

NEWTON NEWS and Newtonian

FRIDAY 16th APRIL 1976

Festival 1976 . . .

The Newton Aycliffe Festival Fortnight this year will be held from 5th June until 20th June. Many events will take place, and the Carnival Parade will be on Saturday 19th June.

The Festival Committee are very pleased with the co-operation they are receiving from all sides and intend to make this the best Festival ever.

The committee would like as many organisations as possible to put on a stall on the

field on Carnival Day. This will help them as well as the Festival.

Application forms for floats, stalls, Festival Queen and any other competitions can be obtained from the Information Centre or Mr Price 119 Silkin Way, or Mr Jacques 5 Mellanby Crescent.

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The continued expansion of the population of our town and the very necessary increase in houses built, has led to the forming of a completely new habitation — The Western Approach of the Town (or the Shildon End!).

We all need a house to live in, a roof over our head and certain amenities for our comfort and well-being within those four walls. We have varied likes and dislikes, we spend our leisure time in different ways, our hobbies are peculiar to ourselves.

But, in many instances, we need help from our environment; meeting places to exchange views and news with our friends, leisure pursuits, entertainment and sundry little pleasures that make life enjoyable.

The Council of Community Service are anxious to form a bridge of communication between the Town Centre and the 'Shildon end,' to make the inhabitants there feel more 'at home.' We want them to feel that they belong to the whole Town and not just the 'West End.' We want them to stay here, to enjoy being here, and to encourage their families to do the same.

We need their opinion, their likes and dislikes even what they think about us—and what they consider this Town can offer them.

Years ago, there used to be a popular practice in Newton Aycliffe of inviting all newcomers on the town to 'Welcome' parties, where they were introduced to representatives of the various organisations and activities available and members of the Churches and Clubs. But, in time, that practice was dropped and in recent years newcomers have had to make their own friends and find out what amenities were available in their own way.

It is not to be wondered at that some have felt like foreigners in a foreign land—in their Western Approach habitation.

Now the Council of Community Services would like to ask all the organisations on the Town if they would be agreeable to 'Welcome' parties being revived, or if you have any ideas for any other projects that you think the C.C.S. could usefully undertake so that newcomers would, again, be given a

chance to get to know us and to become acquainted with the various bodies of people who would be ready to accept them into their group, club or society activity.

We would welcome your comments and cordially invite you or representatives of your organisation along to a meeting at St Clares Church Hall on Monday 26th April at 8.00 p.m. to discuss and hopefully act on this problem.

Visual Arts Exhibition

After the success of last year, Aycliffe Arts Council and Art Club hope to stage another Visual Arts Exhibition.

It will be held in the Recreation Centre from Monday 14th June to Saturday 19th June. Once again it is hoped to show a comprehensive exhibition of works by local artists.

Further details and forms of entrance may be obtained from the Information Centre at Churchill House.

So all Town Artists get out your paints, potteries, sculptures, tapestries, models, photographs etc. and let us have another success this year.

FIRE STATION ANNUAL DANCE

Newton Aycliffe Fire Station are holding their Annual Buffet Dance in Shildon Civic Hall on Friday 7th May. Dancing is from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight with bar extension and prizes. Tickets at £2 each (including transport from Newton Aycliffe) are available from the Fire Station.

All gone!

The Minor Amenities Fund administered by the A.D.C. to help local organisations, was cleaned out in the last financial year by an unprecedented number of applications for financial assistance.

Mr Jim Ewing stated the demand was due to the difficulties some societies were having in fund raising.

26 applicants have been successful and those unsuccessful this year would be considered at future board meetings.

DAMP FLOORS

Councillor Tony Moore offers his help to anyone who is having problems with damp floors etc. or difficulties with moving in his area. Please contact him at 40 Grassholme Place, telephone 5714.

BOXING CLUB STARTING

A Boxing Club will start in Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre from 27th April 1976. Anyone wishing to join in this centre activity are asked to contact Mr D. Pass, Mr M. Moore or Mr P. Irving at the Centre any evening for details, training will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

NEW SCHOOL

Durham County Council are to build a special residential school in Newton Aycliffe for mentally sub normal children.



Miss G. Smith and Mr S. Leary who were married at Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church on Saturday 27th March.

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Photo: Sonny Steele

New C.C.S. Secretary introduces herself . . .

As the new Secretary of the Council of Community Services, I would like to introduce myself to all the organisations and services in Newton Aycliffe and, hopefully, beyond.

At first glance this town seems to be plentifully supplied with a various number of pastimes, hobbies and social 'goings on.' But perhaps someone has an unusual hobby or interest that is not yet known in the town, and if he or she would care to contact me, we may find others with the same interest, who may appreciate a 'get together.'

In my role as Organiser I will be pleased and willing to talk to anyone on the town, committee member or individual, at the Council Office, Isherwood Close on any morning, to discuss any problems in Club or Service or activity. There will be some people on the town who think, and they may be right in some instances, that there is still a lot to be done in providing a greater variety of leisure amenities, but these things take time.

The founders of this town, our town, started their great venture with a great deal of courage and determination. With Faith, Hope and Charity,

both spiritual and financial. We in the C.C.S. also need a good slice of all three, but the most important to us is Charity of both kinds. We are firstly a charitable organisation, and are very dependent on grants and donations from those of you whom we try so genuinely to help. All contributions donated to us will be very gratefully received and acknowledged.

Please help us to help you, by helping us with our encouragement and appreciation of our efforts on your behalf, there are quite a lot of us around now in the town, and we do try to do our best — at least give us marks for trying.

Useful and constructive criticism is always a good thing in any venture and a rewarding pat on the back (if and when we deserve it) will spur us on to better efforts. With the whole town behind us in support we can achieve the impossible — or at least, the improbable, and put Newton Aycliffe on the map as the best example of its kind anywhere in the country.

Thank you for reading this letter, I hope to write others to you from time to time, and I look forward to reading comments from other interested Newtonians on any subject they care to mention or have an interest in.

Good luck to our town, and all who live in it.

Vera Benton (Mrs)
Organising Secretary
C.C.S., 9 Isherwood Cl.
Telephone 3658
25 Moule Close (private)
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To bath or not to bath — but definitely to watch — Newton Players next production in May.

Miss C. Pegglar and Mr R. Clark who were married at St. Clares Church on Saturday 27th March.

Photo: Sonny Steele

SOUTHERNE CLUB LADIES SECTION

The new committee for 1976 is: Chairwoman Jean Freeburn, Secretary Pat Foster, Treasurer Vera Ward. Committee: Sandra Edward, Helen O'Donnell, Alice Raine, May Conlon. We welcome new members Ann Morton and Marion Bell. Thankyou to Ross Higgins our retiring secretary after 6 years of service.

Diary: 21st April Easter bonnet, dyed egg comp. 28th social. May 5th Birthday buffet for May Tate. 12th Social 17th Birthday buffet. 26th Mystery trip. M. English P.R.O.

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LETTERS

"Why should it be different at Horndale?"

Dear Sir,

A situation has arisen causing a great deal of unhappiness among members of the Horndale Senior Citizens Fellowship with a membership of 30, average attendance 24. The provision of the Greenfield Meeting Hall was heralded with great promise, but alas, there is grave disillusionment by the dictatorial powers vested in the Greenfield Community Assoc. charged with administration.

After three meetings with G.C.A. officials present, it was unanimously decided to affiliate with the Assoc. and, under protest, to pay the higher hiring fee for the use of the hall. This proved unpopular with the Assoc., resulting in an official, and Welfare Officer attending another meeting bringing pressure to bear, and in consequence by majority decision, but by less than half the membership, to become a member.

Under the rules of the Association, the Senior Citizens must after 1st April channel its funds into the Assoc. and into the Assoc. account at the bank.

They are required to have a money raising effort or give an equitable donation to the Association. The effort or donation must be approved by the Association.

Here is a real stinker for loss of independence and denial of freedom. It is laid down each and every member of the Senior Citizens Fellowship must be an individual fee paying member of the Assoc., with procedures enforced to ensure this done.

The town's Social Service Council successfully operated over the years, charged with precisely the same objects, does not compel, but requests registration by individual organisations, does not levy membership fees but welcomes subscriptions. Why should it be different at Horndale?

The Old Age Pensioners pay a hiring fee to the A.D.C. for the Beveridge Hall. Why should it be different at Horndale? In striking contrast St. Clares Church opens the church hall to the Senior Citizens Fellowship on three afternoons each week without fee or strings attached, which is honoured by the old folk and the happiest relationship exists.

Senior Citizens by rates and taxes subscribe to youth clubs, boys clubs, Recreation Centre, and to the new sports complex. Is it too much for their needs to be met? They subscribe to a County Library where there is no membership fee, and since bus fares have

put this and other amenities at the town centre out of bounds, why can't they be given the free use of Greenfield Meeting Hall for two hours per week on an afternoon when there is no other demand for the hall?

W. A. Bell

187 Waskerley Walk

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Dear Sir,

Having been an advocate for many years against all forms of capital and corporal punishment, I must admit that I am now beginning to waver.

It is not the schoolchildren that steal from my shop every day, or those that smash up my property quite regularly, or those that have stolen my car on three occasions, or those who have broken into my shop five times stealing cash, or those that have stolen an 8 track stereo and radio out of my car, or even those that stole coal out of my coalshed, although I must admit I do not feel too kindly to the above sort of people, it never altered my views on corporal punishment.

The things that started to waver me was the amount of violence one hears about, especially that to our senior citizens, of whom many have fought through two wars so that we could live in a decent society. What a way to repay them.

And then on a recent Sunday evening when I arrived at my shop, to my astonishment, hanging from rafters outside the lift shaft at the rear of the shops was a young starling. He was hanging from his neck with his legs bound together, the noise and cries from this bird were unbelievable.

On taking him down I found two pieces of twine bound around his neck and knotted, and three more pieces around his feet and body. It took four of us half an hour to free this bird and let it loose.

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE ART CLUB

The club has been running for nearly a year and the committee wish to thank all who have joined and helped to make it a success.

We meet every Tuesday in the art room of the Avenue Comp. School at 7 p.m. Any one interested in art will be made very welcome if they come along. There is also a Junior Section for 10 to 18 year olds.

We have had several talks and demonstrations which were very much appreciated.

As the Summer approaches we hope to arrange some outings to do landscape work.

The Club's first A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 25th May in the art room. Will all members please try to attend as we want your ideas and your votes to appoint a committee.

AMATEUR OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

We need YOU!

As I said in the last issue — another Easter and another show — The Vagabond King. The story of a man made king for a day.

Everything is prepared and ready to go. The rehearsals are finished, the scenery made and installed. Costumes are ready, the auditorium is set out, the orchestra stands by for the overture — but — it's all to no avail without you the vital ingredient without which no show can be a success. That's when it really comes to life and that's why we hope to see you fill the hall this Easter week, Tues. 20th to Sat. 24th April at 7.15 nightly in the Avenue Comp. School. Tickets from Society members or ring Aycliffe 2664.

You've always supported us well in the past, we hope you'll continue to do so this week. As usual we'll be pleased to entertain you.

Arthur West

Scout Week

National Scout Week is with us again and will be held during 17th to 24th April. All Cub Scouts and Scouts will be taking part in this venture which is to raise funds for all Scouting activities in the movement.

The boys are willing to carry out any chores for you, within their capabilities that you are good enough to provide. All monies raised are for the good of Scouting. The only reward the Scout himself receives is the satisfaction of carrying out a good job for you, and aiding the Scout Group finances.

We hope you will support us during this particular week as you have done in the past. We appreciate your assistance in helping the boys to help themselves. Thankyou to you all.

Cub & Scout Leaders of Newton Aycliffe

NEWTON PLAYERS TRIP TO YORK

The Newton Players are running a coach trip to York on Saturday 26th June. We shall be leaving Newton Aycliffe at 9.30 a.m. and departing from York at approx. 10.30 p.m.

There are several events taking place in York on this day including The Mystery Plays and the Lord Mayors' Parade. We have a few seats left on the coach, so if you would like to go, please contact V. Wool, 1 Isherwood Cl. for further details.

CINEMA SOCIETY

We would like to say a big thankyou to the 90 boys and girls who came along and made our first "trial" Saturday morning film matinee a great success.

The children enjoyed a good cowboy film followed by a Tom and Jerry cartoon.

We still need help to run the matinee, so Mums and Dads come along next Saturday at 10.30 a.m. in the Rec. Centre.

Don't forget our next family show—Wed. 28th April, 7 p.m. in the Rec. Centre — Spike Miligans 'comic' version of Adolph Hitler in "My Part in His Downfall."

ENGAGEMENTS

SIDDLE — TROMAN

Mr & Mrs J. Troman have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Lynn to John, only son of Mr & Mrs E. Siddle of Bishop Auckland. Congratulations from both families.

LOST

Kingsway Fleet wood lady electronic lighter in Crawfords 1st April. Great sentimental value. Reward. 20 Stephenson Way

Gold brooch shape of bowl in town centre Sat. 10th April 12 Faber Close

Anniversaries

MARRIN

Happy 3rd wedding anniversary April 7th, Linda and Jack Love from both parents.

BIRTHS

CHRICHARD

To Peter & Carolyn (nee New-

march) a daughter, April 3rd. Congratulations and love from Mam, Jackie, David & Judith.

WANTED

Neville Par. Methodist Church has a vacancy for organist. Involves playing for choir practice on Thursday evenings & at Sunday Services. Further info. from Rev. D. Marston, The Manse, Greville Way Tel: 3508

Girl footballers 15 years upwards. Apply G. Holt, 24 Lightfoot Road or Mr Cant, 18 Lilburne Crescent

Part time gardening help required. Apply evenings or weekends 31 Cumby Rd. Tel: 4519

Bookcase & single wardrobe suitable for 13 year old girl Tel: 6340

HOUSE EXCHANGES

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From 2 bedroom Council bungalow, N/A To same Richmond, Yorkshire consider 2 bedroom cottage. Rent, rates no more than £5 weekly Box No. MA4 Newton Press

From 4 bedroom, Pilmore Gr., Darlington, garage under house To 3 or 4 bedroom N/A 38 Pilmore Green, Darlington

PUBLIC

NOTICES

St. Marys Easter Draw winning No. for Easter Egg is White Ticket 383 (code KT2039) Will holder please Tel: 3081 to claim prize

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint, evening of fun, singing, displays, drama 23rd April 7 p.m.

Brownies Jumble Sale in St. Clares Church Hall Sat. 24th April 10 a.m. Admission 3p.

N/A Arts Council A.G.M. 11th May in RAFA Club 7.30 p.m.

Thinking of buying Hi-Fi? Need good, honest advice? Ring 6302 any day after 7 pm

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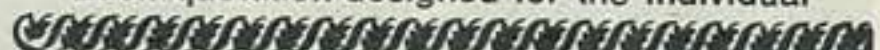
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Cot £1.50 Milton sterilizer and bottles £1.50. Pushchair with cosy toes £3. Indoor baby swing 50p. 235 Rowan Place

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BABY SITTING

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HOLIDAYS

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Many happy returns Roger from Sue.

Happy birthday Roger from Valerie and Pauline

Happy 18th birthday Carol April 22nd from Mam, Dad, Irene, Granda, Joan and all Aunties, Uncles and cousins.

Happy birthday Michael from Woodham Comp. brass band and co., April 23rd

Happy birthday Michael April 23rd from Brian, Steve, Karl and Stephen

Congratulations Karen on your 18th birthday Love from Mum and Jayne

OULTHARD

Congratulations Colin on your 18th birthday. Health and happiness always. Love Mam, Dad Sharon, Carole, Anita, Nana Grandad, Ian, Nana Coulthard Mr & Mrs Wilson & family, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins.

BIRDS NEST — AYCLIFFE

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