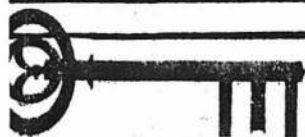
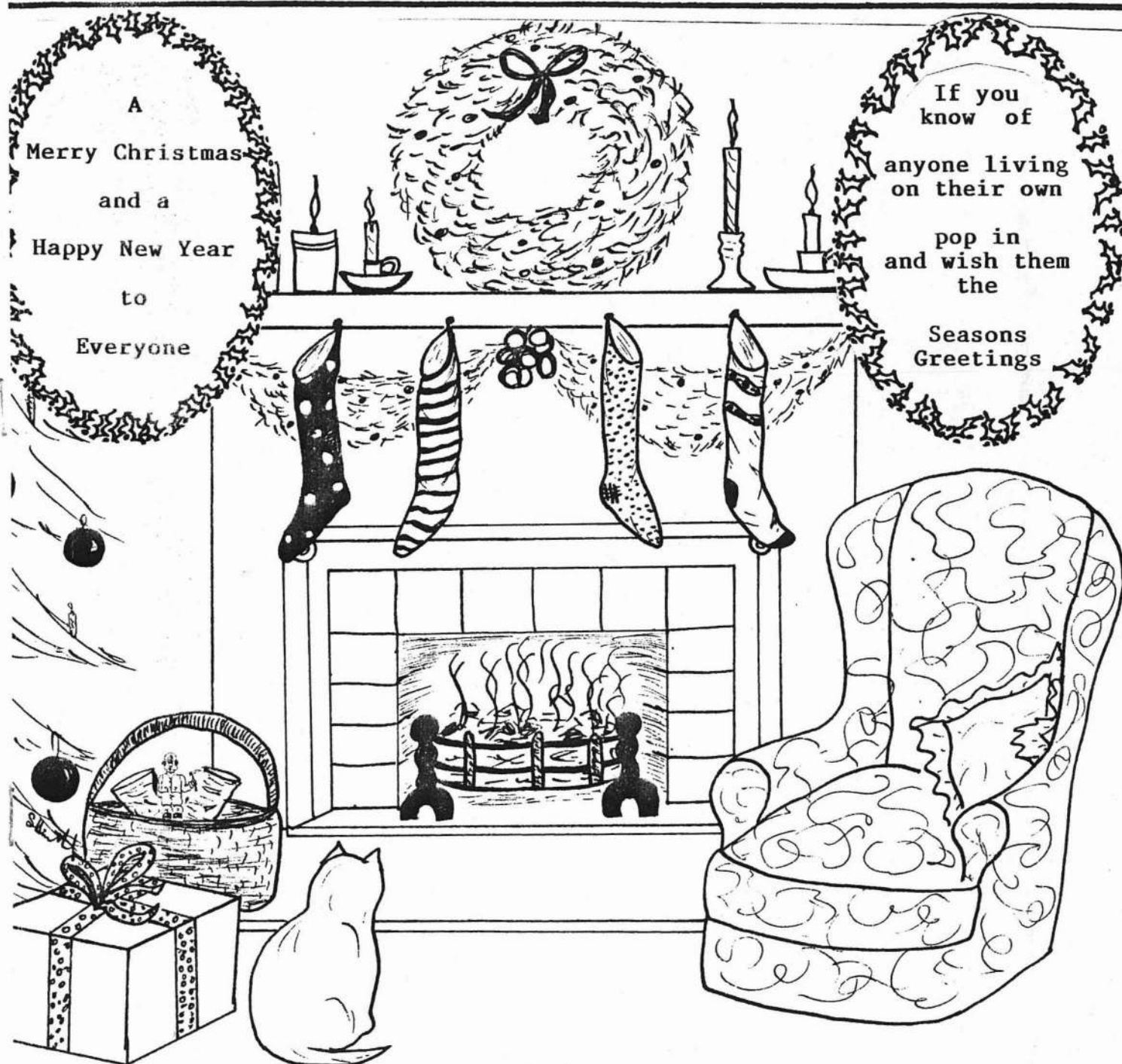


THE KEY



A newspaper for North Skelton & Leyland



Read On For Whats On.....

HELLO EVERYBODY

This is the 1st Edition of our own newspaper 'The Key'. I hope there will be a 2nd and 3rd etc, this can only be accomplished by giving your services, any help at all will be very gratefully received. We cannot manage without YOU. If you have any skills at all, ie typing, story-writing, poetry, computer studies, interesting topics - even if you have no skills at all but are interested in helping - please get in touch with me, Norma Templeman, 7 Bolckow Street, North Skelton.

HELP US TO HELP YOU

Norma

Down Memory Lane



Annie Leeks, Eva Gosling,
Lizzie Harrison,
Nora Teasdale, Hilda Beadle,
Alice Cooper

The above ladies were all school dinner ladies in North Skelton old Chapel which is now Hislops showrooms. At the time this photo was taken the ladies were practising setting up a field kitchen in case a future emergency arose. Never again was North Skelton to be caught on the hop!

Many thanks to Sandra Himsworth of Village Arts and Veronica Chambers of Cleveland County Council, without whose help I would not have been able to publish this newspaper.

Supported by

**Skelton
and
Brotton
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On page (6) you will see our own miner character Davy Lamp, who has been created and drawn by

Emma Burluraux

Can you spot him three times more in the magazine!!!

Annie Leeks

"A gans ti bed thankful an a gits up hopeful"



ACTION NORTH SKELTON

This is an attempt to bring you up to date with some of the projects work so far. It is only a brief outline, lots of things are going on in the background, but I hope these will be of interest to you.

A local company has very generously donated eight salt/grit bins. These will be kept full by volunteers. All that Action North Skelton ask is that you use this facility to ensure North Skelton is a safer place this winter, especially for the elderly.

The company donating the bins and the salt (which represents an investment of over £1000 in the village) has requested that we do not name them in any publicity material, but the thanks of ANS steering group, and I am sure the village, go out to them.

Peace of Mind Campaign

By the time you are reading this we are very hopeful that Phase 1 of the Peace of Mind Campaign will have already started. Cleveland Housing Aid Trust, the sponsors of the scheme, will be installing top class household security free of charge in the 32 homes already identified.

A further grant has been made available from a fund jointly financed by the Rural Development Commission, Langbaugh and Cleveland Councils. This will allow the project to carry out essential repairs in the homes of the elderly or disabled to ensure that their homes are better protected from household break-ins.

In Phase 2 of the campaign Action North Skelton intend to fit smoke alarms in the homes of the elderly. We are now actively seeking funding for this project.

Xmas Fayre

The recent Xmas Fayre held in the village hall was very successful due mostly to the hard work and enthusiasm of the ANS members, but also to the generous donations from local business and private individuals.

£500 was raised on the day to go towards the village improvement fund.

Thanks

I am now about half-way through my years secondment from ICI and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped me over the last few months.

I would also like to extend very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and I hope we can all look forward to a better North Skelton.

Mike Stephen

Co-ordinator



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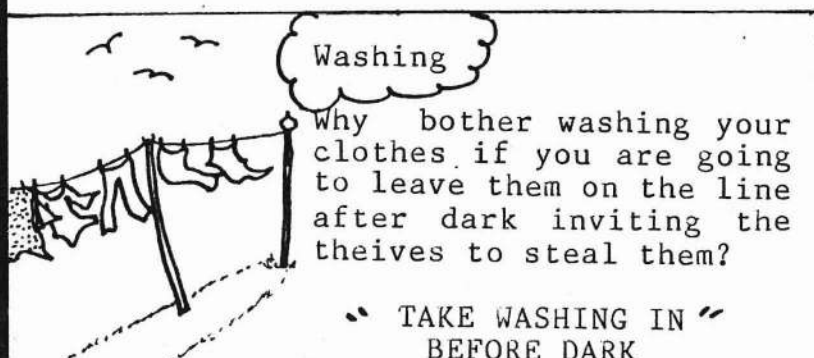
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POLICE AND US

The Key

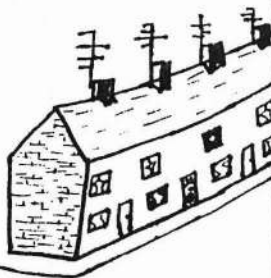


Our local community police officer PC Tom Towers has noticed on his rounds that a lot of you are leaving your car windows open, day and night. With the increase in car theft please make sure all are closed.



House

Is your house easy meat for the xmas thief? No lights, no sounds are a dead give away - THINK SECURITY. When going out after dark leave a light on upstairs and downstairs, and how about leaving a radio playing.



Police Panel

Two residents from each village along with three police officers meet informally every 6-8 weeks to discuss community police matters concerning each village. Your two representative residents are JOHN DENNIS and NORMA TEMPLEMAN. If there is anything of any concern to you please don't hesitate to let us know so that we can bring it up at the next meeting.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC QUIZ

- 1) Who wished it could be Christmas every day?
- 2) Which two TV personalities sang "What are we gonna get for her indoors"?
- 3) Which film does Aled Jones hit "Walking in the Air" come from?
- 4) Which two artists wrote the Band Aid song "Do They Know It's Christmas"?
- 5) Which year did Slade First have a hit with "Merry Xmas Everybody"?
- 6) According to her 1963 hit, what was all Dora Bryan wanted for Christmas?
- 7) Mel Smith and Kim Wilde teamed up on the song "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree" but which charity was it for?
- 8) Which Christmas song have Harry Belafonte and Boney M got in common?
- 9) Who did David Bowie duet with in 1982 for the song "Peace on Earth - Little Drummer Boy"?
- 10) The Goodies had two Christmas hits in the 1970's - what were the titles?

Answers Page (6)

Mark Thirkettle

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Nat Wood

Leader in Charge - North Skelton Youth Club

I took over as leader in charge of the Youth Club in early October 91, the membership at the time consisted of a round 12, now in mid November 91, the membership is exceeding 30 which is very encouraging for the Youth Club, the community and of course myself. The age range is from around 10 to 21 years with both male and female members.

The Youth Club is open each Sunday from 6.30pm to 10pm, the day and time may alter occasionally as I am a shift worker, but I do alter my shifts around to lessen the inconvenience to members. If I do change a day I confirm this with John Holliday so as not to clash with any other users of the hall.

I was approached by the Village Arts team (Jozefa) who was asked to create a Santa's Grotto for the Christmas Fayre. Between Jozefa, myself and the children of the Youth Club the beautiful Grotto was created, which was very rewarding to me to see my Youth Club members getting actively involved in such a worthwhile project and credit must go out to each and everyone of them who was involved.

I am trying to make things better for the hall as well as the Youth Club itself. I am a big believer in keeping things Clean, Neat & Tidy. I have started to voice my opinions on that, and just hope that other groups that use the hall can follow suit.

Future plans include walks, ice skating, visits to other Youth Centres, and more creative work.

And the final word always goes down to cost. I am pleased to say that the Youth Club does not get charged for the use of the hall, but on the other hand nor does the club get any funds from any outside source. We are totally self funded, our money comes only from the tuck and membership (10p per person), so as you can imagine it takes a long time to build up our resources.



Facilities include a snooker and pool table, which were in a bad state when I took over the club but I am glad to say that both tables have been fully recovered at a total cost of £300: £150 grant from Cleveland Youth & Community

Dept, the other £150 from the Youth Clubs small funds. There are two table tennis tables, Dart Board, Board Games, Television, Music Centre which I have just repaired, 4 sets of darts, table tennis bats, Dominoes and Cards have just been

purchased. We have a tuck shop with sweets, crisps and drinks, and shortly we are having a beefburger / hotdog night once a month. The members of the club involve themselves in mixed competitions, with small prizes for the winners.

DAVY'S DIBS 'N' DABS

Wheely Bins

Please watch out for your Wheely Bins, one has already been stolen. Are you all aware that there is a smaller Wheely Bin available?

For information ring:

Mbro (9) 231212

To remove biro pen from almost anything, spray with hair lacquer, leave to soak two minutes, then wash.



We are still looking for senior citizens to begin our Over 60's Club. Anyone interested please contact Action North Skelton.

Xmas Music Quiz Answers

- 1) Wizzard
 - 2) Denis Waterman and George Cole
 - 3) The Snowman
 - 4) Bob Geldof and Midge Ure
 - 5) 1973
 - 6) "All I Want for Christmas is A Beatle"
 - 7) Comic Relief
 - 8) "Mary's Boy Child"
 - 9) Bing Crosby
 - 10) "Make a daft noise for Christmas"
- "Father Christmas do not touch me"

Crossword Solution:

Across; (1) Stool
(4) Sabbath
(8) Nobodys
(9) Sleep (10) Also
(11) Rem (12) Came
(15) London
(16) Chimes
(19) Gang (21) Cat
(22) Abba
(26) Isley
(27) Baccara
(28) Santana
(29) Cream.
Down; (1) Sonia
(2) Orbison
(3) Lady (4) Sister
(5) Best (6) Aneka
(7) Happens
(13) Don (14) Who
(15) Loggins
(17) My Brave
(20) Nolan
(23) Alarm (24) NYEA (25) ACDC

Any parent interested in their children learning to Tapdance in North Skelton Village Hall would they please contact Norma Templeman with a view to getting a class started.

IN THE BAD BOOKS

Doesn' it make you sick when you look around

- * To the people who vandalise the lights on these dark nights
- * To whoever keeps breaking the phones and stops us getting help when needed
- * To the people who break into houses and cars and steal Christmas presents.
- * To the parents who allow young children out in the dark

BOB LAKER

North Skelton's oldest inhabitant is still living life to the full, even though he has recently been hospitalised for a fortnight and told to take it easy when discharged.

One of 8 children born in the neighbouring village of Brotton 94 years ago, Bob Laker left school just after his 13th birthday.

His first job was with a local market gardener, and even though this was only for 2 years, gardening has played an important part of his life. But for a 15 year old lad there was more money to be earned at one of the local ironstone mines, and more leisure time to help the local farmers with the harvest, turnip "snagging" etc. But mining was a high risk occupation with many injuries and fatalities, Bob was no exception and when he was badly injured at Lumpsey Mine Brotton he decided to surface and sought employment at Skinningrove Iron Works. After a couple of years at the 'Grove' he was called into the regular army in which he saw active service on the Somme in France, coming through the First World War unscathed. This 5 year engagement ended in Northern Ireland, keeping an eye on IRA terrorists.

Back in civvy street he went back to the Iron Works where his stockyard duties, and later on the Hot Bank of the little mill, saw his eventual retirement at the age of 66 years.

After a year of jobbing about on farms and digging numerous gardens, he decided it was time he had a "proper job" a gain, and as he lives in North Skelton the obvious place of employment was Tees Components, a light engineering firm on the old mine site in the village. Since starting there he has become a legend, making 2 birthday appearances on television, this giving him the opportunity to show his prowess as a singer, dancer and reciter of monologues. Bob says the recipe for his longevity is plenty

of hardwork and being a non-smoker and a moderate drinker.

His eyes still shine with pride at the mention of his sister, Annie Leeks, who recently died in the village after reaching her 100th birthday.

Whilst not a religious man, Bob speaks with some affinity of his days in the church football team and the church choir, the late Will Carver and Tommy Batterbee are two singers he holds in high esteem and he will often give you a rendition of one of their "old tyme" favourites.

Bob is the epitome of contentment, apart from his work he pays regular visits to a daughter in Brotton, and when the mood takes him he will take the bus to Guisborough for a haircut and do a bit of shopping, but as a long time neighbour I still think he is happiest chopping through a back yard full of wood for his fire or digging sombodies garden.

LONG MAY HIS FIRE BURN!

Jim Ramage

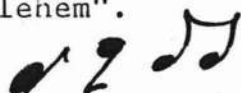
MARK 'N' MANDY TALKING



With Christmas getting closer and Bryan Adams finally being edged out of the charts the race will now be on to release a Christmas hit and achieve the coveted position of No 1 in the charts over the festive season.

Christmas records seem to fall into a number of categories.

carols like Cliff Richards' "Little Town" which is based on the carol "O' Little Town of Bethlehem".



Then theres the novelty records like Chris Hill's "Renta Santa" and "Bionic Santa" or Spitting Image's "Santa Claus is on the Dole".

But most popular is the "pop" song like Gary Glitter's "Another Rock n' Roll Christmas" and Mud's "Lonely This Christmas". And not forgetting old favourites like Johnny Mathis' "When a Child is Born" and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland".

Mark Thirkettle

Theres the traditional Christmas carol like "Silent Night" by Bros in 1988, and theres the songs based on

War seems to have been linked in too, with songs like John & Yoko's "Happy Christmas - War is Over", Jona Lewie's "Stop the Cavalry" and Paul McCartney's "Pipes of Peace".

So will we have an original Christmas No 1 or will Slade release "Merry Christmas Everybody" for its ninth run?



James Fans 'lose control' in the Crypt



On Sunday 3rd November, James fans were given a real treat when the top Indie band visited Middlesbrough Town Hall. "Thousand Yard Stare" the supporting band set the mood for an all round brilliant night out.

James made their appearance at around nine o'clock and belted out all their best songs in front of an audience that was going wild. The highlights were "God Only Knows", "Come Home", "Lose Control" and of course their top ten hit "Sit Down".

When James left the stage the audience demanded more - chanting the chorus of "Sit Down". Eventually they reappeared to play about five more songs including "How Was It For You" and "Goldmother".

They left the stage again, and again a chant of "Sit Down" came from the audience although nobody expected them to reappear again.

To the audience's surprise they came back for one more song - "Johnny M".

At the end of the song Tim Booth threw down his microphone and dived into the unsuspecting audience. He was helped back onto the stage by the other members of the band - minus a shirt - but otherwise alright, and then they left the stage for the last time.

James followed a string of top bands appearing at Middlesbrough Town Hall including The Farm in March and Blur in September.

Mandy Webb

Notice Board

BULLS HEAD

December
 16th Old Age Peoples Xmas Draw Night
 17th In House Knock Out - Finals
 19th Childrens Xmas Draw
 20th "Point Blank" Show Band
 21st Live Entertainment Glen Mitchell
 22nd Childrens Xmas Party 3pm-6pm
 23rd Bulls Head Xmas Draw & Handicaps
 26th Boxing Day - Live Entertainment
 featuring 'Mitch' Liverpools
 "Quillion"
 27th Live Entertainment -
 28th Disco featuring Don Day Lee
 29th Christmas Quiz Your normal Sunday night
 quiz plus special prizes
 31st New Years Eve: Fancy Dress Disco
 Prizes & Fun for All

January

3rd Vocal Entertainer - Dave Hunter
 Hot & Cold Bar Food available all Day/Night

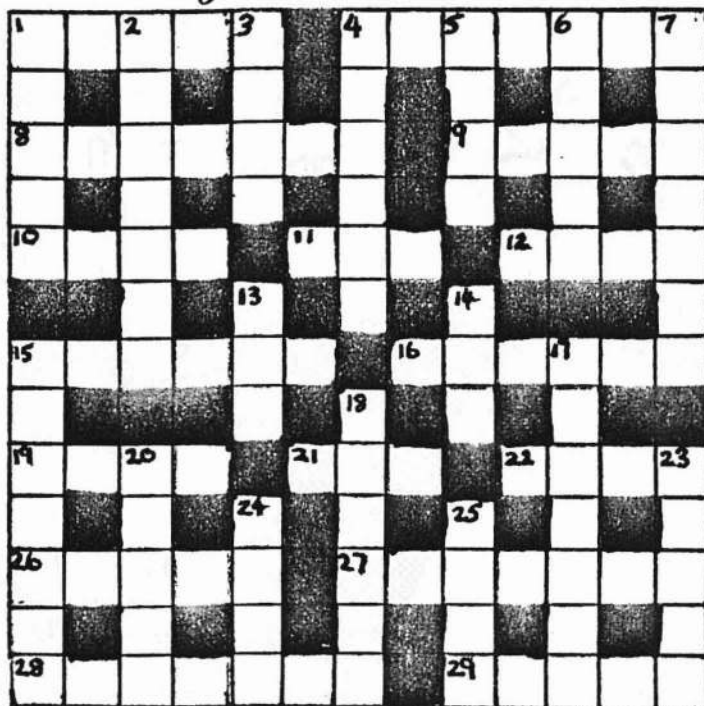


North Skelton Workingmens Club

Live entertainment
 on certain nights
 over Christmas
 and New Year

For information
 Contact the Club
 Committee

St. Peters Church
 Holy Communion
 9 AM
 Christmas Day
 Carol Service
 6 AM Sunday
 29th December



CROSSWORD

by Mark Thirkettle

Answers

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Across

- 1) Kid Creole's Pigeon (5)
- 4) Black _____ Rock Band (7)
- 8) Yazoo's Diary (7)
- 9) Marty Wilde had an endless one in 1958 (5)
- 10) " _____ Sprach Zarathustra" (4)
- 11) Sang "Shiney Happy People" (3)
- 12) "You _____" hit by Kim Wilde (4)
- 15) These boys had a "Requiem" in 1989 (6)
- 16) They covered U2's "Still Havn't Found What I'm Looking For" (6)
- 19) Kool's backing band (4)
- 21) Mud saw one creeping in 1974 (3)
- 22) They were at "Waterloo" in 1974 (4)
- 26) Brothers who sang "This Old Heart of Mine" (5)
- 27) Spanish female duo (7)
- 28) Group who covered Zombies hit "She's Not There" in 1977 (7)
- 29) Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce & Ginger Baker's Group (5)

Answers on page ()

Down

- 1) Stock, Aitken & Waterman's Liverpoolian Starlet (5)
- 2) Roy _____ (7)
- 3) Kenny Rogers hit of 1980 (4)
- 4) Swing Out _____ UK group (6)
- 5) Tina Turner says "You're Simply the _____" (4)
- 6) She lost her Japanese boy in 1981 (5)
- 7) "If It _____ Again" UB40 hit (7)
- 13) _____ McLean (3)
- 14) Group who's hits included "Magic Bus" (3)
- 15) Kenny who was footloose in 1984 (7)
- 17) " _____ Face" Paul McCartney hit (2,5)
- 18) _____ Streisand (6)
- 20) Sisters who had chemistry (5)
- 23) They had 68 guns in 1983 (5)
- 24) (Anagram) One time member of Clannad (4)
- 25) Claimed rock n' roll aint noise pollution in 1980 (4)

SPORTS CORNER

Jeffery Brown and Ian Duncan have both passed the North Riding F.A. Referees course for refereeing local football matches. There is still a shortage of referees for local matches, anyone interested contact **Action North Skelton**.

Graeme Burluraux has won a place to represent Cleveland in cross country.

CARPET BOWLS

Carpet Bowls is now established on a Wednesday night at 7pm-9pm. A charge of 50p entrance fee includes tea and biscuits. We have recently purchased our own full size carpet and bowls, so why not come along and have a fun night out.

XMAS WASSAIL PUNCH

(approx 4 pints)

8 fl.oz Water
 8 oz Sugar
 3 Cloves Cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tspn Nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tspn Mixed Spice
 1 piece of Ginger
 Rind of 1 Lemon
 1 Bottle Sherry
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ pints Strong Ale
 3 Eggs (separated)

*Heather Webb*

Combine water, spices, lemon rind in a pan.
 Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes.
 Pour sherry and ale into spice mixture.
 Heat up until just below boiling, DO NOT BOIL
 Strain.

Beat egg whites until stiff.

Beat egg yolks until thick.

Stir egg whites into yolks.

Slowly add spice mixture to eggs beating all the time.

Serve warm.

Optional: Roast pieces of apples and float on top.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

(Davy Lamp's Old Recipe)

8 oz Butter
 8 oz Brown Sugar
 12 oz Plain Flour
 5 Eggs
 1 tsp (rounded) Mixed Spice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Cinnamon
 4 oz Glace Cherries
 4 oz Ground Almonds
 2 oz Whole Almonds
 2 oz Walnuts
 Rind of 1 Orange
 1 small Apple (grated)
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb Mixed Fruit
 2 Eggcups full of Stout



Soak fruit in a little brandy, whisky or rum.

Cream butter and sugar.

Put flour and spices and ground almonds in a bowl, add all fruit, chop up cherries and walnuts and almonds, add to flour and mix until all are coated.

Whisk eggs.

Mix adding each mixture a little at a time, mix in stout.

Pour into $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cake tin lined with greaseproof paper or foil.

Bake in middle of oven Gas Mark 3 for 1 hour, turn oven down a bit at a time for approx another 3 hours. (4 hour approx).

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