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EDITORIAL

On April 1st, this year a new Corporation was appointed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, for Newton Aycliffe, the Chairman and Members being also appointed as the Corporation for Peterlee. Only two members of the old Corporation have been reappointed to the new Corporation, they are Alderman J. R. S. Middlewood and C. U. Peat, Esq.,

The members who have gone out of office are:-

Chairman: Mr. C. S. Robinson, C.B.E., M.A. (Cantab). F.R.I.C., M.I.Chem. E. 31 years with Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., and its predecessors. War-time Director/General of Local Ordnance Filling Factories for over four years. Member of Royal Commission on Equal Pay; 1944/46; for the past six years has acted as consultant on productivity, labour relations, wages structure, &c., to Laporte Industries Ltd., Freeman of City of London, appointed Chairman of Aycliffe Development Corporation 2-7-53.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. W. N. Davis, O.B.E. Member of the Bishop Auckland Urban District Council 1926/49 and four times Chairman. Member of the Durham County Education Committee and of the south-western Divisional Education Committee. Governor of King James I Grammar School and other schools in south-west Durham. Was war-time Chairman of south-west Durham Regional Committee of the Ministry of Information, appointed Deputy Chairman of the Aycliffe Development Corporation 2-7-47.

Mr. A. J. Alsop, C.B.E., F.A.C.C.A., F.C.C.S., J.P. Company Director and Senior Partner in the firm of Alsop and Leckenby, Accountants, Darlington. Member of the Darlington Borough Council since 1937, elected Alderman in 1949 and Mayor 1946/47. Member of the Darlington, Auckland and District War Pensions Committee; Darlington and District Disablement Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Durham County Territorial Association and Wear and Tees River Board. Also Secretary for 33 years of the Darlington and District Trades Employer's Association; Secretary of the Darlington and District Building Trades Apprenticeship Committee. During the last war was Deputy Controller of Civil Defence in the County Borough of Darlington for a period and also acted as Area Leader under the Works and Building Organisation sponsored by the Ministry of Works. Appointed Member of the Aycliffe Development Corporation 2-7-47.

Mrs. T. J. Cahill, F.R.I.B.A. Partner in Reavell and Cahill, Architects, of Alnwick and Newcastle. Member of the Council of Northern Architectural Association. Past member of Council of Northumberland and Newcastle Society. Past member of Northumberland County Planning Committee. Appointed member of the Aycliffe Development Corporation 2-7-47.

You will see from the above biographical detail that all but the Chairman have been members of the Corporation since its

inception on July 2nd, 1947: the Chairman having been appointed on July 2nd, 1953 to succeed the late Lord Beveridge.

During their long years of service these past members have seen the result of their planning and vision develop into a well designed and attractive town. We, the residents, reap the benefit.

EDITOR.

SKETCH CLUB

Now that the summer and better weather (we hope) is on the way the Sketch Club meets outside the Community Centre on Sundays at 1-45 p.m. so that outdoor sketching in the district can be undertaken. All the information required about the club's activities can be obtained from:- R. Bowes, 5 Hardinge Road.

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E.N.V. first came to Aycliffe in 1950 when it occupied a unit of 32,000 sq. ft. It has expanded several times since then and the latest development will bring the total area occupied to 260,000 sq. ft. E.N.V. Engineering currently employ more than three times more labour than ten years ago.

The new extension is necessary to meet the growing demand for the Company's products, which include transmissions and axles for the automotive industry, and to provide space for the development of new products.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OLD AGE PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

This organisation meets every Tuesday at 6-30 p.m. in the Working Men's Club, all our members wish to express their thanks to the Management Committee for their kindness in allowing the use of the premises free of charge, and for the various other ways in which they help the O.A.P.s.

It is thought that many pensioners living in the town are unaware that this weekly meeting takes place in the Club, therefore a most hearty welcome is extended to all who wish to join our weekly gathering.

It has come to our notice that unauthorised persons have been making door to door collections on behalf of the old people of this town. These collectors have no connection with our branch, furthermore such people should wear a badge of authority. Please make a special note to enquire into the reason for the collection if by chance you are called upon.

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Never heard of them you say, but how wrong you are. This heading is an abbreviation for the oldest partnership in the town, namely 'Newton Aycliffe Gardens Guild' and 'Newton Aycliffe Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society.' Some of you may have thought 'Nagg & Nacads' was a new variety act, and although it cannot be classed as such it certainly succeeds in giving enjoyment to hundreds of people each year by arranging shows of flowers, vegetables, and handicrafts.

This year there are to be three shows, so get a pencil and calendar and star these dates:-

- (a) 17th August.
- (b) 14th September
- (c) 9th November.

noting the following venues, (a) St. Clare's Hall, (b) & (c) Over Sixty Club Hall. It should also be carefully noted that except for certain classes of chrysanthemum and dahlias, entries are acceptable from all persons who reside within a 3 mile radius of Newton Aycliffe.

Schedules may be obtained from the Secretary; Mr. J. E. Pearson 34 Highside Road, Heighington, Asst. Sec; Mr. G. Wallis, 47 Bowes Road (after 8 p.m.) or from the Guild Hut at Clarence Chare, which is open each Friday evening, and Sunday morning.

Ladies, put away the darning needles and take up your knitting, crochet, and sewing; you youngsters 'get weaving' with pencil, pen, paint and crayon; you dads start feeding the cabbages, lettuce, roses, and gladioli, and all the other growing things in the garden.

Watch the notice boards for fuller particulars. On August 31st the Sports Club is holding its Annual Sports Day and Show on the Moore Lane ground at which 'Nagg and Nacads' will be assisting and displaying their wares. More next month.

G.W.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held EVERY Wednesday evening 6-30 p.m.—7-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way, Newton Aycliffe. There is a lady doctor in attendance. Appointments are advisable. There will be **No Clinic on Wednesday, June 5th.**

Information and appointments from :- Mrs. Thomas, 84 Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland, Tel. Bishop Auckland 2162.

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Among our many engagements this year is the annual visit to Durham for the Miners Gala Day in July.

In the junior section of the band there are many talented young people who will in due course take their place in the band proper.

The ladies section, recently started by a very good friend of the band and members wives, has got off to a flying start; this is most encouraging. Good luck to the ladies, and thank you for taking such an active part.

If **YOU** would like to join the town band, be you boy girl man or woman, now is the time and the opportunity.

BARITONE

THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

In the annual Indoor Games Tournament organised by Durham County and Tees-side Old People's Welfare Committee, we entered a team for the first time this year, and were successful in winning through to the area finals. In the Grand Final held in Stockton Corporation Hall we were opposed to Washington Old Mens Club, the present holders of the Linsley trophy, and after a keen struggle they became the winners for the second year in succession. The tournament covers Darts, Draughts, Dominoes and Whist.

Mr. John Spark presented the trophy to the winners and to our Captain, George Hutton, the runners-up certificate.

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Unfortunately this keenness does not manifest itself for Sunday outings.

June Programme

Wed. 5th	Committee	Iron Horse 8 p.m.
Sun. 9th	Run to How Stean Gorge	Town Car Park 1-30 p.m.
Wed 12th	General Meeting	Iron Horse 8 p.m.
Wed. 19th	Treasure Hunt	Town Car Park 7-30 p.m.
Sun. 23rd	Run to Ingleborough	Time to be announced

If anyone has a run in mind please contact your humble scribe because we do want to please everyone, and although I hate to admit it, there are other places outside the Yorkshire Dales that are worth a visit, or so they tell me.

Cheers,

ERIC

THE NEWTON PLAYERS DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Another 'infamous' dance and interval entertainment has been arranged for Midsummer's Night Friday, 21st June at the Gretna Green Hotel from 8 p.m. until midnight, dress is optional; fairies, leprechauns, druids, all are welcome. An excellent band has been engaged, the bar has an extension, and tickets are available from any member at the modest price of 4/6 each. We shall be pleased to see our old friends and delighted to meet new ones, so make a note of the date and give yourselves an unusual night out.

H.J.W.

A PEOPLE'S THEATRE?

What! here in Newton Aycliffe!! impossible!!! and yet is it? All that is really needed in the beginning is a group of people with determination, a sense of adventure, and a crusading spirit.

Did I hear someone say "the theatre is dead"? Pardon me but you are so wrong! The cinema and the "square box" that has invaded our homes has been a challenge, a challenge that the theatre has accepted and in doing so has given an excellent account of itself.

Up and down the country there are many amateur and semi-professional groups of players who are "packing them in" night after night. They have no stars, just people who love acting and who put all their spare time into it, people who are aware that in return for the money paid by you, the public, they must give of their best, otherwise they are a fraud, and they know full well that if they are to continue acting they must keep up a high standard in order to attract an audience.

Some years ago the Beveridge Hall was like "manna from the skies" and it has been the home of the "Newton Players" who have produced plays and pantomime under the most difficult conditions, and they have done a great job. The Beveridge Hall was suitable while this town was small, but it has grown up, and is still growing. We have excellent club and 'pub' facilities so surely we are entitled to a theatre of our own. Why should we have to look outwards for this type of entertainment, to Darlington, Stockton, Newcastle, and Sunderland. It is time we looked upon ourselves as a town with its own amenities, not just a collection of houses.

As I see it we require a building which is essentially a theatre which would house our Dramatic and Operatic Societies, with junior sections of these companies to ensure talent for the future. The auditorium to be constructed in such a way that the seats could be removed and the floor used for dancing, it would be an asset to provide a licensed bar for the benefit of the patrons, and to house a theatre club for all those interested in the theatre.

You may say that this would mean a fair sized building; yes, I agree, but I do assure you that if we think "small" we shall fail. Think 'big' and have confidence in what we are doing and we shall succeed. In writing this I am aware that there are others in Newton Aycliffe who feel that this project is possible, in fact we know that it is. That is no original idea, other towns have done it, and it will continue to be carried out in additional towns where the people have the interest to get started. IT CAN BE DONE IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE.

So that a start can be made I would like all those who are really interested, to let me have their names and addresses and then an inaugural meeting can be arranged. Ideas and suggestions that could be discussed at the meeting would be most welcome.

Now come on Newton Aycliffe let's move forward. All people who are really enthusiastic regarding this venture, should write to:- J. N. Davey, 41 Pease Way, Newton Aycliffe.

NEWTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

The football season is now over, and it can be said that it has been reasonably successful for both the first and second teams.

The first team rode at the top of the league for a considerable time; but unfortunately lost a few vital games towards the close of the season.

New players and people who will work on the committee are an urgent necessity, the Secretary, Mr. B. Pickering, 4 Seton Walk will be only too pleased to give the required information.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



Returning from a meeting a week or so ago, rather late at night, I listened to the sound of aircraft crossing the night sky, looking upwards nothing could be seen, not even a glimmer of navigation lights, clouds shrouded the machines flying overhead, and my mind was taken back to a little over twenty years ago when the sound of aircraft had a very much different and sinister meaning.

The Nazi Air Force attempted, time after time to break the spirit of this country, with its weight of numbers and its bombs, and it is true to say that the thought of sudden death and destruction of one's home was accepted philosophically, 'what couldn't be cured must be endured' seemed to be the spirit of the time, although we knew the 'cure' would be achieved someday. During the dark days of the war, with its blackout, ration cards, evacuation, sand bags, gas-masks, and all the restrictions that made life tedious, everything had to be accepted as part of a new way of living.

Before the Battle of Britain the enemy air force had things all its own way, search-lights, anti-aircraft guns, and barrage balloons played a large part in our defence, but it was during the Battle of Britain that so many young airman played the dramatic role that saved this country, such was their fortune that many had to die. Tired men flying shattered aircraft fought grimly against fantastic odds. Let us never forget these men.

The Royal Air Force Association was founded to encourage a spirit of fellowship among all ex R.A.F./W.R.A.F. In this Association rank does not matter, pre-war, war-time, and post war airmen can share the comradeship and union of this great organisation, along with the welfare facilities that it has to offer.

If you are ex-R.A.F., join the Newton Aycliffe Branch in Barrington Road. If the R.A.F. was your service let the R.A.F.A. now serve you.

H.G.S.

TO THE TOWN'S YOUNG PEOPLE— FROM ONE OF THEM

The summer is approaching and the young people of the town are likely to have more time on their hands, and they will be wondering what to do with it. It is admitted that the usual entertainment, such as the cinema and the larger dance halls are not to be found in Newton Aycliffe; this type of amusement entails a journey and added expense, however, if you take the trouble to investigate you will find that there are many stimulating interests among the large number of local organisations. To name just a few: there is Archery, Cricket, the Junior Section of the Red Cross, Roller-Skating, and Tennis. The Dramatic and Operatic Societies offer much to those with an interest in either music or acting. Perhaps to some of you these activities seem rather uninteresting, and you would prefer to mix solely with others of your own age and share modern music and dancing, in which case the boys Club, which also caters for girls, offers you the opportunity. Those of you who are keen on walking or cycling will find a vast amount to interest you in the surrounding countryside. It would be a good idea to form a group of enthusiasts to spend odd days exploring the district. You must bear in mind the fact that this is a new Town and it needs time to expand sufficiently to cover the majority interest. In the meantime there are plenty of things to do, but YOU must make the initial effort, nothing comes to you, you must find out for yourself, so make a start NOW and use your spare time sensibly.

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We are sorry to have had to accept the resignation of Councillors John and Elsie Hewson from the executive committee, they have done a great deal for the branch, but pressure of business has made it necessary for them to leave us for a while at least.

A new club for the physically handicapped children only, has commenced in Marlowe Hall Campus School on Saturday mornings from 9-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.

M.C.S.

2nd NEWTON AYCLIFFE (St. Clares) BOY SCOUT GROUP

Now that the warmer weather is here things are beginning to move again with regard to hikes, week-end camps, etc. in the Scout Troop. The Troop, which was formed fifteen months ago, now has a strength of 35, which at present is the limit of the membership. Unfortunately the troop is under strength with regard to Scouters, and we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in Scouting and who may be prepared to assist in running the Troop. The Troop plans to go for their Annual Camp at the beginning of August, although the actual site has not yet been decided.

In the Cub Pack, which is also at full strength at the moment, and in fact has a waiting list, Mrs. Lawrence, the Lady Cubmaster is doing a grand job in training our younger members who will progress on to the Troop when they reach eleven.

By the time this is published there will have been a meeting of Parents and all others interested, and a Group Committee will have been formed to assist with the organisation and to help with raising funds for equipment.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

The Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Physically Handicapped Association held a very successful Spring Fayre on April 6th at which they made a profit of £113 14s. 8d. The total takings were £136 10s. 6d. and the expenses were £22 15s. 10d.

The Fayre was opened by Lady Masham, who is herself physically handicapped. She stayed until almost the end, visited every stall and won a lovely bride doll, as well as the hearts of those who met her.

The response from the public this year was very heartening. Councillor Mrs. E. Hewson, on behalf of the committee, thanks all the people who made or supplied the things for the stalls; those who manned the stalls; and those who helped in so many different ways.

Thanks also to the many donors, especially the children who responded whole heartedly to the appeal for books and toys, and the headmasters and staff of the schools for their kind co-operation.

A bouquet was presented to Lady Masham on behalf of the branch by Miss Pauline Dunn of Lowery Road.



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A stranger looking at last years programme would get the impression that there were only about a couple of dozen entries, simply because the majority of entries were not handed in until the day of the show; this lateness caused a terrific amount of work on the day of the show, and made the printed programme look rather poor.

This year please get your entry in early, so that the printed programme can have all the details; and avoid the last minute rush that is so unnecessary.

Plans are well in hand for the Show Dance on Friday, August 30th at the Gretna Green Inn. The Show Queen will be chosen at the Dance, so roll up and make it an outstanding night.

An added attraction at the show this year will be a tug-of-war between teams from the clubs and pubs in the town.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The May meeting held on the 6th was popular with both members and visitors as the speaker was Mrs. Ritchie the well known drama adjudicator talking to the Guild on Theatre History and Drama Productions; Mrs. Lamb, the Guild's Drama Chairman, thanked the speaker on behalf of all the members and visitors.

The 'tall story' tellers were; Mrs. Vickers; Mrs. Stafford; Mrs. Ronaldson and Mrs. Greenbank. The competition, flowers in a wineglass, was won by Mrs. Hiley; the surprise parcel—donated by Mrs. E. Coates, went to Mrs. Knapton.

Three new members were welcomed to the Guild by the Chairman, Mrs. Metcalfe.

An evening mystery tour has been arranged for June 12th, and on July 1st a 'strawberry tea' will be held in the Beveridge Hall, from 2-30 p.m. followed by a coffee evening; the Guild would be very pleased to welcome anyone who cares to join them for this occasion.

The July meeting will be held on July 8th at the usual time of 7-15 p.m. The speaker is to be Mr. R. A. Anderson and his subject, 'Shoes through the Ages.' The competition is most topical; the best rose bloom. Mrs. C. Clark donates the surprise parcel; and garden produce will be on the sales table; the meeting will close with a recorded musical programme.

M.M.G.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Beveridge Hall

- Sunday:** Town Band 10-30 a.m.
Assembly of God Sunday School 2-30 to 4 p.m.
Skating 4 to 7 p.m. 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th June.
- Monday:** Townswomens' Guild 7-15 p.m. (10th June).
Labour Party (Women's Section) 7-30 p.m.
17th June.
- Tuesday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.—10 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Dance 7-30 p.m.
Bakelite Reel Club 7-30 p.m. 12th June.
- Thursday:** Dog Training Class 6-30 p.m.
- Friday:** Table Tennis Club 7-30 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.

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 6-15 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.

Committee Room

- Sunday:** Loco Spotters 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Monday:** Whist 8 p.m.
- Thursday:** Probation Officer 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday:** Skating Club 7 p.m.

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

- Friday:** 2—3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 p.m.—
8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session

Upstairs Room

- Sunday:** Salvation Army 10 a.m.—11 a.m. & 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
- Monday:**
- 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.

Child Welfare Centre

- Monday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar
- Wednesday:** 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Registrar
- The Registrar is also available as follows:-
- Darlington** Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat—11 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Sildon** Tues., 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-30 to 4 p.m.
- „ Thursday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- „ Sat., 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Child Welfare Clinic—Times of Opening

- April 2nd and alternate Tuesdays thereafter:-
9-30 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. Infant Injections
10-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. Ante-Natal Clinic
1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Health Visitors Sessions
- April 4th and every Thursday thereafter:-

9-30 a.m. to 12 noon } Child Welfare Clinic
1-30 p.m. to 4 p.m. }

Welfare Foods are on Sale between all the above times

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WOMENS COLUMN

Sodium Bicarbonate—a long name for a very common item found in most households, it is usually shortened to, baking soda, and often briefer still to soda bic.

As the summer approaches there are more and more uses for it, and here are a few :-

1. Dab it on insect bites, it cools the skin and relieves the itchy feeling.
2. A good pinch in the water will remove green fly from lettuce.
3. A small teaspoonful with a little water well shaken in a vacuum flask keeps the flask clean and fresh.
4. A small pinch in the water when cooking greens, cabbage, sprouts, etc. gives them a lovely bright colour. (The food experts may disagree but there are times when I think that colour is as of much importance as vitamins).
5. This tip was given to me many years ago by an old lady of 84 who was in her time head cook in one of Scotlands great houses. Add a pinch of soda bic to rhubarb, gooseberries, damsons, or plums, it takes away that very harsh sourness.
6. For first aid in small burns and scalds, just dab it on the unbroken skin.
7. A small quantity taken in warm milk or water relieves mild indigestion. (I'm sure everyone knows that soda bic is the main ingredient of indigestion mixtures and tablets.)
8. Mixed with cream of tartar and used with **plain flour** make much lighter scones than S.R. flour.
9. Mrs. Dunn of Dalton Way gave me this tip: to remove any traces of starch from an iron, rub with soda bic then wipe with a damp cloth.

Salads—the three C's

After the horrid cold and freezing winter with little or no green or root vegetables, salads will be doubly welcome this year, remember the essentials for a successful salad are that it should be Crisp, Cold, and Colourful. Salad dressing should only be added immediately before serving as it tends to destroy the crispness, the amount used should be just sufficient to coat the ingredients with a thin film. Mayonnaise is quite easy to make at home if one or two things are observed such as having all tools and ingredients at the same warmish temperature. Remember to take eggs out of the fridge early, personally I never put them in. This is how to make your own mayonnaise :- Into a large bowl put the yolks of two eggs and pinches of salt, pepper and mustard, whisk these together then drop by drop add olive oil whisking all the time, as soon as the mixture thickens add the oil quicker in a thin stream, until $1\frac{1}{2}$ gills has been whisked in, then blend in lemon juice or wine vinegar to taste.

M.M.G.

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY

The new branch library in Dalton Way opened on Monday, 22nd April and at once met with literally overwhelming success. The first six hours of opening were quiet—only about 200 books were issued. The last three hours from 4 o'clock to 7 were dramatically different. Many new borrowers came to be enrolled and when the library closed at 7 o'clock the issue had jumped to 1,544—which proved to be the largest for the opening day of any of the Durham County Library branches.

In the first week, issues totalled over 6,000 and were very nearly one-tenth of last year's total issue. Many new readers joined, in fact, so great was the demand for application forms, that late Tuesday evening saw us temporarily out of stock until fresh supplies were rushed in before opening time the following morning.

The staff of three could not cope and assistance had to be sought from neighbouring branches. Arrangements are now being made for increasing the establishment to five by the end of June.

This relatively large increase in establishment is necessitated, in part, by the pattern of borrowing at the branch. Quiet mornings and afternoons are followed by an extremely busy period from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock and the extra staff are needed to cope with this late rush. Even with this extra help queues become long and unavoidable and delay in getting into the library is inevitable. I should therefore like to take this opportunity of asking all readers who can possibly do so, to choose their books earlier in the day. They will avoid the frustrations of queuing and find that, should they require assistance, it can be much more readily given when there are no queues at the counters.

I look forward to your co-operation and thank you in anticipation.

P. W. Henderson, *Branch Librarian.*

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BRITISH LEGION NOTES

A sale and display of goods manufactured by severely handicapped Ex-servicemen will be displayed at the Town Centre, Newton Aycliffe on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 28th, 29th and 30th June, 1963, and an open invitation to all residents in Newton Aycliffe to attend this sale and display is given by the local Branch of the British Legion.

The sale will be open on -:

Friday, 28th June	—	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, 29th June	—	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, 30th June	—	12 noon to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, 29th June, music will be played by Newton Aycliffe Town Band and the British Legion Consett Pipe Band. On Sunday 30th June, music by the 50th Northumbrian Division Pipe Band from 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m., and the Town Band. In addition, there will be a display by Durham County Constabulary Police Dog Team, by kind permission of the Chief Constable, on the Playing Field of Marlow Hall Secondary Modern School. Entrance to the sale and display, and to the display by the Police Dog Team will be by programme only, obtainable at the Secretary's Tent on the site which adjoins the Supermarket at Beveridge Way, and opposite the Over 60 Club.

As the proceeds of this sale and display are purely charitable, we urge the support of all residents, and hope that you will be able to come along and visit us.

Refreshments will be available in the Over 60 Club with seating accommodation, and arranged by members of the Women's Section of the British Legion.

S.D.M.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE GUN CLUB

Little has been heard of the Gun Club these last few months, it is to be hoped that it has not fallen by the wayside after having got off to such an excellent start. With this thought in mind the detail that follows should revive the interest of all who are keen to improve their shooting ability.

W. S. Elliot, the Darlington gunsmith, has opened a shooting school at the Aycliffe Sports Stadium, behind the Stock Car Club, where shooting takes place every Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An instructor and a coach will be present to teach safe gun handling and to correct faulty shooting. Clay Pigeon traps have been installed to throw targets similar to those met with at the everyday shoot, driven grouse, high pheasant, bolting rabbit, and other sporting animals and birds. No charge is made for any service which is available, there is no club to join, and no subscription to pay.

You only pay for the cartridges you use, which can be obtained on the field, or if you prefer, bring your own.

Anyone wanting to improve their shooting with a view to becoming a first class shot is welcome; who knows? we might learn something from you.

J.G.M., Durham County Champion.

BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE AND FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE

Under our able producer, Noel Bennett, members are hard at work with rehearsals for the pantomime which is to be staged in late October. Two new trophies are to be presented to the club by the committee members. One is to be used for free skating which is so popular with our Sunday class members. This is to be a handicap competition according to the competitors N.S.A. standards. The second trophy is intended for all members who have not yet gained an N.S.A. test award. Competitors will be required to dance two minutes plain skating, one minute forward and the other backward skating.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson for the raffle gifts so kindly given on Saturday general sessions. The winner of the food parcel was lucky Linda Harrison of Newton Aycliffe. The winner of the raffle which is now under way will receive a large box of chocolates—drawn for on Saturday, May 11th. Well done Judith Robson and Pauline Nelson recent winners of the Roller Skating magazine competition.

A warm welcome to Rolinda Greaves our new Sunday class member who seems to have settled down to some good hard practice with fellow club members Margaret Bellis, Linda Welsh and John Weathergill. Congratulations to Avril Bennett and June Walker our two Sunday class members who gained full marks in our May skating quiz. A pat on the back to Tuesday class members Margaret Conlon, and Christine Megginson who also gained full marks in our Tuesday class quiz.

Birthday wishes for June go to Pauline Burton, Linda Flanagan, and Edmund Bennett. Nice to see Linda back on skates after her spell in hospital.

The Development Corporation are going out of their way to make the Beveridge Hall look like new—MEMBERS PLEASE HELP TO KEEP IT THIS WAY.

G.A.B.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE CRICKET CLUB

July 6th—Seaham Park	HOME	Aug. 3rd—Easington	HOME
July 13th—Crook Town	AWAY	Aug. 10th—Langley Park	AWAY
July 20th—Esh Winning	HOME	Aug. 17th—Shildon B.R.	HOME
July 27th—Mainsforth	AWAY	Aug. 24th—Hetton Lyons	AWAY

The second team fixtures are the reverse.

So far only two games have been played by the first team, both were lost but the season is young. The second team have one game only which they won.

As you see there is a game on the home ground every Saturday so come along and support your own team.

The 2nd XI in their 2nd match of the season set up a record when they got Murton out for 1 run. Result Newton Aycliffe 93 Murton 1.