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NEW YEAR

CORPORATION NOTES

Care of Houses in Frosty Weather.

Tenants are reminded that if they are going to be away for any length of time in wintry weather they should not only turn the water off and drain the system down, but should arrange with the Maintenance Department to have the radiators emptied. This is a re-chargeable item but it is less expensive to have it done than to allow bursts to occur, as well as better for the sake of the property.

Vehicles on Grass Verges.

It is hoped that all residents will help to preserve the Town's amenities ; this includes seeing that their visitors do not park cars or motor cycles on the grass. Even in snowy weather damage is apt to be done to the grass, and there are proper parking places for vehicles elsewhere.

Wallpaper in Toilets.

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Beginning in January, there will be two W.E.A. evening courses in Newton Aycliffe: a Literature group will study "Modern American Fiction in the Twenties," and a Social Psychology group will examine "Social Problems in a Modern Society." All adults are welcome to attend these courses which work on an informal lecture and discussion basis and which have nothing to do with any examinations.

The Literature group will be studying an exciting period in American Fiction, a period when the war ended and the "Jazz Age" began, and the Wall Street Crash and the Depression loomed. Scot Fitzgerald, Hemingway and Faulkner are the novelists to be read.

Social Psychology should be of special interest to residents in a new town. The tutor will cover some of the most urgent problems in our society and will welcome students' own insights.

The Literature group (Tutor: Mr. Stuart Hutchinson, M.A.) will meet on Tuesdays for ten weeks in Marlowe Hall Secondary Modern School. It begins on 18th January at 7 p.m. The social Psychology group (Tutor: Mr. N. Ellwood, B.A.) will meet for ten weeks on Wednesdays in Sugar Hill County School, beginning 19th January at 7-15 p.m.

The Fee for each course is 12/6d. (Pensioners: half-price). Enrolment is at the first meeting.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

The only activity of the Music Society this month will be a Dinner and Entertainment on January 20th at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, this event is of course for members only.

On February 18th at Aycliffe School the Society will present the "Opera for All" production of "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart: on gramophone records. Posters giving full details will be displayed throughout the town.

L.M.B.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

Has anybody here heard of the Sports Club? If not let me try to enlighten you. The Club House and playing fields are situated at Moore Lane on the east side of town. The club has four sports sections at present, they are football, cricket, archery and a game that I understand is sometimes indulged in by the natives of the Welsh mountains.

Suscription is one guinea per year of which 12/6 goes to the section of your choice to help in the buying of sports equipment etc. We also have the most modern premises on the town for imbibers and members can take their wives, girl friends or mistresses into the subdually lit lounge. Games and sports aplenty take place here but unfortunately they haven't as yet had official recognition.

The football section is looking for anyone with an interest in the game (football, madam) who would like to play or give a hand in the running of the team. Please do not hesitate gentlemen, there is beautiful, rich Newcastle Brown Ale on sale, before, during and after each meeting. Contact Mr. G. McKellar, 7 Taylor Walk immediately and obtain your passport to paradise.

Only one result for November due to inclement weather:—

November 14th. K.O. Cup First Round.

Moor United 1 Newton Aycliffe 9

How they managed this extraordinary result is beyond me, admittedly Moor United are a second division team but they must have had one over the eight, before and after the game.

The second team has also played a few more games and they appear to becoming well established, next season we should have two good teams in the Week-end League.

Film News.

There are no adult films arranged for January—if any are arranged later bills will be posted.

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January 15th.

TROUBLE IN STORE

starring

NORMAN WISDOM, MOIRA LISTER,
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January 22nd.

TONS OF TROUBLE

starring

RICHARD HEARNE, WILLIAM HARTNELL

January 29th.

UP TO HIS NECK

starring

RONALD SHINER, LAYA RAKI.

February 5th.

WATCH YOUR STERN

starring

KENNETH CONNOR, ERIC BARKER, LESLIE PHILLIPS,
JOAN SIMS, NOEL PURCELL, HATTIE JACQUES.

All the above shows are supported by cartoons etc,

see you next month,

Haurel.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild is one of the towns most prominent teenagers having reached its 15th birthday and is just two years younger than the town which is seventeen. Few townspeople of 1966 will know that it was the "T.G." who started a welfare clinic in primitive conditions with real hard work attached, and that it is T.G. members who provide the majority of the voluntary workers at the excellent clinic in Dalton Way, an establishment which was just a vague dream to the "early settlers". The "spare bedroom" library mentioned in the December issue was also the idea of a T.G. member. You will have to be a longstanding resident of Newton Aycliffe to recall that most beautiful little garden which was the pride and joy of the T.G. that was situated where the telephone kiosk now stands in Finchale Road. A small plot planted and cared for by the members, each taking a turn weeding, tidying, removing dead flowers and making sure that this bright little patch stood out as a splash of colour in a desert of mud and bricks waiting to be turned into a town. The T.G. have always taken a lively interest in all the towns activities, and tries to have a representative at all public meetings.

Editors Comment.

Without the help of the T.G. the distribution of the Newtonian would indeed be a most difficult task.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Newton Aycliffe Caledonian Society

This Society, by virtue of lack of support from the Scots on the town, was dissolved in June of this year. A balance of £70 remains in the funds of the Society.

A small sub-committee has been empowered to arrange for the disposal of this sum of money.

I am requested to invite suggestions, by letter, from individuals or organisations, for the consideration of the sub-committee, as to how this money should be allocated.

A. I. Cameron,
Former Secretary.

Editors Comment.

This seems to be the opportunity for the old committee and the new to get together before the programme arranged for January 25th. See under "CALLING ALL SCOTS".

Sir,

During the heavy snowfall in November/December dairies were imploring the public to put out all empty milk bottles as there was danger of shortage, which would lead to cessation of milk supplies. Now—a few days after the snow has cleared, during a short walk from my home to the nearest letter box I counted no fewer than fourteen bottles lying either in the gutter or on the grass verge and the remains of several more that had been successfully used as targets for stone throwing. Obviously customers did not put bottles in gutters nor on grass verges. What seems to happen is that the distributor leaves little heaps of bottles to be picked up later, and either can't be bothered or forgets where they are so these bottles are at the mercy of any young person who wants to see what happens when a well aimed stone comes in contact with a fragile glass bottle.

Would the dairies like to say why they dislike collecting empty bottles?

Observer.

Editors Comment.

On Friday the 10th December I had occasion to be in many of the towns roads, and was appalled at the number of bottles laying about, all belonging to one particular dairy. Will they please make some effort to clear the town before it is drowned in a sea of broken glass.

**DURHAM COUNTY CONSTABULARY
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In this County, as in other parts of the country, crime is on the increase and a large proportion is due to householders leaving downstairs doors and windows unlocked.

The prevention of crime is in your hands. Help the Police to beat the criminal by following this simple advice and avoid inviting crime:

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NEVER 'HIDE' KEYS—THE THIEF KNOWS WHERE TO LOOK FOR THEM.

Prevent personal loss and distress by making your home safe against attack. If in doubt as to how to do this call at your nearest Police Station. The Police will advise you on all aspects of Security. Don't hesitate to ask! Advice is **FREE**.

BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The 1965 Poppy Day Appeal in this area is expected to raise over £500 for the benevolent work of the British Legion. Of this, £332-15-11 was raised in the tins from house-to-house and street collections. On behalf of the Poppy Day Appeal Organiser, Mrs. H. Prockter we would like to thank the residents of Newton Aycliffe for their generous response.

I.M.F.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

As we stand at the gate of a new year our lighter thoughts turn to summer holidays either to plan for the coming or to glance back at the past, and such thoughts as these brighten many a winter's evening "when all aloud the wind doth blow, and birds sit brooding in the snow." Many would-be campers are chary of continental camping, having heard some silly story from people who probably haven't been farther afield than the borders of their own country. Let nothing and nobody put you off. Should you have three weeks of leisure go to Spain by the coast road through France. The writer was fortunate in having just this length of time to do this tour, and this is how it was done. After crossing the channel an overnight stop was made at Tours 145 miles S.W. of Paris, then on to Bordeaux a large city and seaport, on the R. Garonne, 60 miles from the sea in which there is a great deal of interest, but as we wanted to get on only one night was spent there. The sites at Tours and Bordeaux were excellent with every convenience imaginable. On we went to St. Jean du Luz where the camp was almost on the beach, and so delightful that three days were spent just lazing in the sun before crossing the border into Spain at San Sebastian. The run from here to Tarragona on the east coast of Spain was unforgettable. Glorious old churches in poverty stricken villages, magnificent cathedrals in the towns, and strange to relate people actually living in caves, but the scenery was wonderful and the temperature so high that it seems impossible that the vineyards could survive; but of course this heat is the delight of the grape which provides the wine so beloved by the Spaniard, and possibly more English people in time to come. Once at Tarragona a stay of eight days was made. The site, right on the beach, was just the thing, for with the temperature in the 100s each day from dawn to dusk the sea made life perfect. Even the sea at



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midday was hot. There is much to be seen in Tarragona. The beautiful 12th century Cathedral is well worth a visit, as also are the remains of the Roman aqueduct which is 750 ft. in length. Time came for our return and so we turned north to Andorra, a small semi-independent state on the Franco-Spanish border that is a group of mountain valleys which never fall below 3,000 ft. thus the climate is rather severe and in great contrast to Tarragona. Two nights here were sufficient, but the splendour of the scenery far outweighed the slight inconvenience of the lower temperature. From Andorra we crossed back into France to the ancient walled city of Carcassonne noted for its extensive fortifications dating from the 6th century (restored by Viollet-le-Duc during the 19th century). As one looks at this lovely city it reminds one of a half remembered childhood fairy tale. Leaving beautiful Carcassonne we gradually made our way home staying one night at Toulouse and another at Chateauroux and so to Boulogne and the ferry. Should you arrive too late in the evening for the ferry at Boulogne there is no need to worry for a short drive along to Le Touquet will bring you to a reasonably priced and delightful site.

Of this holiday the most expensive item was food, but as a fair amount can be taken with you, and English food bought at most places it does not present a very great problem. The overall cost of this three weeks camping on the continent cost little more than a two week stay at an average English sea-side hotel. If you are a sun lover you will enjoy going over the route, so inadequately described; it must be seen. And if your interest has been aroused even just a little—how nice.

Before I leave you here are a couple of things to make a note of :-
BUFFET PARTY.

Instead of lying cocktail sausages on a plate much less room is taken up if the sticks are pressed into half a grapefruit and a grape added to the end of each stick to make a decorative centrepiece.

HOUSEHOLD HINT.

I hate cleaning the bath . . . and I suspect you do too. Add a few drops of washing up liquid (hands that do dishes etc.) to the bath water and the bath is clean and shining after each use. (Should the advertisers discover this I can think of some nice jingles.)

L.I.C

GIFT TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION

The Committee of the Newton Aycliffe Physically Handicapped Association have received a very generous and welcome gift of £50 from the Aycliffe Stock-car Racing Committee. This was the result of a Charity Meeting held at the Stock-Car Stadium in November.

The gift will fully cover the cost of taking a party of members to a Newcastle Pantomime in January.

M.V.

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Darlington Address of Registrar :-

Craiglea, Uplands Road, Darlington.

Child Welfare Clinic

Tuesday	January 4th, 18th.	}	a.m. Infant Injections.
Tuesday	February 1st, 15th.		p.m. Ante Natal Clinic.

Tuesday	January 11th, 25th.	}	Health Visitor Sessions
Tuesday	February 8th, 22nd.		No Doctor in attendance

Relaxation Class

2-30 p.m. every Friday.

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

OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

After giving three very polished and entertaining Gilbert and Sullivan shows 'Mikado', 'Gondoliers' and 'Iolanthe' also numerous G. & S. Concert evenings the Society has decided to have a change of composer for their next production and Lionel Monckton's 'Quaker Girl' has been chosen.

This show, an old favourite, to be staged early in the Spring is one to which we hope all our supporters will come to hear some lovely music, and singing. Songs like "Come to the Ball" etc.

As always we would like as many members as possible, so this is an appeal for both men and women who could spare just one night of the week—Wednesday at 7-30 p.m. to come along to the Marlowe Hall School where I am sure they will have a pleasant surprise and find they are joining a happy and successful society.

We look forward to seeing you.

J.B.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**Moore Lane All-Weather Pitch**

Extensive reinstatement work has been carried out by the Contractors to remedy the damage sustained to the surface early in the football season. From enquiries made and visits to several similar pitches, including the National Sport Centre at Crystal Palace, it has been ascertained that this type of surface stands up to the heaviest of usage, but in all cases the use of studded boots for football is strongly discouraged.

Arrangements are being made for schools on the town to use the ground and facilities for junior football, hockey, shinty and netball.

There must be many ex-hockey players in Newton Aycliffe. The Council would be pleased to sponsor the formation of a hockey club at Moore Lane. Will any residents interested in the idea please contact the Clerk to the Council, Churchill House, Newton Aycliffe. If the response warrants it, a meeting will be convened for discussions.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE METHODIST CHURCH**FIRE IN NEVILLE PARADE!!!!**

Last night the Methodist Church was burned to the ground—This did not happen of course, at least it is to be hoped not; but should such a catastrophe occur would the work and life of the Church and its organisation collapse? No—the church is not just a building, in fact it's not a building at all. The Church in the widest sense of the word is a group of people dedicated to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Not all meetings take place in the Church at Neville Parade, in addition to the 'Youth Squashes' which meet in different houses on Sunday nights adult groups gather each week at the homes of:—

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Gunstone.	17 Whiteley Grove.	} Tuesday 7-30 p.m.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Swift.	12 Aylmer Grove.	
Mr. & Mrs. L. Soulsby.	13 Sanderson Close.	

Mr. & Mrs. K. Weatherill. 12 Wren Close — Friday 7-30 p.m.

These groups, open to everyone whether committed Christians or not, meet in an informal atmosphere to discuss the reality of Christian Faith in everyday life. If you would like to join one of these groups, hear what others have to say, and express your own views, please call at one of the above addresses and introduce yourself. You will be very welcome.

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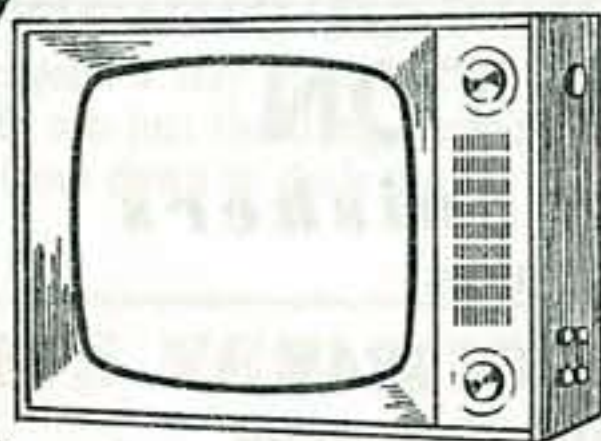
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R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



It is with the deepest regret that the Management Committee announce the death of Branch Chairman Mr. George Pearce. For many years George has been a dependable stalwart of the Newton Aycliffe Branch and was highly regarded throughout the region. George has held many positions within committee and never faltered when asked to take on additional duties. He will be a sad loss to us all, and I know that I speak for us all when I extend to Mrs. Pearce and her family our deepest sympathy on this sorrowful occasion.

Men of George's calibre are few and far between. The Association can ill afford to lose such a tireless worker and the breach that he has left will be difficult to fill, if filled it ever can be. The only consolation that we can allow ourselves is that George will have joined a higher fellowship than his beloved Association.

WE WILL REMEMBER HIM.

H.G.S.

NEWTON PLAYERS

I think we look forward to this time of year as much as the children. The reason of course, is because it is PANTOMIME time. This year, we present for the entertainment of you and your children, the most appealing, perhaps, of them all, CINDERELLA.

As you read we are busily preparing for it, but we would very much appreciate volunteers for costume making and set building. Anyone willing to help in this rewarding work, please contact Miss S. Parker, 14 Windlestone Walk, Newton Aycliffe. Or call and see us in the Hut, back of The Beveridge Hall any Thursday evening after 8-0 p.m. You will be contributing not only to the pleasure of your children but also, albeit, indirectly, to charity. We have decided to donate 5% of the profits to a National and 5% to a Local Charity. A few hours of your time is all we need and one volunteer, as you know, is worth ten pressed men/women. Think about it, but, please, not too long.

There will also be special performances for the Physically Handicapped and the O.A.P. from Shafto House, and as always for the patients of Aycliffe Hospital. Dates have still to be arranged for these special shows. Dates, however, are fixed for the children. Make a note, here they are:— Opening night, Tuesday 18th. January, Friday night 21st, two shows Saturday 22nd. Also the following week on the same days 25th, 28th and again two shows on Saturday 29th, January.

Posters will be well distributed to remind you.

You, You and You

That terrific triumvirate—the upper echelon that everyone knows is much better than three times ten pressed men! Of Newton Aycliffe's 16,000 inhabitants only these three will do—three volunteers.

The Arts Fellowship would like three Outings Organisers to be responsible for planning visits to the theatre, the ballet etc.

Why three?—to make it that much easier to fill monthly programmes of visits—we don't intend to sit around (except in theatres, cinemas and concert halls)—at least one outing per month is the aim. As the saying goes: Don't be backward in coming forward. You may not have done anything like this before but **there is a first time for everything.**

We will only accept the first three—don't be caught in the rush, contact Mr. J. Land, 31 Vane Road. (Tel. 591) or Mr. P. Henderson at the Branch Library (Tel. 713).

NEWTON AYCLIFFE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

This is a voluntary organisation that celebrated its first anniversary in November. The junior singers appeared in the Festival Concert during Festival of Arts Week, and gave a most creditable performance.

The organisers now wish to extend the school and everyone who is interested in any form of music, and teachers as well as performers are invited to join. Music and instruments are both needed and should there be either in your home which are no longer in use and you would like them collected please let Mrs. Scott, 2 Hilton Close know and she will be glad to arrange collection. All the members of the school wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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GREAT AYCLIFFE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

As reported in the November 'Newtonian', short services of prayer, bible reading, and intercession will be held each evening during the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The full programme is :—

January 18th.

Methodist Church, Newton Aycliffe.
Conducted by Rev. J. J. Graham,
Vicar of Newton Aycliffe.

January 19th.

St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village.
Conducted by Rev. Best,
Minister in charge, Aycliffe Methodist Church.

January 20th.

St. Clare's Parish Church, Newton Aycliffe.
Conducted by Rev. R. Gunstone,
Minister in charge, Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church.

January 21st.

Methodist Church, Aycliffe Village.
Conducted by Rev. W. F. J. Kerby,
Vicar of Aycliffe.

January 22nd.

St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe.
Conducted by Major Lincoln (Mrs.)
Salvation Army, Newton Aycliffe.

Each service will commence at 7-0 p.m. and will last approximately half an hour. It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend at least one service during this week.

On Sunday, January 23rd there will be an exchange of pulpits in both Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village. The Vicar of Newton Aycliffe, Rev. J. J. Graham will preach at the Evening Service at the Methodist Church and the Rev. R. Gunstone will preach at Evensong in St. Clare's Church. Similarly the Rev. W. F. J. Kerby and Rev. Best will make the same exchange in the churches of Aycliffe Village.

The Council has given preliminary thought to **Christian Aid Week, 1966** and has appointed Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Smiles to organise the collection again. The amount given during 1965 by the people of this town and Aycliffe Village towards Christian Aid was almost £200—very good indeed. However, since this sum was raised a major disaster in Chile, the crisis in Rhodesia, war in Viet-nam, and other troubles great and small throughout this world of ours that have brought distress to a host of people like you and me make it necessary to appeal to you all to again give as generously as you can and so surpass last years total.

May all of you enjoy a peaceful and prosperous year in 1966.

K.M.S

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD



The January meeting takes place in the Beveridge Hall on Monday 10th at 7-15 p.m. For the first meeting of 1966 we hope as many members as possible will be there. January can be a beast of a month with frost and snow, lets keep our fingers crossed for an evening that won't shatter our high hopes. The speaker for this evening is Mr. H. Henning and his subject "My Social Work". So many guild members do so much social work in the town that this talk should be of particular interest. The competition is "Home Made Biscuits", the sales table "Cakes and Biscuits", the surprise parcel is being given by Mrs. Roach. The Social Half Hour is in the form of a Quiz "Know Your Britain", pictures of well known views 'of this green and pleasant land' will be displayed and you will be asked to identify them.

New members who are interested in any of the sub sections but not quite sure what each sub section does should get in touch with the chairman of the group in which their interest lies:—

- ARTS AND CRAFTS Mrs. Drake, 8 Secker Place.
 SOCIAL STUDIES Mrs. Kennedy, 2 Isherwood Close.
 MUSIC Mrs. Lowther, Shield Walk.
 DRAMA Mrs. Greenbank, 17 Bede Crescent.

The Arts and Crafts are not really 'arty crafty' they are a small group of ladies who gather together in each others homes and either sew, knit, crochet, or, from time to time learn a new craft such as the making of lampshades, mastering the intricacies of patchwork, canework, or just following their own particular bent. Anyway in which ever direction your interest lies the chairman of the section will be only to pleased to give you all the information you require.

M.M.G.

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MOTORING MEANDERINGS. JANUARY 1966.

"Members of Motor Clubs are generally among the better drivers, because they are interested in driving and all that it entails they don't stop learning to drive after passing their test."

"The driver who wins Motor Club events is not from the lunatic fringe, but a careful, calculating driver." John Miles on B.B.C.'s "Master Driving."

Motoring in the last month has involved quite a lot of meandering, generally from one rut in the snow to another. All drivers have been really on their mettle, if they wanted to use their vehicles at all, and the difference between "them who can" and "them who can't" has never been more obvious. The van driver who, through lack of patience or experience or both has all the housewives in the street digging him out, contrasts vividly with the unobtrusive woman down the street who gets out the family car and performs an emergency journey without so much as a skid.

All of which brings us back to the real problem—how can one improve ones driving? Because, lets face it, our driving standards need improving if we are to reduce the present carnage on the roads. As motorists we know that we need better roads, but we also need better road users: the Motorway pile-ups prove that, if any proof were necessary. SO what can we do; you and I, personally?

Well, John Miles on T.V. has pointed the way. Your local Motor Club can provide a centre and a forum for discussions, lectures, lessons, and above all practice in the art of driving well and safely. As a recognised body, it can associate with national and local organisations which exist for the furtherance of good motoring; with the Police, who are always interested in accident prevention and good driving (a good driver is a law-abiding driver!) He has preached the need for knowing the capabilities and limitations of your vehicle—a bit of competition work will give you a terrific insight into them! It will also improve your reactions and judgement and above all your observation of what is going on around you. Also, a Motor Club can help to foster some spirit of comradeship, on the road and off—after all, what is a problem on your vehicle is past experience to another member and he can assist and advise you how to tackle it. Nor is the financial angle to be ignored—most clubs can get discount rates on tyres, batteries, and so on, all of which helps to keep your vehicle in a roadworthy condition.

So the message should be pretty obvious join and support your local Motor Club. It is fun, it is friendly, and it is helpful; and it may prevent you becoming a statistic. We meet at the Gretna every Wednesday evening and you will be very welcome the more there are of us, the more we can do for you. I'm sorry to start the New Year on such a sombre note, but when the birds start singing again, and cleaning the car becomes a matter of pride rather than necessity, we can all take the road again in pleasure, safety, and good company.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE GARDENS GUILD

The guild is one of the oldest organisations in the town. Its object is to combine all sections of the community on the work of beautifying Newton Aycliffe, by the cultivation of their garden, and the sale of horticultural requirements and by any other means. The other means are lectures and films on gardening subjects.

Membership is open to all residents of the town. Persons living outside the town may be members provided two members propose and second their application. Subscription is 5s. 0d. per annum. Old age pensioners are honorary members but are still entitled to all benefits of the guild.

The guild have a hut situated in Clarence Chare which is open every Sunday morning from 10-30 a.m. until noon for the sale of all horticultural requirements. Advice on gardening problems can also be obtained; if the problem is such no one can answer at once, we will endeavour to answer the problem by consulting an expert.....

A new deal is on the way for gardeners. The British Standards Institute or B.S.I. as we all know it have laid down certain standards and specifications for certain horticultural items so gardeners will at least be sure that what they purchase is good quality and receive value for their money.

Have you a compost heap? or do you call it the muck heap? Most people, I find, abuse what is an important item in any garden. They are easily made, and provide a good source of humus upon which the soil in any garden depends. Dig a shallow pit and fill with ashes or stones, then place some bulky garden waste on it. Over this sprinkle a compost accelerator, this is quite cheap to buy and then cover with a thin covering of soil. Anything can be used, kitchen waste, tea leaves, etc., grass clippings, even the dust out of the vacuum cleaner. When the heap is about 3 ft. high add a layer of lime. Continue adding your refuse in layers, e.g., refuse, soil, lime. Water the heap when you are watering the garden, it will assist the decomposition process.

The annual general meeting of the Gardens Guild will be held in the upstairs room of the Iron Horse Hotel at 8-0 p.m. on Monday, 24th January, 1966. Members of the guild should make this meeting a must to hear the report of the officers of the guild and to elect new ones for the coming year.

CALLING ALL SCOTS AGAIN

If you missed St. Andrews night, you missed a treat—the pipers in full dress playing everything from laments to reels : hectic team games : a colour-film of the Highlands which made many of us happily home-sick : the junior Scottish country-dancers footing it lightly : good food and drink, dances for all, and for some the pleasure of meeting compatriots from their home area.

In spite of the arctic weather which kept numbers of ticket-holders away there was a heartening turn-out and we even covered our costs. At the end of the evening there was an enthusiastic vote in favour of reviving the Caledonian Society.

So, all you Scots, watch out for future events to be planned by the new committee, and **KEEP FREE ON BURNS NIGHT.** Unfortunately there was not time to arrange anything for Hogmanay but there will be a Grand Programme for Tuesday January 25th. So come along to the Over 60 Club. Watch posters for details.

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

The Family Planning Clinic is open each Wednesday from 6-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. in the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dalton Way. The aims of the Clinic are :

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COFFEE EVENING

COME TO A COFFEE EVENING in aid of the Guides and Brownies on **Tuesday, January 18th.** Never mind if you are not a member of the Local Association: if you are the mother of a Brownie or a Guide, or just a friend of the movement you will be most welcome. Please come to:— **Flat 15 Bede Crescent** either from 7-15 to 8-30 p.m. or from 8-15 to 9-30 p.m. as space is rather limited.

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THE BEVERIDGE ROLLER DANCE & FIGURE SKATING CLUB, NEWTON AYCLIFFE.

On November 16th, 1965, sixteen girls and boys took part in the club's Fancy Dress competition on roller skates. How unfortunate that bad weather prevented so many people from attending this gay event, however the people who did make it really enjoyed the occasion, and a pat on the back must go to all competitors. The winner was Patricia Eastwood who came as "A Correspondent" and won a pound gift voucher. Second prize of a fifteen shilling voucher was awarded to Pamela Sullivan who dressed as "A Christmas Tree", and a third prize of a seven and six gift voucher was won by Janet Spark for her "Night and Day" costume. All three prize winners are members of the skating club.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lawrence for judging for us at very short notice. Mrs Lawrence was presented with a box of chocolates by the winner Patricia Eastwood on behalf of the club.

What a lucky night it was for Janet Spark taking third prize in the fancy dress and winning the box of soaps from the raffle arranged by our Chairman, Mr. A. Humble.

As these notes go to press members are hard at work with their practice for "The Walworth Shield" free dance event, and for a brand new competition for solo dancing. These events will be held in the Beveridge hall on the 23rd of January, 1966. 4-0 p.m. is the starting time, and a warm welcome will be made to all spectators who will have the chance to come along to the rink to see our members in action. Members should remember to contact the secretary for an application form.

Our Saturday public skating sessions are still running despite the poor weather, and an open invitation is made to ALL Newtonians to come along from 6-0 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. and join in the fun and games. It would appear that many people are still not aware that they are more than welcome to attend each week. Skaters 1/6d. Spectators 6d., and if you join the club you can skate for only 1/- Two and a half hours full of fun for the family.

Talking about joining the club, this is the month when subscriptions are due and the most beneficial time for new members to enroll either as skater members or non skater members—you see even mams and dads can join the club, and like the skater members they can look forward to the club's party, the annual outing and many other events all free to our members.

A Happy New Year to all our skaters and friends.

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