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EDITORIAL

The enquiry regarding the travels of the Newtonian reveals that in addition to Canada and Aden, as mentioned in the February issue, it also goes to Australia, New Zealand, and the Middle West of the U.S.A.

Mr. Bradley's letter, printed on another page, tells of his friend Les. Ashton, one-time resident of this town, who now lives in Rapid City, Dakota. It seems that a fair number of townspeople have relatives and friends who are overseas either as emigrants or serving with H.M. Forces, that retain an interest in Newton Aycliffe and its affairs. They like to know what is going on, and the progress the town is making. It would be an excellent idea if our overseas readers wrote a letter or an article, that we could publish at a future date, describing their life and experiences in the country in which they are now living. Send your contribution to the Editor, to the address shown on the heading of the Newtonian.

Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Most people will have read the advertisement of the C.A.B. that appears in each edition of the journal, and if you have not—you should. The C.A.B. is there to help everybody who has a problem of any kind be it Hire Purchase, Insurance, Pensions, Health Service, Legal Aid, or any of 101 questions you want answered. The service is entirely free and all enquiries are treated as strictly confidential. In the next issue of the Newtonian it is proposed to deal more fully with the activities of the Citizen's Advice Bureau, in the meantime if you have a problem on your mind and don't know how to tackle it, consult the C.A.B. and save yourself a lot of unnecessary mental strain.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB

"ANNUAL SHOW"

Plans for this year's Show are now under way and we are hoping to make this year's show a bigger and better one than last year. Most of the people who attended last year appeared to have enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment and we hope that all of you who said "If only we'd known—we have far better at home," will exhibit, then the success of the show will only depend on the weather.

This may seem the wrong time of the year to talk of shows, but we have to prepare early and so must you.

We hope we may entice one or two more of the towns organisations to join us in our venture. All the organisations and Tradespeople on the Town and Trading Estate are invited to take part and Mr. Richardson, 9 Greathead Crescent will be only too pleased to answer any query.

We are open to advice and any one who has had show experience, should contact Mr. Richardson.

G.F.W.

NEWTON RANGERS F.C.

This time of the year we should be three quarters of the way through the league and have some idea how we might finish the season. But not this year. We, like the rest of the football clubs, have been snowed off and as I look out of my window it is still snowing. To counteract the enforced lay-off of players it has been stated in the press that five a side football would be a good thing. Has anyone any ideas along these lines? The ideal place to play would be the schools gym, preferably on a Saturday afternoon. It's too late for this year but it would come in handy for next season.

We are still wanting interested people to join our committee and our playing staff. Mr. B. Pickering, 4 Seton Walk is our secretary, and will welcome anyone who cares to pop in to see him.

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THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF TRADE

Below is given a brief report of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe and District Chamber of Trade held on Thursday, 7th February, 1963 in the Iron Horse Hotel.

Officers elected for 1963.

<i>President and Chairman:</i>	Mr. H. Laidlaw
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Mr. J. T. Hutchinson
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Mr. J. Oliver
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mr. H. M. Wood

The past year has been one in which we have seen further progress in some cases, however, lamentably slow progress, in various matters raised and considered by the Chamber.

We have at last seen the introduction by the United and Summer-sons of an internal Bus Service in the Town as a result, without doubt, of the continued efforts over the past two years or more of this Chamber. It is felt that greater publicity could have been given to this added Town Service but once the routes and times have become known to the public, it should prove of great benefit to all.

The provision of a Crown Post Office in the Town Centre continues to have our attention, but it is now felt that, until such time as a definite decision is made on the ultimate size of the Town, plans cannot obviously be forthcoming.

Two Trophies in the form of Cups have been provided to what are considered worthy causes in the Town, both for annual competition, one by the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club and the other by the Field Day Organisation.

Friday Evening Shopping in the Town Centre was instigated on the recommendation of the Chamber, and they would appreciate the views of the Townspeople as to whether this facility is providing a needed service in the Town.

The Chamber of Trade has a responsibility to the Town to try to ensure that every possible service is given to the shopping public, and they would appreciate any constructive criticism that may be forthcoming.

H. M. WOOD, *Secretary*.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



The speaker, Mrs. Myrella Cohen, was unable to travel to Newton Aycliffe for our February meeting—need one say why?—the weather of course. This gave us time to spare which was put to good use, discussing the sub-sections, drama, arts and crafts, and social studies, and a new idea to encourage more members to enter the monthly competitions. In addition to the usual monthly prize, a guinea token is to be given to the member with the highest number of points at the end of the year, the winner each month is to be awarded 3 points and each entrant 1 point. Mrs. Hydes won the February competition and so becomes the first to gain 3 points.

The surprise parcel given by Mrs. D. Nelson was raffled and won by Mrs. J. Dunn. The Social half-hour, in the form of a brains trust proved to be most interesting, the questions being varied and topical. 32 members are looking forward to the annual dinner at the King's Head in Darlington on February 12th and 20 to a visit to the Tyne Tees T.V. Studio in Newcastle on February 25th. How these two outings were enjoyed will be reported on in the next edition of the Newtonian. In March Dr. Jean Dubberly will speak on Family Planning; the competition is one all members can enter—the best spring-cleaning hint. Everyone has a useful tip that can be passed on with advantage. Mrs. J. Dunn will give the surprise parcel and the sales table will be anything in haberdashery (what an odd word it sounds) and remnants. The Drama Group will present a one-act play during the social half-hour. The April meeting falls on the first of the month before most of you receive your Newtonian, so here are the details. *Speaker*—A return visit of Mr. Cardwell; you will remember his last talk which gave so much pleasure to us all. This time his subject will be the Orkneys and Shetlands. *Competition*—Home decorated chocolate egg. *Surprise Parcel*—Miss Hamilton. *Sales Table*—Easter Cards. *Social Half-hour*—Scottish Country Dancing.

Special Note—Mrs. Metcalfe, Chairman of the T.G. invites any member to drop in on any Thursday afternoon between 2-30 and 4 p.m. for a chat and a cup of tea. She wishes to emphasise the fact that anyone will be most welcome, and if you are, as country people say, backward at coming forward—well—take a friend with you. Mrs. Metcalfe's address is 2 Surtees Walk.

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Subjects

1. The danger of glass on the roads.
2. The danger of dogs being allowed to run loose on the roads.
3. The teaching of children to ride cycles.
4. The danger of open gates to small children.
5. The danger of ice on the roads.

Size of Paper to be at least 6 inches wide and 10 inches long.

ELIZABETH SIBBALD, *Chairman.*

Thought for the Month

Some men are wise—and some are otherwise

GARDENS GUILD

Members please note—The Annual General Meeting will now be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 8 p.m. in the Iron Horse, one week later than the date published in the February "Newtonian."

More names are needed for the course on Gardening that it proposed to arrange for September. A number of members have submitted their names, but there are not yet enough to make the course a worthwhile proposition. Non-members are equally welcome to take advantage of the Gardening Course, and the Guild Hut, which is open every Sunday morning between 10-30 a.m. and 12 noon is the place to get all the information you require.

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WOMENS COLUMN

The Editor says he is short of space, and I must be brief, so brief it shall be.

A recipe, one that I have used many times, and asked for by both men and women is :-

Tiffin Chocolate—2-ozs. each of marg., sugar, syrup, raisins or sultanas, 2 tablespoons drinking chocolate or cocoa, 8-ozs. rich tea biscuits, $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. cooking chocolate (for icing).

Melt marg., sugar, and syrup over low heat, add chocolate powder and raisins remove from heat and add to biscuits which have been finely crushed. Press into swiss roll tin, and cover with melted chocolate. (The best way to melt the cooking chocolate is in a basin in a saucepan of water over a low heat, do not allow water to boil or the icing will be spoilt). Mark out and cut when cold.

A useful household tip just passed on to me that could have been put to good use during these last couple of months, but will still be useful during the damp patches that frequently occur in our weather, is:- Dry out inside of wellington boots with a hand hair dryer.

M.M.G.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Nothing much to report this month, as, at the time of writing (early February) the weather is a bit of a "thaw" point. However we still get together at the "Iron Horse" every Wednesday and content ourselves with dart-board "ton" ups. Here is another extract from an accident claim form:—"On entering Wales I blew my horn at the left hand corner." Incidentally these extracts which are given from time to time are taken from a list compiled by the Surrey Branch of the B.S.A. Owners Club, which I would like to acknowledge. More next month—be seeing you.

ERIC

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R.A.S.C. ASSOCIATION

Some considerable interest is being shown in the restarting of a local branch of the R.A.S.C. Association. Now that a Drill Hall is being built for the R.A.S.C. Territorial Army, Newton Aycliffe would be the ideal centre for R.A.S.C. Association activities and some members of the old Darlington Branch have signified their desire to become members.

There are several known life members of the Association in this district and many more who were known to be members whilst they were serving with the Royal Army Service Corps both at home and abroad.

If there is sufficient interest it is proposed to hold an inaugural meeting early in May. Membership will be open to all men who have served or are still serving in the R.A.S.C. and the object of the Branch would be to foster our "Esprit de Corps," meet monthly, hold Social Functions, take on welfare problems of R.A.S.C. people living in this area, be represented at the R.A.S.C. Rally in the Albert Hall, London each year.

It has been suggested that a corner might be found in the new drill hall for souvenirs of the Corps. One or two unique pieces have already been promised by Corps Association Members.

If you are interested in the formation of a R.A.S.C. Association Branch in this District, or if you have any War Souvenirs which you would like to hand in for display and safe custody will you please get in touch with Capt R. Kearsley, 511 Coy R.A.S.C. (Mot Amb) TA, Drill Hall, Neasham Road Darlington.

To the Editor of the Newtonian from The Great Aycliffe Sports and Athletic Association

In the January issue of the Newtonian there was a report of the formation of this New Association and it was intended that details of the Association's aims and objects should be more fully described in the following issue. Unfortunately one or two technical matters in connection with the scheme had to be gone into more fully, and this information was not to hand in time for the February Issue.

The Management Committee of the Association met on January 28th and were given an assurance by the Durham F.A. that they would not prohibit any matches played under their Rules on the proposed All Weather Pitch. Information was also given that any scheme for which plans could be submitted to the Ministry of Education by 31st March, 1963, and the bulk of the work complete in 1963, at a cost of not more than £15,000, the Ministry would be prepared to consider making a grant of 50% towards the cost and the Local Education authority would be empowered to make a further grant of 50% of the remainder.

In the hope that work will commence very shortly on the development of the playing field area, which will consist of a Running Track and an All Weather Sports pitch the Management Committee are hoping to obtain the necessary financial assistance to go ahead with the provision of suitable buildings adjacent to the playing fields. This is good news for the young people of the Parish and will fill a long felt need.

It has been agreed that the membership fee should be 6d. per person per annum until such times as the facilities are available.

As any Voluntary Association is wholly dependent upon its membership it is hoped that residents will consider joining the association as soon as possible. The first A.G.M. will be held in the Beveridge Hall on Monday, March 25th 1963 at 7-30 p.m. and **NOT** as mentioned in the January issue of the Newtonian on March 18th. Everyone in the Parish is invited to attend when further details of the scheme will be given including how to become a member.

It is hoped that the meeting will be well attended as an indication of support to the initial endeavours of the Parish Council to provide these amenities.

The Officers of the Association and the Management Committee of the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB

This publication is directed to the newcomers to the Town and also to some of the older residents who are not aware of our existence.

We are situated at Moore Lane, which is on the East side of the town opposite the Gretna Green Inn. As far as sport goes, we can cater for practically every taste, Cricket, Rugby, Angling, and Archery are out-door sports and for indoor we have a good Darts section.

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Membership to the club or any of the sections is always open and G. Robson, 7 Lee Green, our Secretary, will be only too pleased to answer any queries you may have.

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Press Release

Mr. S. A. Sadler Forster, Chairman, The Industrial Estates Management Corporation for England, has said that since Mr. David Price, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, announced on the 16th January that £100,000 would be spent on improvements to the Aycliffe Trading Estate, the Board of Trade had approved the details of a larger and more comprehensive scheme which will be started as soon as weather conditions permit and be completed before the end of 1963. This will now cost over £275,000 (including the above £100,000).

Improvements (including street lighting) will be made to three miles of roads, and the clearance of further redundant buildings will bring into use over 50 acres of factory sites. Following on the recently completed widening of Durham Way, the main Estate roadway, and the clearance of 25 acres for factory sites, this new expenditure will make the Aycliffe Trading Estate one of the most attractive new industrial areas in Britain. Situated on A.1 and near the main railway line at Darlington this Estate (within a few miles of the lovely countryside of Weardale, the upper reaches of the River Tees and the Yorkshire Dales) is a most attractive industrial location with the progressive New Town of Newton Aycliffe on its doorstep.

The Board of Trade's purpose in approving this important 'improvement' project is to encourage the growth of employment on the Trading Estate from the present figure of 5,000 to 10,000 in the next few years.

BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE AND FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE

On February 2nd the Committee and members celebrated the club's third birthday, by holding what turned out to be a very successful birthday party. Tea was set in the Clarence hall, and we all enjoyed a first class feed which included a slice of birthday cake made by Mrs. A. Foggin of Darlington. After the feed we moved to the Beveridge hall where we all had a lot of fun watching a collection of comedy films, and playing party games. To add to the entertainment Avril and Noel Bennett made use of the stage and gave us a song or two, a tune on the old guitar, and best of all made our smiles turn into laughter with a spot of comedy. A gift for each member along with ice cream and crisps was provided in the dance intervals.

Everything at the party was free, absolutely free to all our members. Mr. Godfrey Bennett presented a gift to Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Stewart, and Mrs. Shield. These ladies did a grand job with the sit down tea arrangements, and we must offer our thanks to each of them for their help and efforts. Many thanks also to Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Shield for their help with general duties at the party. These two gentlemen were presented with cigarettes by Godfrey Bennett. We must also add to our thank you list Mrs. Shirley Bennett, Miss Barbara Fearn, and Miss Linda Scarlett who spent a lot of time cutting up fillings and bread to make sandwiches. We were very sorry that Committee member Mrs. G. V. Bennett was unable to be with us for the party due to her illness in hospital, also Mary Henderson who was down with a cold. I think all the club members will agree with me when I say that our third party was a huge success, and an occasion we will never forget.

Despite the weather conditions the Beveridge Hall is always very warm and class sessions continue to be held every Tuesday and Sunday. We now have a few vacancies in our class sessions so if you would like to take up skating lessons please call and see the secretary any Saturday night after 7 p.m.

G.A.B.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held in the Beveridge Hall at 2 p.m.—3-15 p.m. EVERY Tuesday. There is a lady doctor in attendance.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENNIS CLUB

It was pleasurable to welcome new members into the tennis club last season and to see the recreational and social facilities provided so well used.

We are fortunate in that the 'Corporation' has provided very pleasant surroundings to the courts, and this, taken into consideration along with the rest of the club amenities, which include provision of tennis balls and opportunity to use table tennis equipment, surely makes an annual subscription of £2 senior and £1 Junior membership "cheap" tennis.

This year's weather has prevented a lot of winter tennis, but, it is not unusual for some enthusiasts to play "all the year round," when the elements are less harsh.

Members hope to erect new netting this Spring and any help in this project will be welcome.

There are still some vacancies available for prospective members and either the secretary, Mr. R. Slater, whose address is 9 Clarence Corner, or any member of the committee will be pleased to supply information about the tennis club if contacted.

Perhaps the coming summer will be proportionately as warm as the winter has been icy, so why not pick up your racquet and join us in some healthy exercise and a very pleasant outdoor recreation.

T.A.

FOUND

A pet budgie Lutino-Yellow was caught by Mr. Bee, 88 Mellanby Crescent, and handed to a member of the Newton Aycliffe Cage-Bird Society to care for until such time as it was claimed. If anyone thinks that this bird is the one they have lost will they please call on Mr. A. Cullen, 28 Pease Way.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB

The days are now getting longer and it won't be long before we can shake the moths out of our whites and get down to some serious training.

We are trying out a new venture this year. "Players Meetings." The first one will be held in the Sports Club on Tuesday, March 19th at 8 p.m. We are using the "Newtonian" to invite all our known members and any new cricket players in the town to this meeting.

Mr. Moses, Secretary, 35 Gilpin Road is anxious to meet new members and we take this opportunity to say that since our winter publicity in the "Newtonian" we have had quite a few enquiries from prospective members.

G.F.W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

In response to your request to find out how far the Newtonian travels, my copy goes out to Mr. Les Ashton in Rapid City, South Dakota, U.S.A. We have been 'tape pals' for the past two years. Rapid City is the gateway to the Black Hill of Dakota and lies forty miles south of Deadwood. Therefore my copy travels to the Wild West. Over the last two years I have sent Les postcards, maps, photo's of the Queen's visit, and the sound of 'our town' clock—on tape of course. Can I claim to be the only one who sends his Newtonian to the Wild West. I've not enough space to tell you of the wonderful remarks Les has made about our town.

Denis Bradley, 3 Carr Place.

Ed. comment—*This looks like a record, but who else sends the Newtonian to far away places?*

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March 25th Visit of Miss Lydia Hill, Northern Regional Woman Organiser.

April 8th Beetle Drive and Dyed Egg Competition.

April 22nd Pie and Peas Supper and Domino Drive.

May 13th Address by a Policewoman.

On Saturday, March 9th we are holding a Jumble Sale at 10 a.m. in the Boys' Club, Central Avenue by kind permission of Mrs. P Kell.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE LABOUR PARTY (Womens Section)

Although we have not reported in the Newtonian for some time, the Women's Section of Newton Aycliffe Labour Party is still going strong, although we would like to increase the membership. Intending members will be made welcome at all of our meetings, dates of which appear each month on the back page of the Newtonian.

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- 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 p.m. and 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Townswomens' Guild 7-15 p.m. 4th March.
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m. 11th March
Great Aycliffe Sports Association 7-30 p.m.—10 p.m. on 25th March.
- Tuesday:** 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.
- Thursday:** Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Friday:** Library 2 p.m.—4-30 p.m. and 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Table Tennis Session 7-30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.
Canine Club 1-30 p.m.—6-30 p.m. 9th March.

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 p.m.—3-45 p.m.
Canine Club 7-15 p.m.—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.
Sketch Club 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
- Monday:**
- Tuesday:** F.P.A. Clinic 2—3-30 p.m.
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:** Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday:** Chess Club 7-30 p.m.—10 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:** Salvation Army 10 a.m.—11 a.m. & 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Cage Birds Society 11 a.m.—1 p.m. 10th March.
- 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:** Salvation Army 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Drama Club 8 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Friday:** 6-30 p.m. St. John Cadets (Boys)
- Saturday:** Town Band (Juniors) 10 a.m.

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The Social Studies Group of the Townswomen's Guild has recently completed a resume of last seasons subject, "The River Wear," and as much publicity has been given in the local press to the renovation of the Saxon Church at Escomb, believed to be the best preserved in the country, the Townswomen's Guild has kindly allowed the result of their study to be published.

THE SAXON CHURCH AT ESCOMB

Escomb lies on the south bank of the River Wear some two miles from Bishop Auckland and about the same distance, as the crow flies, from Binchester. The name means "a park, or enclosed place for cattle." The ancient church which probably dates from the late 7th century was superceded by a new church in 1863 and ceased to be used for services. Not until much later was its great antiquity generally recognised and then it was repaired and once again used regularly. It now ranks as the most complete and unspoiled example of the earliest type of Anglo Saxon church to be found in the country. The Church consists of a long narrow nave with high side walls together with a narrower square chancel. Several other ancient churches in the North-East were built to a similar plan e.g. St. Pauls, Jarrow: St. Peter's, Monkwearmouth, and St. Andrew's, Corbridge, but they have been much altered. This plan is not found in any ancient churches outside this area. A walk round the outside of the church will show that most of the masonry consists of large squared stones, which are undoubtedly Roman in origin and were probably brought from near-by Binchester where there was a Roman Fort (Vinovia). Indeed, one of the stones placed upside down has Leg VI carved on it. The 6th Legion was stationed at York and probably a detachment was at Binchester.

Two of the windows, the round headed ones, are original, as is the sundial, which is probably the oldest Anglo Saxon sundial in the country. There are no graves on the north side of the church, this was traditionally the "Devil's Side."

The interior of the church is simple and austere, with its lofty side walls and beautiful Chancel Arch. This is almost certainly a Roman arch transported from Binchester and re-used. The stones in the jambs are arranged in a special way, one upright and one flat, a method used elsewhere by Anglo Saxon builders and known as "Escomb Fashion."

The original windows in the nave are deeply splayed to give the maximum light with the minimum of opening. In the beginning they would be unglazed.

At the west end of the church a square of the original cobble stone flooring has been preserved. The font is old perhaps 12th century or earlier. Its lock holes remind us of the time when all fonts must be covered and locked to prevent witchcraft.

S.S.G.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE DOG TRAINING CLUB

The Newton Aycliffe and District Canine Society have restarted their training classes in the Clarence Hall every Monday evening. A junior class will be held from 6-30 to 7-30 p.m. and the charge will be 9d. for both child and dog, and for spectators 6d. Adult classes will be from 7-30 to 9-30 p.m. for which the charge will be: handler and dog 1/-, spectators 6d.

The junior class is formed to encourage child handlers at our dog shows. At the Show to be held in the Beveridge Hall at 2-30 p.m. on the 9th March, 1963, the best child handler will receive a medallion, and for perpetual presentation there is a trophy for each age group, the ages are to be 6-9 years and 10-15 years, each child will also receive a novelty prize.

The Trophies have been presented to the Society by:- Mr. D. G. Storey, Spennymoor, (Asst. Sec.) and Mrs. Rickaby, Newton Aycliffe, Secretary.

Dogs handled by children must be entered in a class at the Show, entries close 2nd March, 1963. Full information can be obtained from Mrs. M. Rickaby, Tel. Newton Aycliffe 672, or any Committee Member.

M.R.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Meetings—Seniors 7-45 p.m. Wednesdays St. Clare Parish Church.
Cadets 6 p.m. Thursdays, Marlowe Hall.
Links 6 p.m. Mondays Marlowe Hall,

The new First Aid course starts during March. Some time during each meeting will be devoted to lectures by a local Doctor, and practical work based on the lecture. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of new faces—will yours be one of them?

If you would like to help but prefer to avoid regular meetings, lectures and exams, a new group is being formed. Anyone who can spare a few hours for fund raising (by sewing or knitting garments for sale or by selling flags) or anyone willing to visit old people, will be performing an invaluable service both to the Red Cross Society and to those requiring our services.

Further details of this new group from:- Mrs. E. Cowling, 1 Mills Close or Mrs. S. Winsor, 25 Vane Road.

Medical Loans are available from Mrs. M. Lumb, 9 Church Close.

S.W.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION



By the time the March edition of the 'Newtonian' is in your hands the Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal Air Force Association will be over. Moans and groans will be settled (we hope), and a new committee will have been formed. Let us all give the new management committee our full support, and make the coming year one of measured progress. The annual balance sheet shows a slight increase on the previous report. This is excellent, and we extend our sincere

thanks to both members and guests for their faithful support.

The trip to Ostend for the Annual General Conference draws near and it will soon be time for those who are travelling to start 'packing their kit.' Our old pals Joe Hobson and Austin Johnson have put a tremendous lot of hard work into the arranging of this continental trip, even the smallest details have been covered. For organisation both Joe and Austin must take a lot of beating. Joe tells me that instead of simply banking the monies collected through the fare subscription plan, he has bought blocks of premium Bonds instead. Said Joe 'Long week-end in Ostend?—if we get a top prize we won't be back for a fortnight.' If good old 'Ernie' plays a jackpot it would be a free trip with plenty to spend. Should 'Ernie' fail us it is just a matter of cashing them in. The bond idea is great, in fact it's more than great it's a brainwave. Here's wishing good luck to the bond effort, all the 'bods' are keeping their fingers crossed.

Special Note—Due to a new ruling, it may be possible for people who are other than ex-R.A.F. to apply for associate membership. Many who have been disappointed in the past may be able to take advantage of this new policy.

H.G.S.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CLUB

The next big event for the Physically Handicapped Club will be the Easter Fayre on April 6th in the Over 60's Club Hall. Lady Masham of Masham near Ripon has graciously consented to open it.

At recent committee meetings plans for this important money raising event for the club were discussed and various organisations pledged their help in numerous ways but as usual it was only the same few. However it can still be a very successful fayre and it isn't too late if you'd like to offer your services. If you knit or sew, materials will be provided and Mrs. E. Hewson, 5 Humphrey Close will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help in this way. Her telephone number is Newton Aycliffe 406. Gifts of any description will be welcome also. The committee were delighted with the response from the local tradespeople last year

and are again looking forward to the same support. If you can't help in this way or by helping on the day perhaps you will come and patronise the stalls. There will be a lot to interest the children with many sideshows as well as an Easter Egg Stall (chocolate) the usual handicraft, produce, cake and novelty stalls. It is also hoped to engage a fortune teller.

M.C.L.S.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED THEATRE VISIT

A full coach load of Physically Handicapped members from the Newton Aycliffe and District Association with members of the committee helpers and friends had a wonderful day out on Saturday, February 2nd when they visited a pantomime at Newcastle. They were given special facilities by the City Police who helped them 'unload' at a side entrance to the Theatre and provided the same facilities after the show. They had excellent seats in the front stalls, and the most exciting moment for the children was when 'Jimmy Logan' visited them on the coach after the show, spoke to them and signed autographs.

An excellent meal was provided by the courtesy of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship (Newcastle and District Branch) Committee at their hostel in Jesmond, who did everything possible to make it a memorable occasion. To round off what was described by one member as a 'jolly fine day' the coach driver went all round the town dropping off everyone as near to their front doors as possible.

Central Coaches provided the coach and great praise is due to the driver who assisted the handicapped in every possible way. 'It was a superb outing' said another member 'and a feather in the cap of Stan Clarkson who did so much towards organising the event.' Stan is the entertainments officer for the Newton Aycliffe Club. The youngest member on the outing was four years old and the oldest over 80. For them and the other members it was all free. Only the members of the committee and friends paid.

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