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HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



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

During the past twelve months the Council of Local Organisations has met seven times and thirty four of the adult organisations in the town have attended at some time. Eight Committees have been in operation, dealing with matters as varied as the Carnival Week and Old People's Welfare. It has been a year in which the Council has settled down to work and has been accepted by all with whom it has come into contact as a responsible body which will undoubtedly play an important part in the future life of Newton Aycliffe.

Until the tragic occurrence in June, Mr. Jack Davey was an enthusiastic and able Chairman of the Council. Whilst it would be quite impossible to fully compensate Mr. Davey in any form for what he has and still is suffering, the situation has been kept under review by the officers of the Council, as a result of which an independent Committee, called the Davey Benefit Fund Committee, is in being to co-ordinate practical assistance for Mr. Davey and his family. As you will have read in the press, several events have already been arranged for this fund, including a Bingo Session which Mr. J. M. Barrie is to hold in the Over Sixty Club on December 5th. A Public Subscription List has been opened and any contributions should be sent to the Fund, c/o Barclays Bank Ltd., Newton Aycliffe.

At the Annual General Meeting held on November 18th, the following officers were elected to serve the Council for the coming year :—

President: Mr. J. Sylph. Vice-President: Mr. J. N. Davey.
Chairman: Mr. R. L. Lawrence. Vice-Chairman: Mr. S. A. Errington. Secretary: Miss M. J. Kettlewell. Treasurer: Mr. C. M. Holmes.

M.J.K.

WELCOMING PARTY

The next WELCOMING PARTY will not be until Tuesday, January 12th, but we hope that newcomers will not wait for this to take part in the Town's events, but will come along to the Christmas activities.

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Members! start your Christmas Festivities with a swing and come to the party on Friday, December 18th at 7-0 p.m. Enjoy a Festive Supper followed by games, charades and carols. Tickets can be obtained from all committee members. Come and join the Carol Singers who will cover the northern part of the town on Christmas Eve. Time and place of meeting will be arranged later. All proceeds will be given to Cancer Research. After Christmas there will be an Embroidery Class in Milton Hall School on Monday's at 7-0 p.m. Members who wish to join should contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

January is the month to start thinking of summer holidays, the British Railways Film Show to be given on January 21st at 7-0 p.m. prompt will provide you with ideas. Come and see it, this will be an open meeting and everyone will be welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great Aycliffe Old People's Welfare Committee
c/o/ Parish Council Office,
Churchill House,
Newton Aycliffe.

Sir,

During the coming festive season many organisations will be making a special effort to provide extra Christmas comforts for the older residents of the town.

The Committee would like to see a greater measure of co-ordination of this work to ensure as wide a coverage as possible and to try and avoid people without connections being missed. As a result of a survey recently taken the Committee has a record of almost all the pensioners on the town and much information relating to their needs.

I shall be pleased to hear from Organisers who may wish to be put in touch with elderly people and shall be glad to make suitable information available.

F. E. Batley, Secretary.

8 Langley Road.

Sir,

I would like to express a very grateful "thank you" through the "Newtonian" to the person who found a stamped addressed envelope between Langley Road, and the Catholic Schools early in October and very kindly posted it. It was a great relief to know that the letter had reached its destination, not only to me, but to the girl who was taking it to the post for it contained over £3 in postal orders.

Mrs. I. Robson.

Kimberly,
Upper Kirkhill,
Nigg,
Aberdeen,
Scotland.

Sir,

Having been acquainted with Newton Aycliffe in the past, may I take this opportunity of highly complimenting your shopping facilities.

Recently, whilst on holiday, having returned from South America, my husband and I visited your town where we have some very good friends. At the time we were very much interested in re-furnishing a new home and admired many articles of furniture and carpeting etc.

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We think that many traders in other parts of the country would do well to take a leaf out of your Newtonian books.

Mrs. G. M. Coull.

Editors comment :

The firm in question did in fact deliver Mrs. Coull's purchases, from Newton Aycliffe to Nigg.

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Sir,

After two appeals in the local press for a pianist to succeed myself when I leave the town as I shall be doing very shortly, the Old Age Pensioners Association is still without a pianist. Surely in a town of this size there is an average pianist willing to accept this very worthwhile job. Two hours one afternoon a week, and an occasional evening when a concert is held is all that is required, whoever volunteers will get a lot of pleasure out of it for these aged people are young in heart. Should anyone be thinking of taking on this job but hesitates through shyness I would suggest they hesitate no longer for they will find these 'young old folk' wonderful company. I am positive this appeal is not in vain, so volunteers who wish to succeed me should contact me at the above address or Mr. Hodgson, 17 Tunstal Road.

Avis Pattison.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

The association are indeed grateful to the Education Committee for allowing the use of Marlowe Hall School for the Annual Christmas Party which, this year, will take place on the evening of Friday, December 18th. and promises to be an occasion long to be remembered.

On the preceding Saturday, December 12th. thanks to Mrs. Kell and her committee who have kindly loaned the Boys Club in Central Avenue a Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning will be held at which there will be on sale a wide variety of hand-made Christmas presents and Home Baked Cakes. Do please come along on this Saturday morning; you are sure to find something that you really want.

S.A.A.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE LADIES' CHOIR

With much regret I have to inform you that due to lack of numbers at recent practices the Newton Aycliffe Ladies Choir after 10 years have had to disband, I wish on behalf of the Choir to say thank you to Mr. Walton the Conductor, Mrs. McConnel, the accompanist and all who in our years of a choir have helped in any way

Jet. Sec.

Editors comment :

The few that are left can now join in with the Operatic Society and retain their interest in singing.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



We sat in the Queens Lounge one evening recently, our conversation warming as the golden elixir flowed. The talk turned to air force days. Someone said, "Do you remember when you were first called up and got 'kitted out'? My imagination did handstands!

After preliminary interviews at the Recruiting Office, the great day eventually came when I travelled with several others to the Reception Centre at R.A.F. Station Cardington in Bedfordshire. On our arrival, we found ourselves in company with lads from all over the country. I was astounded to find myself among hundreds of bods in the same boat as I was. I didn't feel quite so bad seeing this many, as until now I had been convinced that the government had been 'picking on me' by sending me my 'calling up' papers.

After a week of preliminary interviews and medicals, we were each graded for various trades and then officially 'sworn in'. I don't remember much about the interviewing part, but the medical side appeared to consist of taking ones trousers on and off, much to the delight and mirth of all those looking on. Charming!

Once we were sworn in, we were marched, still in civies, to a vast hangar—cum—store affair. As we went through the main entrance, we were each handed a new kit bag, which we were instructed to hold open in front as we shuffled past great counters creaking under the weight of various articles of kit. Each of these counters were manned by a bod dressed in a long khaki dustcoat. Boots counter first, a khaki dustcoat said, "size". Me, "Ten". CLUMP, CLUMP.—The kit bag took on weight.—Further clump, clumps welcomed shoes and a pair of P.T. plimsoles. Shirts, socks, ties, vests, pants, pull-over, gloves, 'housewife', boot brushes, badges, button stick and mess tins quickly followed. At the cap counter, a dustcoat said, "What size",—"7½" I confessed.—A 'flying saucer' was crushed onto my head and a spare was dropped into the bag.

At the uniform section, a pint sized dustcoat did a rapid measuring job and called out "39—33—33—Six feet one".—A crumpled 'hairy' best blue followed an equally dishevelled working blue, topped with a great-coat. On the way out, I collected a pair of towels, 'airmen for the use of', a deficiency chit for my webbing, and a pair of extra stout webbing braces 'trousers for the use of'.

Back at the billet we tried our new gear on. This was it, I was a real, genuine, pukka airman at last. Standing before the long billet mirror I drank myself in. Dragging my 'flying saucer' rakishly over one eye I surveyed myself from every angle. A thought crossed my mind, "When they see me, they'll make me a Squadron Leader straight away".

My day-dreaming was suddenly shattered when someone whooped, "Cor, look at 'Arry', all crumpled and 'orrible' his pants are too short as well". Cheeky little beast, I could have smashed him.

For the rest of the night we swopped and changed until we all looked respectable. Some of the 'blues' varied in colour, and it was for this reason that I found myself wearing what is known as 'sports jacket and flannels'. Still rather dashing I thought.

Little did I know that within six months I would be obliged to buy two more brand new uniforms, but thats another story.

Kitting out was the easy part, the tricky bit had just started, my three year stretch!


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NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

At our November meeting, Miss Olive Daunt spoke on "Opera from the Inside" and two of her singers from Durham Academy together with their pianist illustrated some "moments from the opera" which included Il Trovatore, Tosca and Carmen. Miss Daunt who is a most interesting speaker, had a small but appreciative audience and we look forward to another visit from her and more Academy singers, later in the season.

Our next meeting will be on the 17th December, at 8 p.m., in the small hall of St. Clare's Church, when the programme is to be a recorded concert of Beethoven music—Overture Coriolanus, Piano Concerto No. 3 and Symphony No. 5.

Thought for the Month.

*He who whispers down a well
About the goods he has to sell,
Will never make as many dollars
As he who climbs a tree and "Hollers".*

Anon.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

MICHAEL'S MAGIC WHISTLE

Michael was playing with his pirate ship down by the burn. It wasn't a very good pirate ship as he had made it himself from a flat piece of wood with a sheet of white paper for a sail but it was all he had. As the little piece of wood bobbed along, Michael dreamed it was an enormous galleon with billowing sails, sweeping the seas in search of Spanish treasure ships. The galleon ground abruptly to a halt as it struck a hidden reef and Michael, waking from his dream, found that his little boat had stuck amongst some stones. He put his hand into the chilly water to release the boat but his eye was caught by a glint of silver in the mud at the bottom of the burn. Could it be buried treasure? He dropped for it eagerly, getting his shirt sleeve quite wet in the process. Mummy wouldn't be very pleased about that!

It was a little silver whistle, as smooth and as shining as if it had never been in the water. Michael rubbed it dry with his hankie and then raised it to his lips. Suddenly a rough hand grabbed his arm.

"What have you got there?"

It was Oswald Parker who lived down the road from Michael. He was a big boy and rather a bully. Michael didn't like him very much.

"Nothing much, Oswald. Just an old whistle I've found," he said, trying to hide it behind his back.

"Let me see". Oswald twisted his arm quite hard until Michael was forced to let the whistle drop.

"You're a rotten pig, Oswald Parker."

"And you're another," grinned Oswald as he picked up the whistle. "I wonder if it's any good?"

He blew into the whistle. Nothing happened. Looking very annoyed he blew harder. Still nothing. Then he blew as hard as he could. His cheeks swelled up and his face grew red but the little whistle remained silent.

Oswald looked at it in disgust.

"It's no good, anyway. You can have it after all. That's if you can get it!" And he threw the whistle back into the burn as he ran away.

Michael desperately wanted the whistle even if it didn't make a sound. He took off his shoes and his socks and paddled out to the spot where the whistle had fallen. After a few minutes he found it again and struggled back up the bank, damp but triumphant.

He looked at the whistle closely. It was strange that it didn't work. He couldn't see anything wrong with it. Putting his lips to it he blew very gently. To his delight it gave a low piercing note. Again he blew, but slightly harder and the note was louder and seemed to echo amongst the bushes. He blew a third time, harder still, and now the notes from the whistle seemed to dance amongst the tree-tops. He was going to blow it once again when he realised that something was tapping his ankle. Looking down he was astonished to see a small figure dressed from head to foot in silver. It had its fingers in its ears and was kicking Michael as hard as it could. Fortunately that wasn't very hard.

"Who are you?" gasped Michael. The little creature stopped kicking and took its fingers out of its ears.

"Thank goodness you've stopped. I was being deafened. I'm the imp of the whistle of course. I come when anyone blows."

"But Oswald Parker couldn't get a sound out of it."

"I should hope not. You don't think I'd come running for a horrid boy like that? We imps have our pride. I always bung the whistle up if someone I don't like finds it. Now what are you going to wish for?"

"Can I really have a wish?"

"Of course" said the imp. "You can have three wishes to be precise. But I should take them one at a time if I were you." I'm in no great hurry so take your time."

"Oh I don't need to take my time," said Michael. I know just what I want. I wish I was a pirate captain."

"Done!" said the imp. "Whistle for me when you want your second wish."

As the imp disappeared the ground began to rock beneath Michael's feet and he found he was no longer standing on a grassy bank but on the oaken deck of a three-masted frigate. White sails billowed above his head and about him was the hurly-burly of a crew at work. Leaning over the side he could just make out the name of the ship picked out in scarlet and gold along her bow. She was called "The Silver Whistle"!

(To be continued.)

SANTA DRIVES THROUGH TOWN

The **REINDEERS** say that Santa Claus will drive all through the Town in the dark on Christmas Eve. So listen for the jingle bells and watch out!

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OXFAM

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It is urged on behalf of the committee that as many people as possible help to provide the necessities of life for the millions who are on the verge of starvation through accident of birth, and not from fault of their own making. Your donation will give you as much happiness as it will to the recipients. At this time of "Goodwill to all men" we ask you to give as generously as your circumstances permit.

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NEWTON PLAYERS

Did you enjoy our first play of the season—'BONAVENTURE'? Or did you not? We want to know and we would welcome your criticisms. As you all know, it is our aim from season to season to bring you plays which we think you will appreciate.

Write and tell us if we are succeeding; what is your preference, Comedy, Farce, Thrillers etc? It is said you cannot please all of the people all of the time, it is also said that if at first you don't succeed try, try, and try again. That is our continued intention and why we want to know what **you** think. Please write and tell us c/o our secretary.

Our thanks to you who braved the weather and forsook the 'telly' to see 'BONAVENTURE', which drew most satisfactory audiences on each of the three performances.

Mrs. Stella Wallace is now at the final stage of her script for the season pantomime 'ALADDIN'. It promises to be the best of her series. Remember them? 'CINDERELLA', 'BABES IN THE WOOD', 'THE SLEEPING BEAUTY' and so on. All of them written for children but with the entertainment for the whole family in mind. In other words 'something for all'. I'm looking forward to it, your children will be looking forward to it and when further details appear in January's 'Newtonian' I believe you will be equally enthusiastic. And now let us wish you 'The Best Compliments of the season and a Happy Christmas in the company of your families'

S.

HOME SAFETY HINTS

Poisoning accidents are caused by the misuse of drugs, cleaning substances and paints containing lead. Accidents happen through overdoses of prescribed drugs, medicinal drugs being mistaken for sweets by children, and medicines being taken by mistake through being transferred to other and unlabelled containers.

For safety, keep all medicinal drugs in properly labelled containers in locked cupboards, and be sure to destroy the residue when the treatment is over. Exceptional care should be taken with iron tablets, anti-histamines, strychnine, aspirins, and barbiturates.

E.S.

CORPORATION NOTES

If you are going away during the winter please remember to take precautions against the freezing and bursting of pipes in the house you occupy. Tenants are reminded that they are liable for the cost of repair when bursts occur and proper care has not been taken.

Dustbins and Paper Sacks.

Some tenants seem to be developing a habit of leaving the bins out in front of the houses all day, even in cases where this is not necessary. Other residents do not take kindly to this and it is hoped that the practice will cease.

Garage Doors.

Tenants are asked to close these after taking the car out for the day—certainly children have no right to play inside, but accidents do happen and on several occasions children have locked themselves inside. Further, the Corporation cannot be expected to repair fittings damaged while doors are left open.

Please remember if your garage is incorporated in the house to keep the doors extra well greased, and to close them gently, otherwise you are apt to disturb your neighbours in the rest of the block.

What are the small greens for in front of houses? Only for toddlers to play on who must keep within sight of their mothers. They are definitely **not** for children of school age and over to pay ball games, for obvious reasons—it wears the grass out, the noise may disturb neighbours and the balls are liable to damage gardens and window panes. Besides, large greens are provided in every area for the older children. Please help to make this understood and respected. Also, if there is any newly sown grass near your home, it is up to you to assist in keeping people and dogs off it in the early stages.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the retirement from the committee of our Secretary Mr. B. D. Gale. Mr. Gale is leaving this month to take up an appointment, as quantity surveyor with Leeds City. Brian was really the instigator of the club and he has worked tremendously hard as both Secretary and Treasurer. He will be sorely missed by everyone in the Club. We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the football section, to thank Brian for his services and to wish him and his family the very best of luck in the future.

At the time of writing we have not yet appointed a replacement, but anyone interested in playing for or helping with the club can contact the match secretary, Mr. A. Broadhead, 73 Bowes Road.

On the playing side this month results were :—

Oct. 11th	Gainford	0	Newton Aycliffe	4
Oct. 18th	Newton Aycliffe	1	Cockfield	5
Oct. 25th	Eastbourne (D'tn)	2	Newton Aycliffe	5
Nov. 1st	Middleton St.			
	George	2	Newton Aycliffe	4
Nov. 8th	Newton Aycliffe	2	Barnard Castle United	1

On 18th October, we met the present League leaders—Cockfield and were soundly whipped into our first defeat of the season by a much superior team. Since then however, Cockfield have dropped a point and we have won all our games. We meet Cockfield again on December 6th with the combined strength of an improved side and a marvellous away record—enough we think to wipe out our two point deficit in the League.

FILM NEWS :

Adult show for December.

Monday, 14th December, 1964—7-15 p.m. Beveridge Hall.

TAKE HER—SHE'S MINE (A)

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We have now completed film bookings for the remainder of this season. There are ten shows in all, normal price 2/6d. each, but we are offering season tickets at £1-0-0 each, giving each holder of a ticket two free shows.

Films and dates below:-

11th January	The Wild One (no certificate)
25th January	Guns of Navarone (U)
8th February	Dr. No (A)
22nd February	The Big Country (A)
8th March	The Best of Enemies (U)
22nd March	From Here to Eternity (A)
12th April	From Russia with Love (A)
26th April	Tom Jones (X)
10th May	Barrabas (A)
24th May	Grip of Fear (X)

These Season Tickets can be obtained from West Farm Products.

The first film on the list "The Wild One" starring Marlon Brando has been refused a certificate by the British Censor and we are only allowed to show it to a private audience, admission to this show therefore, will be to personal applications for ticket only. These can be got as usual from West Farm Products. It will, of course, be strictly limited to adults only. The reason for saying this now is in case anyone was considering buying a season ticket for a child under sixteen. There are also a few more (X) certificate films in the list, therefore season tickets will be adults only.

Well thats all for this time folks. See you again next month.
Haurel and Lardy.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

The Family Planning Clinic is open each Wednesday, from 6-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way. A lady Doctor is always in attendance to advise and help with any problem that may arise. All enquiries are strictly confidential and information may be had, and appointments made through Mrs. Wells, 55 Cumby Road. Telephone. 244.

NOTE :- on Wednesday, December 23rd the Clinic will be open as usual, but no Doctor will be available.

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TOWN BAND

The officials and members of the Town Band wish to express their gratitude to the townfolk who contributed so generously to their recent "house to house" collection. The total sum collected was £43. Our thanks go also to those relatives and friends of the band who assisted in the collecting.

The Jumble Sale organised by the Friends of the Band and held in the Boys Club on 7th November, realised £17. To the organiser and those who contributed in any way including the officials and committee of the Boys Club for the use of their premises, we say a very sincere, Thank you!

We are looking forward eagerly to our first appearance in our new uniforms which are expected in the latter part of November.

Several new members have joined us recently and the Band sounds very well.

V.J.T.S.

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There will be a 20 Class Sanction Dog Show on Saturday, 19th December in the Beveridge Hall, Newton Aycliffe at 2-30 p.m.

Judge: **Mrs. M. Buchanan.** (Dumbarton.)

It is up to the people of Newton Aycliffe who own a Pedigree Dog, over 6 months of age to send or call for a Schedule BEFORE the 12th December, 1964. as this is the closing date for entries. to Mrs. M. Rickaby, 8 Lambton Close, Newton Aycliffe. Tel. 672.

BRITISH LEGION LEEK CLUB

The committee and members of the Leek Club wish to thank all the business people of Newton Aycliffe who so very kindly donated special prizes for the Leek Show, and all the people who attended and made the show the success it undoubtedly was, and we look forward to an even better exhibition next year.

W. Mills.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Dinner Dance, the number will be limited so please don't delay, the price is a little higher this year but this I am afraid is simply a reflection of the times. Just one little reminder to the children attending the party on the 16th: don't forget to bring your own spoon and teaplate, drinking cups will be provided.

Well folks that's about it for this time except to wish you all, be you with or against us, the very best of everything for Christmas and a Happy New Year,

See you in 1965,
Eric.

GIRL GUIDES-LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The Guides, Brownies and Local Association members of Newton Aycliffe invite all parents and friends to a Carol Service at St. Clare's Church on Thursday, December 17th, 1964. at 7 p.m.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Church Hall and all are invited to join the children in the hall for a pleasant and informal social gathering.

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In addition to intensifying our Driver BIII Course we will be concentrating on cleanliness and maintenance of vehicles in preparation for A.D.M.E. Annual Inspection on 21st December, 1964. It could be that the winners of the Column Efficiency Cup will be the Company with the best A.D.M.E. Inspection, Get weaving blokes and make those lorries gleam.

Our Children's Christmas Party will be held on 19th December, 1964. from 2-30 p.m. to 5-0 p.m. and again we are holding it, by kind permission, in the Over 60's Club. We are told that SANTA CLAUS is making Newton Aycliffe a very important place to visit this year and we think his first visit will be on Saturday 5th, December when he will be touring the town prior to visiting the Over 60's Club at 2-0 p.m. for the British Red Cross Christmas Fayre.

Then we know that he will come again at 2-45 p.m. on Saturday, 19th December to be at the Territorial Army Children's Christmas Party also in the Over 60's Club.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



After the Annual General Meeting on the 2nd November, the Guild was entertained by the Phoenix Players.

The 14th Birthday meeting is on Monday, December 7th at 7-15 p.m. Entertainment by the Newton Aycliffe Operatic Society and Salutation Townswomen's Guild Drama Group. The Competition is for the most decorative parcel and the Sales Table, Christmas Tree Decorations. Visitors will be welcome.

On January 4th, Mr. J. Sylph will give a talk on the activities of the Trading Estate and for the Social Half-hour Mrs. Corner will show holiday slides. The Competition—3 mincepies, and the Sales Table—White Elephants.

E.V.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Plans are a-foot for community carol-singing around the Tree when it is lit up in the Town Centre on **Friday evening, December 18th.** Everybody welcome to join in.

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

Tuesday	13th & 27th October	} a.m. Infant Injections p.m. Ante Natal Clinic
Tuesday	10th & 24th November	
Tuesday	8th & 22nd December	
Tuesday	6th & 20th October	} Health Visitor Sessions no Doctor in attendance
Tuesday	3rd & 17th November	
Tuesday	1st & 15th December	

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1-30 to 4-00 p.m. }
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WOMENS COLUMN

'Come little leaves' said the Wind one day,
Come with me and let us away,
Put on your dresses of red and gold
For the summer has gone and the days grow cold''.

The days are loathe to grow cold this year for as I write this on the second day of November it is warm enough to sit outside and see all the glorious colours of autumn, the trees and hedges are still fully dressed due to the lack of winds and frost. It seems far away to Newton Aycliffe, December and the Newtonian as I am at this time buried in the heart of the country staying in the little known but very beautiful Ecclesbourne Valley in Derbyshire. However "needs must when the devil drives" and the Newtonian is the devil in question. Going to press rather far in advance it is not easy to cast thoughts forward to December early in November. Talking to the local people in this district I find that in these times few women make either mincemeat or Christmas puddings, but a few that do are making a different mincemeat with dried apricots as the main ingredient, and here is their recipe:—

Apricot Mincemeat

1 lb. Dried Apricots.
1 lb. Dates. 1 lb. Raisins.
1 lb. Currants. 1 lb. Apples.
1 lb. Brown Sugar. 1 lb. Shredded Suet.
2 ozs. Chopped Almonds. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Ground Nutmeg.
Rind and Juice of one Lemon.

Method.

Soak apricots in a little cold water overnight, next day drain and chop them, stone and chop dates and raisins, peel core and chop apples; add all other ingredients, and the lemon rind, finally the lemon juice.

I am told that this makes a very good mincemeat and is a change from the conventional recipe.

Two cake fillings you might like to try which are out of the everyday rut, and make a plain sponge into something special:—

Aromatic Cream. Thoroughly cream 3 ozs. Butter then work in 6 ozs. Icing Sugar and the grated rind of an orange—add one desert spoonful of orange juice and finally a dash of Angostura Bitters.

Butter Scotch. Mix together $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. butter and $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. soft brown sugar, work in 4 ozs. icing sugar a few drops of vanilla essence and two deserts spoonfuls of sweetened condensed milk. Mix to a good spreading consistency.

Cheese pastry and its various uses: 2 ozs. plain flour, 2 ozs. margarine, 2 ozs. grated cheese, 1 oz. parmesan cheese, pepper, salt, a pinch of dry mustard, a pinch of celery salt, and the yolk of one egg. **Method.** Rub margarine into the flour, add cheese and flavourings, work in the egg yolk. Roll out and cut into Strips for cheese straws, Circles for cheese biscuits, or oblongs and put in a thin roll of sausage making tiny cheese savoury roll, or you can if you like an unusual combination of flavours roll an oblong round a sardine, these are very rich and very tasty.

M.M.G.

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Perhaps you attended my film show of October 27th in the Over 60's Club, perhaps you did not, but you may be interested in helping me to form a local committee of W.W.F. I have received three names as a result of the film show and through peoples kind co-operation, but many more are needed, would you like to help? If you think you could help in the slightest way without actually being on the committee, please let me know at the above address.

The film show was the first event and was very well attended, especially by the children although I think the presence of an orang-outang, 2 chimps and one baby elephant may have had something to do with it, as well as pop and pies. Many thanks to Mr. Whitton Prop. of Jims Pies who kindly donated 5 dozen of his pies as well as lending and operating his projector. I would also like to thank Mr. Reg Bloom, Zoo director, Flamingo Park for bringing the animals, and the attendants. Sqdn. Ldr. Geof Meek, the Regional Organiser, (whom I am sorry to say is leaving, although he will maintain an interest in the fund and be at hand for future talks). My willing helpers, including, Mrs. D. Holeywell and Shirley, Mrs. A. Pattison, Andy Spark, Peter Ashcroft, Stephnie and Sally McLaughlin and Mrs. M. Spark for her welcome publicity and of course Mr. W. Usher the secretary of the Over 60's Club and the committee without whose co-operation the complete success would have not been possible, and Mr. J. Cotteral for donating the biscuits.

The idea of the film show was to arouse enough interest for a local Committee of Friends of W.W.F. to be formed and make a start towards our target. The target of one committee is £100 per year. The clear profit made was in fact £10, but no committee. If enough committees are formed the money can be raised to save these animals which are in danger, but if the reaction in Newton Aycliffe is typical of the world, God alone can help us.

I ask you to help me, and the other three people who have offered to help. Let us show London that something is happening in the North and that the National Appeal Groups of the World Wildlife Fund do not stop at Manchester.

At least a thousand kinds of animals are in danger from extinction at this moment. We must act now. Our way is not by any means clear and straight but let us say we tried to journey along it.

The next event will probably be a 'fayre' and will take place in the spring which I hope you will look out for.

If you are interested in helping to organise this and other events, forming a committee or joining the Wildlife Rangers, please let me know.

Remember if things continue as they are at the moment, Wild Animals will not always be available to film, so help now. In the words of Peter Scott, "This is a state of emergency, tomorrow may be too late".

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Well friends, here we are again in the month of December all looking forward to Christmas with it's fun and merriment for the family. As we begin to think about Christmas once again we almost all begin to realize just how quickly the year has passed, but at the same time we begin to think and look forward to a New Year.

Let us have a quick look at some of the activities the members of the skating club can look forward to in 1965. First of all in January The Walworth Shield pair dance competition will take place. This event is intended to test the competitors general dancing knowledge and ability as well as their originality and inventiveness.

Following The Walworth Shield event, club members can look forward to the club's fifth annual club Birthday Party. Because the club's Anniversary is so very near to Christmas we have always combined our Christmas and Anniversary celebrations into one big bumper party. Keep your eyes open for the date of the big day members.

Later in 1965 members of our now well established club will have the opportunity to take part in the club's annual outing which is intended to get away from skating for one day, but at the same time still have the enjoyable company of fellow members.

National Skating Association Roller Figure and Dance skating tests await most of our class members in the months ahead, but only time and lots of hard work will give us results.

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.

On October 18th, 17 members competed for The Beginners Trophy and the winner was Miss Margaret Fearn. This event which is held annually is intended to maintain a keen interest in competitive skating among the members who have not passed a National Skating Association test.

Well done Sandra Taylor and Peter Humble recent winners of The Presidents Trophies awarded every three months for good conduct and skating improvement.

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 postage and to save the postman's poor old legs. On Saturday, December the 19th 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 public skating sessions are now in full swing once again and can still be described as A NIGHT

OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY—perhaps you will come along to the Beveridge Hall one Saturday at 7-0 p.m. and enjoy the fun and games.

The skating club will be closed for holidays on the following dates :-December 20th. 22nd. 26th and 27th.

May I on behalf of the committee wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas—Do take great care on the roads—we would like to see you on the 19th at our Christmas Carnival.

Godfrey A. Bennett. Hon. Secretary

NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION

Are there any more ex-Burma veterans in the new town—if so, why not come along and join the rest of us at the Canopus Club, R.A.F. Association H.Q., Barrington Road, Newton Aycliffe.

You will be assured of a hearty welcome and who knows—you too may meet an old colleague who you last saw just outside of Kohima in rather different circumstances! This did, in fact, happen on the occasion of our first informal "get-together" held in the T.A. Centre in August when we had a most congenial gathering. The decision was taken to form a new Branch of the Burma Star Association on that occasion and the inaugural meeting took place in September, when the N.E. Area Chairman, Archie Ogley travelled up from Barnsley with two of his colleagues to lend a helping hand in launching the new Branch.

Meetings are held four-weeely (Wednesday) in the Canopus Club and membership is open to all ex-servicemen who are entitled to wear the Burma Star or the Pacific Star with clasp. This means all arms of the service, of course, and it goes without saying that all ex-Jap P.O.W.s are more than welcome. The Branch is steadily growing in numbers and has a hard working Committee operating under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. W. (Tug) Wilson and Mr. George Pearce, the well-known R.A.F.A. stalwart, who is the Hon. Secretary. So if you would like to experience once again the spirit and comradeship to which we became accustomed in those far-off Burmese jungle areas, do contact George Pearce either at the Canopus Club, Barrington Road or at his home address, 41 Priestman Road, Newton Aycliffe.

H. H. Robinson.

ARTS COUNCIL

The Arts Council's "OPERA FOR ALL" Group which has been so popular in the past is coming to this district in January and we have been fortunate in persuading them to perform from their repertoire the most popular of the operas—"LA TRAVIATA" by Verdi.

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