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Death at 68 of Mr Billy Kidd



Popular butcher Mr Billy Kidd, who lived in Cothelstone all his life, died on Thursday after a long illness. He was 68.

He had not worked at his shop in Market Place, Barnard Castle, since the end of August. A family service was held at Darlington Crematorium on Monday.

Mr Kidd was a traditional butcher who started learning the trade while still at school. Before taking on the town shop and a small one in Cothelstone he sold meat from a market stall.

He was renowned for the quality of his produce and even sold meat to Hong Kong, Germany and Moscow. But he always bought his meat from farmers he knew.

He was a director of Barnard Castle auction mart, and was also keen on fishing and shooting. His best catch was a 26½ lb. salmon.

Mr Kidd is survived by his wife Rene, sons John and Derek, and daughter Anne. He had four grandchildren. Derek is to continue running the shop.

S.O.S. for drivers to deliver meals

Drivers are wanted urgently to help deliver meals on wheels to housebound and elderly people in Evenwood and Ramshaw. This service, which relies on voluntary help, is in danger of closing in August unless more drivers can be found.

A combination of illness, job changes and moves to other districts will reduce the number of available drivers to one in the near future.

Although the service is voluntary a small mileage allowance is paid to cover petrol costs. Anyone living in or near Evenwood and Ramshaw who can spare a couple of hours a month can phone Bishop Auckland 832751 any evening, or Teesdale 38288.

Successful types

Students of Mrs Judy Underwood who have passed the latest exams after studying at the Witham Hall are:

Advanced typewriting: Mrs H. P. Baldwin and Mrs L. Rutter (both first class). Intermediate typewriting: 1, Mrs P. A. Rowntree (first class), Miss S. E. Forrest, Miss C. Hutchinson, Miss D. Vallack and Miss J. C. Watson.

Elementary typewriting: Miss C. Bainbridge, Mrs G. Blake, Miss T. Brown, Miss V. M. Hall, Mrs C. E. Hughes, Miss V. Lamb, Miss K. Spence, Miss H. Walker, Miss M. Walker, Miss S. Dowson and Miss D. Vallack.

External candidates from Y.T.S.—intermediate: Alison Beadle (first class) Susan Hall; elementary: Michelle Gibson, Susan Hall.

Typewriting results had a 100% pass rate. Shorthand, Pitman new era: 100 and 110 w.p.m. Mrs H. P. Baldwin; Pitmanscript: 50 K. Watson and S. Press; 60 K. Watson.

The timetable for courses for the autumn term is now available at the library and the Witham Hall. New are short courses in electronic typewriting and word processing. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Underwood, 50367.

ROMAN HOARD IS FOUND BY LUCK

A collection of Roman relics unearthed in one spot by treasure expert Ted Seaton is being hailed as one of the most exciting finds of its kind in Britain.

He was out for a walk near Brignall when he spotted a large lump of rusty iron sticking from a bankside where land had slipped.

He carefully pulled it out and discovered around 100 items—knives, nails, chains, spearheads, keys, axe heads, bolt fasteners, cooking utensils and others—all rusted and stuck together.

It was all such a mess that it took him months to realise there was a mass of interesting relics.

Ted, who runs the Mudlark Shop in Galgate, Barnard Castle, has spent over two years separating, cleaning and identifying all the articles.

He has been offered several hundred pounds for one item alone, an iron brooch which still has its pin. It is of a tiny type rarely found because they usually rust away to nothing.

But Ted has decided to donate the whole collection to The Bowes Museum because he feels it is so important it should be on display to the public in the area.

The British Museum wanted the items, but he was anxious that they should stay in Teesdale. They will be handed over to Mr Dennis Coggins at the Bowes soon.

They were found on land belonging to Mr Andrew Morrill. "He was nearly as excited as I was," said Ted Seaton. "He could have claimed them, but is delighted they are going to the museum."

How did all the items come to

be buried in one place? One theory is that a Roman buried them for some reason but was unable to return for them.

Another is that they were all in a small house which was burned to the ground, with everything destroyed except the iron articles.

"The amazing thing is that I found the things by chance," said Ted, who has tracked down and unearthed other treasures all over the north, using metal detectors.

"Most people would not have

looked twice as it was just a decayed mass of iron. But I sensed there might be something worth investigating."

The find was made close to the site of a known Roman road and ford.

Mr Coggins told the Mercury: "We are grateful for this fine gift. We will photograph it and make drawings of the important pieces. Some of the pieces will go on display in an exhibition of Roman items next spring."



Ted Seaton with some of his Roman relics.

Big new safety campaign to be aimed at cyclists

A big effort is to be launched to make cyclists more aware of the dangers they face as they pedal around Teesdale.

Members of Teesdale Accident Prevention Committee decided on Thursday to distribute leaflets around schools and homes, and encourage the use of fluorescent strips to keep cyclists visible.

Coun. Ken Coates said many youngsters had been riding their BMX bikes on pavements and without lights. He added: "Often the fault lies with parents, who know their children are riding without lights and do nothing about it. They think nothing will happen to their child."

Inspector Malcolm Fordy told members he would ask officers to point out to children the need to be careful on their bikes.

He added: "Regular cyclists seem to be careful and ensure all their equipment is working. The problems come from youngsters and occasional cyclists."

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users in Teesdale are again encouraging. In the first three months of the year there was one fatality, 10 people were seriously hurt and 16 slightly injured.

The figures show a 16 per cent decrease on the average for those three months in the last five years. There were 480 casualties in Durham County, an 11 per cent decrease on the last five years.

A new booklet on accident statistics in the county reveals the average cost of each casualty in a road accident is £167,000.

Coun. Joe Harding said he was staggered by this figure and couldn't understand how it was so high. A county engineer, Mr David Parsons, explained that the figure included hospital costs, ambulance costs, loss or earnings of victims, insurance, police costs and other things.

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Pretty personality



Kathryn Richardson is the Personality Girl for Copley Carnival in July. Her attendants are Rachael Walker and Carrie Kellett.

The entertainment committee has catered for all age groups with a car rally, disco, procession, glamorous gran, Punch and Judy and many other attractions including a display by the Northumberland clog dancers.

There will be a pet show and sports for all ages, plus home-made teas.



Mr Peter Eaves, left, is the new manager of the NatWest Bank in Barnard Castle. He is pictured with the assistant manager, Mr Deric Hugill, shortly after he arrived on Monday.

Mr Eaves, who has come

from Retford, Notts, takes over from Mr Trevor Wood who will be working with him this week before moving to Leeds.

The new manager is looking for a house in the area so that he can bring in his wife Meryl.

Meet the girl who was a bride twice in two days



Miss Julie Fleming was married on Saturday to Mr Brian Watters — but this picture was taken 24 hours later when they and others in the family got dressed up again.

Julie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Fleming of 3 St. Vincent Terrace, Cockfield, felt unwell—possibly due to excitement—before the ceremony at Cockfield Parish Church.

The start was delayed while the bridegroom, younger son of Mrs Sylvia Watters and the late Mr Leonard Watters of 32 Churchill Road, Barnard Castle, waited with all the guests.

Then the vicar, the Rev. Lionel Paul, also became unwell. The marriage was completed, but because of the upsets no official photographs were taken.

But Julie had recovered completely by next day, so she put on her full length Edwardian style dress of white tulle trimmed with pearls. She had a short veil held by a crystal and pearl tiara. Her

bouquet was pink bridal roses with white carnations.

Also back to church on Sunday went the bridesmaids—Miss D. Fleming, her sister, Misses B. and J. Watters, the bridegroom's sisters, and Misses C. and G. Slack, his cousins.

The two older girls wore pink satin dresses. The three younger girls wore white satin dresses rainbow pastel skirts. They all carried pink and white carnations.

Also there again in their wedding suits were the men. Best man was Mr Peter Watters, the bridegroom's brother. Ushers were Mr I. Fleming, the bride's brother, and Mr Steven Dixon. Miss M. Blackett was organist and the church was decorated by Mrs M. Duggan.

As our picture shows, there was even confetti at the Sunday re-run—and the weather was much better than it had been on Saturday.

The excellent photographs will be a permanent reminder for the happy couple and their families of their big day... or rather two big days.

Brian and Julie had time for the second "wedding" because they did not fly off to Tenerife on honeymoon until yesterday.

Picture: John Wilkinson.

Water brown but safe to drink

Householders throughout Teesdale are being told by the Northumbrian Water Authority not to worry if their water is brown-tinted today.

The authority says the water will be perfectly safe to drink as the colour is the natural peaty one that used to be in the water.

The reason for the brown look is that Lartington treatment works is being updated at a cost of £3,500,000 and the long term benefit will outweigh the inconvenience for today.

However, housewives are advised that some washing could be stained and they should put off washing for a day. The worst affected areas are likely to be Barnard Castle and up the dale as well as Barningham, Staindrop, Ingletton and Whorlton.

Keeper on radio telling of work

The head gamekeeper on Raby Estate, Mr John Foyster, who is featured every month on the B.B.C. Radio Cleveland Good Afternoon programme, has his photograph in Radio Times this coming week.

The series started in January and will run for a year, recording the life of a gamekeeper in the north. Keith Proud, presenter of the programme, goes once a month to Raby to talk to John about what has been happening.

They talk about birds and animals on the estate, some reared there others wild. Keith says John is a born raconteur.

An interesting aspect of the series for the listener is the bonus of hearing sounds of the estate while the two men are in conversation.

Rustlers steal five ponies

Rustlers have got away with five Shetland ponies worth £250 which were grazing in a field at Bowes. They belonged to Mrs Auriel Allinson and her daughter Gillian of Bowes Hall.

The thieves, who are thought to have used a large vehicle, rounded up five docile animals but left six younger ones which would be more difficult to handle.

The ponies had not been broken for riding. One fear is that they might have been taken to be used as meat, though they could be sold as pets.

Mr Tom Dobinson dies on birthday

Mr Thomas Dobinson, who was sub-postmaster at Caldwell for a long time until he retired to Shipley Terrace, Cothelstone, about 20 years ago, died on Saturday, his 84th birthday.

A funeral service was held at Cothelstone yesterday for Mr Dobinson, a quiet, well liked man whose wife Jessie died in January.

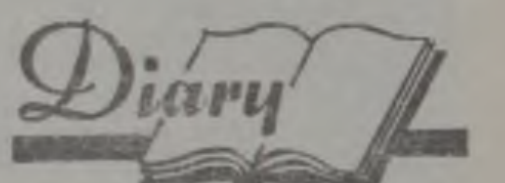
A cabinet maker by trade, he had a keen interest in antiques, in which he dealt for a number of years.

He leaves three daughters—Mrs Jean Gill of Cothelstone, Mrs Sheila Cook of Cockerton Grange, and Mrs Mary Atkinson of Mickleton. There are eight grandchildren.

A 200 gallon mobile water container worth £850 has been hitched to a vehicle by thieves and towed away from Hury reservoir. It belonged to the N.W.A.

Two surf board sails and masts worth £280 have been stolen from Selsel Sailing Club.

Forty gallons of diesel oil have been stolen from a lorry parked overnight outside the Teesdale Car Company garage in Barnard Castle.



June

- 19. N. of E. C.R. Market Stall.
- 19. Domino Drive, Stainton V.H. 7-30. Refreshments.
- 22. Craft and Country Fair, Ravensworth Village, noon—5 p.m.

Tues 25. Tony Goodacre, Country Music: Oak Tree, Hutton Magna, Teesdale 27371.

July

- 6. Barnard Castle Cubs and Scouts Family Barbecue, Startforth.
- 6. Startforth Church Garden Fete, Startforth Hall 2 p.m.
- 13. Petticoat Lane, Teesdale School P.T.A. 2 p.m.
- 13. Saturday. Barningham Church Garden Fete.
- 13. Copley Carnival, 1-30 p.m.
- 27. Stoneleigh Garden Fete.

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