

newton news

Parish Church may curtail activities

The Vicar and Parish Synod of St. Clares are extremely worried about the financial position the Church in Newton Aycliffe is facing.

Despite appeals and extra fund raising schemes the outstanding debts are not being paid off and some drastic measures will have to be taken if things do not improve.

An emergency finance committee meeting was called this week to sort out the latest analysis of peoples direct giving to the Church.

It seems from figures pre-

sented that half the people contributing to the Church are giving 6d and less and on average the giving per person is less than 2/-.

This is less than was received 5 years ago, and the finance committee are faced with the problem of waking people up to the present day financial needs of the Church.

A Church official said.

"It is a fact that approximately 75% of the people in Newton Aycliffe call themselves 'Church of England' and for a vast majority of those people that is where it ends. They do not support the Church in its

work, but expect the building to be there for use whenever they do require it. People think the Church is supported by the Government or that it has no financial worries—now we have to get over to all in Newton Aycliffe firmly and clearly that if things do not improve serious steps will have to be taken to curtail activities in order to save expense."

It is a terrible thing to admit that in an expanding community the Church should cut back its work.

The stark truth is that heating, lighting, and the many other necessary overheads are

not being covered by the collections.

The Vicar and Synod are distressed at the lack of support the people of Newton Aycliffe are giving their Church, and appeal through the "news" for a wider appreciation of the financial situation and ask for an increase in giving for those who are contributing small amounts.

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The "news" is pleased to print this photograph by Bill Roberts and will send copies to the men of 27 Squadron to add to their pin-up collection.

Photo by Bill Roberts

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PUBLIC MEETING

Monday 30th November
7.30 p.m.
Parish Council Chamber
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Dancing School Presentations

The presentation of certificates and medals to the pupils of the Jacques School of Stage Dancing, took place on Friday 20th November in the Clarence Hall, Newton Aycliffe, the examinations were held in the Beveridge Hall on 6th and 13th November and all 44 entrants passed—many with honours.

The presentation was made by Margaret and Walter Young of the well known Candleliters Folk Group.

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New tailors promise friendly service

March the Tailor is the only private tailoring group of its size in the North of England, with branches throughout Co. Durham. Firmly established in Darlington for many years, the company soon realised they were attracting more and more customers from Newton Aycliffe. A Company executive visiting Newton Aycliffe was so impressed with the town and the people he met, that he immediately telephoned his Directors, and plans for a shop were finalised within days. The opening of their new shop in Beveridge Way is a realisation of that visit.

Although renowned for their Hand Cut Tailoring, each March branch contains a Mens Ready to Wear department and a complete Ladies Fashion Shop. Careful selection and buying by a team of buyers who constantly visit branches noticing trends, requests, ensure that the latest fashions are constantly arriving, fashions to suit all age groups and sizes.

March the Tailor are famous for many achievements, they were one of the pioneers of Television advertising, their tuneful slogan "March The Tailor dress you well" is known to millions; perhaps the title "The greatest name in credit tailoring" earned and attributed to them over the years summarises the achievements of

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Their Beveridge Way shop has been thoughtfully planned to give a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. It is in the capable hands of Mr. Chris Rust, a manager for many years with the company, the Ladies will be welcomed by Mrs. V. Pearce well known to many in Newton Aycliffe and again a long serving member of the Company.

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Rediffusion blamed for poor colour T.V. reception

The sales of colour TV sets have shot up in recent months and no one can doubt the attraction of seeing programmes in colour.

The dealers in Newton Aycliffe, however are not so happy with the situation, because they are besieged by irate owners complaining about the poor quality of reception which the dealers can do nothing about as it is the responsibility of Rediffusion.

The "news" contacted Mr. Piner of Rediffusion and he explained why the fault has occurred and gave the assurance that it is being remedied.

Mr. Piner said: "We have been aware of this Co. Channel interference, which is due to a fault at Bilsdale Transmitter, for the past 3 weeks. We have investigated, built special elimi-

nating equipment to deal with it and at this moment it is on trial with good results which seems to mean that all will be normal in 2 or 3 days."

He apologised for the inconvenience to subscribers and hopes there will be no further troubles.

Mr. Piner did ask the "news" to explain to our readers the importance of telling Rediffusion immediately when faults occur.

"If we are told when faults occur we will act in reasonable time to put them right" said Mr. Piner.

When questioned on the recent increase of rates for Rediffusion Mr. Piner said: "Just look around everything is going up and please remember our charges have remained unchanged for 6 years."

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Editorial Note:

The interior of the North Briton has been remarkably transformed during recent weeks. If you like a good pub, elegant decor in period style, good food and drink and cheerful hosts, the North Briton is worth a visit. A step forward for Newton Aycliffe and District.

Aycliffe offered Community Centre

Following the closing of Aycliffe Diamond Jubilee School, Mr. David Rowe, play-leader wrote to the County Education Authorities with the suggestion that the premises be used for the benefit of the community.

The Council thought it a good idea and have called a Public Meeting on Wednesday 2nd December to assess support for the proposals.

Coun. Cessford will take the chair and Mr. Angus, Community Officer will present a scheme which will include forming a management committee from the village to run organisations with the County Councils financial assistance.

All interested parties are

asked to attend the Meeting. The "news" sees this as a worthwhile project and due praise to David Rowe for foresight and initiative.

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Photo by Bill Roberts

Mr. Dalkvist, director of S.A.B. addresses guests and staff at the Annual Dinner held at Red Hills Hotel on Friday 20th November.



LETTERS

Dear Sir,

May I through your columns inform readers of the successful Christmas Fayre held at St. Mary's and run by the ladies of S.V.P. Society helped by many friends both young and old. £128 for Church Funds was raised.

I wish to thank all who supported this worthy effort by making gifts, knitting, sewing and various other items.

Thanks also to Wentons, Clark Bros., The Southerne Club, Mr. Scott, Mr. Holmes and others who gave help to make the Fayre a real success.

On behalf of the Ladies of the S.V.P. Society.
Mrs. Lockey,
President.

Senior Citizens service

A special service was held in St. Clares Church this month for senior citizens.

It was an idea of the group that meets in St. Clares Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Rev. Hall readily accepted.

There was hymn singing prayer and an address and afterwards the congregation retired to the Hall for refreshments.

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Local Boutique saves the day



Approximately 90 attended the Fashion Show at Marlowe Hall School, arranged by the Woodham Burn W.I. and presented by The Cave Boutique, Newton Aycliffe. Models were Liz, Julie, Manda, and Debbie of the Boutique Staff, and local girls Glynnis Scott and Vanessa Williams.

Many attractive outfits were shown, among them several evening gowns, trouser suits etc., particularly suitable for Christmas and New Year which brought appreciative 'oohs' and 'ahs' from the audience, which was made up of housewives and teenagers in Newton Aycliffe, and members of local Institutes in the area.

The Woodham Burn Secretary has asked the Newton News to print her regret the Evening was shorter than originally planned. Due to an unexpected cancellation by March the Tailors, only 5 days before the Show, the

'Cave' Manageress and staff agreed to fill in, and we understand they had worked most of the weekend and even given up their half day in order to put on the fashions shown. A vote of thanks to the Boutique Staff and models was given by President, Mrs. K. Crawford.

It hoped sometime in the future to present a further Fashion Show by the Boutique, which will show fashions of all types, and when a more lengthy programme will be included.

Supper was provided by the W.I. members. A competition for the most original item knitted from 1 oz wool judged by Miss M. Barron, Boutique Manageress, was won by Mrs. Pearson, the prize being a jumper donated by Paton & Baldwins Ltd. The caddy of tea door prize was won by Mrs. Swyft, and the giant hand-made fur teddy made by the Vice-President Mrs. Scott, was won by Mrs. Hart.

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The colour slides showing scenery and wild life were absolutely terrific.

Brian, who spent a year in Antarctica related his breath-

taking exploits with such skill the tablers felt part of it.

Alan Goudy proposed the vote of thanks and remarked on the quality of the photography and excellent manner the talk was given.

The table sent a donation to the National Appeal for Pakistan Relief fund. Later on in the evening three new members were proposed and a toast made to a Norwegian Round Table one of the tablers was corresponding with.



Brian Gargate, of Newton Aycliffe in Antarctica

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If we are willing to confess our sin He is ready to cleanse from sin and to give power over sin. Then a person really begins to live! See 1 John 1:7 and Psalm 32:2.

Methodist

Wives Club

Christmas will be here very shortly and we would like to wish all our members and friends a very happy Christmas. We have been very pleased to welcome a number of new members into our Club and hope that they will continue to spend their Monday evenings with us in our Coffee Lounge.

We only have two more evenings together before our Christmas break. On December 7th we are having a Cake Decoration demonstration by Binns and on the 14th we have arranged our Christmas dinner.

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Twenty slides from each club were mixed and projected one at a time so that the judge, Mr. T. Melrose, of Esh Winning P.S. could give his criticisms and award a score to each one. Eaton gained an early lead and steadily increased it, until when ten slides from each club had been shown, they had a lead of 9 points. After a break for refreshments the battle recommenced and Stanhope gradually reduced their deficit until the result depended on the last Stanhope slide. Although a good one, it was not good enough to clinch the victory and the final result was a tie, each club having 113 points.

This was Eaton's first battle with another club and the members were very pleased with the result.

Although located on the trading estate the club can still accept a few members who are not employees of Eaton, Yale and Towne, and any keen amateur who is interested should contact one of the following. Mr. G. Hall, 72 Faulkner Road, Mr. J. Jameson 9 Lightfoot Road, or Mr. N. Blyth, 32 Hawkshead Place.

Another one up for the Ladies!



Mrs. Dewar of 104 Mellanby Crescent notched another one up for women drivers when she successfully passed written and practical tests to become a Ministry of Transport approved driving instructor.

She is a tutor for the Central School of Motoring, which incidentally is owned by a woman, Mrs. Eva Humble. Mrs. Dewar first learnt to drive from Mr. Humble 4 years ago and since then has trained for the qualification she now holds.

So... even though we notch one up for women we must remember the old adage "Behind every good woman there is a better man" or is it the other way round?

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CANOPUS NOTES

Greetings Gentlefolk!

Well, October went out with a bang, when our ladies put on the Halloween Dance—a terrific success as usual!—A tribute to their efforts

I only wish I could say the same about the armistice parade on Sunday 8th November.

It seems to be left to the same people each year to make up the R.A.F.A. contingent of this parade, let's hope next year more members will attend this very important occasion, after all—life isn't all laughs for everyone, and a thought on this day is not a lot to ask for those mates we had in the old days.

Which brings me to give a big thank you to you and you and you,—the people who gave so generously to the Wings Appeal and the Battle of Britain. These raised £289 - 4 for the Wings Appeal, and £95 - 1 - 9 for the Battle of Britain.

Many thanks to the people of the Stock Car Stadium, and the St. John's Ambulance.

Remember—this money goes to worth while causes,—not to making our club look bonny. So dig deeper next year—you may need the RAFA's help!

Whilst on the subject of welfare, our sincerest regrets to Mr. Gordon Handley, our welfare officer who had to resign due to a bad spell with his health. Speedy recovery Gordon!

Alf Dunn and Alan McLean made suggestions what the ladies should do with the decimal point, during the lecture on decimalisation given by Mr. Bright on Tuesday 17th.

Ladies weren't sure whether the old halfpenny wasn't worth a light, or whether the new one is worth tuppence bothering about!

Wednesday 18th saw some sparks when Radio Durham came to the club!

Apparently Tuesday night's Pie and Pea Supper started off with a triple bang, in the homes of Mesdames Handley, Stoddart and Galgill, when their pressure cookers blew up! Making amazing alterations to their kitchen decor—pea green ceilings!

All hell should let loose on Saturday December 5th when Billy the Kid rides into town to form a "Wild West" social evening! So dig out your spurs and let's see you all

Letters are being sent round to everyone, which refers to the children's party on the 19th December, and on the same night it's the ladies Christmas Dinner—so ladies, slacken off your stays another notch and join in!

Before that, don't forget your Curry Evening, things should hot up that night!

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ST. CUTHBERTS WAY

SAINT CUTHBERT — BORN 633

To all people who belong to the County of Durham, the name of St. Cuthbert is held with a divine reverence for this great man who started life as a shepherd boy was to become the patron saint of our county.

St. Cuthbert was born around 633 AD. and later "we have it on record" while tending his flocks on the Lothian Hills, he saw a great light in the sky and beheld the soul of St. Aidan being lifted by angels to heaven wrapped in a ball of fire. This vision influenced him so much that he rode to the abbey of Melrose and asked to become a monk. The prior, was standing at the gate when he arrived and turning to a monk nearby exclaimed "behold the servant of the Lord" foreseeing in spirit how great this man was to become.

In his youth Cuthbert was a tall, strong and comely lad but after a stay at the monastery at Ripon he was attacked by illness which was probably tubercular. This disease racked him for many years and left him shrunken and wasted, nevertheless he remained happy and joyful.

He was summoned to act as prior at Lindisfarne but after eleven years went alone to the Farne Islands. Living in a rough shelter he worked the soil alone for his daily bread. After some time much against his will he was persuaded to become Bishop of Lindisfarne and was consecrated at York by Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury.

No knights nor pompous processions ushered him into the precincts of some vast cathedral, simplicity and a great love for his fellow man was his aim and it was not long before the hand of death was imminent, he then resigned his unsought bishopric and returned to his original solitude to die. "When will you return" asked a devoted follower as he saw him off in his cockle-boat, "when you bring my body hither" was his prophetic reply. Two months later he was dead.

He died in great pain at the altar of his hermitage and with his dying breath urged the abbot and a few monks surrounding him to be humble peaceful and charitable and to remain at unity within the church. "Bury me in Lindisfarne" he told his devoted monks "but if need be remove my bones and take them with you till you find a place where I may rest in peace".

Thus his body moved with the monks away from the raiding Danes to Chester-le-Street — Ripon — back north and finally his coffin was rested on a mound surrounded by a river and known locally as "Dunelm". As this became his final resting place, St Cuthberts shrine was the subject of pilgrimage and great worship out of which rose the awe-inspiring and beautiful cathedral which was built to commemorate this wonderful mans saintly life.

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