

# newton news



A colourful wedding when, Michael Pounder of 17 Bury Road married Patricia Crawford of High Etherley.

## Peace hangs by thread

With these words the Vicar of St. Clares Rev. Hall, addressed approximately 400 people remembering the dead of two world wars on Remembrance Sunday.

"There are countries ready to pounce like cats on mice—there is also the terror of nuclear war hanging over us" he continued.

The vicar remarked, how on this day of Remembrance, that we not only remember the fallen of two world wars, but the thousands of persons who as a result of war are suffering in mind and body.

"We must try to revive the spirit of 'putting our backs into it' said the vicar as he talked on the subject of the Welfare State and the work of the British Legion in welfare work.

"The welfare state has the danger of giving men and women knowledge that they can take more out than they put in" the vicar said.

The parade, which had representatives from civic authority, organisations of Newton Aycliffe, and the Military added to the dignity of the occasion.

St. Clares Church was beautifully decorated with 2000 poppies and the posters entered in the Poppy Appeal Poster Competition were displayed on the Church Walls.

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The marriage of Denise Brown of 63 Dalton Way to Fred Smith of 8 Clarence Chare on Saturday 7th November.

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### Candlelite Folk Club re-opens at Oak Tree

The Candlelite Folk Club is to re-open in its original home The Oak Tree Inn Newton Aycliffe. This is the action to be taken after numerous requests. The date set is 27th November, the place, the club-room at the Oak Tree Inn.

The Club is to take, as much as possible, its original form. This means that all types of music will be performed i.e. Folk, both traditional and contemporary, is to be enjoyed in the old way that the club supported back in 1968. The atmosphere is hoped to be the same with illumination by candlelight and everybody singing along to the songs they enjoy.

The organisers hope they will be supported by local singers to get the club off the ground.

Hoping they will show on November 27th for the opening night. The club hopes to bring to the club well known acts eventually but will still retain its old belief that there is any amount of good entertainers around the area just waiting to show their talents.

Basic idea of the club is to attract people from 18 to 80 who just enjoy being with people who enjoy being with people and having a real good night of it.

So if you feel as though you really want to be a part of something to enjoy please, please come and support your new—HMM!—Folk Club in The Oak Tree Inn—Club Room on Friday 27th November 1970.

See you there folks. (I hope).  
Walt Young

### Saturday Night Cinema Starts this Month

Ted Carr realises his ambition to bring Newton Aycliffe a Cinema on November 21st.

He has managed to acquire a licence and swings into operation in St. Clares Hall with a first class film, "Bonny and Clyde."

He has equipped the church with proper screen and projector and even cinema seats from

places where cinemas have closed down.

A very commendable effort and a service to the town which should get support.

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## Sale of Work helps bank balance

Mr. Jack Horsfield, newly  
appointed chairman of the St.  
Clares Sale of Work Committee  
must be clapping his hands in  
glee. At their first attempt he  
and his committee more than  
doubled last years takings!

£450 was raised and so do  
much to help the bank balance.  
This was not raised easily  
and much hard work and long  
hours were put in to make the  
figure.

Some organisations have been  
planning and working for many  
months and will feel gratified  
with this result.

The Halls were gaily decorat-  
ed and the many stalls laden  
with all kinds of goods.

A superb effort all round and  
the Rev. Hall has asked the  
"news" to convey his thanks  
to all the helpers, stallholders  
and to the Newtonians who  
supported them.

## MR. MOSS HELPS THE QUAKERS

Darlington Football Club are  
in dire financial trouble and  
Mr. Moss an ex-director of  
Wentons has joined the com-  
mittee set up to increase the  
club funds.

One of the first measures was  
to pick a slogan and "Save the  
Quakers" was chosen.

From this follow up letters  
will be sent out to businesses  
and industry for donations and  
special efforts will be made to  
sell the one shilling develop-  
ment tickets.

It is hoped with the increased  
interest, more supporters will  
turn up at the matches. With  
Mr. Moss chipping in his well  
known energy and enthusiasm  
we feel sure Darlington Foot-  
ball Club will come out of the  
situation quite sound again.

## JAZZ BAND JOTTINGS

The Grenadiers were success-  
ful in the first heat of the  
Durham, Northumberland and  
Yorkshire Association Cham-  
pionships.

The heat took place in the  
Mecca Ballroom, Sunderland  
on 4th November when they  
competed against two top bands  
from Burnside and Seaham.

Out of 50 bands competing  
16 will go forward to the quar-  
ter finals in January and the  
Grenadiers who have done  
very well to get through this  
first heat are setting their sights  
at bringing this major trophy  
to Newton Aycliffe.

The Grenadiers wish to ex-  
press gratitude to Mr. Yarrow  
and the Management of the  
Youth Centre for the use of  
their hall for practice.

Since then the band has be-  
come registered as a Youth  
organisation and as such enjoy  
the privileged use of Stephen-  
son Way School.

## "MONARCHS"

Newton Aycliffe town centre  
car park was the scene of much  
activity at 6 a.m. Saturday  
morning on 31st October. For  
whilst almost everyone slept the  
children and committee of the  
Monarchs Jazz Band were set-  
ting out on their private en-  
gagement to Hull.

Davis store of Bond Street,  
Hull were to be the hosts.  
"Santa Claus had come to  
town and the Monarchs were  
there to escort him to the  
store.

Crowds lined the streets and  
on arrival outside the store.  
Police stopped all traffic to  
allow the Monarchs to give a  
display.

The people of Hull were  
really impressed and some of  
the spectators had travelled  
from Bradford to see Newton  
Aycliffe Monarchs. Much pub-  
licity had been given by the  
"Daily Mail".

The Monarchs committee  
have nothing but praise for the  
Hull police and the staff and  
management of Davis store.  
The organisation was terrific  
and all the band and committee  
received gifts from the store  
and on top of that, Santa him-  
self gave each child in the band  
a present.

The display, which was so  
well executed is a new one and  
much praise must go to the  
new members of the drum  
section and to the new members  
of the kazoo section who gave  
their first performance, "well  
done!"

On the way back and whilst  
the bus stopped at Thirsk a  
rather sad but essential cere-  
mony was being enacted Miss  
Janet Wells had performed her  
last role as mascot for the  
Monarchs and as a token of  
appreciation a gift was pre-  
sented to her from the com-  
mittee and band.

Miss Lesley Verdon made the  
presentation. Thank you Janet

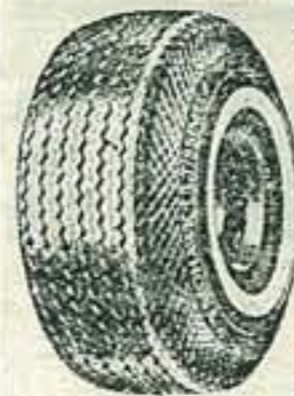
you have served us well. Janet  
will now step into the kazoo  
section.

Mr. J. Richardson is the new  
trainer of the Monarchs and  
he has accepted an invitation to  
serve on the Monarchs commit-  
tee. One can see the changes in  
the discipline and bearing of the  
band even after only three  
weeks of instruction by him.

On Sunday 1st October the  
northern area of Jazz Bands  
held their Association Meeting  
in the Boys Club, Newton  
Aycliffe and the host band were  
the Monarchs.

The "Monarchs" extend best  
wishes to the "Grenadiers" and  
wish them luck when they take  
part in the heats for the top  
band in their own association.

V. Kilpatrick  
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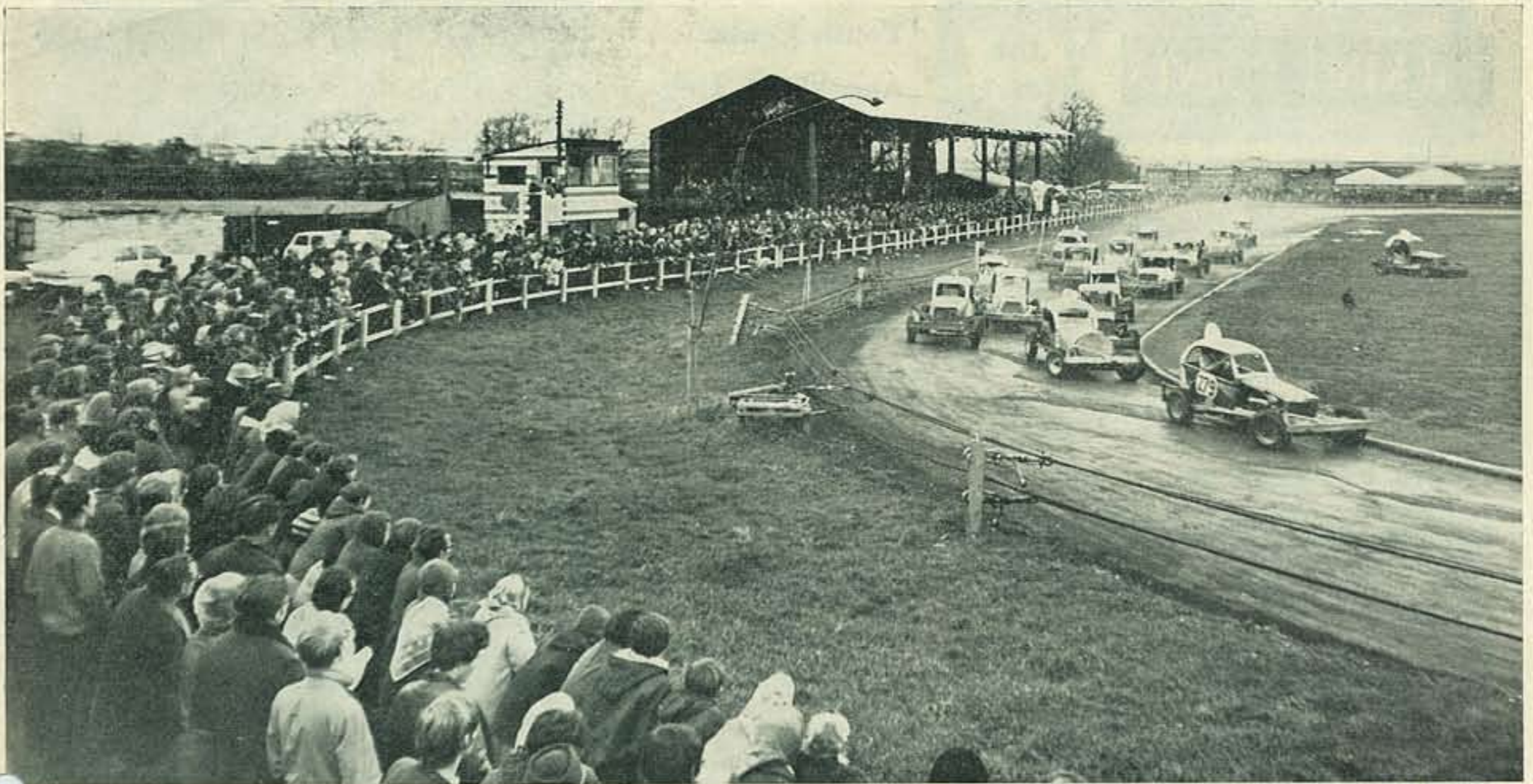


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## Stock car stadium has to go to make way for new factories

This was the discouraging news we had to give to Mr. and Mrs. Dean following our enquiries with the Rural District Council this week.

The proprietors of the Stock Car Club, had heard rumours that they might have to vacate to make way for factories, but up until now have received no official notification.

The "news" contacted the R.D.C. who confirmed that after the lease terminates in two years the land will be developed for commercial use.

The R.D.C. were in sympathy with the sport and had looked for land elsewhere to accommodate its enthusiasts, but there was nothing available.

Mr. Dean is quite upset by this decision and is hoping it

will be reversed. He fails to see how the R.D.C. and County Council need their land when the Trading Estate opposite has acres available.

On this point the R.D.C. spokesman explained that there was no question of competition with the Industrial Estates Corporation, but that the land belonging to R.D.C. is available to sell whilst the Corporation are only allowed to lease factories.

There is demand for factory sites which are for sale, and the R.D.C. who are aware of the unemployment situation,

must make them available where they can.

Mr. Dean still believes that the Stadium should stay. "This is a national sport which brings in 3000 spectators each meeting and in ten years we have built up this interest and put Aycliffe on the map," he said.

"Newton Aycliffe needs an outdoor stadium, and with proper development could serve this area for many sports. The track is there and the terracing and we would be pleased to make this available for other outdoor activities, thus improving the amenities of Newton Aycliffe," said Mr. Dean.

It would be impossible for the Stock Car Club to start again from scratch elsewhere. The cost runs into tens of thousands of pounds. A recent development at Boston cost £200,000!

Mr. Deane concluded: "It is so easy to destroy something like the Stock Car Stadium and erect factories, but it has taken us ten years to build up to what is considered a major attraction in this area. We earnestly hope they will reconsider."

The authorities dilemma in this situation is quite apparent, and they chose business before pleasure.

They have just given the go ahead on the indoor sports/recreation complex in the town centre so they do have the social amenities of the area well in mind. However, in the future, it is probable we shall need an outdoor stadium, the Stock Car club has the site ready made. Why not?

Readers views welcome.

### NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

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The drawing competition for children which involved copying and painting cartoon brought in many entries.

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The standard of work was very high and the "news" asked Mr. Doug Cridland, our art designer to judge.

There is a box of chocolates for each winner of 3 age classes but each entry will receive a bag of sweets if they call at the news office for their drawing.

The winners are:— Lynne Bennett 3 Greville Way, aged 9  
John McNamee 69 Silkin Way aged 10. Alison Todd, aged 14 3 Church Close.



Fives and threes will be featured at the next Music Society concert. Five for the number of players in the group and three for the number of main works in the programme. The concert is to be held at 8 p.m. on Friday 27th November when the Lancaster Ensemble—a group of talented young musicians resident at Lancaster University—will be the visitors.

Two violins with viola, cello and piano make an exciting combination, particularly when the players are all distinguished soloists in their own right. They come together at this Aycliffe concert in a programme which includes works by Beethoven, Webern and Brahms. The performers have been specially asked to introduce each item so as to enable the audience to enjoy it to the full.

Once again the Music Society have to take their concert across the A167 to the hall at Aycliffe School where there is the only really good concert piano in the town, but they hope that people in the town will make the effort to get over there for what promises to be one of the best concerts of the season.

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Mr. T. Caygill (right) chairman of the RAFA Club takes another little dip for the Big Bang Draw at the Burma Star Social. Assisted by Mr. Paul Sharp P.R.O. for the B.S.A. left while Mr. John Wilson, chairman reads out the lucky numbers.

Photo by Bill Roberts

## TALKING POINTS by the observer

When my wife was ill, I set out to do the weekly shopping—determined to capture all those 4d and 5d off bargains. I imagined my triumphant return home and the disclosure of the money I'd saved. So, in and out I went, from one shop to another, carefully noting the bargains before buying. My wife does the main week-end shopping in one hour. At the end of an hour, I was exhausted, confused and hadn't even started to buy.

So I came to the conclusion that shopping is a craft which needs a good memory, and you need to measure your time and energy against the few shillings you might gain if you could sort out all the bargains.

It would be very nice if the shops displayed all the bargains in one place but they don't.

How about a Consumers Guide? Would you like 'Observer' to publish where the bargains are? The shops would help us and you could help by telling us best buys in town.

## Stock Car Club help Poppy Fund



Clarrie Thirkell watches Jack Moses hand Chairman of the British Legion, Tal Jones £53 in cash collected at the Stock Car Stadium on Sunday 8th November. In the background Stan Brown and John Wilson, chairman of the Burma Star Association. Photo by Bill Roberts

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There is no doubt at all that the Youth Centre has much to offer its members, the figures show that. However, with more help, the programme of events and activities could be enlarged, and an even greater variety of interests catered for.

There must be many interested adults in our community who would like to help these young folk, but perhaps feel that specialist knowledge is required. We would invite and welcome anyone with an interest in young people, to come along. They would soon appreciate that the running of the Centre depends just as greatly on those who will give a few hours help in the coffee bar, as on those who can offer specialist skills.

Mr. Yarrow, our Leader, is at present without an Assistant, and would particularly welcome anyone who can offer a couple of hours typing any day of the week.

If you feel that you can help, in any capacity at all, call any evening, and Mr. Yarrow will be pleased to show you around.

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Drivers may be asked to drive WRVS vans or private cars—their own—if they agree. The meals are transported in heated containers which fit safely into car boots or on back seats. A mileage allowance can be claimed when volunteers use their own cars.

There is unending scope for unofficial welfare work with the Meals on Wheels service—often the visit is the only contact with the outside world—and needs additional to the meal are constantly met.

Why not come and see for yourself?

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**Fawn Greyhound** lost in Kemble Green area on Oct. 31st. Reward 5 Liddell Close.

### FOUND

**Ladies Umbrella** junction of Emerson Way and St. Cuthberts Way. Apply at 17 Bede Crescent or Ring Aycliffe 3660.

### WANTED

**Bicycle** to suit girl aged 10-12 years old. Box No. G.1.

**Dog Kennel** any size state price 2 Wilson Walk, off Finchale Road.

**Small kitchen Table** and chairs or stools. Tel: Aycliffe 2851 evenings.

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**For St. Clares Youth Fellowship Lounge.** Unwanted but in good condition, household goods. Write c/o News Office, Greenwell Road.

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### CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

The Darlington Rural District (Newton Aycliffe No. 5)  
Smoke Control Order 1970

THE DARLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Minister of Housing and Local Government has confirmed the above mentioned Order without modification. The Order will come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1972.

The effect of the Order is that subject to exemptions provided by the Order and by virtue of Section 11(4) of the Act if, on any day after the Order has come into operation, smoke is emitted from a chimney of any building within the smoke control area the occupier of that building shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding £10 unless he proves that the emission of smoke was not caused by the use of fuel other than an authorised fuel. The authorised fuels include anthracite, coke and other carbonised fuels, gas and electricity.

Grants will be payable in respect of the necessary conversion of existing fireplaces to use authorised fuels only if the expenditure is approved by the Council and the work is carried out to the Council's satisfaction before the 1st July, 1972. Persons interested in the payment of grant should make early application to the Council for approval of their proposals.

**A. PEARSON**  
Clerk of the Council

"Craig Lea",  
Uplands Road,  
DARLINGTON.  
11th November, 1970.

## TOWN AQUARISTS WIN AGAIN

In an inter club competition the town fish club won again, this time against Wingate. New members are always welcome and anyone interested is invited to attend any of the meetings held alternate Thursdays in St. Clares Hall. Next meeting 26th November.



NEWTON PLAYERS

present  
**BREATH OF SPRING**

18th-19th NOVEMBER

7.30

Beveridge Hall

Admission 4/-

OAP's and Children 2/6

## ST. CLARES CHURCH CONCERT

Stage Dancing and entertainment by the Jacques School of Dancing  
Thursday 19th November 1970  
in the Large Hall at 7 o'clock  
Admission Adults 2/-  
Children 1/-

## NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUTH CENTRE OPEN FORUM

Wednesday 18th November  
at 7 p.m.

Mr. A. Angus, County Community and Youth Organiser is attending and a discussion will be held on Youth and Community Work in the 70's. Representatives of all local Youth Organisations in the district are invited to attend.

### "MONARCHS"

**Christmas Fayre**  
and **JUMBLE STALL**

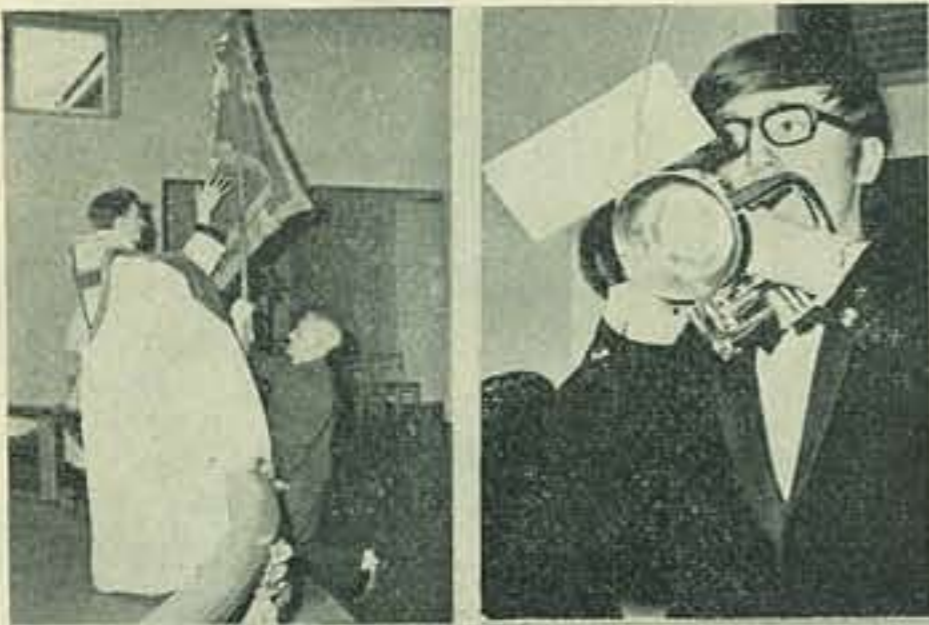
to be held at the  
**OVER SIXTY CLUB**  
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Get your Bargains before  
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## THANK-YOU

The Coffee Morning held at the home of Mrs. M. Wood 1 Henson Grove in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. raised £45. Many thanks to all who supported this effort.

These set of Remembrance Day photographs taken by Bill Roberts, show from top to bottom: Vicar of St. Clares receiving Banner from Burma Star Association, Town Band trumpeter playing "The Last Post". Vicar addressing the Remembrance Day Congregation, March Past of the Parade after the service. Mrs. Rutherford of the British Legion Ladies Section lays their wreath Major K. Coates lays a wreath on behalf of the Military.



## Trade Ads

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Southern Club Ladies Section entertain ladies from Wingate at a Guy Fawkes Dance held on Wednesday 4th November. Photo by Bill Roberts



### THANKYOU

Dear Sir,  
The Baha'is of Newton Aycliffe will be gathering during this week to commemorate the Birth of Baha'u'llah, founder of their Faith. Throughout the world in over 300 countries and dependencies there will be upwards of 40,000 such commemorative celebrations.

Baha'u'llah was born of a noble family on November 12th 1817 and from boyhood was distinguished for his piety, extreme kindness, and generosity. When he became identified with the proclamations of a new divine Revelation, he was subjected with his followers to serve persecution and was finally imprisoned in the Turkish penal colony at Akka in the Holy Land where he remained till his death in 1892, since when his faith has made spectacular advances throughout the world.

He asserted that God, the Creator of all, had revealed his word in successive ages through a chosen messenger, among whom were Abraham, Moses, and Christ, and he made the astounding claim that he, Baha'u'llah (a title meaning The Glory of God) was the Bearer of God's word for this age, and that his divine Mission was to break down the antagonisms and prejudices which divided mankind and unite all nations in one great world federation in the love of God. Some of the writings of Baha'u'llah have now been translated into over 400 languages.

Michael Blakey

Baha'i Community of Newton Aycliffe, 81, Hawkshead Place.

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Operatic Society may I thank you for the publicity given to our need for members. We were very pleased to welcome to our rehearsal last Wednesday night 3 tenors and 1 contralto, and tomorrow night we are hoping to greet more.

We hope to keep you informed of our progress in our production of 'Naughty Marietta' and hope that by next Easter we have made you sufficiently interested to come along and see our show.

We are a Society whose finances are made by our own efforts, namely, yearly subscriptions, jumble sales and efforts made by Society members in their own homes. Don't you think under these circumstances we need your support?

Are you aware that it cost nearly £600 to put on our last show 'Pink Champagne'? We are not begging but ask you to spare a thought for the effort that goes into a week of entertainment for you and your support in that week. This does not apply to our Society alone in the town, but we, and other amateurs enjoy ourselves and our payment is your applause and bookings in that one week.

This is not a very cheerful addition to the Newton News but we hope to give you, in future a light hearted pen picture of our members and why Marietta was naughty

**Gt. Aycliffe Parish Council**  
Dear Sir,  
**Registration of Births and Deaths**

The Registrar is in attendance at the Child Welfare Clinic in Dalton Way at the following times:— Monday Afternoons 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday Afternoons 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

It is generally felt by the Council that very few people are aware of this information and it might prove extremely useful to the townspeople if you could print the times when the Registrar is available in one of your editions.

Dear Sir,  
I would like very much to thank GEC-AEI for the Invalid Chair which they handed over as a gift to the Physically Handicapped Club on Friday, 30th October.

I would like to thank the staff and all the workers, who so generously give towards these collections. I would also like to thank the Personnel Officer Mrs. McCabe for the good work she does for us and our Club.

R. W. Carr.  
29 Hardinge Road.

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● OAP'S HEAR  
TALK ON  
DECIMILISATION

There was a well attended meeting of Senior Citizens in St. Clare's Church Hall on Monday 9th November, when Mr. H. Bright of the G.P.O. Darlington, gave a talk on the new decimal coinage to be introduced in February 1971. The speaker was introduced by Mr. T. Jordan, Hon. Secretary. The audience listened with great interest and engaged the speaker in a lively discussion.