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EDITORIAL

We think the time has come when the people of the Town should be invited to contribute to the Newtonian. As you well know this paper exists in the main to keep you advised of the activities of all the various organisations and in that field it certainly does an extremely good job.

It has been suggested that many of the papers readers have something to say of general interest, and so we invite you to let us have an article of approx 450 words on any subject you like, local places of interest, well known and not so well known, we were prompted to this, by the fact that we have recently come across residents in the town who have never seen Durham Cathedral, and have yet to explore the beauties of the country-side on our doorstep. Any subject will be welcomed so long as it has general appeal. You may even be able to condense a short story, serious or humorous, to the required length. You would of course appreciate that with our limited space we could only print one contribution at a time, however don't let that deter you, what can't be used in our next edition could be used in the future.

In time to come we hope to be able to run something in the nature of competitions, but more of that at a later date, let's see what can be done for a start. Anyone can contribute, and we are confident that among our 12,000 readers there are some bright ideas and that we shall get some excellent copy.

To keep to the approx. 450 words bear the following verse in mind:

*If you've got a thought that's happy—
Make it short and crisp and snappy—
When your brain its coin has minted,
And you want your effort printed,
Make your meaning plain. Express it
So we'll know—not merely guess it.*

You will see on another page all the details of the classes for further education. A wide variety of subjects is covered, and a great deal of thought has been given to the programme. Add this to the fifty odd organisations in the town, and note the new one, the forming of a Sketching Club, then you will be able to refute the remark one hears occasionally, that there is nothing to do in Newton Aycliffe.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Wood the retiring Editor, who has for some months given a great deal of time and effort to the Newtonian, but for business reasons has had to relinquish the job. We wish him the best of good fortune in his new sphere.

New Editor's address: to which all copy for October should be sent by the 8th of the month:-

Mr. R. T. Greenbank,
17 Bede Crescent,
Newton Aycliffe.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Meetings are held every Wednesday at 7-45 p.m. in the small hall of St. Clare's church.

We are beginning a new course in Home Nursing on Wednesday, 12th September. Why not come along and join us? You will find it very interesting and will be made very welcome. We start with a lecture which is followed by practical work and finish off the evening with tea and biscuits and a chat.

In July at the end of the First Aid course 17 candidates took the examination at which all were successful. The examining doctor was very pleased with the high standard obtained by all candidates.

Examinations are held at the end of each course but these are not compulsory.

On Saturday, 11th August the Red Cross manned a First Aid Post at the Sports Club Show and also in the evening at the Go Kart racing.

S.W.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

The above are holding their second Sanction Show on Monday, September 17th at 6-30 p.m. it is intended to commence promptly at the stated time, the Judge will be: W. Burrows, Esq., of Manchester.

Dog training classes are still being held in the Clarence Hall every Monday evening at 7-30 p.m.

Schedules for the show can be obtained from :-Mrs. M. Rickaby, 12 Castlereagh Close, Newton Aycliffe Tel. 672 or from any committee member.

M.R.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

They tell me that the Club has really got away to a flying start this season. Of course there is quite a bit of new talent at the top—the new Hon. Sec. for instance now there's a go-getter if ever I saw one. Pity he doesn't get a bit more sleep at nights to get rid of those dark circles under his eyes but he's keen and, if he lives to see the end of the season, will be a good 'un.

I saw them at practice the other night and was impressed by a tall thin chap wearing what seemed like his grandfather's pants. He appeared to be in some position of authority because he was encouraging his men in a most cultured voice—at least that's what they said he was doing, but it sounded more like "cussing" to me. The rest of the lads looked in good shape too although there were a number of split personalities who couldn't make up their mind whether they belonged on the cricket field or the football pitch. If these fellows survive the pre-season practices they should weld into a team capable of taking on some of the best extra fourth teams in the country.

One thing that struck me the other night was the way in which all the young men had very well-developed right arms. I don't believe a word of this, mind you, but someone said it was due to the physical exercises carried out in the bar after the game.

I asked who was the gentleman in charge and it seemed that no one could re-call having seen a gentleman since the previous Secretary got the sack. However, the new Hon. Sec. can be found in the club-house after practice games on Wednesdays and as often at other times, as his wife lets him out.

I understand that new members of any sort—players, rabbits or just plain hangers-on will be very welcome indeed and that anyone interested should make his way to the club-house or get in touch with Ken Slater, 8 Warburton Close or J. Horsefield, 5 Bede Crescent (Phone 300).

"SPECTATOR"

MINERS' DAY

Last summer there was a very interesting article in the 'Newtonian' about the Miners' Gala, with a photograph. This year it was for us an historic occasion as our Town Band was one of the 3 selected to play inside the Cathedral, and any body who that good fortune to be there will never forget it.

The streets were thronged from early morning and many from Newton Aycliffe were there to see the miners from all over the County bringing their brilliantly coloured banners. Our Band played in Middridge Colliery and by the time it reached the race-course there were banners all round. The wind was blustery and it was hard work to tether them, but it was well worth a walk twice round the course to see both sides of all the banners with their mining scenes, their portraits, their biblical pictures and their mottos, all set in richly coloured borders.

We followed "our" banner and our town band up the steep cobbled streets to the Cathedral Green. There we were joined by our Vicar and met Lord Lawson who remembered opening our Over Sixty Club building. The Bandmaster, Mr. Lerigo wore navy blue and his bandsmen in their wine-red tunics stood out brightly against the grey edifice. The procession was most impressive, moving slowly into the Cathedral to the strains of "Hollinside," Jesu, Lover of my Soul.

The vast interior was packed to the walls. The contrast between the sound of the instruments outside and the silence of the crowds inside was very striking, although many of the people there must have been in their seats for over an hour.

The 3 bands massed below the great windows in the North transept and played throughout the service. The Bishop preaching had been vicar of Spennymoor and he used the same text as Bishop Westcott who had preached on the very first Miners' Day. Going out, our band played "Onward Christian Soldiers," a good choice and very rousing.

It was sad that all the wives and families concerned could not be there, but for those who were it was a privilege to share in the Bandsmen's honour and the Middridge Miners'—that memorable day.

E.H.

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SEDGEFIELD CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH

No news is good news, so runs the old saying, and some of the old sayings have been running for a heck of a long time. The Secretary apologises that no news of Branch activities has appeared in the Newtonian for the past couple of months, however, have pen—shall write.

Active we have been. A very successful car treasure hunt in June was attended by forty two people, and the hunting done by some of the competitors was certainly never foreseen by the organisers of the event. The competitors may have been baffled but the organisers were bewildered. The Branch also organised two highly successful stalls at the Divisional Garden Fete, which was held at Egglescliffe this year. August is to be our holiday month.

Events arranged already for the winter session include a Branch Meeting on Wednesday, 19th September in the Iron Horse Hotel, at 7-45 p.m. This will probably include a twenty minute debate and will be followed by an hour or two for dominoes, chess, cribbage, etc., and maybe a bite to eat. If you haven't met us before please come along.

On Wednesday, October 17th we shall be holding a Social Evening, also in the Iron Horse Hotel.

W.T.S.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

The Club held its A.G.M. on July 25th and although the meeting was very busy a full report has already appeared in the press, therefore I shall confine myself to listing the new committee :

Chairman: Mr. M. Henderson (re-elected), *Hon. Sec:* Mr. M. Copsey, *Hon. Treas:* Mr. J. Allaker, *Press Sec:* Mr. E. Nelson (re-elected), *Sports Sec. and Runs Captain:* Mr. P. Skerry, *Members:* Mr. R. Adamson and Mr. M. O'Reilly.

The July Treasure Hunt had to be brought forward a week but a good entry produced the following result:- 1st Messrs. P. Harris and T. Ducker, 2nd Messrs. H. Hindmarsh and Navigator, 3rd Messrs. Harrison and Navigator.

In future will winning and placed competitors please make sure that the organisers have full names in order that the points table may be kept up to date. No programme has been decided on for October, as yet, but I will repeat Septembers below.

Sun. 2nd	Run to Blanchlands	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Sun. 9th	Scarborough & Filey	" " " "	10 a.m.
Wed. 12th	Committee Meeting	Iron Horse	8 p.m.
Sun. 16th	Hanging Gardens of Mark Anthony	Town Centre Car Park	1 p.m.
Wed. 19th	Treasure Hunt	" " " "	7-30 p.m.
Wed. 26th	General Meeting	Iron Horse	8 p.m.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH OF OXFORD COMMITTEE FOR FAMINE RELIEF

October Effort

The town's organisation's are invited to send a representative to a meeting to be held in September, the date to be announced later.

Will anyone who has any discarded clothing, please save it until October, when clothing centres will be open.

The social Evening organised by the Women's Section of the Labour Party will be held on Monday, 8th October in the Beveridge Hall. All are welcome to attend.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE BADMINTON CLUB

Monday, 3rd September, 1962 7 p.m. sees the beginning of the new Badminton Season. The Committee have high hopes of this season, and hope to see some new members along with the old. Anyone who has played before will be most welcome, but the club has the necessary equipment to teach anyone who is sufficiently interested to join and play regularly. Our club nights are Mondays and Thursdays in the Assembly Hall of Marlowe Hall Campus School.

Any additional information may be obtained from the Secretary, 14 Lowery Road.

N.J.D.

THE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

We next meet on September, 3rd in the Beveridge Hall at 7-20 p.m., the main item of the evening is to be a demonstration by a representative of Wm. Strike Ltd. on **Flower Arrangement**. There will be an auction of Harvest Produce instead of the usual sales table. The competition is complimentary to the speaker, it is to be a flower arrangement in a sauceboat. After the tea interval there will be a round table conference, the discussion "Next years programme." Will all members therefore try to attend in order that their ideas may be put forward and pooled making 1963 an interesting year as far as the Guild is concerned.

The October Meeting

The October meeting falls on the first day of the month and the October edition of the Newtonian will not reach you in time so here are the details of that meeting. We have Miss D. Brown of Durham as the Speaker, she will give us in an informal talk about her experiences in that vast country China.

The competition will have a bumper entry, we hope; as the 6d. knitted squares entered are for a charitable organization; so please will all members look out those odd bits of wool and start the needles clicking NOW.

The sales table gives us a double opportunity, to clear out unwanted magazines and paper backs, and to purchase replacements. We extend a very warm welcome to anyone who would care to come along particularly new-comers to the town.

M.M.G.



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NEWTON AYCLIFFE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

Alternative meetings of entertainment and handicrafts are now operating successfully and the introduction of a sing-song by Mrs. E. Peace to open a meeting puts members and committee alike into a lively jolly mood.

We have been pleased to welcome one or two new members to the Club.

An enjoyable half day was spent at South Shields by the members who, with relatives and friends, took advantage of the Clubs first outing, held on July 15th. The trip, which was free to members only, also included a high tea.

The members chose South Shields as the most suitable sea side resort to meet their requirements and many of us were agreeably surprised at the variety of entertainment, simple entertainment that is, that it had to offer. Most things were easily accessible and this is a very important factor for our members. It was a cold day but never the less, the break from home and routine was much appreciated. Thanks are due to Mr. Stan Clarkson, entertainments Officer, who did the organising and Mr. Bill Barker, transport officer who with Stan supervised the journey and looked after things in general.

At the club night on July 13th, Mr. W. Smith, a member, gave a very instructive demonstration on basket making. Refreshments were provided by the Ladies Social Club.

On July 27th, a local Rhythm Group "The Dominoes," entertained the members at very short notice and earned the gratitude of the entertainments officer, Mr. Stan Clarkson. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Methodist Church Choir.

At a committee meeting on July 30th, a full and varied programme was drawn up for meetings from August 10th right through to the Christmas Party which is planned for December 14th. The date nearest to Christmas that we can arrange it for. Each member should by now have a printed programme card.

Swimming lessons for the children were suspended during August but will be resumed on 4th September. We thank all the drivers and helpers who have assisted in this worthwhile task which brought so much enjoyment to our Physically Handicapped children and hope to meet them all again this month.

M.C.L.S.



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THE NEWTON PLAYERS

The dramatic society's 10th Annual General Meeting was held on August 2nd. The following committee was returned.

Chairman: Mrs. Y. McLaughlin, *Treasurer:* Mrs. S. Wallace, *Secretary:* Mrs. J. Brown, *Publicity Officer:* Mrs. H. Neal, *Social Secretary:* Mr. T. McHale.

On the recommendation of the outgoing committee final purchases of materials for completion of the dramatic society's hut were passed; this means that by the end of October all props, flats, tools and costumes will be under one roof and whilst work on the sets is carried out on our own premises rehearsals are planned to continue in the upstairs room which has been the Newton Players meeting place for many years.

Thanks to the many people who like to be associated with the dramatic society we have already received some furnishings and furniture for the hut, however, more is needed and any donations will be most welcome.

Before the serious business of producing three plays for the coming season, and in order that they, and the annual pantomime should have a sound financial backing the following social adverts have been arranged.

Wild West Dance, Friday September 14th The Gretna Green Wedding Inn 8 p.m.—12 p.m. 4/-.

Car Treasure Hunt, Sunday, September 16th. Leaving the Community Centre from 3 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. Refreshments provided. Drinks for Sale Adults 2/6, Children 1/6d. 1/- per car.

Children will not only be welcome but also a distinct advantage to their parents. The trail will end near home and in time for tea as mentioned above.

Annual Subscription: Members, half guinea, Associate Members five shillings, Patrons one guinea. *Hon. Sec:* Mrs. J. Brown, 9 Chapman Close, Newton Aycliffe. Meetings every Thursday 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.—Upstairs Room, Community Centre.

H.J.N.

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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



Once again, Battle of Britain Week is almost upon us, and once again a full programme has been organised to commemorate the occasion.

By the time the 'Newtonian' leaves the press, a number of heats will have been held to select a 'Miss R.A.F.A.—Newton Aycliffe'. The lucky lady who wins this beauty competition will then officiate at all the events during the Battle of Britain Week.

The programme for the week is as follows:

Sunday, 9th September, 1962

Battle of Britain Remembrance Parade at Newton Aycliffe. Various organisations will be represented, headed by the Town Band. Parade will assemble at 9-15 a.m. outside R.A.F.A. Headquarters, marching off at 9-30 a.m. prompt, for the service at the Methodist Chapel, Neville Parade, at 9-45 a.m. A 'Treasure Hunt' is also organised, and for full details, please look out for posters.

Monday, 10th September, 1962

Members Games Night, darts, dominoes, etc., and an extension has been arranged.

Tuesday, 11th September, 1962

A Grand Concert by the Neville Male Voice Choir. Programmes for this event will be on sale at the Canopus Club.

Wednesday, 12th September, 1962

The night you have all been waiting for 'THE TRAMPS BALL,' dancing commences at 8 p.m., continuing until 12-30 a.m. 'Tramps' 3/6, formal (normal) dress 3/6d. each. Tickets are limited for this great social event, and a special barbecue will be prepared.

Thursday, 13th September, 1962

Grand Variety Night. We hope to have some of our talent from among our members tonight, and you are assured of a good evenings entertainment.

Friday, 14th September, 1962

'Normal' Friday social evening, with eats and cabaret turns thrown in.

Saturday, 15th September, 1962

R.A.F. Station, Middleton St. George will be 'at home' to all commencing about 2 p.m. onwards. All the latest aircraft will be on view, with both static and flying displays. Brochures for this event will be on sale from R.A.F. personnel throughout the town, before this date. Special car and bus labels will be available as usual from the Canopus Club, giving you easy access to the airfield. Later in the evening, from 8 p.m. there will be dancing as usual at the Branch Headquarters.

Sunday, 16th September, 1962

An extra special Cricket Match is being arranged for this day, for further details, please look out for posters.

H.G.S.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE DOG TRAINING CLUB

Please remember our Members only Obedience Competition to be held in the Beveridge Hall on Thursday, 6th September at 7-30 p.m. The competition will be in two parts. Part 1 will be for beginners and all these who attain the required standard will receive a certificate. Part 2 will be for the more advanced members of the Club and the winner will be awarded the Trophy which will be presented on this occasion by Mrs. A. V. Williams, wife of the General Manager of Aycliffe Development Corporation. For further details please contact the Secretary, Mrs. M. P. Wood, 10 Ritson Road, Newton Aycliffe. Tel. N.A. 684 or any committee member.

M.P.W.

GONE WITH THE WIND

"I was hopping mad" said the District Nurse. "Went to pump up my bicycle tyre at Neville Parade shops, and my pump had been stolen, while I went to get something for a patient in a hurry." Replacement four shillings. The next day at Neville Parade again, my tyres were let down. I have also left the bicycle safely against a wall, and it has been pushed over.

Comment

These youngsters, aged about 8, 9 or 10 years, probably have no sense of club behaviour. Why should they, they don't have a chance to belong to a club.

They belong to the 2,000 boys and girls unwanted at any clubs, because there is no more room, and so their standards of behaviour, are lower than those of boys and girls who learn to live and are taught proper standards.

SKETCH CLUB

There must be many people in the town interested in drawing and painting. Enough surely to form a group, able to help themselves and each other, to make and possibly exhibit sketches and finished work. All those interested are invited to write or call upon:- Mr. Ronnie Bowes, 5 Hardinge Road.

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MARLOWE HALL OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

It is intended to form an Old Students Association for former pupils of Marlowe Hall.

The Association will run in conjunction with Service of Youth Classes, arranged by the Organiser for further Education. It will meet each Monday, beginning 24th September.

Members will be expected to attend an evening class of their own choice, from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m., and afterwards join in a social hour in the School Hall. Classes are offered in the following subjects: Art, Physical Education (Girls), Physical Education (Boys), Domestic Science, Needlework, Music, French conversation, Metalwork, Woodwork, Drama, Craftwork (Girls).

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Dressmaking	Tuesday	7.00 to 9.00
	Mrs. T. Greenshield	
Keep Fit for Men	Tuesday	7.30 to 9.00
	Mr. D. Robson	
Keep Fit for Men	Thursday	7.30 to 9.00
	Mr. D. Robson	
Metalwork	Monday	7.00 to 9.30
	Mr. L. Newland	
Painting in Oils	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00
	Mrs. C. E. Clements	
Radio and T.V. Maintenance	Thursday	7.30 to 9.30
	Mr. G. Milward	
Rugby Union Coaching	Wednesday	7.30 to 9.00
	Mr. T. W. Smith	
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	Mrs. W. Doran	
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	Mr. E. Smith	
Woodwork	Thursday	6.45 to 9.15
	Mr. E. Smith	

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	Mrs. E. Gray	
Dressmaking	Thursday	7.00 to 9.00
	Mrs. E. Gray	
Dressmaking	Friday	7.00 to 9.00
	Mrs. E. Gray	
Keep Fit for Women	Thursday	7.30 to 9.00
	Mrs. G. M. Morrison	
Scottish Country Dancing	Wednesday	8.00 to 9.30
	Miss E. Wardle	
Tailoring	Wednesday	7.00 to 9.00
	Mrs. E. Gray	

GARDENS COMPETITION

On an Insert to this issue there is a full list of prizewinners and awards of certificates of merit for the annual gardens competition. It is very pleasing to note that the number of good gardens is increasing every year and there are relatively few which spoil the general standard.

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On July 22nd the Walworth Pair Dance Shield, and our new Beaver figure trophy were competed for by a happy band of Beveridge club members, who we are pleased to say were well supported by a large audience of Newtonians. The Walworth dance shield, which is a three monthly competition, was won this time by Avril and Noel Bennett. The Beaver trophy was competed for by twenty of our members who made a really good attempt at some very difficult figure skating. This occasion was the first of its kind in what will now become an annual event. The winner Miss Susan Hindmarch, took home with her the shining new trophy with the promise to keep it clean and shining. (Hint to Susan!) Mrs. Southworth whom the trophy is named after (Maiden Name), presented the trophy to Susan, who in return presented Mrs. Southworth with a large box of chocolates on behalf of our club members. Via The Newtonian we would like to express our sincere thanks to the judges who did a grand job on our competition day. Miss Rosalind Clulow, Miss Ann Wallace, and Mr. Peter Southworth all of Darlington were our judges, and to them we again offer our thanks. At this point we feel that we should take this opportunity to thank Mr. Stewart who always has a busy time as doorman on competition days. Many thanks also to Mr. E. Nelson (disc-jockey) Mr. F. Markham (Our mobile skate repair shop), and Miss Shirley Foggin who is always of great help as assistant secretary to her future husband (the Big Day 15th September).

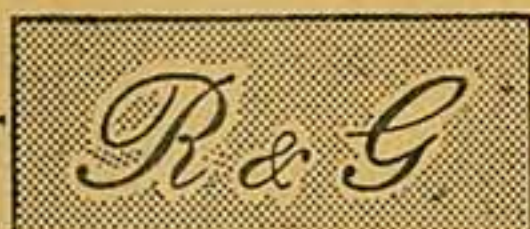
We were all sorry to hear about Mrs. Bennett's accident, we do hope her foot is soon better and that she will be mobile very soon. Janet Welldon one of our new Tuesday class members has also been in the wars—take care of that arm Janet.

G.A.B.

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

The outing to Saltburn on Monday 16th July was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Once again we were fortunate with the weather. Our annual Sale of Work will be held on Saturday 22nd September at 10-30 a.m. and will be opened by Mrs. F. M. Davis, wife of Mr. W. N. Davis, O.B.E., the President of the Club.

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WOMAN'S COLUMN

September, Autumn, Backend call it what you will it is the month to start winter flowers—in other words indoor Bulbs, now is the time to get them potted so they get a good start and are in flower we hope for Christmas and New Year.

When the green shoots are well through sow a little grass seed just under the fibre and the plants will grow on a lawn, or carefully lift the soft green moss from old stone walls and cover the bulb fibre with a layer, it improves the appearance enormously.

Talking of Christmas I was amazed to receive through the post as early as July literature advising me to order Christmas cards NOW. I wonder—must the manufacturers or their agents be so unseasonable? or is the appropriate word in this case unreasonable? half the fun is browsing through the shops in November and even in December.

An item I read in a local newspaper recently regarding Newton Aycliffe and some residents from the United States and Canada calls I think for comment. They seem to find coal fires a real bugbear which I quite understand as we all know the difficulty of "the wind in the wrong direction" the aggravating days when every time ones back is turned the fire goes out.

I do hope our visitors will eventually appreciate a good coal fire, for what is nicer in this dismal climate of ours than tea and chatter round our traditional open fire? and isn't fire light the kindest softest light of all? Folks cannot sit in front of a radiator and hold hands, be sentimental and reminisce but in front of a flickering fire the conditions are ideal.

Now what does appeal to our visitors is our grand country side our lovely flowers garden and our friendly English pubs, I most sincerely hope they thoroughly enjoy their stay with us and when they return home take with them happy memories of "Our Town" and forgive us our shortcomings.

Finally as I write this column at the commencement of the August Bank Holiday weekend with the rain pouring down the following verse which I memorised some years ago seems most appropriate this year:-

*Dirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
From January up till May
The rain it raineth every day.
All the rest have thirty-one,
Without a blessed gleam of sun;
And if any of them had two-and thirty,
They'd be just as wet and twice as dirty.*

M.M.G.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

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 7-15 p.m. 3rd September
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m. on 10th and 24th September.
- Tuesday:** Welfare Clinic 9-30 a.m.—11-30 a.m. on 4th and 18th September.
Family Planning Clinic 2 p.m.—3-30 p.m.
Skating Club 7 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Parish Council 5th September 7-15 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-30-4 p.m. Welfare Clinic
Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.—10 p.m.
6th, 13th and 27th September.
- Friday:** Library 2-4-30 p.m. and 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.—4 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.
- 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. 4th & 18th September.
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. 6th September
Labour Party 7-30 p.m. 13th September
- Friday:**
- 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. 2nd and 23rd September.
Drama Club 16th September 4-15 p.m.
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.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys)
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 am..

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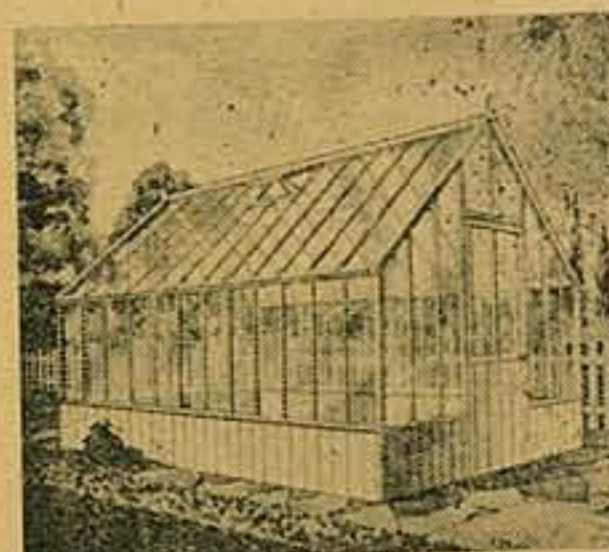
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TOWN GARDENS COMPETITION, 1962

The final judging of the gardens in the Corporation's annual competitions was carried out by Mr. J. Qualye, Horticultural Instructor, Finchale Abbey Training Centre for the Disabled, Finchale Abbey, Durham, on Friday the 3rd August. Prizes were awarded as follows:-

Ward No. 1

- 1st £4 — Mr. F. Hiley, 33 Gilpin Road
 2nd £3 — Mr. T. McGoldrick, 52 Gilpin Road
 3rd £2 — Mr. J. M. C. Ward, 6 Church Close
 4th £1 — Mr. G. A. Goldstraw, 1 Pudsey Walk
 5th 10/- — Mrs. E. Bell, 17 Clarence Green

Certificates of Merit—Mr. C. Shield, 13 Travellers Green; Mr. J. Robinson, 38 Bede Crescent; Mr. J. Harrison, 97 Greathead Crescent; Mr. J. Stanworth, 31 Gilpin Road; Mr. W. Falkous, 4 Clarence Close.

Ward No. 2

- 1st £4 — Mr. J. L. Moore, 3 Watson Road
 2nd £3 — Mr. G. Dagliesh, 12 Lambton Close
 3rd £2 — Mr. F. Cole, 26 Walker Lane
 4th £1 — Mr. A. Chapman, 9 Moule Close
 5th 10/- — Mr. D. Fawcett, 26 Butler Road

Certificates of Merit—Mr. C. W. Wise, 21 Lee Green; Mr. C. H. Collinson, 15 Cumby Road; Mr. A. E. Cobb, 2 Finchale Road; Mr. J. Farrow, 49 Cumby Road; Mr. R. Capps, 5 Lee Green.

Ward No. 3

- 1st £4 — Mr. J. Wood, 1 Conyers Place
 2nd £3 — Mr. T. H. Warin, 15 Stanfield Road
 3rd £2 — Mr. S. Kitching, 38 Skirlaw Road
 4th £1 — Mr. J. Lewis, 4 Bulmer Close
 5th 10/- — Mr. D. Knight, 47 Mellanby Crescent

Certificates of Merit—Mr. W. O'Donnell, 1 Biscop Crescent; Mr. G. C. Defty, 29 Langley Road; Mr. L. D. Freeman, 4 Fowler Road; Mr. G. H. Maffey, 49 Mellanby Crescent; Mr. J. L. Holmes, 72 Mellanby Crescent.

Ward No. 4

- 1st £4 — Mr. J. W. Gill, 28 Dalton Way
 2nd £3 — Captain T. W. Watson, 20 Barrington Road
 3rd £2 — Mr. E. Chapman, 13 Hullock Road
 4th £1 — Dr. G. S. Cowin, 2 Henson Grove
 5th 10/- — Mr. E. Herdman, 23 Macmillan Road

Certificates of Merit—Mr. A. Cockerill, 78 Faulkner Road; Mr. L. R. Chaplin, 51 Whiteley Grove; Mr. D. Gibson, 23 Hartley Road; Mr. R. E. Brown, 50 Westmorland Way; Mr. T. Wilson, 62 Westmorland Way; Mr. J. Howarth, 24 Tunstall Road.

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- 1st £4 — Mr. M. Dent, 66 Pease Way
 2nd £3 — Mr. T. S. Foster, 2 Webb Close
 3rd £2 — Mr. E. J. Maughan, 5 Creighton Road
 4th £1 — Mr. M. Cockburn, 13 Vane Road
 5th 10/- — Mr. T. S. Hindmarch, 3 Creighton Road

Certificates of Merit—Mrs. D. Deane, 31 Marshall Road; Mr. J. A. Hewitson, 116 Mellanby Crescent; Mrs. M. Gutteridge, 2 Ramsey Place; Mr. J. Slack, 55 Emerson Way; Mr. J. Richardson, 49 Bewick Crescent.

The Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl for the best garden in the town has been awarded to Mr. F. Hiley of 33 Gilpin Road

ADVENTURES OF DOGGIE RUM

Would I like to go on a trip to the moon, repeated spearmint? Tell me, is there water on the moon, and growing shoots? No water, no green shoots, said Rummy. Then there would be no lovely smells from the damp moon at night, no worms and no beetles, said Spearmint which smell like Oxo or Bovril does, to a boy in a kitchen, when his mother's cooking dinner.

Yes, said Rummy, I believe you because when I go for a walk, I can always tell whether any of my friends have been out before me, and also I can tell who they are, because each one leaves behind a different scent.

Come along now; Spike; Quillie; and Spearmint! said Mrs. Hedgehog. We like to go to bed in the daytime and enjoy ourselves at night, with the other animals and birds, that live their life at night-time. Please can I bring my music to the camp fire tonight, asked Spearmint? yes, of course, replied Rummy, that will be a nice surprise for the party. I say, said Squirry, can we go and see Wise Owl? If you come with us, said Mrs. Hedgehog, I'll show the back door to her house. Come along, and she led them down a Rabbit hole, and through a lot of tunnels until they came to a large cave. Here we are, said Mrs. Hedgehog, Hello! Hello! wise Owl shouted Doggie Rum. I can hear you; I can hear you; came the reply, and a moment later the light which showed the sky through the hollow oak tree, was blocked out, as Wise Owl flapped down into the cave.

Welcome to the Smuggler's cave, said Wise Owl. Is it a real Smuggler's Cave asked Blackie? Oh! yes, said Wise Owl, I'll show you another way out. Look! here is a big crack behind this rock and behind the tree roots, just big enough for a man to get through. Wise Owl went first, and they all followed her, the crack widened into another cave and they passed the entrances to two more caves. Suddenly there was a terrific Rumpus—"Women and Children first" shouted a deep voice.

There was a scurrying of big and little feet, then a deep voice said, "Who are you?" Wise Owl replied quickly "It's alright Brocky, it's only me showing my friends the smuggler's way out."

Oh! I see, said Brocky the Badger, in that case, Mrs. Brock and the children can come in again, and he shouted "Come back—its alright—its only Wise Owl and some friends." Soon Mrs. Brock and her three children, Scruffy, Fluffy and Ruffie came back.

Ruffie, shouted Brock, scramble up and unstop that rabbit hole, so that our friends can see us better, they are not used to our dim light, except Wise Owl and the Hedgehogs. That's better, now we can all see each other.

Brocky, said Wise Owl, this is Rummy, Squirry and Blackie. Nice to know you said Brocky, pleased to meet you, said Rummy, Blackie and Squirry. Will you come to our Camp fire tonight and bring Mrs. Brock and Scruffy, Fluffy and Ruffie? Oh! thank you, said Brock, we will be pleased to come, would you like us to bring some young mushrooms, we found a lovely lot last night. Please do replied Rummy, we are going to collect chestnuts now from under last year's leaves. You'll find plenty there still, said Brock, and I'm sure Squirry knows where lots of nuts are hidden.

Goodbye now, see you at the camp fire tonight—Goodbye! everybody shouted.

Now, said Wise Owl, I'll show you the smugglers secret way out to the river—Come along my friends.

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