

PEOPLE WITH PLANS

Teesdale District Council's latest list of planning applications is Mrs D. E. H. Dagnall, 37 Bartlemere, Barnard Castle, extension to form conservatory. Mr D. A. C. Royle, The Old School Staindrop, extension in rear yard to form storage/showroom for vintage cars. Mr R. A. Rackham, Lartington Hall, Lartington, demolition of sculleries and alterations. Mr J. Payne, north end of field 8317, The Mill, Middleton, erection of house (outline application). British Broadcasting Corporation, Bail Hill, Romaldkirk, erection of colour television relay station (outline application).

Mr A. Duggan, 97 Front Street, Cockfield, alterations and extension to form bedroom (permitted development). Mr H. Nicholson, 40/41 Stainton, conversion into one dwelling and erection of garage at rear (permitted development) Mr J. Toulson, "The Gables," Newtown, Middleton, erection of porch, verges to gables. Mr W. Swinbank, Garden of Lynden Lea, Winston, erection of bungalow (outline application). Glaxo Operations Ltd, Sports and Social Club, Barnard Castle, improved toilet facilities. Glaxo Operations Ltd., Barnard Castle erection of gas cylinder storage building. Glaxo Operations Ltd., Barnard Castle, erection of fork lift truck maintenance workshop.

£94 RAISED FOR HAND BELLS

A musical evening held in the home of Mr and Mrs Vernon Linsley, of Greystones, Copley, was very well attended. The entertainers Bob Roberts, Edna Young and Freddie Margaret and Joan, of the Three Horse Shoes Trio really excelled themselves and were greatly appreciated.

Helpers Margaret Bromley and Thelma Hodgson took £27 on a tombola stall and Jacqueline Morton £20 on a home-made cake stall. Nora Bates served tea and coffee along with a buffet supper. Afterwards a cheque for £94 was presented to Mrs Roy Butt, wife of the vicar of Lynesack church. She then gave a short talk on hand bells for which the money is to be used. Mrs Linsley thanked everyone for making the evening a success.

THE MEANING

There was a full meeting of the Sisterhood of Barnard Castle Methodist Church. The speaker, Mr H. C. Watson, took for his subject hymns, their meaning and message, drawing attention to the diversity of characteristics of different composers, such as Charles Wesley, Isaac Watts and the translator, Catherine Winkworth.

Several hymns of his choice were sung, and Mrs G. K. Johnson, who presided and led devotions, thanked Mr Watson for a very interesting and stimulating afternoon. Singing was accompanied on the piano by Mrs V. Hind.

MAN ADMITTED PUB RAID BUT THEN CHANGED MIND

He says confession was just a story

Michael Thomas Atkins, 32, gave a full confession to a detective about how he broke into the White Swan at Startforth to steal money and cigarettes.

But at Teesdale Court on Wednesday he denied the offence and claimed he only made the admission to get out of the police station instead of being kept in a cell all weekend.

He pleaded not guilty to burgling the inn and stealing £206 in cash along with 1,000 cigarettes, two bottles of gin and two bottles of whisky worth £49.70.

It was alleged that Atkins, a building worker of 11 Low Startforth, got in through a window in the early hours of Sunday, 2nd June, a few hours before he flew to the Isle of Man for his summer holiday.

Mr Graham Hunsley, prosecuting, told the magistrates that when police wanted to interview Atkins about the offence he was not to be found after his return from holiday.

When inquiries were made it was stated that he had gone away to work in the Darlington area and nobody knew his address.

But one day in December D.C. Melvyn Smith saw him walking in Galgate, Barnard Castle, and arranged for him to call at the police station.

D.C. Smith told the court that Atkins at first denied any knowledge of the break-in. But after being told that somebody had reported seeing him near the White Swan in the early hours of the Sunday morning, he spoke of it.

He said he went in through the toilet window of an adjoining cottage and up a fire escape. He took various bags of coins and 400 cigarettes, but did not take any drink.

He agreed that he got about £72, but said he knew that all the takings had been taken away by the manager, and there would not be a great deal of money on the premises.

D.C. Smith added that Atkins told him: "I was going on holiday to the Isle of Man next day so was very short of pocket money. I knew I would not get very much but every little helps."

He denied that any threat was made about keeping Atkins in the station for the weekend.

Mr Robert Henry Gill, of Ullathorne Rise, Startforth, who was manager at the time, said he locked up at night. Then when he was passing next morning noticed the front door open.

He went in and discovered that money, cigarettes and cash had been taken from various parts of the premises. Atkins had been a fairly regular customer.

Atkins told the court that he did not break in at all. He had a quiet night with a friend before going on holiday, and went home around 11 p.m. to get his things

ready for travelling. He set off about 8 a.m. next morning for the Isle of Man.

When he returned from holiday he went into the public house and heard about the burglary. He was told that somebody had got in through a toilet window, and what had been taken.

He later moved to the Darlington area to work. When he returned to Barnard Castle in December and met D.C. Smith, he had no idea why the officer wanted to see him.

He claimed that at the police station it was indicated that the case could be handled the easy way or the hard way, and that if he chose the hard way he was liable to be kept in custody over the weekend.

He wanted to get out and consult a lawyer, so he decided to make up a story about breaking in, and gave details he had only heard about through visiting the public house.

Cross examined by Mr Graham Hunsley, he said he told this story only to get away, and felt that later he would be able to tell the truth and have his story accepted.

His mother, Mrs Anna Atkins, said in evidence that she was a light sleeper and she was sure he had not gone out during that night. If he had left the house, she would have heard him.

Mr Barry Green, of 21 Corn Close, Startforth, who went on holiday with him, said that during the previous evening they had a quiet time, as they had to be up early to catch the plane.

Mr Paul Pacitto, defending, asked the magistrates to accept that Atkins made his confession only to get out of the police station for the weekend, and there was no other evidence to connect him with the crime.

But Atkins was found guilty. He was fined £100 with £15 costs and ordered to pay a contribution to legal aid.



It's Rotary at your service..

Rotary Club president Alan Jackson, right, with Barry Parker and Peter Tipton, doing their stuff with cream trifles in the kitchen at Sunday's lunch in Barnard Castle. And, below, the smart waiters who proved they are more reliable than

Manuel from Fawley Towers—from the left, Bill Ainsley, the Rev. John Moore, Eddie Pooley, Billy Peat, Frank Nelson, Tony Barmby, Michael Harris, John Stephenson and Laurie Wilkinson



Trials show product can control nearly all types of worm

Worms affecting cattle and sheep and the merits of a new antidote, a product without adverse side effects, were the subjects for talks and a film at the February meeting of Forest Agricultural Discussion Society at High Force.

The film included shots from various countries including some based in Cumbria, and had been produced in connection with trials carried out by an animal health

firm on one of their products marketed under the trade name of Valbazen.

Their representative, Mr K. Reed, said trials covered a period of seven

years involving considerable cost.

Results of these extended tests showed the product had a total spectrum activity which could control almost every type of worm infection including chronic fluke in both cattle and sheep.

By eliminating different types of growth depressing worms, through a single remedy, animals are allowed their full potential growth.

The speaker outlined other advantages which allowed the use of Valbazen for sheep from four to six weeks prior to lambing and four days before calving for cows.

It was also pointed out the drench can be used on cattle already receiving treatment for warble fly.

The care and maintenance of the drench gun used were also explained, particularly after use and in readiness for future applications.

Mr Reed said the manufacturers are keen to provide further trials on farms for any farmers willing to allow their stock to be tested on the use of the product.

Mr J. C. Beadle presided in the absence of the chairman, Mr Roger Redfern. He thanked the speakers and Messrs A. Thorn and Co., Barnard Castle, who arranged the meeting.

It was announced that a talk on sheep housing and diseases will be given at the March meeting.

GENERAL NOTICES

DARLINGTON CIVIC THEATRE TEL. 59411

Box Office open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cambridge Theatre Company presents two star-studded productions

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Ian Lavender, "Dad's Army," John Fortune, Deborah Norton and Royce Ryton star in a brand new comedy SCHOOL DAYS Tickets: £1-50 to £2-85

Mon. 24th until Sat. 29th March. Nightly at 7-30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m.

Bernard Hepton ("Colditz" and "Secret Army") and Philip Latham ("The Cedar Tree") and

Angela Richards ("Secret Army") star in Terence Rattigan's classic play THE WINSLOW BOY Tickets: £1-50 to £2-85

Mon. 31st March to Sat. 5th April. Nightly at 7-30 p.m., Fri. at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m.

Direct from International Tour Alan Ayckbourn's first hilarious farce TAKING STEPS "A superbly funny evening by a master of comedy." Tickets: £1-50 to £2-85

Sun. 6th April. The North East's own Dance Company Moving Visions present DANCES FOR EASTER Tickets: £2-00. Senior citizens and student concessions £1-25.

Book your seats early—otherwise someone else will be sitting in them.

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NORTHERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS Members to be appointed by voluntary organisations

Community Health Councils were established in 1974 to represent the interests of the public. The National Health Service Acts require that at least one third of the members of each council should be appointed by voluntary organisations.

Half of the membership of the present councils will resign on 31 August 1980 although they may be re-appointed in certain cases. Current members not eligible for re-appointment are being notified.

Voluntary organisations active in the health districts, with a strong active interest in health matters, or which provide a service for National Health Service patients or which have a special interest in a particular National Health Service institution or institutions in the district, are invited to apply for inclusion in the list of voluntary organisations which are to be asked to appoint members to the appropriate Community Health Councils.

Information on the work of the Community Health Councils should be obtained from the Northern Regional Health Authority, or from the Community Health Council.

If an organisation has recently been approached by the Regional Health Authority regarding its interest in Community Health Council membership, there is no need to respond to this advertisement.

Application for inclusion in the lists should be sent to the Regional Administrator, Northern Regional Health Authority, Benfield Road, Walkergate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 4PY (Telephone 654188) as soon as possible and by 14 March 1980 at the latest.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS

Applications are invited from the appropriate voluntary organisations for inclusion in the list of those who will appoint members to the following Community Health Council(s).

DARLINGTON COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL Secretary: Mr. R. Watson, Address: 9 Northgate, Darlington, Co. Durham DL1 1TL. Tel: Darlington 55570. Local Authority Districts covered: Darlington District Council, Teesdale District Council.

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