



CHRISTMAS 1939



The Government shortened the blackout hours a little. Shops could stay open longer. Public dances in villages and small towns were allowed to continue after 11 o'clock. Newton Institute restarted its very popular dances, 8pm to 2am.

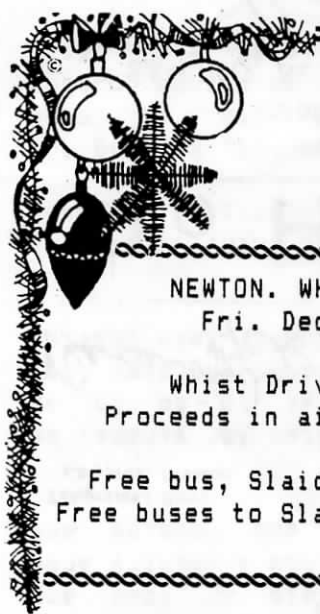
By early December men up to the age of 23 were being called up.

But "Carry On" was the Christmas slogan for civilians. Food rationing had not yet begun, though ration books had been issued in November. Customers were "registered" with shopkeepers for bacon, ham, butter and sugar, to reduce hoarding, profiteering and shortages. Shoppers were urged to snap up other goods while stocks lasted. For Christmas gifts you could still have bought a Meccano set, a pair of silk stockings (2/-), sheepskin slippers (7/11), a box of chocolates, or a tin of biscuits "ideal for despatch to the Troops". Or maybe "The best present of all, your photograph."

There were parties for the evacuees, and fund raising events for the Red Cross and the Troops. Carollers had not to use lanterns and torches while standing singing.

War did not stop one Chipping custom.

Tom Chadwick, licensee of the Talbot Hotel, Chipping, successfully applied for an extension of hours on Boxing Day for the annual white shoot. "What is a white shoot?" he was asked by the magistrate. He explained that it was a competition shoot at pieces of white paper. The one making most hits receiving the prize. The shoots had been promoted annually for more than 20yrs.



A WHIST DRIVE
In aid of the Red Cross
AT BRADLEY HALL, THORNLEY
Thursday, December 7th.

NEWTON. WHIST DRIVE AND XMAS DANCE.

Fri. Dec. 29th. Dancing 8pm-2am.
Carlton Band.

Whist Drive commences 7.45. Adm. 1/6
Proceeds in aid of local boys serving in the
Fighting Forces.

Free bus, Slaidburn 7.45, Dunsop Bridge 7.35.
Free buses to Slaidburn and Clitheroe after dance.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
in Clitheroe.
At The Pictures.

KING LANE PICTURE HALL.
"The Four Just Men"

GRAND. York Street.
(Cars parked & cycles stored)
Bette Davis and Humphrey
Bogart in "Dark Victory".

PALLADIUM. Duck Street.
Deanna Durbin in
"Three Smart Girls Grow Up".
and Hop a long Cassidy in
"The Frontiersman".



★ People in the news 1939

MR and MRS THOMAS SEED (nee Rachael Slater) celebrated their Golden Wedding in March. Mr Seed had been a member of Chipping Parish Church Choir for 66 yrs, Mrs Seed for over 40yrs. Mr Seed had also been Treasurer of the Queen Adelaide Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows for 35yrs.

MR J. BERRY, Grove House, was elected Clitheroe Rural District Councillor for Chipping in June, following the death in April of farmer John Holden, who had been the local representative for 34 years.

MR MARK HOYLE of Chipping married MISS MARION SHERLIKER of Blackburn, at St Mary's, Chipping, in October.