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Simpasture Court Xmas Party where Jacques school of dancing presented residents with sweets. Photo: Sonny Steele



Since February 1974, however, the Mobile Cinema Service of the Tyneside Film Theatre has been visiting Newton Aycliffe once every four weeks showing a first rate selection of films to suit the entire family. The sad fact is that audiences have dwindled to as low as eight on one occasion and average out at about 15 per show. The Film Theatre is at present reaching a stage where it will have to review its commitments, due to the ever increasing popularity of the service and the fact that there are a number of locations where the audience size per population ratio does not entirely justify the subsidy which goes to the service. As you can see from the average audience size in the town, Newton Aycliffe could easily suffer from such action.

There is a bright note, at the last film show in the comfortable club room in the Recreation Centre 34 people turned up, and with the programme for the first six months of 1975 there is no reason why numbers should not continue to increase. The programme to June 1975 is as follows:

February 'Zulu,' March 'The Great Race,' April 'The Ten Commandments,' May 'Paint your Wagon,' June 'The Guns of Navarone.'

If you enjoy films and the cinema, come along and support the service, otherwise the possibility is that it won't be around much longer.

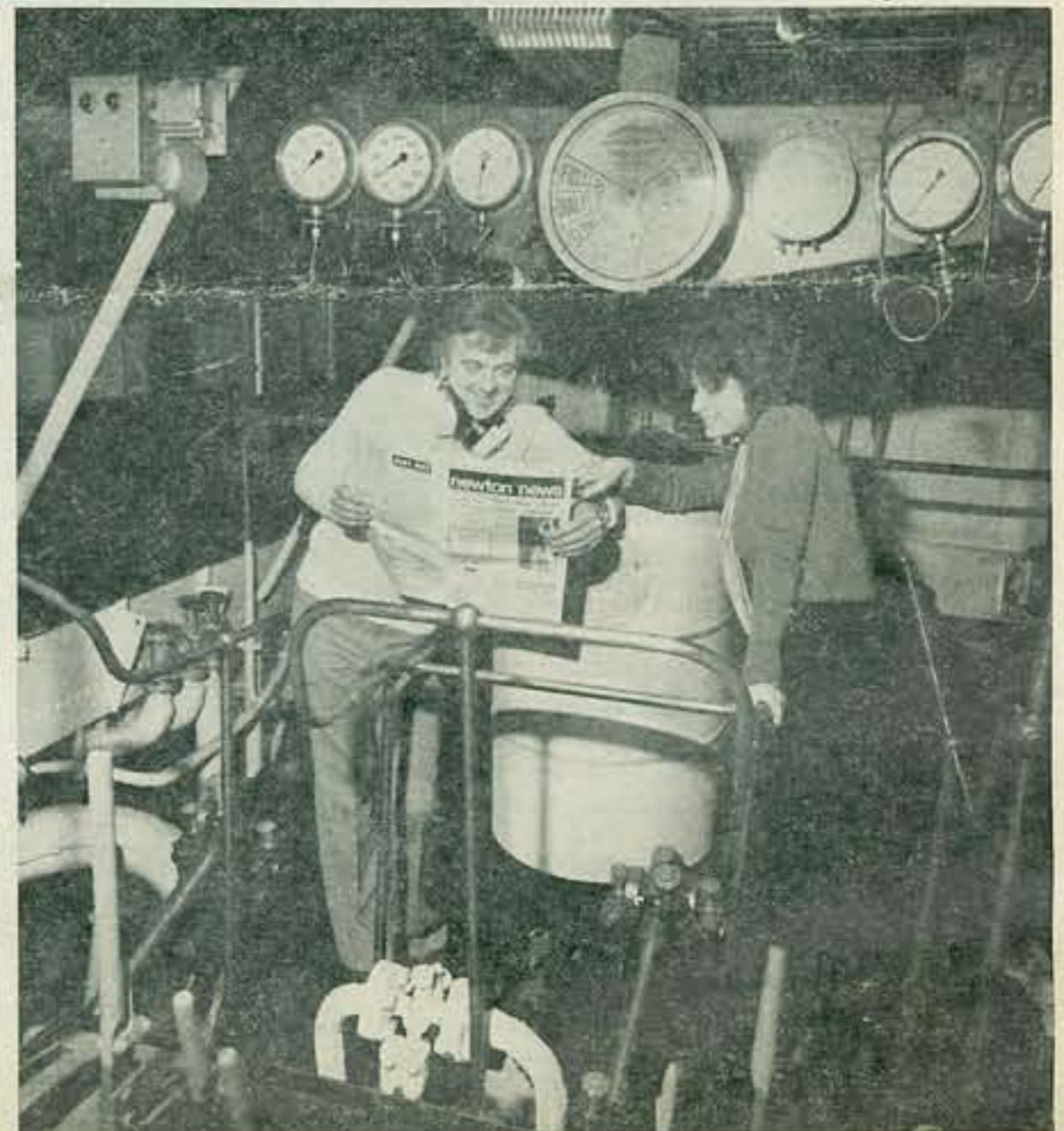
Incidentally there is a certain amount of effort involved in bringing the Mobile Cinema to Newton Aycliffe, so should there be anybody interested in the formation of a film society, or assisting with the arrangements please contact Mr F. Snayde (Community Development Officer) at 8 Isherwood Close Tel: 2521 ext. 67 Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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What is it in the Newton News that has caught the attention of film star David Hemmings? Here he is on the set of Juggernaut, a heart-stopping thriller in which he plays a bomb disposal expert. Perhaps in those conditions he is looking in the job vacancies! Juggernaut has been showing at the Odeon, Bishop Auckland recently.

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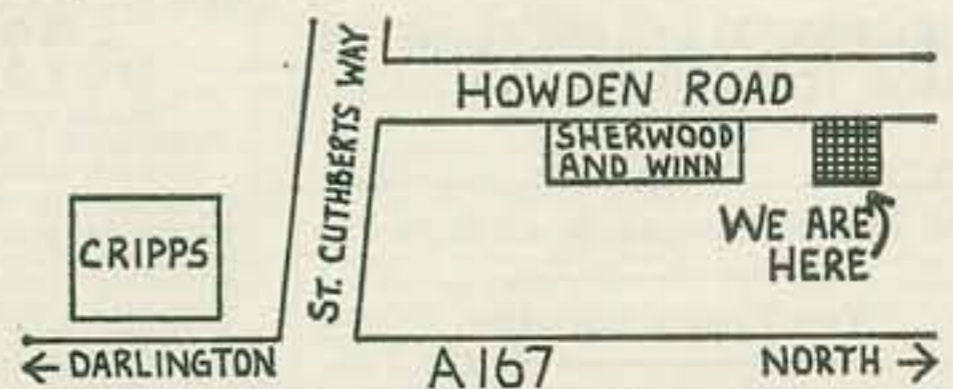
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MENS FORUM

Mr Pat Corrigan, Honorary Treasurer, has had to call a halt to his many activities because of failing health. Pat is also Chairman of Old Peoples Welfare Com. and a member of the County Committee for Age Concern. In this capacity he did a tremendous amount of work and spent a great deal of time involved with the recent survey undertaken on the town in respect of the aged and handicapped residents.

We are all sorry to learn that he is having to give up this Chairmanship too. The members of Mens Forum are delighted to learn that he will still take a lesser, but still active part in the Forum. Our next meeting is January 21st.

The WMC Jolly Boys Childrens party on Sat. 28th Dec.

Photo: Sonny Steele

OLD TYME AND SEQUENCE DANCING CLUB

It is with great sadness that I write this months article because we have lost one of our most treasured members, 'Matty' Proud, better known to readers as 'Old Timer.' He died on Monday 3rd December, doing what he always liked — dancing.

Matty had been a valuable member of our Committee for several years and was noted for being outspoken and showing a keen interest in the welfare of the Club. He was one of the gentlest and nicest persons I have known and I feel sure that these sentiments will be endorsed by all our members and friends.

We are having to move into St Clares hall for the next 2 Tuesdays, 21st and 28th Jan. due to repairs at the Recreation Centre.

We'll be having another supper dance late in February, and then the Big One on 9th May. Personal appearance of Joe Loss with his TV and broadcasting orchestra and his singing stars. Details later. In the meantime, may I on behalf of my Club wish everyone a Happy New Year.
Alan Wright, Chairman



The Physically Handicapped Club received their new Mini Bus with automatic lift recently. The bus was bought from donations. Photo: Steele

The R.A.F.A. Club Children's Party held in the Club on Sat. December 21st.

Photo: Sonny Steele

SNIPPETS

- Burnhill is to have another 140 new houses built at a cost of over £1 million.
- Industrial Estate to get 3 more advance factories with a total floor area of 40,000 sq. ft.
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St Clares Scouts and Cubs draw the winners of their Christmas Draw at their Presentation Evening held recently.

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Our picture shows, from left Mrs Pat Kidd, Secretary; Chris Ellis, Assistant Social Development Officer; Jim Ewing, Social Development Officer; Mrs Anne Riley, Information Officer; Frank Snayde and Alan Humble, Community Development Officers.

Focus on A.D.C.'s Social Development Dept.

Aycliffe Development Corporation's Social Development Department is still a dark horse to many townfolk.

They might know that it employs several people called Community Development Officers but that in itself doesn't help to illuminate the strange animal. They might even know that it is responsible for the Information Office, which at least sounds straight forward.

In fact the Information Office does at least half a dozen different jobs in the town, including some which most folk probably don't know about. Also the Community Development Officers are not, in spite of their name, a cross between social workers and Butlin's Red Coats. Finally, the department as a whole does much more than provide these two sets of services.

Yet everything the Social Department does depends upon the responses of townfolk, including yourselves, and if it is not understood, the work cannot progress. Thus it is time to put the dark horse under a spotlight and set out fully and clearly what these new Social Development services offer so you can use them better.

INFORMATION

First, information. The Information Centre is run by the Information Officer, Mrs Ann Riley. Located next to the entrance of Churchill House in the town centre, it is there:

- ★ To keep people informed of the Corporation's plans for developing the New Town.
- ★ To tell newcomers and people interested in moving here what public, commercial and social facilities are available—including recreation for the various age groups, political, cultural, religious, sports and other organisations.
- ★ To help people locate fairly unusual services, (finding dog and cat boarding premises and knowing where to buy a visitor's season ticket to ancient monuments, are two examples that illustrate the diversity of people's needs).
- ★ To give up-to-date information on services liable to change — such as bus and train times.
- ★ To give information to school children, working on projects about the town.
- ★ To advertise local group activities by giving groups town centre window display space (although some miss that chance by not booking well in advance).
- ★ To help local groups who hold events by selling their show-tickets and displaying their advertisements or leaflets.

★ Acting as a post box for group organisers' messages.

COMMUNITY WORK

The second and as yet less well known branch of the Social Development Dept. is the newly extended community work service. Groups, and people who want to start new groups, all share a wide range of common problems. Whether it's a Drama Society, Football XI or Community Association, the group needs members, money and meeting places. Community Development Officers are not employed to do the organisers' work for them, but to help groups learn how to achieve what they want more easily.

Community Development Officers provide advice, and often other kinds of support, with:

- ★ Committees—how to fulfil the responsibilities of holding an office and the ways of contributing to meetings.
- ★ Fund raising—the management and organisation of sponsored walks, jumble sales, raffles, money making socials etc.
- ★ Grant-aid applications — how and to whom groups should apply.
- ★ Publicising—the messages the media and the mistakes to avoid.
- ★ Relations with Authorities and with other groups — co-operating and complaining, suggesting and requesting.
- ★ Socials and Festivals —for fun and for funds.
- ★ Insurance — this is what marks off the men from the boys in the amateur organisers' world.
- ★ Regulations that might affect groups—was it not Isaac Newton who said "For every action there is an equal and opposite regulation"?
- ★ Survival and Development, if you don't have problems with one, it won't be long before you have problems with the other.

Eventually there will be several Community Development Officers, but for the moment if you want help with a project based in the eastern (or older) part of Newton Aycliffe Frank Snayde is your man, while Alan Humble is supporting groups in the western (or newer) areas of the town, extending out to School Aycliffe and Middridge.

Some town-wide groups are the responsibility of the Community Development programme supervisor Chris Ellis who is also committed to assisting the man in charge of the whole show, Social Development Officer, Jim Ewing.

Jim Ewing has far wider responsibilities than looking after the two services of the department which serve the public directly, information and community development. He is the Corporation specialist on social planning and social administration. This covers work ranging from play areas to community centres, and comprises a good deal of liaison with the Town, District and County Councils, who all contribute money and schemes for social facilities in Newton Aycliffe.

If you think you could use any of the Department's many services, call in at 8 Isherwood Close (the receptionist at Churchill House will direct you if you don't know the way) which is only half a minute's walk from Churchill House. If you cannot arrange a visit during the working day telephone Aycliffe 2521 and speak directly to one of the people you have been reading about.

CORPORATION PROVIDES AN OPEN DOOR

The Development Corporation has provided an open door for folk who are moving into the new Burnhill housing area and other estates nearby. Last week Alan Humble of the Corporation's Social Development Dept. set up operations in the town's first Community Development House.

The house is an ordinary 3 bedroom dwelling, with Alan's office tucked away upstairs in one of the bedrooms. "But the important thing about this operation is that the emphasis is all on two words on the sign outside," said Alan, "Community and house." The idea is that folk who might be a bit wary of coming along to somewhere with an official title like office will be much happier about visiting a house.

"And the house will provide plenty of scope for all sorts of activities. There could be a playgroup in the living room and garden with senior citizens or women's circle group meeting in the bedrooms," Alan told us. "And if this first venture is successful, more community houses could follow."

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Town businessman expands into Shildon

Mr Harry Berry of Newton Aycliffe proprietor of a sheet metal and welding business in West Auckland has branched into the retail business.

He has opened a shop opposite Barclays Bank in Shildon and is selling Hardware, tools, cutlery and general household goods.

RENT OFFICE TO MOVE

On 27th January the Housing Centre moves from its temporary accommodation near the fire station to new plush offices on the first floor level of Phase 2 (up the ramp).

The extra space should provide more comfort and increased efficiency.

The bottom end of the town centre is beginning to liven up. Other shops and services to follow include a fruiterers, home and garden centre, Chinese restaurant, lighting and fancy goods specialist, estate agents, fabric shop and a solicitors.

All should be occupied by early Spring.

One of the services Newtonians might find useful is Key Cutting—something not provided in the town centre yet.

Mr Berry has lived in Newton Aycliffe for 7 years and after taking a managers position at Wheelers on the Industrial Estate was a director of a company at Leasingthorne.

Two years ago Mr Berry started his own sheet metal and welding business, and the shop at Shildon is part of his expansion programme.

The Labour and Trades Club Dicky Bow Section presented the residents of Simpature Court with a Xmas hamper.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE W.I. MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 23rd January at 7.30 p.m. at Moore Lane Pavilion owing to the closure of the Recreation Centre.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Each year, this week is observed by Churches throughout the world as a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Here in Newton Aycliffe, a special United Service for Christians of all denominations is to be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 20th January.

The preacher will be the Rev. W. J. F. Kerby of Aycliffe Village, and a warm invitation is given to everyone to share in this united act of worship.

Refreshments will be served after the service.



The Society is happy to welcome the Choir and Band of the Immaculate Conception School, Darlington on Friday January 24th. This is a new venture, and as many readers will know the choir has a first class reputation, having toured widely, including overseas, and is also the winner of many musical festivals.

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Vincent Smith

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