

# NEWTON NEWS and Newtonian

FRIDAY, 10th MARCH, 1978

## Legion to build flats for elderly

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Housing Association are to build a block of flats in Newton Aycliffe to accommodate 17 single persons and 13 couples.

The Flats will be available to retired ex-servicemen, women and widows of ex-service personnel.

The block will be situated

at Cobblers Hall and be named Avon Court. A warden scheme will be operated in much the same way as other old persons' dwellings in the town. There are to be additional design features incorporated to aid the elderly occupants, including an alarm system. A communal room will provide a social centre and a tea bar is included in the provision to support the community activities.

A house committee has been elected to organise fund raising to provide furnishings and other amenities. They will also be responsible for the selection of tenants and the appointment of the warden.

Rents for the flats will be determined under the "Fair Rents" Act and will include in the overall figure, heating, rates, etc.

Mr H. H. Wood is the chairman of the Committee, J. Milburn Secretary, 6 Dixon Road, and treasurer, H. Thorpe, 3 Trevor Green.

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The Station manager is 47-year-old Harry Rowell, who has vast experience in broadcasting, having worked for BBC, Tyne Tees and Radio Metro. Harry has also been a free-lance entertainer. His job at Radio Aycliffe is to schedule programmes, obtain advertising and train amateur broadcasters.

Initially we will get two hours air time with approximately ten minutes of advertising.

A board of directors, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Granville Gibson, will determine the policy of the local radio within the terms of the licence granted by the government.

Indeed there are stringent conditions attached to the licence which calls for prior notice of programme content and submission of all tapes after broadcasts.

While the ADC have secured the venture financially

for the 2-year experimental period they will have no say in the running of the Station.

An advisory committee will aid the voluntary board of directors. This committee will probably be formed from a public meeting to be called at a later date.

Any suggestions on ways the Radio could serve the town best would be appreciated by Harry Rowell, and until the new studio is ready, should be addressed to him, c/o Churchill House.

## "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

Have you noticed a change in the accents of some notable Newtonians, or even a change in appearance, such as a beard? If you would like to know the reason why, come along to the Avenue Comprehensive School on Tuesday, 28th March, to Saturday, 1st April, at 7.15 p.m. Or better still, buy a ticket for "Fiddler on the Roof."

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

United services over the Easter period will be held on Monday, March 20, at Neville Parade Methodist Church, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at St. Clare's C. of E. Church, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 7.30 p.m. Good Friday, March 24 — United open air service and procession of Witness, 10.30 a.m., Town Centre.

Methodist services—Neville Parade: Good Friday, "Olivet to Calvary" by the choir and Passion Play by the Scorpions, to commence at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday: Communion 8 a.m. Family Service 11 a.m. Evening service and communion 6.30 p.m.

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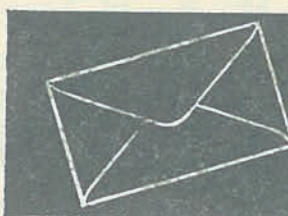
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## LETTERS

### Bazaar opened

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Mrs Lorraine Taylor,  
83 Bewick Crescent.

### Pension stolen

To whom it may concern, I would like to thank the person who signed and cashed my pension cheque. Their need cannot be greater than mine, as I am an old age pensioner with a disabled husband and was depending on the money for necessities.

Mrs N. Wellings,  
19 Burdon Close.

### Disabled report on new complex

The newly formed Council for the Disabled have published a report on the Town Council's new Sports Complex at School Aycliffe.

While they approve generally the means of access for disabled persons in wheelchairs, they are very critical of the fact that their opportunity for participation in bowling on the special green has been lost.

Here is a sport which they could take part in, yet there is no access for a wheelchair, and in any event the appliances would not be allowed on the surface because of likely damage.

The Town Council did consult various organisations on special facilities for the handi-

capped prior to planning the building, but the compilers of the report question the quality and qualifications of the advisors.

One notable comment: "Praise is due to the planners who have provided more special toilet facilities for handicapped persons in one building than are to be found in the whole of Darlington."

### Community Group stay together

The St. Oswald's Community Group, set up to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee last year, so enjoyed themselves that they continue to meet and organise social events.

A strong working committee have produced a programme of events with dates right through to next January.

One of the outings, a Mediaeval Banquet at Lumley Castle, is a sell-out. Other events include a Ceilidh in the Recreation Centre in May and a Children's outing in July. The group will be actively involved in the Town Festival during June and will be entering a float on Carnival Day.

A Beach Barbeque is arranged for August, a mini holiday at Blackpool in the Autumn, a Christmas shopping trip is laid on for November, and a trip to the pantomime for the children during the festive season.

Someone is obviously working very hard to keep the community spirit alive at St. Oswald's and they are to be congratulated and given every encouragement in their endeavours.

### Pillar Box tampered with

The post office pillar box in Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe, has been tampered with. Could anyone posting mail after the morning of Saturday, 25th February, until 3.00 a.m. Monday, 27th February, kindly contact Aycliffe Police.

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A special request is made for a wheelchair, which is required for emergency loan and for use in the mobile unit.



## MEET THE CHAMPS!

Top dogs in a Newcastle darts tournament which attracted 30 teams was the two-man team from the export division of Flymo Limited, the hover mower manufacturers on the Aycliffe Industrial Estate.

Tommy Hunter (left) and Clifford Wright, who took part in a series organised for shipping and haulage organisations are seen here with one of the hostesses at the Newcastle tourney. The tankards — as well as a set of darts each and table mats — were the prizes for the night.

Tommy and Clifford had to beat two other Flymo colleagues, Benny Hill and Charlie Hamer, from the production division, in a tough semi-final.

# A.D.C. news round-up

AMONG items of interest issued by the A.D.C. this week are the choice of street names for the new Well House Precinct and the results of the "Sid Chaplin Literary Award."

### LITERARY AWARD

The national "Sid Chaplin Literary Award" was presented in Aycliffe on Tuesday, 28th February.

The competition, run to focus attention on the literary potential in new towns, attracted 156 entries from all over Britain.

The award to the winner, who is from London, and the nine merit award winners, who include a 16-year-old Newton Aycliffe girl, was presented by northern author Sid Chaplin.

The competition, which was for short stories, fact or fiction, with a new town background, is now likely to become an annual event, sponsored by the Aycliffe Development Corporation.

Our local winner was Jacqueline Musgrave, of 130 Faulkner Road, who is a pupil at Woodham Comprehensive School.

Well House — the area to the north of Agnew Way — is close to the former coal mining areas north of Aycliffe, and because of this the Development Corporation has decided that the street names should have a mining flavour, with the names of former pits in the Durham coalfield being chosen.

The precinct will have 328 houses, ranging from flats and bungalows for single people, the disabled and elderly, to five-bedroomed houses, when completed in 1979.

The street names will be: Brockwell Close, Kimblesworth Walk, Tanfield Place, Morrison Close, Stargate Close, Elmore Place, The Ballarat, Well House Drive, Well House Ride, Callerton Rise, Utton Place, Deval Close, Fenhall Green, Phoenix Place.

RESIDENTS' GUIDE  
Representatives of certain

organisations have approached the Development Corporation with information which should have been included in the recently published Residents' Guide.

It would be appreciated if amendments or additions could be notified to Mrs Ann Riley, Information Centre, to enable the Residents' Guide to be kept up to date, and retained as a useful booklet to the community.

### CHURCHILL HOUSE

The showcases in the foyer of Churchill House have displayed much of the townspeople's talents in the past and these are always available for use by the community. Any organisation wishing to make use of this facility should contact Mrs Ann Riley, Information Centre, who will be happy to supply the necessary details.



The next concert to be presented by the Newton Aycliffe Music Society will feature the vocal group "Counterpoint", and it will take place at the Methodist Church (Neville Parade) on Saturday, March 18th, commencing at 7.30.

Counterpoint was formed in 1973 and all six members are ex-choral scholars of St. John's, Cambridge. Their progress encompasses a variety of styles, ranging from the 15th century to the present day. Added variety is provided by instrumental solos from members of the group. All in all it promises to be a most enjoyable event, and anyone interested can purchase tickets from committee members, or Mr J. Hart, 16 Defoe Crescent.

## New Meeting Hall

The WI will now be held in the new Rest Room, situated at the corner of Greenwell Road, Central Avenue. We hope to attract more members with this new central hall. The next meeting will be on March 16th at 7 p.m. A bring and buy and a cake stall. Why not come along to join us.

Mr Smith came along at short notice to the last meeting to talk on the history of roses. He then judged the competition, roses, and Mrs Gunter came first with Mrs Blewitt 2nd and Mrs Willis 3rd. Mrs Ballantyne won the door prize. Mrs Gunter gave an interesting report on her visit to the annual county meeting.

## Woodham School diary of events

Woodham Comprehensive School have a wide variety of events scheduled for March, including visits abroad.

March 10: Sixth form languages students leave for France. March 13: Sixth form Work Experience Week begins. March 14: Lower Sixth Geology trip to Lake District (four days). March 16: Third year Options Night, GCE band, begins at 6.30 p.m. March 25: Third and fourth formers begin exchange visit to France. April 4: Third year Options Night, CSE band, begins at 6.30 p.m. Lower Sixth Evening also starts at 6.30 p.m.

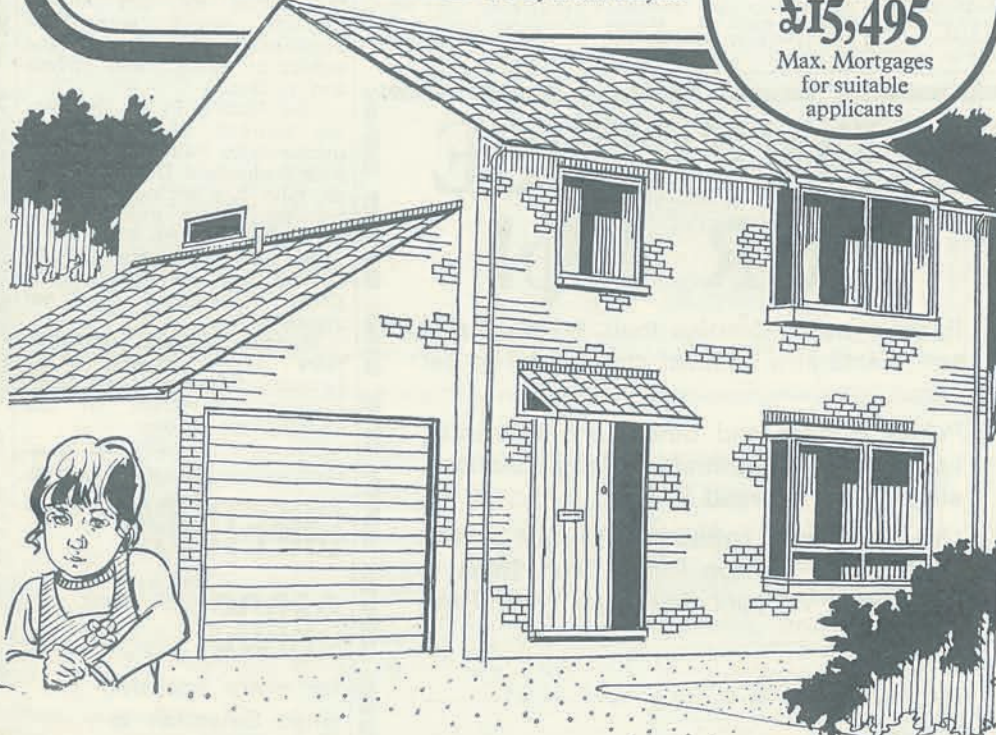
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**WILMER** — On Feb. 16th, at Rosthy, to George and Margaret, a son, Adair George, a brother for Ashley Christine. Congratulations from grandma and grandpa Wilmer and uncle Alan. 78 Fewston Close.

**MCCORMICK** — Congratulations, Josie and Barry, on the arrival of your baby daughter, Love Edith and Malcolm.

## MARRIAGES

**ARROWSMITH-STURT** — At St. Mary's R.C. Church, Newton Aycliffe, on February 18th, Carol Ann, daughter of Mrs N. M. Piggott and Mr J. Piggott, 3 Richardson Walk, Newton Aycliffe, to Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs J. Sturt, of Girvan, Ayrshire, formerly of Newton Aycliffe.

## COMING OF AGE

**WELLS** — Congratulations, Bernadette, on your 21st birthday. From Marion, Mike and Steven.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**PARKER** — Congratulations, Sue, on your 18th birthday. From your best pal, Linda Kelly.

**PARKER** — Congratulations, Susan, on your 18th birthday. Love and best wishes. Mam and dad.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**CONGRATULATIONS** on the 18th anniversary of the Beveridge Figure Skating and Roller Dance Club, to Mr Godfrey Bennett and members. Best wishes for the future. Mrs Greaves and Mrs Lodge.

**COUNCILLOR and MRS SPENSLEY** wish to thank their son, Alan, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer, for presenting them with their first grandchild, a girl, born on Feb. 24th. Congratulations to you both and welcome, dear baby.

## THANKS

**MR and MRS J. PIGGOTT** would like to express their thanks to the Royal British Legion Club restaurant staff for the excellent buffet provided on the occasion of the wedding of their daughter. Also to bar staff for service provided and Mr Sonny Steele for photographs.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**DODDS-HUDSON** — Mr and Mrs R. Dodds have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest son, Malcolm, to Carol, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Hudson. Congratulations from both families.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**MRS M. HARVEY** wishes to thank all friends and relatives for their sympathy and floral tributes, also a special thanks to the Rev. Marston and Mr and Mrs Cherrill for kindness during my recent sad loss.

**MR and MRS PEARSON** wish to express their thanks to the colleagues and staff of 3Ms for their kindness, help and comfort at the time of their daughter Margaret's death on December 24th.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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**THE AVENUE** Comprehensive's musical evening scheduled for Friday, March 10th, has been postponed due to industrial action.

**JUMBLE SALE**. Neville Parade Methodist Church, on Saturday, 18th March at 10 a.m. Proceeds in aid of Burnhill Way Church Building Fund.

**MUSIC LESSONS** in Violin and Theory of music, all grades. Contact M. Barry, 34 Elmfield Place. TO ALL MUMS in the Elmfield area. If your kids are getting you down, send them to West Park Hut. Opening times: Monday 4.0 to 6.0, Tuesday 4.00 to 7.00, Thursday 4.00 to 7.00, Saturday 1.00 to 4.00. R. Douglas, youth leader.

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## Industrialists' Dinner Dance

Scotch Corner Hotel was the venue for this annual function, which was well attended by executives of the Industrial Estate, their wives and guests.

Cliff Moore, in his welcoming address, touched on the necessity to build up relations with Sedgefield District Council who are taking over the housing assets of the new town. To this end he had invited a representative to join the top table, but unfortunately Coun. S. Carmedy had not appeared.

Guests of the chairman were Tony Cooper, ADC Estates Director, and Syd Howarth, president of the Chamber of Trade.

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# PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE SPEAKS OUT

Derek Foster, prospective Labour candidate, attended Neville Ward meeting last week and gave a forthright speech on youth unemployment.

Mr Foster said that unemployment was today's greatest social evil and those suffering most were working class youngsters, particularly those who had not done well at school.

"First, stop pretending the problem will go away," said Mr Foster. "It is here for at least five years."

"Secondly, accept that youngsters not working should be in work-based training or education and be paid an allowance."

The Labour government plans to spend £168m. and Durham is to get £4½m. a year, but Mr Foster believes

some local authorities will miss the opportunity of getting any of this cash because they have no plans formulated.

"So many youngsters will be on the dole instead of doing a useful job because someone has not got his finger out," said Mr Foster.

## Swimming Club for disabled

Sedgefield and District Disabled Swimming Club meets in the Recreation Centre at 5.15 p.m. (5.30 p.m. in the water) on Saturdays. After the swim members meet for refreshments and a chat. Our membership is taken from all age groups and is open to all disabled persons, their families and escorts/helpers.

Officers are as follows: Chairman: Mr Alf Burton, 81 Fewston Close. Secretary: Mrs E. (Liz) Myers, 3 Midfields, School Aycliffe. Treasurer: Mr Keith Myers, 3 Midfields, School Aycliffe. Old and new members are welcome.

## "EH! BYE GUM"

Durham Theatre Company presents on Thursday, March 23, in St. Mary's Primary School, Newton Aycliffe, "In Celebration," a play of northern life by David Storey. So all you lads and lasses who know the words to Ilkley Moor or Blaydon Races come along and have a real good night.

Durham Theatre Company are a professional group who have developed a first-class reputation for polish in their performances over the past 18 months.

Go on, treat yourself to a grand evening of live theatre in Newton Aycliffe. Tickets, 50p adults, 30p OAP and children, from the Information Centre, or Dave Turnbull, 52 Silkin Way, telephone 314610.

The place, St. Mary's School, Central Avenue. The time, 7.30 p.m. curtain up. See you there.

## AYCLIFFE'S 100 CLUB

Otherwise known as Aycliffe Boy's Club, situated on the Agnew housing estate, this Club caters for lads and lasses from 11 to 18 years of age. The Club vibrates with life on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7 to 9.30 p.m. Tuesdays from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. is football night, when any budding star can go along to prove their skills, while the Club's table tennis teams top their respective leagues, playing each Thursday. If anyone is interested in this sport, Ernie Wilson will be glad to see you, on Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.

Because of its growing success, the Management Committee would like adults to come along on Tuesday, March 14th, at 8 p.m., to a public meeting, to help with the management aspects of this popular Club. The leaders are grateful to those adults who have already volunteered to help run the Coffee bar and will be working out a rota shortly.

## Visit by German schoolchildren

On Saturday, 18th March, a party of German schoolchildren visit Newton Aycliffe, and after tea, provided by the Town Council, they will join members of Woodham School Band in a joint concert.

## Gardens Guild

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Recreation Centre on Monday, March 13, at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mr C. Gallimore, of Catterick. The sales hut on the Clarence Chare Allotments opens on Sunday, March 12th, and on following Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Annual subscriptions are now due.

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