

Car almost struck child at a school crossing point

Mrs Janice Cartwright has complained about a near accident at a crossing point manned by a lollipop lady in Bede Road, Barnard Castle.

She was crossing with her daughter and son, after a sign had been put up for traffic to stop, when a car came at a fast speed. It stopped at the last minute, but only swift action by the lollipop lady prevented a child being struck.

Mrs Cartwright said everyone was so shaken by the incident that they did not take the car's number before it went off again. She said having crossed at the spot for years she knew it was not an isolated incident. Her letter, which was given to Teesdale accident prevention panel, said she felt that as the weather worsened the spot would become more dangerous.

It added, "I foresee a more serious accident occurring as the cars are unable to stop. The lollipop lady deserves more help than a fluorescent jacket and a hand held sign, to make drivers aware of her presence."

Mr David Parsons, for the county council, said it seemed the driver in this case was not paying enough attention. The crossing point had flashing lights and the signs there had been improved.

Mr David Corfield, a police traffic liaison officer, said the crossing was reviewed last year and was found to be in order. It was clear that Mrs Cartwright had been alarmed by the incident, but there was nothing at the crossing itself that could be blamed.

Tidy village win

Representatives from Staindrop Parish Council will travel to Durham to receive an award the village has won in the annual tidy village competition.

Good timekeeper

The value of the village church clock was not lost on some, Coun Mrs Virginia Trotter told Staindrop Parish Council.

She said a driver who relied on it every morning as he drove past on his way to work in Barnard Castle donated £50 to the flower festival.

Councillors agreed in principle to the appeal to raise money for an auto-winding system for the clock in time for its centenary next year.

Miss Gillian Helen Markland, daughter of Dr and Mrs C. A. Markland of Van Polanenpark 286, Wassenaar, Holland, was married at St James the Less Church, Forest in Teesdale, to Mr Ronald Zuiderwijk of The Hague, Holland. The service was conducted by the Rev Gregory Linden. The marriage took place on the 32nd anniversary of Gillian's parents' wedding at the same church. Gillian's mother Elsie, nee Dowson, is a former resident of Forest.



The bride is a legal secretary studying to become a legal executive. The bridegroom is an accounts technician studying to be a certified accounting technician. The couple are making their home at Southbank, York.

Picture: Studio 5, Richmond

Same mortgage rate

Teesdale Council's mortgage rate is to remain at 9.25% for the next six months. The figure was agreed by the finance committee on Wednesday. It is based on the council's rate for borrowing, plus 0.25% for administration.

Hird family win mule gimmer cup



Norman Hird and his son Richard, who are on the right, won the Wallis Cup for 10 mule gimmer lambs at a show and sale at Barnard Castle Mart. Next to them is mart chairman Chris Oliver. On the left is Cecil Hutchinson of Thirsk, who bought the lambs from the Hirds of Gillfield, Hunderthwaite



Trevor Addison of Romaldkirk, left, receives a trophy for a pen of mule shearlings at Barnard Castle Mart from the mart chairman, Mr Chris Oliver. David Metcalfe of Darlington receives a trophy from Chris Oliver for a pen of mule shearlings. He also collected a prize at the show for his mule ewes

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Two councillors to attend workshop about planning

Two new members of Teesdale Council, Robin Simpson and Joe Smith, are to go to Birmingham for a one-day training workshop on planning. The fee is £135 each, and there will be some travelling expenses to pay. Decisions to send the pair were taken at development control meetings after planning officer Ken Hughes said he felt it would be worthwhile. The two will be expected to pass on their new-found knowledge to other members. Some members questioned whether it was worth the money to attend an event like this, which is being organised by consultants.

Coun John Armstrong said he was wary of the word consultant as it conjured up the wrong image. He recalled when insurance people were called reps or agents, before being known as financial consultants. "Consultant is a name I hate to hear, because some of them are out to feather their own nests," he added.

Mr Hughes assured members that the consultants in this case had a high reputation and had arranged many seminars and training courses for professionals and councillors. "They are one of the most reputable firms of consultants in the country," he added. Coun Ken Robinson said it would be better if an event like this was held in the North East for councils in the region, but Mr Hughes said this was unlikely to happen.

Theatre's history is told to group

Mrs Linda Vallack, president of the contact group in Barnard Castle, welcomed Mr Bill Sellers, director of the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond, who gave a most interesting talk. He told first of how he became interested in theatres and the entertainment they provide. As a young man he joined a concert party. He later went to the BBC, taking part in the production of radio and TV programmes such as 'Dad's Army' and 'All Creatures Great and Small'. On retiring he moved to Yorkshire. After a year he was asked to become director of the Georgian. It is the oldest, and only, performing theatre in its original form in England. It was built in 1788 and seated 400 people. Performances were given for two or three weeks each year when Richmond Races were held.

After a visit by the Prince of Wales, who later became King George III, royal was added to its name. It is still visited by royalty today. The theatre was closed for 100 years from 1838. In 1994 restoration work began and some money for this was received from Europe and the lottery, the rest being given or raised by local people. Now there are only 200 seats and performances are held between April and December. Often the sale of tickets does not cover the cost of a show.

Behind the theatre is a museum and there are guided tours of both from Easter until October. The theatre, which is run by voluntary staff, relies on tourists as well as locals to provide income. Mr Sellers is pleased to welcome any visitors or groups of people. After Mrs Vallack gave a vote of thanks cakes and produce were sold and subscriptions were received.

Institutes
their meetings

EVENWOOD
by Nora Blamire
Mr N. Kelly from...
Park gave a delightful...
amusing talk about old...
shops as they used to...
how they have all...
It was really...
Wendy Lamb gave a...
at thanks.

Business items of...
were noted from the...
ter. Calendars and...
1996 were distributed...
were put forward for...
meeting in October...
Mills will be delegat...
autumn council meet...
and of a small collect...
ACWW. A letter of...
received from Hag...
Skorne WI, catered for...
the summer.

Our competition for...
an old grocery shop...
Sheila Starforth, 2...
Simmonds, 3, Nora...
new member, Sheila...
won the raffle prize...
meeting is next Wed...
when the speaker will...
Sheila Tock of ToR...
competition is for an...
pair of earrings.

WHORLTON
by Joan Black
Guests from Barnard...
Gainford, Stainton...
Ingleton joined us for...
anniversary. We were...
tained by Connie...
Joyce Towler who gave...
musical evening of...
songs. This was follow...
excellent buffet supper...
by our committee.

We discussed forth...
events, both local and...
Contributions to the...
Basket competition was...
ed. Posters telling abo...
with WI are to be...
in Barnard Castle. A...
of the WI has been...
Our institute will...
copy to be available for...
to read. Gainford WI...
group meeting next...
trip to York in Novem...
being planned. It is...
since the founding of...
Britain Group and a...
survey by WIs is using...
record present day...
climbing points and...
are maintained.

Our next meeting is...
next Tuesday at...
Village Hall.

PIERCEBRIDGE
by Josie Smith
Fourteen members...
sent at the September...
The county letter was...
week. Two members...
ideas for the roll call...
group meeting, tomor...
ladies accepted the...
invitation and six are...
the Denton harvest...
Wednesday.

The Scottish evening...
great success and...
enjoyed by everyone.

Our speaker was...
Lazenby who gave an...
talk on tombstones...
taphs. He had travel...
to the country collect...
amusing and some...
inscriptions, many...
the 1800s. Some of...
were hilarious. Mrs...
a vote of thanks.

Our competition for...
mark was won by E...
R. Brown, 3, H. John...
supper, instead of the...
hour, we had a harve...
Allen won the raffle...
prize.

Our next meeting...
Thursday when the...
Mrs Joanna Hasle...
fashions of the 18th...
century. Our competit...
something granny were

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