

newton news

R.A.F.A. celebrations in full swing

At the Annual Dance on 5th September Miss R.A.F.A. Newton Aycliffe was chosen from seven entrants.

Mrs. Pat May of 2 Richardson Walk took the title and was duly crowned by retiring Miss R.A.F.A. Lyn Brownless.

Second was Mrs. Janet Wills of 1 Auckland Place and third prize went to Mrs. Linda Parker, 17 Wallace Road.

The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Brownless and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobson. Presentation of Rose Bowl and trophy by Mr. Stan Brown.

Mr. Rawlings, organiser for "Battle of Britain celebrations" wishes to express sincere thanks to members of the ladies section and others who contributed to the success of the evening.

On 13th September a service for the region will be held in Durham Cathedral.

In the afternoon the "Wings Trophy" will be competed for at Aycliffe Stadium with exciting stock car races.

On Thursday 17th September at the R.A.F.A. Club a Good Night Out is promised with cabaret, dancing and bingo. All for 5/- donation. Tickets are scarce so get yours quickly.

On 20th September there will be the Annual "Wings Parade" led by the Town Band to a service at St. Clares Church at 11 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. Hall, who

is a recent member of the club.

Get out your fancy dress for "Wings Ball" on 26th September at the R.A.F.A. Club. This promises to be a really tip-top event and once again the entrance fee is only a 4/- donation, so offering terrific value for money.

Another event, planned for October 8th means dressing up again. This is the Tramps Ball to be held at the R.A.F.A. Club. Watch for details in the next issue of the news.

Our M.P.

comes to town

Do you have any problems which you would like your M.P. to help you with? He is able to deal with it personally on Saturday 12th September at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Offices, Upper Beveridge Way (new shops).

David Reed, our new M.P. one of the youngest in the "House", is fulfilling one of his promises made to the "news" earlier this year when he said he would be calling in Newton Aycliffe as often as possible.



Round Table members planning the Big Walk.

BIG BIGGER WALK

The Big Walk gets bigger each day, Newton Aycliffe Round Table who are organising this event in aid of Aycliffe Hospital Swimming Pool for Handicapped Children are delighted with the terrific response from every quarter.

September 20th the day of the Big Walk is to be a mammoth task of organisation. Over 500 walkers are expected to turn out in this grand effort to get the money needed for the swimming pool project to get underway.

Everybody is talking about the Big Walk and the walkers are filling their books with names of willing sponsors. One walker filling her fourth book has a total of 35/- for every mile she walks, so if she completes the course will collect £35 for the project.

There is still time for more walkers to be registered so if

you are interested and would like to help this worthwhile cause please contact the "News Office" at Greenwell Road, where you can get full details.

If you cannot walk, but would like to sponsor a walker we can find a walker for you. Even if it is only a penny a mile—it will help! Call at the news office now!

COFFEE EVENING

Miss Coxon invites you to a Coffee Evening in St. Clares Church Hall on Friday 25th September 7.30 to 9 o'clock.

Miss Morton of Middlesbrough and her Keep Fit team of ladies will provide entertainment and give a display of modern Keep Fit.

All welcome. Proceeds in aid of St. Clares Church. 2/6.

Don't forget to visit the OLD FOLKS' EXHIBITION OF HANDICRAFTS and HOME PRODUCE in St. Clares Church Hall on Friday 25th September. Open to the public from 1-5 p.m.

NEW METHODIST MINISTER ARRIVES



Rev. Williams and his family have just moved into the Manse from Bristol where the previous Methodist Minister Rev. Gunstone has moved in a sort of "exchange Church" situation. The Williams are experiencing their first stay in the North East and despite being a little apprehensive with regard to the climate, are looking forward to a happy time in Newton Aycliffe.

"We have certainly been made to feel welcome and find the people here most friendly," said Rev. Williams.

Their two older children are off to boarding school this week. John to Harrogate and Sarah to Bury St. Edmunds.

The "news" welcomes the new minister and his family and wish them every success during their time in Newton Aycliffe.

Town Cinema Popular

The Saturday morning film show got off to a grand start with the exciting story of Rob Roy with cartoons to support the programme.

The projectionist, Ted Carr, has done a tremendous job in the presentation of these films. He has erected a proper cinema screen with built in sound units and his equipment is really professional. The kiddies enjoyed themselves and during the interval crisps, sweets and pop were available.

Anyone wishing to become a member pays an enrolment fee of 2/- and thereafter 2/- admission to each show. Come along to the Hall on Saturday morning to join.

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GEOFF BATCHELOR

Manager of his family's off-licence shop in the Town Centre, Geoff has worked hard to supply the needs of the townspeople after normal shopping hours.

The service he offers is much appreciated in Newton Aycliffe and the shop has become to be relied on as much as the "corner shop" is in other towns.

Where does your family originate and why did you choose Newton Aycliffe?

My parents, sister and I were born in Thornaby-on-Tees and we left there when I was 10. The family owned a business in Middlesbrough for 3 years, but my mother chose Newton Aycliffe when she had a successful interview for a shop at Simpature Gate. She believed the town to be a lovely place to live in so we moved here in 1956.

What features of the town appeal to you and what facility we lack would you like to see provided?

Its an ideal place to bring children up in with the green open spaces, plenty of fresh air, I would like to see a complete sports centre, swimming baths etc. Large companies like Marks and Spencer, C & A would make a difference to the town.

Married, children?

I've been married nearly 9 years, my wife Ann originated from Doncaster and we have two young daughters, Mandy 5 years who attends Stephenson Way School and Leslea aged 3½ years.

What are your past-times and do you have a pet ambition?

Snooker, playing and watching football. Pet ambition to be able to visit the moon in my lifetime.

If you could change places with someone who would you choose and why?

No-one I'm quite happy just being myself.

Who is your favourite (a) Sportsman (b) Entertainer?

(a) Ron Clarke from Australia. I think he is the finest athlete the world has ever known. (b) You can't beat Frank Sinatra as the best in entertainment.

Do you have any views on the development of our town?

To my mind, the houses being built now have spoilt the image of Newton Aycliffe. I prefer the older type of houses.

Is there a particular holiday spot you often re-visit?

London, because it has everything, only you are not there long enough to get the full benefit.

If you were given £100,000 what would be the first three things you would buy?

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- (2) A flat in London.
- (3) High-powered expensive sports car because I love fast cars.

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TALKING POINTS

by the
observer

Are you a sponsor for the Big Walk?

Here is an opportunity for all of us to join in the effort to get a swimming pool for Aycliffe Hospital. The Newton Aycliffe Round Table has organised the Big Walk—a 20 mile hike starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday 20th September. The aim is 500 walkers and thousands of sponsors. Come on—get in on the Big Walk. Everyone is going to have a great day—and help towards the swimming pool target.

Count your blessings one by one.

I visited the Ryhope Hospital a few times to see an uncle who has had a leg amputated. The man in the next bed must be the head of a clan—he had twenty visitors during the Sunday visiting hour. Looking around the ward on each visit, I noticed some men had no visitors at all. Like worldly wealth, visitors to patients in hospitals seem to be unequally distributed. Which would you rather have—a lot of money or a lot of friends?

I travel around the country a good deal by car and am beginning to think that Newton Aycliffe has a lot of good points when you compare our town with other places in the North. I know that when we come back from places such as the Norfolk Broads, Blackpool, Devon and Spain we look back at them with rose coloured glasses. We have had guests from the South. They thought that the county of Durham was great. Do you know any better places than Newton Aycliffe in the county. You even have your own newspaper here. The swimming bath is on the way (we hope). What else do you want besides money?

Have you seen Fred Bainbridge's new hairdressing salon for men in Upper Beveridge Way? Must be one of the best in the county. "Hair cut while you wait." Why bother to go to Darlington.

And how about Harry Hardings new toy shop! Just have a look up there. And save some bus fares.

Good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Barrie who are returning to Scotland. The Over 60 Club Bingo has been taken over by Mr. John and Mrs. Jean Traynor. Say what you like about bingo but it provides jolly evenings out for a great many people. Anyway—what harm is there in winning money and having a bit of gossip with a cup of tea. A perfect combination.

Another Supermarket—Laws Stores opening shortly in the Town Centre. And the Co-op has announced that they are opening twenty Cut Price Stores in the county. Will all this bring your cost of living down? They say that competition is good for the customers.

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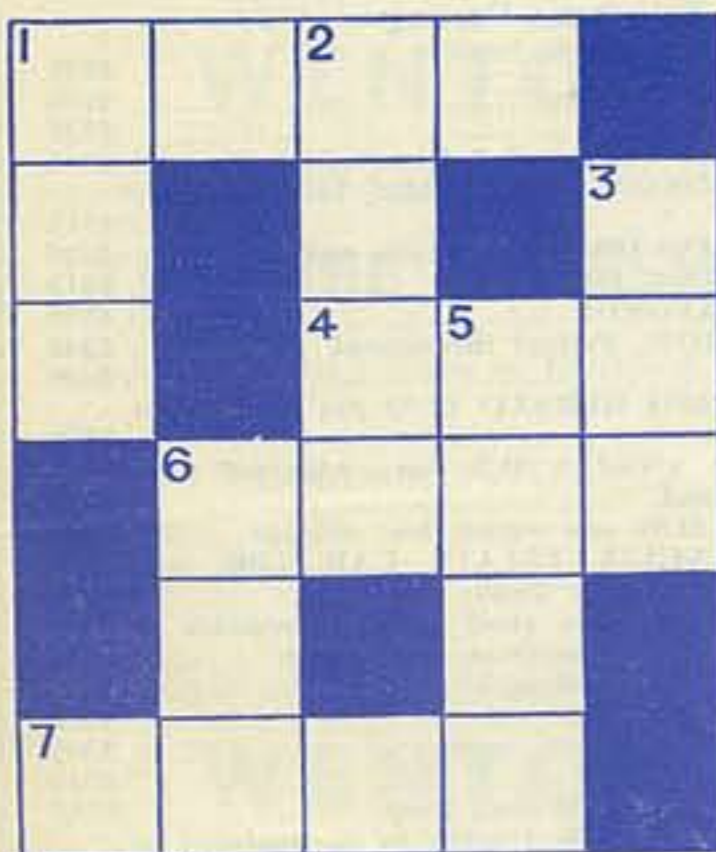
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- 7 Do as told.

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- 1 A Lie.
- 2 The end.
- 3 Lion's home.
- 5 Simple.
- 6 Cry.

Entries to.....

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GREENWELL ROAD — TOWN CENTRE

- ANITA, Skater and dancer shows talent

Anita Stobbs is a budding skating champion. Already at 9 years old she has collected many trophies. She started skating only 2 years ago and shows great promise. A pupil of Woodham Burn School, Anita lives at 14 Webb Close. Anita also has a talent for Ballroom Dancing, which she learns at Nora Capps Dancing Academy.

Good luck Anita we hope to hear more of your successes in the future.

- FILM SHOW MAY ATTRACT ADULTS TOO

The Saturday morning film shows billed for children may also bring in adults.

The films booked are full length feature films and are probably suitable for all ages.

A "U" certificate does not mean no adults allowed and parents and others are invited to come along.

A film which people should be booking in their diaries is "The Great Race" which has only just been released. The Film Club is running this special film on Boxing Day and it will probably be an "all ticket" affair. Film Show members will get first choice.

Boxing Day is usually quiet and many people find it an anti-climax after Christmas Day, so it was agreed that a film show should be put on.

Watch out for more details in a later issue of the "news"

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John Hardy (left) with Service Manager Harold Denwood and General Manager Peter Ratcliffe.

John Hardy the new owner of Bridge Garage on the Industrial Estate is much encouraged by the support he has gained from people in Newton Aycliffe and district.

Since taking over in June the service he has offered has brought good business to this young 24 year old man from Darlington.

All his working life has been connected with the motor trade and on leaving school took part in his father's business in Darlington who was a well known haulage contractor and coach proprietor.

He always had a yearning to be his own boss and when

Sheppards became available took the opportunity.

He secured the Ford dealership and since then has supplied many new cars into the area. His after sales service is much praised and his "trade-in" dealings very fair.

Ablly assisted by his 28 year old general manager Peter Ratcliffe also from Darlington, the general admin is very efficient and problems to do with any part of the business can be dealt with by him.

Peter has also been in the motor trade since school and served his apprenticeship with John Neasham Ltd. moving on to gain sales experience at managerial level.

Another ex-John Neasham/Skipper worker Harold Denwood who was foreman there for 15 years has now joined John Hardy as Service Manager.

A tradesman for 33 years he is able to deal with any problem that may arise.

Under Harold is a well trained staff of mechanics aimed at giving the motorist good efficient service at reasonable cost.

The "news" wishes John Hardy every success in his business at Newton Aycliffe and feel sure the success achieved so far has been thoroughly deserved.

Aycliffe Textiles form Social Club

In answer to many calls by Newton Aycliffe civic leaders for direct participation in the social life of the Town by firms on the Trading Estate, Aycliffe Textiles have recently formed their own Social Club under the title of the Continental Sports & Social Club (Aycliffe).

This new venture by Aycliffe Textiles has met with enthusiastic support from all sections of the works and its aim is to provide sport and social recreation for employees of this company.

Officials of the club elected recently are:-

Chairman, Mr. J. Wooten.

Secretary, Mr. C. Hepple.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. Croxson.

The first organised function, a visit to the Variety Club, Spennymoor proved to be a huge success. There are plans now for a trip to the Motor Show in London, and on the more energetic side, events for the sportsmen and women of Aycliffe Textiles, such as soccer, cricket, netball, darts and dominoes are near finalisation.

New pre-school group to start

David Rowe, the Parish Council Playleader has been successful in his efforts to get another pre school play group started. It is to be held in the Youth Centre and hopes to commence at the end of September.

Mr. Rowe has been trying very hard in recent months to open a new group due to the terrific demand for places at the one he runs at St. Clares Hall.

He now has everything set at the Youth Centre, but tells the "news" it is full already and any mother who wishes to get her child into a group should get their names down immediately. Mothers can contact Mr. Rowe at the new council offices Upper Beveridge Way or telephone 4334.

Peruvian appeal

The Oxfam appeal for the Peruvian Earthquake victims held in the town centre on Saturday 5th September realised £14 0 3d. This has been sent to the Mike Neville appeal in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The organisers Mrs. J. Thomson and Mrs. D. Earp wish to thank all those kind people who gave and came to buy at the stall. We hope to be able to run a similar but larger effort next year.

We would also like to thank the Aycliffe Development Corporation for allowing us to have the stall in the town centre.

Our thanks also to the West Farm Products who donated the chicken for the raffle. The lucky number was 20 and the winner Mrs. Raine of 6 Surtees Walk, Newton Aycliffe. The raffle was drawn by a local bank manager Mr. Natrass.

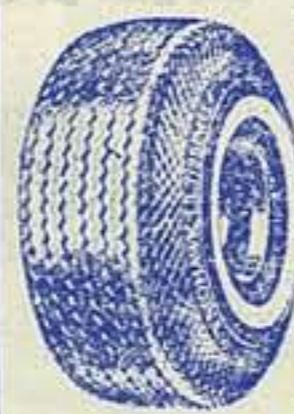
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POPPY APPEAL POSTER COMPETITION

A prize giving ceremony was held at the British Legion Club on Wednesday 3rd September, when awards were made for entries in the Poppy Appeal Competition. About seventy guests attended, including in most cases, the parents of those children who had submitted prize-winning entries.

Mr. Frank Batley opened the proceedings by welcoming all those present and explained that the idea of the poster competition had been to provide publicity for this year's Poppy Appeal. Over one hundred and seventy entries had been made for the competition and the standard achieved had been extremely high. He then introduced Mr. Alan Knowles, the Film Officer of the Northern Arts Association, who had previously adjudicated in the competition assisted by Mr. Macdonald a local artist.

Mr. Knowles then impressed his audience with a concise assessment of each painting on show and explained how and why awards had been made

in each section.

The over-all winner in the competition was Alan Jackson, aged 13 years, a local school-boy. He received a handsome inscribed trophy, generously subscribed by the British Legion with a view to future publicity, thanked all those who had helped to make the competition a great success, and the evening ended with a splendid buffet supper.

Children meet Uncle Jim

The Sunday School of the Assemblies of God meets in the Beveridge Hall at 2.30 p.m. All children are invited to go along and meet Uncle Jim and Auntie Marjorie for games, singing, quizzes and an enjoyable time.



Alan Jackson of 4 Hatfield Road receiving trophy as overall winner in the Poppy Appeal Poster Competition. Making the presentation was Mr. Alan Knowles, film officer for Northern Area Arts Association left of the picture Mr. F. Batley chairman of the fund.

Stock car race for R.A.F.A. Trophy

Now that it is Autumn, we are nearing the close of the Stock Car Season, but unlike most things which run down towards the closed season Stock Car Racing goes out with a bang. The first of our Autumn meetings was on Bank Holiday Monday when we held that very Spectacular Destruction Derby, and when Ex-World Champ Tony Neal returned to top form and won the honours for the day. Our next meeting promises to be just as spectacular, it is on Sunday 13th September and is a special meeting for the R.A.F.A. Wings appeal Challenge Trophy, which was kindly donated by our local branch of the R.A.F.A. Now for some news hot from the press, on Sunday 20th September, a nationally famous stunt team the Destruction Squad is paying us a visit, you may have seen them on television in Blue Peter, when they crashed an unarmoured car through a furniture van, and then showed a spectacular flying leap onto some parked cars yards away. On another occasion they drove a car fitted with wings over a 100ft drop into a quarry filled with water, these men and women have nerves of steel, and they tell me they will try anything.

Also this month we have the Autumn Trophy meeting on the 27th, this is the day after the World Championships in London and we are hoping to persuade the new Champ whoever that may be to be with us on the 27th. On now to

October when we will be holding the Hell Drivers Trophy Meeting and also the North Eastern Drivers Championships both premier events in the years calendar, then on to the very last meeting of 1970, in November we will be holding the last Destruction Derby of the year, and just to add zest to the meeting, this Derby will be held in a figure of eight with the drivers meeting at the dreaded devils crossroads at track centre, on what is known as a chicken run, as you can guess in this event, since all the drivers must travel in the same direction, around a figure of eight circuit, soon the front

men meet up with the back markers at the crossroads, drivers can slow down, speed up, or take avoiding action but they must not stop or they are branded as chicken, and this they would never be. This may not sound too hazardous but since neither driver knows what the other will do sometimes both accelerate into the crossroads, and the result is some of the most spectacular crashes you will ever see.

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There are nearly 22,000 books in this branch library and over 1,000,000 in the County Library Service. You ask for a book, the staff will help to get it—even if it is about Billy Bunter—don't hesitate to ask (the staff is broad-minded). Which makes one ponder a little on those ominous looking labels in some books, which warn you that there is some bad language inside—do a lot of people drop these like hot coals? Or are we all now so broad-minded that, without even blinking, we place it in front of one of these charming girls for the booking out stamp.

The library operates a gramophone record lending service which is available to all over 15 years of age resident in the County Library area. The collection of records is mainly of the works of major composers and a small selection of recordings of musical shows and folk music. The annual subscription for this record service is thirty shillings.

In conjunction with the W.V.S., the library provides a service to the homes of permanently house bound readers. There is also a good selection of LARGE PRINT books for those with poor eyesight.

With the town being extended to accommodate a population of 45,000, it is expected that the library will be enlarged to twice its present size and will include reading rooms, lecture hall and exhibition room. Well—there you are—whether you want a book to keep you awake or send you to sleep, you will probably be able to get it. You pay for it with your rates and if you are a reader, you get your money's worth.

The Library is open every weekday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. excepting Wednesdays (close 5 p.m.) and Saturdays (close 4 p.m.).

● DON'T FORGET TO SAY THANKYOU

It doesn't cost anything to say "thankyou", yet how often we take things for granted in our everyday life. Even though we pay for services rendered, we lose nothing by showing a little gratitude. How sad it is however when we forget to say "thankyou" after having received benefits that often come to us quite freely.

This reminds me of the incident in the life of Jesus, when ten men were healed of leprosy, but only one came back to say "thankyou".

We ought daily to thank God for health and strength, food and clothing, etc. Above all, we should thank God for sending His Son to be the Saviour of the world (see John 3:16).

We invite you to join with a grateful band of people who will be giving thanks next Sunday in a Gospel Service at the Bethel Tabernacle, Byerly Road, Shildon at 6 p.m., or if this is impossible, and you would like further information on this subject, write to this address

God bless you.

Pretty Newtonian



KAREN GARTLAND

Our 15 year old Pretty Newtonian has an ambition to work in stables as an extension of her favourite hobby, horseriding. Karen who lives at 4 Richardson Walk is a pupil of Woodham Comprehensive School and her other interests include Netball and Youth Centre activities.

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BEDE CRESCENT

Here is the remarkable story of a truly wonderful man. Bede who we call the "Venerable" is pre-eminent in our county because he is the first shining example of the manner in which the coming of Christianity transformed the nations life.

Bede was born about AD 673 somewhere between the Wear and the Tyne. Popular belief is that he was born at Monkwearmouth. He certainly grew up in an atmosphere which was aglow with religion and every day he would see the toil, hear the hammers of men who were building religious houses.

At Jarrow he saw the rising of the monastery in which, together with the house at Monkwearmouth, he was to spend most of his life.

Bede has been called the father of English learning, and when we reflect how difficult learning must have been to acquire in his day we realise how tremendous an achievement was this good mans life. He had 600 monks in his school at Jarrow and the text books he wrote for them were the wonder of his time. He loved learning, music and beauty, and he was tireless.

His books contained all that was known in England about astronomy, meteorology, physics, music, grammar, arithmetic, medicine and philosophy. He was master of the whole range of science and the work he did is almost beyond belief. His greatest book, "The Ecclesiastical history of the English People" must have taken at least 2000 hours merely to write.

The number of books he left behind totalled 79, everyone written laboriously in his own hand or dictated when he could no longer write.

When death finally came to him on ascension day in AD 735 he was still hard at work. He was writing out the bible in the language of the English people, imagine writing the scriptures for the first time in the language that we speak.

Apparently knowing he was dying he hastened on with the translation, and on his last day, when there was still a chapter to be finished, he said to his boy, "get out your pen and ink, and write fast." This went on all the afternoon when the boy exclaimed "one sentence, dear master, is left unfinished." The old man summoned up his strength and gave the final translation. "It is finished," said the boy, and Bede replied, "true, it is finished," and closed his eyes and died.

Thus passed without question one of the rarest figures in our history. He was our first great scholar, our first historian, and indeed the father of English learning. His tomb stands proudly in the Galilee Chapel of Durham Cathedral.

RON WATSON



Playleadership - competition results

Tennis (singles) G. Farley, (doubles) G. Farley and V. Oliver.

5-a-side Football (juniors) "The Birds" J. Moses, P. Musgrave, C. Steele, J. Farling, S. Walls, C. Gibson. (seniors) "Moore Lane V" J. Douthwaite, E. Allinson, S. Cant, P. Cowan, R. Kell, T. Whitwell.

Single Wicket Cricket S. Hodgson.

Sports Day 9-11 Sprint (boys) I. Cunningham, 5-8 Sprint (boys) N. Craggs, 12-14 Sprint (boys) J. Foster, 9-11 Sprint

(girls) H. Graham, 5-8 Sprint (girls) B. Appleton.

Wheelbarrow Race, L. Parker and G. Cooper, J. and N. Robinson.

5-8 Stilt Race (girls) A. Masquiere, 8-11 Stilt Race (girls) B. Appleton, 12-14 Stilt Race (girls) C. Burns, 8-11 Stilt Race (boys) A. Ritchie.

5-8 Long Distance (boys) N. Craggs, 9-11 Long Distance (boys) A. Ritchie, 12 plus J. Agntw, 5-8 Long Distance (girls) D. Garretty, 9-11 Long Distance (girls) P. Gardner.

3 Legged Race S. Hodgson and R. Nicholson, H. Graham and L. Kelly.

5-8 High Jump T. Cowins,

P. Foster, 9-11 High Jump D. Bradley, 12-15 High Jump R. Nicholson.

Aycliffe Village Padder Tennis (seniors) boys P. Northcott (girls) M. Harty, Juniors (boys) M. Clark.

Single Wicket Cricket (M x D) B. Harty.

5-a-side Football (M x D) N. Rickaby, T. Weir, M. Todd, M. Harty, S. Topping, N. Slater.

Stilt Race (glirs) S. Rogers (boys) P. Dickenson.

100 yds. Seniors S. Elliot, **80 yds. Juniors** M. Hughf, **440 yds Boys** T. Hope (girls) A. Brown.

Best Performances (boys) T. Weir, (girls) G. Whitfield.

A DAY AT THE SEASIDE

In August the Newtonian Senior Citizens filed into two coaches filling them to capacity and set off in glorious sunshine for Whitley Bay. The itinerary both ways was via the Tyne Tunnel. A surprise on the outward journey was the distribution of a luscious peach to everyone. Upon arrival the heat haze turned the crowds of people on the into ghostly figures, but it was very enjoyable to sit about or to move around. The old folk were equal to the jostling of the crowds and followed their bent with immense pleasure until 6.30 p.m. when they boarded the coaches for home. Tired and weary after the exertion of the day? Not a bit of it, the hearty and lusty singing on the return journey had a zest which was a credit to all. The organisation which was in the hands of Mr. R. Walker assisted by officials and committee gave great satisfaction and was accorded highest praise.

W.A.B.

Lancers organise Carnival

Simpasture Playing Field has been made available to the Royal Lancers Juvenile Jazz Band to hold an Open Carnival on Sunday 13th September.

Mr. Alf Towler told the "news" how pleased he was to get the venue and expressed his special thanks to Coun. Conlon. The organisers are expecting 8 bands and possibly ten, and both Associations in the area are to be represented.

It is hoped that this Open Carnival might be the means of getting the Associations together. At the moment they have different sets of rules. This showed itself recently when there was difficulty in the Grenadiers and the Monarchs (who are in different Associations) appearing at the same Carnival.

It should be quite an event and we hope for good weather and good support and special good luck to the Royal Lancers at the point of founding the band.

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NEW SEASON AT DANCING SCHOOL

Now that the holidays are over, the pupils and teachers have a very busy winter season to look forward to. To start the season, a show will be given at Escomb to the Youth Club on 23rd September. Several shows are to follow and the pupils will also be training for the Medal Examinations which will be held in November. Many of the pupils who already hold gold medals will be going in for higher awards which means quite a lot of hard work for both teachers and pupils.

Incidentally, the assistant teacher Miss Carol Jacques, who specialises in tap, has won several major awards in various festivals during the summer months. Rehearsals have also started for our first Christmas pantomime. This show will be a real old type panto with singing, dancing, comedy and music, and will appeal to all ages. All this will mean hard work but the results expected will be well worth the effort. We are still prepared to give shows for any charity which of course will be given free of charge.

Any one interested should apply at the class on Thursday evenings at the Beveridge Hall or at 5 Mellanby Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.



The Town Band are currently having their busiest season ever. Practices under their Musical Director, Mr. Raymond White are being very well attended and if present progress is maintained they will certainly be a force to be reckoned with in the 1971 Contest Season.

From time to time, criticism has been levelled at the Band because they do not appear more often in public here on our own town. Due to the vagaries of our English weather the planning of outdoor events is a very chancy affair and without the protection of a bandstand, we are naturally very reluctant to risk the ruin

of £400/500 of uniforms, music and equipment.

However in an attempt to answer this criticism, the Band have planned a series of indoor Concerts this coming Autumn and Winter, the first of which will be held in Marlowe Hall School on Friday 2nd October 1970, at 7.30 p.m.

In addition to the music of your own Town Band, you will be able to enjoy the superlative singing of Mr. Vince Vickers, Baritone, well known in South-West Durham music circles who will be accompanied on piano by his wife, Mrs. A. Vickers.

Our second Guest-Artiste is Mr. W. Fraser, Euphonium Virtuoso who is exceptionally well known in Brass and Military Band circles at present a teacher of Brass playing in H.M. Forces. At one time or another, "Bill" has played with many of the top Bands in the country and can always be relied upon to give a peerless performance.

Tickets for this Concert have been modestly priced at 2/6d with a reduction to 1/- for O.A.P. and Children and are available from any member of the Band. This is an opportunity for the Townsfolk to enjoy an excellent Musical Evening and to show by their support that such presentations are appreciated. The Band will then be encouraged to plan more ambitious undertakings.

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There will be raffles and refreshments at reasonable charges. Admission to the sale is only 3d. Come along everybody. If you're not over 60 now, you will be one day.

LADIES! keep fit

Ladies interested in keeping a trim figure and physically fit should attend the special classes starting at Sugar Hill School on 15th September.

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