



Why the Mayor sees **RED**... and white



The next time you are at the Stadium of Light, watching Sunderland AFC's goal scoring prowess and checking the players' list in the match programme pause for a second and consider the programme sellers and their 'boss'.

For the 'boss' is none other than Hetton Mayor, Coun. Tony Wilkinson, who is the club's Programme Sales Manager in charge of operations on match days.

Tony has been doing the job for many years and like all of us has seen many changes - on the pitch and behind the scenes - in the club.

A true 'red and white' fanatic, Tony fits in this role alongside his many civic duties, including serving as magistrate and school governor. He still, however, finds time to walk his Springer Spaniel Millie, walking her some 2,500 miles each year.



You don't have to attend a council meeting to find out what Hetton Town Council is doing on your behalf.

As well as the introduction of public participation sessions at each full council meeting (see our Diary Dates and Contacts panel for details) the Town Council is spreading the word across its area through special noticeboards. You can find out the latest Hetton Council news on these noticeboards in:

- Easington Lane Library
- East Rainton Village Green
- The Hetton Centre

You can also log onto the council's website:

www.hettontowncouncil.org.uk

Memories of

Hetton's heritage

Send your memories of Hetton to John Price using the contacts on Page 4.

We're sure Hetton Courier readers will have heard of the TV programme and Hollywood blockbuster 'Charlie's Angels'... but how many know of the Aycliffe Angels?

That's what colleagues at Great Aycliffe Town Council have named the many people who worked so diligently in very dangerous conditions in the ammunitions factories in County Durham during World War II.

Amongst these 'Angels' were hundreds of workers from Hetton and its districts who were bussed daily to Aycliffe to work in the factories,

producing bombs and an arsenal of ammunition for use in the war effort. They left the area at 5.30am each morning to go to work at Newton Aycliffe, travelling a daily 50 mile round trip. Many folk suffered horrific injuries during this unpredictable, highly dangerous production process.

One of the workers was Eliza Petch (nee Baker) of Hetton Downs, the mother of serving Hetton Town councillor Mrs Diane Storey. Eliza worked in the factories until 1944.

Now Great Aycliffe Town Council, thanks to public support, aims to

recognise the efforts of these courageous people with a Recognition Certificate and a specially commissioned enamel badge. These will be presented to either the employee or their descendants.

If you know of anyone who was an Aycliffe Angel, or their descendants, and who would like to be acknowledged please contact Town Clerk John Price on (0191) 553 6600, or call in at Hetton Town Council offices in the Hetton Centre, to register your interest in the scheme.

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