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## CHAIRMAN OF NEWTON AYCLIFFE COUNCIL OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### Biographical Sketch.



Mr. Jack Noel Davey, Chairman of N.A.C.O.L.O. born in Minehead a holiday resort on the north Somerset coast, and educated at the local Grammar School, represented his county at Rugby, Cricket, and Athletics as a school-boy. At the age of 17, following matriculation he entered the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. The war came soon after, and when hostilities ended, having served throughout the war period, Mr. Davey decided to change his career.

Leaving the R.A.F., and taking up a position in the Civil Service he made his home in Oxford and devoted his spare time to youth organisations, voluntary social tasks and hospital work. The welfare of youth and the necessity to create opportunities for young people to put their leisure time to the best advantage has been, and still is, his abiding concern.

It was in Oxford that he met his wife, a native of the North East, and in 1952 they came North and subsequently settled in Newton Aycliffe.

Right from the start Mr. Davey was enthusiastic about the new town, and for a while assisted with the Boys Club and was a member of Toc-H. He was also the original Secretary of the Citizens Advice Bureau and, with Mrs. O'Neill, worked to establish it the branch in its early days.

When N.A.C.O.L.O. was given a new lease of life just over a year ago, he was elected Vice-President and last Autumn became its Chairman.

A strong purposeful N.A.C.O.L.O. is his wish and aim, for he feels that the Council can contribute much to the Social and Cultural Development of the town.

Mr. Davey, as Chairman of Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations says, "it is absolutely essential that this town should concentrate on providing entertainment and amusement in keeping with the ideas of the youth of our time. N.A.C.O.L.O. will devote its energies to the utmost to accomplish these aims, and though much hard work lies ahead, we shall succeed."

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF N.A.C.O.L.O.

At the moment, when we stand on the threshold of new and greater developments in our town, whilst the planners draw up great schemes and fine drawings of what will be the "Bricks and Mortar" of the future, this is the time we should consider, what is in my opinion, an equally important side of the new development, that is the cultural and social growth.

I would like to pay tribute to all those people who have, in the past, contributed so much to our town by their efforts to create and foster a community spirit. I know from experience that these efforts are not always appreciated, they too have probably experienced more "kicks than halfpence", but let there be no doubt at all; their labours are the foundation upon which we are now building, and our chances of success would be very slim without that which has gone before. Therefore, no tribute that I pay these pioneers can really measure up to their worth.

Of the present, what contribution are we making? This is difficult to assess. The Carnival Week that is almost upon us will in some way give an idea of what the town wants; if the Week is a success then we shall, I hope, repeat the performance next year on a larger scale. Only you, the public, can show us if we are on the right lines with our planning. If next weeks events are well attended and we feel that you have enjoyed them, then we can move forward.

As to the future, this is, in the main, an unknown quantity but I believe that here in Newton Aycliffe we have the opportunity to build a new image of the North East. Obviously the whole area is moving into a new and brighter era, recapturing the importance of its past and we have the chance of being in the van of this new growth. I am not trying to infer that this can be achieved easily by merely holding out our hands and accepting it, it will have to be fought for but at least the opportunity is there.

J. N. Davey.

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## EDITORIAL

Carnival Week, the first to be held in Newton Aycliffe, is well enough advertised but it still needs two things to ensure the success that it deserves to be in return for the enormous amount of work and hours given by the organisers.

1. Fine Weather.
2. The wholehearted support of the townspeople; the most important, for it is YOU the residents upon whom the ultimate success or failure depends.

A letter appeared in "The Northern Echo" of Tuesday May 5th. which had drawn no comment by the time the "Newtonian" went to press in mid-May.

The letter in question, written in satirical vein under the pseudonym 'Antenor' passed scathing comment on the houses of this town, and suggested that the writer had first hand knowledge of a very large proportion of its dwellings and was at a loss to understand how and why any of them retained a vertical position.

Nobody would suggest that Newton Aycliffe is perfect by any standard, but it provides a roof over the head of many families who would otherwise be living in far less pleasant conditions. A study of the Housing Census Report would open the eyes of 'Antenor' who has also not given thought to the fact that some of the damage of which he complains might have been the fault of previous tenants. What steps did 'Antenor' take to have the defects in his own house remedied; has he approached the Development Corporation, or the Tenants Association of Newton Aycliffe, if so, with what result?

During early May winds of gale force, sufficiently powerful to test the structure of any house, were experienced in the town but so far no reports have been received of any house failing to weather the storms, and it is hardly likely that any would collapse without being noticed.

'Antenor' must be fair, he is obviously a disgruntled tenant; but Newton Aycliffe is not quite so black as he paints it.

In any case nobody is compelled to live in a town that presents such a dismal picture as that seen by 'Antenor', the remedy is in the hands of the individual—he can always leave.

Editor.



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## WELCOMING PARTY Tuesday 16th June, 1964.

To all new residents who have received an invitation to the next Welcoming Party, may I enlarge upon this invitation. The purpose of these parties is to enable you to meet on a social occasion other new residents and also representatives from the many organisations that exist in the town and are always happy to welcome new members. You may find a new interest or re-join a Society to which you have belonged elsewhere.

These parties are run jointly by a Committee from the Newton Aycliffe Council of Local Organisations, assisted by the Development Corporation, also one of our organisations, namely the Over 60 Club, who kindly loan us their very pleasant premises.

To anyone who for some reason or other was unable to accept the invitation to the last party held on 17th March, 1964, and would like to attend this one, would they kindly inform their Rent Collector when next he calls.

J. N. Davey.

## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



The July meeting will be held as usual in the Beveridge Hall at 7-15 p.m. The Guild will welcome as speaker the Matron of Aycliffe Hospital, who will outline the 'Care of the Mentally Sub Normal'. A garden in a grapefruit is to be the competition, and cut flowers will grace the sales table. The social half hour is again provided by the Drama Group with a slight divergence from the printed programme. Mrs. M. Evans donates the mystery parcel.

### Dates to make a note of:-

June 8th: Evening Mystery Tour (fine weather required): July 6th: Guild meeting: July 13th: Strawberry Tea: August 19th: Social Evening and September 26th: Jumble Sale, (start collecting NOW).

Will members please note that the meeting will start at 7-15 p.m. prompt; after singing the Guilds own song the business will be cut to a minimum and the bulk of the evening devoted to 1. Speaker, 2. Tea and chatter, 3. Social activities.

M.M.G.

## THE NEWTON PLAYERS

"Miranda" our end of season play was very well received and that you enjoyed it is evidenced by the number of people who attended each performance.

May we remind you that our Summer Dance takes place on Friday, June 26th at the "Gretna"; the details of the dance will appear towards the middle of the month.

We shall continue to meet in the "Hut" behind the Beveridge Hall each Thursday at 8 p.m. New faces are always welcome, so drop in, meet us and find out how you can take part in the 1964/5 season of plays and pantomime. Your active co-operation is needed, and though we cannot promise any financial gain we can assure you of plenty of good company and interesting work.

There are no bars or chains attached to the "Hut" so you may walk out as freely as you walk in, but, if you have either or both, talent and enthusiasm we hope you will stay.

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### NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

A town has come of age. Last week the town of Newton Aycliffe took its place alongside such names as Sunderland, Newcastle, Manchester etc.

The reason, a new football club playing under the name of Newton Aycliffe was recently granted affiliation to the Durham F.A. We intend this team to become the town's own football team, and with the town growing to a population of 45,000 who knows where we may end up.

This new club has been formed as a Section within Newton Aycliffe Sports Club by a strong band of footballing enthusiasts and although competitive football has not yet been played, this enthusiasm has spilled into our many practice sessions with three twisted ankles and numerous bumps and bruises as proof.

The "backroom boys" behind the Club form a most eager and hardworking committee which for the last seven months have been planning for our entry into competitive football next season and (as is our belief) a successful future.

During this time we have become affiliated to the Durham F.A. and been accepted into the Darlington Week-End League. The team has been provided with strips and an insurance policy covering accidental injury. At present a football ground of International standards is under construction which promises to be one of the finest pitches in the district. Changing accommodation is already provided at the ground.

The conditions and outlook of this new club therefore, are most attractive and it is hoped that many more "budding" or veteran players will have a walk down to the Sports Club ground some Sunday morning at 10-30 and join us.

Any of you young wives, who may happen to be reading this, need not come chasing us with rolling pins for we have you very much in mind. A new Clubhouse, with a luxurious lounge is under construction at the moment, which should be completed by August. So you can sit back in comfort while the old man buys you gin and limes.

You the "Newtonians" can support your own club by having a night of grand entertainment at the town's new "Cinema" in the Beveridge Hall. Regular shows have been run for the past four months, by supporters of the football club, and most people agree they have been excellent value for money.

Our next three shows are "The Cruel Sea" on the 8th of June, 1964, "The Wild and the Willing" (X) on the 22nd June and "Billy Bud" on the 13th of July. Admission to these shows is by ticket only, available at West Farm Products, Beveridge Way, at the bargain price of 2/6d. each.

We are sure that the "apathy" tag with which the townspeople have been gifted by those who know no better, will be wiped out by your support and participation in the activities of this grand new club.

Public Relations Officers:  
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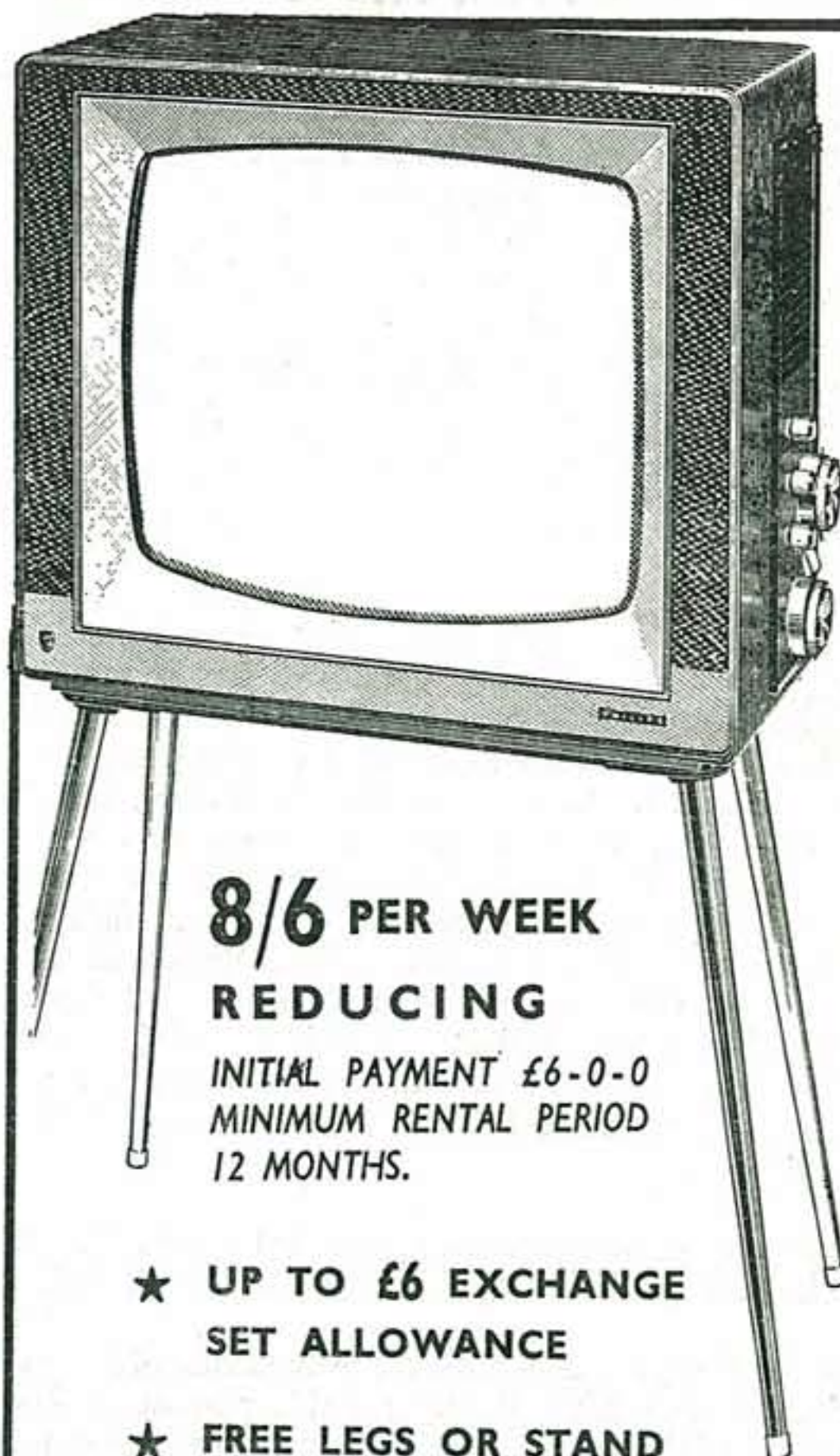
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Our Annual Field Day will take place this year on Saturday, July 11th. commencing at 2 p.m. Events will include:-

Side Shows  
Pony Rides

Lucky Dip  
and THE BABY SHOW.

Programmes will be on sale well beforehand each with a lucky number. A very warm welcome is extended to everyone so—

Come along, give your support, and see what the Boys can do.



## TOLEDO WOODHEAD SPRINGS LIMITED

Toledo Woodhead Springs Limited of Spring Road, Aycliffe Industrial Estate, now the parent of a number of subsidiary companies started originally in Sheffield as a department of Andrews Toledo Limited, Steel Makers, under the control of Darwins Limited. This department languished until 1937 when the late Mr. Frank Woodhead left the family spring business of Jonas Woodhead and Son and joined Andrews Toledo. As a result of this, a new subsidiary company was formed, Toledo Woodhead Springs Limited, with a new spring plant laid down in the old hammer department and forge known as Clifton Works, Neepsend Lane, Sheffield. To this day, this factory employs 150 people making leaf springs and coil springs for car and commercial vehicle suspensions.

The early years were difficult—in fact extremely hard and frustrating, but with the coming of the war this new plant was able to make an important contribution to the war effort as springs are an essential in a mechanised war effort. The Company prospered from then on. In 1940/41, the Government installed a complete coil spring shop for the manufacture of coil springs for tanks and this plant became important after the war when frontier suspensions almost entirely went over to independent coil suspension. During the war, Toledo Woodhead Springs Limited was the only company to manufacture the bead-lock, a device for fitting to tyres enabling them, in a semi-deflated state, to travel over beaches and soft sand—an important need for the 'D' Day operations. Some 125,000 trucks and amphibious craft were so fitted.

After the war, the Company was purchased in its entirety from the Darwins Group Limited by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodhead.

In 1947 the Company undertook the manufacture of lockwashers and decided to establish a factory for this purpose at Aycliffe, which was named the Reliance Works. Two years later, laminated spring making, of a lighter type more suitable for private cars, was also started at Aycliffe and this involved the building of a further works which, in 1953, was completed and named Coronation Works. Since then, several extensions have been made and these Aycliffe factories which now employ 250 work people, are still growing.

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In 1957, the Company acquired a tool-making firm at Welwyn Garden City and which is now Tolwood Engineering Limited.

In 1960, the Company purchased from John Spencer and Sons Limited of Newburn a division of their business which made light commercial springs and named it Toledo Woodhead (Light Springs) Limited. In the four years since then, this company has grown to be an efficient part of the group organisation.

In 1963, the Company entered into licence with an American company to manufacture the Piercenut. To develop the Piercenut a subsidiary, entitled Tolwood Multifasteners Limited, was formed, operating from Oxford, although the manufacture of the nuts themselves is still carried out in the Reliance Works at Aycliffe.

Toledo Woodhead Springs now takes a very substantial share of the motor car and commercial vehicle suspension spring market and is recognised as one of the more important members of its industry. Not a bad record since 1937, The Company is still growing and will provide even further employment for the people living in the Aycliffe area.

#### THE MISSING CUP

In 1960 during Festival Fortnight a silver cup was presented for the Best Dressed Window, the winner held this trophy for a time, then it was handed to Mr. Sheridan, who it is understood passed it on to another winner. From there its fate is a mystery.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of this Cup? Is it by chance gracing someone's sideboard? or is it lying about waiting to be claimed. All efforts to trace this missing trophy have failed. If you can provide the slightest clue I should indeed be grateful.

Editor.

#### Thought for the Month

*One thing the discovery of the North Pole proved is that  
there's no one sitting on top of the world.*



## R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



Mr. Ron Manning (Hon. Secretary), tells me that new members are joining the Branch during every week that passes. Many of these members are residents who have recently arrived in the new town but it is amazing to find out that quite a large percentage have lived at Newton Aycliffe for several years and are only now becoming members of the Association. This is really excellent, but only proves that there must still be lots of bods who are ex-R.A.F./W.R.A.F. living around us who could help to swell the ranks of the Association.

If you are ex-R.A.F., or if you are still serving, then why not let the R.A.F. Association SERVE YOU. You are cordially invited to visit the 'Canopus Club' our Branch Headquarters in Barrington Road, where you will be made more than welcome. It costs nothing to find out the aims of the Association, and we are convinced that once you visit our premises you will want to join us. It's up to you . . .

Talking of visiting places, don't forget to visit the R.A.F.A. Publicity Caravan which will be in the new town during the forthcoming Festival Week, 7th—14th June; it will be well worth seeing.

It is hoped that in the very near future, the Branch will have its own R.A.F. Careers Officer. It is understood that the duties of the Careers Officer will be to supply all relevant details and pamphlets to anyone who is interested in joining the Royal Air Force. This newly created scheme between Air Ministry and the R.A.F.A. is intended to cater for all age groups including those of school leaving age who wish to join as an apprentice or boy entrant. Once every week one special night will be put aside at the Canopus Club so that prospective recruits for the R.A.F. can have a quiet chat with the Careers Officer, and in this way get all the gen on the service without writing lots of letters and such-like. The information supplied by the Careers Officer will be entirely free, and full details regarding 'Careers Night' with all relevant dates and times will be displayed in the entrance

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The W.O. man utterly refused and said lots of very rude things to me. It was three years before I had breakfast in bed again, served by ma, and just as good as ever.

H.G.S.

**THANK'S TO ELECTORS**

Councillors: Mrs. E. Hewson, W. Strahan Esq., W. G. Boys Esq. wish to take this opportunity of thanking the electors of No. 2 Ward for their support in the recent elections. Although not elected H. Coles Esq., wishes to be associated with this message of appreciation.



June 6th to 13th **NEWTON AYCLIFFE COUNCIL**

# CARNIVA

**THURSDAY 4th**

★ *Carnival Queen Dance*

**SATURDAY 6th**

★ *Clay Pigeon Shoot*

**MONDAY 8th**

★ *Children's Sports Display*

**Mon.  
8th**

**Tue.  
9th**

**Wed.  
10th**

★ *Art Exhibition*

★ *Cafe Continentale in Town Centre*

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**WEDNESDAY 10th**

★ *Carnival Ball*

**THURSDAY 11th**

★ *Jazz Festival*

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*Belinda and Timothy are staying with their grim Aunt Agatha while their Mummy and Daddy are away. When they are in bed at night they hear an odd noise coming from the attic—it is the old rocking horse, Dapple Grey, rocking all by himself. They climb on his back and he sails out of the window with them. Now read what happens next:-*

Dapple Grey had stopped his rocking motion and now sped as straight and as fast as an arrow through the summer night. At first Belinda and Timothy were rather frightened and held on tight but soon they realised that they weren't going to fall off and they sat back and began to enjoy the ride. Down below in the moonlight they could see little villages, fields and farms laid out like the pages in a picture book. Soon they came within sight of the sea and Belinda thought that they would turn back but Dapple headed straight out accross the sea without faltering. "Where are you taking us, Dapple Grey?" asked Belinda. "I'm taking you to my home across the sea" said the rocking horse. "But I thought you lived with Aunt Agatha?" "So I do, now. But I haven't always lived there. When I was a very little rocking horse I lived with my mother and father on Rocking Horse Island and that's where we're going now. All the rocking horses come from there".

"Do you often go back?" asked Timothy. "Oh no—we're only allowed to go back once a year on our birthdays and it's mine today". "Oh" said Belinda "How nice! It's my birthday tomorrow!" "Then we shall be able to share a birthday party on Rocking Horse Island said Dapple. "Happy Birthday Belinda!" "Thank you. And a Happy Birthday to you, Dapple Grey" she replied. And on they sped across the sea.

Just as Timothy was beginning to think that they were going to fly through the night for ever and ever Dapple suddenly dropped towards the sea below. His smooth speed slackened and he began to rock slightly as if he was losing his balance. "What's the matter?" asked Timothy. "I'm afraid I'm tired and I can't carry on without a rest and something to eat. Quick children, look out for some land!" "There's nothing but water as far as the eye can see" cried Belinda. "Wait a minute! What's that dark patch over there?" Timothy raised his hand to his eyes and peered down below. "I think it's rocks" he said. "A tiny little rock island, there won't be much room on it". "Well it's better than nothing" gasped Dapple "If only I can reach it". "Oh try, Dapple, do try!" said the children as the little horse swooped dangerously near the

sea. With a brave effort Dapple gathered his strength together for a final leap. The children felt the waves splash against their feet then suddenly they heard the grind of Dapples rockers on the wet rocks and they knew they were safe.

"That was a near thing" said Belinda as she and Timothy slithered off Dapple's back "Do you think we'll have to stay here long? The rocks are rather wet and slippery". "I'm very much afraid, children, that unless help comes we are going to be in trouble. The truth is I'm not just tired—I'm hungry. We rocking horses eat only once a year when we go back to our island. Usually that's quite all right but I'm afraid bringing you two on my back was just too much for me. I shall never be strong enough to take off again until I've eaten. I'm sorry Timothy and Belinda, we're stranded here and it's all my fault". Two great tears rolled slowly down the rocking horse's wooden cheeks.

"Please don't cry, Dapple!" said Belinda, putting her arms around his neck. "It will be all right, I'm sure it will". She hadn't got a pocket handkerchief so she wiped his tears with the hem of her dressing gown.

"Yes," said Timothy, trying to be brave, "We'll get away from here somehow—perhaps we can find you something to eat amongst these rocks. You don't eat seaweed, by any chance?" "I'm afraid not," said Dapple "And it's no use looking amongst the rocks—you won't find any rocking horse food there". "Why? What do rocking horses eat?" asked Belinda. "Don't you know?" said Dapple. "They eat caraway seed of course. I thought everyone knew that".

Timothy suddenly looked very pleased with himself indeed. He drew himself up to his full height of three foot eleven and threequarters of an inch and said importantly—"It just so happens that I have a pocketful of caraway seeds at this very minute". "Why, so he has". laughed Belinda "Aunt Agatha gave us seed cake for supper and Timothy hates it. He picked out all the seeds and put them in his dressing gown pocket".

Dapple Grey could hardly believe it but he pushed his nose into Timothy's pocket and sure enough, there were the seeds just as Timothy had said. Dapple did enjoy them. He nuzzled round in the corners of the pocket until he was quite sure that he'd eaten every one. Then he began to rock gently backwards and forwards. "Come on" he said. "I feel much better now. Climb on my back and we'll be at Rocking Horse Island in no time at all".

So off they went once more, each one thinking what a narrow escape they'd had and what a good job it was that Timothy didn't like caraway seeds!

*In next month's Newtonian you can read all about Belinda and Timothy's adventure on Rocking Horse Island.*

### **GARDENS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE NORTH-EAST?** Whether you are or not you probably enjoy wandering around spectacular gardens. Lists of those open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays have been put up on the Parish Council notice boards in the Town Centre.

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### 511 COY R.A.S.C. (MOT AMB) (TA)

At the time of writing this article we are busy preparing to go to Annual Camp on 23rd May and by the time you are reading it we will be in Devon preparing to drive back. This Trek should prove to be a most instructive and we hope enjoyable adventure and with the loan of "Pool" Vehicles (including two Ambulances) there will be plenty of vehicles to ensure that all get plenty of driving practice. The first night we stage in Sherwood Forest, second in Wales where we carry out an exercise taking us into the third night. On the 4th night we will stage on the Somerset/Devon Border and so into Devon (Plasterdown Camp) until Thursday 4th June when we start the long drive back again. We anticipate doing over 1,000 miles on the round trip.

This Company entered teams in the Yorkshire District Competition in the Northern Command Annual Small Arms Meeting at Bellerby Ranges on 10th May 1964 and obtained Second place in the overall Competition which was won by Yorkshire District Provost Company. Our placings in the various competitions were:-

Sub Machine Carbine .....	2nd.
Rifle SLR 7.62 .....	5th
Light Machine Gun .....	3rd

Cpl. FRAQUET of Coatham Mundeville got the highest individual score SMC and was second best Rifle shot.

Cpl. TREVOR of 27 Skirlaw Road, Newton Aycliffe got the highest individual score LMG.  
17 teams competed.

### LADIES LIFEBOAT GUILD

The Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Ladies Lifeboat Guild which started in August last has so far raised over £164. The Ladies wish to thank the residents of Newton Aycliffe, Heighington and district for the generous donations, totalling £79-13-0, given during Lifeboat Week which ended on Saturday, April 25th.

## WOMENS COLUMN

Here are two fresh fruit puddings one hot the other ice cold.

### Gooseberry Meringue.

Wash top and tail 1lb. Gooseberries, cook in very little water and sugar until soft. Rub through a sieve, add 3 tablespoons of fresh white breadcrumbs 2 egg yolks and 1 oz. butter. Pour into a buttered pie-dish and cook in a moderate oven till set. Top with meringue made with two egg whites and 4 oz. caster sugar, return to oven (by now cooled down) and cook until golden brown and crisp.

### Banana Sundae.

Slice a few strawberries and cook them with sugar and very little water until syrupy—leave to cool. Into to a tall glass put a scoop of vanilla ice cream, put sticks of banana round the ice cream top with fresh strawberries and pour the syrup over them crown it with a generous portion of fresh whipped cream.

### County Recipe—Cornwall

#### Cornish Dripping Cake.

Most people associate Cornwall with pasties—this recipe is very old and claims to be traditionally Cornish.

$\frac{1}{2}$  lb. flour: 5 ozs. dripping (good beef is best): pinch of salt: 1 tablespoon sugar:  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful baking powder: and a little milk to mix.

Warm the flour, add sugar salt and baking powder. Rub in dripping, add a little milk to form a stiff dough. Roll out on floured board to form a large circular cake  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins thick. Put into a hot oven bake for 5 minutes, during these 5 minutes mix well a little milk and caster sugar, then brush the cake well all over with the sugar and milk, return to the oven and cook till brown all over; cut with a sharp knife into triangles and serve very hot.

To the reader who telephoned to say how good the Fidget Pie (May edition) was, but that it lacked colour, I suggest adding a sliced tomato or two, or serving with a very green veg, or as she suggested, brown the sausages first.

M.M.G.

### MUSIC SOCIETY

A welcome number of volunteers produced a promising new Committee at the Annual General Meeting last month, that is now planning next season's programme. Meanwhile record evenings (some with talks) will continue throughout the summer. Anyone who enjoys listening to music should contact committee members:- Mr. J. Hart; Chairman, 26 Defoe Crescent; Mrs. Tomlinson; Secretary, 17 Cumby Road; Mr. Stobart; Treasurer, 25 Anne Swyft Road; Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, 17 Kendrew Close; Mrs. Danby, 14 Watson Road; Mrs. and Miss Ward, 2 Lowery Road; Mr. Humphries, 9 Mellanby Crescent; Miss Roach, 22 Butler Road; Mrs. Lowther, 10 Shield Walk; and Mr. Denby, 9 Walcher Road.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Hart, 26 Defoe Crescent on June 10th when he will talk on the subject of 'Stereo-phonics Sound'.

E.T.

### TOWN BAND

The Friends of the Town Band would like to thank all who helped to make a success of the concert given by the Ladies Choir and the Town Band, with Miss Eileen Young supporting. The amount raised for OXFAM was over £24.



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### HOME SAFETY

It was resolved at the Home Safety Committee of the Darlington Rural District Council to run a Home Safety Week at Newton Aycliffe during the Festival Week, displaying Posters in shops etc. hoping that it will draw the attention to the seriousness of Accidents in the home.

#### Home Safety Hint for the Month.

Now is the time to send your Electric Blanket to have its annual inspection and test so as to avoid the delay caused by everybody sending them together in the Autumn.

E. Stafford.

### OXFAM

The local Secretary, Mr. John Richardson, 46 Gilpin Road, Newton Aycliffe wishes to thank the townspeople for the generous support they gave to the street collection on Saturday April 18th. when the truly magnificent total of £56-13-2 was raised.

He also wants to express his gratitude to the members of Newton Aycliffe Round Table, the Methodist Youth Club, the Young Socialists, and the Salvation Army together with a gallant band of individuals not connected with any particular organization who freely gave their time as collectors and without whose help this grand total would not have been reached.

### THE OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

After their most colourful, entertaining, and thoroughly enjoyable performance of "The Gondoliers" the Society were invited to sing with the D'Oyly Carte Company on Sunday evening 31st May.

This was an invitation which was received with open arms, because here was an honour beyond their wildest dreams, having been formed only two years and comparative newcomers in this field of entertainment, but as Mr. R. Hymers their musical director said "I have never known a Society with such enthusiasm; for in the two years they have been formed they have developed into one of the foremost choruses in the North-East". This was high praise indeed and was well justified in their wonderful support to the D'Oyly Carte principals—Jilian Night (soprano) Jean Hindmarsh (contralto) Thomas Round (tenor) and Donald Adams (bass) at the Civic Theatre in Darlington.

The Society now go into their third production which is to be another Gilbert and Sullivan favourite, "Iolanthe" with even greater enthusiasm and also very aware of the high standard they have set for themselves, which must be kept up.

The Society would like to thank all those who support them in their effort to bring musical gaiety to the town and hope they get even greater support next year.

J.B.

### RED CROSS

"Do not miss the Spectacular Show" that the Red Cross are putting on for you on June 8th at the Sugar Hill School Field. In the Carnival Procession on Saturday, June 13th, you will see Emergency Ward 10 on wheels.

We welcome both men and women who would like to join the Red Cross and are interested in learning simple First Aid. Far too few people know what to do when accidents occur, and it is often the First Aid that saves a lot of future trouble, and sometimes a life.

By joining the Red Cross you can find out something of First Aid and Home Nursing; and lectures are given by a Doctor each Wednesday at 7-30 p.m. in St. Clare's Church Hall.

### 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.

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



**Places of Interest No. 3.****DARLINGTON**

Don't say there is nothing of interest apart from the shops, consider for a minute or two; how much do you know about the town. One day when you've time give shopping a miss and really take a good look at Darlington, its buildings, parks, and the Railway Station where Locomotive No. 1 is housed. Many residents of Newton Aycliffe have moved into the town from Darlington they will know its history and outstanding features, but this town of Newton Aycliffe has a high proportion of residents drawn from all quarters of the British Isles who may not be aware that Darlington can offer much more than a shopping expedition

The Parish Church dedicated to St. Cuthbert and founded by Hugh Pudsey a twelfth century Bishop of Durham is often referred to as the "Lady of the North" and is one of the finest pre-Reformation churches in the North of England. In the church, built in the South Wall is an Easter Sepulchre dating from 1450. The beautiful mosaic reredos was made and presented by a local artist; John Dobbin. The choir stalls are 18th century and very richly carved, spend an hour in this lovely old church, get to know it for yourself.

The South Park is a delightful place for both parents and children, with its trees shrubs and flower beds so well kept that one cannot but admire them. Recreation is provided; putting greens, tennis courts, bowling greens and fine open-air roller-skating rink; and for the younger children swings and slides. For peace and tranquility sit in the rose garden and take in all the perfumes of an English garden. South Park is easily reached by a short bus ride along Grange Road, or cross Victoria Road, and walk along Victoria Embankment.

Every schoolchild will tell you where to find Locomotive No. 1 but whether they have all seen it is doubtful, just go to Bank Top Station and for the price of a platform ticket you can see the sort of engine that pulled your great grandparents along to the sea for their holidays. You can spend as much time as you please admiring, yes admiring, this pioneer piece of engineering, the forbear of the modern locomotive that in 1964 covers the length and breadth of the country (or will, until much of the railway is closed).

Darlington also possesses a museum situated in Tubwell Row, an Art Gallery in Crown Street, and the old Parish Church at Houghton-le-Skerne is most interesting.

The War Memorial, one of the best in the country, is not the usual, often neglected, stone cross with the names of the fallen carved, but is in the form of something lasting and of benefit—a Hospital, Darlington Memorial Hospital opened in 1933. Through the Bradford Memorial Porch, which commemorates the youngest General in the British Army; Brigadier General R. B. Bradford V.C. killed at the age of 25 in the 14/18 War, is the Hall of Memory dedicated to the fallen of both world wars.

Take a good look at Darlington and you will find that contrary to usual thought that it is a town that was a product of the Industrial Revolution, it has in fact a history which carries it far into the past. Although it was of course the great industrial upheaval that set the town on the road to its present size.

**GIRL GUIDES — LAND RANGER.**

The senior Guides of Newton Aycliffe are ready to form a company of Land Rangers. They need an experienced Land Ranger to lead them. Please contact the District Commissioner, Mrs. J. Snowdon, 8 Bulmer Close.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE PARISH CHURCH.  
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9-0 a.m. Parish Communion.  
10-0 and 11-0 a.m. Sunday Schools.  
11-0 a.m. Bible Class.  
6-30 p.m. Evensong.

Mondays—Holy Communion 9-0 a.m. Wednesdays—Holy Communion 7-30 a.m. Thursdays—Holy Communion 9-30 a.m.

Times of other Services as on Notice Board.

It is too soon to give the result of Christian Aid Week but we hope to report next month a response that will be a worthy offering towards the efforts that are being made to alleviate the suffering of millions who are hungry, homeless or both.

This, with one exception, is an "As usual" month. Services, organisations and activities as usual. Just routine. But this shows the true strength or weakness of the Church and is more important than "Special events."

The exception is the Town Service at the beginning of the Festival Week. Join in and put first things first. "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it: Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (Psalm 127) J.J.G.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE & DISTRICT CANINE SOCIETY.**

A 20 Class Sanction Show will be held in the Beveridge Hall on Saturday, July 5th. at 2-30 p.m. Judge: Mrs. Morris. Classes for Puppies, Toy Dogs, Collies, Shelties, Terriers, Gun-dogs, Poodles, and for dogs and handlers who have not won a First Prize.

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The Local Association is a body of people called into being by the Girl Guides Commissioner to help her in relationships with local authorities, educational bodies, parents, and the general public.

The aim of this body is to provide financial and other support for the movement in the locality.

The members are ladies in the locality who are interested in the movement, have children in the movement, or who have themselves been Guides in the past and who are no longer able to do active Guiding.

Membership fees are 2/6 per year.

The Local Association in Newton Aycliffe is a small body, none the less active and loyal, but in order to be of real assistance to our Guides and Brownies they do need a great many more members. Any lady interested in becoming a member would be very welcome indeed.

We have two Guide Companies and Four Brownie Packs, in Newton Aycliffe. They are led by extremely efficient and dedicated Guiders. Our children are enjoying great success in their activities, we already have two Queen's Guides, a notable achievement in a new town. The Guiders give a great deal of their time to the training of these girls, their unselfish loyalty demands our support.

Old established towns in the Country have the traditions of years behind them, a wealth of mothers and grandmothers who were themselves guides. They have a general public who are familiar with Guiding and who are used to supporting the local guides. We have to make our own traditions.

In view of the recent publicity of the behaviour of irresponsible teenagers, it is even more urgent that we support and encourage our children in the Guides, whose general behaviour and courtesy, and whose sense of responsibility is clearly apparent in any given group of children.

Details of meetings and activities will be published in the Newtonian, do come along and join us, everyone can make some small contribution however busy they may be.

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