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A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



EDITORIAL

In a recent friendly discussion upon the progress made in the town during the past year it was surprising to recall just what has been done; new amenities come into use, all of which are taken for granted, so unless we give the matter some thought we are apt to forget exactly what was accomplished in 1963. The new Library came into operation in April, and it was an immediate success, as is seen by the huge number of books that are issued each month. The Child Welfare Centre and Clinic moved to its new premises round about the same time, providing a vastly improved service, and much more congenial working conditions for its staff, many of whom are voluntary. The W.V.S. "Meals on Wheels" for the Old People commences in June, a service which it is hoped to increase when funds allow.

The Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations was revived just in time to prevent it passing into the limbo of forgotten things, and the Council has accomplished a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, some of the results of which will become apparent in 1964. The Old Peoples Home in Shafto Way has brought a great deal of comfort and pleasure into the lives of those who might otherwise be living a lonely existence. New Schools have been opened to accommodate the children in almost ideal conditions, and the number of houses in the northeast corner of the town that have been built during this past year has increased the residents by an unknown quantity. The town bus service has saved many old and infirm people a long trail to the town centre, it is not suggested that our internal buses give as good a service as is needed but at least it is a step in the right direction. Before Christmas a third sub-post office will be opened, and this will most certainly relieve the pressure on the other two, and at the same time save a lot of shoe leather for those who have so far to go to a Post Office.

Year by year things are brought to the town to make life easier for its people, but unless reminded, you are likely to forget, and join the ranks of those who insist the "nothing ever gets done in this town." Don't you believe it, stop to think for a minute, Newton Aycliffe is always moving forward.

EDITOR.

Thought for the month

When you are down in the mouth think of the prophet Jonah—he came out alright.

LITTER

The Darlington Rural District Council are most concerned to see the appalling amount of litter left lying in the streets, particularly in the shopping centres at weekends.

The Council provide an adequate number of litter bins, and in addition employ labour in an effort to keep the streets tidy, but the public are rather lax in doing their part. All of us tend to grumble at any increase in the rates, yet all litter has to be collected and disposed of at the rate-payers expense. It is therefore a matter of common sense to "USE THE LITTER BINS"—"KEEP NEWTON AYCLIFFE TIDY" and so avoid any additional cost through carelessness. The attitude of a small minority seems to be :-

*"I do not give a damn for you,
Its no matter what I do,
With broken bottles, empty tins,
Paper bags, and dirty rags,
I'll strew the road you've got to take,
I do not care what mess I make."*

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N.A.C.O.L.O. NOTES

At the start of the New Year of the council I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all organisations who have solidly supported N.A.C.O.L.O. in recent months, progress has been made in several directions, whilst achievements have not been spectacular at least the Council is moving forward steadily and surely.

We would welcome representatives of organisations to join us at our future meetings to enable the Council to enlarge its efforts and to give it a wider field of representation. Remember your organisation can benefit by being a member of the Council in that N.A.C.O.L.O.'s constitution states that one of its purposes is to aid and foster all member organisations, the Officers of the Council and the Council itself are very conscious of this fact and make every endeavour to carry it to conclusion. Although we circularise most organisations should you be in doubt as to the objects and aims of N.A.C.O.L.O. you are invited to contact the Chairman Mr. J. N. Davey, 41 Pease Way who would be pleased to give you all the information you require. The Secretaries of organisations should note that Miss J. Kettlewell has changed her address, and now resides at 20 Kenny Walk.

An event to which it is well worth drawing your attention takes place on December 13th when the town band will be giving a concert of carols in the Town Centre round the Christmas Tree; as many townspeople as possible should make a point of attending and make it an evening to be remembered. All the officers of N.A.C.O.L.O. wish all the residents a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

J.N.D.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE AND DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY

Sanction Show

It is now time to apply for your schedule and entry form so that you can show your dog at the Newton Aycliffe and District Canine Society's Show which will be held in the Beveridge Hall, Newton Aycliffe on Saturday, 21st December at 2-30 p.m. Judge: Mr. L. Pearson. Entries close Saturday, December 14th. 13 Cups to be competed for at this show.

Dogs must be entered at the Kennel Club and be over 6 months of age. For further particulars apply:- Mrs. M. Rickaby, Sec., 12 Castlereagh Close, Newton Aycliffe, Tel. 672.

M.R.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Sir,

After reading the letter about the lack of support for the Newton Aycliffe Show from Mr. J. R. Walton, I felt I must put pen to paper.

Without wishing to belittle Mr. Walton's own efforts and those of others who helped with the show, I am beginning to get not a little sick and tired of people who, having decided that a certain course of action will benefit the community, then try to insist it be taken by all. Let's face it, the majority of people in this town do not want a Show, if they want to see one, a short journey from the town will bring them to a long established show giving greater variety.

When the people of this town want a Show the call will come from the majority not the minority.

If Mr. Walton feels any personal bitterness then its time he learned to accept this as something all who work for others must face at sometime in their life.

Accusations of apathy are not called for because things are obviously as most of us want them.

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN R. MCMAIN.

Newton Aycliffe Workingmen's Club and Institute Ltd., Leek Club.

To The Editor, Newtonian

Dear Sir,

May I, through the medium of "The Newtonian" be allowed to express the grateful thanks of the members of this Club for the magnificent response from the Traders and Trading Organisations of Newton Aycliffe in providing such a wonderful array of Special Prizes on the occasion of our Annual Show, held on Saturday, September 28th, 1963.

Thanking you Sir, once again for and on behalf of the members of the Leek Club.

FRED TODD, Secretary.

TOWNSWOMENS GUILD



The editor has requested that organisations should look ahead and publish future activities in preference to saying what has happened, therefore the Townswomens Guild will now give details of meetings one month in advance as far as is possible.

JANUARY, 1964. The Guild will meet in the Beveridge Hall on January 6th at 7-15 p.m. prompt. Following the business and sectional reports a representative of the Fire Service will talk and advise on Safety in the Home, a subject which will surely appeal to most women. The competition is complimentary to the speaker, it is "The best safety in the home hint." The social half-hour will be "Charades." The sales table details are not yet known, but any contribution will be most acceptable.

As reported in the November issue of Newtonian the guild are having a series of coffee evenings and afternoon teas to help funds, at the time of going to press for this edition one third of the set target has been reached, further details will be printed as arrangements are made.

M.M.G.

HOUSING NOTES

Tenants who go away for more than a day in the winter are asked to drain off the water system in their dwelling before they leave. Radiators too need draining and this will be done by the Housing staff if so desired. Tenants are responsible for paying the cost of repairs in the event of burst pipes, etc., due to negligence.

Last winter the Corporation received a number of complaints about dampness from houses where this had never been experienced before. In almost every instance this was found to be due to tenants having ceased to use the solid fuel fire which in nearly all houses is placed centrally so that warmth radiates through most of the rooms. There is no adequate substitute for a solid fuel fire or stove burning night and day as a prevention of dampness. To block up the fire opening and to turn on the occasional heater is not sufficient to keep the building warm and dry as the warmth does not reach the structure itself. Many families have found that it is less expensive to keep their fire or stove burning continuously with smokeless fuel than to keep lighting a fire for part of the day only with a few lumps of coal or than turning over to some alternative method of occasional heating.

Darlington Rural District Council are gradually to replace dustbins in the town with the paper sack system of refuse collection. In parts of the town where the new system is not yet in operation second hand bins will be used to replace bins worn out until such time as the paper sack system of refuse is introduced.

As stated in the Tenants Handbook everyone is asked please to strip the old wallpaper before re-papering any wall; it is found this is not being done at present. If you live in a house or flat with plaster board partitions instead of plaster walls, to scrape of wallpaper might damage the surface of the partition. In such cases, therefore, it is advisable first to apply one coat of colourless primer to facilitate the later stripping of paper.

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VANDALISM

Court imposes heavy penalties.

At the Darlington Juvenile Court on the 31st October a 16 year old youth was ordered to pay to the Corporation, compensation of 12/6d. in addition to a fine of £2 and an advocate's fee of 2 guineas for damaging a tree in Clarence Green on the 18th September last.

At the same court three boys aged 11 were ordered to pay the Corporation compensation amounting to £14 and to contribute 3 guineas towards the advocate's fee for damaging a house under construction in Wycliffe Close. It was reported that damage caused to the house by the boys in question included spilling of paint over wooden floors, smearing concrete floors with bituminous paint, damaging newly laid concrete floors, pulling off the top course of bricks on a low wall, and breaking mica windows on a closed stove.

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On Saturday, October 26th the juniors of the above League held a bazaar in the Methodist Hall with the object of raising funds to provide Christmas Parties for the patients. Miss Ridley, Matron of the hospital, performed the opening ceremony and in course of her speech said that if the juniors did half as well as the adults it would be a great help to the hospital. The juniors were well rewarded for the time and work they put into their venture for the amount of money raised after all expenses had been paid was £49-10-0. The juniors are not appealing for additional funds, but should there be those among you who would like to make Christmas for their unfortunate fellow humans of all ages just that little bit more enjoyable it would be a kindly act and in the spirit of the season to send a donation, however small, to the Secretary: Miss Joy Butler, 11 Cumby Road.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

The members and the committee extend to all those kind people who help us throughout the year a most sincere wish that they may enjoy a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Special mention must be made to Mr. Ward who has unfailingly turned up on every occasion to start our meetings off on the right note with his piano playing.

A cookery demonstration given recently by the N.E.E.B. who also provided the refreshments was a great success. The Newton Aycliffe Operatic and Dramatic Society gave us a delightful evening with solos and excerpts from operas, they also gave the refreshments for that evening. Councillor D. Perry presided at this meeting. All the members join with me in thanking the many who do so much for we few.

J.M.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES

The "Tramps Ball" held at the Canopus Club on November 7th was really a complete success. More "Tramps" than ever attended, everyone went to town with the "dressing up" efforts.

Among the prize winners was Mrs. Belton, wife of committee member Mr. Alec Belton. Mrs. Belton was superb, dressed in an old two-piece costume, a pair of "snazzy" baseball boots, and a battered old felt hat. What really tickled me as well as many others was a "Springy" flower attached to the top of this hat. This wavering frond found its way into my ear once, my beer twice and my nose often.

The Newton Aycliffe Branch has been appointed as headquarters for the area R.A.F.A. Motor Club. The Chairman is Mr. Alan Coates, Secretary, Mr. Paul Sharpe, Treasurer, Mr. Freddy Wells and committee members as follows:- Messrs. N. Watson, A. Graham J. Bell, and D. E. Cook. There seems to have been a brand new face-lift given to this club, which has all the signs of being a really active section. They are having a fancy dress ball on December 19th, tickets will be available to everyone, on sale at the Canopus Club 3/- each for formal dress and 2/6 for those in fancy dress.

If I could afford four new tyres and a new engine I'd join in some of these motor club rallies, all who take part say they are really good sport. If you are a motorist and would like further particulars about the club, contact one of the above named "Bods", remember it costs nothing to ask.

Club and branch stalwart Mr. Ron Manning (Hon. Sec.) reports that Newton Aycliffe Branch has excelled all past years with its increase in membership, new members are joining all the year round; this is more than stimulating when we bear in mind that those being demobbed now are a mere trickle compared with the vast numbers who were "turned loose" at the end of the war and during National Service.

If you are ex-R.A.F./W.A.A.F. and not already a member of the association why not come along to the Canopus Club in Barrington Road where you will be made very welcome. If you are ex/R.A.F. you owe it to your family as welfare facilities are second to none, and the social life really excellent.

H.G.S.

Notes:—The R.A.F.A. Childrens Party for Christmas will commence at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 21st December, 1963.

The intention to have two separate parties has been cancelled and parents are advised to bring their children to this BIG PARTY. Make a special note of the DATE.

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ELECTORS' LIST

The lists of persons whose names are proposed for inclusion in the next Register of Electors for the Newton Aycliffe Ward of the Parish of Great Aycliffe are available for inspection from the 28th November at the Post Offices in Neville Parade and Simpature Gate and at the Rural District Council Offices at "Craig Lea," Uplands Road, Darlington.

Any person aged 21 or over by the 16th June, 1964 and who was resident in Newton Aycliffe on the 10th October, 1963 or at that date occupied premises in the town of a yearly value of not less than £10 is advised to inspect the lists to make sure that his or her name is included. A claim to be included or a request for the alteration of any entry or objection to the inclusion of any other person's name must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall, Durham not later than the 16th December, 1963. Forms for that purpose can be obtained from the Electoral Registration Officer at the address mentioned.

The letter "J" after a person's name in the lists means that it is proposed to include him in the Jurors' Book as liable for Jury Service during the year commencing 15th August, 1964. Any person whose name is so marked and who claims exemption from Jury Service or claims that he is not qualified to be a Juror may apply to the Electoral Registration Officer at the above mentioned address not later than the 16th December, 1963 stating the grounds for his application.

DRAMA

With our recent success "How now Hecate" behind us, work has already begun on our Annual Pantomime, this year "The Sleeping Beauty" if you missed the former, be certain that very few children will miss the latter. Why? Because of the vast amount of enjoyment that it brings, it is written especially for children, and for that very reason it is ideal entertainment for them. Don't take our word for it ask any child in the town!!! It is a little known, but nevertheless very much a fact, that the script and musical ideas for this years "Sleeping Beauty" and for previous Christmas Pantomimes is the work of Mrs. Stella Wallace, one of our members, while the decor and special effects are the province of her husband, Jim. Few Drama Groups are so fortunate in having such a versatile couple, and for aspiring script writers and indeed all who are interested in any aspect of stagecraft there is a wealth of knowledge and experience available through many of our members. A visit to "The Hut" will confirm this.

The pantomime will be presented towards the end of January, 1964 and further details will appear later.

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SKETCH CLUB

The Sketch Club meet every Tuesday evening from 7 p.m.—9 p.m. at the Sugar Hill School. Ages range for adults 16-100 years!! Cost—one shilling per week with a membership fee of two shillings and sixpence. Juniors, sixpence per session plus membership fee of two shillings and six pence.

There are as yet not enough names on the list to form a younger group.

R.B.

WOMENS COLUMN with children in mind

Although this is headed "womens column" I am devoting some of my allotted space with a few ideas which the children may be interested in, especially as Christmas is just around the corner and pocket money may be scarce (whose isn't at Christmas?).

Basic recipe for fudge

1-lb. granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ -lb. butter or top quality margarine, $\frac{1}{4}$ -pt milk. Dissolve the milk and sugar slowly over a low heat and bring to the boil without stirring. When the mixture does boil, stir constantly for five minutes, then add the butter (cut into small pieces). Cook until the mixture reaches 240F, or until a small piece will form a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Take off the heat and allow to cool, then beat until creamy, this can be quite difficult so ask your mummy to help you.

This is the stage where flavourings are added to vary the mixture. Try coffee, chocolate, chopped nuts and rasins, chopped glace cherries or desicated coconut. Pour into a flat tin and leave till cold then cut into squares and if it is to be a Christmas gift, pack nicely in a pretty boxed lined with greaseproof paper.

This is very easy for you to make and useful too.

A tin to hold a ball of string. Paint an empty syrup tin (washed of course) with bright enamel paint, when dry stick on a silhouette of a cat or dog in fact any animal you like. Now ask your daddy or mummy to punch a hole in the tin just where the tail of the animal is. Put a ball of string in the tin and pull the end through the hole.

Your own Christmas cards are quite easy to make and every-one likes to receive a card you have made yourself. Here is a very simple way. Fold a piece of stiff paper in half and on the front do a pen and ink drawing, keep it very simple, while the ink is still wet sprinkle it with silver glitter.

Stuffed dates. Remove the stones from the dates, then stuff them with marzipan, place a shelled nut or half a glace cherry on top, put in paper sweet cases and pack into a box. You can of course use the original date box if you wipe the stickiness off.

Hints that may be useful. When tying parcels to send away, wet the string first and it will dry taught.

Badly tarnished silver can be cleaned by putting it in a basin with about one square foot of aluminium foil and a teaspoonful of common soda. Cover with boiling water and leave for half an hour, rinse thoroughly and polish with a clean soft duster.

If by any chance you are fortunate enough to have early daffodils do please remember that flowers grown from bulbs last much longer if kept in shallow water, the poor tender things just hate to be flooded.

Recipe for the month

Pineapple souffle. You need the following for it—Small tin pineapple tid-bits, 6-oz. tin evaporated milk, one lemon jelly and one egg.

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Method. Drain the juice from the pineapple, and use to make a pint of lemon jelly, leave on one side until almost set, then beat up well slowly adding the milk. When really thick and creamy add the egg and whip thoroughly again. Into a large dish put the pieces of pineapple and pour the jelly over it. When set decorate with fine strips of angelica, glace cherry and whipped cream if liked. This is really good especially if you like pineapple.

An idea for a last minute Christmas gift easily made and attractive to look at. A holder for sticks and umbrellas, takes very little space too. You need a cardboard cylinder, cover it with fablon or pretty wallpaper, stick matching or toning furnishing braid round the top edge, and if you have a round tin lid that fits put in the base, if you haven't well just leave it open at the bottom.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

M.M.G.

CAROLS

Newcomers to the town have been asking about the great carol service in Durham Cathedral. This is always at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and on the Sunday after Christmas, but you have to be there by 2-30 p.m. to get a good seat and you need to sit near the front to hear well. Wrap up warm! The crib is in the Galilee Chapel and can be visited after the service.

In Newton Aycliffe carol services are held in the Churches and there will be open air community carol singing organised by the Town Band when the tree in the town centre is lit up on Friday evening December 13th. It is hoped that residents will support these rather than individuals at the door who make a mockery of carol singing.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE OVER 60 CLUB

The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, 11th December at 6 p.m.

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MUSIC SOCIETY

The September Party was the first occasion when all the singing groups in the town met with the society and as they all enjoyed meeting and hearing each other, another party will be held on April 30th, 1964. Book the date when you get your new diaries. Meanwhile the Society meets once a month for a talk on some musical subject illustrated with records, etc. As accommodation is very limited please let me know if you would like an invitation. Mrs. E. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec., 17 Cumby Road.

E.T.

R.A.S.C. TERRITORIALS

THE BARNARD ARMOURY is now nearing completion and Colonel The Right Honourable The Lord Barnard, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., has provisionally agreed to perform the Opening Ceremony on 9th January, 1964 at 7-30 p.m.

Annual Trophies, 1963

(a) Inter Platoon Competition Shield to H.Q., Platoon.

(b) Individuals

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3rd best all round shot	Pte. Trevor	" "
Best Shot SMG	Sgt. Williams	" "
Best Shot LMG	Sgt. Williams	" "
Best Shot Rifle	Cpl. Thompson	" "
Driving Competition 1st	Dvr. Tarn, R.	Spennymoor
Driving Competition 2nd	Sgt. McLean, F.	Darlington
Driving Competition 3rd	L/c. Land	Newton Aycliffe
Young Soldier Competition		
R.A.S.C.	Dvr. Scoones	Newton Aycliffe
R.A.S.C.	Dvr. Tarn	Spennymoor
R.A.M.C.	Pte. Trevor	Newton Aycliffe
R.E.M.E.	Cfm. Anderson	Shildon
Trained Soldier Comp.	L/c. Meredith	Shildon
Best Motor Cyclist Comp.	L/c. Fraquet	Coatham M'ville
Best Attendance	Sgt. McLean	Darlington

Children's Christmas Party

Our Children's Christmas Party will be held in the Over 60s. Club, Newton Aycliffe, from 2-30 p.m. on Saturday 21st Dec. 1963.

Father Christmas will arrive in Newton Aycliffe at 2-30 p.m. and is due at the Party at 2-40 p.m.

Training

In anticipation of the Company moving into Newton Aycliffe in the near future there has been an influx of Recruits, and it is anticipated that there will be many more after the move takes place. The emphasis will therefore be on recruit Training for the next few months and Lt. A. Welsh has been appointed Recruit Training Officer with S/Sgt. J. R. Brookes the instructor.

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OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

All Gilbert and Sullivan fans should keep a look out for further details of the Gondoliers, the operatic society's next show, which is to be performed during April, 1964.

The society still need a few gentlemen for the chorus and we are sure Newton Aycliffe has many who could help to make up a good chorus for this grand show—so please come along gentlemen. Wednesday nights at 7-30 p.m., Marlowe Hall, you wont regret it !
J.B.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Our Territorial Association is friendly with Santa Claus and has kindly arranged to show him the way round the town on Christmas Eve. His route will be given out in the Schools at the end of term. So look out of the windows children, when you hear the jingle-bells that evening.

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Well here we are again looking forward to Christmas with its gay parties and merriment, and as the last month of this year comes to an end we begin to think of a New Year 1964. Let us have a quick look at some of the recent activities held by the skating club this year. On October the 15th, 23 club members competed for a brand new trophy called "The Beginners Trophy." This event is to be held annually and is intended to maintain a keen interest in competitive skating among the club members who have not passed a National Skating Association test. The winner of "The Beginners Trophy" was Marion Main who skated so well that she was placed first by all three judges—Well done Marion. May we thank our committee members who so kindly donated this beautiful trophy to our collection.

I think the highlight of October was the Fancy Dress Parade which proved to be a great success—the rink was packed with new faces who enjoyed this occasion so much that our committee have agreed to hold a Fancy Dress Parade on skates in October each year. The prize winners were all club members from Newton Aycliffe. The first prize won by Judith Robson was a gift voucher to the value of £1. The 15/- gift voucher which was second prize was won by Pauline Nelson, and the third prize of a 7/6d. voucher was won by Carol Stevenson. To add to the fun The Cossacks guitar group from Darlington provided the music for dancing for a very lively half hour. Our sincere thanks to the group who offered their services free of charge—hope to see you all at the club's birthday party late in January—this time with full payment for your services.

Looking forward to a new year we intend to introduce another trophy which will be a handicap trophy for free skating. This will make a total of four trophies to be skated for annually, spaced out so that the Club will in fact have a competition every three months.

Many Newtonians seem to have got hold of the idea that they can not join the skating club unless they intend to have lessons—this is not true, and although our classes are now full to the brim, we would still welcome all new members.

As from December the first members and friends will be able to take advantage of our club Christmas card post box. This is intended to save you the cost of postage, and to save the postman's legs. On Saturday, December the 21st we will be holding a special Christmas Carnival night, when we hope to have a visit from dear old Father Christmas who will act as postman and give out the cards from the postbox. Our Saturday general sessions can still be described as *A NIGHT OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY*—perhaps you will come along at 7 p.m. and enjoy the fun and games. ?

May I on behalf of the committee wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas—Do please take great care on the roads. Hope to see you at our Christmas Carnival.

G.A.B.

EVENING CLASSES

Newton Aycliffe Sugar Hill County School

MONDAY	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Tailoring	7-00—9-00 p.m.
	Scottish Country Dancing	8-00—9-30 p.m.
	French Conv.	7-00—9-00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.
	Keep Fit for Women	7-30—9-00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.

Newton Aycliffe Campus—Marlowe Hall

MONDAY	Woodwork	6-45—9-15 p.m.
	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Keep Fit for Men	7-30—9-00 p.m.
	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.
	Motor Car Maint'ce	7-00—9-00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Dressmaking	7-00—9-00 p.m.
	Metalwork	7-00—9-30 p.m.
	Painting in Oils	7-00—9-00 p.m.
	Keep Fit—Rugby	7-30—9-00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Keep Fit for Men	7-30—9-00 p.m.
	Woodwork	6-45—9-15 p.m.
	Motor Car Maint'ce	7-00—9-00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Art and Crafts	7-00—9-00 p.m.
	(Fortnightly)	

Newton Aycliffe—Milton Hall

THURSDAY	Keep Fit for Men	7-30—9-00 p.m.
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Clinics are held **EVERY** Wednesday from 6-30 p.m.—7-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way. There is a lady doctor in attendance. There will be **NO** clinic on Wednesday, December 25th. Information and appointments can be had from Mrs. Thomas, 84 Cockton Hill Road, Bishop Auckland. Tel. Bishop Auckland 2162.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH LIBRARY

I have been asked by Miss Hamilton, the Housing Manager, if I would compile a short list of books of Local Interest, which are available at the Branch Library in Dalton Way.

Many of the people who come to live in the New Town are strangers, not only to Newton Aycliffe but strangers also to the whole locality. The outsider's knowledge of the North-east often extends no further than coal-mines, ship-building and the march of the men of Jarrow in the 1930's. Often the impression is of a bleak and derelict area typified by a sky-line of pit-heaps and belching chimney stacks, of gaunt derricks and the plethora of the machines of heavy industry.

No-one will deny the existence of these, nor that they serve to scar the landscape; but there still remain in Durham many beautiful and interesting places. Unfortunately the chroniclers of the North-east are few and far between and inevitably any list of books of local interest must be comparatively short.

Durham County Council have recently produced a small but useful guide to the County of Durham. This deals in a "no frills" way with the towns and places of interest in the County. There are two copies available in the library—one for lending and the other just for reference. The guide is well-illustrated and contains one sketch-map of the County.

Other guides in the branch stock are fuller but, in most cases, not nearly so up-to-date.

FLETCHER, J. S. "*The Enchanting North*" (1908)
VALE, E. "*North Country*" (1937) *
MORRIS, J. E. "*Companion into Durham*" (1951)

Others are so old that, although of some topographical interest, are more useful now as guides to contemporary history:

"*A handbook for travellers in Durham and Northumberland*" (1864).

BOYLE, J. R. "*Comprehensive guide to the County of Durham*" (1892).

The major histories of the county are all now rather old but still of use, especially to the student of local history:

SURTEES'S "*History and antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham*" in four volumes is, perhaps, the most complete, but was produced as long ago as 1840. *

An even older history in the branch stock is HUTCHINSON'S "*History and antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham*," in three volumes, 1st edition 1785. *

Of more recent vintage we have ANDREW'S "*Bygone Durham*" (1898) * and SIR TIMOTHY EDEN'S 2-volume work "*Durham*" (1952) *

"*The Friday book of North Country sketches*" (1934) and "*The second Friday book*" (1935) are selections of articles of local interest covering all manner of topics which appeared in the "*Newcastle Journal*" and within the limits they set themselves are very informative.

For those who merely want to see what the place looks like there are the following two books in stock:

THORNE, H. S. "*Northumbria*"—this is a selection of photographs of Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire. There is no text, and the photographs are all black and white. RAISTRICK, A. "*Yorkshire and the North-east*" (1963). a book of coloured photographs with text.

There are other books of local interest in stock. I have confined this list mainly to books of topographical or historical interest since these are the most common but for those who would wish to consult it there is a fuller bibliography in the library which is called simply "*Books of Local Interest*" and all the books listed in this 70-page bibliography can be made available at the local branch.

* For Reference Only

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Main news this month is the Annual Dinner Dance which is now finally fixed for Thursday, 16th January, 1964. This event will be held at "The Gretna Green Wedding Inn" and tickets will be available from the committee price 15/- so roll up and let's have a riotous night.

Sidecar Federation members please note that we have an opportunity to join the Oxfordshire Sidecar Club in obtaining party rates on the ferry passage to Ostend for the "Elephant Rally" which is scheduled for January 4th at the Nurburgring in the Eifel mountains. Anyone wanting to take advantage of this offer should contact me as soon as possible as the closing date is December 15th.

That's all for this trip folks so heres wishing you all a happy Christmas, wet inside and dry outside, be seeing you.

ERIC

COMMUNITY CENTRE CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER**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.
- MONDAY** 2nd December, Townswomen's Guild Birthday Meeting 7 to 10-15 p.m.
Dance 7-30 to 10-30 p.m. (except 2nd Dec., 1963)
W.V.S. Nursery 1-30 to 3-15 p.m. 16th & 23rd December, 1963.
- TUESDAY** Skating Club 7 to 10 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY** W.V.S. 2 to 4 p.m. (18th December, 1963)
Dance 7-30 to 10-30 p.m. (4th December, 1963)
St. John's 6 to 10 p.m. (18th December, 1963)
- THURSDAY** Dog Training 6-30 to 10 p.m. (ex. 26th Dec., 1963)
- FRIDAY** Table Tennis 7-30 to 10 p.m.
- SATURDAY** Skating Club 7 p.m.
Canine Club Show 1-30 to 6 p.m. 21st Dec., 1963

Clarence Hall

- SUNDAY** Jehovah's Witnesses 3 to 5-30 p.m. } Ex. 15th and
Salvation Army 6 to 7 p.m. } 22nd Dec. '63
- MONDAY** W.V.S. Nursery 1-30 to 3-45 p.m. except 16th and
23rd Dec., 1963 (Beveridge Hall)
Labour Party Women's Section 7-30—10 p.m.
(2nd December, 1963)
- TUESDAY** Whist Drive 7-30 to 10 p.m. except 17th and 24th
December, 1963
- WEDNESDAY** W.V.S. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. except 18th December,
1963 (Beveridge Hall)
Territorial Cadets Evening except 18th Dec., 1963

THURSDAY Jehovahs Witnesses 6-30 to 9-30 p.m. except 19th
December, 1963

FRIDAY Assembly of God Youth Club 7 p.m. except 20th
December, 1963

Committee Room

- MONDAY** Whist 8 p.m.
- THURSDAY** Probation Officer 4 to 6 p.m.

Wardens Office and C.A.B. Room

- WEDNESDAY** 2-30 to 3-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session and 7-30 to
AND FRIDAY 8-30 p.m. C.A.B. Session

Upstairs Room

- SUNDAY** Salvation Army 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.
Salvation Army 6 to 7 p.m. (15th & 22nd Dec. 1963)
- MONDAY** Young Socialists 7-30 to 10 p.m. (2nd, 16th & 30th
December, 1963)
- TUESDAY** St. Johns Cadets (Girls) 6-30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY** Town Band 6-30 p.m.
- THURSDAY** Salvation Army 6 to 8 p.m.
- FRIDAY** St. John Cadets (Boys) 6-30 p.m.
- SATURDAY** Town Band (Juniors) 10 to 11 a.m.

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This innkeeper also loved animals and at the back of the inn he had two fields in which the sheep and cows grazed—if he thought any needed special care he would bring them in at night and house them in the stable. Once a week he went to market wandering slowly round the pens—talking to the farmers. One day he was walking round when he saw a donkey tied to a post. It appeared to be a good strong donkey and when he felt its coat, although it was rough, it was not harsh and uncared for as some donkeys. It had a gentle look in its eye and when he patted it and gently pulled its ears it rubbed its head against his robe. There and then he decided to buy it and went in search of the owner whom he felt could not be very far away. At last he found him right at the other side of the market. The man agreed to sell, and James said he would send his man to collect him later in the day, which he did and our donkey was put into one of the fields with the cattle. James became very fond of the donkey and every morning went out to see him. One morning he DID have a surprise—he found not only his donkey but, by its side, was the most beautiful little one he had ever seen and he felt as pleased and proud as the mother herself looked. Day by day the little one grew and James delighted to watch it prancing and running round the field. When the nights began to get cold the two donkeys were taken into the stable where it was warm and comfortable. One night, after they had eaten their meal and the door locked to make sure they would be kept safely through the long hours of darkness, they were disturbed by a noise outside, they could hear loud voices, the jangle of harness

and the shuffle of feet. The little donkey did not like this at all and he crept closer to his mother. Suddenly the door was flung open and James came in carrying a lantern. With him was a man and woman. The little donkey could not understand all that was said but he watched as his master put fresh hay and straw on the floor. Leaving the lantern he went out closing the door behind him. Some how neither of the donkeys could go to sleep again. They could hear the low tones of the man and woman as they talked and ate what little food they had left after their journey. At last everything became quiet and the two donkeys snug and warm went to sleep. But, again, they were suddenly awakened. What was that? A cry the like of which neither had heard before. Slowly they raised their heads and in the dim light of the lantern they could see the man putting fresh hay and straw into the manger. The woman was holding something in her arms then, very gently and lovingly she lowered it on to the bed of hay and straw.

But even stranger things were to follow. The door was quietly pushed open and there stood shepherds with their crooks, one was carrying a baby lamb and one a sheep with a bandaged foot. Slowly they filed in and stood round the manger, one by one they dropped to their knees gazing at what the mother donkey knew to be a baby. As they rose to their feet, and went out, singing could be heard that seemed to come from a long way off. The man softly closed the stable door and quiet fell, once more, upon the stable. The lantern continued to shed its light falling upon the sleeping mother and babe.

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star had been their guide and they wished to see the babe that they knew had been born there. So he took them out to the stable where each servant handed a gift to his master who then, with a low bow, placed it by the side of the manger. The babe crowed with delight—it almost seemed that he knew of the honour bestowed upon him. With a further obeisance the three men, followed by their attendants, filed out and quiet reigned once more in the stable. Joseph, the father, now thought it was time to be going home but one night he had a dream so vivid that he was sure if they did not get away from the inn quickly, some harm would befall the babe and his mother. Quickly he came to a decision—instead of going home they would make their way into Egypt where he was sure he would find work because he was a carpenter by trade. Mary, the mother, could not walk all these miles and how to get there he did not know. Now the innkeeper had been very impressed with all that had happened at the stable and felt sure these were no ordinary people even more so when Joseph told him about his dream.

I have told you how very fond he was of the mother donkey and her little one, but when he looked at the lovely babe and the young mother and saw how anxious the father was, he felt there was only one way he could help them. He thought of the adoration of the shepherds—the gifts of the rich men—so he decided to offer the big donkey to carry the mother and her babe. Hurriedly their small belongings were stowed into a sack and placed on the donkey whilst the mother with the babe, held tenderly and securely in her arms, sat behind it. So they set off, the donkey walking proudly as though he knew what a precious burden he was carrying. Many a weary mile they travelled over the dusty roads until they reached Egypt. A home was soon made where the babe grew into a boy gentle and loving. The donkey lived to a ripe old age and was loved and cared for all the days of its life.

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