FREE FOOD IS FOR ALL NEEDY PEOPLE

Durham Euro MP Stephen Hughes has written to the Minister of Agriculture demanding that pensioners and other needy people in the County, regardless of whether they are on income support, be eligible for free food made available from the European Community.

He is calling for an investigation into the "Free Food" shambles within Durham. He is appalled that needy residents are being turned away empty handed while stocks of surplus food for distribution remain high.

He has received numerous complaints from residents, Councils and voluntary organisations who have to turn away people queuing up for the food, who do not meet stringent eligibility requirements set down by the UK Government.

"It is the UK Government and not the EEC who have stipulated who will receive the free food. At EC level the Commission have simply stated that the neediest people should be eligible - to me this should include the unemployed, pensioners, some young people and people with young families. The rules adopted by the UK Government are excluding thousands of people within my constituency who are in need" said Stephen.

Although it is the UK Government which has introduced these strict rules, it is the European Commission which is ultimately responsible for the scheme. I am therefore demanding an urgent inquiry into the incompetence and meanness of the British Government," he added.

S.D.C OFFICER SHOWS A LESS CARING ATTITUDE

The District Council's "caring" claim came into question this week when a 77 year old lady complained that she received little consideration when asking for the removal of her unwanted household goods.

"I was told by an officer in the Environmental Health Dept. that the Council workmen would not be allowed to enter my garage, even if I was present, and I would be expected to lift the items to the side of the road for them to collect," she said.

When the lady told the official that she was not strong enough to carry the

objects she was advised to get the help of her neighbours.

"My neighbours are also elderly or infirm and I can't understand why the workmen couldn't take the extra few steps into my garage to take the items," said the distressed lady.

"I didn't get any help or sympathy from this man who lacked any consideration for my predicament and I question how the District Council can call themselves "caring" she added.

We spoke to Geoff Wild at the SDC who was most concerned saying he would investigate the complaint.

SQUASH CLUB WINS TOP COUNTY AWARD

Aycliffe Squash Club based at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for 5 years with 40 members and five teams has been awarded "Club of the year" beating all large private clubs in the area.

The teams play in the Durham and Cleveland Leagues and the 1994/95 season proved to be very successful with all four mens teams promoted -

three of them as champions.

Three members won individual league player of the year awards.

This is the first time a club based within a local Authority Leisure Centre has won the Club of the Year Award and is a great tribute to the hard work and enthusiasm of Squash players in Newton Aycliffe.

20mph SPEED CURB WIPES OUT ACCIDENTS

The first 20mph speed zone in County Durham has wiped out personal injury accidents in its first year of operation.

The zone in Skerne Park, Darlington was set up after 21 accidents resulting in four serious and 24 slight injuries, were recorded in four years.

But in the first 12 months since the zone was created, no personal injury accidents have been recorded.

The accident record brought about the 20mph zone and the project involved a total physical change to the environment for all road users, to increase the safety awareness of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and to reduce vehicle speeds.

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TOWN'S BRIGADE "BEST COMPANY IN THE BATTALION"



Lieutenant Charles Mayer of the Welsh Guards was present last week at the Annual Awards Evening of the 1st Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade Company.

He inspected the Company before making the presentations and said he was honoured to be with so many young people striving to do their best in all situations. He was also very impressed with the smart turn out and told the Company that the skills and ideals learned in the Brigade would stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Among the awards were;

Anchor Boys (5-7 years): Best Boy Colin Tilley, Best Uniform Thomas Hanson, Best Sportsman Alastair Gibson.

Junior Section (7-10 years): Best Boy Andrew Robinson, Best Uniform David Viggers, Attendance Carl Bates.

Company Section (10 - 18 years) Steven Jacobs Memorial Trophy for Best Brigadier Andrew Denham.

The second highest award available in Boys Brigade is the president's Badge and gained by very few, so the Company were very proud when Lt. Mayer presented this award to two of their members: Joanne Lowe and Andrew Denham.

The Newton Aycliffe Company are part of the Darlington and District Battalion and have taken part in many competitions and a total of 8 winning trophies were awarded reflecting the success of all three sections.

Anchor Boys: Indoor 5-a-side Football
Junior section: Swimming, Indoor Games, Figure Marching

Company Section: 5-a-side Football, Swimming, General Knowledge, Cross Country.

Last week the Company were declared top in the Battalion through their achievements in leadership, community awareness, personal interests, adventure and sport. This involved each boy/girl through the full age range of 5 - 18 years and Lt. Mayer was delighted to hand over the winners trophy and add his own personal congratulations.

There are no vacancies in the 7-10 years age group, but anyone interested in joining one of the others can go along to the Methodist Church Hall at Neville Parade on Tuesdays. 5 - 7yrs meet from 5 - 6pm., 10-14 years meet 7.15 - 9pm. and 14-18 years meet 7.15 - 10pm.

TOWN COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE RECORD

MEMBERS ATTENDANCES - 11TH MAY, 1994 TO 16TH MAY, 1995

Councillor	Council		Finance		Recreation		Environment		Parks		Total		Apologies
	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	Possible	Actual	
E.M. Adam	12	4	10	2	-	-	-	-	13	2	35	8	17
Mrs. A.J. Bergh	12	9	10	7	-	-	9	6	13	11	44	33	8
P.J. Bergh	12	7	10	6	10	4	9	4	-	-	41	21	18
A.M. Chandran	12	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	20	2
L.E. Cockfield	12	7	10	6	10	4	9	4	-	-	41	21	3
J.G. Dormer	12	6	10	6	-	-	-	-	13	2	35	14	21
Mrs. W.B. Dormer	12	8	10	5	-	-	-	-	13	8	35	21	14
A.E. Elgie	12	6	10	8	10	7	9	6	-	-	41	27	8
D. Elliott	12	6	10	3	10	2	9	2	-	-	41	13	25
E. Elmer	12	10	10	3	10	3	9	3	-	-	41	19	22
Mrs. A.M. Fleming	12	11	10	9	10	8	9	7	13	6	54	41	13
J. Fleming	12	7	10	3	-	-	-	-	13	5	35	15	19
R.S. Fleming	12	11	10	8	10	8	9	7	13	11	54	45	9
D.M. Fraser	12	12	10	9	-	-	9	9	13	13	44	43	1
Mrs. C. Gowton	12	9	10	5	10	5	9	5	-	-	41	24	18
P. Gowton	12	10	10	4	10	3	9	2	13	7	54	26	28
G.C. Gray	12	12	10	9	10	10	9	9	13	13	54	53	1
B. Hall	12	8	10	5	10	4	-	-	13	6	45	23	7
T.J. Hind	9	1	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	2	0
M. Iveson	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	0
D.J. Lawler	12	5	10	8	10	6	9	6	-	-	41	25	7
J.P. Moran	12	10	10	9	10	10	9	9	13	13	54	51	3
Mrs. M.R. Morley	12	7	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	9	13
B. Payne	12	1	10	1	10	3	9	3	-	-	41	8	33
Mrs. D.J. Roberts	8	3	7	0	-	-	-	-	9	4	24	7	5
J.P. Rodwell	12	9	10	10	10	10	9	9	13	11	54	49	5
J.R. Tomlinson	12	5	10	4	10	7	9	6	-	-	41	22	17
A.G. Waring	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0
E. White	12	5	10	4	10	3	-	-	13	6	45	18	25

GOOD ARENA ACTS BOOKED FOR SHOW

Arena activities booked for the Great Aycliffe Show this year include: Skyshaw Aerobatics, Stuntworld Car and Motor Cycle Displays, Paddywack Comedy Car, 2 Strongmen, Fire Eating, Juggling, Unicyclist, Sword and Shield Society, Police Dog Display, Dog Agility, RAF Double spit-fire Display.

Playgroups Popular

The Town Council Playgroups held in nine venues in Great Aycliffe continue to provide a valuable service and are almost full to capacity. Organiser Marie Robinson anticipates that all groups, with the exception of Aycliffe Village, will have no vacancies by the end of June.

Thieves Attack Chare Allotments

Clarence Chare allotments have again been targeted with thieves cutting through chain link fencing and stealing produce. The Police have been informed and tenants are keeping watch in the hope they can catch and prosecute the offenders.

RED CROSS 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year the Red Cross celebrates its 125th Birthday - and they'd like you to join the party! There are many events happening locally and nationally, and all the money raised will go towards helping the work of the Red Cross in the County.

The management and staff of Gateways are helping in a big way and are hoping to raise £1.25 million nationally this year. One of the events is a nationwide beacon event on 4th August. Newton Aycliffe staff are planning a huge Family Fun Day at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex ending with a lighting of the beacon. This will be just one of 125 nationwide commemorating the birthday of the founder Henri Dunant and of the Queen Mother who is a patron of the Red

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