

newton news

Recreation Centre opening Mid May

After many delays, some unavoidable, others unforeseen, Phase 1 of the Centre will be open to the general public on Saturday 11th May 1974.

Councillor Haswell, chairman of the Sedgfield District Council, will open the Recreation Centre by cutting a tape across the door at 10 o'clock. After the official party have finished their tour of inspection the general public will be admitted free to view only. This will be at 11 a.m.

A special opening day dance is organised for the evening. Tickets, which are strictly limited, will be obtainable from the Recreation Centre after 22nd April. Bar and refreshments will be available and music for dancing provided by a top class dance

band.

Up till 5 o'clock on opening day the public are invited to view the centre and see all the facilities in use. Special demonstrations and display teams have been arranged.

The Swimming baths will be open for immediate use at 11 o'clock at normal admission prices, 12p for adults and 6p for under 18's.

After 5 o'clock the centre is in full swing with all facilities for hire, and an admission fee of 6p for adults and 3p for under 18's. That is unless you have a family member-

ship at a cost of £2.20 per annum.

SWIMMING GALA

On Saturday evening a swimming Gala is arranged with displays of Synchro swimming, canoeing, diving and competitive swimming.

All in all it appears to be quite an exciting and interesting open day and we feel sure the event will receive the fullest support.

On completion of Phase 2 in the Autumn a further official opening will take place giving Newton Aycliffe the ultimate in recreational facilities.

A brochure giving details of the hours of opening and charges together with application for membership is enclosed. Copies are available from the Information Centre.

No more cheap houses!

Aycliffe Development Corporation has been informed by the Department of the Environment that Ministers are reviewing their policy on the disposal of New Town assets, including the sale of Development Corporation houses, and that it will be some months before the outcome of their review is known.

In the meantime the Corporation has been instructed to suspend house sales other than those currently under negotiation. Chief Executive of the Corporation, Mr Garry Philipson, said today: "We very much regret the inconvenience this may cause to would-be purchasers. We will make a further announcement on the subject as soon as the Government policy is known."

Our first Mayor

At a special ceremony on April 1st, Newton Aycliffe changed from a parish council to a Town Council.

Mrs Wyn Dormer became our first Mayor and her 17 year old daughter Christine, a mayoress. Chains of office were presented by ex M.P. David Reed on his final official function.

Mr Reed and the Mayor both saw the event as a turning point in the town's history with an opportunity to work for the town in better relationship with the Aycliffe Development Corporation.

Married on Saturday 30th March at the Methodist Church were Dorothy Flemings and Eric Meadows, both from Newton Aycliffe.

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Married on Saturday 6th April at St Clares Church were Christine Laycock and Mr Stephen Scott, both of Newton Aycliffe. No wedding goes perfectly and at theirs the best man got a parking ticket!

Photo: Roberts



The cast of Gipsy Baron at rehearsals Photo: Roberts

Gipsy Baron is nearly here

One week to opening night and it's all systems go at the Avenue Comprehensive school. Intensive rehearsals for the cast and the first sing through with the orchestra. The arrival of the costumes, with the usual headaches for the wardrobe mistress. Dress rehearsal, with the producer, musical director and choreographer putting the final polish into the show. Whilst all this is happening the stage staff are working like beavers. One week to make and paint the whole of the scenery. The lighting to work out and install. The booking manager up to his ears in booking forms and pound notes—we hope! The front of house manager preparing the hall and foyer and drilling his ushers. The publicity officer looking for a new approach. The treasurer—sweating? The refreshment ladies preparing for the fray.

All amateurs doing it for the love of it. And then—suddenly it seems we are standing in the wings on opening night

listening to the overture and trembling not a little. The curtains open and away we go.

Will the audience enjoy our efforts? We hope so. We think we have a good show. Do come along and judge for yourselves. We'll be very pleased to entertain you. The show runs from Tuesday to Saturday of Easter Week. Tickets from the Information Centre or any Society member

Arthur West

REV. COKER

TO WED

Rev. Barry Coker, ex curate of St Clares Church returned for a weekend with his friends before he leaves for missionary work in Trinidad.

And he brought with him his wife-to-be Lynne, who, in a romantic story style, goes with him to help in his work overseas after they are married in a few weeks time.

Barry met Lynne at the missionary training college, but by amazing coincidence they almost met before. Lynne was born only 250 yards from where Barry was born, and they attended the same university.

CHURCHWARDENS ELECTED

At St Clares Church AGM held last Sunday, Mr Geoff Allinson and Mr Albert Bell were elected churchwardens.

OBITUARY

The death of Mr O. Stobart has been a grave loss to the Newton Aycliffe Music Society. He was a loyal member for many years, serving at one time in the office of Treasurer, and his experience and interest were very much appreciated by his fellow members on the Committee.

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The bags, bearing the slogan "Keep Britain Tidy" together with the Tidyman emblem and the Club's new badge will be distributed free from RAC offices and patrols throughout the country.

Said an RAC spokesman: "Wimbledon Common has those charming characters the Wombles to keep it nice and tidy but not every beauty spot or picnic site has a built-in

bucket and broom brigade. We hope that motorists will use these bags to take their litter home with them."

Measuring a generous 12" x 10", the bags are made of strong paper and are as useful for taking food on a picnic as taking litter home afterwards.

In previous years the RAC gave away plastic bags but changed to paper after farmers complained that they could be harmful if eaten by animals. These new bags are fully bio-degradable and can cause no pollution problems.





JOHN GREGSON

JOAN GREENWOOD

An immensely moving play

Terence Rattigan's play, "In Praise of Love" stars Joan Greenwood and John Gregson in a national tour that opens at the Civic Theatre, Darlington on Tuesday April 16th. Lionel Murton and Richard Cornish complete the cast who are directed by William Chappell.

The original play, "After Lydia" has been completely rewritten by Terence Rattigan, and is now in two acts, which forms the production "In Praise of Love" as a full length play.

Set in the Crutwell's comfortable flat in Islington the play deals with the heroic efforts of Lydia Crutwell, herself of Estonian origin, to

conceal from her apparently blunt, self centred and typically British husband the fact that she is dying of leukemia.

That she is not the sole possessor of her secret illuminates the play's main theme; the English vice is not flagellation, pederasty or whatever foreigners believe it to be. It is our refusal to admit our emotions.

"In Praise of Love" is an immensely moving play which was first presented in London at the Duchess Theatre. Joan Greenwood also starred in this production.

SOUTHERNE CLUB LADIES SECTION

The Ladies Section Committee wish all their members a Happy Easter.

Coming Programme:

Wed. 17th April Social Eve.
Wed. 24th April. Visitors from Bishop Auckland.
Wed. May 1st Mrs Lennox Birthday Buffet.
Wed. May 8th Visitors from Tindale Hosital Social club.
Wed. May 15th Social Eve.
Wed. 22nd May Social Eve.
Wed. 29th May Open Night

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If you want to know more about how to sue, or if you are being sued your local Citizen's Advice Bureau at 9 Isherwood Close can help you. They can give you a booklet describing the procedure in simple detail, and they will also advise you if you're in doubt about your claim.

Dancers branch out

The Jacques School of Dancing wish to thank all their friends who made the panto—Bo Peep, such a huge success.

Fifty wonderful children worked so hard during rehearsals and at the seven performances—six at the Beveridge Hall and one at Aycliffe Hospital.

We thank the mothers for making the very colourful and beautiful costumes.

Thanks to: the stage staff—Ian Johnston, Stage manager and his staff, Norman Douglas Godfrey, Bennett, Dennis Banks and Mike Blakey. Mr Kit Dunnington, Beveridge Hall caretaker for his front of house work, the people on the refreshment stand, The young lady in the Information Centre and Bousefields for selling tickets and all the wonderful people who came to see the panto; for their applause and good natured encouragement to the children.

BRADFORD FESTIVAL

The pupils are now very busy practicing new routines for their annual visit to the Bradford Festival in May, where they will be competing with dancing schools from all over Britain. It will be remembered that last year they won a large number of cups, trophies and medals and became the top dancing school in the Festival.

To mark our 37th Anniversary (we opened our first dancing school in 1937) a branch school was opened by special request at Middleton-St-George where a large number of pupils was enrolled.

Several ladies who attended the dancing school when they were children and now have children of their own, now live at Middleton-St-George. Hence the branch!

We are determined to make this branch as good and as popular as the Newton Aycliffe school.

Once again thank you all.

Edna, Chris & Carol Jacques

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Silent protest?

We are not attempting to incite riot in Newton Aycliffe but we are puzzled and amazed at the silent response to the news concerning increased rates.

Not so long ago the A.D.C. announced an average 30p rent increase under the government Finance Act and this was followed by petitions, public meetings and a protest march directed mainly by councillors.

What has happened to the protests regarding the rates which is an average £1 increase per house?

I accept the fact that councillors cannot organise protests over issues they are responsible for, but I would expect them to try at least to justify this 78% increase or make some comment.

I also expected some comment from readers.

It can only be assumed from the silence that the councillors are too embarrassed, and the general public accept the increase or are too numbed to make any protest.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across: 7 Avoid, 8 Mayorat, 9 Trifles, 10 Lemon, 12 Finds Fault, 15 High places, 18 Punic, 19 Stealth, 21 Squeeze, 22 Mason.

Down: 1 Battleship, 2 Solid, 3 Idol, 4 Amused, 5 Wycliffe, 6 Premium, 11 Note of hand, 13 Impacted, 14 Agendum, 16 Answer, 17 Close, 20 Emma.

Golf course is NOT off!

Following a spate of rumours that the A.D.C. Golf course project was off, we contacted Ken McKay, Corporation press officer for an official statement.

"The statements made and printed recently have no foundation" said Mr McKay.

"In fact there is more interest in the project now, by private developers than before and it is only the present economic problem in the country which is preventing firm commitments" he added.

Congratulations

ISLE

Congratulations Tony on your 21st Birthday, 28th March '74. Love and best wishes from— Susan, Ken, Dorothy and Alison Woodhall

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Engagements

HOOD — KIRTLEY

Mr & Mrs G. T. Hood, 7 Swan Walk have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Valerie Ann to John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Kirtley of 10 Princess St., Shildon. Congratulations from both families

NOTICES

Did you know that there is a free pen pal service for all lonely people on this town? Any age, no fees, weekly social meetings, next dance on May 10th, tickets 70p For free details send SAE to 20 Bruce Road

To the person who took my sons bike out of our back yard, please return, police notified, 69 Honister Place

URGENT APPEAL

Will the person (or boys seen by my gate) 3rd April who stole my back wheel from my bike, please return it or action will be taken. I am an elderly woman and need my bike for transport. Mrs E. M. Thompson, 75 Eskdale Place

From Baha'i Writings

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Enquiries to 81 Hawkshead Place, Newton Aycliffe.

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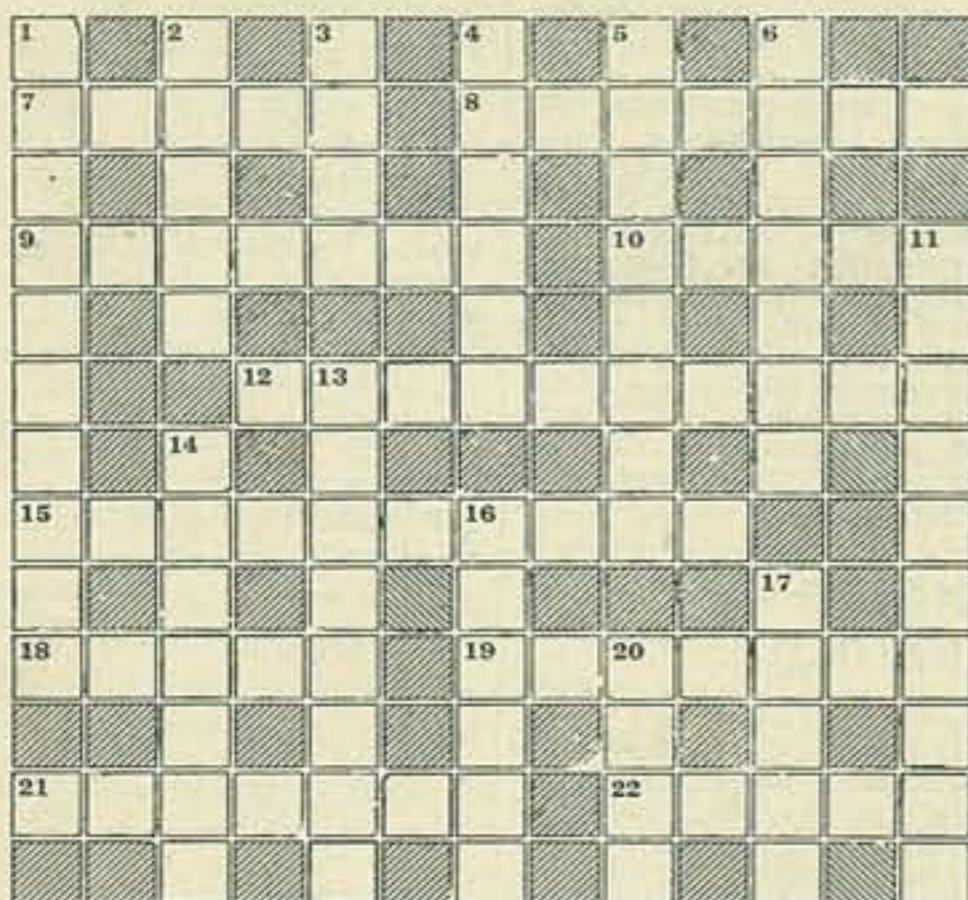
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- 7 An open area to miss (5)
- 8 These duties may be more than half talking (7)
- 9 Such small things to have at parties (7)
- 10 The traditional answer (5)
- 12 Discovers strata drop and grumbles about it! (5,5)
- 15 Useful areas for climbers to have friends in? (4,6)
- 18 Carthaginian quality of pent-up Unicorn (5)
- 19 The last arrangement caused some secrecy (7)
- 21 You can do this to 10 across at a pinch (7)
- 22 Moans about the builder! (5)

Down

- 1 At best Phil becomes a man of war! (10)
- 2 It's three dimensional (5)
- 3 Doing nothing for your image by the sound of it! (4)
- 4 Occupied the morning being entertained (6).
- 5 & 17 Seen off Washington Cres. if Lew's cycle of alterations are made (8,5)
- 6 Bonds to provide a chance of freedom (7)
- 11 The noon fad exploded by written promise (4,2,4)
- 13 Little devil went on stage and get wedged in! (8)
- 14 Singular item before the committee (7)
- 16 This is the right one (6)
- 17 See 5 Down
- 20 Pip's girl for the afternoon (4)

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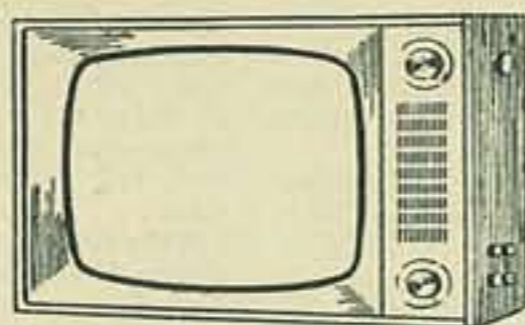
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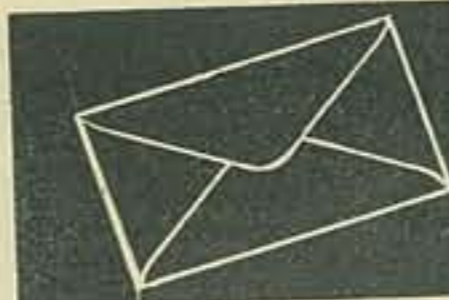
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This survey is aimed directly at people's attitudes to the place they live in. This will include people's own assessment of the range of the things provided in the new towns. The aim is to see how, after a period of development, the new town has stood the test of time.

Any queries please send them to the above address after the 18th April.

Alan R. Townsend
University of Durham
49 North Bailey, Durham

Town council don't get paid!

Dear Sir,

I would like to reply to your front page article in the last edition of the Newtonian regarding increases in rates and councillors' expenses. Whoever put this article in the press wants to get their facts right before they speak.

Town Councillors (or Parish Councillors as they have been known) do not get paid for attending meetings or get their expenses paid i.e. phone postage or loss of earnings. In fact, the Parish Council rate for this coming year is less than the previous year, so don't blame us for the massive increase.

It cost me £45 to get my phone in and I pay for all of my phone calls and bills. I would also like to point out that our Mayor does not get paid either and pays for all her phone calls etc. The Mayoral allowance is to pay for any donations, travelling expenses e.c., carried out in the execution of Mayoral duties.

District and County Councillors get paid for attending meetings and they can also get their telephones free, but I must rub it in not town councillors.

**We pay
more bus
fares too!**

Dear Sir,

In the Auckland Chronicle of March 28th, the people of Aycliffe Village seem to think that they alone are paying more bus fares, we people in the New Town also pay more.

I travel four times a day in a bus, the trip I make from Vane Road School down to the chapel is 4p, but the same trip back the stop is about four yards more and the fare is 5p!

May I inform Coun. Mrs Taylor on the question of seeing doctors, that like the village many people here also have to take a bus to see the doctor.

The village people have an extremely good service from Dr. Parker who has a very demanding surgery at the town Centre and also must stand in for 3 other doctors at times.

If Coun. Taylor wants to fight, it should be for a doctor to take over the village practice, at the same time why shouldn't people have to come up here to see a doctor, we in the town have just as far to go.

It would also pay Coun. Taylor to contact the bus company regarding the village fare, as there could have been an error.

Mrs M. E. Seller
54 Washington Crescent

I would like all this explained to the residents of Great Aycliffe in your next issue.

E. Elmer, Councillor
9 Pease Way.

ED: The article referred only to Sedgfield District Council as the rating authority. The Town council was not mentioned, but we accept the point that readers might feel they were implicated.

**Could you
be a
Samaritan?**

Dear Sir,

After Easter, the Samaritans of Darlington will be starting a new series of Preparation classes for volunteers to man their emergency telephone—Darlington 4444; 24 hours each day. We are there to offer a caring relationship to anyone who is desolate, or feeling totally alone with their problems, or tempted to suicide and despair. At present we have 120 volunteers (we really need 180) serving a population of about 150,000. Last year they talked to 3,500 people, 1300 of them contacting us for the first time. Unfortunately volunteers move away from Darlington, or their circumstances change and they find that they can no longer help us. Hence the continuing need for people to come forward. Anyone who thinks they might be suitable is asked to contact me at the address below.

Brenda Nicholson, Director
2 South Arden Street,
Darlington

THANKS TO YOUNG AND OLD

Dear Sir,

Over the past week, infants and teachers of Horn-dale Infants School have brought brightness and cheer to the homes of the old folk by the delivery of plants and flowers. A hearty thank you is ringing around these homes to the Head Mistress, teachers, infants and their parents for their thoughtful and kindly disposition.

At the other end of the scale, on Friday last, the Senior Citizens Fellowship was in gay and happy mood when Easter bonnets, dyed and decorated egg competitions were held. Mrs Waiter, who judged the competitions, presented to each and everyone present a bunch of daffodils. This Fellowship is a boon and blessing to the Senior Citizens of Newton Aycliffe, and hearty thanks are due to officials and committee for their work and sustaining such lively interest in all who attend.

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JOIN THE BRIGADE

On 1st April the 2nd N/A Boys Brigade held their "Open Night" at St. Francis School, Horndale at 6.30 p.m.

Parents and prospective members were invited and took the opportunity to see how the brigade operates.

The company is now 1 year old and membership is open to boys 8 and over, resident in the area.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE OLD TYME AND SEQUENCE DANCING CLUB

The Easter Dance will be held on Tuesday 16th April in the Over 60's Club Hall from 7.45 p.m. to 10.45 p.m. There will be competitions for dyed eggs and painted or decorated eggs with 3 prizes in each section, but there will be no Easter Bonnet parade due to the fall off in the number of entries for this event in the past two years.

It was anticipated that the move to the new Recreational Centre would take place during April, but owing to several factors beyond our control the first dance there will now be Tuesday 14th May.

There will be dances every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter from 7.45 to 10.45 p.m. and great are the expectations of all concerned — help us make it go well.

Meanwhile plans are complete for the Supper Dance in the new centre on Friday 17th May and tickets are selling very well so anyone not yet supplied with their requirements should make immediate application.

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Miss Kathleen Malone of 12 Oakfield married Brian McLean of 9 Vane Road on Saturday 16th March in St. Marys Church. The reception was held in the British Legion.
Photo: Bill Roberts

Scout Job Week

Scout Job Week will once again be on us and the Cubs, and Scouts of New-on Aycliffe will be looking for work.

This year the annual Job Week is from April 13th to 20th and the Scouts will be out in force looking for chores in return for a donation to their funds.

Members of the Scout Movement receive a very worthwhile training but this training must be financed and with continually rising costs they have to appeal to the public for help. As one would expect the Scouts not to beg, they are prepared to do something about earning cash by working themselves.

Every Scout taking part in the scheme carries an Official Job Card in which householders should note the work completed and the amount paid. Those who have no further jobs are entitled to ask for a Job Done window sticker. This should prevent any further calls.

I feel that once again the Scouts in the new town can look forward to a warm and generous response to Job Week. In Scout Job Week we all have an opportunity to help these youngsters help themselves.

Suggested jobs for your assistance — weeding, errands, shopping, shoe cleaning, washing up, sweeping paths, garages, and runways, cleaning copper, brass or silver, tidy up anywhere necessary, prepare vegetables and the older boys could help in the more intricate jobs around the home and gardens. If you wish for any particular jobs to be done by appointment please telephone any evening Aycliffe 4794 or 3685.

May I thank everyone for

any assistance that may be given to our boys on the town, levies and capitation fees must be paid to headquarters for each boy in the scout Movement—please help. May we point out that all Scouts taking part in the Job Week are covered by the Scouters Indemnity Policy for public liability in respect of accidental damage to property or injury to persons arising from the carrying out of jobs. M.D.

Christian Aid Week

During the week May 11-18th the Aycliffe Council of Churches again will be making their annual house to house collection to raise funds for Christian Aid.

In the past your efforts have helped distressed areas all over the world.

We hope you will continue to give willingly and generously.

Two social events are also being held that week. A Musical Evening in the Methodist Church on Saturday May 10th and a Cheese and Wine Evening on Thursday May 16th at 7.30 p.m. in St. Clares Hall. All the proceeds will be given to Christian Aid, so we hope you will give these events your fullest support. S.A.

SCHEME NAMED

The new group dwelling scheme being erected in Gilpin Road to accommodate elderly people is to be named Gilpin Court.

SCOUTS DRAW

The draw for the "Holiday for Two in London" will take place 3rd May at 7.30 p.m. in St. Clares Church hall during the Scout and Cub Open Evening. All interested parties are welcome.

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Mr Derek Collinson married Margery Wareham of 31 Priestman Road at St. Clares Church recently. Photo: Sonny Steele

Festival '74

Plans are well under way for the 1974 Festival. Many events are in the pipeline, some already finalised and others not quite ready.

They include:— "It's a Knockout" to be run by various clubs on the trading estate. Dances at most of the clubs on the town, variety shows, Brass Band Contest, Comic Cricket Match, swimming gala at the new Sports Centre, table tennis tournament, pram race, childrens sports, pub night's, net ball competition, Judo exhibition, Arts and Craft, baby show, best decorated house, Punch and Judy and many others.

The Festival which is planned for week 22nd-29th June, will be the best yet and all organisations are invited to take part.

The committee would like as many organisations as possible to put a stall on the field on a percentage basis, thus helping the Festival as well as themselves.

As usual, the high light of the Festival will be the carnival day procession. A large number of floats are expected but we would like to see more from private groups and streets.

A festival such as this takes a lot of organising and the committee number five. We would like some help from anyone who think they can help no matter how small.

We meet every Monday evening at 9 Isherwood Close, so if you think you can help, lets hear from you.

The Festival is now an established event, lets make it better each year.

Chris Jacques
Press Officer,
5 Mellanby Crescent

Norwegian Evening

Tickets are now available for the Newton Aycliffe Round Table's Norwegian Evening which takes place on Friday April 26th at Scotch Corner Hotel.

One of the objects of the Round Table movement is the furtherance of goodwill in international relationships.

Last year the Portuguese Evening saw the first of these special events where the way of life of Portugal was adopted for one night, tasting their food and drinking their wine. The Norwegian Evening attempts to introduce aspects of life in that country in the same way.

The evening offers something a little different from the Dinner and Dance. Music for dancing will be provided by Dave Williams Combo.

Tickets, price £2.50, are strictly limited and can be obtained from Newton Press Tel: 2893.

Waiting lists available for inspection

Town Clerk John Farquhar, informs us that the waiting lists for caravan sites and allotments can be inspected by any member of the public at the Council Offices, Upper Beveridge Way.

LOCAL SUCCESS

Adrian Heads of 11 Finchale Road, has been awarded a prize by the Institute of Production Engineers for a project on Friction Welding.

The project was set by Loughborough University where Adrian is being sponsored by Eaton Axles Limited as a Student Apprentice. He is a former pupil of Marlowe Hall School and obtained his O.N.D. at Bishop Auckland Technical College.

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council, your landlord would not be involved. You may already have received an application form from your local council, but if not, you can obtain a form from your local Citizens Advice Bureau. The staff there will be pleased to explain the details and if you wish help to fill the form in. Your nearest Bureau is at 9 Isherwood Close, Newton Aycliffe.

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14 DEFOE CRESCENT — NEWTON AYCLIFFE



Dorothy Weaving of Castle Donnington married Neil Scafton on Saturday March 23rd in St Clares Church. The reception was held in St. Clares Church Hall. Rev. K. Scott officiated.

Photo: Steele

Speed limit enforced

A few months ago we highlighted the fact that part of Stephenson Way by two schools had no speed restriction.

We are pleased to report this has now been attended to and that pedestrians using that road have some measure of safety—provided of course that motorists observe the 30 mph limit.

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The Sedgfield District Council environmental health department should look closely at two items which plague the residents of Newton Aycliffe.

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2) **THE DUST**—Did you notice last week, with the fog, how filthy everything was? Or did you suddenly develop a sore throat?

A brown, gritty dust descended on the town and I am told it travels from Steetly works.

They pound rock from the quarries into gravel for road-works, and the dust emitted from the chimney carries all over this area. In certain weather conditions the dust is carried on a North East wind

into Newton Aycliffe.

Not an altogether desirable situation which I hope the authorities will deal with very soon.

NSPCC LADIES EVENTS

The members of the Newton Aycliffe NSPCC Ladies Committee raised £200 at a Sherry Evening at 2 Henson Grove.

Forthcoming events:

NSPCC Bargain Shop, in the Youth Centre, Central Ave. Thursday May 9th, 10 a.m. to 12, 2-5 p.m., Friday May 10th 10 a.m. — 12 noon. Friday May 10th Jumble Sale 2-3 p.m.

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