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St. Oswalds-streets ahead

A fantastic community project sparked off from a discussion by a group of ladies, in the St. Oswalds Park area, is gathering momentum and could snowball into something quite exciting.

It's all to do with the Queen's Jubilee next year, as the residents at St. Oswald's are going all out to celebrate the occasion in a very big way with a magnificent "Street Party" reminiscent of the war years.

Already, meetings have taken place, committees set up and plans formulated. A regular newsletter will circulate the houses to keep residents informed.

They have even rang Buckingham Palace to confirm the actual date of the Public Holiday. The Queen was not available, but a Palace official told the group the National Holiday will be on 7th June.

RAISING CASH

Meanwhile, the Oswald area are involved in raising, among themselves, sufficient cash to make the big day go with a bang. Raffles, Coffee Evenings and Sales are being organised regularly between now and June.

The aim is to provide a non-stop Street Party with lots of entertainment, flags, bunting, music, dancing, fancy dress and souvenirs for all children under 18. A marquee has been ordered just in case it rains.

Four hundred residents will take part in the party, coming from Wren Close, Washington Crescent, Escombe Close,

Hutchinson Walk, Whitehead Walk and St. Oswalds Walk.

FORESIGHT

This must be one of the first groups to start preparations for the Jubilee and they are to be congratulated on their foresight and enthusiasm. Why not get your street or area organised? Let Newton Aycliffe show the rest of the country how it's done.

If you want tips on how the St. Oswald's group got themselves organised, contact Mike White at 29 St Oswalds Walk or Bill Wade, next door at No. 31. They will be delighted to see other groups take up the idea.

RAIN STOPS PLAY . . .

The bad weather has caused a postponement of the opening of the new nine hole Golf Course at School Aycliffe.

The course was due to open last Saturday but torrential rain put a halt to work necessary to complete this new amenity.

It is hoped, subject to a change of weather, that the course can be opened this Saturday 23rd October.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Mr Stan Wise of 24 Macmillan Road, at the age of 57 years. Stan joined the staff of the ADC as Builders' Clerk on 20th November, 1950, when the Direct Labour Dept. was being established to build houses in the new town. Progressing in the department to Chief Clerk, then Deputy Direct Labour Manager and finally to the post of Direct Labour Manager as recently as 1st July, 1976. He has been actively associated with the building by the Direct Labour Dept. of about 4,800 houses in the town, together with shops in the town centre and neighbourhood centres and numerous civil engineering contracts.

Stan Wise will be sadly missed by his many colleagues in the Newton Aycliffe branch of NALGO.

Harry Bilton
Branch Secretary

BLOW TO OLD FOLKS

Inflation has caught up with Old People's Welfare project to provide a rest room in the town centre.

They now face a £1,250 increase in the cost of the building, making the total target over £6,000.

Having raised £1,600 towards the scheme the news came a quite a shock to the hard-working committee.

Undaunted they are carrying on with intensified effort towards their goal.

If you can help in any way please contact Councillor Kennedy, Aycliffe 2058.

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CIVIC BALL

There are a few tickets left for the Civic Ball to be held at the Recreation Centre on Friday 26th November.

This annual event is always an enjoyable occasion and a time when Councillors forget political differences and meet socially with townspeople in a friendly atmosphere.

Application for tickets can be made at the Town Council Offices.

YES, TO CYCLE PARK

There has been a good response to a readers' letter in our last issue calling for a special area for motor cycles to park in the town centre.

It does seem silly to have 1 cycle taking a full car parking space, especially when the car parks are busy.

Pedal cycles seem also to cause problems in the town centre itself. Quite often shoppers are seen clambering over bikes which have just been dropped outside shop doors.

Why not provide cycle racks or stands to safeguard shoppers and tidy up the town centre?

SOUTHERNE CLUB LADIES SECTION

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continuing our report on the Town Council and A.D.C. Liason Meeting

This was the startling figure revealed at the meeting by ADC Director of Estates Tony Cooper when asked by the Mayor if a system of appointments for house repairs could be adopted.

"Too often residents are kept waiting for workmen to arrive" argued Counc. Elmer. "If we knew exactly when they were coming arrangements could be made to save time all round" added the Mayor.

The amount of repairs is staggering when you consider the number of rented properties in the town, total approximately 6,800.

A temporary chemist shop is to be set up in a house for the use of the residents of Burnhill. Advertisements are to be placed in appropriate journals hoping to attract a pharmacist.

An increase of 200 jobs on the Industrial Estate since April was reported, and further expansion of factories and jobs was envisaged for the future.

Mr Ewing, Social Development Officer gave a comprehensive report on various topics including Elmfield Community School, closure of Burnhill Community House, Emergency telephone service for Agnew housing area, and the job creation scheme.

There was some doubt on how vandal proof the emergency telephones will be, but Mr Ewing could only hope that common sense would prevail.

Due to lack of finance the Warden Scheme for old folks bungalows has been delayed. The Councillors were not too happy and thought it was wrong to wait until all the money was available before bringing all the houses into the scheme. "Do a block at a time — some progress is better than none at all" said Counc. Conlon.

The meeting resolved to investigate the possibility of instituting a "Good Neighbour Scheme" with volunteer help from active senior citizens whose job it will be to visit single and infirm pensioners.

Time and time again the meeting came back to the problem of poor workmanship and faults in houses. One explanation for damp came from Mr Cocker of the A.D.C. who put most of it down to lack of proper ventilation.

"More windows open would cut 50% of the instances of damp I have investigated" said Mr Cocker. "Tenants are putting rubber backed carpets on floors and vinyls on walls which do not allow air to penetrate, this results in lifting tiles and pools of water under-

neath these materials" he added.

Work on a Department Store in the Town Centre is expected to commence by the summer of next year.

The A.D.C. concluded the meeting proper by stating they had not received any clarification on the speech by Peter Shore, M.P., relating to new town expansion and in particular how the proposed new policy would affect Newton Aycliffe.

CHECK YOUR HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE—NOW!

Now is the time to check that your household insurance policy is adequate. That is the advice from the Development Corporation's Housing Department which has had a flood (if you'll excuse the expression) of sad but wiser town-folk to deal with recently.

The problem is that many people have not kept their insurance up-to-date. And they don't realise that until they need to call on their insurance company for compensation.

Several factors have affected the insurance situation in recent years, but the main one is inflation. That carpet you paid eighty pounds for a few years ago would probably cost two hundred to replace, and the same sort of comparison applies to every household item. The answer is to make sure that your insurance policy covers the current value of all your household contents every year when you renew it. And most insurance companies now offer policies which cover the replacement cost of household items — not just the purchase cost.

The Development Corporation is responsible for the insurance of all its buildings — included all rented property of course. But the Corporation is not responsible for insuring the contents or for insuring buildings which do not belong to it — houses bought by former tenants for example.

Every householder — owner or tenant — is advised to check now, to ensure that your property is fully covered by insurance. And a final word, don't forget the colour telly (if you're lucky enough to have one). Most general household insurance policies don't cover them and they are your responsibility, even if they are rented.

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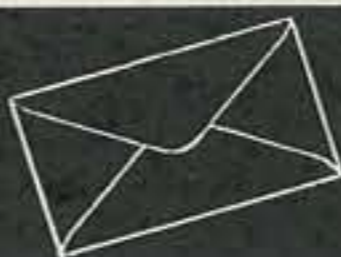
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The next afternoon my daughter arrived home very upset having been told that the gerbils had in fact been used as snake food.

I telephoned the person concerned and he confirmed that what we had been told was true. I have since found that an advertisement is in our local newspapers at this moment for mice and gerbils under this same telephone number.

In the circumstances I would like to save other chil-

dren the distress my children have suffered by pointing out the purpose for which these small creatures are being obtained.

Mrs A. Northcote
26 Hartley Road

THANK YOU

Dear Sir,

Through your columns we would like to say a big thank you to all members of Newton Aycliffe Monarchs Jazz Band who have just finished another season of Carnivals.

These children carry the name of Newton Aycliffe on their banner; they carried it into the World Championships held at South Shields during August, competing against top bands from many parts of England and Wales, and finishing 13th overall. Drum Corps and Bass Drum tying for second place — an achievement we are proud of. In the Association Finals held in September they came away with the Drum Section Championship, for the fifth year running, also Champions for Music.

The children know that their success is due to the dedicated training given to them by Mr Jeff Richardson and Mr Derrick Nicholson for whom they have great respect.

Many members have retired this year, so we would like any child, between the ages of 8-14 who would like to join, to go to Vane Road School any Monday or Tuesday between 6.30-8 p.m. and see Mr Richardson.

Many thanks again to all you Monarchs, and to those who have retired — good luck for the future.

The Monarchs Com.

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Thursday 14th Oct. saw our very first attempt into the organising of our own S.O.D.S. opera (civvies please note, go as you please). Many thanks to the Royal British Legion, and their committee who allowed us the facilities.

Forthcoming Attractions
Saturday 23rd October
Trafalgar Cabaret and buffet Dance in T.A. Centre, Greenwell Road, 1900 hours. Few tickets left at £2 each.
Saturday 30th October
Commissioning Ceremony in Royal British Legion at 1600 hours. Will members endeavour to attend, once this ceremony is completed, we are then official and it's full speed ahead.

Calling all ex R.N. and serving R.N. of Newton Aycliffe and district. Why not pop along to our meetings held every Tuesday night, 1930 hrs. in the Southern Club, and, if it suits you, fill in a membership form.

Remembrance Day Parade
Will members please turn out in force. The Salute this year is taken by a Royal Navy Officer.

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Persons interested in forming a branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in Newton Aycliffe are asked to contact Mrs Prest, 75 Whitworth Terrace, Spenny-moor, telephone 814514.

'STRONGARM' BASKETBALL

Recent Games:

Strongarm 87 Lough'bro 78
This was Strongarms first League win of the new season
Strongarm 92 Panthers 94
Unlucky result for Strongarm after putting up a fine performance.

Strongarm 82 Vauxhall 95
The Strongarm team were feeling confident after their successful weekend away.

Game began with Vauxhall moving into a comfortable 26-10 lead against a Strongarm defence that took a while to settle down. After this traumatic ten minute period Strongarm began to put their game together and edged into a lead bringing the half time score to 46-44 to Strongarm. In the second half Vauxhall began with a good five minute spell that brought them back with an eight point lead, and Strongarm were unable to remove it.

In the Under 16 Knockout Tournament Shildon beat Woodham 16-10.

Sunday 24th October

STRONGARM

v

A.T.S. GIANTS

Tip Off 3 p.m.

Under 16 Tournament

Egglescliffe Comp.

v

Ushaw Moor

Tip Off 2 p.m.

Advance sales from J. Sewell Woodham Comp. School.

Under new management

Floral Charm, our local florists in Beveridge Arcade, is now under the new management of Pam & Harry Taylor.

After his National Service Harry Taylor started work at his fathers Nurseryman and florists business in Darlington, which is still flourishing. He remembers delivering flowers and plants to Newton Aycliffe in the mid 1950's, when our town was in its infancy.

Harry left the family business and worked at ICI for 15 years, before setting up on his own at Northallerton where he and his wife Pam live with their two teenage daughters.

Because of their connections with, and interest in the nursery business, the Taylors intend to develop the garden and fresh flower and plant side of Floral Charm, assuring old and new customers of continuing good service.

Newton Press would like to welcome Pam and Harry to our town, and wish them every success in this their latest venture.

TODDLERS' CLUB

Now meeting in the Youth Centre and proving very successful. All mothers and young children are welcome. Don't be shy, why not come along and let your tots make new friends? That's Mondays 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Youth Centre, Central Avenue.

Residents of Simpstone Court pictured with members of the Iron Horse Leek Club who presented them with £20 towards their funds. Photo: Steele

COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT

The Unit is now open in its new home in the Citizens Advice Office, Upper Bev. Way. Groups, organisations etc. are invited to make use of the equipment, and the office is open at the following times: Mon. 2-4 p.m., Tues. 10 am to 12 noon, Wed. 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Thurs. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Should you have any problems contact A. Blackham in the CAB office, or F. Snayde Tel: 2521, ext. 19.

"Yes" to Lake

Following the Town Council's support for the proposed new lake in the Burnhill area, the A.D.C. attempted a "public participation exercise" and received an overwhelming response in favour of the feature.

350 letters were sent to residents and this was followed by a public meeting on 3rd October.

The results and comments from this exercise will be put before the board who will then make a decision.

There were arguments for alternative uses of the capital cost involved, but when it was explained that if the lake project was turned down the money could not be used for anything else, the majority voted in favour.

MOTHERS UNION COFFEE EVENING

The "Mrs Mop" at St. Clares Church, Sylvia Pedely surprised an audience at the Mothers Union Coffee evening last week when she proved how well she could sing.

Sylvia delighted everyone with a splendid performance of popular songs complete with hip wriggling and other gestures of modern singers.

Most entertaining also were a group of girls, pupils and ex-pupils of Mr Beattie of Sugar Hill School who gave an accomplished presentation of music on recorders.

The Vicar Rev. Hall thanked all the entertainers on behalf of all present.

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CARS FOR SALE

Mark II Jaguar UP reg. enthusiasts rebuilt. 8 Wright Cl. 1970 (J) Sunbeam Alpine fastback, ex. cond. full year MoT £510 Mr D. Compton Tel: 6248, 10 Wren Close

WANTED

Accessories for Kenwood Chef mincer, can opener etc. Typewriter (not portable) Tel: 3803, 21 Burn Lane

FOUND

Light brown glove, fleece lined child's r. hand near Burn Lane Tel: 3803, 21 Burn Lane

BIRTHS

STEVENSON
To Kathleen (nee Doig) & Lee October 10th at Ripon. Thanks to Hospital staff.

Congratulations

HERBERT
Love & best wishes Judith on your 21st birthday from Gran, Auntie Moyra, Uncle Ken and Penny
CONGRATULATIONS DAVE on your 18th birthday, 11th Oct. Love from Lesley.

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN — COUSINS
The engagement is announced between Angela Brown & Trevor Cousins, Sept. 25th. Congratulations from both families.

YOUR TOWN AND IT'S FUTURE

The Neville Branch of the Labour Party invites all who are interested in the affairs of the Labour Party, both a National and Local level with particular reference to our Town's future development, to come to our next meeting and take part in a discussion.

We meet in the Council Chamber, Upper Beveridge Way on Thursday 4th Nov. at 7 p.m. New members welcome.

For further information contact Mrs W. Dormer, 3 Melanby Crescent.

FOR SALE

Ladies Watch gold plated, 15 jewels £5. Cot. free, no mattress. 78 Ashfield.

Red Nylon carpet £18. Foam back looped nylon, cost £6 yd. new, 6 yds x 3 yds, in good cond. Electric reed organ, in perfect cond. £18. 3 books. 54 Biscop Crescent after 4. 23" B/W Rediffusion T.V. in good order £12 ono. M. & W. 0-1" micrometer, good cond. £2. 4 Smith Walk, mornings or evenings.

Frame tent 2, bedrooms, 2 sleeping bags, 2 single air beds, 1 double air bed. Camp kitchen, hanging larder, table double burner stove, lantern, camping trailer £120 lot Tel: 5652

Leeway 'Tandem' pushchair, turquoise, with hood & covers good cond. £10. Britax child car safety seat, good cond. £7. 146 Skipton Close Tel: 6415

Raleigh Small Rider cycle to suit 4-7 year old, good cond. £12 ono 4 Matthew Close, Tel: 6163

Pushchair with hood £7. Triang cycle £7. White 3 tier vase £1.50. Black patent platform shoes, 6 £2. Black suede wedge shoes £2. Sunbeam mini oven/frypan £13. Blue Smiley pedal car £4. Childs car seat £2. Boys/girls brown gaberdine raincoat £3. Single bed size board for back sufferer £2. Leather walking shoes, 6, £2 HMV stereogram £40. Ladies blazer £7 & other oddments of clothing Tel: 3803

HOUSE EXCHANGES

From new 3 bed. gas c/h. on Burnhill Est. To 3 or 4 bed. all areas considered. Box No. EO2, Newton Press
From 3 bed. sep. dining room large lounge & garden, near shops To 3 bed. gas c/h in Garburn/Honister area, with medium garden. Box No. EO1 Newton Press

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