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CLEAN AIR

Recently, the Darlington Rural District, the local authority of which we are your representatives, decided to make Newton Aycliffe a Smoke Control Area under the Clean Air Act of 1956. During the debate in council some very rash irresponsible statements were made. We feel that these statements were given undue emphasis in the local press and may have given rise to concern regarding the need and cost of applying the Clean Air Act. It is now imperative that the very strong case for clean air and a refutation of these statements be made public.

WHAT IS THE NEED FOR CLEAN AIR? For the past few years we have had increasing evidence that large deposits of soot and grit are descending on the town. Our Health Inspector has repeatedly brought this matter to our attention. The combination of soot, grit and damp atmosphere is one of the chief causes of bronchitis and often a killer to our elderly people.

It is not perhaps generally realised that a polluted atmosphere has a corrosive effect on buildings, paintwork etc entailing costly repairs. There is also the dismal prospect of a dirty and smoke polluted town. A great deal is now known of air pollution and its effect upon our health. As you know this town is to be one of the major towns in the North-East and to continue to build without using this knowledge would show blind indifference and complete disregard of the facts. The Development Corporation were made aware of the problem of smoke control and all new houses are equipped with heating appliances approved by the Act. There is little or no cost problem concerned with future building. However in spite of the co-operation of the Development Corporation the Ministry of Housing will not allow a Smoke Control Order unless it applies to the whole town. It has therefore been decided to bring this into operation over a period covering six years.

It is no use our critics piously saying we all want clean air and then doing nothing to achieve this end. Positive action is required if further pollution is to be prevented.

To return to statements made in council :-

"Newton Aycliffe is not a dirty town". Pollution recordings over the past few years show that we are no better than Darlington and in some areas worse.

Smoke filter readings—in micogrammes per cubic meter of air over a similar period.

Newton Aycliffe	152
Darlington County Borough	130

These are authentic figures supplied by our Public Health Department.

"We cannot get the fuel". The Councillor who made this statement did not attend the committee meeting which investigated this problem, or read the subsequent report. The N.C.B. assure us that there is an unlimited supply of Sunbrite for years ahead.

"Miners who live in the town would suffer" This is nonsense, miners have an agreement by which they can obtain concessionary smokeless fuel in place of coal.

"It would mean 5/- per week increase on our rent". The Councillor responsible for this statement is guilty either of deliberate distortion of fact or cannot do simple arithmetic.

The rateable value of Darlington R.D.C. is now over £1,000,000 and growing rapidly. By the time we meet the first instalment of our proposal a 1d. would produce £4,800. We can, if we so decide, meet the completion of each Zone (four in all) out of revenue at slightly more than a 2d. rate at the outset. This figure will diminish each year as the rateable value grows. The whole scheme will take 6 years to complete and the average effect on your weekly rate would be approximately 3½d. per week then reducing, and at the end of 6 years the cost would be paid. The cost to the house owner would be £15. In most cases this is the Development Corporation. It is not a large sum for each house under review, and we do not know how the Development Corporation propose to finance their part of the proposals. This is their business not ours. The usual practice is to arrange repayment over a lengthy period of time. Since we have to make an assessment on this basis

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we think a probable figure would be 7d. In all then, a realistic figure including rate would be below 1/-. This is a far cry from "It will cost 5/-".

Regarding fuel costs; we have given careful consideration to this very important part of the problem. It is here that some real saving can be made. The Ministry of Power has produced a table of relative fuel costs with the open grate and back boiler for domestic hot water as the basic unit of calculation.

AVERAGE FIGURES FOR 1963

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This is not a problem concerning Newton Aycliffe alone it is causing great concern to every town and city in the country, but we are fortunate in that our task is largely prevention rather than cure, and our costs are negligible compared to that of other towns—if we tackle it now. We blame our ancestors for the filth and slums of our industrial towns—perhaps they knew no better. To-day we do know better, we know what should be done, what has to be done, and we cannot shirk our responsibilities. We think we shall have the support of every citizen who desires to live in a clean, healthy town.

Signed. D. Vickers, J.P. Councillor D.R.C.
J. Clark Councillor D.R.C.
J. W. Gill Councillor D.R.C.
L. H. Nicholson Councillor D.R.C.
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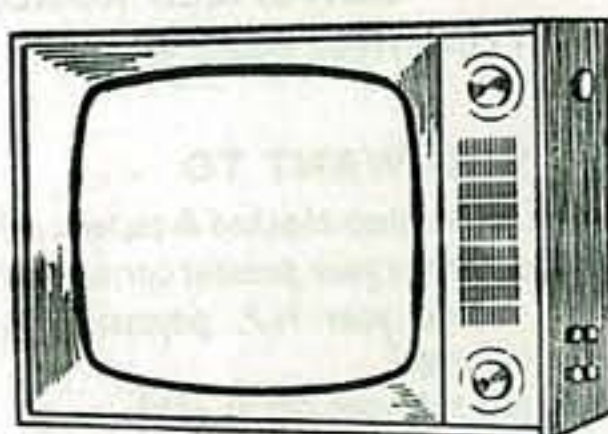
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Residents of the town will have read Mrs. Graham's letter in the January edition suggesting that a Hard of Hearing Club be formed in Newton Aycliffe. As one who is at present handicapped by inadequate hearing I consider Mrs. Graham's idea excellent, for with such a club the Hard of Hearing would gain immense benefit both from a social and practical point of view. Regular meetings would bring together those similarly afflicted, each having a full understanding of the others problem.

It has been my good fortune recently to meet Mr Alan Stephenson, Superintendent of the North Yorkshire and South Durham Deaf Association. He assures me that if a Deaf Club is formed in this town his association will give it practical and financial assistance. With this knowledge I now ask all deaf and hard of hearing people whose social life is limited by their affliction and who desire to meet people freely and without embarrassment on equal terms at a club for the deaf to please get in touch with me at 41 Pease Way either by letter or a personal call. A list of the Hard of Hearing living in the town is being prepared and it is my intention to call on them. I assure you I should not be trying to form this club unless I were certain its aims could be accomplished, and that makes the task a happy one indeed.

J. N. Davey,
(Vice President N.A.C.O.L.O.)

Editors comment:-

No doubt Mrs. Graham and Mr. Davey between them will succeed in putting a Deaf Club into being.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

During March the Society will hold two meetings. **March 4th** at 8 p.m. in the small hall at St. Clare's Church—Miss E. Ward "Music I Like".

March 18th at 8 p.m. in the lounge at Aycliffe School—Mr. J. Gittens—"Recorded Music."

E.R.

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Having great regard towards children's safety when crossing the roads the committee hereby publish the times that the Wardens are on duty:-

8-30 a.m.	—	9-10 a.m.
12 noon	—	12-15 p.m.
1-15 p.m.	—	1-35 p.m.
3.30 p.m.	—	3-40 p.m. Infants.
4-00 p.m.	—	4-15 p.m. Juniors.

except Stephenson Way, and the times for this school are :-

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3-30 p.m.	—	3-50 p.m.

P. V.

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The Society's 3rd production "IOLANTHE" will be staged in Marlowe Hall Secondary Modern School for one week commencing April 26th. Rehearsals are going well and the vast amount of planning and work that goes into these Shows deserves good support. Since the end of last summer and all during the winter the committee and cast have been going ahead with the preparations for the Show—chorus to be trained, principals to be cast and rehearsed, costumes to be made or hired, scenery to be made, and painted, lighting to be arranged, make up and printing to be taken care of—these are just a few of the hundred and one preliminaries to a "successful" Show—which is what we are endeavouring to produce again.

A word about the Show itself—in no other Gilbert and Sullivan opera are so many cherished idols of the British public satirized as in "IOLANTHE" yet despite the operas pungent satire Sullivan's melody is perhaps lovelier and his inspiration more poetic than in any of his other works, there are some who regard "IOLANTHE" as his best score.

J. B.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



The April meeting is on April 5th, usual time, usual place, and a varied programme is presented, Moscow, Easter gifts, and the drama group will stage a short play.

Miss Rau a native of Yorkshire and of Co. Durham by adoption, will speak on her experience in Moscow during a recent visit, she has a reputation for wit and humour and her talk should be informative and amusing.

The competition and the sales table are complimentary to each other, both concern Easter gifts, the difference being no price restriction on the sales table, whereas the competition carries a price limit of one shilling, no entry may exceed this amount as its actual cost.

The drama group tell me they have an addition to their all female cast in the play they are presenting called Henry. And the group are quite sure you will appreciate "Henry". The surprise parcel is being donated by Mrs. Suddes. The sales table having now become a quarterly affair, it is especially requested that all members do their utmost to really make it a sales table worthy of its name by bringing an Easter parcel costing no more than a shilling. What you bring someone else will buy and what someone else brings you will buy. Can we see a record for April? Of course we can.

Dates to make a note of:- March 8th Coffee Evening Mrs. Greenbank, 17 Bede Crescent from 7 p.m. onwards. March 27th, Jumble Sale in the Boy's Club from 10-00 a.m. April 9th Guild 'At Home' and Cake Stall 2-15 p.m. Boys Club. April 12th, Coffee Evening, Mrs. Lamb, 6 Langley Road, 7-00 p.m. onwards.

The names of two committee members to contact for all information you require concerning the Guild are:-

Mrs. Vickers, 22 Clarence Chare.
Mrs. Thurston, 4 Chandler Close.

M.M.G.

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	2nd & 16th February	}	a.m. Infant Injections.
Tuesday	2nd & 30th March		p.m. Ante Natal Clinic.

Tuesday	9th & 23rd February	}	Health Visitor Sessions
Tuesday	9th & 23rd March		No Doctor in attendance

Every Thursday

9-30 to 11-30 a.m.	}	Child Welfare Clinic
1-30 to 4-00 p.m.		

Welfare foods are on sale at all the above sessions

Mothers Club

Last Tuesday of each month, 7-30 p.m. All mothers welcome.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Well, our annual shindig is over for another year and has already become just another piece of Motor Club history, a pleasantly successful piece. The plans for the next effort are already under way and it is scheduled for some time in July.

As mentioned last month, the first road trial will be held on the 17th March and will start from the Town Centre car park, first man off at 7-30 p.m. The first Sunday run will be held on April 4th, and the venue will be Bolton Castle, a short run but a place which the kids should love. It's one of the best castles I know of, one is not marched around in a squad by a mobile catalogue of doubtful facts but is allowed to potter about and form ones own conclusions be they right or wrong. The run will leave the car park at 10-0 a.m. prompt we hope.

Be Seen' Yez. Eric.

HOME SAFETY

It cannot be stressed too strongly how necessary it is to keep a careful watch on the flex of each and every electrical appliance. The flex should be kept as short as possible and replaced as soon as it shows signs of wear or fraying. Radio, television, or any other appliance should be unplugged when not in use, for it could possibly remain "live" even when switched off.

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Children's Holiday Scheme.

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Clothing.

The W.V.S. Clothing Store is in urgent need of more clothing—men's, women's, and children's. We have been busy re-organising the store and building more shelves so please help to fill them and by so doing help those less fortunate than yourselves who are in most urgent need. The W.V.S. will gladly call and collect any clothing you wish to dispose of, a telephone call to the Centre, the number is given above, or get in touch with Mrs. Alder, the Clothing Officer, 11 Isherwood Close.

Old Peoples Welfare.

The W.V.S. are looking for ladies willing to do welfare work among the older residents of the town. All it would entail would be to visit one or two old people in your district regularly, or to visit the Old People's Home in Shafto Way. The W.V.S. want to extend their welfare work but can only do so with more help, do please give this request your most earnest consideration and so assist the W.V.S. to continue with this very rewarding and worthwhile work. The W.V.S. office or the Officer for Old Peoples Welfare—Mrs. Scott, 23 Kendrew Close, Telephone: Newton Aycliffe 573 will gladly give you all the information you require. The W.V.S. Centre is open on:-

Monday and Wednesday	—	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	—	10 a.m. to 12 noon.

M.E.

LIBRARY

The "Diary of Events" which we keep at the library has changed its format slightly and we are hoping that the change will render it more useful to the townsfolk who wish to use it, and encourage more organisations to let us know of their activities. The little red folder, which has become so familiar to so many users of the library, now has four sections:

1. the first section is a tabulation of weekly events, giving, under each day, the meetings and events which are normally held on that day. It must be far from complete for many organisations have not yet informed us when they do hold their meetings—we would like to hear from them.
2. the second section does the same for monthly events but tends to look 'sick' from the paucity of entries.
3. the third section is for other events
4. the fourth section lists the organisations of the town, giving, usually, the name and address of the secretary. This section is almost inevitably out of date in some parts because we have been carrying exactly the same information for a year!

We should be greatly obliged if some member of each organisation could come to the library and check the accuracy of the entries in each section for their particular organisation.

The question is often asked, "Exactly what kind of information do you require for this Diary of Events?"—the answer simply, is "All and every kind." If you are ever uncertain whether to send in a particular piece of information for the "Diary"—send it. If it is unsuitable we can afford to throw it away—we pay nearly £10 a week to have the dustbin emptied.

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January:

Christie, Agatha "The Pale Horse"
Deeping, Warwick
"Portrait of a Playboy"
Duffield, Anne "Harbour Lights"
Schaefer, Jack "Shane"

February:

Marsh, Ngaio "False Scent"
Du Maurier, Daphne
"Frenchman's Creek"
Muskett, Netta "Weir House"
Tangye, Derek "Gull on the Roof"

March:

Walsh, Maurice
"Danger under the Moon"
Cronin, A. J. "Northern Light"
Keyes, F. P. "Letter from Spain"
Gibbs, Philip "Healing Touch"

The full list of all books so far published in this series can be had from any member of the staff at the library.

R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NEWS



By the time the Newtonian reaches your hands the Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association will have been held, and a new committee will have been formed. Over the past years I have had the pleasure of having close contact with the various committees and it is true to say that over this period I have always been impressed by the marked enthusiasm which has been shown by the various officers and members of these management committees.

I am of the opinion that every full member should at some time or other try a spell on the committee. Committee work at the R.A.F.A. is not merely 'beer and skittles', on the contrary, it can be interesting and highly constructive, with some members who are none drinkers. The Association has many absorbing facets, but many of these matters remain unknown to the average member because of general apathy. This apathy is of course in some instances understandable, as many members have neither the time or the opportunity to take an active interest in the 'inner workings' of the branch, and thus relax into the 'club' side of things. For those of you who would like to know what is going on within the branch, the Bi-Monthly General Meetings would appear to be an excellent medium. It is hoped that in the future members will take advantage of these meetings, and thus create an active interest. Come along and air your moans and groans, both full and friend members will be more than welcome.

Mr. Ron Manning, our Hon. Secretary, gave thanks in his annual report to our branch welfare officer, Mr. Bert Cornley. I have known Bert for a long time now, and I can honestly say that I have found him one of the most placid and friendly persons I have ever met. Anyone who has occasion to broach Bert on a welfare basis can be sure of confiding in a genuine and helpful body who will bend backwards to help anyone in a time of need. Full marks from us all Bert, keep up the good work.

As with annual reports, Ron Manning has the task of trying to cover all aspects of the club and branch, attempting not to miss anyone who has assisted in the workings of the Newton Aycliffe Branch. I for one would like to have added an additional paragraph which should really be added every year. When all is said and done, the only person missing from the report, is Ron, the Hon.

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Secretary himself. Ronny has been a tireless worker for both branch and club for many years, his enthusiasm and thirst for work during his years of office are a shining example to us all. It would appear that the efficient running of all things, are to him a constant challenge. If everyone had a motto, I think Ron Manning's would be, "if it has to be done, then let's do it properly".

Many thanks for these years of conscientious work Ron, with the right guidance the branch must go from strength to strength.

The Area Annual General Meeting will take place this year at Cayton Holiday Camp, Scarborough on the 10th April, and the R.A.F.A. National Conference at Edinburgh on the 28th, 29th, and 30th May, 1965. Anyone wishing to attend these highly important meetings will be more than welcome.

A Prayer.

Oh Lord above, we do pray,
That lots turn up on Bi-Monthly day,
Make those who come have eyes to see,
Those on committee work for such as we,
Let them not rage in groups aloof,
At the Bi-Monthly let them lay their proof,
Constructive suggestions can help us all,
Keeping our branch, 'right on the ball',
At these meetings ALL can meet,
And YOUR presence would be a treat.

Airmen.

Notes:-

Full members are reminded that March is the last month in which they can renew their subscriptions.

In the event of a quiet Annual General Meeting, I intend next month to write an article on how I was obliged to buy two new uniforms only three weeks after leaving 'square bashing', this article will be written in tears, sweat and blood as usual.

One final word, many thanks to Dougie and Rhoda and all the staff for the excellent service over the last year. Doug, your 'Expedition' ale is superb.

H.G.S.

Thought for the Month

We seldom repent talking too little, but very often talking too much; a common trivial maxim which everybody knows and nobody practices.

La Bruyere.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

Results for last month were restricted to two games because of the weather.

Wanderers (Darlington)	0	Newton Aycliffe	4
Scorton	2	Newton Aycliffe	2

The above results mean that we need two points from the remaining four games to be sure of finishing runners up in the first division of the League.

At the time of going to press we have not played our 3rd round cup-tie, but we now know that the opposition will be Bowes, who beat second division team MANFIELD 10-0 in the second round.

We have had mixed fortunes against Bowes so far this season, having defeated them 5-1 at home and lost 6-3 away, so we should witness a grand ding-dong Cup-tie.

Film News:

Has Ena Sharples lost her sting? What has happened to Annie Walker? Has Perry Mason won too many cases? Whatever the answers to these questions, it is obvious that they have lost their audience. Monday nights have taken on a new meaning, something has happened to the people of Newton Aycliffe.

Was Sunderland playing Manchester United in Finchdale Road?, or was it Santa Claus giving away free bubble gum? Whatever it was, crowds of men, women and children were making their way, on a recent Monday evening, to the southern end of town.

The reason for this exodus was that the football section of the Sports Club was showing the film 'Dr. No' in the Beveridge Hall. After virtually storming West Farm Products for tickets during the week, the crowds stormed the Beveridge Hall. Unfortunately there were literally hundreds of people disappointed. After playing to tiny houses at the back end of last year, the current wave of enthusiasm is truly amazing. The first three shows this year have all had full houses and people have been turned away each time.

This helps to stress the fact that patrons should obtain their tickets as soon as possible—or die in the rush. For the masses

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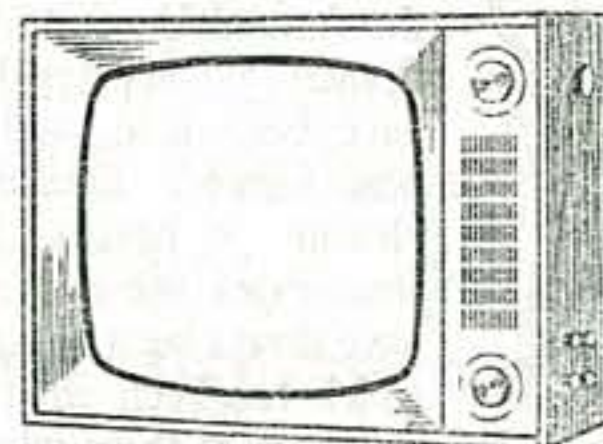
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The following shows are booked for the remainder of this season:—

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26th April.
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If yours is a small family it is very economical to wrap different vegetables in aluminium foil and cook the various parcels in one pan. Remember to sprinkle the veg with salt before wrapping. When making a steamed pudding use double the amount make two, steam both, and keep one to reheat in a couple of days time, it only takes a few minutes to hot up, and it tastes just as good. All manufactured steamed puddings are made this way, and that there is a ready market for them proves the point. While on the subject of steamed puddings and economy, do you keep your handle-less cups? They are ideal for individual puddings, small ones taking far less cooking time thus saving fuel, also each person can have his or her choice of flavour at the base, syrup, marmalade, lemon curd or jam.

Don't forget that pans kept bright and clean on the outside as well as the inside use less fuel as well as prolonging their life.

Small economies can be made in the use of the refrigerator, avoid opening the door often, or keeping it open unnecessarily long thus allowing the temperature to rise, in consequence using more current. Put only cold food in the fridge otherwise you raise the temperature waste current and may cause harm to the

food. Don't tell me you wouldn't dream of putting warm food in a fridge, you wouldn't; but I've seen it done, many times.

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Michael felt his blood run cold as the weird voice rung out once again. "Dead men's gold! Rip their hearts out—dead men's gold!"

His sword grasped firmly in his hand, Michael scanned the cave anxiously. His search for the intruder was in vain, there was no-one to be seen.

"Who can it be?" he whispered.

"You may well ask," croaked old Dan. "I've heard that voice before. 'Twas over thirty years ago but I'd never forget it—not if I live to be a hundred. 'Tis the voice of Captain Hawk himself."

"But I thought you said he was dead?" Michael gasped.

"So he is, matey—so he is."

"Then what can we hear?" asked Dick the cabin boy, his teeth chattering.

"Why me hearties," said Dan, "It must be his ghost!"

"Don't talk rubbish, Dan," said Michael rather sharply as the men began to mutter behind him. "You're scaring everyone out of their wits."

"It's not rubbish," muttered Dan rebelliously. "I'd know that voice anywhere. 'Tis the ghost of Captain Hawk come to guard his treasure."



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"Nonsense!" Michael spoke more bravely than he felt. "There must be some other explanation." He strode around the cave thrusting his sword into its darkest corners. "Where are you?" he demanded. "Come on out, whoever you are!"

Suddenly there was a rushing noise behind him and his heart missed a beat as a steely claw gripped his shoulder. "Dead men's gold!" shrieked the voice right in his ear. He turned his head slightly to see—a parrot! It perched firmly on his shoulder and leaning forwards looked into his face with a beady eye.

Michael began to laugh with relief and one by one the others joined in. Nervously at first then, as they got over their fright, louder and louder until they felt quite weak.

"Well, there's your ghost, Dan!" gasped Michael at last. "Now what have you got to say for yourself?"

Dan grinned sheepishly. "Well it might not be a ghost, Cap'n, but I was still right about the voice. That's Captain Hawk's own parrot. It must have got left behind when the treasure was hidden and has been living in the valley outside ever since."

"And I suppose it followed us in when we opened the cave up?" chimed in Dick.

"I should think so." Michael agreed "Now let's see about getting the treasure back to the ship. The others will be wondering what's happened to us."

The chest was far too heavy to be carried normally. Between them they managed to drag it outside and bound it round with ropes, then they cut two strong springy branches about ten foot long. They lashed the chest to these with more rope and then eight of the strongest men in the party hoisted the branches on to their shoulders with the treasure chest suspended between them. Then began the difficult struggle up the rock face to the tunnel that pierced the cliff. Michael and Dick stood at the bottom waiting to bring up the rear.

A worried look crossed Dick's face "Can you hear anything odd, Captain?" he asked.

"No," said Michael, "What's the matter?"

"I'm sure I can hear voices," Dick replied, "Men laughing and talking."

"Yes, I can hear it now," Michael murmured, "It must be some of the crew we left behind to look for us,"

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"No," Dick shook his head. "It's coming from the wrong direction. Crumbs—look over there!"

Through a gap in the cliff on the far side of the plateau strode a tall bearded man followed by a villainous looking gang of seamen. An ugly scar ran down one side of the leader's face, drawing his lip up into a hideous mockery of a smile. He paused in astonishment when he saw Michael and his crew. His eyes darted craftily from side to side, taking in the open treasure cave and the chest, then he exploded in a roar of mirthless laughter.

"Well, well, well! What have we here? Running off with Captain Hawk's treasure, were you?"

"Who are you?" demanded Michael.

"Captain Butcher Brimstone at your service," the stranger grinned, "And these are my men—the wickedest band of cut-throats on the seas."

Michael didn't like the look of this at all. He glanced up the cliff face and saw that his crew had nearly reached the tunnel with their heavy load. "What do you know about the treasure?" he asked, playing for time.

"What do I know about it? Why, you young whippersnapper, I was Hawk's cabin boy when they hid the treasure here. I was the only member of the crew to escape the gallows and I swore that one day I'd get a ship of my own and be back. It's taken a long time, but here I am and I don't intend to go away empty-handed!"

(Will Michael and his crew be able to get back to "The Silver Whistle" with their treasure? See next month's instalment.)

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C.C.

WELCOMING PARTY

The next party will be on Tuesday evening March 30th. If you were unable to attend the last one do please ask for an invitation to this one. The W.V.S. will help to find baby-sitters.

As for the Representatives may we remind Organisations that they are not expected to send the same officials each time. Why not send one of your ordinary members on each occasion? Please be sure that he or she brings a poster, leaflet or some sort of display.

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Our club dance competition for the Walworth Shield was skated on January 24th when eight couples competed in this the ninth event. Well done Mary Henderson and Timothy Tong winners for this year. Many thanks to our three judges Shirley McGorrigan, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bennett. Many thanks to Mrs Bennett who agreed to judge at very short notice in place of June Mawson who had been unable to attend due to an accident. We are all pleased to note that June is now fit once again. Young committee member Marion Mein did a grand job as ref. for the event. Well done Marion.

We were all very sorry to lose two very keen members from our band of skaters, but we must wish Roberta and Joseph Ware and family all the very best of luck for their future in the U.S.A. A recent visitor to the club was Coun. and Mrs. Boys married daughter Dorothy who in the early days of the club was a very keen skater—seems that Dorothy still has a love for the rollers.

May I, via The Newtonian, remind all members past and present that the annual general meeting this year will be held in the Beveridge hall at 7-15 p.m. on March 16th.

The Saturday public skating sessions are still quite well attended and at this stage I would like to make it clear that these sessions will continue during the summer months along with our two class sessions.

Take care, Godfrey A Bennett,
Honorary Secretary.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE METHODIST CHURCH

The Opening and Dedication of the new Church will take place on Saturday April 17th, 1965 at 3-30 p.m. Leading up to the opening celebrations a series of services will be held during Lent under the title "To make ready for the Lord a people prepared." You are invited to share in this act of preparation and in the opening services.

Sunday worship is at 9-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. A creche for babies and children under five years of age is provided for the morning Service.

Details of other church activities will be found on the Church notice boards.

W. R. G.

R.A.F.A. CLUB—LADIES SECTION

After the Christmas recess the Ladies Section is again in full swing. A programme of Demonstrations and Talks has been arranged for the next six months which include a show of sports-wear, swimsuits, and foundation garments by Mrs. Hart, a Cookery Demonstration by the North Eastern Electricity Board, Travel Films, and a record Evening, etc. The first of these programmes will take place on March 16th, at 8-0 p.m. Subscriptions are due in March and they can be paid on March 2nd. when a Whist Drive will be held in the R.A.F.A. Canopus Club commencing at 8-0 p.m.

The Ladies Section will be most pleased to welcome new members
M.E.H.

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The Family Planning Clinic is open every Wednesday from 6-30 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. Information may be had and appointments made through Mrs. Wells, 55 Cumby Road, Telephone 244.

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G.A.W.

511 COMPANY R.A.S.C. (MOT AMB) (T.A.)

Spring is in the air and we start the month with a bright recruiting campaign, culminating on Saturday, 13th March with a **Mounted Parade and March Past** which will take place in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre between 4 and 4-15 p.m.

On the same day there will be an "At Home" in the Barnard Armoury between 2 and 4-0 p.m. when weapons, vehicles, models and a Cadet Bivouac will be on show and No. 19 R.A.S.C. Youth Team will give displays of Judo and on the Trampoline. Films will be shown in the Miniature Range. Then there will be a **Recruiting Dance** in the evening organised by the P.R.I. Committee.

On Saturday, 20th March the Company will travel in Convoy to PROTEOUS Camp, near Nottingham for a week-end Exercise with 150 (N) Transport Column from HULL.

On 22nd March we are due to have our Annual Admin. Inspection by Brigadier E. N. T. DARLOW, OBE., MA., D.D.S.T. Northern Command, but we hope this may be postponed for a few days to allow time to get smartened up again after the week-end.

We have entered a Team in the National Small Bore Rifle Competition and wish them the best of luck.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE FIRST AID CLASS

Following early difficulties this class commenced in October, 1964, and ran through to the examination on the 18th January, 1965. In spite of pessimism the numbers attending rose to 35 at one time, including several ladies, and 26 actually took the examination. This latter figure would have been higher but for illness in several cases.

There were several instances of help given that enabled the class to start and continue—these were The Club who allowed us the use of a room when all else had failed; the doctor who gave the necessary six lectures without fee; and now the examination results show that one of the examiners has waived his fee. The class members are most grateful for these kindnesses without which the class would not have been able to function.

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The Band is very very busy preparing for the forthcoming contests in March and April, so much so in fact that in addition to the regular practices on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings we shall be rehearsing in the upstairs room of the Community Centre on Saturday afternoons.

The Band is determined to succeed in the contests and in view of the necessary rehearsals has no engagements during the months of March and April. Following the contest however, a very busy and we hope successful season lies ahead.

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