

It's time to choose year's top young sporting stars

The new junior sportsperson of the year in Teesdale will be announced on Wednesday 18th March during an evening of top class action sponsored by the Mercury.

There is still time for nominations to be put forward for the competition, which is open to boys and girls aged under 17 who live in Teesdale or are members of sports clubs in the district.

The aim is to encourage young people with talent to continue in their chosen sport and to improve so that they can achieve success.

There are a series of awards which recognise not only achievement but effort and commitment. At times those involved can show tremendous personal improvement and overcome severe problems without being outstanding in their sport.

Nomination forms are available from Doug Worley on Teesdale 696243. Teachers,

parents, club officials or friends can nominate young sports people but they will have to be quick as the forms have to be returned by this Saturday.

The awards will be presented at Teesdale Sports Centre on 18th March, when the action will start at 7pm. It will feature demonstrations of martial arts Muay Thai and

Taekwondo, a British international gymnast and international badminton players.

Each nominee will receive a ticket for themselves and parents. Anyone else wishing free tickets can contact Paul Branch at the Teesdale Council offices in Galgate, Barnard Castle, tel Teesdale 696273.

They should be booked early to avoid disappointment.

More work is required on a new staff training scheme

A new staff training scheme started by Teesdale Council needs more work done on it before it can gain an award under the Investors in People system.

An expert who called to interview 30 employees at various levels in an informal check decided preparations should go on for another 4-6 months before a formal assessment is made.

The aim is to give staff as much training as they need and make them fully aware of each part of the council's objectives - all this leading to a better service to the public.

It was reported that the initial check was made too soon, with the assessor commenting, "The ink is not yet dry on the new systems the council has put in place."

Councillors agreed at a personnel meeting on Wednesday to continue with the scheme and have another go later this year. Once it gains the award it will have to show regular improvements in future years to retain it.

Coun Derek Peart commented, "It is easier to lose it than to gain it."

Coun Robin Simpson said his impression was that managers felt the scheme was useful but that staff lower down thought it was not having an impact on them.

Some felt the council was

anxious to get its name on a piece of paper with an IIP logo and would then sit back on its laurels.

Mr Charles Anderson, chief executive, replied that there was now a much better flow of information and views between staff. One feature was a regular staff meeting. At the start it had been like a monologue by him but now many people spoke frankly.

Another was a staff newspaper which was produced with a great deal of enthusiasm. He was not into tokenism and he disputed any suggestion that the council was just going through the motions for an Investors in People award.

Coun Mrs Mary Mitchell said that due to the morale being so low previously the council may have been pushed into trying for the recognition too soon.

The assessor said the general tone of the interviews was positive, but when direct questions were put as to whether the council was ready there was hesitation.

People with Plans

Teesdale Council's latest list of planning applications is: Mrs J. Mylchreest, 1 Nickleby Close, Staindrop Road, Barnard Castle, increase part of boundary wall to 1.8m above footpath level.

Mr R.D. Kent, 25 Market Place, Barnard Castle, internal alterations to offices and store to provide additional retail area.

Vaux Breweries, Cross Keys, High Row, Gainford, erection of non-illuminated free standing post sign.

Pennine Windows, 40 Bartlemere, Barnard Castle, erection of conservatory to rear.

Windy Hill Quarry and Construction Company, application for determination of conditions on initial review (registration of conditions on an old permission).

Mr J.E. Elliott, Highways, High Etherley, erection of agricultural building.

Mr and Mrs I. Cox, Old Vicarage, Laithkirk, erection of detached private garage, formation of parking area and internal and external alterations to house; and listed building consent.

Mr M. Stewart, 10 Moorfield, Southside, Butterknowle, provision of stone cladding around external walls.

Mr Jackson, 15 Jubilee Terrace, Evenwood, utility room, conservatory and single garage extension.

Mr Geley, 1 Bowes Hill, Ramshaw, alterations to form pitched roof to rear and storage area.

Mrs S.R.K. Kinnery, 3 The Green, Headlam, erect double garage and use 3.6m wide strip of land as part of residential curtilage.

G. Williamson, Benty Close Farm, Copley, erection of agricultural building.

Mr Walter Walton was helpful farmer with many friends all over the dale



Mr Walter Walton

There was a large congregation at Barnard Castle Methodist Church on Thursday for the funeral of Mr Walter Walton of Montgomery Road, Barnard Castle.

He died in hospital at the age of 75 after a brave two year battle against lymphoma. He is survived by his wife Annie, daughters Angela and Sandra and their husbands, and four grandchildren.

He was one of seven sons born at Kirk House, Forest. In his early years he was an active and successful Westmoreland and Cumberland wrestler, and was known all over a wide area. He was an excellent singer and was a member of Middleton Male Voice Choir for many years.

He and Annie farmed at Low Houses, Newbiggin, until they retired 12 years ago. They celebrated their golden wedding in October.

Since retiring Walter had become a keen gardener and he enjoyed playing quoits and dominoes. He was known as a kind man who was always pleased to help others.

Family mourners were Mrs Annie Walton, widow; Mr and Mrs D. Bayles, Mr and Mrs C. Gordon, daughters and sons in law; Graham and Martin Bayles, Nicholas and Deborah Gordon, grandchildren; Mr and Mrs A.A. Walton, Mr and Mrs A. Walton, Mr W. Walton, Mr R. Walton, Mrs B. Tompkins, Mrs M. Walton, brothers and sisters in law; Mr Trevor Walton, Mrs Valerie Walton, Mark Walton, Mr and Mrs John Walton, nephews and nieces. Bearers were four nephews, Malcolm, Carl, Michael and Keith Walton. The service was conducted by the Rev Richard Hunter. The organist was Miss Margaret Watson.

Other mourners were Mr and Mrs J. and M. Morton, Woodland, Fred Thompson, John Bainbridge

Barnard Castle Quoit Club, Mrs A. Makepeace, Mr and Mrs A. Gleave, Margaret Street, Mrs Robinson, Jenny Watson rep family and Mrs Bainbridge, Judith Robinson rep family, Mrs S. Scott rep Beverley Ward, Mr and Mrs R. Folwell, Mr and Mrs R. Addison, Barbara Rowarth, Mrs E. Teasdale, Mrs Carol Abbott, Mrs Cath Ashwell, Peter Bradburn and Ted Jarvis (scout camps), Martin Bell rep Lesley Bell, Colin Bainbridge, Desmond Collinson, Mr P. Ward;

Mr and Mrs Roger Redfearn rep family, M. Courtney rep Heather, M. Watson rep D. Watson, N. Bainbridge rep J. Bean, Richard Betton, John and Lynn Bainbridge, Mrs Barbara Buckle, Mrs Ruth Tallentire rep Ian, D.E. Wearmouth, Mr and Mrs G. Gordon, Mrs V. Robson and Mrs L. Bainbridge, Hamsterley, Keith James, Colin Cleasby, Mr G. James rep Mrs James.

Mrs Jean Marshall, Mrs Nancy Watson, Mrs Olga Grieve, Mrs Muriel Gargate rep Mr G. Gargate, Mr and Mrs F. Gargate, Mr Fred Richardson, Mr R. Sanderson, Mr T.E. Sanderson, Mr and Mrs F. Anderson, Mr and Mrs Stan Chape, Mr J.S. Thompson, Mr W. Hall rep Mrs D. Hall, Mrs E. Bousfield, Brian and Lorna Bell, Mr J.C. Beadle, Mr and Mrs A. Scott, Olive Wilkinson rep John Burlinson, Mr and Mrs E. Hutchinson, Mrs M. Walton;

Mrs Y. Gargate, Mrs D. Bray, Miss M. Raine, Mrs Jean MacKenzie, Mrs Susan Robson rep Mr Richard Robson, Miss Kate Robson, Mr and Mrs S. Atkinson, Mrs Heather Watson, Mr and Mrs J. Dominick, Mr R. Thompson, Mr and Mrs Eric Anderson, Mrs E. Wilkinson, Mrs Stella Watson, Mr M. Toward, Mr Jack Watson;

Mr and Mrs A.C. Walton, Mr and Mrs Spiby, Mr and Mrs Bateman, Mr John Bayles rep Mr and Mrs Frank Coulthard, Mrs V. Jones rep Mr A.H. Jones, Mr Reginald Bayles, Mr and Mrs Lance Bell, Mr J.R. Wall, Mr Simon Nixon rep Mrs Jane Nixon and Mr Trevor Addison, Mr and Mrs A. Whitford rep Castle Vets, John and Carol McCall.

New kids club promises fun

A new Kids' Club has been started at the Teesdale Sports Centre. It is for 8-16 year olds and is open each Wednesday 3.45-5pm. There are a lot of activities including squash, badminton, short tennis, bouncy castle and swimming.

The sessions cost £1.50 for members and £2 for others. The staff promise that all who go along will have fun.

Some of the equipment at Jades fitness suite will be open to 14-16 year olds. There is an initial induction fee of £3.50.

Sugarcraft art

Members of Winston First Thursday Club had an enjoyable meeting when Ann Bell demonstrated the art of sugarcraft. The next meeting is on Thursday next week at 7.30pm in Winston Village Hall when Ruth Dent will speak about dialects. There is to be an outing to the Brymor ice cream dairy on Tuesday 24th March.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

STEVEN JOHN NESBITT trading as T. Nesbitt & Son of Alwent Hall, Winston, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL2 3QH is applying for a licence to use Alwent Hall, Winston, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL2 3QH as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Leeds Area Traffic Office, Hillcrest House, 386 Harehill Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NS stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Advisors wanted

Mrs Kath Toward, chairman of the Teesdale consumer advisory group, has written to parish councils in the area asking for new members. The group was set up to represent the public on various health and social matters. It meets every second month in the Richardson Hospital.

Healthy new tree

A new tree has been planted on North Green in Staindrop, members of the parish council were told on Thursday. Mr Eric Carter carried out the work. Clerk Joe Hodgson agreed to send him a letter of thanks. "The tree is looking very strong and healthy," he remarked.

Friends' AGM

The Friends of Forest School are holding their annual general meeting at High Force Hotel next Tuesday at 8pm.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

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Ref. No.	Description of Development	District
MRA 6/3	Determination of conditions for the mineral site known as Windy Hill Quarry, near Eggleston (NGR NZ021217) for Windy Hill Quarry and Construction Company	Teesdale
DC 6/98	Infilling of voids with imported soils following the removal of existing buildings and reinstatement of land to agriculture at Barford Camp, Stantion, Barnard Castle, for Mr C C Whitfield	Teesdale

N.B. The determination of conditions will have the effect of imposing conditions upon a minerals development for which planning permissions have already been granted.

Copies of the above applications, plans, and other documents submitted with them, which have been received for consideration by the County Council, can be inspected during normal office hours, at the offices of the Director of Economic Development and Planning (4th floor) County Hall, Durham, or in the planning office of Teesdale District Council. Any representations concerning the above applications should be made in writing to the Director of Economic Development and Planning at the above address, quoting reference MRA 6/3 or DC 6/98 within 14 days of the appearance of this notice.

Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any representations made are available for public inspection.

R.J. Humphries
County Secretary and Solicitor
& Deputy Chief Executive
25th February 1998

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