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Grand Carnival Day

Those who entered the Carnival Day parade are to be complimented on the ingenuity of costume and high standard of floats.

The organisers of the Festival are to be praised for the hours of work and effort they gave.

Carnival spirit was much in evidence on Saturday and the townspeople turned out in force to watch the parade led by our Town Band.

But this was the only real outward sign that the town was having a Festival, and if any criticism is to be made — it is the very poor build up, and lack of atmosphere around the town.

Here are a few suggestions the Committee might consider:

1) Condense the Festival to one week.

2) Use the town centre as much as possible for stalls, events and entertainment during the week and certainly on the Saturday before and on Carnival Day itself.

3) Ask shopkeepers to decorate the outside of their premises. String up banners, flags and bunting around the

town centre area itself.

4) Generally beat the band and make noise over the seven day period and in particular where most people congregate — in the town centre.

NEW BOYS CLUB SEEKS LEADERS

Applications are invited from suitable qualified persons for two vacant positions as leaders at the new "Boys Club" due to open in Sept.

One post is for a part time "Leader in charge" who will work 3 sessions per week and the other for a part time "Leader" for 2 sessions per week.

Salary will be paid at the approved County rate and written applications should be sent to: Mr P. Fox, 52 Westmorland Way, N/A and arrive not later than 11th July 1976.



Winners of Saturdays Fancy Dress. The old lady who lived in the shoe being Terry Wing
Photo: Steele

Can you help us?

For the fifth year running the Methodist Church Youth Club are organising a free holiday in Staithes, near Whitby for 15 children from Newton Aycliffe who wouldn't normally have one.

The cost to the Youth Club will be approximately £300. To help raise this amount sponsored Club leaders Brian Pounder, David Newton Tony Wood, Valerie Gowland (only 15) and others are hoping to cover the Lyke Wake Walk (from Osmotherly to Ravenscar) in both directions, non stop — a total of 84 miles. They will commence at 6 a.m. on Saturday July 3rd and expect to finish around noon on Sunday 4th.

If you would like to support this very worthwhile cause with a donation or sponsor, please call at the Youth Club, Methodist Church small hall, Neville Parade any Friday, 8-10.30 p.m. or Sunday 8-10 p.m.

You can be assured that the children going on the holiday will greatly appreciate this opportunity to do so, and we than you on their behalf for your support.

The results of the Walk and the total amount raised will be published in the next issue of the Newton News.

Latest

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the C.C.S. on Tuesday June 22nd, it was finally resolved to dissolve this organisation. Full report in our next issue, Friday 9th July.

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Community Bazaar '76

Many people will remember the huge success of last year's Community Bazaar in the Town Centre when over 70 organisations participated in the event. This year it is

intended that the Bazaar will be held again in the Town Centre on Saturday 11th September.

The idea of the Bazaar is to bring to the notice of all Newtonians the tremendous range of activities, groups, organisations etc. taking place in the Town, and the day offers the opportunity for all organisations to recruit new members while at the same time generally making themselves known to the public.

In recent weeks many Town organisations have been circulated with a letter inviting them to take part on 11th September. May we invite all organisations/individuals who would like to have a stall at the Bazaar to attend a Public Meeting which will be held in Club Room 1, Recreation Centre on Tuesday 6th July at 7.30 p.m. It is intended that the meeting will outline to those present, the arrangements necessary prior to and at the Bazaar as well as answering any points raised from the floor.

One final point on insurance which caused some people a headache last year, all participants will this year be covered by the Bazaar's own policy at no cost to themselves. Please attend on 6th July.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

TWO MORE SHOPS FOR TOWN CENTRE

Newton Aycliffe is to get another two shops in the town centre.

One — in Phase II at the Northern end of Beveridge Way, has been let to an optician Mr K. J. McGuinness. The other — in Phase IV, near the Recreation Centre, has been let to Durham Auto-sport Limited for the sale of car accessories.

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Mr Tully said that if all drivers carried out the following drill before starting to overtake many accidents would be avoided.

Position: Near enough to the vehicle ahead so that you can pull out and overtake when ready, but not so close that you can't get a good view of the road in front of you.

Speed: Select the correct gear to have enough power available before starting to overtake.

Look: Assess the whole situation, the state of the road, the vehicle to be overtaken, on coming vehicles, speed differentials and any other hazards.

Mirror: Never begin to

overtake if another vehicle is overtaking you, or about to do so.

Signal: Signal in good time. Even if there is no one behind, a signal can be helpful to oncoming drivers and to the driver of the vehicle being overtaken.

Manoeuvre: Make a final check ahead and when safe to do so pull out on a smooth easy line and accelerate past. Check the mirror to make sure you are clear of the overtaken vehicle and pull in smoothly to the left to avoid cutting in.

Remember: If in doubt — do not overtake.

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The line up for the "Knobbly Knees contest" held during Festival Fortnight. Winner was Gavin Bake (4th from the left). Photo: Sonny Steele

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Staff from Union Carbide on their winning float in Saturday's Carnival Parade.
Photo: Sonny Steele

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Newton Aycliffe Branch

The first meeting of the above Association will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday 30th June in the Southerne Club.

A warm welcome is extended to all ex serving members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, W.R.N.S., Royal Auxiliaries and Q.A.R.N.N.S.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are still interested in joining the Association, please contact Mr T. Robson or Mr K. Metcalfe at the Royal British Legion Club.

YOUTH CENTRE PRAISE

Dear Sir,

Some years ago Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre received a lot of adverse publicity. I feel some praise is due now to the present leader Dave Pass and Andrew Gunstone, his assistant.

The Youth Centre hardly ever closes its doors — one can go in anytime and find well behaved youth in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoying themselves. The management committee are also to be congratulated on allowing the leader freedom to put his plans into action.

"Big Chiefs Fun Week" was an outstanding success, then there is Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. when the disabled people may go to play cards, dominos, archery and other sports or just have a natter.

The "Central Community Club" meets each Tuesday, 1.15 to 3.15 p.m., we have talks, bingo etc. etc. and like the Youth Centre itself hope to have excursions.

I think Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre is one of the best in the County.

Evelyn Murray
7 St Oswalds Walk

CHRISTIAN AID THANKS

Dear Sir,

I would like you to know that we have safely received the £455.27 raised in Newton Aycliffe for Christian Aid Week and I would like to express how very grateful I am for the generosity of the amount. May I again ask you to be kind enough to convey my sincere thanks to all those who helped towards this generous sum. The money which has been collected by your Area and District will help us to play a continuing part in alleviating misery, especially malnutrition among children in backward areas wherever we can, as it were, get at it.

Indeed, we have our own inflation problems but I think in a way they are insignificant when we realise, as indeed we must, that the poor in the Third World get poorer each year.

I really am so very grateful for all the effort which has been put in to raise this generous amount and hope it will be possible for you to convey my gratitude to all concerned.

K. F. MacKenzie
Sec., Christian Aid
British Council of
Churches



"Artists - boycott this event next year"

Dear Sir,

As a local artist I was approached by The Arts Council to exhibit four pictures in the Recreation Centre in connection with an Art Exhibition for Newton Aycliffe Festival.

For this I was asked to pay 25p to the Arts Council to cover 'hire of room and picture insurance' which I did (under protest — this charge not having applied in past years).

I now understand that in order to see my pictures hung I am also expected to pay the 8p admission fee into the Centre as well!

The fact that I am an old age pensioner has little to do with it. Forthought in organisation by Festival and Council could have provided 'exhibitor' tickets so that a free en-

try was obtainable. This is usual at most exhibitions I have been to.

I can understand the public being asked to subscribe a small charge, but having already paid my share of room hire etc. I cannot see why a further levy should be imposed on those who have made an Art Exhibition possible. I hope the rest of the artists feel like myself, and boycott this event next year!

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In reply to the above, Newton Press have received the following statement from the Arts Council:

Dear Madam,
I acknowledge your letter of the 14th instant and in reply would offer the following observations.

I am at a loss to understand your statement that you were approached by the Arts Council to exhibit your four paintings. A general invitation was issued through the press and the Arts Club giving local artists the opportunity of accepting the invitation to exhibit their paintings etc. in the Recreation Centre. So far as I am aware no direct approach was made to anyone to exhibit.

Only one Visual Arts Exhibition has been held in the town before the present one, and that was last year. It is quite true that no charges were made to the exhibitors then, but with increased costs and to minimise any financial loss to be borne by the Arts Council, it was decided that each entrant be charged 25p regardless of the number of exhibits displayed. Each of the 80 exhibitors this year, several of them pensioners paid the entrance fee without demur. In fact, one pensioner has donated a water colour to be offered as a prize.

The entrance fee of 8p to enter the Recreation Centre is beyond the control of the Arts Council and is a ruling of the Sedgfield District Council. The authority responsible for the administration of the Recreation Centre.

I very sincerely regret that you feel that any future exhibition of this nature should be the subject of a boycott.

George Robson
(Chairman)
N/A Arts Council

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The Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl will be awarded for one year for the garden adjudged to be the best in the town and the owner of that garden will also be awarded a trophy to keep as a memento.

APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE INFORMATION
CENTRE, CHURCHILL HOUSE BY TUESDAY 6th JULY 1976

The final judging will take place on Friday 23rd July 1976

VISUAL ARTS

ATTRACTS 1200

The Visual Arts Exhibition held last week in the Recreation Centre received good reports from visitors. The exhibition was visited by 1200 people who saw 198 works of art, submitted by 58 local artists.

Many different forms of art were on show including decorated eggs, sculpture, polished stones, wood carvings and ceramics.

The standard of the works was certainly good and, as one visitor remarked, they didn't know so many talented people lived in Newton Aycliffe.

Results of the raffle were: 1st 256 green, 2nd 68 white, and 3rd 22 pink.

CINEMA SOCIETY

The Saturday morning matinee is now closed for the Summer break. To continue showing films with the rapid fall in attendance was becoming a financial burden.

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CANOPUS NOTES

In the "Friends of Hospital League" our team have reached the last four after defeating two of the most fancied teams. Good luck lads.

In view of the alterations, now under way, we regret any inconvenience. This may have some effect on the entertainment side, but I am sure the committee will give you any changes that may have to be made in the near future.

I feel I must, in this issue, congratulate Wings Officer for his untiring efforts. With regards to Wings Week, thanks to George Rowlings and to our members and guests for the way they have responded to Georges' request for the coupons and stamps — but we still need more!

We have not had the Hammer draw for the last two weeks due to heavy commitments by the committee. Anyone who would like to help would be received with open arms.

The Festival was once again a huge success and our branch was graced by the Mayor, Mr Charles Simon of Mrs Dales Diary and Tony Baines of Radio Cleveland. Our officers were introduced, and the interview was broadcast last Monday on Radio Cleveland. Many thanks to the Mayor E. Elmer for organising this visit. Fred Wells has taped the broadcast if anyone wishes to hear it. Flight

ST. MARY'S SUMMER FETE

St. Marys R.C. Church, Central Avenue, are holding their Grand Summer Fete in the grounds on Sunday June 27th, opening at 2 p.m.

All the fun of the fair with stalls, sideshows, teas, soft drinks, hot dogs, etc., etc. Special Events:

10 mile sponsored walk with 34th Signal Regiment TA Volunteers acting as marshalls with radio control equipment, by kind permission of Major Smith.

We are proud to present Carmel School Band, winners of Darlington Musical Festival under their conductor Mr A. Hind. Music and songs from The Rainbows of N/A with the talented Mrs Dundas.

Punch and Judy with a little help from Mr Llewellyn.

Come along and enjoy yourselves — everyone welcome.

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The Scorpions next production will be "Hobson's Choice," a comedy set in the late 1800's.

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Tickets at 35p for adults, and 25p for Senior Citizens and children are available from Stevens or the Trustee Savings Bank in the town centre, or from any Scorpion member.

Have an evening away from the television and come along and watch live entertainment, we know you'll enjoy it.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

HARDY

Best wishes Angela on your 18th birthday, all my love Rob Congratulations Angela on your 18th birthday, 23rd June Health & happiness always from Mam, Dad, Stuart, Nana

STABLER

Many happy returns Claire on your 1st birthday June 24th. Lots of love from Auntie Carol & Uncle Michael

BLAKE

Congratulations Annette on your 21st birthday June 22nd Health & happiness always, Mam, Dad, Paul, Gillian and Clare

DUNN

Congratulations Anne on your 21st birthday. Health, happiness & success for your future, our love to you from Mum and Dad.

UNIFORMED GROUPS MAY GET H.Q. ON TOWN

At a meeting with the ADC Social Development Officer, sixteen leaders of the town's Scout, cub, brownie and guide groups agreed to press for a headquarters building.

Further meetings are to be held to make the necessary application for grants and determine the site, layout and cost of the project.

The A.D.C. are offering the services of their architects and surveyors to draw up the plans to present to government and County authorities.

The groups still have an uphill climb even allowing for substantial grants (if they are forthcoming) as they may have to raise a sum between £5-£10,000 themselves.

SAVE MONEY—FREEZE FOOD

This is the time of year when thoughts turn to owning a fridge or deep freezer.

An ordinary refrigerator is almost essential in hot weather and pounds can be wasted on food having to be thrown out because it has gone off.

Catching on very quickly in a lot of homes is the acquisition of a deep freezer. Buying in bulk and storing for long periods must bring good savings, and on top of this there is the convenience of having food on hand when you get the unexpected visitors.

Wentons are making Newtonians a special offer until the end of June, so if you are thinking about installing a fridge or freezer this is an offer worth taking.

A "SWYFT" FAREWELL

Mrs "Netta" Swyft, accomplished musician and tireless worker for the promotion of music in Newton Aycliffe leaves the town this month.

She and her husband are moving to Carlisle to retire, and their departure will mean a great loss to all those who have had the pleasure of their acquaintance.

For many years Mrs Swyft has been the organising brain behind the Music Society's Concerts, bringing to Newton Aycliffe singers & musicians of international fame.

Mrs Swyft leaves a lasting memory of her charming personality and absolute reliability for every voluntary task she undertook.

We echo the Music Society chairman's remark at their A.G.M. "She will be missed very much."

We take this opportunity as the community newspaper, to thank her for all the work she did for the town and to wish her and Mr Swyft a long and happy retirement in their new home.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EARNING MONEY?

If so, why not run one of our Shoe clubs amongst your friends. Excellent commission please contact The Manageress, Stylo Shoes Ltd, 18 Beveridge Way, N/A

WANTED

Small upright piano in good cond. under £10 158 Skipton Close after 6 p.m.

British Commonwealth and foreign coins. War & campaign medals. Bars Korea etc to Royal Navy 2nd war stars 17 Church Close Tel: 2967

NOTICES

REWARD—We would like to trace the owner of a red vehicle which was involved in an accident at the junction of Cumby Rd. & Pease Way on 15th June at 10.45 p.m. This vehicle has or may have had damage to its front. Box No. EJ2 Newton Press

Jumble Sale in aid of 2nd N/A Scouts, Sat. 26th June, 10 a.m., St Clares Church hall Admission 3p.

Will the person who picked up a black purse from telephone kiosk under town clock please hand in to police, pensioner. Jumble Sale Sat. 26th June Town centre 10 a.m. N/A & District Ladies Circle

Congratulations

REED

Congratulations Evonne and George on the birth of your son. Love from Sarah & Roger

COWENS

Congratulations Anne on your 18th birthday. All our love & best wishes, Beryl & Steve Congratulations Anne on your 18th birthday. Health, happiness & success always, love from Grandma & Aunt Helen

ENGAGEMENTS

STEWART — SCOTT

Mr & Mrs H. Stewart are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Anne to Mr Vince Scott

KING — HANNA

The engagement is announced of Linda only daughter of Maureen & the late George King on her 18th birthday, to John youngest son of Mr & Mrs D. Hanna of Hartlepool. Congratulations, love & best wishes from both families.

MOONEY — ROBINSON

Mr & Mrs P. Mooney, 5 Hunter Road have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Gillian to Brian Robinson 86 Silkin Way. Congratulations from both families.

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FOR SALE

Bedroom suite single size, grey/mauve, suitable for child 53 Cumby Road Tel: 2078

2 Morphy Richards fan heaters as new £6 each 16 Humphrey Close Tel: 3425

Restmore detach. pram brown & beige excellent cond. £20 Tel: 2107

Wedding dress size 10-12 & headress, veil £10 Tel: 3712

Bungalow type bed settee & matching chair £8 34 Bury Rd 4 fireside chairs £12 will sep.

Kitchen table & 4 chairs £6 24 Hatfield Road

Hoover Washer auto, wringer £5 7 Markham Place Tel 3670

Electric fire long flex, 2 bars £3.50 Tel: 6211

Calor gas cooker £5, Camp kitchen £5, bouncing cradle £1 12 Burdon Close

Kitchen table wood grained, Melamine topped £6 Tel: 3744

Frame tent sleeps 2 £15 ono Tel: 5484

'Cosmic Symbol' 35mm camera inc. leather case, nearly new £7 Tel: 4066

Sit/lay pushchair, navy and chrome with hood & apron, ex. cond. £8 27 Priestman Rd

Mothercare baby sling 80p Tel: 6001

Swallow pram with tray, blue good cond. £8 ono 18 Atkinson Gardens, Aycliffe Village

Amplifier £9, Mod. sofa ex. cond. £12 ono. Portable cassette £9 ono 130 Aysgarth Cl

PERSONAL

Lady, 43, divorced, wishes to meet gent 40-60 with view to friendship, companionship & occasional outings. All replies answered genuine only please Box No. EJ1 Newton Press

MARRIAGES

Mr & Mrs McMahon are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Christine to Mr John Ainscough on July 10th in Darlington.

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