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## EDITORIAL

### Town or Housing Estate?

Newton Aycliffe has many things for which to be thankful. Modern housing, pleasantly sited industry, modern schools and ample open space. We have none of the major problems facing older towns, but we lack one of their advantages, the knowledge that we belong to a community with a past, where families have faced problems and enjoyed successes together for generations.

The new town must create this feeling. Already the national press and the television interviewers have explored a new type of social problem—popularly termed “the New Town Blues.”

How can this sense of community be created? Already much has been done. A wide variety of organisations attempt to meet this need. They continually appeal for support. New members are sure of an understanding welcome, for, in this town, all citizens are comparative newcomers.

Facilities however, are by no means adequate or conveniently situated. The problem of a suitable Youth Centre has already been championed by this newspaper. A recent contributor complained of societies “having to fight each other for the little space available.”

It is interesting to note in this connection that some parts of this county already possess new and elaborate facilities. A large housing estate on Tyneside is shortly to open a complete community centre. It would be wrong to suggest that these areas do not deserve their success. However, if there is any system of priorities, it might be argued that the case for expending Newton Aycliffe's social amenities is unusually strong. The housing estate mentioned is already part of an established town, and in close proximity to cultural and recreational facilities which this town cannot equal.

If Newton Aycliffe is to avoid becoming simply another large housing estate, at best a dormitory suburb for Darlington, at worst a “transit camp” until work in a more socially developed community becomes available, it must foster a flourishing social life.

Public apathy could be our greatest handicap. It is of little use sitting back and expecting authorities to provide. Action must come from the citizens themselves. Well supported local organisations are in the best position to demand assistance.

Newton Aycliffe is still young enough to succeed where the new towns of the South have apparently failed. The future may well regard the new towns as a revolutionary, pioneering experiment. It is in our interest that the experiment is recorded as a success.

P.W.

### MR. E. F. BROOMFIELD

The Editorial Board wish to express their gratitude to Mr. E. F. Broomfield on his retirement from the Editorship of the Newtonian.

Since he accepted the post in May, 1961, Mr. Broomfield has consistently campaigned in support of all that is best in Newton

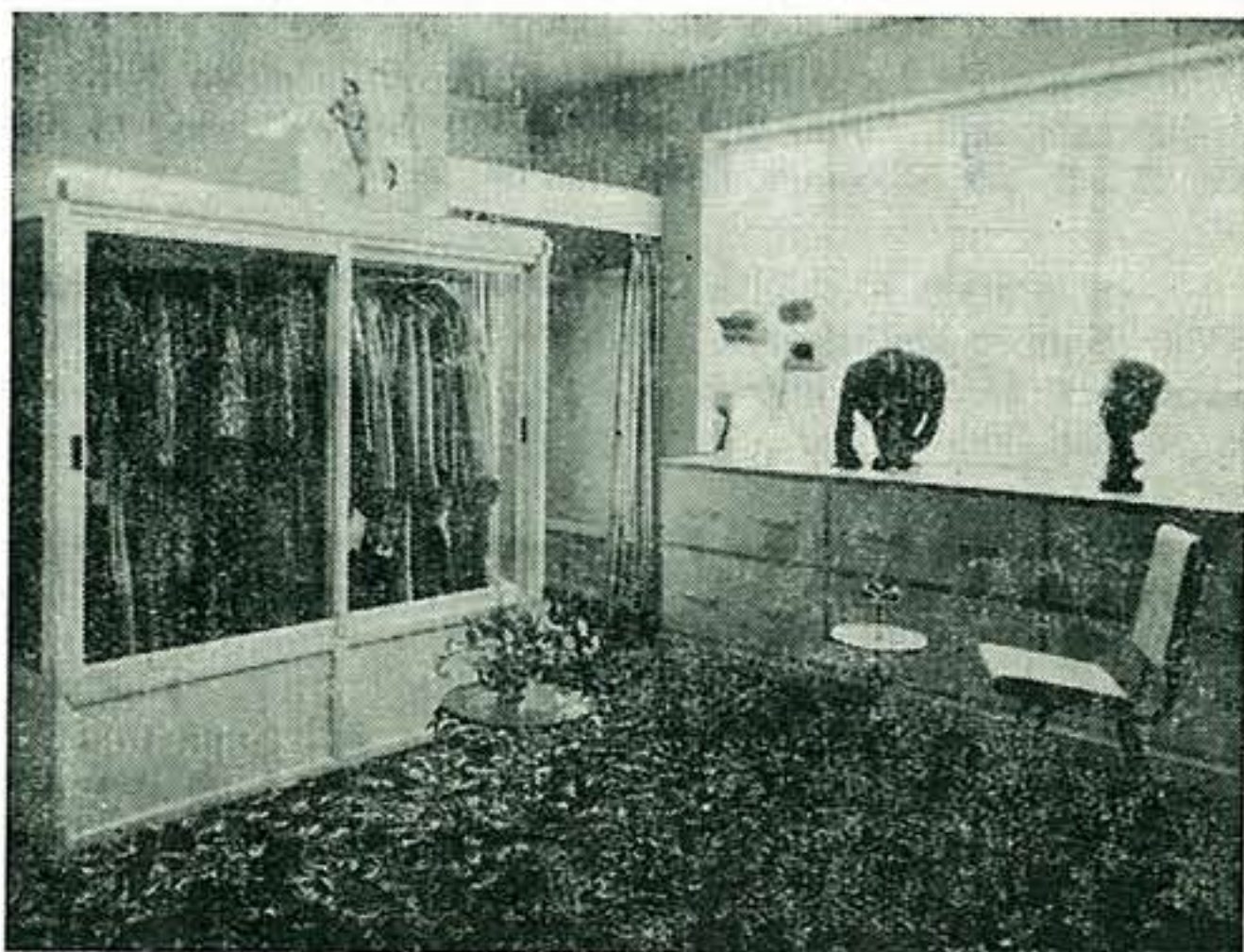
Aycliffe. The needs of the younger section of the town's population have always been especially in his mind, and it is fitting that his final editorials should have exposed the poverty of the facilities existing for young people.

His demand for a youth Centre has been typical of his vigorous determination to present the facts however, disquieting they may have been.

The pursuit of facts in support of his campaigns has involved constant activity. There can be few concerned with the development of Newton Aycliffe who have not made his acquaintance.

Mr. Broomfield has agreed to continue as a member of the Editorial Board, where his experience will be of great value in the future.

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### R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



The Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association took place on Sunday, 4th March in the Branch Headquarters. The meeting was well attended, and among those present were Mr. Chisholm, President, Mr. J. E. Nelson, Area Secretary and Mr. J. Shafto of Darlington.

Mr. F. Tomkins was elected Chairman, Mr. W. Carr, Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. E. Manning, Secretary, Mr. K. Hancock, Treasurer and Mr. Stan Brown, Welfare Officer.

The Branch Secretary, Mr. Manning (Ronnie to us all) was highly commended by both Mr. Tomkins and Mr. Shafto for the excellent work done during the past and current year. It would be a mammoth task indeed to attempt to work out the amount of time that Mr. Manning had spent on both Branch and Club matters. Ronnie is a tireless worker for the Association, and when any issue arises, he is always there to see that the right action is taken.

Mr. Nelson, Area Secretary, spoke highly of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the R.A.F.A., and said that the Branch was held in great esteem in both area and region. Mr. Nelson asked the members to make a determined effort in the forthcoming Battle of Britain campaign, stating that this was our biggest chance of the year to rally and so commemorate the immortal few.

Several projects are under consideration for the entertainment of our members and progress is anticipated in the very near future. Dancing at weekends proves very popular at the club and has an excellent following.

I spoke recently to an R.A.F. man, and asked if he had thought of joining the Association. To my surprise, the man told me that he had often thought about it but had not so far enrolled. The reason for this he said was because he didn't drink. This idea would appear quite general among some, but as I pointed out to the man to whom I refer, the social side at the Club is really secondary to the real aims of the Association. We have many members who are 'silent' regarding the social side of the Branch, but they are still as important as any other member. They have the same privileges as any other and most important, they can have full benefit from the R.A.F.A. Welfare service.

If you are ex-R.A.F. and if this is your obstacle for not applying for membership, please do not hesitate to come forward. This is your Association, and we want you as a member. Even by being a 'silent' member, you are still helping others, and everything is there for you should you ever need it.

H.G.S.

### TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The March meeting was held on Monday, March 5th in the Beveridge Hall with an excellent attendance by the members and visitors. Mrs. Metcalfe, the Chairman, presided and in the unavoidable absence of the Secretary read the minutes and correspondence. Mrs. Greenbank gave the Treasurer's report which showed our finances to be in an excellent state. The speaker was a resident of the town—Mr. Vadgama—who gave a most interesting talk upon Kenya explaining its early history and what has led up to the present troubles. After the refreshment interval the Drama group presented an amusing sketch which was very well received.

Next month's meeting should appeal to all housewives as the speaker is to be Mr. Snaith the well known Darlington butcher and his subject will be "meat." The social half hour, which all members enjoy, will be the playing of favourite records. Please remember when you are shopping at our Town Centre on April 7th to look in at the Boys Club and have your morning coffee at our "April Fayre." We shall have some most attractive stalls. Home made cakes and sweets—and one stall specially for children. The Arts and Crafts section will as usual have a wide variety of articles. We shall expect to see you and are certain you will find something that pleases.

M.M.G.

### NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

The 1962 season of activities is away to a good start, two road trials and several club runs having taken place. While the turnout for these functions has been good, considering the weather, we would like to see a few more members, in particular new ones, so if you have an interest in motoring for its own sake, please, come along to any of our activities, you can be sure of a welcome. The Programme for April is:-

Sun. 1st	Run to Aysgarth Falls and Semmerwater.	Town Centre Car Park 1 p.m.
Wed. 4th	Road Trial	do. 7-30 p.m.
Wed. 11th	General Meeting	Oak Tree 8 p.m.
Sun. 15th	Run to Whitby	Town Centre Car Park 1 p.m.
Wed. 25th	Committee Meeting	Oak Tree 8 p.m.
Sun. 29th	Run to Castle Howard	Town Centre Car Park 1 p.m.

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**NEWTON AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY**

The above Society was granted their licence on the 13th. February 1962. On the same day the licence was granted for the "Newton Aycliffe Canine Training Club." The classes are held in the Clarence Hall every Monday at 7-30 p.m.

The Committee for both activities is as follows :-

*President:* Mr. G. Gowland, 11 Travellers Green.

*Chairman:* Mr. R. V. Marshall, 1 Butler Road.

*Secretary & Treasurer:* Mrs. M. Rickaby, 12 Castlereagh Close

*Vice-President:* Mr. Bamborough, 16 Stanfield Road.

*Committee:* Mesdames Butters, Fox, Hay, Marshall, Oxborough, Thompson, Whitfield, Miss Metcalfe. Messrs. Alderson, Butters, Fox, Bell, Pickering, Rickaby, Storey.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB**

The new season will commence on Saturday, 28th April, 1962, and by the time this article is in print our members will have commenced practice at the nets. At the time of writing no definite evenings have been selected as practice evenings, but official practice will be arranged on two evenings in the week whilst a further evening will be set aside for coaching the members of the newly formed Junior Section.

Practice in the past has been badly organised and insufficient attention has been given to this important aspect by succeeding committees. This year, however, the committee is resolved that practice at the nets will be efficiently organised and members taking part will be expected to practice in a serious and intelligent manner.

Anyone wishing to join the Club either as a playing or a non-playing member will be made most welcome at our Clubhouse in Moore Lane. There are positions to be strengthened in both teams and opportunities for anyone playing the game to gain a place in either of the teams.

We hope that the people of this town will come along to the ground and support their town cricket team particularly as this year there are indications that we will be fielding the two strongest teams we have had since entering the Durham County Cricket League four years ago. Support and encouragement is as essential in cricket as it is in any other sport and if it is forthcoming this season we are sure that it will inspire the players to reach a higher standard of cricket than ever before.

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**Newton Aycliffe and District Branch**

A Spring Fayre in aid of branch funds will be held in the Boys' Club on Saturday, April 14th. The opening will be performed by Mrs. Davies, wife of the vice-chairman of Aycliffe Development Corporation, at 2-30 p.m.

Many local organisations are either arranging to provide their own stall or assisting with the stalls for the sale of handicrafts organised by the branch committee. Many lovely articles have been made by physically handicapped members from materials provided by the association and the committee also wish to express their appreciation for many knitted garments donated by voluntary helpers in the town.

The Committee anticipate a good entry for the paste egg competition which will be judged in various age groups.

Negotiations are in hand with a local fashion house to provide a mannequin parade, but confirmation of this had not been obtained at the time of going to press.

The St. Clare's Church Mothers Union and Fellowship presented a comedy sketch at the branch meeting on Friday, February 23rd, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all members. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Clarkson, Entertainments Officer, not only for the sketch, but also for the very generous refreshments provided.

The committee wish to express their thanks on behalf of the physically handicapped to the many organisations who have provided refreshments at their fortnightly meetings, and to the drivers who have provided transport to and from the hall.

Small quantities of handicraft and leatherwork repairs can now be undertaken by the branch, so if any ladies require new handles on their handbags or any other odd repairs, would they please hand them in at St. Clare's Hall, on meeting nights.

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held in St. Clare's Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 11th when all local organisations are invited to send two representatives.

The association wishes to express their thanks to the vicar and Parochial Council of St. Clare's Church for the use of the church hall.

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## PLANT MONOGRAPHS

### The Guernsey Lilies

Among the most glorious of Autumn flowers, NERINE BOWDENII is surely the most magnificent. Although often treated as a greenhouse flower, it can be grown out of doors in a sheltered position. To withstand the Winter the plant, which is bulbous rooted, must be placed in a South or South west aspect with shelter on the cold sides. The ideal position—at the foot of a wall, none better than a grey stone wall, which offsets the deep pink bells of this typical lily, while providing shelter and the warmth it needs.

They require a fairly good soil and should be set 6 inches deep in August. Protect the crowns with leafmould or peat in winter and over crowded clumps may be divided up in August too.

The 18 to 24 inches tall flowers are like wild lilies of a delicious candy pink, each with a deeper ray down the petals. Although the flowers appear before the leaves, the naked stems may be masked by surrounding them with a late sown annual such as NIGELLA MISS JEKYLL.

D. E. SUMMERSCALES,  
Edinburgh Royal Botanic Garden Guild.

### NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting held on 7th March, 1962, a year of steady progress was reported. Membership was still increasing and the President Mr. W. N. Davis, O.B.E., expressed satisfaction at the Financial Statement, and with the new central heating lately installed, and complimented the Club and Officials.

The following were elected :- *Chairman:* Mr. W. Burdon, *Treasurer:* Miss M. Dobinson, *Secretary:* Mr. G. W. Usher, *Committee:* Mesdames. Bullen, Denby, Kemp, Usher and Wood. Messrs. Beavan, Coulthard, Hindmarch, Shatwell and Walker.

### NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

Recently the Committee had a complaint before them from a member in Ross Walk. It was about gaps in the fence between Ross Walk and the main A1 road and the member was afraid that in the summer a young child might get through one of the gaps with, of course, great risk to his life on that busy road. The Corporation was written to and their reply was to the effect that they had already spent considerable sums repairing the existing fence which was continually being broken down by TENANTS taking a short-cut to the road. They went on to say that they did not feel justified in incurring the expense involved in erecting a substantial fence and stated that, in any case, they thought that the onus of keeping young children away from the main road lay on their parents. The Committee have left over further discussion on this matter till their next meeting but meanwhile would like to get views of other residents in the Ross Walk area. On the one hand we don't want our town to be fenced round like a concentration camp. On the other hand the A1 is a very great danger and children's lives are precious. What do you think? What does the Parish Council think? What does the Road Safety Committee think? Let us have your views either by writing to the Newtonian or to our Secretary. Meanwhile one thing that can be said is that those people who break through the fence are acting in a callous and selfish manner—all to save themselves a three minute walk. Their thoughtless actions may endanger the life of a child.

Other matters being pursued by the Committee at the moment are : provision of a telephone booth and pillar box in the Secker Place—Mellanby Crescent area; enquiry into the delay about the G.P.O. (the Ministry of Works appear to be the culprits at the moment); provision of a 'no cycling' notice on Ross Walk; and, of course, the basic work of individual members' complaints.

D.H.

### AYCLIFFE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION CLOSING OF OFFICES ON SATURDAYS

As from the 1st April, 1962, a five-day working week will operate for the Corporation's Staff and the offices at Churchill House will no longer be open for business on Saturdays.

Hours of Business at Churchill House will then be as follows :-

Monday	} 9 a.m. to 5-30 p.m.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Friday	
Thursday	— 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For the convenience of those wishing to pay rents, etc. the CASH OFFICE will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-15 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and until 6 p.m. on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS.

As a consequence of the adoption of a five-day working week, the tenancies of all Corporation houses (other than those held on Lease) will, as from 1st April next, commence and terminate at 12 noon on Fridays instead of at 12 noon on Saturdays as at present.

A. V. WILLIAMS,  
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## WOMAN'S COLUMN

Men in space—voyages to the moon—and other far away places—all very scientific—but we women with our feet firmly planted on earth will in a short time I hope see the end of the garden's great eyesore—two not very elegant posts supporting a sagging line which then upon occasion has to be thrust upwards with a forked stick—in other words the clothes line and prop. For some few months now it has been possible to get an appliance which can be erected in the garden and is called a rotary clothes drier and an attractive garden shade all in one. This has found much favour with housewives in U.S. and Canada. A brief description of the drier is that it has a centre tubular steel upright let into the ground with rigid steel arms giving line space from 86 to 210 feet depending on size. It has a centre winding gear so that clothes can be hung out with ease—you hang at waist level and then raise to the required height. All parts are rust-proof and the drier will give a lifetime of service. When drying is completed you can quickly fit a gay canopy over the top for an ideal garden shade.

Spring is almost with us and with it comes all the Spring flowers. It is a pity that florists will only sell flowers in bunches of 6 and 12 in one variety. Much better to be able to buy a bunch of mixed. Perhaps some of you can persuade your florist to sell you a bunch of mixed. A few hints which you probably know but have forgotten. They will enable the flowers you buy to give you longer than usual service. Always cut a little off the stem of each flower and leave them in deep water for a few hours before arranging. When making your arrangements be sure that stems are not of equal length—the larger the flower the shorter the stem is a good guide. Always give flowers plenty of space—overcrowding is often the cause of wilting within a few hours of purchase. If in difficulty with your arrangements remember—a triangle is the best basic Shape.

Eggs are reasonably cheap so here are a couple of recipes which are economical and the result most pleasing :-

## 1. Coconut Drops

Ingredients—7-ozs. coconut fine or medium, 2 eggs, 4-ozs. caster sugar, Almond flavouring. Method—Whisk together sugar and egg until thick. Add the coconut and flavouring. Drop a teaspoonful of the mixture at a time on to a greased tin leaving room to spread. Bake at 400 deg.F. for fifteen minutes, sprinkle with sugar.

## 2. Floating Iceberg Custard

Ingredients—3 eggs, 4-oz. sugar, one half pint milk, Vanilla essence. Method—To make the custard use one whole egg and the yolks only of the other two. Beat these and 2-oz. of sugar with a fork then put in a double saucepan together with the milk and a few drops of essence. Cook over simmering water stirring all the time until the custard will coat the back of the spoon. Allow the custard to cool and pour into a shallow glass dish. Beat the two remaining egg whites until stiff then fold in the remaining 2-oz. sugar. Drop this mixture in 'Icebergs' over the custard and decorate as desired.

M.M.G.

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Our Dog Obedience Competition which we are holding in the Beveridge Hall on Thursday, 12th April, 1962 will be open to all Adult and Junior Members. The Competition will begin at 7 p.m. A cup will be presented to the best dog by Mrs. M. Routledge, who has now left the town, and who was a founder member of the Club. The entrance fee will be 1/6d. including refreshments. Spectators are welcome admission 1/-. For further details regarding the Club or Competition please contact the Secretary, Mrs. M. Wood, 10 Ritson Road, Newton Aycliffe, Tel. No. N.A. 684 or any committee member.

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### SEDGEFIELD DIVISION CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION Newton Aycliffe Branch

At the Annual General Meeting of the Conservative Association held on Tuesday, 13th February, 1962, at the "Oak Tree Inn," the retiring Chairman, Councillor D. G. Perry, thanked all members for the effort which had been made to make 1961 a most successful year. Over £100 had been raised by the branch for central party funds, and the election of 6 Councillors to the Darlington Rural District Council and 3 to the Great Aycliffe Parish Council was a very encouraging achievement for a newly-formed branch.

The new officers elected were :-

Chairman: Councillor J. G. Hewson, Vice-Chairman, Councillor D. G. Perry, Secretary: Councillor W. T. Strahan and Treasurer Mr. M. Lowery.

Councillor Hewson pointed out that any member could propose a subject for discussion at Branch Meetings and the resolutions passed on by branches to the central office were the only means of keeping the government informed of the opinions of conservative party members.

The Committee were instructed to review the question of alternative dates and venues for branch meetings as the Tuesday meeting clashed with twelve other local organisations.

At a Committee Meeting held on February 21st, it was decided that future branch meetings should be held on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs room of the "Iron Horse Hotel" at 7-45 p.m. These meetings to be alternately social and political.

A debate on the present system of retail price maintenance was arranged for Wednesday, March 21st at 7-45 p.m. and a social evening for 7-45 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th April.

Anyone interested in joining the association should contact the secretary, Councillor W. T. Strahan, 37 St. Godrics Road, Newton Aycliffe, Telephone No. 488.

J.G.H.



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We will be closed on Tuesday, April 24th for Easter. Information and appointments from Mrs. Thomas, 26 Eden Road, Newton Aycliffe. Tel. Newton Aycliffe 637.

### NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

The last meeting of the present season takes place on **Wednesday, 11th April** at 8 p.m. in Aycliffe School, when we shall hear a talk by Mr. J. Gittins entitled "Ravel Unravelling," illustrated with excerpts from Ravel's Music.

E.G.W.

### ROAD ACCIDENTS

It is of special interest to the parents of Newton Aycliffe that the majority of the accidents mentioned below occurred on residential estates. These are the very occasions when the care and concentration of parents and drivers are most likely to be relaxed.

The Road Safety Bulletin of Durham County Constabulary states that 28 of the 29 children killed in the county during 1961 were either heedlessly crossing the road or playing on the carriage-way. It rightly points out that it is a sad reflection on both parent and driver and a sure indication that more care and training are absolute necessities.

### THE MOTHER'S CODE

**C**are and alertness for the toddlers who explore.  
Close open front gates—they are things to deplore,

**H**old all roads and streets right out of bounds,  
Hitch reins and restrain them when shopping in towns.

**I**n stopping to chat keep an eye on your mite,  
Inspire discretion by doing what's right.  
Indoors after dark is a must in this day,  
Impart "road safety" in all that you say.

**L**eft from right is a thing they should know,  
Let them do kerb drill—the right way to go.

**D**o be careful and never abstain,  
Doing the right things—the child to sustain.  
Don't ever forget in your hands is it's life,  
Do be alive in avoiding road strife.

### NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENNIS CLUB

*Do you enjoy fresh air and healthy exercise?*

Now that the light nights are not very far away perhaps you have under consideration a turning away from 'the great indoors' to more open-air activities. If so, the tennis club is just beginning a new season under much improved surroundings and you might like to hunt up your old racket and join or re-join us.

Special arrangements have been made to ensure that anyone particularly interested in evening tennis might find someone "at the club" ready to play, and of course weekend tennis is expected to find its usual support.

During the past season the financial situation has become at times, fairly acute, but the proposed slight increase in the subscription, £2 for 12 months' tennis for seniors and £1 for juniors, as you can readily see still compares favourably with other Clubs and includes such advantages as the use of the well equipped table tennis and canteen.

The large area surrounding the courts (situated in McMillan Road) is now well grassed over and quite ideal for young children to run about on and play games while you enjoy a game of tennis or lounge in one of the numerous comfortable deck chairs.

The Canteen provides tea and light refreshments at week-ends and an assortment of mineral waters, whilst, thanks to the Corporation, the planting of numerous plants, shrubs, and small trees has done much to make the pavilion and court surrounds a very pleasant place to spend a sunny afternoon.

So, perhaps we will have the pleasure of seeing you, or seeing you again this season—we hope so.

If further details are required, the following or any other member of the Committee will only be too willing to supply them:—

Mrs. W. Gerrard, Hon. Chairman,	2 Elizabeth Barrett Walk.
Mrs. E. Vickers, Hon. Treasurer	22 Clarence Chare.
Mr. T. Airey,	86 Silkin Way.
Mr. R. Slater, Hon. Secretary	9 Clarence Corner.

The Club is holding its 12th Annual General Meeting in the Tennis Pavilion, McMillan Road, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th April, and all will be welcome.



## CHILDREN'S COLUMN

### ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

I took John, my five year old grandson to the Adventure Playground at Romford. He climbed up the steps into a real lifeboat set up on concrete pillars. You couldn't see him when he stood up inside the lifeboat, but he was soon climbing on to the seats and all over the boat.

Next a real Traction Engine set up in a concrete base, with movable steering wheel and parts, and a roof to climb upon for the adventurous. Great fun driving this and turning things off and on. Then a Fordson Tractor with parts to steer and move.

We walked across to the big concrete pipes, three feet in diameter, through which they crawled and played hide and seek. Then a horizontal Bar about six feet with a thick rope net thrown over it and the net secured to the ground on each side at an angle of about 45°. We watched a boy of 7 or 8 years climb up the rope net to the bar, put his head over the bar and through one of the square holes in the rope net and turn a somersault. I thought we would hurt his neck, but he seemed to like doing it and did it again.

A maypole with children playing it, and swings and a water pump, although I am not too sure whether the children ought to have played with this. However, there was a young woman in charge during peak hours, otherwise the playground, about 3 or 4 acres, was kept locked but children sometimes got in when it was locked. There were also tiny plots of garden about 3 or 4 feet square all round by some of the railings. We had a jolly good morning's adventure.

E.F.B.

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This year, try to keep some spawn in a large jar or small tank so that you can observe the development of these little creatures. Keep your jar or tank away from direct sunlight. When the tadpoles first emerge they hang on to weeds by means of a sucker which is just behind the mouth. Look out for the tiny feathery gills which appear. Try to find out what happens to these gills as the tadpole grows bigger.

After a few weeks give the tadpoles a piece of raw meat, but do not allow any which is uneaten to remain in the water. The meat would cause pollution if left in too long and the tadpoles would die. When the tadpoles are about two months old they come to the surface to breathe air and at three months old they become tiny frogs and can be seen leaping about on land.

#### April Competition

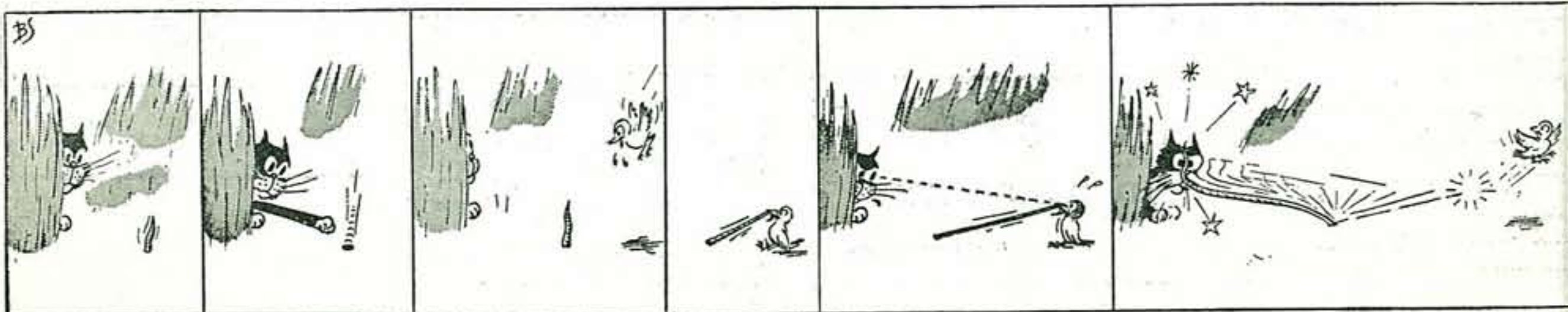
Answer these questions as fully as you can. You may use drawings to illustrate your answers :-

1. Watch your tadpoles carefully and try to find out how they get out of the jelly coating which surrounds them.
2. Which legs appear first.
3. What happens to the tail as the tadpole becomes a frog?

Send your entries to 5 Dixon Road by the 31st March.

F. G. SANDERSON.

### The Adventures of Buttercup





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR APRIL

## 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 p.m.—4-30 p.m. and 5 p.m.—7 p.m.  
Townswomen's Guild 2nd April 7-15 p.m.  
Labour Party 9th and 23rd April 7-30 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30—11-30 a.m. 3rd & 17th April  
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.—10 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:** Jehovah's Witnesses 3 p.m.—5 p.m.  
Salvation Army 6 p.m.—7 p.m.
- Monday:** W.V.S. Children's Nursery 1-30—3-45 p.m.  
Canine Club 7-15—10 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Whist Drive 7-30 p.m. Open to all.
- Wednesday:** W.V.S. Meeting 2 p.m.—4 p.m.  
Territorial Cadets—Evening
- Thursday:** Jehovah's Witnesses 7 p.m.—9-30 p.m.  
Salvation Army 2-30 p.m.—3-30 p.m.
- Friday:** Assembly of God Youth Club 7 p.m.
- Saturday:**

## Committee Room

- Sunday:** Loco Spotters 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30—1 p.m. 3rd and 17th April  
F.P.A. Clinic 2—3-30 p.m.  
Toc H 7-30 p.m.—9 p.m.
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** 9-30 a.m.—4 p.m. Welfare Clinic  
Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Canine Club 7-30 p.m. 5th April  
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 12th April
- Friday:** Chess Club 7-30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.

## Warden's Office and C.A.B. Room

- Sunday:**
- Monday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar (Warden's Office)
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar (Warden's Office)
- Friday:** 2—3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 p.m.—8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session.
- Saturday:**

## Upstairs Room

- Sunday:** Cage Birds Society 11 a.m.—1 p.m. 15th April  
Salvation Army 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
- Monday:** Whist 7-30 p.m.—All welcome.
- Tuesday:** St. John Cadets (Girls) 6-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Town Band 6-30 p.m.
- Thursday:** Drama Club 8 p.m.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys).
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 a.m.

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