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Diary

June
28. Inner Wheel Morning Market.
29. Ladies' Circle Jumble Stall.
30. Disco Dancers, Y.M.C.A.

July
1. 2. Cotherstone Methodist Flower Festival.
1. Church Summer Fayre Whist Drive & Dance, Middleton.
1. Zetland Hunt Supporters' Club Dance/Barbecue, Hunt Kennels, Aldbrough St. John.
7. Conservative Assoc. Coffee Evening, 34 Low Etherley.
12. Y.M.C.A. Keep Fit Section Market Stall.
13. Ladies' Circle Coffee Evening, Meadcroft, Cotherstone.
13. Women's Work Garden Party, Manor House Farm, Barnard Castle.
19. Hospital Market Stall.
22. Barningham Church Fete.
27. Inner Wheel Coffee Evening, Hideaway, Darlington Road, Barnard Castle.
28. Beat Dance, Bowes and Gilmonby Parish Hall.
29. Garden Fete, Dunelm Court, Barnard Castle.

August
2. Barnard Castle Townswomen's Guild Market Stall.
15. Teesdale Methodist Circuit Garden Party.
18. Barningham and District Conservative Association Annual Summer Dance, Morrill Arms.

September
1-4. Flower Festival, Bourne Church Middleton-in-Teesdale.
2. Glaxo Horticultural Show and Family Sports and Gala Day, Barnard Castle.
16. Eggston Show.
29. Jumble Sale, Scout Hut, Barnard Castle.

Barnard Castle W.M.C.
Wednesday: R.A.O.B.
Thursday: Group Night—JOG DISCO.
Friday: STAG NIGHT. Comedians, Plus Two Exotic Dancers, c.c. 20p.
Saturday: Go as you please.
Sunday: Concert Party. PAUL TEMPLAR SHOW (Harmonica, Comedy, also Vocalist).
Tuesday: Old Time Dancing.

The winner of the balloon race held over the Meet week-end was Alan Beckham of 58 Woodside, Barnard Castle. His balloon was found near Wisbech in Cambridgeshire.

SELSET SAILING PLAN COULD COST £70,000

When Teesdale's first regular sailing begins on Selset reservoir the official policy will be to "think big"—so it will probably cost £70,000 to build a clubhouse and provide other facilities.

The figure was announced by Mr Tom Buffey, of the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board, at a public meeting in Barnard Castle on Monday night when a new sailing club was formed.

It surprised some people, who expected that fairly simple amenities would be needed for those taking part in water sports in this high part of the dale.

But Mr Buffey said that if this sort of project was to be tackled correctly it was essential to think big, and go for the right facilities from the outset.

He added that it was hoped part of the money would come from grants—perhaps from education authorities, the tourist board, local authorities and the sports council—but it was probable that the new club would be left with something like £10,000 to find.

The water board might be willing to lend this, but it would have to be paid back, and this would add to the annual running cost of the club.

At the outset about £1,160 would have to be found to get sailing started—£700 for a rescue boat, £250 for buoys, £60 for basic toilets and wages for a gateman were among the initial costs.

A report by a steering committee showed that there had already been 88 applications for membership, plus more than double that number of wives and children.

It was proposed that full membership should cost £8 a year, with £12 for a family and £2 for young people. There will be smaller fees for canoeing, rowing and social activities. There will be a 50p entrance fee.

It is planned to start sailing

around the end of next month, and apart from the entrance fee other fees will be halved for the remainder of this year.

He urged the new club members—many of whom showed by their comments that they are experienced sailors—to think about the local beginners who would be pottering about in boats for the first time just for the fun of it.

OLWEN IS QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL

At Boldron Carnival on Saturday the Rose Queen was Olwen H.H. She was crowned by Elizabeth Bellas, the retiring queen.

Olwen's attendants were Caroline Bellas, Rita Nixon, Patricia Kearton, Heather Close, Beverley Clement, Richard Harrison and Richard Mason.

Prizewinners for fancy dress were Sheree Patchell, Julia Wake, Christopher Wake, David Beadle, Paul Wake, Catherine Lawton, Dianne Wood, Valerie Stocker, Robert Lawton, Trevor Beadle, Malcolm Wood, Andrew Atkinson, Michael Bulmer, Keith Etty, Patricia Alderson, Glyn Wood and Rennie Wood.

Wild flower competition winners were Jennifer Clarkson, Heaney Clarkson, Richard Mason, Robert Lawson, Catherine Green, Catherine Lawton, Anthony Green, Tracy Redhead and Christopher Kearton.

Flat race winners were Andrew Beadle, Peter Howson, Denise Tunstall, Jill Ashman, Malcolm Wood, Patricia Alderson, Trevor Luk, Sheree Patchell, Brian Howson, Jacqueline Hodgson, Philip Dobinson, Anne Ashman, Wendy Clarkson, Trevor Watson, Jennifer Clarkson, Rennie Wood, Neil Gardner and Tracy Redhead.

Prizes in the 3-legged races went to Andrew Thompson with Malcolm Wood; David Howson with Brian Howson; Mark Thompson with Peter Robinson.

First home in the wheelbarrow races were Peter Robinson with

NO, NO, NO TO A BREATH TEST

Neil Chandley, 31, who works and lives at the Morrill Arms Hotel, refused three times to give a breath sample when police saw him in the middle of the night after he had been involved in an accident on the A66 road.

He was arrested and taken to a police station, where a blood test showed that his alcohol content was more than three times the legal limit, Greta Bridge magistrates were told on Wednesday.

Chandley pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention, driving with excess alcohol in his body, and failing to give a breath sample.

He was fined a total of £55 and disqualified from driving for a year after it was stated that his alcohol count was 257, against the permitted maximum of 80.

Inspector James Kane, prosecuting, said that at 2-55 a.m. on 27th April, Chandley's car left the A66 near Newsham Lane Ends, and ran down an embankment. Police saw him later standing at the top of the embankment, with his clothing covered in mud and clay. He was not injured.

An officer asked him three times to take a breath test, but he repeatedly refused. When taken to the station he again refused. Later he was given the blood test. He had stated that he did not know what happened in the accident.

Mr John Dawson, defending, said Chandley was helping to manage and run the Morrill Arms. To build it up and run it successfully meant a lot of hard work, with long hours and considerable pressure.

That night he had visited friends after finishing work. It had been a long and hard day and he was tired. In the pub company one drink led to another.

He had been driving for 14 years without any previous trouble and was sorry about this. The loss of his licence would in itself be a severe punishment.

SPEECH THAT CAUSED TROUBLE

A town? This is just a village!

BY HENRY BRENTNALL, BARNARD CASTLE R.D.C.

Your last week's headline asks "Was this speech a slur on local councillors?" People will be able to judge for themselves if you can spare the space to publish it. It was exactly as follows:

A basic idea of this local government reform was to achieve the marriage of town and country and form better and more uniform units of local government.

We have no town in the modern sense of the word—Barnard Castle is a large village with no theatre, no cinema, no local museum, no hospital, no reference library, no reading room, not even a Marks and Spencers.

We have a very limited range of extra-mural courses, and negligible adult education. Our people go to Bishop Auckland or Darlington for these.

We can, like poor relations, take advantage of our neighbour's facilities but we can then have no say in their organisation. In brief, a district based on Barnard Castle is not a district that would give children a sense of civic pride or an adequate environment for the next 50 years.

We can muster a population of only 27,000. What weight would that carry in county circles except as an anachronistic curiosity? Even our population is falling. We have one major industry—Glaxo.

If anything happened to that we would be a distressed area. Military camps swell our population but they are an unstable factor. I believe one private estate must employ a considerable number but it is not very lucrative employment nor one leading to very dizzy heights in management.

A limited number of employers means that they can have undue influence and with no ulterior mot-

ives one gets a situation in which there is one law for the important and another for the rank and file. You get the old boy network, nepotism and feudalism. This is reduced in a larger authority.

By getting rid of these petty local authorities we would get better and fuller reporting of council meetings, thus reducing the remoteness of local government. At present in Barnard Castle people are not well informed of what goes on.

There are too many councils to report. The press, too, are excluded from the Barnard Castle R.D.C.'s all-important finance committee and the council itself does not issue an annual report. I mention this because remoteness does not necessarily come with the larger authority. It could well be reduced.

In a larger authority we should get a higher quality of officials with a greater range of experience and expertise. A bigger authority means a higher standard of councillor but also fewer councillors. One wonders if the councillors who are opposing the new boundary proposals are not unconsciously wanting to safeguard their own existence. Have they not an interest to declare?

For the councillor himself it may be true as Caesar said: Rather be first in a village than second in Rome. But we should not be worrying about councillors; we should be worrying about the ratepayers.

This is a time for a wider vision and a degree of unselfishness, not for nostalgia for the past, nor for attributing to the public views which I believe they do not generally hold.

HOLIDAYS FOR NEEDY

I should like once again to appeal to your readers to give hospitality for a week or a fortnight to those children from distressed areas in the North-East who have never had a holiday.

These children are selected by schoolmasters and welfare organisations and, through the generosity of friends, the W.R.V.S. are able to make a small payment, should the hosts wish it.

Last year over 250 children were given holidays in the North Riding and it is anticipated that an even greater number will be eligible this year.

I shall be very pleased to give further details to anyone who is interested.

A. J. B. MAISEY,
Startforth W.R.V.S. Centre Organizer.
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CHAPEL'S CENTENARY WEEK-END

The Rev. I. W. Dent of Gosforth conducted services at Cotherstone on Sunday in connection with the chapel's centenary. Children from Leeds' Primrose Hill School gave musical items.

There was a good attendance at the centenary fete on Saturday. Larlington Sunday School won first prize for the most colourful tableau.

Wilfred Allinson's decorated bicycle was best, with Angus Lorimer second.

Fancy dress prizes were won by Larlington S.S., Thompson family, Dinsmore Group, Wilfred Allinson, Angus Lorimer, Kathleen and Elaine Atkinson, Stuart Gill, Marjion Allinson and Carol Icceton. Stanley Gargett, Mrs Nixon, Nicola Watson, Evelyn Gargett, Trina Atkinson, Nicola Barningham, Georgina Baines, Dawn Rabbitts, Debora Milner, Kathryn Lind, Janet Bratt, Wendy Collinson and Susan Pinkney, Mrs Bainbridge, Lesley and Anthony Bainbridge, Andrew and Michelle Walker, Sheryllyn Bain, Dorothy Bainbridge, Mrs Rabbitts.

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CARAVAN SITE MUCH BETTER THIS MONTH

A lot of improvement work has been done in the last few weeks at the Red Well caravan site in Barnard Castle, which is operated by Coun. G. A. Carter.

Mr E. Dixon, the surveyor, reported to this members of the urban council on Monday night. It had been decided a month ago to take legal proceedings unless the site was put in order.

"This is now a tremendously lot better than it was," said Mr Dixon. He described some minor faults which still had to be put right.

Coun. J. Hinchcliffe said it was clear that Mr Carter had done a very good job of work in the time he had been given—"I didn't think he could get as much as this done so quickly."

Mr Dixon said that as far as he was concerned time did not come into it. The regulations required the site to be kept in order all the time it was open for business. Everything should have been in order before the site was occupied in March. Once it was in order it should be kept that way.

Coun. Hinchcliffe suggested that the council was in some way to blame for not keeping an eye on the place, but other members retorted that this was not so. They agreed that another report on the site should be submitted to them at a committee meeting next month.

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Miss Rosalyn Richards, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Richards, of 25 Coronation Gardens, Staindrop, was married at St. Mary's Parish Church, Staindrop, on Saturday, to Mr Henry Albert Chidzey, only son of Mrs M. F. and the late Mr H. Chidzey, of Lambeth Road, Middlesbrough.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. F. Hampton, and Mr R. Lincoln was organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full length dress of satin-striped cotton, fastened at the back and cuffs with pearl buttons. Her shoulder length veil was held in place by a white head-dress of lily of the valley. She wore a silver rosebud necklace, a gift from the bridegroom.

Bridesmaids were Miss C. Richards, the bride's sister, and Miss J. Parkinson, the bride's cousin. They wore full length dresses, yellow and white flowered, with yellow head-dresses. They wore silver locket, gifts from the bridegroom.

The best man was Mr James Smith, a friend of the bridegroom. For travelling to the Lake District for a touring honeymoon the bride wore a white trouser suit with yellow accessories. The couple will live at Hetton-le-Hole.

The bride was a clerk at Bowes Museum, and the bridegroom is a burglar alarm engineer.

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