

newton news

Miss U.M.M.

SUSAN HANNAN, of 7 Morton Walk, chosen as Miss U.M.M. at a special dance held in the Social Club. Susan, who is very popular at U.M.M., is 22 years old, and her main ambition is "just to be happy".



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Carnival Time

6th - 14th June

It's Carnival time in Newton Aycliffe and the Secretary of the Carnival Committee, Mrs. Ann Shotton, has kindly given the "News" a brief programme of events, which we print in the centre pages. Full details are in the programme which is on sale.

It promises to be interesting and entertaining and the "News" compliments the Carnival Committee — a voluntary body — who are giving hours of their free time to organise this popular event for the enjoyment of the townspeople.

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Andrew Carnegie once said "provide the service that people want, and they will beat a path to your door".

Well, the present Over 60 Club is not in the middle of the jungle—therefore the question arises 'why is the Club not used more than it is? Why is it not used more by the people for whom it was intended? We know it is used for Bingo by private enterprise, three nights a week. It is also hired out to other people for various purposes on occasional even-

ings. The income from these lettings brings in money which is needed to maintain and run the Club. But, how often is the Club used for the members? Or is the money obtained from hiring out the hall to Bingo, etc., just part of a 'dog chasing it's own tail'? In other words, getting money from outside parties in order to maintain the hall for the same outside parties. Where do the members come in?

Granted, they have their occasional concerts and annual

affairs. Is it that they do not require a place of daily recreation where they could meet their fellow men and women, play quiet games, read papers and magazines and have a cup of tea or coffee?

Certainly it is not going to be easier to do this when the Club is moved to Neville Parade. We asked Committee-men Mr. Hindmarch and Mr. Usher about this. "The Committee was given the choice of two sites and decided on the one at Neville Parade as the better of the two."

In the ultimate development of this town, the boundaries will stretch far away in the other direction. Why then, is this Club being moved away from the centre of the town?

Let us give a thought to the people now over sixty and the ones who are approaching sixty. Do they want a club which they can use every day? Money is required to keep a place open all day and every day. This money will not be forthcoming from a side show at Neville Parade.

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● COLOURFUL START TO THE TRAINING SEASON

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The Annual Ball is one of the highlights of the social life of the Unit, and this year the 130 guests were received by Brigadier J. Nicholson, M.C. and Mrs. Nicholson, and Major G. W. Ellington (the new Officer Commanding) and Mrs. Ellington.

Dance music was provided by the dance band section of 34 (N) Signal Regt. R. Sigs (V) and the Pipes and Drums of Aycliffe British Legion.

For this event, the drill hall was colourfully transformed from its military austerity by the decorative ingenuity of the permanent staff, who support enthusiastically all aspects of the Unit's activities, in addition to their regular duties as instructors.

A cold buffet, which was prepared and served by the Unit's own cooks and waiters, would have been a credit to the best of hotels.

All in all, this was a very successful event and a fitting start to the Spring training season.

For the remainder of the month it was back to business, as dress uniforms were hung up for another year and the first of a series of weekends "in the field" took place on the Warcop in Westmoorland. The Unit was able to operate with its heavy equipment in putting into practice some of the theories covered during the long winter of classroom instruction. Everyone was glad to get into the open air for a change and the weather remained kind until the homeward journey, which was made in the teeth of a blizzard.

The annual range classification was fired at Whitburn Camp on Saturday/Sunday, 18th/19th April. Over 170 members of the Unit attended, including the latest intake of recruits. The standard of shooting was high and some of the new recruits displayed an aptitude which made the "old" soldiers sit up and take notice. The weekend ended with a friendly competition shoot between platoon and composite teams from the Aycliffe and Newcastle Drill Halls, and this year the Newcastle team carried the honours back to Tyneside.

All members of the Unit are looking forward to the Annual Camp at Ollerton, commencing 23rd May. This is old territory to most of the Unit, but is very popular—ideal for training, and, for the leisure hours, is liberally sprinkled with friendly pubs.

The new recruits, however, will be undergoing their basic training course at Borden, in Hampshire. Last year, Unit members gained 1st and 2nd places on the recruits' courses, and we are hoping to repeat this achievement. We wish them all the best of luck.

● THANKS TO PETITION SIGNERS

Mrs. Wilkes (wife of Det. Wilkes) and spokesman for Durham County Policemans Wives thanks all who signed the petition for retention of capital punishment for crimes involving murder of policemen.



'News' letter rejected

Dear Sir,

Reference the letter by Hannah Graham in your last issue of the "Newton News", the Committee and members of the Disabled Club wish to state quite categorically that H. Graham had no authority whatsoever to write for or

on behalf of the Disabled Club. Her views are her own and not substantiated by facts and are rejected out of hand by all members of the club.

Mrs M. Woods, Chairman.
Mrs. E. Mackey, Treasurer.
12 Elizabeth Barrett Walk,
Newton Aycliffe.

Grenadiers not to appear with Monarchs

Dear Sir,

Following the statement in the mid-month issue (May) of the Newton News, Monarchs will not appear in Town Carnival, due to the fact they will not abide by the rules laid down by our association. This being the case I would be obliged if you would print the following statement:

Grenadiers will not appear in the Monarchs Carnival on May 30th, 1970, nor will they take part in the display on June 17th, 1970. This has been

brought about by the Monarchs refusal to abide by the rules as laid down by the Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire Association, under these circumstances we feel that we cannot abide by the rules as laid down by their association. It is with regret we are forced to do this, but we have no other choice.

For and on behalf of the Grenadiers Juvenile Jazz Band,
Your faithfully,
D. C. Nettleton, Sec.
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Laws will not be strangers to Newton Aycliffe because many of the inhabitants once resided on Tyneside. Many people have asked Laws to come to Newton Aycliffe because they still remember Laws friendly stores on Tyneside.

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Mr. PETER WHITE

Newton News talks to Mr. Peter White, A.L.A. Branch Librarian. Newton Aycliffe. Mr. White has lived in Newton Aycliffe for two years, he is married with no children.

What is your opinion of Newton Aycliffe compared with the last place in which you lived?
We lived in Peterlee before coming to Newton Aycliffe and I think that both towns could learn something from each other. Peterlee has more amenities—shops etc. I think the bus service in Newton Aycliffe is shocking.

It is claimed by the public opinion surveys that groups of people from almost anywhere in the country produce the same opinions. Do you find that they also read the same books?
Generally speaking, yes. But there is always a demand for books of local interest both fiction and non fiction.

Apart from 'light' reading, what four books do you think should be read by everyone?
1, The Bible; 2, George Orwell's 'Nineteen Eighty Four'; 3, 'The Lord of the Rings' by J. R. R. Tolkien. 4, Churchill's 'History of the English Speaking Peoples'.

Who do you think the greatest person of this century?
Charles de Gaulle—for sheer statesmanship one has to admire this man.

If you had the means and the freedom of choice, where in the world would you live—and why?
Probably in Scotland simply because I like it there.

If you won a prize of £25,000, what would you do with it?
Have a house built to my own specifications, buy a car and go on a long cruise around the world.

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Monarchs

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This brings The Monarchs' tally to six cups and thirteen medals. A really terrific performance by the children.

Their two nearest rivals at this carnival were The Horden Blue Stars (2nd) and The Elemore Sunbeams (3rd). Both of these are in the top class bracket—more credit to The Monarchs.

On 30th May The Monarch's own carnival will be held and we are sorry that The Grenadiers find themselves unable to compete. We can see no reason, however, why they should refuse to display with us, on the Wednesday evening during the Town Carnival Week.

Nothing is at stake! No association rules to comply with! A grand chance for the two bands to try for a better relationship.

Regretfully we shall respect their wishes, and wish them well for the future.

Don't forget on Saturday, June 6th, The Monarchs compete at Ferryhill. So if you want to see them at their best, pop through and cheer them on.

The supporters who travelled to Doncaster, including the cars, must have exceeded 100 people. Magnificent support! Thank you.

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Mrs. Giles told the "News" how encouraged she was at the generosity of people in Newton Aycliffe who have contributed to the success of the Fashion Show in order to help St. Clare's Church in their financial difficulties. "Every shop in Newton Aycliffe contributed something," Mrs. Giles said. "One person in Broughs, a stranger to me, happened to overhear my request to the manager for a prize and she promptly gave something herself," Mrs. Giles added.

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He lives at 10 Warburton Close and has been swimming since he was 18 months old. He is a member of Bishop Auckland and Darlington Swimming Clubs.

The "News" looks forward to hearing more of this young swimmer.

MEN ONLY

Are you retired because of age or ill health?

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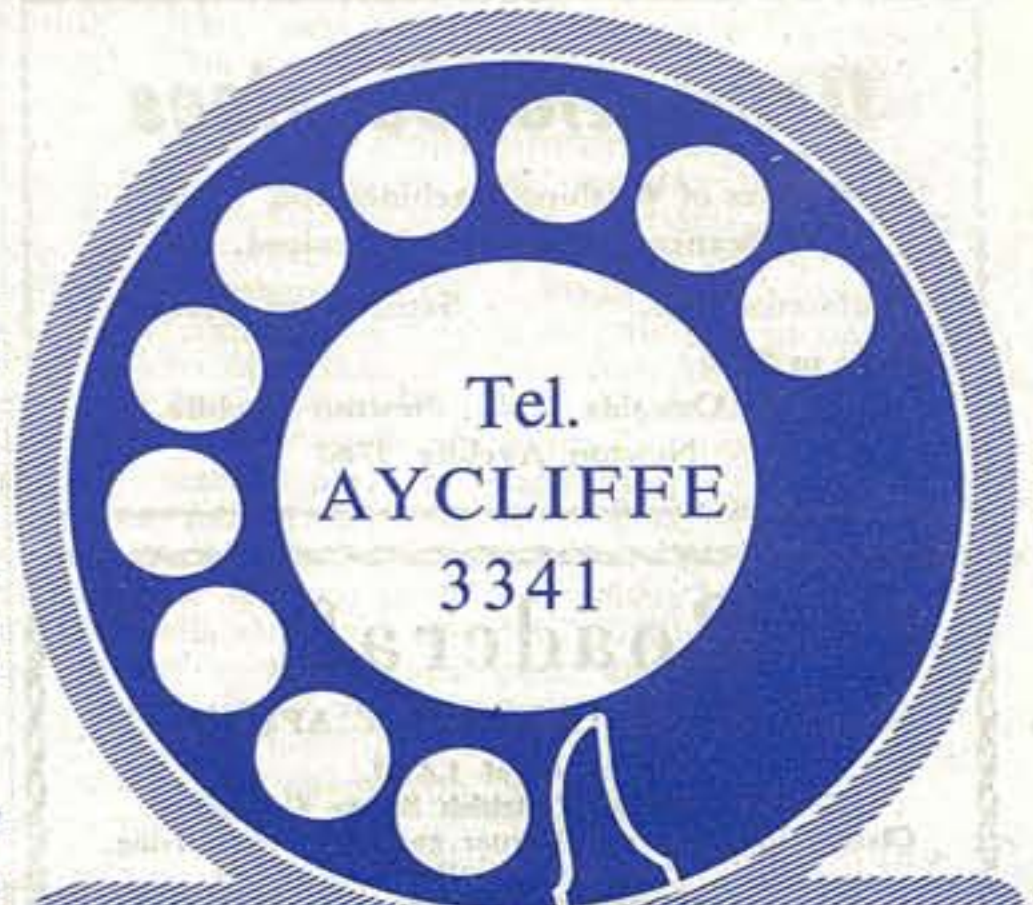
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be fifty-nine or forty-nine or indeed thirty-nine. Would you not drink a cup of tea and rest your weary legs in their company?

The Over Sixty Club should be open every day and all day.

At the moment the club's income does not allow for daily opening. Could it not be reorganised so that it is possible.

We are told the club is to be moved to Neville Parade. Should the club be

Women's Column

pence offs and the different prices from one store to another — you feel like a cup of tea before that long walk home.

There is a place and it is in an ideal situation — just right — the Over Sixty Club. But you can't use it — not even if you are over sixty — as it is closed for most of the week.

In any case, why on earth did they name it the Over Sixty Club. Why must we put a deadline on things? Your friends may

situated in an 'out of town' location?

For its present usage the move would not be felt. If, however, it was used in the way it was meant to be used it would be an important amenity and as such ought to stay in the town centre.

Would it not be possible to site it near the proposed recreational complex?

The editor would welcome readers' views on this topic.

Senior Citizens Entertained

The Newtonian Senior Citizens' meeting in St. Clare's Church Hall, had a delightful surprise on Friday, May 22nd, when Miss Kathleen Jordan, Prison Officer, of Bullwood Hall, Hockley, Essex, on a visit to Newton Aycliffe brought along her tape recorder and gave a programme of taped music comprising brass bands, light classical, and vocal. She was assisted by Mr. P. Corrigan, and the programme gave tremendous pleasure to those present. The Domino Drive supervised by Mr. A. Lawson was won by Mrs. Southern and Mr. W. Welch. Refreshment was served by Mesdames Jarvis, Haggie, Shepherd and Fisher.

Forthcoming Events

On Monday, June 8th, Whickham and Dunstone Women's Keep Fit Class will give a display of Physical Exercises and Dancing. This will be in St. Clare's New Church Hall at 7 p.m. Admission 1/6, O.A.P. 1/-. Proceeds to the Church as a thank you for the continued regular free use of the hall.

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Sports Club Round-up

The prestige of Newton Aycliffe Sports Club took a further leap forward on Thursday, 21st May, with their Soccer team's success in the Auckland and District Challenge Cup Final in which they beat Shildon B.R. 1-0 to take this much sought after trophy. This cup will look well alongside this season's other footballing success in the shape of the Brancepeth Aged Miners' Cup which also came our way after a thrilling set of matches. So all in all the soccer team has had a great season, with their reserves finishing runners-up in the second division and the first team finishing eighth in the league, it is hoped that both the trophies will be displayed on the club's carnival float in June for all the residents of the town to see.

The Rugby teams, although not having had such a successful season trophy-wise as their footballing counterparts, have no doubt amongst themselves at least that this has been one of the most enjoyable seasons for quite some time, even though their playing record is not as good as they would have liked.

In fact the 1st XV played 34, won 7, drew 1 and lost 26, whilst the 2nd XV played 22, won 5 and lost 17. Although this does not look very impressive, the

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fact that both sides have been playing much stronger opposition than usual and that it is a better record than some senior clubs in the area, has not made anyone in the club at all despondent, and everyone is raring to go next season and make a much better showing.

Socially the Rugby section, usually the most active in this field, had a very good season and all dances, etc., have been very well organised and attended not only by the rugby players but by the whole club, and everyone is looking forward with pleasant anticipation to September when the rugby players start their first game with their Annual Scrum Down dance early in September, so watch out for details.

Not a lot can be said for the cricket section so early on in their season, but they have started well with some very good wins and all teams are improving with every game. So possibly the

best thing to do is wish them luck and good weather for the rest of the season and hope that they bring home a few prizes to augment those won by our soccer players.

The Archery Section, although one never hears much news about them, are doing very well and will no doubt take full advantage of the long summer nights to get in plenty of practice during the next few months. This sport, which can be enjoyed by young and old together, is growing in popularity and anyone wishing to take part in this or any other activity within the sphere of the club can come down any time which suits them and they will be furnished with all the necessary details regarding membership, etc.

Anyone joining the club gains not only the advantages of our sporting facilities but will also have the use of our excellent clubhouse, with its more than adequate social facilities.

Our A.G.M., which took place on Sunday, 17th

May, was very ably chaired by retiring chairman Mr. Reg Smith, and due to this was probably the shortest on record, with no time being wasted over pointless discussion. Officers elected or re-elected were: Secretary, Mr. J. Bold; Treasurer, Mr. F. Hiley, and the chairmanship went to local personality Mr. George Robson, a man who had much to do with the building of the new extension to the club, an outstanding success story in itself. George is also a long serving member of the club, and everyone wishes him well in his year of office.

Finally, a word of thanks is due to two of our lady members, Mrs Pinkney and Mrs. Bold, for the tireless efforts in organising and catering for the various club social events during the year. We hope we will have many more "GREAT NIGHTS" like those of the past, and so attract more people to our club to snare the tremendous benefits of being a member.

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