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FRONT PAGE LETTER

S.D.C. CRUEL TO ANIMALS

says Town's Support League

Dear Sir

I write to inform your readers of the indifference of Sedgefield District Council to Animal Welfare issues.

The National Animal Sanctuaries Support League based at Newton Aycliffe accuse the S.D.C. of complacency in respect of the destruction of unwanted, stray and abandoned dogs.

Chairman, Ray Mackinlay said they are patronising Kevin and Linda Forsyth, who run Deerness Kennels who despatch dogs by means of electrocution. This method is not used by any responsible authority or condoned by Charities such as ours.

The S.D.C. have no policy to discourage breeding by tenants in properties owned by the Council. N.A.S.S.L. have recently dealt with a family who admitted breeding one hundred and fifty puppies from one bitch over a period of twelve years.

The birth having two litters every year. (The last two puppies were brought to us too late to be saved).

Little wonder that County Durham us the worst County in England and Wales for animal abuse.

Dogs runs loose on the town without any identification contrary to the requirement in law.

When N.A.S.S.L. approached the Council with a view of running a spaying and neutering scheme by way of fund-raising in Aycliffe Market the offer was met with indifference. The charity has supplied seven thousand engraved identity discs to owners

in the area with a view to encouraging greater responsibility.

N.A.S.S.L. challenge the Councillors of Sedgefield District Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council to a public debate on this and associated animal welfare issues. I have today written to Tony Blair inviting him to attend the proposed meeting.

R. Mackinlay
Chairman N.A.S.S.L.

AVENUE SITE WILL PROMOTE TOWN CENTRE

The District Council has agreed that the site of the Avenue School is a major opportunity for the promotion of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

The SDC commissioned a planning study jointly with the County Council and this has been completed.

The 'Local Plan' which sets the policy for the area, is now the subject of a Planning Inspector's Report which will be published this Autumn.

Redevelopment will be integrated with the existing Town Centre and guidelines include partly open space use, and where the school buildings stood - new buildings for retail, community or recreational facilities.

The site is owned by Durham County Council, while Sedgefield District Council is the Planning Authority.

There have been some enquiries from developers, but the timing of development proposals will depend on ensuring that the conditions for the release of the site, in planning or marketing terms, are correct. The SDC's role is to ensure that the correct planning framework is in place, so the local community and Town Centre traders can get the full benefit from the site's availability.

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A number of people have booked space for their cars, but it was thought others, not wishing to attend, would be willing to donate their bric-a-brac for the Centre to sell on the day.

Staff would be pleased to accept these items between 10am and 4 pm daily. Alternatively if you can make up a box of goods, arrangements can be made for collection. Please ring 312520. Don't forget, if you wish to take a space at the Car Boot Sale, it only costs £5 and £10 if you bring a trailer as well.

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Letter to the Editor

Justice and Fairness at Woodham Elections

Dear Sir,
I HAVE replies from our M.P., the Dept. of Environment, and the Local Government Commission, on my call for an Electoral Review for Woodham Ward.

Our M.P. agrees it is important and has referred it to Tony Blair for his action as well. The D.O.E. writes of further reviews of the Shire Districts. And that the Secretary of State would need to direct the Commission to undertake a full electoral review of S.D.C. DISTRICT in order to address under representation of Woodham Ward.

The Local Govt. Commission have my request on file, to follow up, if directed. The D.O.E. WILL bear Woodham Ward in mind when discussing future workloads of The Local Govt. Commission, and any acceleration needed of reviews.

That is needed urgently to redress the marked imbalance and under representation of our Ward on S.D.C.

Woodham is the largest District Ward. 1000 More Voters than Sedgfield, with a Parish Council, and 3 S.D.C. members.

Larger than Ferryhill, 3 District members. Double the size of Cornforth, 2

District members. Larger than Both the Trimdons Combined, with 3 Members. More Voters than Byerley and Sunnydale Combined in Shildon who have 4 District Members.

Woodham has over 2000 More Voters than Middridge Ward with 2 District Members. More voters than Neville and Shafto Wards Combined, who have 4 District Members.

1,200 More voters than Broom Ward, Ferryhill, which has 3 S.D.C. Members. How's That for a Majority vote? Why is it that Woodham Ward is so seriously under represented on S.D.C.?

Is this Fair, Democratic, Just or an absolute Disgrace? S.D.C. approve more development, more housing, more electors without representation of the people, their needs and aspirations?

Anything Woodham Ward has achieved has come from having to fight long, hard battles for it. Why is that? Will this issue be any different?

I'll keep at it for justice and fairness for Woodham Ward Electors representation on Sedgfield District Council.

DON FRASER
Woodham & Aycliffe
North

Sedgfield 75 Contest Results

IMPRESSIVE SWIMMING by three Sedgfield 75 members in the North East Counties Events, (Sedgfield 24/25 June and Leeds 21/7/95) have been rewarded with places in the Nationals held during the first week in August. Kathleen Mohan (14), Craig Thompson (15) and Matthew Bowden (12) will be accompanied by their coach Mr John Moore throughout the Nationals held in Leeds.

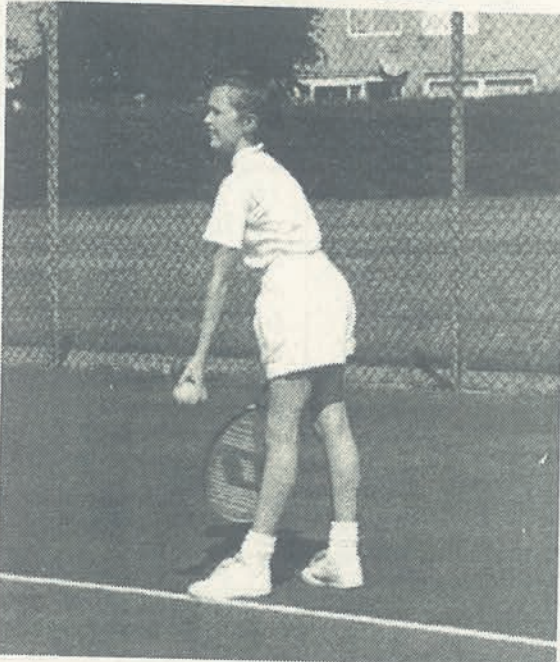
N.E.C. Results (Sheffield): Craig Thompson 1500m Freestyle 4th in a time of 10.05.7 and 50m Freestyle, 7th in a time of 27.17. Kathleen Mohan 200m Backstroke 8th in a time of 2.39.46. Kimberly

Vickers 100m Backstroke 1st Reserve in a time of 1.22.89.

N.E.C. Results (Leeds): Craig Thompson 400m I.M. 3rd in a time of 5.11.92, 400m Freestyle 5th in a time of 4.32.8, 200m Freestyle 6th in a time of 2.10.19 and 200m I.M. 6th in a time of 2.27.6. Kathleen Mohan 100m Freestyle 6th in a time of 1.04.7, 100m Backstroke 4th in a time of 1.13.47 and 200m I.M. 7th in a time of 2.38. Matthew Bowden 100m Breaststroke 8th in a time of 1.27.87.

Congratulations to all those swimmers who took part in these events: Scott Watson, Lyndsey Atkinson, Iain Cairns and Sarah Kelly.

Junior Sports Courses Full



THE SUPER Sports Skills Coaching Courses for 7-14 year olds organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council got off to a great start this week with courses in Achery and Tennis, both of which were fully booked.

The pictures show 12 year old Samantha Healey practising her service on the Tennis Courts at Simpature Court and 13 year old Drew Hayward 'going for gold' (it's not called a bullseye) at the Sports Complex in School Aycliffe Lane.

Other courses have been extremely popular with many of them fully booked already. There are still a few places available on

Badminton, Golf, Netball, Football and Skiing which will be held during the forthcoming weeks of the school holidays. All courses are £7.00 regardless of duration and include free loan of sports equipment.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe. (01325) 300700.

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SEVEN STUDENTS on the pilot GNVQ Foundation Health and Social Care course at Bishop Auckland College have passed with flying colours and raised funds for the local Macmillan House. As part of the course students were involved in fund-raising as a team, and held a coffee afternoon, which they organised entirely on their own, raising in excess of £60 for the Macmillan House.

Lesley Taylor, course tutor said: "I am delighted that the students have done so well on this pilot course which has proved so successful. To complete the full qualification students must complete six units of study in the vocational area and a further three units covering the core skills of communications, application of numbers and information technology.

The course also included valuable work experience within a care environment".

Seven students successfully completed the course they were: Wendy Jenkins, and Paul Taylor, both from Newton Aycliffe, who were awarded distinctions, Gavin Thompson, from West Auckland and Sharon Miller, from Coundon, who were awarded merits, Angela Turnbull from Crook, Lindsey Jameson from Ferryhill and Andrea Bradley from Shildon all were awarded passes. Two further students, Lesley Cooke from Bishop Auckland and Ruth Scott from Crook were both awarded certificates for the units they completed.

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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor,
THANK YOU for all the coverage in your paper of the events celebrating 40 years of the life of St Clare's Church Building. The month long series of services, socials and exhibitions have been a great success. To be able to advertise in your paper

does help us keep the community we serve informed.

For many people in this St Clare's is their Church, whether they go regularly or only occasionally.

In September it is hoped that the new church hall will be complete. There will be opportunities for an expansion of what the premises are used for. If members of the community have ideas about how these premises, so central to our town, can be used, do please let me know. The halls are for both church and community use.

The month of August is usually a quiet month in terms of activities. However, St Clare's Day does fall in August. The next FAMILY SERVICE on Sunday 13th August will celebrate this. On the second Sunday of each month the main morning service is at 10.30 am and is ideal for people to come along to, who perhaps are not regular churchgoers. Why not consider coming as a family?

Yours Sincerely
PETER BALDWIN
Rector

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EX-COUNCILLOR'S 30 YEARS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNISED



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor J. P. Rodwell, presenting an illuminated scroll conferring the Freedom of Aycliffe on former Councillor Eric White.

Eric has represented Aycliffe Village on Great Aycliffe Town Council, the former Parish Council, Darlington Rural District Council and Sedgefield District Council for over thirty years and always served as an Independent Member.

In conferring the Freedom it was acknowledged by all political parties that the work and commitment of Councillor White over many years had been exemplary.

CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE A FOREIGN STUDENT?

CAN AYCLIFFE help? 25 Students arrive in England on Sunday with no family to go to at the end of their intensive language and culture course which finishes at the end of August. They each need a family to offer a bed to sleep in and food at the family table, for a school year i.e. September to the end of June. If families aren't found quickly they could have to return home. Have you got space in your family for another person. I did and have enjoyed hosting Students from E.F. ever since. I saw an article like this seven years ago and I rang Gloria who came to my house with a number of portfolios for me to choose the Student that I thought would suit my family. He was called Motohiro, (Moto for short), and he went to Q.E. Sixth Form in Darlington because I worked in the town and felt comfortable with that arrangement. He liked reading and going to the cinema. He was very quiet about the house and very tidy (I'm the opposite of both). He came back for a holiday before he started University in Japan and may come again now that he has finished his Law degree.

I've had four boys up to now and am hosting another next year. They're all been smashing and very different from each other. We've made friends of the other host parents we have met from all over the North East, as well as the Aycliffe area, who have been super

people from all Walks of Life. There is a well organised support service for both families and Students so that any little queries can be sorted out quickly, usually by a phone call.

Boys fit most easily into our household, but most of the Students wanting host families are girls. One girl is interested in birdwatching, another is into sewing and craftwork. Could you host someone who enjoys cooking and wants to learn more? Mujuki has specifically asked for a host in the North East because we are so friendly up here. Another Student is skilled in Ballet, having performed in Glasgow in 1994.

All of them are between 16 and 18 years old and have been carefully chosen for their adaptability. They will attend ordinary English Schools and expect to make teenage friends, and integrate into our local life. They come from all over the world with 'homeless' (at the moment) Students from Canada, France, America, Japan and Hong Kong waiting to be chosen. Please help them experience a year that you and they will remember forever, and its fun too!

I'm sure Aycliffe and Heighington families have room for some Students who are worried that they will have to return to their home countries without having found a family. Ring Gloria Williams on 0191 4107948 if you can help.

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN FOR THE BIG SHOW

WITH ONLY 3 weeks to go to the above Event, organisers are asking that entrants for the Handcraft and Horticulture Exhibition send their entries NOW! Last year, out of the 1,100 entries received for the Competition over 500 of them arrived in the last 3 days before the closing date.

There is no entry fee to the 11 different sections of the Competition which include cookery, knitting, crochet, wine making, decoupage, embroidery and garden produce. So if you can bake, sew or grow your own flowers or veg, or have flair for flower arranging

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EXHIBITION AT AUCKLAND CASTLE

A SPECTACULAR exhibition which served as the flagship event of Durham Cathedral's 900th anniversary celebrations two years ago is to reopen on permanent display next week (Tuesday 1st August) in Auckland Castle - the historic home of the Bishops of Durham.

The exhibition, which traced in vivid and lively style the history of the Cathedral and its role and importance through the ages, was commissioned by Durham County Council.

Situated in the north side of the Cathedral cloisters, it was opened in March 1933 by the then Bishop of Durham the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins and Durham County Council Leader Don Robson, and was intended to serve only as temporary attraction for the duration of the anniversary celebrations.

However, it proved so popular and so durable that it was carefully dismantled, given to the Durham Diocese, and kept in storage - hopefully for future use.

On August 1st, the present Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev. Michael Turnbull will officially reopen the exhibition which has been found a permanent home in the former medieval kitchens of his official residence at Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland.

A spokesman for the Bishop said: "The Diocese and the County Council were both keen that the exhibition should not be broken up and scrapped and shared a wish that it might one day be open to the public once again.

"The old kitchens in the Castle were virtually redundant space and it seemed a logical step to put them to better use.

"Thanks to support from the Church Commissioners and the County Council, it will become an added attraction for visitors to the Castle", he added.

The exhibition comprises a lively, informative and three dimensional display which traces the origins of the Cathedral, its construction, the important role it played in history and the focus which it has provided for the community.

St. Cuthbert, the charismatic figure who was the inspiration for the Cathedral, and the importance of Christianity in Northumbria also figure prominently.

"We are delighted that his fascinating exhibition, which proved so popular with visitors to the Cathedral, has been found such an impressive and appropriate new home, and we hope it will be seen and enjoyed by many more people for many years to come", said Coun. Robson.

ORGAN DONOR FUND CHARITY EVENING

Dear Sir,
EARLIER THIS year, you put my letter in your paper with regards to our daughters tragic death.

Tracey Jane Salkeld and her boyfriend Stuart McMurray were both killed

in a collision with an articulated vehicle on 30th April 1994, on the Newton Stewart By-Pass in Scotland. As Tracey was a registered donor, two of her heart valves were used to save the lives of two young children, one a 10 month old baby and an 8 year old girl from Holland. Both are now doing fine.

A few months ago, Dr Ivan Gibson, Consultant Pathologist at Dumfries Infirmary, held a meeting of all the relatives of the people who have donated organs. At this meeting it was decided to erect a "GROWING TREE OF LIFE" in memory of the people, who have died and left their organs to be used to save the lives of others. This tree will be sited in the foyer of Dumfries

Infirmary, and will have the names of the donors printed on the leaves. Each time someones organs are donated, a new leaf will be added, (hence the, (GROWING TREE) of Life).

Dr Gibson has already raised money towards this in Scotland, he has authorised me to raise funds in this area, I have already received donations for the Homograph Memorial (Tree of Life), from Greenfield School, Co-operative Undertakers, Dr Saunders and Partners, Bewick Cres, and Dr Shepherd of Sacriston. Several shops and factories in the area have donated gifts to be raffled, at a Charity Show to be held at 7.00 pm Thurs Aug. 17th, 1995, at the Royal British Legion in Newton Aycliffe. On this show will be, Brian

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Lewis, Courtney Page, Jeff Clinton Jones and Dave Carr. The tickets are £1.50 each and are available from the Royal British Legion, "NOW". All proceeds from the show will go to the "Homograph Memorial" (Tree of Life) in memory of Tracey Jane Salkeld. Dr Gibson has agreed to travel from Dumfries to attend this show. Where he will be presented with all the donations received. He will also give a short talk on Donor Register Scheme. Once enough money has been raised, the Tree of Life will be officially opened by Graham Obree, the International Cyclist, whose brother was killed in a traffic accident last year, and his heart was donated to this scheme. The opening in Dumfries is expected to be sometime in October / November. It is to be well covered by the media: Press and T.V., so everyone will be kept up to date with our progress. To all who have helped, THANK YOU

P SALKELD &
D LEDLEY
(Tracey's Parents)

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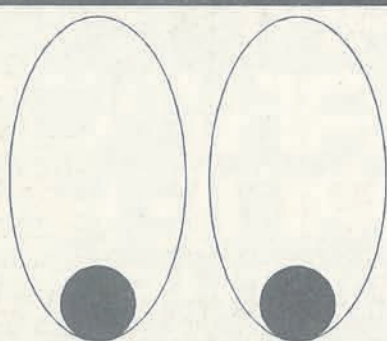
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Letter to the Editor ANGLING CLUB HELPS BOSNIA



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At the present time the following items are urgently required:

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"More than 40 per cent of pedestrians killed or seriously injured are children, and parents and teachers cannot emphasise enough the potential road dangers that youngsters face", says Andrew Howard, the AA's Head of Road Safety.

"Child cyclists are more likely to be killed or seriously injured in July and August than in any other month, and young pedestrians are also at high risk during summer".

The AA also urges motorists to be on their guard.

"Areas near schools will be quiet over the next few weeks, but parks and play areas are likely to be awash with children", says Howard. "Drivers must also take special care and stick to speed limits on urban roads - particularly where there is on-street parking."

"We know that one third of children do not stop at the curb or by a parked vehicle before crossing, 37 per cent don't check that the road is clear before walking across, and 20 per cent look in only one direction before they cross".

V.B. ASK FOR CASH FROM THE LOTTERY

SINCE THE Volunteer Bureau had to temporarily close in March due to lack of funding, members have been working hard to fund-raise to allow its work to continue. Over the last two months, monetary donations totalling £1,600 have been received from individuals, trusts and local businesses. Included in this total is a donation of £250 from the National Freight Corporation Trust. Mr T McCormack of Finchale Road, Newton Aycliffe, read about the Volunteer Bureau's plight and put forward their name for a contribution from this Trusts 'Down Our Street' Local Grants Scheme. The management Committee are particularly grateful for this donation, as it originated from a concerned member of the community and demonstrates local support.

A micro-wave oven has also been donated from Sanyo and this will either be used as a prize towards a future raffle, or will be awarded to the 'Volunteer of the Year' in 1996 - a positive indication that the Management Committee are confident the Volunteer

Bureau will be reopening. Two major grant applications have been submitted, one to the National Lottery and the other for a government grant. News of successful bids will be announced in both cases by the end of October. In the meantime, the fund-raising appeal continues with a vengeance. Mr McCormack has now kindly agreed to take part in the Great North Run naming the Volunteer Bureau as his charity for sponsorship. Any money raised will be matched by the National Freight Corporation Trust. Although the Volunteer Bureau is not able to offer any of its community services at the moment, they are still receiving enquiries for help and advice relating to voluntary work. They apologise to those who have been turned away, but sincerely hope they will return when the Volunteer Bureau reopens its doors.

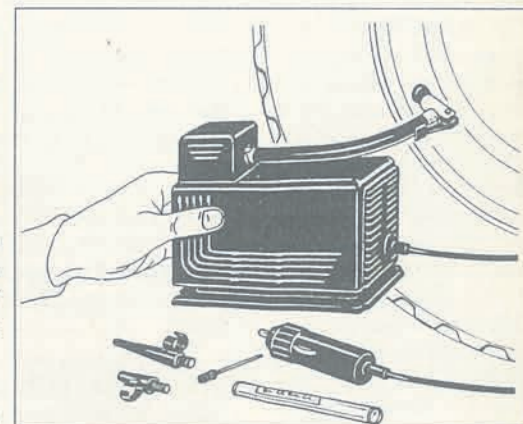
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Carol Mohan (10), Backstroke 40.36 (1st), Breaststroke 48.73, Freestyle 35.33 (4th) and Butterfly 40.86 (5th). Ian Storey (10), Backstroke 42.54, Breaststroke 49.74, Freestyle 37.18 and Butterfly 44.91. Adam Burton (10), Freestyle 36.47. Kathleen Mohan (14), Backstroke and Butterfly 32.64 (6th). Alison Story (13), Backstroke 43.69 and Freestyle 37.51. Mark

Surtees (13), Backstroke 38.63, Freestyle 30.42 (7th), Breaststroke 40.85 and Butterfly 35.51. Michael Turnbull (12), Freestyle 33.92 and Breaststroke 45.96. Martin Turnbull (12), Freestyle 35.63 and Breaststroke 52.20. Kimberley Vickers (11), Backstroke and Freestyle 35.12.

Special thanks to Joe and Lynne for their poolside support and encouragement throughout the weekend. Many thanks for the balcony support for cheering the swimmers on and to the swimmers themselves for giving their best and supporting their team mates. It is encouraging in this our 20th Anniversary year to see so many swimmers prepared to take on the challenge of the 50 metre pool.

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EDNA PARKER died 4-8-89. Loving memories of a dear Nana, time passes and fades away, but silent thoughts and memories stay. Granddaughter Susan, Steven and Great Grandson Shaun

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. Your heart of gold stopped beating. It was time for you to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best - love and miss you Pauline, Clare and Christopher

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. A loving Dad and Grandad. Its 3 years since you left is but you always in our hearts. Forever in our thoughts Les, David and Susan

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. Treasured memories of a dear Dad and Grandad who we miss and think of every day. Love you lots Dad - Chris and Don. Big X Grandad Stephanie

RONALD JAMES CARR 9-8-92. It doesn't need a special day to bring you to our minds, for days without a thought of you are very hard to find. Steve, Denise, Christopher and Simon

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Letter to the Editor

ARE JAPANESE GOODS BETTER?

Dear Sir,
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But I can't help wondering why it wasn't an English factory!
Then again, on reflection, I bought British 4 years ago when I purchased a Pace satellite system and I've had it fixed 3 times since.
I might try Japanese next, but dammit, I shouldn't have to!
Yours sincerely
J. Reynolds
Honister Place

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Letter to the Editor SHOWSTOPPERS WANT MEMBERS

Dear Editor,
AS YOU SHOULD be aware, 'Showstoppers' is a society throughout the town which was formed last October to provide value trips to the big shows around the country. We aim to provide the best value day out for families, students and the elderly, etc. We are only receiving essential costs at the moment from our 6 or so yearly trips, but once established, we hope to become a charity and use any profits toward further projects in the community. We are at present, concerned with attracting new members to the society in order to continue our growth and ensure that trips will be fully subscribed in order to keep costs minimal. Unfortunately, our next trip on Monday

14th August to see a premiere of 'Cats' at Manchester still has 40 places remaining and so we are also keen to have this trip given wider coverage over the next two weeks.

We were therefore hoping that you may be able to publicise the event in the Newton News this weekend in order to make more people aware of the trip and the society. The trip departs the town around 2.00 pm on the 14th August and theatre seats and luxury coach travel are included for £25. Everyone really enjoyed our last trip, and 'Cats' is a magical musical that should linger in the memory for years to come.

Yours Faithfully,
ANDREW P HANCOCK
President

S.D.C. GUARANTEES EQUAL CHANCE FOR DISABLED



Counc. Christine Gowton (left) Chairman of the Personnel Committee, receives the PACT Certificate from Chairman of the Council, Barbara Graham.

DISABLED people, with the technical qualifications for a position, are guaranteed an interview with Sedgefield District Council, when it has a vacancy.

The Council's policies and good practices towards people with disabilities have been recognised by the Employment Department Group, PACT (Placing Assessment and Counselling Team) who have recently awarded a certificate to the Council. The Council has tried, over a number of years, to create employment opportunities for people with physical or mental disabilities and provides

equal access to further training.

Disabled people currently hold positions involving highways, joinery, ground maintenance, security, environmental health and the warden service.

The Council Offices at Spennymoor, and all other Council premises, are being assessed with a view to improving facilities and access for wheelchair bound, blind and hearing impaired people, both employees and members of the public.

At a recent meeting of the Council, the Employment Department Group certificate, which is entitled "Positive about Disabled People" was presented to Christine Gowton by the Chairman Barbara Graham.

Charity 50/50 Dance

A VICTORY Japan Charity 50/50 Dance is being held on Saturday 12th August at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre in the Sycamore suite 7.30-12 midnight. For further information contact the reception desk Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre 01325 300800.

A combined Victory Europe and Victory Japan celebration dance is being hosted by The Great Aycliffe Town Council at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Saturday 19th August. Tickets are available from the Town Council Offices and the Cubby, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe price £2.50 and include pie & peas supper.

For further information please contact Mr Cooper at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Tel. 01325 300800.

MANSE B.B.Q.

NEWTON NEWS readers are invited to a Barbecue in "The Manse" gardens at Neville Parade on Tuesday, 8th August.

This Barbecue has been timed to start at 6.30 pm so that you don't need to cook tea that night - everybody can "eat out".

The cost is £1.50 and is in aid of the Church Rafter Fund. If the weather is poor it will be in the church hall instead of the gardens.

You are sure to get a friendly welcome, see you there.

TEACHERS THANKS

"A BIG THANK YOU" to the children, parents and staff of Woodham Burn Infants School for their presents, flowers, cards and leaving party, also not forgetting the lovely Concert given by Year Two Children on The Occasion of our Retirement. We think you are all Fantastic.

LIBBY BAILEY
JILL KATAI
JEAN POUNDER

Letter to the Editor KIDS EMPTYING DOG WASTE BIN!

Dear Newton News,
ONCE AGAIN the subject is dog dirt, however this time the culprit is not the dog or its responsible owner, but the irresponsible children who are supposedly to be kept away from dog faeces.

Twice (to my knowledge) the dog waste bin at the Kingstone Place end of West Park has had its contents shewn around the childrens play area by the children we are supposed to protect. These children who were in the 9-12 age group and old enough to know better, were seen throwing the bags of dirt around the grass and play equipment, of course by the time I got there they had run off. Luckily for them, it is the responsible owners who worm their dogs who put their dogs waste in the bins so there should be no danger from

toxicaria, only dysentery, food poisoning and other such illnesses.

Perhaps their irresponsible parents who are probably the same ones who allow their dogs to roam the streets unwormed should check what their children have been playing in or perhaps they don't care!

Yours disgustedly
K GRAY

Youth Orchestra Perform

THE DURHAM County Youth Chamber Orchestra have again been invited to take part in the National Association of Youth Orchestras Festival as part of the Fringe Programme of the Edinburgh Festival. They will be performing in Central Hall, West Tollcross on Thursday 24th August at 7.30 pm.

Their programme will be: Overture; Marriage of Figaro (Mozart); Simple Symphony (Britten); Bassoon Concerto (Weber) and Symphony No 86 in D Major (Haydn).

The orchestra's solo bassoonist, is Mark Armitage from Newton Aycliffe in County Durham, who began learning the bassoon at the age of eight with the County Instrumental Service in his primary school. He is now studying Law at Cambridge.

Join The Summer Evening Ramble

THE RAMBLERS Association have arranged the following walks and non-members are welcome to these summer evening strolls.

WED. 9 Aug. Start 6.45pm at Locomotion One Public House Car Park. 5 miles Countryside Circular, South West of Newton Aycliffe.

WED. -16 Aug. Start 6.45pm at Heighington Village Hall (Do Not Park On Green). 4 1/2 miles Countryside Circular West of the Village.

Further information about other Ramblers Association Activities from Alan Hutchinson, 1 Caithness Way, Darlington. DL1 3QS or Tel. 01325 - 482164.

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