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THE EDITORIAL BOARD WISH ALL
READERS A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

PERSONALITIES OF THE TOWN No. 1



Mr. Donald Vickers the town's only J.P. who is also a Rural and a Parish Councillor, first came to Newton Aycliffe 13 years ago, and he and his wife and family have occupied the same house, 22 Clarence Chare, throughout the years. He is one of the busiest men in the community, has very little spare time, and considers the 13 years he has spent in this town as some of his happiest.

Mr. Vickers started work in the mines at the age of 14, and apart from service with H.M. Forces in the 1939-45 war has spent all his working life in the Durham coal fields. During the war he served with an Airborne Division which took him to many parts of the world where he met every type of human being imaginable.

At the end of hostilities he returned to mining, and with a determination to work towards increasing his knowledge, and using such education in the service of his fellows. To this end he attended the Durham University Extra Mural Department reading social history and economics. In 1948 he obtained the Top Award in the Sheffield University Markham Memorial Trophy, this trophy is competed for on a national basis so that to gain a 'first' was no small achievement.

In 1955 Mr. Vickers was appointed a J.P., was chairman for a long time of the now defunct Community Association, has been chairman on several occasions of the Parish Council, and is a member of the Board of Governors of Aycliffe Approved School.

Mr. Vickers leads an extremely full life, for his day to day occupation as a Colliery Deputy, plus his many other commitments leaves him with little time to devote to his personal interests, tennis to keep him fit, and literature and music for relaxation.

To sum up in this short biography, he is a man who has done an enormous amount behind the scenes for this town, and one to whom a great debt of gratitude is owed.

EDITORIAL

It now seems certain that Newton Aycliffe will expand to accommodate a population of 45,000, but there is already opposition from people who consider they will suffer financial loss if the plan is put into effect. Those who object are afraid that such a move

would draw people into the town at the expense of the older areas in the immediate neighbourhood, but whatever the argument against the proposal it must surely be seen that to build the new town to provide houses for many families who through force of circumstances are compelled to live in old property is a step in the right direction. There are thousands of people who would welcome the opportunity to exchange their present conditions to come and live in a modern dwelling in attractive surroundings. The new town has at least been planned to give space in its streets, maximum daylight in its houses, and safe playgrounds for children. The latest edition of the magazine "The Economist" contains a survey on the North East which refers to Newton Aycliffe as "mediocre from the town planning point of view," and goes on to say that the present population target of 20,000 is unrealistic in view of the massive concentration of jobs, and suggests that the sudden doubling of planned size, although producing problems might be an opportunity for "something far more imaginative and viable." It is also suggested that a larger population in this town will present a basis for amenities which at present people have to find in Darlington.

How much towards the expansion programme will be accomplished in the year that lies ahead? If a comparison is made with the recent past, that has seen such tremendous changes, then an optimistic view of the future would not be out of place.

EDITOR

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TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

The February meeting will commence at 7-15 p.m. prompt on the 3rd of the month in the Beveridge Hall. The Guild is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Tony Ellis, curator of the Bowes Museum as the speaker, his subject? Collecting antiques; something I am sure we all consider at some time or other during our lives, but hesitate to start not really knowing what to collect or how to set about collecting specific items.

The sales table is to be a 6d. dip, and you would be surprised at the things that came out of 6d dips in the past; reels of sewing cotton, bath cubes, glass jam dishes and sweets just to name a few; if you can't put a dip in, please do take one out, it all helps to swell the guild funds. The competition will be "something from a remnant;" that should bring a variety of ideas, for a remnant means that which remains behind after a part has been removed.

Mr. Foxworthy or his representative will entertain during the social half hour.

The 13th Birthday meeting was a huge success, a record number of ladies attended. Mrs. Metcalfe, the chairman, welcomed 31 guests from other guilds in Darlington and Bishop Auckland including the Federation President and Vice President, Lady Starmer and Mrs. Merralls, Mrs. Dixon, Federation Chairman, Mrs. Jackson, Federation Treasurer and 60 of our own guild members. The Birthday Cake was made and presented by our President, Mrs. Drewette. The competition was guessing the weight of the cake, and a guest from Darlington was correct to within an ounce, 10-lbs. 10½-ozs. being the actual weight.

Entertainment was provided by our own guild's Drama Group who put on a one act play.

Will all members please make a note —subscriptions for 1964 are now due

M.M.G.

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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

The pupils of Mrs. Ford have again been successful in their pianoforte examinations in the Royal School of Music, and congratulations are extended to :-

Alan Bunting	Grade II	Distinction
Alan Gordon	Grade V	Pass
Megan Bellis	Grade V	Merit
Gail Lodge	Grade IV	Merit

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

The First Annual Ball held on Tuesday, December 3rd in the Workingmen's Club Concert Hall, in aid of Group Funds, was an outstanding success, the attendance being well over 300. The generosity of the local tradespeople, and others who gave donations added enormously to the evenings enjoyment; credit must also be given to Mr. and Mrs. Tibbit and the two pipers who augmented the music; to Mr. Beautiman who so ably acted as M.C.; to the Workingmen's Club Committee for their generous support, and to the ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to organise and run the dance, and last, but by no means least Mr. Roy Hendry, without whose wide experience and hard work the dance committee would have been at a loss. Of one thing we are certain, all those who came had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

It is proposed to arrange our Second Annual Ball in the second half of 1964, and the details will be announced as soon as the final arrangements have been made.

A new scouter has joined the troupe bringing the strength up to form. He is Mr. M. Soady who has taken over the Senior Section, with his varied scouting experience he will be an invaluable help to the Troop.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Clinics are held EVERY Wednesday in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way. Appointments are advisable. There is a lady doctor in attendance. There will be no Clinic on Wednesday, January 1st.

From January 1st the new Secretary will be :- Mrs. Wells, 55 Cumby Road, Newton Aycliffe, Tel. 244. Appointments and information can be obtained from Mrs. Wells.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



The Management Committee of the Newton Aycliffe Branch extend to all its members and friends a sincere wish that they may enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year. They also wish to thank everyone for the splendid support they have given the branch during 1963.

The Annual General Meeting will soon be upon us, and as an ordinary member I would like to commend the present committee for the excellent way in which they have carried out their duties during the past year. The task of being a committee member for R.A.F.A. is no easy job, it is unpaid and brings nothing but hard work to those who take the position. Our organisation is dedicated to 'remembering the few': the Club members should in turn remember the few committee who make such a good job of keeping the Branch in order. The present committee is, without doubt one of the best we have had so far, it is to be hoped that after the A.G.M. we have men of the same calibre to represent us.

As publicity officer for the branch for the past three years it has been both enjoyable and satisfying. The 'Newtonian' is an excellent means of keeping in touch with all the members and friends. I have tried to keep up-to-date with all things current both in branch and club, comments on this column vary from time to time and an attempt is made to be both tactful and understanding, particularly when a reader is critical. For instance—a member sidles up and remarks, "Saw your article in the Newtonian—not bad" to which the reply is "Thanks pal." Another sneaks up and whispers in a voice that can be heard from clock tower to trading estate "Saw your write up—right old load of umballa." "Thanks—swine" is the gentle retort. So you can see that modesty and understanding are two of my strongest points.

Nothing really shattering has happened during the past few weeks but Alan Coates tells me he would like to incorporate a 'motorists hints and tips' section in the R.A.F.A. notes. This is a good idea, and later in the year these notes will be given.

Tragedy struck suddenly in the Canopus Club one recent Sunday lunch-time. Dashing stalwart Ted Coates, on his way out of the premises after an enjoyable session of cheese, pickles and ale paused at the hatch to collect his Christmas and New Year bottles when 'crunch,' a bottle of Scotch hit the floor. The sound of revelry was stilled, and a deathly hush spread throughout the club, those who saw the occurrence were pale of face and transfixed with horror. Ted himself stood rooted to the spot and watched the golden fluid spread in an ever widening pool over the tiles of the hall, out ran Bill Allison, his face lined with concern "What's happened Ted?" "Dropped one" exclaimed the saddened Ted. Someone said "Go fetch a bucket and a spade, look what a mess has been made." Another displaying a length of furry tongue suggested "mop it up with this." Rhoda saved the day if not the spirit, for within seconds the costly nectar was sponged from the floor without a trace remaining. Poor Ted, there is no consolation for such a mishap. The most apt comment came from a bystander who quietly remarked "never mind Ted you would only have drunk it."

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

As you read this, look at your calendar. If it is before the 16th you may still be able to obtain a ticket for the Motor Club annual "feed and frolic" (dinner dance to my more educated readers). If you want a ticket contact almost any member and he will fix you up, only 15/- per head and worth every bit of it. Coffee evening held recently was a great success, but like all things, would have been improved by more support.

Recent investigations show that the new town is at present supporting about six separate motoring organisations, either as factory clubs or sections of other clubs. I am interested in finding out how many would participate in a full day "Treasure Hunt" in the Spring. A decent hunt takes a lot of organising and to justify the effort at least twenty or thirty contestants are necessary. If any other motoring sections are interested I would be greatly obliged if they would contact me so that the measure of support may be ascertained. Find me in "The Iron Horse" any Wednesday night after 8 o'clock or at 24 Westmorland Way most other nights.

Be hearing from You?, Cheers, ERIC

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During November a coffee morning, jumble sale and home-bake stall held in the Boy's Club, was a great success, raising £30 for the handicapped children's club. Our most sincere thanks are extended to everyone who helped in any way at all.

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Sir,

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One is amazed to hear in this year of grace—(I quote) "There is no adequate substitute for a solid fuel fire or stove burning night and day as a cure for dampness."

Having regard to the efficiency ratings of such appliances I am tempted to ask the author, "from which museum did you obtain your obsolete information?"

Such feeble attempts to explain in so few words the answer to the problem of condensation and its cure, is to my mind very misleading and damaging and gives rise to concern about the writers attitude to progress in the years to come.

Reply :-

One must compare like with like. Naturally a flat designed solely for occasional electric or gas-heating can be kept dry as well as warm if sufficient heat is turned on and the place ventilated. The notes dealt with houses designed for all-night burners (solid fuel)—Aycliffe Development Corporation.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Mr. Hart's illustrated talk on Organ Music will be on **Thursday, January 23rd.**

Please note that Mr. and Mrs. Sams' Coffee Evening with recorded Operetta will be on **Thursday, February 6th** (instead of in January,) at 16 Lowery Road.

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Dvr. Tarn, R.	Spennymoor	
L.Cpl. Willesden, H.	Darlington	
Pte. Trevor, M.	Newton Aycliffe	Map Reading Class II

We are now tying with 524 Coy R.A.S.C. for the Column Efficiency Cup and the result will be decided by R.E.M.E. Report on Annual Inspection of Vehicles. Some really hard work is being put in on the vehicles and we feel that our chances are good.

Other activities for January 1964 will be to continue Recruit Training and to commence practical driver training.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

Members of the above association are asked to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Upper Room of the "Oak Tree" (Neville Parade) at 7-30 p.m. on Tuesday the 25th February, 1964.

If you want to know how your subscriptions are being spent, what the Committee has been doing during the last 12 months, air your grievances, offer to serve on the Committee, or just to show interest, then please come along.

Length of the Meeting is usually about an hour, some times less, and so it should not interfere too much with your normal social life.

F.A.W.

THE NEWTON PLAYERS

We should like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone in our town a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Pantomime News

Well boys and girls, Father Christmas has returned to his home to prepare many wonderful surprises and bags of toys for when he visits you again next Christmas. Seems such a long time to wait doesn't it? But you don't have to wait so long to see your pantomime. "The Sleeping Beauty" which is also full of wonderful surprises and bags of fun, instead of toys.

Already Fustinella the wicked witch is preparing her magic spell to cast on Princess Beauty. She casts her spell for the first time on Friday, 24th January in the Beveridge Hall and twice again on Saturday, 25th January. She tries again on Friday, 31st January and finally for the last time on Saturday 1st February. Will she succeed and what will happen if she does? That is our secret and it will be your secret too when we see you there. This is just one of the many treats in store for you, but I dare not tell you any more in case Fustinella casts a spell on me and turns me into a beetle; (a real one). To find out more you must see "The Sleeping Beauty" the King, the Queen and all the other good and nasty people. Just to be sure you don't forget there will be posters to remind you, in shop windows all over the town. Tell your brothers, sisters and friends about it. In the meantime we are busy preparing to welcome you and we shall be very disappointed if we do not see you all. I must go now to spread the good news. Be seeing you !!!

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WOMENS COLUMN

A happy new year to everyone. I wonder why we just say "Happy New Year and not "Happy Year," after all the NEW is so short lived, by the end of the first week it is "old hat."

January to a lot of us women-folk means SALES. Many shops have their windows plastered with such slogans as SLASHING REDUCTIONS — BARGAINS GALORE — AT GREAT SACRIFICE, etc., etc., yet we know perfectly well that there really is no sacrifice, bargains maybe, depending on what we want. One or two things I have learnt (to my cost) to beware of are, (1) Sheets—see that they are a good length sometimes if marked as a special bargain or are much reduced they may not be the usual 108 inches long and what is more aggravating than a sheet that won't tuck in. (2) Pillow cases that are slightly narrow, so that if a fairly fat pillow is put into it the result is a tight squeeze not a nice soft head-rest. See also that a good deep flap has been put on, or if they are the long embroidered type notice that they are plenty long enough. I cannot think why some manufacturers skimp on materials then offer them to the public as "bargains."

Towels—now these are a different kettle of fish altogether, often found in sales because of a fault in the weaving, this can soon be put right with a darning needle and either cantlewick cotton, wool or dish cloth cotton.

Look for odd lengths of damask either linen or cotton, if you are lucky and find a good sized piece a cheap table-cloth is yours for a little time spent hemming the edges. Table napkins for everyday use can be made from odd pieces cut into 18 or 20 inch squares but be careful to find the right sized piece or you will waste strips then it is no bargain.

I've bought wool too at sales and then found it had more than its fair share of knots!! See also that you buy enough to make the garment you have in mind because as sure as fate if you go back for more you'll be told "sorry, all gone."

Always go to Sales prepared with a tape measure, that odd inch can spell disaster or clever buying. If all this sounds depressing it isn't meant to be—sales can be very exciting and one comes home bursting to tell some-one "Look what I've got today isn't it great? and 99 times out of 100 it is a good bargain.

A really true sales story. A friend of mine bought a pair of shoes a year or two ago in a sale and was so thrilled, she had got them for literally next to nothing as one was a size 4½ and the other size 5, and as she joyfully explained one of her feet was bigger than the other and the shoes fitted perfectly!!!

MOTTO—Nothing is a bargain unless it can be put to a good use.

This year each month I will try and write a recipe which is a speciality of different counties, so what more natural than to start with County Durham.

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Method—Grease and line a square tin with greaseproof paper. Grate the prepared apples. Sieve the flour, salt, soda bic. and the spice. Cream the marg. and the sugar well, then gradually add the fruit and flour mixture. Add the beaten eggs and grated apple. Beat well. Put into the prepared tin and smooth the top, dredge well with castor sugar. Bake 1½ hours at regulo 4, electricity 360F. Cool slightly then turn out and sprinkle with castor sugar.

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

On November 30th the Neville Male Voice Choir arranged a splendid Celebrity Concert in the Marlow Hall School. Excellent performances were given by the visiting professionals, Victoria Elliott and Ronald Dowd. The Choir itself reached a very high standard and they are to be congratulated both for their singing and the organising of such a pleasurable evening.

On behalf of N.A.C.O.L.O. I would like to thank the Choir for making it possible to hold the recent welcoming party in the Over 60s Club, this building being central to the town it has of course many advantages. The Choir's unprompted gesture of paying for the hire of the hall on this occasion was greatly appreciated. The Management Committee of the Over 60s must also be thanked for reducing the cost of the Hall and generally helping to make the evening a success.

Several enquiries have been received from organisations in the town in answer to the appeal in last month's 'Newtonian' and it should be added that this appeal still holds good, and the Chairman will be pleased to hear from any societies or organisations who may be interested in joining N.A.C.O.L.O. for the benefit of the town as a whole. The Chairman's address is 41 Pease Way, a letter, or a personal call any evening will be welcome. There is no obligation to join N.A.C.O.L.O. but the Chairman is always prepared to give his time, discussing its aims and objects.

There is an opportunity for anyone who has a genuine interest in youth work and organisation to serve as secretary or chairman to a committee to work with the object of providing further facilities for the youth of the town. This is great and rewarding work, in that you will be helping the future generation; that you will find it frustrating at times is certain, but it presents a challenge. You will at all times have the moral support and as much practical help that N.A.C.O.L.O. can give. Somewhere in this town the right person has been waiting for this job, if you think you are that person get in touch with Mr. Davy, 41 Pease Way.

In January OXFAM are having a clothing drive, following their appeal for funds last month. The efforts of this well known organisation are recommended to you and you are asked to give the fullest support you possibly can. There are times when we get rather tired of continual calls for this or that charity, but in the case of Oxfam they are helping our less fortunate fellow humans in the under-developed countries, in the most practical way, by providing the means whereby those in need can help themselves, and they make a point of making the distribution through reliable people, and on the spot organisations, such as the Salvation Army or the Red Cross Society, therefore what you can give to Oxfam you know will be used to the best advantage. Wishing you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

J.N.D.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS FOR JANUARY

Newton Players—Pantomime: The Sleeping Beauty. In the Beveridge Hall, January 24th 7-30 p.m., January 25th Matinees 2 p.m. and 4-30 p.m., January 31st 7-30 p.m. February 1st Matinees 2 p.m. and 4-30 p.m. admission children 1/- adults 2/-.

Caledonian Society—Burns dinner and Dance at the Kings Head Hotel, Saturday, January 25th for further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. I. Cameron, 18 Barrington Road.

Music Society—Operatic recording to be played through Thursday, January 17th. Mrs. E. Tomlinson will be pleased to give the details to all people who are interested.

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Shildon 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.

Darlington Address of Registrar :-
Craiglea, Uplands Road, Darlington.

Child Welfare Clinic

As from December 2nd, 1963 sessions will be as follows :-

Tuesday, December 3rd and every alternate Tuesday

9-30 to 11-30 a.m.

1-30 to 4-00 p.m.

} Health Visitor Sessions (no doctor)

Alternate Tuesdays from December 10th

9-30 to 11-30 a.m.

1-30 to 4-00 p.m.

infant Injections

Ante Natal Clinic

Every Thursday

9-30 to 11-30 a.m.

1-30 to 4-00 p.m.

} Child Welfare Clinic

Welfare foods are on sale at all the above sessions

Thought for the Month

If all our misfortunes were laid in a heap, whence everyone must take an equal portion, most persons would be content to take their own and depart—PLUTARCH.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE PROGRESS REPORT

Once again we are at the beginning of another year and the time is appropriate to review the progress made in the development of our town during the last 12 months and to anticipate the progress being made in 1964.

The most important event of the year was the publication of the Hailsham Report in November which provided for the expansion of Newton Aycliffe from a target population of 20,000 to 45,000.

The rate of house building suffered from the doubts raised pending a decision on the increased size of the town and also owing to the exceptionally bad weather experienced at the beginning of 1963 when no building work was carried out for ten weeks. In all only 191 houses were completed by the Corporation in Precinct D.3. during the year under review, together with 6 privately built houses, the Corporation having carried out capital works to the value of £557,000. However, a further 173 houses are under construction and it is estimated that 260 houses will be completed in 1964. Work was also started during 1963 on the construction of roads and sewers in the South-West area where 193 houses are to be built as the first stage of that area's development which should total approximately 1,050 houses when completed.

Other projects completed during the year were the opening of the Newton Aycliffe School Clinic and Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, and a branch Library in the Town Centre together with a hostel for aged persons on Shafto Way, and an infants' School adjoining Stephenson Way.

Due for completion in early 1964 are the Cemetery and the T.A. Headquarters adjoining Macmillan Road. Also, pending a decision on the erection of a Crown Post Office in the town centre, a sub-Post Office has now been opened and this will meet a need that has existed for a long time.

The future of the inhabitants of Newton Aycliffe is assured by the recent news of the provision of factory sites for G.E.C., Yardleys Ltd., R. Cripps Ltd., S.A.B. Brake Regulator Co. Ltd., and other firms on the adjacent Industrial Estate, together with large expansions of many existing factories. Such news is indeed welcome bringing as it does several hundred new jobs to the area.

The Corporation extends to all residents its sincere wishes that happiness and prosperity be theirs throughout 1964.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

A successful social evening was held by the young conservatives on Monday, November 18th at the Iron Horse in Emerson Way, this followed on the first meeting after short addresses had been given by P. L. Harrison, Esq., the Northern Area Young Conservative Organiser, and P. Barby, Esq., the Tees-side Group Chairman.

After the meeting in the following week a "Juke Box Jury" gave their opinion of some modern records, the panel being:- Rev. J. J. Graham, Mr. W. Eyre, Miss Christine Hill and Miss Yvonne Crawford. Later the same evening the branch elected its officers and committee with the undermentioned result:-

President: Lt. Commander R. D. M. Youngson, V.R.D., R.N.V.R.,
Vice-President: Mr. W. Eyre, Chairman: Mr. G. Hill, Treasurer:
Miss Y. Crawford, Secretary: Miss B. Eyre, Committee: Miss C. Hill and Mr. R. Price.

The meeting of December 2nd was of particular interest, the Police giving a most instructive talk, illustrated with a film, on Road Safety.

The January programme is:-

6th—Quiz—Newton Aycliffe v. Middleton St. George.
13th—A Talk by the W.V.S.
20th—Mystery Evening.
27th—F. K. Jones, Esq., "History of the Conservatives."

Meetings are held every Monday evening in the Upstairs Room of the Iron Horse, Emmerson Way at 7-30 p.m. The Newton Aycliffe branch of the Young Conservatives is just getting into its stride with a membership of 26 and there is ample room for many more young people to join, provided they are between the ages of 17 and 30. It was with the able assistance of Miss Jennie Ford from the Middlesbrough branch, that the Newton Aycliffe branch came into being. Miss Ford is the Northern Area Young Britons Organiser, in addition to being assistant Northern Area Organiser for the Young Conservatives; her help and advice was invaluable.

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N.A.M.A.C.

Following Mr. R. Surgeon's request for interested people to contact him with a view to forming an aero modelling club; we are pleased to report membership now stands at 11. These are mainly senior members who have a wealth of experience at their fingertips, and we now invite interested Teenagers of either sex to join us. We feel sure there are many lone hands in our town who would benefit from our club experience, and who knows, we could become the premier club of this area.

N.A.C.O.L.O. have more than generously offered us the use of their wardens hut at Beveridge Hall as a meeting place, whilst the search for permanent Headquarters continues, and every club member wishes to thank N.A.C.O.L.O. for their extremely valuable assistance.

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