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MAKING THEIR OWN ENTERTAINMENT

Three boys called at my home the other day. They wanted to join a Model Railway Club. I was out, so my wife took their names and addresses, and told them they would have to get more boys names; they said that would be easy to do.

I asked my wife how old they were, she thought about 12 to 14.

What happens to these boys if we can't help them to form a club. Do they go on the streets?

No Warden

We have no Warden now, to place a room at their disposal, for an inaugural meeting; free of charge. To coach them how to form and run a club with Secretary, Treasurer, Committee and Rules. With information about the literature of the subject, the weekly or monthly specialised periodicals. The Cost of things. How much a meeting place will cost, how much subscription fee, weekly, monthly or yearly?

How other clubs are conducted? where other model Clubs are situated. How to arrange for visits to and from other clubs and places and who is to collect the coach fares and keep accounts?

The cost of models, the best places to buy, where cheap second-hand models are available if any? How to spend what little money they have, carefully.

More and More we shall miss the services of a Warden in Newton Aycliffe.

One Problem at a time.

What we need now, is someone willing, this is the operative word, **WILLING**, to start these boys running a **Model Railway Club**, perhaps to help them contact **British Railways** to find out if they have any ideas or advice about running a Model Railway Club.

Here are the names and addresses of the three boys :-

Mathew Lalley, 58 Bury Road
Denis Caird, 6 Bell Walk
Malcolm Hobson, 4 Bell Walk

and the best of British luck to you.

PAINTING IN OILS

Eleven names have been received for evening classes in this delightful pastime, and it is proposed to start a class in January. More names are needed, there should be at least 12 and preferably 15. Will all people interested, please let Mrs. J. T. Headley, Further Education Organiser, 12 King Street, Bishop Auckland, know, so that she may arrange the evening most suitable. At present Wednesday is suggested.

TENANT'S ASSOCIATION

A General Meeting will be held in the Beveridge Hall at 7-30 p.m. on Monday, 23rd October, 1961.

SPANISH — CAKE DECORATION — EMBROIDERY

Not enough names have been received for classes at Newton Aycliffe, but the following information may help.

Classes are held at Bishop Auckland Technical College as follows :-

Embroidery Thursday 7—9 p.m. Friday 2—4 p.m.

Spanish Wednesday 7—9 p.m.

Cake Decoration 2 Classes on Tuesday 6-30—9 p.m., one for beginners and one for advanced, also 1 class on Friday 7—9 p.m.

Embroidery Class also at Whessoe Village Hall 7 - 9 p.m. Thursday.

SOWING OF GRASS

In various parts of the town, but particularly in new areas, the Corporation's Horticultural Section is busy sowing grass on greens, open forecourts and verges. Everyone can help to get these thoroughly established by not walking over these areas until after the first grass cutting has taken place.

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WOMAN'S COLUMN

What picture does the month of October suggest to you? Is it the beautiful autumn colours in the trees and hedgerows, the evenings drawing in and the end of what we now commonly term summer-time, the days getting colder, the summer bird visitors now gone to a warmer climate or supper round the fire again? Whatever it is first let me give you a word of warning given to me by a friend who is an ex-policeman. Now that the evenings are dark, do drop the latch on your front and back doors before you settle down to watch Television. It is so very easy for thieves to walk in and pick up a few things and leave without you being any the wiser if you are intensely interested in a particular programme.

CANINE SOCIETY

An Inaugural Meeting was held in the Upper Room on September 7 1961 to form a Canine Society for Newton Aycliffe and District. The following officials and Committee were elected :-

Chairman—Mr. Gowland, Vice Chairman—R. U. Marshall, Esq., Treasurer—Mr. I. Prentice, Secretary—Mrs. M. Rickaby, 12 Castlereagh Close. Committee :- Mrs. I. Hay, Mrs. Whitfield, Mrs. J. Ellis, Mrs. Oxborough, Miss F. N. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Butters, Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Story, Mr. J. Rickaby, Mr. Bell.

It was the hope of all present that the Canine Club will be registered with the Kennel Club on or before January 1st, 1962.

It was decided to hold a Canine Club night every Monday at 7-30 p.m. in the Clarence Hall. A real doggie night, expert handlers will be present to give advice on grooming, training and handling your dogs for Dog Shows. All are welcome.

M.R., (Sec.)

SPORTS DAY

It was with some trepidation that I accepted the position of chairman of the then newly formed committee to organise this year's Sports Day.

This was to be the first Sports Day run under the auspices of "The Council of Local Organisations" and quite a few of the experienced workers were no longer available.

The day decided upon was only two months away and many on the committee were like myself with very little experience behind us. Fortunately my fears were unfounded and with the help of the few "old hands" we were able to carry the job through.

To the many who helped before and on the day, I would like to thank for their assistance, which made the day the success I think it was. With their help, I hope we can do even better next year.

J.G.D.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall EVERY Tuesday from 2—3-30 p.m. There is a lady doctor in attendance.

We have a few books in our library, and these can be loaned out on payment of a small fee. Appointments are advisable and can be had from Mrs. Thomas, 26 Eden Road, Tel. Newton Aycliffe 637. Pre-marital or engaged couples can only be given advice by making an appointment.

LABOUR PARTY

The above are holding a class in Marlowe Hall School, Central Avenue, during the Autumn and Winter, dealing with modern problems. There will be an opportunity of meeting people and discussing various aspects of our life, local and national. For further particulars contact Councillor J. Conlan of 37 Read Close.

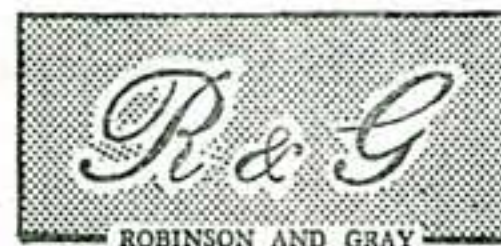
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The September meeting was held in the Beveridge Hall and was opened and presided over by Mrs. A. K. Metcalfe, Chairman. Mrs. Nelson read the Minutes, and Mrs. M. Greenbank gave the Treasurer's report. Correspondence was read by Mrs. Brown. Outings were discussed by Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Lamb gave the Drama report and said meetings were starting again every Tuesday evening in Bede Crescent Flats Basement, where new members would be very welcome. Mrs. Metcalfe gave the Social Studies report, this group hold meetings on Tuesday afternoons at 2 Surtees Walk and new members are very welcome. There was a talk and demonstration on "Embroidery" by Mrs. J. Beresford, who was thanked by Mrs. R. Ronaldson.

Competition "Holiday Snapshot" was won by Mrs. Arden and the Surprise Parcel given by Mrs. L. Bellis, was won by Mrs. Humphreys. There was a good sales table presided over by Mrs. Pollock. The evening finished with a Round Table Conference.

The next meeting will be 2nd October, when the speaker will be Mr. D. Burridge, National Medical Service. The Competition will be for the Prettiest Apron; Sales Table—Cakes and the Social Half Hour—Tall Stories.

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

Time and Tide wait for no man, and the season of music and mellow tunefulness (with apologies to Keats) is once more with us—at least in the auspicious precincts of Aycliffe School, whither, we trust, all our faithful followers and many new ones will wend their way during the course of the next few months to hear what our now well established Music Society is offering this year in the way of musical entertainment, not to mention edification. As always, a varied syllabus is presented, which will we hope appeal to all tastes and fancies.

Once more we shall have the pleasure of hearing our old friends the Arts Council Opera Group, on this occasion performing Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Two years ago they gave us Rossini's "The Barber of Seville," so, in a way, this coming performance will continue the story from where we last left it.

Other concerts include a violin recital by Kenneth Sillito, one of the up-and-coming generation of concert violinists; a song recital by Noelle Barker, soprano; and a full performance by Bishop Auckland Choral Society of Handel's "Messiah" on Tuesday, 12th December at (please note carefully) 7 p.m. in the Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe.

In addition to the concerts, there will be the usual sprinkling of members' meetings including two lecture-recitals by Mr. J. Gittins, one on "Music and Drama," the other on the music of Ravel; an evening on Verdi opera by Mr. Benedikte; two record concerts, one of light music, and the other a complete performance of Bizet's "Carmen"; and a record evening in which several members of the Society will introduce and play a record of their choice.

Our annual party-cum-dance takes place on Shrove Tuesday next year, more of which later.

In the immediate future i.e., **October**, there are three dates to note. **Tuesday 3rd** is our Opening Night, when we hope for a full house. **Saturday 14th** is the opera night with the Arts Council Opera Group and "The Marriage of Figaro." And **Thursday 26th** brings us to Mr. Gittins' lecture-recital on "Music and Drama."

Details of future programmes will be given each month in this column.

Subscription rates for the coming season are as follows :-

Membership, covering "member's evenings" only	5/-
Membership, covering "members' evenings" and admission to three out of four the concerts ("Messiah" being the exception)	15/-

All concerts are open to the public, tickets price 5/-.

All meetings take place at 8 p.m. in Aycliffe School, Copelaw, except "Messiah" which is at 7 p.m. in the Methodist Church on 12th December.

Further information will gladly be given by the Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Tomlinson, 17 Cumby Road, or any committee member.

E.G.W.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

ASSOCIATIONS—Newton Aycliffe Central Branch

The Branch has had a very pleasant Season with visits from various Concert Parties from different parts of Durham County. Members have had three successful outings during the summer months, the first being on 12th June when each member received a gift of 5/- and again on 12th July, and 29th August, when Mystery Tours were organised and each member received 2/6d. on each trip. During the Summer the Concert Party visited and enjoyed outings to various O.A.P.A. and Over 60 Clubs. At the moment the Party is having a difficult time owing to the fact that they have no regular Pianist. I wonder if any pianist in the Town would be kind enough to come along and help with our effort to bring pleasure to other Pensioners and Friends. Finally a word of thanks to all who contributed or helped to make our House to House Collection such a success, also we ask The Workmen's Club and R.A.F.A. to accept our sincere thanks for their generous help.

H.C.

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BRITISH LEGION

All members will be pleased to note that the new Club premises are nearing completion, and it is expected that they will be ready for occupation near the end of November or early December.

Members are reminded that Subscriptions will be due on October 1st and also that before being able to become a member of the Club, they must first be fully paid up members of the Branch. Arrangements will be made for members to obtain their subscription receipts as soon after 1st October as possible.

All ex-servicemen in the Newton Aycliffe District are welcome to become members of this organisation, and we will be pleased to receive you at any of our Branch meetings, at present held in the Workmen's Club at 8 p.m. on alternate Mondays.

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THE MAYERS THEATRE GROUP

The Mayers Theatre Group is a group of people, living both on and around the New Town, who meet each Tuesday evening (by kind permission of Mr. C. Gittings) in the Staff Lounge at Aycliffe school. The members of the Group are people with a wide variety of interests in 'Theatre.

Already in the few months that the group has been meeting, talks and demonstrations have been given on subjects varying from Make-up techniques to Production and Theatre Management, and a programme is being arranged for the first half of the winter season which will include such items as talks by accepted authorities on Production—Theatre Music—and Acting, interspersed with play readings and group visits to both professional and amateur productions in the area.

Although this may appear to be a fairly 'passive' programme for an amateur theatre group, it is designed so that members will gain valuable knowledge, which can be applied to the presentation of our first play early in the New Year.

The talks given to the group will be open to individuals and societies on the New Town, who are interested in hearing experienced speakers on theatrical subjects. A complete programme of activities will be published in a later edition of the Newtonian, meanwhile, anyone interested in joining the group should contact the Secretary: Mr. T. Foxworthy, 76 Bury Road, Newton Aycliffe who will be pleased to supply further information.

M.L.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE LADIES' CHOIR

The Children are back at school; the holidays are over unfortunately, so, ladies, why not give yourselves a treat and have one night out a week and leave father to "hold the fort" at home?

Rehearsals will be starting for the Stockton Musical Festival in November and a possible Celebrity Concert in the New Year, in addition to which several concerts are arranged at local Over 60 Clubs and other places in the Autumn. New members for all sections of the Choir are needed so don't confine your voice to the home, bring it along to the "Oak Tree" at Neville Parade, (the private room upstairs) at 7-30 p.m. on Monday evenings, or contact the Secretary, Mrs. J. Wells at 55 Cumby Road.

NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR

We should like to remind readers that the Choir's Celebrity Concert will be held in the Methodist Hall on Saturday, 4th November at 7-15 p.m. The Choir has been most fortunate in once again securing the services of Ranken Bushby, who sang so delightfully last year. Admission by programme obtainable from members and at the door.

We are still seeking the services of an accompanist—the matter is now becoming most urgent—piano players please help.

SCOUT NEWS

A Jumble Sale will be held in aid of Scout Funds, in the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday morning October 7th. Offers of Jumble would be very welcome.

The Summer camp was held on the last week of August and it was blessed by perfect weather. Cooks badges were awarded to Trevor Mossop and Fred Warrenner.

In July, Terry Wells gained his Scout Cord the highest award for Scouts under 15 years of age.

HYDRANT COVERS

Several reports have been received recently of hydrant covers being removed and sometimes lost altogether. Holes left in the roads and pavements because of this are dangerous and could be the cause of nasty accidents, especially at night-time. Residents are urged to help to prevent these foolish and irresponsible acts of vandalism. The Corporation and the Durham County Water Board will be pleased to learn the location of any hydrant covers which have been removed and thrown away. The covers can then be replaced immediately.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The next branch meeting will take place on October 10th at the Oak Tree Inn. Time 7-30 p.m.

Secretary, D. ADAIR. 17 Faulkner Road.

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Mr. Bourne, Chairman of the Board, welcomed visitors. Mr. Coulthard, Chief Tutor, explained changes in examination methods. The number of Student Nurses is now 33 of which 20 are female and 13 male. More male students are wanted, having lost 11 over the year

Out of 30 Hospitals, we were in the top three for marks.

Mr. Slater, M.P., said the work done by our Nurses and Doctors is of the highest order. Dr. Dunn thanked Mr. Slater, Matron Stockeld and Mr. Coulthard, Mr. Farrow, H.M.C., Rev. Graham, Matron's Staff and all who work.

The Chairman in his closing remarks, emphasised that progress depended largely on money available.

Prize-Winners 1960-61

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June—Mr. J. K. Wilson	

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June—Miss A. Doran	

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June—Mr. J. K. Wilson	October—Mr. G. Alderson
February—Miss A. Dodds	June—Miss P. Stobbs

Nursing Cadet—Miss R. Carnan

League of Friends Award

For the best all-round Female Nurse—Mrs. E. Hardaker
For the best all-round Male Nurse—Mr. W. A. Cook

Matron's Award—Miss J. Miller

Chief Male Nurse's Award—Mr. G. Alderson

Principal Tutor's Award

For Classroom Progress in 1st year—Miss J. Mutton

Congratulations to Mrs. E. Hardaker of 4 Vane Road, mother of 3 children, on taking the three year Training Course at the age of 50, and winning the award for the best all-round female nurse of the year.

ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE

ALL items for inclusion in the November issue **MUST** be received by the Editor by 5 p.m. on Monday, 9th October, 1961. **ANY** Items received after this date will be held over until the December issue.

MOTOR CAR MAINTENANCE

Not enough names have been received for Classes to be arranged at Newton Aycliffe this Winter, but there are classes commencing at Broom Cottage Modern School, Ferryhill on Tuesday, 26th September at 7 p.m. Headmaster, Mr. Gleave. Tel. 423.

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In the coming winter months there will be a series of talks and film shows on gardening on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7-30 p.m. in the upstairs room of the Iron Horse Hotel which will be of interest to all and easy to understand. These gatherings of the town's gardeners (women gardeners too) are something to be in on whether they are at the Hut or the Upstairs Room.

Now is the time to be ordering trees, shrubs, roses, fruit bushes, etc. Catalogues are available on short loan from Mr. W. Dickinson, 9 Clarence Close.

J.B.

POLICE NOTICE

For the information of residents a sub-divisional Police Office for Newton Aycliffe has now been opened on the Trading Estate, adjoining Police Headquarters, in the premises previously occupied by Barclays Bank. All information and enquiries should be made to this office, Telephone Number: Aycliffe 2137.



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A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST FROM AN ELDERLY RESIDENT

"The trouble with new towns is that they have no Ghosts" Maybe not, but ours is no longer "a town of toddlers" and we welcome these reminiscences from one of our older residents, Mrs. Mary Mellor.

Mrs. Mellor is 76 years old and says she has had good children, a good life and really nothing to grumble about. Over the years she has been a great reader, having read all Dicken's novels at least twice. Now failing eyesight excludes her from this enthralling pastime and instead she listens avidly to the classics series on the radio. She also likes her granddaughter to read the Newtonian to her but, we might add, she can tell a remarkably good tale herself.

Her greatest enjoyment, incredible though it may seem to those of us who take such things for granted, is the simple commodity of the hot and cold water taps. Although married for 42 years, never in all that time had she had tapped water in her home, and for the privilege of carrying her own water into the house she was paying 17/6d. rent over 40 years ago, a fantastic sum for those days. When she first came to Newton Aycliffe, Mrs. Mellor said she used to pat the taps and thank God for them, and still remains grateful for this modern facility.

Through the medium of her Grandfather, Mrs. Mellor can take us back to the battle of Waterloo victory celebrations! Born, Joseph Hunter on 6th November, 1807, he was 8 years old when these celebrations took place and Mrs. Mellor said she never tired of hearing him tell the story to her when she was a child. When the news of the victory was received, he would tell her, all the water taps were connected to wine barrels, a bullock was roasted in the streets and all the townspeople came with plates and ate slices of roast bullock and drank wine. Mr. Hunter's father took him to town to see the celebrations and everyone lit candles in their windows. He never forgot the roasting bullock and people dancing in the streets.

The song "Blaydon Races," is now said to have been written by him, and not by Geordie Ridley as was popularly understood. This fact was published in a local evening paper dated 23rd October, 1959.

Her grandfather, she said, started work as an apprentice at a small factory called Armstrongs, now universally known as Vickers Armstrong's. He was granted a pension from Lord Armstrong because he was the oldest workman and given a free cottage on his retirement. He sometimes received a visit from Lord Armstrong

who used to arrive at the cottage complete with coachman, after having attended the opening of his country home, Craggside, Rothbury, for the working people to view.

Mrs. Mellor said that when she was 12 years old, her grandfather was 90. After his death a book was published on the life of Joseph Hunter, in an effort to raise money for a gravestone, but at 2d. per copy it was not a successful venture.

As a child, Mrs. Mellor's one trip of the year was to the "Town Moor." Her mother, with the children used to go to the moor, while Father went to the races. She recalled that if her Father's horse won, the following day they would all have a trip to the coast, if it lost they would just walk round the moor and gaze with fascination at the sideshows and "agony things" as she termed the two-headed sheep, three legged hens and bearded ladies, etc. How they longed to go in, said Mrs. Mellor, but they were never able to. They used to sit around eating enormous meat pies that their mother had made. Boat trips, when they went on them, from Gateshead to South Shields cost 4d.

Mrs. Mellor started work as a maid when she was 13 years old. Her hours were 8 a.m. until 7 or 8 p.m. and she was paid the large sum of 2/6d. per week and she had no days off. If she started before 8 a.m. breakfast was provided, otherwise she had to have it before leaving home.

"The good old days," she remarked, "Should be the bad old days, we are now living in the good days of wealth and prosperity."

These are but a few of the astonishing memories that this elderly lady brings from the past into our young and modern community.

Interviewed by Enid Mackey, Written by Marjorie Spark.

THE JOINT SHOW OF THE GARDENS GUILD AND CHRYSANTHEMUM AND DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Third 1961 show will be held on Saturday, 4th November at Over 60 Club and will be open to the public 2-30—7 p.m.

Late Flowering Chrysanthemums

Autumn Vegetables

Handicrafts

Exhibitors—All entries to be declared by Thursday, November 2nd in the Iron Horse Hotel, 7-30—9-30 p.m. or by first Post 2nd November to the Secretary :- Mr. J. E. Pearson, 34 Highside Road, Heighington. Schedules from the Secretary, Committee Members or Gardens Guild Hut on Sunday mornings.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUNG NATURALISTS' SOCIETY Competition

This month's winner is Paul Hydes, 59 Bewick Crescent.

Paul gave very good answers indeed. I am so pleased with them that I hope the printer will find room to print them on this page.

Lemmings

Lemmings are rodents and have a round head and thick set body. They are a brownish colour with black patches on the head and back. The legs and tail are grey in colour. It burrows under-ground to a limited depth. It feeds on plants and is very destructive to crops. At times great numbers migrate to the Atlantic destroying all vegetation in their path. Bears, wolves, foxes, rough legged buzzards and other birds of prey keep to a certain extent their numbers in check. There are two species, the European Lemming and the Banded Lemming.

Owl Pellets

When an owl eats a vole all the indigestible parts such as bones and fur are passed back through the mouth and injected as pellets. These can be found wherever a bird of prey roosts. If you dissect one of these pellets you are likely to find small mammal bones, feathers, wing cases of beetles all these are surrounded by fur. The owl makes no nest but lays the 4—8 white eggs on a layer of dry pellets or plugs, occasionally small fish bones are found.

This month's Competition

Make a collection of Autumn Fruits and Seeds. Mount them on sheets of cardboard, label and bring to me. You should be able to find acorns (two kinds), sycamore samaras, ash keys, hazel nuts, etc. Closing date October 30th, 1961.

N.B.—If you have been handling fungi be sure to wash your hands when you have finished. Some are deadly poisonous—especially the Death-Cap!

F.G.S.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES

Saturday, October 14th—at 7-15 p.m. the Ladies present "Encore Les Girls". Price of admission including refreshments 2/6d. Proceeds in aid of the Building Fund.

Sunday, October 15th—The services at 9-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. will be conducted by Sister Betina Bridges a Deaconess who did valuable work in the early days of our church at Newton Aycliffe.

Sunday, October 29th—The evening service at 6-30 p.m. will be conducted by the Rev. James Mack, B.D., of Darlington. Before coming to Darlington Mr. Mack was responsible for the youth work of the Methodist Church in Scotland.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE ARCHERY CLUB

Once more the outdoor Archery season comes to a close. Our Club has had a very successful season, shooting has gone on every week-end throughout the Spring and Summer. The early part of the season saw a friendly match with our closest friends, Beehive Archers of Darlington. Then came our own Open Tournament in which archers from all parts of Durham took part.

In August came the famous "Scorton Arrow" in which two of our members took part. The field day which was organised by the Sports and Recreation Club was a great success from the Archer's point of view. The Sports Day held on 2nd September was also successful but it was rather disappointing that no one could hit the apple on "Willy Tell's Head"!!! Strange, but no one seems to know what became of that apple, probably one of the Archers was hungry.

Three of our Archers did extremely well in a tournament held at Beehive Archers on 3rd September. Mrs. H. Walton won the Ladies Championship. Mr. H. Walton won the Handicap shoot and Mr. M. Richardson was the best Novice. Congratulations to all three archers who are using the new fibre glass composite bows.

It has been officially passed that all junior members under the age of 18 who score a perfect end, that is to say put six arrows in the gold at any distance not less than 40 yards can claim the "Six Golds" medal awarded by the Club.

Indoor shooting will take place at the Community Centre on 16th and 30th October, 13th and 27th November, commencing at 7-30 p.m. the first half will be given over to coaching and the second half to handicap shooting.

Of course, although the outdoor season is officially closed shooting will still go on outside when the weather permits.

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Weekly meetings will be held each Wednesday Evening in St. Clare's small hall at 7-30 p.m. New Members welcome.

Will residents please note—New address for Medical Loan : Mrs. Lumb, 9 Church Close, Newton Aycliffe.

Also new officers in Charge of Detachment:- Mrs. Cowling 1 Mills Close, (Treasurer), Mrs. Denby, Lillabourne Crescent (Secretary).

Preliminary Notice:-

Look out for our Annual Sale—Lots of Bargains and Santa Claus.

M.W.

The Adventures of Buttercup



COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Beveridge Hall

- Sunday:** Town Band 10-30 a.m.
Assembly of God Sunday School 2-30 to 4 p.m.
Skating 4-7 p.m.
- Monday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.
Archery Club 16th and 30th October 7-30 p.m.
Townswomens Guild 2nd October.
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30-11-30 a.m.
Family Planning Clinic 2-3-30 p.m.
Skating Club 7-10 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. 5-7 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-30-4 p.m. Welfare Clinic.
Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.-9-30 p.m.
- Friday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. 5-7 p.m.
7-30 p.m. Table Tennis Session
- Saturday:** 7 p.m. Skating Club

Clarence Hall

- Sunday:** Assembly of God Service 6 p.m.
Jehovah's Witnesses 2-30 p.m.
- Monday:** W.V.S. Children's Nursery 1-30-3-45 p.m.
Canine Club 7-15-10 p.m.
Assembly of God Service 6-45-7-45 p.m. 2nd Oct.
- Tuesday:** Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. Open to all.
Assembly of God 6-45-7-45 3rd October
- Wednesday:** W.V.S. Meeting 2 p.m.
Territorial Cadets-Evening
- Thursday:** Jehovah's Witnesses 7 p.m.
Assembly of God 6-45-7-45 p.m.-5th Oct.
- Friday:** Assembly of God Youth Club 7 p.m.
- Saturday:** Free

Committee Room

- Sunday:** Loco Spotters 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30-1
F.P.A. Clinic 2-3-30 p.m. Toc H. 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** 9-30 a.m.-4 p.m. Welfare Clinic
Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 12th October
- Friday:**
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.

C.A.B. Room

- Sunday:**
- Monday:** 2-3 p.m. Registrar.
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:** Free.
- Thursday:** 2-3 p.m. Registrar.
- Friday:** 2-3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 p.m.-
8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session.
- Saturday:** Free.

Upstairs Room

- Sunday:** Salvation Army 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Cage Birds Society, (Morning) 8th October
- Monday:** Whist 7-30 p.m.-All welcome.
- Tuesday:** St. John Cadets (Girls) 6-30 p.m.
Salvation Army 2-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Town Band 7-30 p.m.
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys).
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 a.m.

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SPECIAL DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 3rd** Music Society opening night 8 p.m. Aycliffe School.
- 11th** Radio Society 'Terra Incognita' Principles of the electron and light microscope at 8 p.m. Iron Horse.
- 14th** Arts Council Opera Group 'The Marriage of Figaro' Music Society, Aycliffe School 8 p.m.
- 26th** Lecture-recital "Music and Drama" by Mr. Gittens. Music Society, Aycliffe School.

WELFARE OF HANDICAPPED

A branch has now been formed, and the first meeting will be held between 7-9 p.m. at St. Clares Church in the small hall on Friday, October 6th. Initially it is planned to hold the club meetings fortnightly-anyone interested will be most welcome.

All enquiries to:- Mr. J. Lowe, 8 Church Close, Newton Aycliffe Telephone: Newton Aycliffe 474.