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## MISLEADING REPORT

Miss E. M. B. Hamilton, Housing Manager, was deeply distressed on February 15th by the misleading report in the local press regarding her resignation.

She knew nothing whatsoever about it beforehand; nor did she anticipate any publicity.

She still hopes that her next employment will enable her to stay in the Town and to serve it in any way she can.

E. M. B. Hamilton.

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A series of monthly visits to Theatres, Concert Halls etc. is being organised.

Tickets will be obtained by the organisers and transport arranged.

The series will start as follows :—

**ROYAL BALLET**

**Friday, 25th March**

**CIVIC THEATRE, SUNDERLAND.**

**NORTHERN SINFONIA**

**WITH JOHN OGDEN AT THE PIANO**

**Thursday, 14th April.**

**CIVIC THEATRE, DARLINGTON.**

Further details and information from :—

Mr. P. Thompson, 26 Bede Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.

Mrs. Robinson, 7 Lee Green, (opposite Beveridge Hall).

Mrs. L. Hughes, 1 Sanderson Close, off Bousfield Crescent.

Telephone : Newton Aycliffe 240.

## HOME SAFETY

The latest report on the number of accidents in the home to children and old people makes appalling reading. In the very young there are two potential sources of falling accidents; stairs and windows: so far as stairs are concerned a safety gate should be at the top or bottom dependent on whether the child is upstairs or downstairs.

Windows should be guarded with vertical bars or use anti-burglar locks. And do please keep children off window sills. If old people or children use stairs it is essential that they be kept free of all obstruction.



# CHILDREN'S STORY

FOR THE VERY YOUNG

In a beautiful quiet country lane far away from the noisy main roads there was a lovely green field where lots of flowers grew. All the children used to walk down the lane and back again on their way to and from school. And on sunny days they would climb the gate into the field and play games on the grass and among the flowers. One day when they were tired of playing they sat in a circle and one said "when the daisies grow longer stalks we will pick them and make daisy chains."

The daisies overheard the children talking and held up their heads as high as they could, tried to look taller than they were, and felt very proud. One little girl then said "when the dandelions go to seed and have nice round fluffy heads we can blow at them and tell the time." At this the yellow dandelions felt most important and thought of the time only a little way ahead when their lovely yellow heads would have changed to a fluffy ball. "Just fancy" said they "the children will be able to tell the time by us, and we shall be able to let them know when it is time to stop making daisy chains, climb over the gate and go home for their tea."

Other flowers growing among the dandelions and daisies heard all the talk, but the cowslips who always hang their heads as if they were very shy whispered to each other "we hope the children don't pick us." the reason for this wish is because they have a great secret which is not shared with the dandelions and daisies. If you promise not to tell anyone I'll whisper it to you. And this is it. Each evening at dusk a fairy quietly, and very softly, climbs into the cowslips bell curls up and sleeps there until the sun rises and wakes them up. When after a brisk wash in the morning dew, after sliding down the stem they are ready to go about their daily work of making all things nice for the children. The dandelions and daisies always close their petals just before dusk so that they do not see anything and the cowslips secret is quite safe for the fairies are awake and away long before either the daisies or the dandelions are properly recovered from their long nights sleep.

A. F. Airy.

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## NEWTON AYCLIFFE GARDENS GUILD

The Annual General Meeting was eventually held at 9-0 p.m. on Monday, 24th January. The delay in commencing was due to the room being 'accidentally let' to three other organisations as well as the guild. I would like to think that the 'mix-up' and delay in commencing was the cause of the poor response by members of the guild in attending this most important meeting.

Guild officers presented their reports to the meeting, the main point arising from reports was the drop in trading from the guild hut. This small financial loss was attributed to the inclement weather of the past year and its effect on the gardeners of the town. All of the reports presented were accepted by the meeting.

Officers elected for 1966 were as follows, Chairman Mr. P. Lydon; vice-chairman Mr. J. Welsh; secretary Mr. D. Stewart; treasurer Mr. U. Hindmarsh; sales secretary Mr. N. Topping; committee Messrs J. Anderson, F. Birtle, J. Cheeseman, P. Gill, J. McKenna, G. Metcalfe, J. Neasham, W. Peart, G. Robson, J. Wood, E. Barrs and one co-opted member Mrs. M. Spark.

A mistaken impression of the guild is always arising especially among the new members. The guild does not exist as a trading co-operative solely, the guild hut is secondary to the main object of the guild, that of meeting to hear lectures and to discuss matters of gardening interest. The secretary of the guild is at present arranging a programme for the coming year. Members should not be 'put off' with the word lecture. The meetings are very informal and questions are always welcome. One of the first speakers will give a talk on Chrysanthemums and Dahlias. Another speaker the secretary is trying to persuade to come and talk is an eminent leekologist, leek grower, this person's leeks won The News of the World show two years ago.

Gardening news is very small this month. Just the usual word of warning do not start until the ground dries out. There is an unusual item in stock at the hut at the moment it is a 'Soil tester', which is very useful if you are interested enough to find out the chemical content of the soil, did I say soil, in your garden.

A word to newcomers to 'Newtonia' do not dispare when you look at the part of your house which is termed the garden, others have had your problem and won. The only answer is dig it, dig it and dig it again, some fine weathered ashes spread on it will assist but beware of coke ashes.



# NEWTON AYCLIFFE A.F.C.

## Special competitions this month—read on for details.

The trouble with being notorious is that people expect you to do something to shock them every time and all the time. Well with living in so quiet and righteous a town as this and taking ones pleasure in the secluded confines of the Sports Club one cannot find anything to say to stir the jaded imaginations of the general public. I've only managed to hit the jackpot once and for this I take very little credit, rather I must thank the vivid descriptions perpetrated in the local press. I must really hand it to them, their low down on the vice dens of Aycliffe story make probably every one in the town actually open last months Newtonian before they used it to light the fire. They are the boys we need, they could probably write a full half page on the scandalous inside story of Grandma Grey pegging out her husband's 'Long Johns'. Yes, these lads must lead a different life from the rest of we mere mortals. I've been breaking my neck to get in among it but haven't as yet got anywhere near.

So in the absence of that celebrated raconteur "Our Newton Aycliffe Reporter" you'll just have to put up with reading the boring details of last months exploits on the field of play.

We are running a special competition this month for budding reporters.

1. Read through the above passage carefully, noting down anything that would make a good story for the local press.
2. Write in not less than 1,000 words a story which you have made up and consider would be fit for publication.
3. Send in your entries—postcards only please—to the Editor, Newt Echo, Soho Square, W.1. to reach him by the first post 29th February, 1967

The three entries who in the opinion of the editor, are the most suitable will be published in the local press and each successful reporter will be asked to write follow-up stories to last for at least three days.

The outright winner will be given our star prize—the position of official tea maker for a famous local paper.

Runners up will have their stories published in one of the better known Sunday newspapers probably the one where all 'Human Life' is.

## Football News:

Results: Darlington Weekend League 1st Division—First 11.  
9th January. Clifton 0 Newton Aycliffe 4  
30th January. K.O. Cup Second Round.

Newton Aycliffe	2	Branksome	3
Darlington Weekend League 2nd Division—Second 11.			
9th January. Newton Aycliffe	8	Eastbourne	2
30th January. K.O. Cup Second Round			
Newton Aycliffe	4	Poulette	2
6th February Newton Real	1	Newton Aycliffe	3

The above results are very much better than earlier in the season and we look set now for a determined effort in both league and cup next year. We are as usual still wanting both players and committee men—anyone interested contact M. G. McKellar, 7 Taylor Walk.

## Film News:

Adult film for March Special attraction  
Monday, 28th March and Tuesday, 29th March  
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**BARCLAYS BANK**

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Patrons are advised to obtain tickets early for this show to avoid disappointment.

The Beveridge Hall at 7-15 p.m. each evening, admission 2/6. Tickets available from West Farm Products, Beveridge Way.

## Childrens Cinema Matinees:

We have now started a scheme where each child is given a membership card on which are marked attendances, after six attendances, the child will be admitted to the following show free.

All shows are held in the Beveridge Hall every Saturday morning at 10-00 a.m. Admission 1/6d. each. Films for March are:—

Saturday, 5th March.

## RAISING A RIOT

starring

KENNETH MORE RONALD SQUIRE MANDY MILLER

Saturday, 12th March.

## THE BOY WHO STOLE A MILLION

starring

VIRILIO TEXERA MARIANNE BENET  
MAURIC REYNA

Saturday, 19th March.

## GEORDIE

starring

ALASTAIR SIM BILL TRAVERS

Saturday, 26th March.

## PLAY IT COOL

starring

BILLY FURY MICHAEL ANDERSON Jnr.  
ANNA PALK

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HELEN SHAPIRO and BOBBY VEE

Saturday, 2nd April.

## DAVY CROCKET AND THE RIVER PIRATES

starring

FES PARKER BUDDY EBSEN

All the above films are accompanied by cartoons, comedies etc.

See you next month,  
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For several years the number of older women attending Darlington College of Education as day students has been steadily increasing and there are now about fifty who travel daily from their homes in the North Riding, County Durham or Darlington itself.

From September, 1966, it will be possible to accept MEN STUDENTS into this College which has been training women for over ninety years. Somewhere in the town or country area within reach of the College there may be a number of men with suitable experience who will want to take this chance of finding a satisfying outlet for their talents.

Tuition is free to all grant-aided students. Maintenance, including travelling grants, and, where appropriate, grant in respect of dependents are available to all accepted students. Normally, a School Certificate or five passes in the General Certificate of Education is required for entry. The Principal is willing to advise men or women with other than the usual qualifications.

Enquiries from older men and women are always welcomed and should be addressed to the Principal at the College of Education, Vane Terrace, Darlington.

**1st NEWTON AYCLIFFE AIR SCOUT GROUP****A GRAND JUMBLE SALE***will be held in***THE OVER 60 CLUB***on***SATURDAY, MARCH 19th***at***10-0 a.m.**

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" Thursday 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Darlington Address of Registrar :-

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**Child Welfare Clinic**

Tuesday March 1st, 15th, 29th.

April 12th, 26th.

} a.m. Infant Injections.

} p.m. Ante Natal Clinic.

Tuesday March 8th, 22nd.

April 5th, 19th.

} Health Visitor Sessions

} No Doctor in attendance

**Relaxation Class**

2-30 p.m. every Friday.

Every Thursday

9-30 to 11-30 a.m.

1-30 to 4-00 p.m.

} Child Welfare Clinic

Welfare foods are on sale at all the above sessions.

**Mothers Club**

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

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE SECTION  
OF THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND**

We have two money raising efforts planned for the near future. One a flag week, to be held from March 13th to 19th inclusive. Two, the Annual Easter Fayre being arranged for Saturday afternoon April 2nd. As before, this will be held in the Over 60's Club Hall, Dalton Way, and there should be some animals from one of the local Zoos to open the Fayre. On sale will be Easter Eggs, Glassware, Second hand clothes as well as Tombola, Lucky Dip, Raffle etc. I do hope you will all be able to come. Look out for further details on posters and in local press.

Should you wish to join or help with any of the events, please let me know, (address below). I would be most grateful for any assistance. The Annual General Meeting will have been held too late to report on for this edition but a full account will be given in April.

The Wildlife Ranger and Panda Section of the Wildlife Youth Service is now well under way.

The results of the last years Animal Notebooks competition are as follows, 1st Prize. Wildlife Rangers, Miss Christine Hayles, 12 Burn Lane, age 12 years. 1st Prize. Panda Club, Master David Cemnick, 6 Backhouse Walk, age 10½ years. Special Prize, Panda Club, Master Nigel Gildea, 8 Felton Close, age 9½ years.

If anyone from 5—18 years wants to join I will be glad to hear from you as soon as possible as the Wildlife Rangers hope to attend a Field Naturalists Course in July-August. This entails a week in the countryside near Scarborough, studying ecology (the relationship between animals, land and plants), by going on walks, expeditions, lectures and filmshows. This will prove an interesting holiday for anyone fascinated by nature. For further details please contact Miss Carol Spark, 8 Lowery Road, Tel. N/A/ 775.

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Books are news! Most often the news which books occasion is either very quiet so that it is almost inaudible or sensational in the extreme following some new and shocking expose. From 12th to 19th of March books will be very much in the news—and not from some intrinsic newsworthiness of content but because a very positive effort is being made to make people realise the worth of books in our lives.

### March 12th to 19th is National Library Week.

Personally, I think that the title is a little unfortunate in that it seems to suggest that there is a scheme afoot to get more people to join libraries and to make more active use of them. This is only part of the story! To quote a leaflet which has been produced about the week:

"The aim of National Library Week is quite simply to encourage reading in all forms and to interest people in books. Books in libraries, books in shops, books in the home".

What is there to know? To many people books are familiar objects which they collect and have about the house. A full third of the population of this country regularly make use of the facilities afforded by public libraries.

Are you fond of acting? Do you need an introduction to the study of Zoology? What would you like to know about beer-making? Or is yachting more your line? Any competent Library or bookshop would soon willingly find you books on these or any of a thousand other topics. Thousands of people are already aware of these services—but what of those who are not? This Week is an attempt to bring to their notice the opportunities and facilities which exist—and to point out what they are missing.

And those people who have no contact with books are missing a great deal. Quoting again from the pamphlet:

"... if you want to live a civilised life you really can't get very far away from books: they cover all aspects of work and leisure, they are the common medium through which minds of all levels of skill and inspiration may communicate with you—and by reading them, you, in a sense, may communicate with them".

Whether it is for reference, for research or for recreation make sure that you **'MAKE TIME TO READ'** Come to think of it, when you really consider the usefulness of books, when you realise how essential they are in your life, can you afford not to?

## NEVILLE MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Annual General Meeting of the Choir was held on Tuesday, 25th January, 1966. It followed the usual lively pattern—plenty of controversial discussion—plenty of hard knocks and no holds barred but all in good fun, proving once more the verile interest which members have in the future welfare of the Choir.

Ted Evans was welcomed to the Chair by the retiring Chairman. Ted certainly has a hectic year of office ahead. Mr. N. Dixon, 17 Liddell Close, Newton Aycliffe took over as permanent secretary. We are all sure that Norman, a comparatively newcomer to the Choir will be a very valuable asset to us both as an officer and member.

There is a very heavy programme ahead for the next month or two. The high light is a recording for Tyne Tees Television on March 6th and a sound recording for B.B.C. shortly after. Darlington Festival on the 19th March and concerts at Ferryhill, St. Helens and on the 26th March at Bondgate Hall, Darlington are fixtures already confirmed.—Members please note.

New voices are always welcome. If you can sing—come along to the Newton Aycliffe Sports Clubroom at 7-30 p.m. any Tuesday night. (Don't worry if you cannot read music—we have the answer to that problem).

## GREAT AYCLIFFE OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE

A report on progress during 1965, was submitted to the Committee at the meeting held on December 15th, 1965, and plans for other developments during 1966.

The first priority is of course the establishment of Luncheon Clubs. Planning is now well in hand and it is hoped that by the end of March two Clubs will be in operation. At the time of writing we still need a few more volunteers to help in servicing the scheme. Are you able to give a little of your time once a fortnight to help. The hours will be from 11-15 a.m. to 2 p.m. If so please contact the Secretary.

Last June a paragraph headed "Have You a Spare Seat" appeared in the Newtonian. As a result of this some 24 elderly people were given day outings by car owners during the holiday period in July. May I once more ask car owners setting off for a day trip to the country or coast to fill any vacant seats in their cars. If YOU have a spare seat, please contact Mr. F. E. Batley, c/o Parish Council Office, Churchill House, Newton Aycliffe (Tel. 589), who will be pleased to put you in touch with some elderly person in your neighbourhood.

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Philips	AG4025	Auto Model.	£27 16 6	18 gns.
Philips	AG4031	Single Play Portable	£16 5 6	12 gns.
Philips	AG4000	Transistor Battery Portable.	£13 2 6	7 gns.
Dansette	Princess	Portable Radiogram.	£24 3 0	18 gns.
Decca	RP205	Quality Player.	£30 9 0	25 gns.
Decca	Deccalium	MK 4 Portable.	£40 19 0	34 gns.
Decca	Deccalium	MK 4 Luxury Model in Wooden Cabinet	£54 12 0	44 gns.

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Hoover	6000	4.7 cu. ft.	£47 5 0	39½ gns.
Hotpoint		Super 4.	£44 2 0	38 gns.
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Hotpoint	2605	6 cu. ft. Model.	£65 2 0	57 gns.

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Decca	SRG700	Luxury Stereogram. Teak Finish.	115 gns.	89 gns.
Ferguson	3318	All Transistor Stereogram.	67 gns.	56 gns.
Ferguson	3320	Shopsoiled Lowline Stereogram.	75 gns.	69 gns.
Bush	SRG91	Quality Stereogram in Mahogany Finish.	84 gns.	74 gns.

**Tape Recorders**

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Elizabethan	LZ24	2 speed 4 track. 7" spools.	£35 14 0	27 gns.
Elizabethan	LZ507	Stereo Model	£51 9 0	44 gns.
Philips	EL3549	4 speed. 4 track Luxury Model.	£65 2 0	55 gns.
Philips	EL3542	4 track Family Model.	£44 2 0	36 gns.
Philips	EL3514	Compact Twin Track Model.	£27 6 0	22 gns.
Grundig	TK18	Automatic Recording	£51 9 0	33 gns.

**Radios**

			Normal Price	Sale Price
Ferguson	3110	Small Transistor Portable	£11 11 0	8 gns.
Ferguson	3120	Long/Med & 2 Short W/Bands.	£16 16 0	12 gns.
Ferguson	3124	Auto Twin for car & home use Star Bargain.	£17 17	13 gns.
G.E.C.		Camera/Radio (complete with colour film, battery etc.)	£19 19 0	12 gns.
Philips	241T	Sportsman Trans Portable.	£13 13 0	11 gns.
Philips	439T	De-luxe VHF Portable.	£25 4 0	19½ gns.
Pye	9	FM/AM Portable.	£23 2 6	17 gns.
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Pye	Electric Heated Towel Rail		14 gns.	9 gns.
Philips	Radiant Convector Heater.		£14 9 6	11½ gns.
Morwenair	Table Fan Heater.		17 gns.	14 gns.
Berrys	Master Berry Electric Fire.		£19 18 6	15 gns.
Berrys	Bowberry, Electric Fire.		£17 10 6	16 gns.
Electrolux	Dishwasher.		£58 16 0	35 gns.

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Fenton	Weill Dual Master Amplifier		37 gns.	30 gns.

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## WOMENS PAGE

One look at the latest fashion trends is more than enough!! Magazines, whose editors need not be quite so biased, are crammed with sketches of the latest ideas designed by the young creator for the young, the younger and the very young. Some of the clothes I've seen would make the 25s look like mutton dressed as lamb. You know why? of course you do. Its the young that have the money. By the time 25 plus is reached you are quite likely to be 2nd 3rd or even 4th on the family waiting list.

Why must EVERYTHING be geared to the young spender? I do realise that this is the swing of the pendulum to compensate for all the years dedicated to the well off matrons—but I don't think it need have swung quite so far. There is plenty of 'bread and butter' day-time fashion to please every taste and every age in any shop, but have you ever tried to buy beachwear for the mature figure towards the so called end of the season in early July. Into the local metropolis I went upon this very errand to purchase an ordinary pair of shorts. Meeting with no success at what can be described as the smaller shops I decided that the larger emporium would be sure to fulfill my request. Alas! 'twas not to be. Most superior ladies dress in black offered me shorts made to fit giants and dwarfs, or I could have thick navy serge hockey shorts (or longs) proffered no doubt in view of my advancing years as most suitable. Mentioning that I had but recently given a similar garment to a jumble sale in aid of the inhabitants of Lebombo; the sales lady politely informed me "Madam should have seen our enormous stock a few weeks ago, but of course Madam has left it rather late and we are sold out. We have to look ahead you know". Actually I fared much better in our immediate shops. Perhaps I am at fault and should like all the gay young ones plan my holiday wardrobe in April and get things bought. Each year I intend to do just this but as everyone knows, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions" so what with the childrens requirements of this that and the other, mothers needs are shelved and July is upon me before it is realised that from managing director to most junior saleslady all interest in holiday wear is lost for they are deeply immersed in preparation for the coming Christmas. I must say I find it hard to believe that I am the only 'not so young woman' who doesn't want to look like Granny Grump on the beach, and one who knows that her figure will no longer stand the exposure revealed by the current pop styles and in addition has a limited outlay for seasonable items. It would be fascinating to find out how many people who shop in July learn that "Madam should have come last week but of course Madam has left it rather late. We are now completely cleared; and it is the seasons end." Have you noticed that shops and gardeners have much in common? Both use the same technique, either last week was the very best or next week will be. The present is seldom, if ever, the right time. All that I have written is intended as a warning. It is now March. If you have the young and perfect figure your problems are nil. Should you have reached the stage when "forty winters shall besiege thy brow and dig deep trenches in thy beauty's field . . ." Take my advice, start looking early otherwise you might be faced with a complete 'cover up' . . . perish the thought.

## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE :

## Quick Cream Slices.

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**CHANTILLY CREAM :** Beat the egg white as stiff as possible, add cream, and beat until it begins to thicken. Just before it reaches the stage where it will hold the shape of the whisk add two or three drops of vanilla essence and sugar to taste.

This recipe makes 16, at less than 3d. each and is very little trouble. If you are making more than this quantity you will find it quicker to use greaseproof paper to pipe both the jam and the cream.

A.M.

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE MUSIC SOCIETY

The first annual dinner was held on January 20th in the Tudor Room of the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham City. The Lyndhurst Singers of Darlington provided the entertainment with solos, quartets, and part songs. Everyone voted this an outstanding occasion, and the society hope to have equally enjoyable evenings in the future.

On March 17th at 8 p.m. in St. Clare's Church Hall members will have the pleasure of listening to an illustrated talk "Browsing with Beethoven," given by Peter Newman, piano, of Durham School.

A reminder for members—April 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

L.M.B.

## 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 :

1. To help married couples plan their family.
2. To give advice in cases of sterility.
3. To help older women.
4. To help in difficulties connected with medical marriage relationship.

A lady Doctor is in attendance to advise and help with any problem. All enquiries are strictly confidential. Information may be had, and appointments made, through the Secretary, Mrs. J. Wells, 55 Cumby Road, Telephone: Newton Aycliffe 244.

## LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES &amp; BROWNIES

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held at No. 7 Mellanby Crescent at 7-30 p.m. on March 30th., this will be followed by a Coffee Evening. A welcome is extended to all parents and friends of Guides and Brownies, and indeed to any of the townspeople who are interested in the Movement.



## TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

March 7th 7-15 p.m. Beveridge Hall.



This is the age of mass production, go into any of the larger stores to buy a dress and what do you hear? Oh yes madam—what colour would you like it in:- red, blue, green, or what have you! The colour is selected, the dress wrapped and paid for, and the next day, as likely as not as you walk along the High Row, or Central Avenue wearing it you will meet your twin, or first cousin, in other words the same dress on some-one entirely different from you. There are alternatives to this problem, make for yourself, or pay top prices for exclusive designs.

Most women at some stage in life try their hand at dress-making, if not from their own design, they try to create from mass produced patterns a subtle difference that makes the finished product "THEIR DRESS."

Whichever category you are in, the frustrated shopper, or the home dressmaker (what makes that description sound so awful) Mrs. E. M. STEPHENSON will undoubtedly have something new to "pass on" to you, her subject is simply entitled DRESS-MAKING TODAY. This is your opportunity to pick the brains of the expert and find out those little tricks of the trade that make a success or failure.

Don't for one minute think you are getting away with all this information for nothing, YOU are asked to make an apron for the competition. Why not design your own? Let's have a good entry, then Mrs. Stephenson will have to sing for her supper, as you know the speaker is usually asked to judge the competition.

The drama group will take care of the social half hour, with two brief sketches and monologues. Mrs. Parker has the surprise parcel to supply, and the tea interval is in the capable hands of Mrs. Batley and Mrs. Robson.

M.M.G.

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

On January 23rd some 60 people from the town enjoyed seeing club members in a competitive mood when we held two dance competitions at the rink. The first was a brand new award, "The Godfrey Gold Award" for solo dancing. This 18" high gold trophy which was purchased out of club funds was named after club instructor Godfrey Bennett and it was officially presented to the club by Mrs. J. Greaves our Club President. Many congratulations to the 18 competitors who skated so well on this occasion. Skating for the very first time on a new pair of skates, Rolinda Greaves gained first place. 2nd was Avril Bennett, and 3rd June Walker. The winner has since received a framed certificate and the runners-up certificates without frames. As this will be an annual event members are already working hard with their solo dance programmes ready for 1967.

The second event held on the 23rd was "The Walworth Shield" pair dance competition, when four couples took part in what was the tenth event for this award. Well done Avril Bennett and June Walker winners this time. What a pity we are so short of boys to partner the fairer sex, any volunteers?

The judges were Miss Glenys Stanforth, of Stockton, who was presented with a cosmetic gift on behalf of the club by Janet Spark, Miss Kathleen Keeney of Darlington who received a similar gift from the club presented by Christine Smith Jnr 2, and Miss Jennifer Lawson also of Darlington who was presented with her gift of appreciation by Julie Graham. Many thanks to all who helped to make this occasion so successful, Noel Bennett, Referee, Mrs. J. Greaves, disc jockey and our Chairman Mr. A. Humble who did door duty. Not to forget the ladies who served refreshments Mrs. S. C. Bennett and Mrs. F. Tinkler.

Members should remember that the next club competition will be held in April, this will be "The Free Skating Handicap Trophy" which is an annual event like our other four competitive events.

A date has now been arranged for the club's sixth Annual General Meeting to be held in the Beveridge hall on Monday, March 21st, any one interested will be made very welcome, in particular the parents of our younger members.

Now that we are looking forward to a little sunshine, may we remind you that our public skating sessions will go on throughout the summer months. Saturday 6-0 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.

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Many people still seem to think that they must join in skating lessons if they join the club, this is quite untrue, and we would welcome any new non skater members.

Godfrey A. Bennett,  
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**GREAT AYCLIFFE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

At the last meeting the members were reminded that the formation of the Council had been in existence for a little over a year. January 1965 was an unfortunate time in which to start; member Churches had already made arrangements for discussion groups, schemes of work, and the various Church organisations had booked up lectures, bespoken study books, arranged pic-nics, sales of work, and all the varied things that organisations, be they Church or otherwise, always do. We had time for little other than some scrambled arrangement for Christian Aid Week (which did remarkably well chiefly due to the frantic and devoted effort of the organisers, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Smiles ably assisted by their wives) when summer was upon us and as was said by the chairman "It is useless to do anything in Newton Aycliffe because nobody is here."

This year we are going to do more because we have had a year in which prepare to do things together. The first joint activity has just finished as I write these notes, and by the time they are published the second will have started. Joint services in the various churches in Newton Aycliffe and in Aycliffe Village during Unity Week was our first joint activity for 1966 and was most successful. I cannot honestly say that the crowds attending were overwhelming but there was quite a good number at each service. Enough to be an encouraging sign for next year. The next joint activity to be undertaken by member churches is the running of a number of discussion groups in which churchmen from all congregations represented on the Council will meet in houses in Aycliffe and Newton Aycliffe to discuss the place of the Church in the world and the place of the Layman in the church. There are a number of people in this town as indeed there are in England who believe that Christianity is a dead duck and that the church has no place in our brave modern world. And if it has a place it is that of the Victorian child—to be seen but not heard. They may be right, but Christians (by which I mean loyal members of the Church) live, work, marry, have children, send these children to State Schools, pay their rates and taxes and in addition try to work out their Christian vocation in social service to the community in which they live. The meetings are open to everyone whether churchmen or not who are interested enough to discuss whether the Christian has a place in industry and commerce or no place in either; and if he has a place how can he be helped to make his witness more positive.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

If you are you can join any of these groups by giving your name to any of the Clergy or to :- K. M. Scott, 2 Hylton Close, Newton Aycliffe.

K.M.S.

**GUIDES AND BROWNIES****JUMBLE SALE**

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**THE HARD OF HEARING**

During the last few months the town has seen many changes of families, and among them is sure to have been a percentage of people who are hard of hearing and who do not perhaps know that a club for those who suffer from this affliction operates in this town. The entertainment world of the deaf is very limited, but if they join a club where all members are in the same situation, no embarrassment is felt, easy friendships are made, and in place of the usual entertainment that can no longer be enjoyed a lot can be gained from good companionship. The Hard of Hearing Club meets every other Tuesday (in March, 1st 15th and 29th) in the Small Hall of St. Clare's Church at 7-30 p.m. For some curious reason Hearing Aid users are reluctant to make the first move to join the club, but when they have been persuaded they are most pleased. Should any of the townspeople have relatives in surrounding towns or villages who are deaf it would be a kindness to introduce them to the Newton Aycliffe Hard of Hearing Club. Everyone who joins is sure of a very warm welcome. The Club cannot continue to be a successful enterprise without the full support of the largest possible membership. Therefore, so that all deaf, and hard of hearing, may enjoy activities that are presented by people who understand this particular problem everyone who suffers from this affliction should join the club. And by so doing they will make someone else's life just a little bit easier. If you want any information Mrs. H. Graham 25 St. Godric's Road, Newton Aycliffe will be only too pleased to answer any of your questions.

**NEWTON AYCLIFFE KARATE CLUB**

This club is doing much towards getting the name of Newton Aycliffe spread abroad; and it has great pleasure in announcing that the instructor Mr. Brian Crossley has been chosen to represent Great Britain in an international contest to be held in France during March. Mr. Crossley has already brought honour to the club by winning the North of England Championships, followed by winning the British Championships. Now picked to represent Great Britain is indeed an honour in itself. Every member wishes him the very best of good fortune in the French Championships.

Ladies!!!! have you forgotten that the club was asked especially to form a section with the fair sex in mind. This has been done and the response has been moderate but there is ample room for many many more ladies. Women and girls over the age of fifteen should learn the art of Karate for as well as being one of the finest ways in which to develop the figure it is a superb method of self-defence. Mothers could do worse than bring their powers of persuasion to bear on their daughters to take up this healthy sport. If the club can turn out a man of international class, it could create a female star. And that would certainly be an accomplishment of which this town would be very proud. There it is ladies, the opportunity is yours, take advantage of it.

N.A.P.

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### R.A.F. ASSOCIATION NOTES



By the time the March edition of the 'Newtonian' is in your hands, the Annual General Meeting of the Newton Aycliffe Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association will be over, and another committee will have been formed.

Our grateful thanks are given to the retiring committee for the splendid job done over the past year, and I know that I speak for us all when I extend best wishes to the newly elected committee for continued success during the coming year.

Members subscriptions are still rolling in, even at this late date, and to those of you who have not as yet renewed, I would ask them to do so as quickly as possible as this assists greatly in book keeping etc.

The Royal Air Forces Association as you will know, is the biggest single ex-servicemens organisation in the country. Those who are members, are part of a great fellowship which extends all over the world. The little lapel badge that you wear is the sign to all others that you are a member of the Association, and many who wear it have found it to their advantage, both socially and at work.

Welfare, pensions, legal problems and employment are all dealt with within the Association. Many members have in the past had cause to call upon their Branch Welfare Officer for his advice and assistance, many will require the same in the future. It is with this in mind that I would earnestly recommend to those who are not already members to consider becoming a member as soon as possible. If you are serving, or have served in the R.A.F., then why not let the R.A.F.A. serve you.

Mr. Ron Manning, our Hon. Secretary, tells me that 1965 was the best year the branch has ever had as the balance sheet will prove, this is good news indeed, let us all hope for continued success.

Due to domestic reasons, I have omitted in the past months to contribute regular articles in the 'Newtonian'. These articles have been assessed by many as 'arful', 'umballa' 'not bad' and to some, 'a complete waste of flippin time' (or words to that effect). Just for that, I intend to carry on with regular articles in the 'Newtonian', just to get my own back! All being well, and if the A.G.M. is a quiet one, I intend to kick off with an article I intended imposing upon you many months ago regarding 'jankers'. Not ME, someone else.

H.G.S.

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### WELCOMING PARTY

Are you a newcomer to the town? If so, when you receive an invitation to a Welcoming Party, do please realise that it is an informal and friendly event: nothing to be shy of, for the guests always seem to enjoy themselves. You will be entertained, meet 'old inhabitants' and possibly another new resident who you knew in your youth. There will be a short colour film. And you will be able to dance if you wish.

Are you the representative of an organisation? If so do come and help to entertain the guests. If you cannot come, then please see that some other member is there instead. It is always a pity when a newcomer asks about a club or society and nobody is there to answer.

The date of the next party is **TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd.**, and it will be in the Over 60 Club.

### THE OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Sunday evening March 13th is the date of the Society's Concert entitled "Gilbert and Sullivan for All" at the Civic Theatre Darlington. The Society supports four or five top Doyley Carte principals and these concerts are always a great favourite, full of lovely singing and wit. The Civic Theatre is sure of a full house that night so get your tickets early. Our apologies are extended for having given the wrong date in the Newtonian of February. Preparations are going ahead for our next production "The Quaker Girl" to be staged at the Marlowe Hall School in the week commencing April 18th for one week. A very enthusiastic cast is making sure that this will be another 'good show'. We are most pleased with the response to our request for new members for which we appealed in the last "Newtonian", especially with regard to the ladies, but there is still a shortage of gentlemen and we would welcome any at rehearsals on Wednesday evenings in Marlowe Hall School. Come on men! you will certainly enjoy yourselves.

J.B.

### LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND BROWNIES

on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd

### TAKE YOUR PICK

MORNING COFFEE	10-30 a.m. to 12 Noon.
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### Are you giving up anything for Lent?

A suggestion for your consideration—as well as the usual small sacrifice all of us make at this time of the Christian year, give up a little of your time and attend one of the groups that will be meeting in various parts of the town during Lent. Details of these groups are featured in this issue under the heading "Great Aycliffe Council of Churches" and anyone may join in whether committed Christians or not. Go along and listen to what other people have to say, then if you have an opinion express it. You are certain to learn something. For there never yet was a discussion from which absolutely nothing good came out.

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## THE NEWTON AYCLIFFE SCOTTISH SOCIETY

At a meeting held in the "Iron Horse" recently the above Society arose out of the ashes of the Caledonian Society.

The aims of this new venture are to provide entertainment for the Scots and their friends in Newton Aycliffe. Various functions will be held in the Town at intervals and we ask for the support of all exiles for their continual success.

This is the outcome of the successful St. Andrew's Night and Burn's Supper evenings in the Over Sixties Club.

We hope to hold a further social evening early in April so please watch for future developments.

The following Officials and Committee were elected and we should like to hear from any keen Scots who would like to help.

### Officials :

Chairman:	.....	G. McKellar 7 Taylor Walk.
Secretary:	.....	A. McDonald, 1 Eldon Close.
Treasurer:	.....	E. Chapman, 13 Hullock Road
Asst. Secretary:	.....	Mrs. A. Kinghorn, 117 Silkin Way

### Committee :

Mr. & Mrs. D. Hepburn, 49 Hartley Road.
Mr. B. McFarlane, 6 Pease Way.
Mrs. A. Jennings, 33 Clarence Green.
Mrs. E. McDonald, 1 Eldon Close.
Mrs. K. Hutchinson, 7 Cadogan Square.
Mr. H. Kinghorn, 117 Silkin Way.
Mrs. E. Lodge, 48 Emerson Way.

## NEWTON PLAYERS

We have a time, a date, a producer, and willing performers, but at the time of writing we have not yet decided on our end of season play. "Why?" you may ask. There are plenty to choose from, you may think, and you would be right. Why then the delay. Simple. There are too many to choose from. Our aim is contrast. To present one as completely different from 'Doctor in the House' as was 'Bonaventure' from 'One way Pendulum.'

We have now narrowed the field, and as you read this, one will have been chosen, but like me, you must wait a final decision.

Our penultimate and final pantomime performances were given to a combined audience of the Ladies and Gentlemen from Shafto House and The Physically Handicapped, concluding with the patients of Aycliffe Hospital. Once again our thanks to the Matron and staff for making us so very welcome and as usual for the delightful supper.

We again remind you that our meeting place is 'The Hut' behind The Beveridge Hall. Every Thursday evening from 8 p.m. onwards. Anyone interested in Amateur Dramatics, beginners, veterans, the curious, will be most welcome. What have you got to lose?

W.S.M.

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We request that all motorists park their vehicles sensibly. If possible avoid ill-lit spots which give the thief ample time and opportunity.

Now we realise that all motorists may have heard and read about this advice before, but so have the other 750 vehicle owners mentioned at the beginning of this column. Had they taken heed of our advice, we know that our Crime Statistics would have been greatly reduced.

Motorists who do not possess a garage and who park their vehicles on the road should ensure that the side lights or parking lights are switched on during the hours of darkness.

## COFFEE EVENING

A COFFEE EVENING will be held in the home of Mrs. Lowther, 10 Shield Walk, in aid of the Townswomen's Guild Funds on March 8th from 7-30 p.m. onwards.

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