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## WELCOMING PARTY

Tuesday June 8th 7-15 p.m. Over Sixties Club, Dalton Way, is the time and date of the next party. The committee hope that each club, society, or organisation will send a representative so that new residents can learn what amenities the town has to offer. Some organisations complain of lack of membership, but unless they advertise themselves how can they get new members. Welcoming Parties give just the opportunity to recruit new people, but unless a representative is present who can explain what his particular society or club's aims are, people who might have been an asset are lost. As is well known the town is to expand considerably, and social amenities will have to keep pace with the development.

Welcoming Parties provide an excellent starting point from which to obtain people with an eye on the future.

It is hoped to see a record attendance on June 8th, for the value of the Welcoming Parties cannot be over emphasised.

J.N.D.

## EDITORIAL

The local press has given full publicity to the set-back the Boys Club has suffered as a result of the fire which did damage in the region of £1500. Offers of help came immediately from many local sources, and the boys and girls themselves set-to straight away clearing up the mess. It is confidently expected that the appeal launched by our local weekly newspaper "The Auckland Chronicle" will find a ready response among the residents of Newton Aycliffe for the Boys Club has done so much for the youth of the town over the years.

Your gift of cash however small or large maybe handed over the counter at Barclay's Bank 47 Beveridge Way, what you are able to give will be appreciated and will help the Boys Club to recover all the quicker from this nasty swipe they received from an unkind fate.

A little practical assistance in the way of hard cash will be worth far more than a flood of good wishes on paper.

Editor.

## HOME SAFETY

It is a tragic fact that the want of a moments care can lead to a lamentable accident, for quite recently a 56 year old woman died as a result of fractured skull through tripping over a bucket left on the top step of the stairs when cleaning the landing. It cannot be stressed too strongly how absolutely necessary it is to keep landings and stairs free from all obstruction at all times. A moments carelessness can lead to a lifetime of regret.

## CORPORATION NOTES WHITSUN HOLIDAYS

The Corporation Offices will be closed on Whit Monday, June 7th. Tenants whose rent collection is affected will be notified beforehand.

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE MOTOR CLUB

Just about now the tickets for our summer Buffet Dance should be making their appearance. We will stick our necks out to the extent of saying that you will enjoy this event, everyone always does. Tickets will be limited so don't delay.

Two runs are on the list for this month, the first on Sunday 13th to Runswick Bay, leave Town Centre car park 10-0 a.m. prompt. The second run will be "Operation Dolphin", the clubs good deed for the year, this will consist of taking 40 children from Windlestone Hall to Flamingo Park for the day, members please note that a special meeting will be held on the 2nd June, usual time, to finalise details.

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Our congratulations to Timothy Tong who won "The Free Skating Handicap Trophy" on April the 25th. Fourteen members competed for this the second annual event for free skating. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey A Bennett, and Mr. David A. Marsh. The referee and disc-jockey was Mrs. Jean Greaves; Mr. Alexander Humble and Miss Pamela V. Brown were in charge of the well earned refreshments which were served in the interval.

The next club competition will be held on July 4th when club members will compete for "The Beaver Figure Skating Trophy". Members are reminded that if they wish to take part in this event they should fill in an application form and hand it to the secretary before the 27th of June. Spectators will be most welcome to come along and see the competition on July 4th at 4-0 p.m.

A reminder that the club will be closed for Whit Holidays on June 6th, and the 8th, but this will only affect the class members, and will not change the Saturday public sessions which commence each week at 6-0 p.m. and end at 8-30 p.m.

Well done Christine Smith Jnr. who won the Easter Egg raffle drawn on the 17th of April, and many thanks to all the kind people who helped our funds by having a go.

The main news for June is about the club's annual outing which this year will take us to Butlins Holiday Camp at Filey on the 20th of June. Club members will be charged 15/- each regardless of age, and this year it has been agreed to open the outing to friends of club members who will be charged the full fees:— Children under fourteen £1-3-6d. Adults (Fourteen years and over) £1-8-6d. The fees for the days outing will include the bus fare, a four course lunch, and the admission into the camp, which will give trippers free use of the Skating Rink, Putting Green, Swimming Pools, Ballroom, Indoor Games Rooms, Amusements, Boating Lake, Playing Fields, and many other forms of entertainment. If you are a club member or a friend of one of our members, and you would like to take part on this outing please contact Mr. G. A. Bennett at the rink or at 12, Hardinge Road, Newton Aycliffe. Closing date for booking will be June 12th.

Godfrey A. Bennett,  
Honorary Secretary.

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## WOMEN'S COLUMN

Aerosols are in common use—but why do we use them? Not I am told just to dispel unwanted smells but to make a room sweet-smelling. It seems that a musty room is liable to create a musty mind whereas a sweetly smelling place tends to produce a certain cheerfulness of mind. The extent to which fragrance affects us is exploited commercially. Commencing in America it has quickly extended to the U.K. and you will have noticed how manufacturers have used 'nose appeal' increasingly as a sales gimmick. Perfumed notepaper, soap powders, lavatory cleansers, floor polishes and lots of other things now have a delicate perfume, even some laundries add a hint of scent to the 'clothes box' and finally one which in my opinion 'takes the biscuit'—a specially concocted preparation for spraying the interior of slightly used cars to make them smell Brand New. It seems that the carbolic smell has gone right down the drain.

To prove the theory and show the extent to which fragrance influences us, sales promotion experts in the U.S.A. gave thought to the fact that eye appeal might be supplemented by nostril appeal and used stockings as the test. Nylons exactly the same in every respect except that one lot were slightly perfumed were offered to a selected group of women—result? you've guessed it 3 out of 4 chose the scented ones. All this may sound slightly absurd. But is it? It does suggest that flowers come somewhere near being as effective as a bottle of tonic, and if flowers are scarce and expensive—well, there are aerosols, pomanders, pot-pourri. . . .

Sneezing—running nose—sore nostrils!! in this order spell absolute misery. Here is a simple remedy to avoid the last of the three; at the onset of a cold rub all round the nostrils with a Barrier Cream, the wet kind, do this several times a day and avoid the red sore nose trade mark of the common cold.

M.M.G.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Sir,

The response to our house to house collection of tins of food was so generous that the stall in the town centre was able to raise approximately £120 almost double that of last year.

The members of the Newton Aycliffe and District Round Table wish to express their most grateful thanks to the townspeople for such splendid support.

T. Thornton,  
Chairman.



**R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES**

Mr. Tom Gartland, chairman of the recently formed entertainments section has unfortunately been forced to resign from the chairmanship for domestic reasons and Mr. Roly Meggison has taken over. Tom has done a sterling job during his term of office and the thanks of the branch are extended to him for all that he achieved.

Plans for the Battle of Britain Week are well advanced and full details will be published as soon as possible

The Summer Draw this year takes place at R.A.F.A. Headquarters, Easington Branch on Saturday, June 26th at 6 p.m. promptly and all members are cordially invited to be present. Result sheets will be available in the Canopus Club as soon as possible after the draw. All members are requested to return counterfoils and monies not later than Friday, 25th June.

H.G.S.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

At the recent examinations of the London College of Music held in Darlington, the following pupils of Mrs. Melville A.L.C.M. were successful :—

Karen Edmenson	Step 1.
Gillian Gillson	Step 1.
Kathryn Burn	Step 2.
Marion Flynn	Step 2.
Maureen Kell	Step 3.
Lynn Jones	Grade 2.

**Thought for the Month**

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Final arrangements have now been completed for the Celebrity Concert in the Civic Theatre, Darlington, on Sunday, 13th June, 1965.

In addition to the internationally renowned Bass-Baritone Raimund Herrinx, Miss Astra Blair, mezzo-soprano, the equally well known Glynbourne artiste has been engaged to take part in the Concert. The prospects of a really top line evening's music is now undoubtedly assured.

Tickets for the performance are available from the usual Civic Theatre booking agencies and also from members of the Neville Male Voice Choir. We confidently look forward to seeing a large number of 'Newtonians' in the Civic Theatre on the 13th, at 8 p.m.

**WOODBURN WOMENS INSTITUTE**

On Wednesday, June 16th a Coffee Evening will be held at the home of Mrs. Ena Hart, 46 Faulkner Road from 7-30 p.m. Tickets 2/6d. each.



## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



Half way through the year is a good time in which to pause, look back, and see what has been achieved in six months. Most important! has the membership number been maintained? Yes, and the attendance at the monthly meetings extremely good, averaging 85% and always several visitors, some of whom have at the following meetings become fully paid up members. Have we kept a comfortable balance on the business and social side? Yes, there have been speakers on Music, Russia, Persia, and of importance to us in Newton Aycliffe the future of the Trading Estate, and a subject recently aired that affects every one of us 'Clean Food and the Housewife'.

On the lighter side what have we had? A social evening, one of the most cheerful, during the depressing month of February. Several members had coffee evenings, whist and beetle drives in their homes which were happy occasions as well as 'fund raisers'. On a bitterly cold and snowy night in January we were transported to "Sunny Spain in Glorious Technicolor". England and its weather were temporarily forgotten as we soaked up the celluloid sunshine.

Perhaps the most outstanding evening was that on which we took a glimpse into the past with a 'Victorian' view. The display of 'Victoriana' was wonderful, so many treasures had been carefully preserved, dresses, books, silver-ware, trinkets, photos, a talking book, a marriage certificate 102 years old, and an almanack dated 1846.

The visit to Harrogate Flower Show was an outstanding occasion; 27 of us went on the first day which was also the warmest of the year so far.

The Social Studies Group has completed a study of North-umberland covering various aspects, Roman influence, Scottish

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" Thursday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.  
" Sat., 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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Tuesday	8th & 22nd June	
Tuesday	6th & 20th July	
Tuesday	4th & 18th May	} Health Visitor Sessions No Doctor in attendance
Tuesday	1st, 15th & 29th June	
Tuesday	13th & 27th July	

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## Mothers Club

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

skirmishes, Industries, Personalities, stately homes and history in many out of the way places; a scrapbook has been made containing all the material collected.

Arts and Crafts are preparing for an exhibition to be held in Darlington at the end of September and as this is competitive they are indeed putting their best foot forward (or should it be hand), with sewing needles nimbly flying, knitting needles clicking, rug needles weaving in and out of canvas, and pottery receiving its design from the hand of the artist. Later on jam, jelly and fruit bottling will take their place in the scheme of things with labels attached in precisely the right place, bottle filled to the very top. Judges are fussy folk and like military precision in jars and bottles. Finally cakes, biscuits and last minute cooking will be done and we hope as in previous years Newton Aycliffe T.G. will uphold their high standard.

The Drama group have produced one play to date which provided the entertainment at the March Welcoming Party, and the April guild meeting. In complete contrast to the first play, a thriller, the next production now cast, is a comedy.

Summing up the Guild's half year; it has proved to be varied and interesting from all angles.

## SPECIAL NOTE—A MYSTERY TOUR.

A coach will leave at 6-30 p.m. on Monday June 14th from Central Avenue opposite the Fire Station for an evening mystery tour. Members wishing to go, contact the Outings Secretary, Mrs. Corner, 3 Wycliffe Close, Tel: 516 as soon as possible. Please assemble at the coach at 6-20 p.m.

M.M.G.



## THE NEWTON PLAYERS

We hope you enjoyed our end of season play "One Way Pendulum". Thank you for your interest and encouragement during the season. If you enjoyed yourselves half as much as we did, we shall have done our part towards entertaining you. We look forward to meeting you again later in the year and bringing you more 'live theatre'. In the meantime look out for our Summer Dance, take notice of posters giving time, date and place, then come and enjoy an evening with us.

Did you see "The Thistle in the Donkey Field" presented during Festival Week. If you did not, you missed seeing one of the few plays selected from the are a finals to go forward for showing at the Durham Junior Drama Festival. We didn't produce it, neither did we act in it. It was produced by Joe Williams and the actors were all keen youngsters from this town. Yet how many knew about it before 'Festival Week' even though it was first played and selected in Spennymoor over ten weeks ago and had been rehearsed enthusiastically for many weeks previously. The quality of production, acting and presentation were excellent and the actors whose ages ranged between 12 and 17 years 'lived' their parts.

The point I want to make is that such effort and achievement passed virtually unnoticed except for those most intimately concerned. That is one of the reasons why we welcome the newly formed Arts Council—one of whose functions it will be to encourage and support such ventures in the future, and to publicise and bring them to your notice. We, as a group heartily welcome this formation upon whose committee we are of course represented.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

The football club held its end of season celebrations in the Sports Club on Thursday, 6th May. The players were presented with trophies by Mrs. L. Green, wife of the Football Club President, to mark their successes in their first year of League football.

### Film News:

We have now come to the end of the season of the adult film shows, but we will be starting again in September. This season has been the most successful ever. There have been some good films and some really big crowds. Over half of the programmes having 'House Full' notices. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our patrons for their support and hope they will come again in the autumn and winter.

### Children's Matinee:

We are continuing with the Children's Matinees through the summer—recently they have come in hordes. We have been able to get full length feature films, a serial, cartoons etc. to make up a really good programme.

The shows are held in the Beveridge Hall every Saturday at 10 a.m. admission 1/6d. To avoid disappointment please come early.

Films for the children this month are :-

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|------------|---|
| 5th June:  | <b>GUNSMOKE</b><br><i>starring</i><br>AUDIE MURPHY      SUSAN CABOT<br>PAUL KELLY   |
| 12th June: | <b>PERRI</b><br>A full length Walt Disney film in colour.   |
| 19th June: | <b>THE MAGNET</b><br><i>a comedy starring</i><br>STEPHEN MURRAY      KAY WALSH<br>WILLIAM FOX                               |
| 26th June: | <b>LOST IN ALASKA</b><br><i>starring</i><br>ABBOTT AND COSTELLO   |
| 3rd July:  | <b>TOBY TYLER</b><br><i>a circus film in colour.</i><br><i>starring</i><br>KEVIN CORCORAN      HENRY CALVIN<br>GENE SHELDON |

All the above shows are supported by a serial, cartoons and other short films.

Haurel and Lardy.



**NEWTON AYCLIFFE SPORTS CLUB****(CRICKET SECTION)****Cricket Chat by 'Allrounder'**

The club sides have made their most auspicious start for some years in the Durham County league programme by recording a double over the strong Easington teams.

**1st XI at Easington—Easington 89 Newton Aycliffe 95 for 9**

The 1st XI fixture played at Easington on the 24th April was a nail biting affair with victory being finally recorded by one wicket. The last wicket pair of Gerry Holmes and Doug Ormiston shared an unbroken partnership of 19 and the game was climaxed on level scores of 89 all by Gerry Holmes hitting the ball out of the ground for the match winning six! The same pair also shared the bowling honours with 3 for 32 and 4 for 23 respectively and Harry Moses made top score of 28.

It was extremely encouraging to note the increased enthusiasm of the side in their application to fielding and special mention must be made in this respect to newcomer Ralph Wilson. As he also made a capable looking 14 with the bat he looks a most useful acquisition to the club.

The side was very well led by new skipper Harry Harding who has made a good start in restoring the team spirit which dissipated the previous season.

**2nd XI at Newton Aycliffe—Newton Aycliffe 65 Easington 48**

The second half of the double was completed by a margin of 17 runs in the rearranged fixture Sunday 2nd May on the Moore Lane ground. Batting first, Newton Aycliffe mustered the moderate looking score of 65 largely due to the efforts of Derek Nicholson 31 and Peter Hollock 20. The scourge of the side was slow bowler J. Kelly (5-10) who bemused the later Newton Aycliffe batsmen with his high flighted leg breaks.

When the visitors batted Ken Scaife claimed a wicket with his first ball and the visitors never recovered from this early shock. Ron Murray bowled well to take 6 for 20 and looks all set to be one of the leading wicket takers once again. The ground fielding



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and throwing were very keen but no fewer than four catches were dropped. As some compensation for this skipper Brian Johnson took a fine diving catch at mid on.

The knock by newcomer Peter Hollock augers well for the future and when he is available to play regularly there is no doubt that he will be a very strong candidate for a first team place.

A cordial welcome is extended to all newcomers, who would like to chance their arm, on the club's practice nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The club fixtures for the month of June are as follows :—

Date	1st XI	2nd XI
5th June	Away v Etherley C.C.	Home v Etherley C.C.
7th June	Home v Mainsforth	Away v Mainsforth
12th June	Away v Hetton Lyons	Home v Hetton Lyons
14th June	Home v Langley Park	Away v Langley Park
19th June	Home v Esh Winning	Away v Esh Winning
21st June	Away v Langley Park	Home v Langley Park
26th June	Away v Crook Town	Home v Crook Town

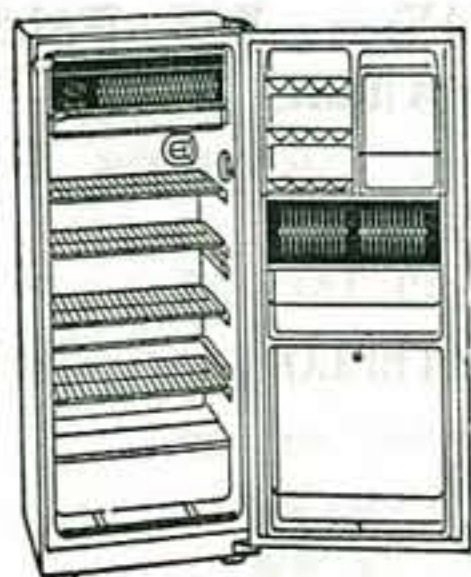
**KARATE CLUB**

During May the world Karate Expert Mr. Tatsuo Suzuki 5th Black Belt came to the Newton Aycliffe branch of the British Karate Association and awarded the following grades :—

Brown Belt 3rd KYU	B. Crossley
Green Belt 6th KYU	E. Ainsworth
Green Belt 6th KYU	S. Szikoro
Green Belt 6th KYU	G. Reeve
White Belt 7th KYU	J. Biro
White Belt 7th KYU	J. Maughan
White Belt 7th KYU	R. Joyce
White Belt 7th KYU	P. McCullagh
White Belt 7th KYU	F. Gill
White Belt 7th KYU	N. Park
White Belt 7th KYU	P. Gordon
White Belt 8th KYU	P. Blackburn
White Belt 8th KYU	D. Barker
White Belt 8th KYU	A. Grey
White Belt 8th KYU	P. Jones

Training classes take place in the Beveridge Hall each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 4-15 p.m. Karate training is not only a means of self defence but is also a physical art. To the athletic type it is the ideal sport. New members are welcome regardless of age.

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# CHILDREN'S COLUMN

## ROGUE RABBIT

by  
Stella Wallace

I have always felt that, when one takes on the responsibility of a pet, it should be treated as one of the family and not just something to be kept in a box in the garden. Consequently, when I bought a baby rabbit for my two children, I decided that it should live in the kitchen.

Jim, my husband, reminded me of the unfortunate experiences we had had with two anti-social hamsters, Hammy Brown and Hammy White. These two apparently inoffensive little creatures, on being given the run of the house, had elected to live down the back of his favourite armchair, only coming up every three or four days for food. On these twice weekly excursions they entertained themselves by running up my new sitting room curtains on the window side and eating holes in them through which they peered malevolently down at us. However, I pointed out in heartrending terms that the rabbit was only a baby, that it had just been separated from its mother, that it would probably suffer from the cold if put outside, etc., etc. Finally Jim agreed to let me keep it in the kitchen providing she was gradually moved outside as the weather improved.

The children christened her Pansy—although I never remember her being referred to as anything less than Pansy Rabbit—and she quickly made herself at home. Needless to say, instead of being gradually moved out to the garden she gradually moved herself through to the sitting room. Our guests soon grew used to the sight of a white and black rabbit lying stretched full length in front of the fire, chewing the pads of our gentle and long-suffering dog.

One evening she sampled the dregs in the bottom of my coffee cup and from then on became a confirmed coffee addict. When we had company she would tour the room knocking over discarded cups with a flip of her paw to get at the last drops of coffee and undissolved sugar. In spite of constant washing she regularly sported a sticky ring around her muzzle! Once or twice she tried taking a flying leap onto the coffee table itself and slid straight across its polished surface and off the other side together with any

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cups and saucers she had encountered on the way. She soon learned to sneak up more gently via a handy chair and if I left the room for a few minutes I would return to find Pansy Rabbit with her face buried in the sugar bowl, indulging her taste for the sweet things in life.

So far, however, there was nothing in her behaviour about which my husband could seriously complain—then she began to sit behind his chair and gnaw through the back. He, on hearing her, would roll up his newspaper, lean sideways, and take a swipe at her. But Pansy Rabbit had grown so tame that she would simply duck and carry on gnawing. As Jim could do nothing further without actually going to the trouble of standing up he resigned himself to having his chair eaten, consoling himself with the thought that it wanted recovering anyway. After some days of spasmodic gnawing she made the final breakthrough into the chair and the mystery of her behaviour was solved. Hammy Brown and Hammy White had, in their time, deposited a cache of nuts and cereal down the back of the chair and Pansy Rabbit was getting to it in the most direct way.

The final straw (no pun intended) came when she ventured upstairs and came upon the family collection of beach hats lying on the bed in the spare room. From then on that room became her Mecca and whenever our surveillance lapsed, she would be discovered later, lying gorged amongst the half-eaten hats.

When she started on the mattress, Jim announced—and who can blame him?—that I had to choose between him and the rabbit and I reluctantly agreed to her being moved to a hutch in the garden. There she languished for two whole days before discovering that, by gripping the inside of the door with her teeth she could work it along until there was enough room for her to make her escape. As Jim explained afterwards, he hadn't bothered to put a catch on the hutch because it had never occurred to him that a rabbit would be able to open a sliding door from the inside! For one dark moment I did wonder if, not only had he known it was possible, but that he might actually have shown her how! Then I dismissed the thought as being unkindly and later, when I heard that someone in the next road had found a white and black rabbit which they were keeping for a pet, for the sake of harmony at home I didn't make any enquiries. But sometimes I wonder if it was Pansy Rabbit and if so, whether they had discovered that she likes a lump of sugar after her lettuce!

## ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

When I was out a-walking one evening in the Spring,  
I met a little hedgehog, and gaily did he sing.  
I met a weasel walking with rabbits arm in arm,  
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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE GIRL GUIDES LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held on May 6th, 1965.

The President reported a very successful and enjoyable year during which various functions had been well supported by the Friends of the Guides. The Meeting passed a vote of thanks to all Newtonians who had so generously supported and encouraged us during the past year. There had been much more interest in the Guides and Brownies this year, who, in their turn, had shown themselves very worthy of such interest.

The Commissioner, Mrs. Snowden, reported that there were now approximately 230 Guides and Brownies in our Companies and more pleasing still, that we had several new Leaders come forward to help. A new Guide Company has just been formed and it is hoped to form a new Brownie Pack in the near future.

One of our Guides, Barbara Goodenough, who had attained the highly prized rank of Queen's Guide this year, has brought further honour to the town by being selected to represent England in a visit to Southern France. Barbara is one out of the two girls to represent this County. She had a very intensive interview, part of which was conducted in the French Language, to gain this selection. By her achievements this year she has set a very high standard for our Guides. We hope Barbara has a most enjoyable trip to France, where she will live with a French family and work to further the International Friendships now rapidly developing amongst Guides in almost every Country in the world.

The Treasurer reported a balance to hand of £84. The meeting

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applauded this very satisfactory return for the work of the year. A donation of £50 was agreed upon for the Guides Camping Equipment.

The following officers were elected :—

<i>President :</i>	Mrs. C. E. Clements.
<i>Hon. Secretary :</i>	Mrs. Hodgson
<i>Hon. Treasurer :</i>	Mrs. Boyd
<i>Committee :</i>	Mesdames Snowden, Lawrence, Birch, Burton, Bell, Bush and Stafford.

The Committee will shortly be sending out membership forms to parents and friends, for their annual subscription to the Local Association of 2/6d. each. These fees will be used for the Headquarters Building Fund.

C.E.C.

## FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

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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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE SECTION OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

*Organising Secretary:*

Miss C. Spark, 8 Lowery Road, Newton Aycliffe.

On the 23rd of April the W.W.F. held an Easter Fayre in the Over 60's Club Hall Newton Aycliffe. It was opened by Mr. R. Bloom of Flamingo Park Zoo (the Sections President) who had with him Charlie (a young Orang Utan) and a Puma cub. Unfortunately a fire at the zoo prevented him from bringing any more animals and forced him to return sooner than he intended. Mr. Bloom kindly donated a Free outing to the zoo for a family, as a prize for a raffle, and also £5 as his contribution. Other raffles were a basket of fruit (given by Mr. Pryce) a cake dish, (from Mr. R. Holmes of Stevens). Other contributions were, a box of groceries from Nestles Ltd., 10/- worth of goods from Mr. W. Gray, of Woolworths, and a donation of £2 from Mrs. Garbett, which paid for the cost of the Hall.

I would like to thank all helpers, and the members of the committee, for working so hard to make the Fayre a success.

The approximate takings for the day, are just over £51 and the profit is expected to be about £49. This brings the total amount of profit raised in the past four months since the Section began to £76.

The next event will be a dance that is being arranged for us by "The Demons" rhythm group.



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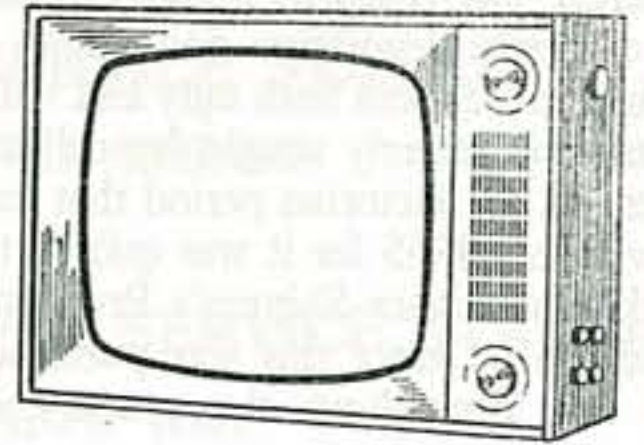
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This is a Nation wide club, that aims to teach young people about the Wildlife around them, and the ways in which they can help to preserve it. The club is starting with walks around the country-side, which will be followed by organised expeditions to examine geological remains, surveys of sections of woodlands, meadows, and heath; studies of birds, animals and plant life of every description.

Each member chooses a topic to study and prizes will be awarded at the end of the year to the best and most informative piece of work. Other prizes will be given for good photography and drawings.

Money raising events by the Rangers are also under way. In the near future a Bicycle Treasure Hunt will be held. Please look out for the kids!! Trips to Flamingo Park, the Lake District and for the older ones, walks over areas such as Cauldron Snout are planned. If you are interested in this sort of thing, or have any new ideas please contact me.

The fees for membership are—Wildlife Rangers, 11—18 years, Badge 2/-, fee per year, 3/-. Panda Club, under 11 years, 2/6d. including badge.

Director of the Youth Section is Cyril Littlewood. Honorary President, Peter Scott and Vice President of the Panda Club is Harry Secombe. The magazine, "Mainly About Wildlife" gives the news of all the activities of the Club in addition to plenty of information about Wildlife and is published monthly at a cost of 1/-. Details of a School Group Scheme are also available on request.

If you want to help to save the World's Wildlife, Please contact me, or send a donation to:—WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, 2 CAXTON STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON S.W.1.

C.D.S.



## PROPHECY

Interest has recently been revived in the Victorian era, the over elaborate decoration and design applied to objects which at one time made them both ugly and vulgar in the eyes of the present day are now eagerly sought by collectors. And it is this revived interest in the Victorian period that leads up to a curiosity that has survived into 1965 for it was quoted to me a day or so ago as fact and that is Mother Shipton's Prophecy. Just over 100 years ago, in 1862 to be exact this was published as a pamphlet and had a large sale throughout the country:—

### Ancient Prediction

Entitled by popular tradition Mother Shipton's Prophecy  
Published in 1448, republished in 1641.

Carriages without horses shall go,  
And accidents fill the world with woe.  
Around the earth thoughts shall fly,  
In the twinkling of an eye.  
The world upside down shall be,  
And gold found at the root of a tree.  
Through hills men shall ride,  
And no horses be at his side.  
Under water men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.  
In the air men shall be seen,  
In black, in white, in green :  
Iron in the water shall float,  
As easily as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found and shown,  
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Education of the mid-eighties being sketchy by present day standards the last two lines of the prophecy spread alarm in England's rural districts and it was not until a publication known as "Notes and Queries" had long engaged its correspondents on the history of the 'Prophecy' that the following letter was published in their edition of April 26th 1873 that Mother Shipton was shown to be a hoax:—

"Mother Shipton's Prophecies.—Mr. Charles Hindley of Brighton in a letter to us has made a clean breast of having fabricated the 'Prophecy' with some ten other people in 1862."

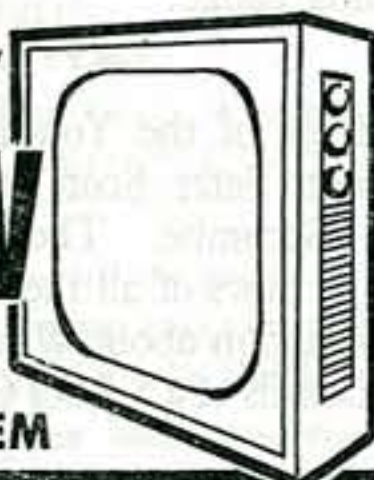
But many people just did not believe Mr. Hindley and 1881 was a year of torment to a large section of the population. Did Mother Shipton ever live? did she ever indulge in prophecy? did Mr. Hindley only re-publish what had gone before? Any modern encyclopedia mentions the lady and some give her birth-place as Knaresborough in Yorkshire. All in all the prediction if written in 1448 is not a bad forecast although the last two lines seem to have missed the target slightly. But one authority claims that Mr. Hindley only added the final couplet.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE AND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DURHAM COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The Annual Spring Fayre held on Saturday, the 24th April, at the boys' Club was formally opened by Mrs. Norman Field, M.B.E., of Lartington Hall, Barnard Castle.

Although there was not as good an attendance from the public as last year, takings were over the £100 mark and very sincere thanks are due to the many willing helpers and contributors who made this success possible.

All raffle prizes have been claimed. The doll was won by Lucy Wall, a little girl who accompanied Mrs. Field; she also won the basket of fruit, which she sent to Julie Fulbrooke a junior member of the club who is in hospital.

The members thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Newton Aycliffe production of *Iolanthe*, and the annual visit to the Seaburn rally is at present being arranged.

The total collection from the flag day on May 8th was £28-8-0, a good figure especially in view of the poor weather. The committee wish to thank most sincerely all helpers and contributors.

At the annual meeting on May 7th, Councillor Mrs. Meadows was re-elected (Chairman), as were Mrs. Vadgama (Secretary) and Mrs. Croft (Treasurer). The remainder of the officers and committee were also re-elected en-bloc. A very successful year was reported and hopes are high for the future.

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A 'Summer Fayre' especially organised in aid of the physically handicapped children's Happy Craft Club will be held in the 'Boys Club' on Saturday 26th June opening at 2 p.m. Stalls with Home-Baked Cakes, Groceries, Fancy Goods, Toys, Toffee Apples etc., are among the attractions and every penny you spend, besides giving value for money goes to the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped Children.

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For the purpose of the competition the town will again be divided into four sections being the Local Government Wards numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Application forms will be delivered to all the Corporation owned houses on the town and those interested in entering the competition should complete the form and return it to the Corporation Offices at Churchill House no later than the 5th July, next.

The gardens of all those who enter the competition will be inspected by the Corporation's horticultural staff during the last two or three weeks of July when the best gardens will be selected for the final judging by an independent horticultural expert on Friday the 30th July next.

Prizes of £4, £3, £2, £1 and 10/- will be awarded to the five best gardens in each Ward and similar prizes will be offered for the best gardens attached to Old People's Bungalows, which will be treated as a separate class.

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all tenants of gardens included in the final judging and the first prizewinner in each Ward will compete for the Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl which will be awarded to the tenant with the garden adjudged to be the best in the town.