

# newton news



## Elmfield fund goes well, but...

The Elmfield School Phoenix Fund is gaining support from all sections of the community, but the committee were alarmed to hear of door to door collections by children

At a meeting this Tuesday, the committee were informed of these collections and asked Newton Press to publicise the fact that these collections, though done with good intention, are unofficial and illegal.

The committee feel this type of collection will not be required as the proposed dances and raffles being organised will give them all the cash they need to cover the losses in the fire.

The fund stands at approximately £235.

Mr Bloomfield, the headmaster, is working very hard to keep the school together and many feel he is doing too much and may damage his health.

"He is devoted to his school and it is his whole life," said Mrs Connell, a committee member.

The committee intend to publish a regular newsletter showing progress of the fund and information of school activities.

Their immediate requirement is small animal cages, and if any reader has a spare one, please contact Newton Press and we will pass the details to a committee member.

Should you wish to make a

donation to the 'Phoenix' fund please see page three of this issue.

### SQUIRMED AT THE PRICE

The craze of the 'Squirmlies' died a death this week following adverse T.V. publicity the new childrens' toy received from a B.B.C. Nationwide programme.

The T.V. advertising of the product brought an unprecedented demand.

But many were disappointed with the quality of the goods for the 85p charge, and complaints to shops and the company plus the T.V. criticism caused the company to cease distribution of the toy which was imported from Germany.

The Newton Press Shop sold one consignment in the first two days and have a large number of orders from parents who, despite the bad publicity, still want a Squirmlie for their child.

We apologise for the inconvenience and hope the children concerned will not be too disappointed.

### GOOD LUCK

Out of 108 Juvenile Jazz bands taking part in the Mecca Winter Knock-Out Competition, the N/A Grenadiers are through into the semi finals.

Their semi final takes place on Sunday 2nd March at the Mecca Ballroom, Sunderland at 2.30 p.m.

### Helter-Skelter

The winding ramp, up to the Rent Office, near the Newton Press Shop, is causing some concern to users.

There are blind spots and pedestrians, going up, are in some danger from prams, wheelchairs and bicycles coming down in an helter-skelter fashion.

The builder did suggest a centre rail to separate up and down traffic—he also thought hand rails would aid safety. But all his suggestions have been disregarded by the designers.

A spokesman for the A.D.C. reveals neither of these safety measures have been considered, but would not be averse to any changes if and when necessary. They would, however, like to wait and see what type of usage the ramp gets before making any alterations.

### LOST IN THE 'CIRCLE'

The "Circle of Glory" was certainly different from Darlington Civic Theatre's usual presentations. Actors used the auditorium and audience mingled with the cast during the interval, it definitely made you feel as one, if you could keep track of what 'one' was.

The actors were certainly to be commended for their adaptability, changing from soldiers to musicians, from musicians to Bishops to Earls to Princes and Kings. But the vivacity in their performance was by far the most commendable.

Unfortunately, the play, which had confused me during the first half, completely lost me by the final curtain. Perhaps I am one of the few, for the appreciation of the audience was shown by their enthusiastic applause. V.W.

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Judith Kasher of N/A married Carlos Vazques Moar of don at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses, Darlington last week. Photo: Sonny S

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The annual service will be held at the Methodist Church, Neville Parade at 2.30 p.m. on Friday March 7th. The speaker will be Mrs J. Riach of Seaham, and the soloist Mrs N. Jude.

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## Festival Spectacular

Pictured are some of the pupils of the Horndale Dancing Academy being briefed on the forthcoming Festival in which they are to take part.

The children feel really proud that this year they are to be included in the programme which will put the Horndale area amongst the list of events.

Festival Spectacular will be staged both at St. Clare's and the Methodist Church hall. Members of the Festival committee came along to discuss with the parents and pupils of the Academy, and also to present a certificate which the children should have received last year, when they came 3rd with their float 'Mary Poppins'. It was the Academy's first public event and this year they hope to have even more floats as the Academy is increasing rapidly, and as their teacher Miss J. A. Bowers, who is now a member of the Festival committee, remarked, it is unfair to just let a few pupils take part, one child has as much right as another. The Festival committee were impressed with the way in which the children went through their new routine, in fact one could almost hear them tapping their feet!

Next Issue from  
Newton Press  
is due out on  
Friday 14th March  
copy should reach  
us by  
Tues. 11th March

## One Parent Families take action

After the overwhelming response to our advertisement in the communities own newspaper, Newton News, it has been realised that there is a vital need to establish a One-Parent Family group in our town.

Newton Aycliffe is a community of families drawn from all parts of this country. When unforeseen events occur, a father or mother is suddenly faced with the problem of raising a family single handed, they do not have relatives close at hand to lend support.

Our objectives are to arrange contact between these people; generally to alleviate the isolation, to obtain information for ourselves on any matter and possibly to provide facilities for the children. We do not regard ourselves as yet another deserving charity! But hope to run the group on a self-help basis; preferably by raising funds and publicising our activities.

If you are a single parent, and willing to take the first

step of joining us, we can try amongst ourselves, by understanding and advice, to overcome individual problems.

### DIFFICULT

Bereavement or the disaster of divorce can happen to any of us and it is always difficult to regain our stable family life; children to be fed and clothed, rent paid and the tallyman doesn't suddenly stop calling — What's to happen if you're ill in bed and need a prescription collecting or your child is in hospital and there's nobody to mind the rest during visiting hours? If you're a widower, how do you cope with the physical problems of teenage daughters?

Someone to listen, who has had your problems; or just a friendly face popping in for coffee, this can make all the difference, and wherever possible we will try to give you practical help.

If you are interested please contact Mr Frank Snayde at the ADC Social Development Department, 8 Isherwood Cl.

## NATIONAL INTEREST IN AYCLIFFE'S OLD PEOPLE'S SURVEY

The national magazine New Society recently published an article by the Corporation's Social Development Assistant Chris Ellis on the community work put into the Aycliffe Old Folks' Survey.

This publicity given to the Corporation Social Development work with the Old People's Welfare Committee has attracted attention from all over the Country. Local authorities want details of the scheme for their own social development work. Colleges want to use the Survey questionnaire and Pat Corrigan's and Jim Ewing's reports as teaching material. Local Councils as far away as Southampton and Sussex, and a couple of London Boroughs, have written in, as have the Universities of Edinburgh, Manchester and Birmingham. In all 25 enquiries have been received so far.

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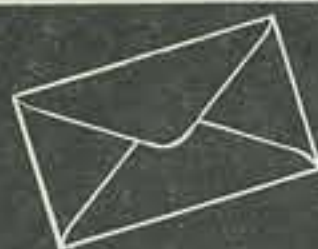
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Newton Aycliffe Boys Brigade football team who won the Boy Brigade Cup by beating Darlington BB last Saturday.  
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## LETTERS

### "How old am I?"

Dear Sir,  
Some years ago, on a wet Saturday afternoon, I sat at one of those two seat tables in Crawfords washing down the last of a jam doughnut with a gulp of coffee. Because of the noise in the crowded shop it was a moment or so before I realised that whoever sat opposite was talking to me. I said "Pardon?" & looking up saw a man with dark hair, a fresh complexion and a smile. He said "You enjoyed that doughnut, didn't you?" I replied "Yeah, sure, I think they're great."

So with the introductions over, we chatted. He was an interesting and experienced conversationalist. But it was while on the subject of television, it happened. He had been explaining how a picture tube is made. Then he suddenly stopped; stared into my eyes and said, "How old do you think I am?" Up to that moment I had been listening to what he had to say, I hadn't been counting the creases in his face while he said it. In any case I'm a rotten judge of age. I knew though he'd expect me to say I thought he looked 'young' so to please him I said "I think you're about fifty." He smiled at that and said "No, I'm seventy three."

As I said, all this happened years ago and the gentlemen's age no longer increases. The 'how old do you think I am?' question goes on though. What I wonder is the point of it? After all none of us has any control over our destiny. Look at the results of dreadful diseases and accidents. The young can be so hideously affected that their pain filled eyes look out of faces that could well belong to some madman painting of a beginning of time fiend.

### BOOS?

Yet the young looking, but old, seem to expect applause

because they are what they are. What about the others that are what they are? What are they supposed to get — Boos?

Looking back I can only remember one lady mentioning 'age' to me and that happened some years ago too. I'd just kissed her and she'd drawn away, but I was pleased she still held my hand. Her wide smile showed incredibly white teeth. Her eyes that gazed into mine were a travel brochure blue. She said "I'm six years old today daddy!"

Bill Blair  
Silverdale Place

## PLAYGROUP COFFEE MORNINGS

Dear Readers,

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K. Jenkins, Secretary  
Parent's Committee.

## Elmfield Phoenix Fund

A special appeal fund has been started for Elmfield School, which was destroyed by fire on Saturday 1st Feb.

There is much which, of course, cannot be replaced such as the past results of hard work and devotion of the Head Teacher, Mr R. Bloomfield, the School Staff and their many helpers.

The fund has been started to help replace a few of the many things bought by fund-raising activities at the above school. An account has been opened at Barclays Bank, N/A for this purpose.

Donations will be accepted there; also Elmfield Infants and the people at the following addresses will be pleased to receive either your donations or any offers of help:

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The Mayor, Mrs Win Dormer, together with the Mayor of Gateshead receiving the cup for winning the Britain in Bloom competition in which Aycliffe Village and Gateshead shared first place.

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## THANKYOU

Mrs M. Cowell and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for kindness, sympathy, letters and cards of condolence, and beautiful floral tributes received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Rev. Marston for his kindness to a much loved husband, father and father-in-law. 12 Anne Swyft Road

I wish to thank Jacques School of Dancing for the wonderful show they did for members of N/A branch of D.C. Welfare for the Disabled on Friday 14th Feb. C.C.C.R. Palmer, Entertainments Officer I would like to express sincere thanks to the 3 boys from the Avenue School who volunteered to dig my garden Mrs A. Cooper, 36 Pease Way

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