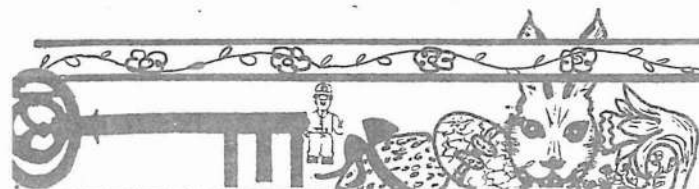




# THE KEY



A newspaper for North Skelton & Layland



This photograph bears testimony to the popularity and success of the local football team of the 1950's. To the strains of "Congratulations" played by the village silver band, the players and officials were driven round the village in the pit lorry. The occasion being celebrated was that the team had won the Teesside League, the McMillan Bowl and the North Riding Amateur Cup in one season; a grand slam indeed!

The photograph was loaned to the co-editor of THE KEY, Norma Templeman, by the late Mabel Whiteley, shortly before she died. Mabel was a member of a very industrious ladies committee, whilst husband John served on the football committee.

The photo has a personal sentimental value to Mabel's family, for on the corner of Vaughan/William Street was the grocers shop owned by her mother and father. Mrs Bowers can be seen watching the proceedings from the front step of the shop.

As one of the party of players on the lorry, it saddens me that those halcyon days are merely a memory, with no football in the village now and nobody seeming to care.

I have had a lot of trouble with wind lately! I don't mean anything rude and personal; I'm talking about the dreadful gales that have been battering us. So now I have a few more tiles missing and some loose. No, that's not being personal either. I mean the wind has damaged the Rectory roof and a few trees. Winter's winds get rid of the dead stuff and sort out the strong from the weak. Fair enough. Now Spring is coming and there'll be room for new growth. That's what we want... at work at home and at Church!

**HAPPY EASTER  
EVERYBODY**  
From  
**Rector Tom**

**NEWS  
EXTRA**  
DAVY  
WEDS  
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## Hello....

## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Thank you all for your generous donations, we have been allowed a council grant to carry us through this year but still need to fund raise for the future. Thanks to all our writers. We now have two new helpers on our team, Tony Chapman our new postmaster, and Don Burluraux. By the way, please read carefully the last paragraph of the front page article by J Ramage and you will think like we did -

**HOW TRUE!**

*Norma Sandra*

*PS. look out for 4 mini Davy's!*

## ACTION NORTH SKELTON

Trying to get North Skelton and Layland residents to become involved in our fund-raising is like bashing our heads against a brick wall. Its the same people every time who give and buy.

## ANS WORK FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

All we ask is for YOU to buy a Tote Double (they're in all the shops), and a strip of raffle tickets now and again. For this there will be a trip for over 50's, a trip for children, and a percentage into the play area fund. There is now a childrens disco on a Monday night at North Skelton Club.

**So come on  
SUPPORT ACTION NORTH SKELTON  
TO IMPROVE NORTH SKELTON!  
A LITTLE WILL GET YOU A LOT!**

## The Last Post ! (or is it?)



Hello North Skelton

This is your ex Postie wishing you all a very Happy New Year! It is nearly a year since I retired from the post - how time flies. I thought I would just write a few lines to let you know how I feel about retirement.

### Bored stiff

Well I am still fit and well thank God, but I am bored stiff at times. I miss meeting all the old folks and kiddies going off to school giving me a smile to brighten up



the day. I would rather be tramping the streets making a few bob to keep body and soul together than doing housework which I hate because I don't get a pay slip for it on a Friday!

### Time to call it a day



However, I suppose there comes a time when you've got to call it a day. I do love it when I'm sat up in bed with my cup of tea watching my Postie walking through the wind and rain thinking how lucky I am.

Before I go I'd like to thank you all once again for the lovely presents I received when I retired.

Well folks, that's all for now. Good luck to you all and may fortune smile on you.

Love from Marion, ex Postie.

## Doc Spot....

**RASHES - BABIES & TODDLERS**

Rashes can appear at any age in a huge variety of forms. Sometimes it is part of a general illness and at other times it appears only to be skin deep. Babies and toddlers are common sufferers of rashes. I'll talk about two common types.

**Viral Infections**

It is much more likely in babies to have a rash with a general illness, very often viral. Usually they are on most of the body and limbs. It tends to be made up from small pink/red areas (macules) which may be raised (papules). If the child is quite ill then you should see a doctor. Mild illness passes in a few days and needs no special treatment.

**Eczema**

This varies in appearance but often is seen as areas of redness, tending to be rough, scaly and itchy. If it is severe it can crack and ooze. The face, especially around the mouth, under the chin and the scalp (cradle cap) are common sites. In the creases which are warm and moist like behind the knees and inside the elbow are also common places. The nappy area can also be affected, spreading up the back and front.

Treatment in mild cases is quite simple. Moisturising creams applied directly to the skin and emulsifying oils to put in water when washing are very helpful. Ointment or petroleum jelly for the cheeks can protect from the wind and cold. Steroid creams are helpful in worse cases but only after advice from your doctor. Many creams are available without a prescription; do ask your community pharmacist, health visitor or doctor for advice.

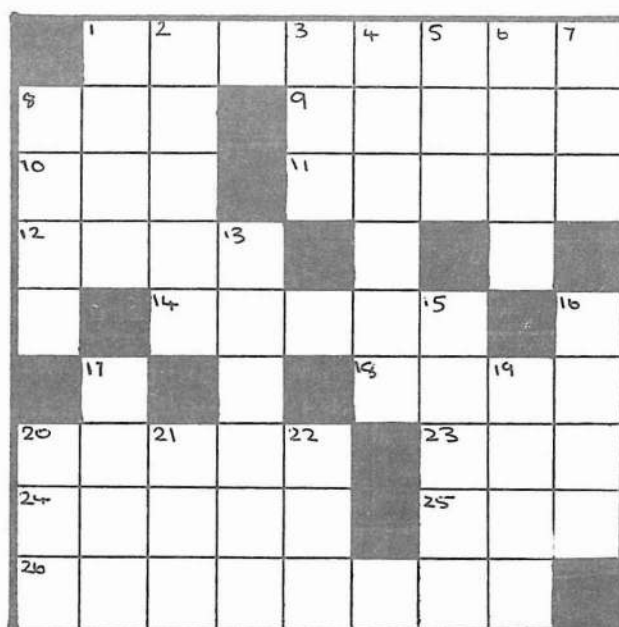
**Dr Roger Neville-Smith**



What's up Doc

**CROSSWORD**

By Mark Thirkettle

**ACROSS**

- 1 Means of expressing approval.
- 8 Actor's signal
- 9 Pointed missile
- 10 Small insect
- 11 Diving bird
- 12 Leading actor
- 14 Minimal
- 18 Not wild
- 20 Hail
- 23 To spar
- 24 Police Car
- 25 Auction Item
- 26 Danish writer

**DOWN**

- 1 Female in the family
- 2 Flower leaf
- 3 Hang back
- 4 To sieze
- 5 Yorkshire river
- 6 Weeps
- 7 Sea loch of Ross and Cromarty
- 8 Ready money
- 13 To slope or move backwards
- 15 Item of furniture
- 16 Nearest
- 17 Scheme
- 19 Earth's satellite
- 20 Mineral resort
- 21 Finish
- 22 Sailor

~~WORD~~

(Answers on Page 6)

Don't forget folks, the darker the drink the worse the hangover! 



## The Police and Us.....Working Together

Every woman has a right to feel safe in her own home and on the street. Unfortunately a large number of women do not feel safe. Far too many are afraid of becoming victims of harassment, robbery and assault. Women must respond to this fear by doing everything possible to reduce the risks.

WPC Ellen Pybus of the Langbaugh Community Relations Dept. offers the following advice to women on various aspects of their own safety:-



### AT HOME

1. If you live alone - don't advertise the fact. Use only your surname and initials in the telephone directory, on doorbells and nameplates.
2. Don't encourage peeping toms - draw your curtains at night.
3. Keep a whistle or personal attack alarm by the phone and use it on obscene phone callers. If you are pestered inform BT or the Police. Never tell anyone you're alone.
4. Keep all doors locked when you are inside the house. Fit a doorchain and viewer and outside lights above the door.

### WALKING

1. Unless unavoidable - never walk home alone or at night. Don't take short cuts.
2. Keep to busy, well-lit roads.
3. If the street is deserted walk down the middle of the pavement.
4. Keep your hands out of your pockets so you're free to defend yourself.
5. NEVER be tempted to hitch or accept a lift with a stranger. Use a taxi whenever possible. If possible always carry a personal attack alarm and be prepared to use it.

### DRIVING

1. Travel on main or well used roads.
2. Always lock your car after entering it.
3. Keep valuables out of sight.
4. Park in well lit areas.
5. Never pick up hitch-hikers.

These are just a small percentage of ways that women may reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime. WPC Pybus and WPC Templeman of the Police Community Relations Dept. are available to give talks to Womens' Groups and can be contacted on Middlesbrough 302068.

Personal Attack Alarms (Aerosol) - £4, Plastic 'HELP' signs for displaying in cars - £2, and other useful items are available from the Crime Prevention Dept at Guisborough on Middlesbrough 302071 or by simply contacting your Local Beat Officer.

### What Year?

1. What year did Rudolph Valentino spring to fame in the film 'The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse'?
2. In what year did King Edward VII die?
3. In what year was the first 'test tube baby' born?
4. The first motorways were built in Germany in which year?
5. In which year was Prince William born?
6. What year did Charlie Chaplin make his first full length film - 'The Gold Rush'?
7. What year was President J F Kennedy assassinated?
8. In what year was the world's worst ever air disaster when 563 people lost their lives?
9. What year did King Edward VIII marry Mrs Simpson?
10. What year was the 'atomic bomb' dropped on Hiroshima?

(Answers on Page 6 )

**JOBS FOR THE MONTH  
APRIL**

**ON THE Allotment**

If the soil conditions permit most summer veg can be sown "little and often" for a continuous supply - only cultivate 2" deep to avoid bringing up cold damp soil from below. My motto is "If in doubt, DON'T" as seeds sown before soil warms up often fail to germinate - use a cold frame early in the month to sow lettuce, dwarf peas, french beans, carrot etc for an early crop.



Finish planting pre-rooted onion sets, shallots and garlic. Plant frame grown cabbage and cauli plants - use Clorophos round each plant. Rake Clorophos into soil before sowing carrots - the onion family planted either side of carrot rows also helps to deter the fly. Pre-chitted early potatoes can be planted in rows 2ft apart. Make seed bed and sow winter brassicas (label each row or make a note in your diary of what is sown).



# YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Nat Wood

Leader in Charge - North Skelton Youth Club

The main news that has affected the Youth Club this season was the "break in" that we had on the 10th February. The Club didn't have much in the way of funds but we will have even less once I replace the tuck and other items that were stolen. The person or persons that were responsible for the burglary must realise that they have stolen not from me personally but from the young people of North Skelton. If you are reading this article I would like to ask WHY?

I have, on behalf of Richard Beckham, applied to get the lad some sort of sponsorship for his future in Snooker. I would like to thank other people from within the community who are also showing an interest in Richard's quest for gold.

Looking into the near future I will be running further trips to either the Ice-skating Rink or to the Eston Ski Slope. I will also be

looking at some sort of sponsored event for the young people to take part in to raise a little money for the Club.

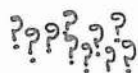
The Club continues to open each Sunday, 7.00 - 9.30pm, when it is possible for me to open it.

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Finally, for the young people that use the club, I stand by you! In respect that you seem to get all the blame for the mess in the Village Hall may I say that I have spoken to the management of the hall and expressed my concern that other groups leave the mess and not you! So, kids, don't let ME down and I won't let YOU down. "Keep our Club a Clean Club"

Cheers

NAT



## TV QUIZ



1. Which snooker player was a captain of "A Question of Sport"?
2. Which TV personality has the middle name of "Paradine"?
3. Who moved from 11 Coronation Street to Grasmere Avenue?
4. Which soap did the pop group "The Farm" appear in?
5. Which city is the setting for "Casualty"?
6. Which number in Albert Square is the home of Dot Cotton?
7. Who plays Trigger in "Only Fools and Horses"?
8. Which sport was Catchphrase's Roy Walker an Irish sporting champion in?
9. On which programme does presenter Quentin Wilson appear?
10. Who played Dr Who for 7 years?

Answers on Page 6

Thou spends more time under t' grund than thou does on top so mak' best on it afor thou goes.

## HANDY TIPS

To unravel knotted chains put a little Fairy liquid in a saucer, add chain, and pull apart with a cocktail stick.

After cleaning paint brushes, pop into a solution of fabric conditioner to keep soft.

Keep your purse in with your shopping as muggers go for handbags first.

Dental floss makes useful garden twine.





# The Lamps

## Local Miner Weds

We are pleased to announce the recent marriage of our favourite magazine character, Davy Lamp, to local barnmaid, Tilly Cumsholme. The ceremony took place at St Peter's Church, North Skelton.

The happy couple are seen here leaving church with Davy's faithful dog, Spot, at his side. A lively reception was held at the Bull's Head, followed by a disco at the Workmen's Club.



### Hard times

The happy couple spent their honeymoon night in their allotment shed which had been "done up" lovely by a few friends. We would like to wish them a very happy future and we will be following their progress in future issues.

### Crossword Answers:

Across 1) Applause 8) Cue  
9) Arrow 10) Ant 11) Grebe  
12) Star 14) Least 18) Tame  
20) Hail 23) Box 24) Panda 25) Lot  
26) Andersen. Down 1) Aunt  
2) Petal 3) Lag 4) Arrest 5) Ure  
6) Sobs 7) Ewe 8) Cash 13) Recede  
15) Table 16) Next 17) Plan  
19) Moon 20) Spa 21) End 22) Tar

What Year? Answers: 1) 1921  
2) 1910 3) 1978 4) 1932 5) 1982  
6) 1925 7) 1963 8) 1977 9) 1937  
10) 1945

TV Quiz Answers: 1) John Parrot  
2) David Frost 3) Alf and Andy  
Roberts 4) Brookside 5) Holby 6) 25  
7) Roger Lloyd Pack 8) Hammer  
Throwing 9) Top Gear 10) Tom Baker

### DIRECT ROUTE TO LONDON

A173 Skelton  
A173 Guisborough  
A173 Stokesley  
A172 Tontine  
A19 Dishforth  
A1 Wetherby  
A1 Ferrybridge  
A1 Svs on Roundabout  
A1M Doncaster By Pass  
A1M Junction 2  
M18 To M1 South  
M1 Woodall Services  
M1 Trowell Services  
M1 Leicester Forest Svs  
M1 Watford Gap Services  
M1 Rothersthorpe Services  
M1 Newport Pagnell Svs  
M1 Taddington Services  
M1 Scratchwood Services  
End of Motorway  
A406 Circular North  
A1 Islington  
A1 Finsbury  
London

Brian Stubbs

Note: Alternative routes in next two issues:

- (1) scenic route for people with time on their hands
- (2) quick route avoiding most motorways

### HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE

When your policy is due to be renewed it is wise to contact your insurance company or brokers to advise them of any changes in your circumstances, as nowadays companies do allow a lot of discounts, ie:

Are you over 50 years?

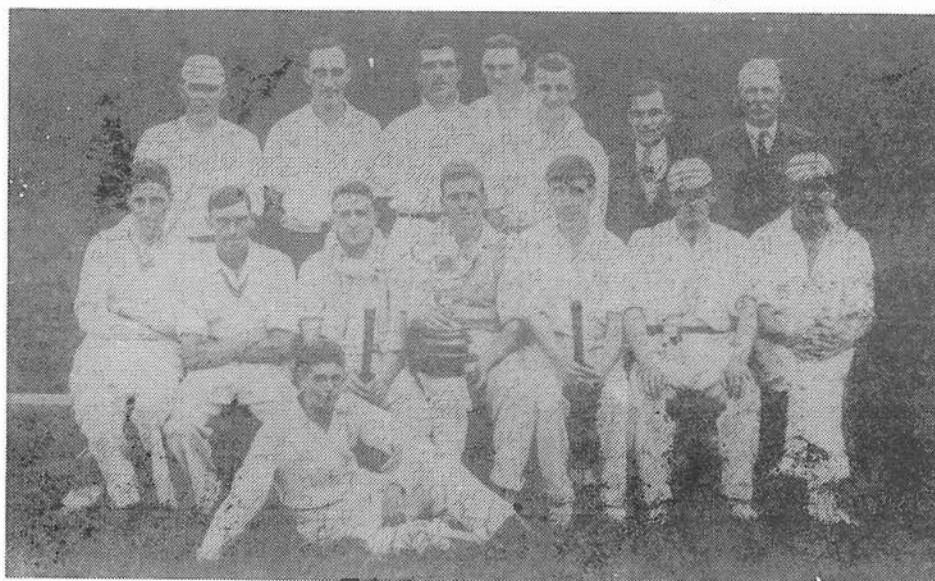
Do you have a burglar alarm?

Do you live in a Neighbourhood Watch area?

Do you have good quality door and window locks, eg 5 lever mortice dead locks?

If you advise your company of any of the above you could get up to 20% discount on your premium.

# Golden Days of Cricket

The people in the photograph are: (back row left to right) Frank Symons, Jack Shaw, Bob Butler, Tom Hessay, George Kime, Jack Porte, (middle) C. May, C. Barwick, Andrew Turnbull, J Butler, J Scurray, Don Turnbull, G Berwick, (front) Duncan Turnbull Mr Featherstone, President, at back.

You may find it hard to conjure up past memories as you walk down memory lane, especially when it is Machine Lane and one of the adjacent fields was once the rural setting for the village cricket team.

Several neighbouring villages had either a football or a cricket team, but North Skelton hosted both football and cricket teams of the highest quality. A well known sporting figure in this area John 'Roscoe' Butler possesses perhaps one of the only remaining photos of a post war North Skelton team from the 1920's.

But it is well known that cricket was played by stalwarts like Ivan Pally, Sam Kime and Bill Vasey just after the first world war.

The 20's team played in the East Cleveland League and had to travel to play teams ranging from Hinderwell to Guisborough accompanied by their own umpire George Todd.

Tom Kirk's horse-drawn landau took the team to their away games, Roscoe well remembers his stints as a "Scotch" lad. This meant him following on foot up steep hills ready to block the back wheels should the horse need a breather. Often the team had to get off and walk to the top of the hill.

Later travelling became much easier with George Wilks motor driven coal wagon being converted to suit the teams needs.

The team consisted of all but one member residing in the village, with two sets of brothers, Bob, Harry and John Butler playing alongside Andrew, Don & Duncan Turnbull.

The only other remaining member of this side is George Berwick, father of Colin and Neil Berwick; Colin still holds the record for the highest number of runs scored in the NYSD League, and grandfather of Alan Ramage who played county cricket for Yorkshire.



In the late 20's the East and West Cleveland Leagues amalgamated to form the Cleveland & Teesside League, a forerunner of the present day league. But with several players leaving, the team was not the potent force of past seasons, the only notable exception was the winning of the Zetland Cup in 1930 against near neighbours Brotton.

Roscoe gave a wry smile when reminded of a veterans cup game in 1932 when a much fancied side, captained by his father Bill, were beaten by local rivals Priestcrofts. This ignominious defeat caused the local band to hurry back home over the fields to North Skelton.

The second world war interrupted cricket as a competitive sport but this breathing space appeared to allow the club to once again emerge as one of the leading teams in the area.

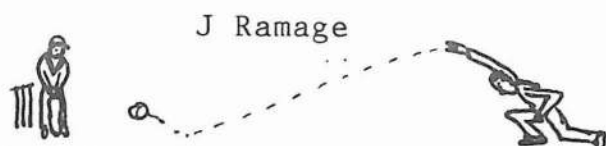
With Cliff May a very competent secretary, and George Sturman a very energetic groundsman, the club now had a 1st and 2nd eleven. Now in the veteran stage, Roscoe captained the second team which introduced several promising youngsters from the village into cricket. Three of these namely Colin Berwick, Len Douglass and Jack May went on to become prominent players in NYSD league.

In the early 50's the club was experiencing financial difficulties and incorporated the help of the local mine.

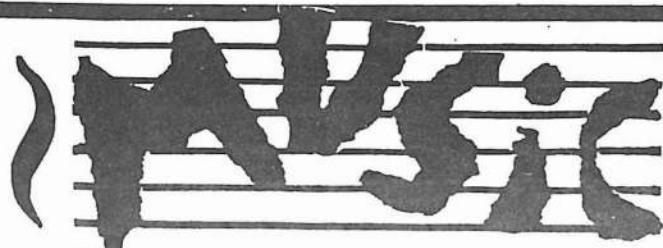
The team then became known as Cleveland Mines with several mine workers like Seth and "Jamma" Wrigley joining the team.

Unfortunately the team disbanded when the mine closed in 1964 leaving cricket lost to the village, probably forever!

My thanks to John Butler for his help in the compilation of this abridged version of village cricket in North Skelton.



J Ramage



There are no facilities to change so go in your gladrags and gear. Unless you plan to travel early and spend the afternoon in London first!

Travelling there and back the same day is a lot of hours on the road - but its a chance to see pop personalities and bands and perhaps get your mug on tv. Good fun and an opportunity to see how the show is really put together.

For tickets write to:  
BBC TV  
Elstree Centre  
Clarendon Road  
Borehamwood  
Herts



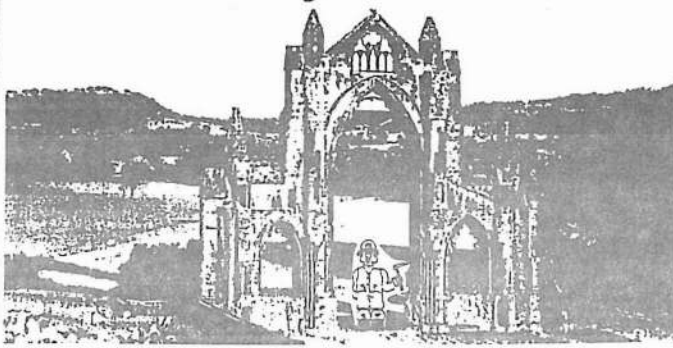
TALKING

Did you know that tickets to BBC TV's 'Top of the Pops' are FREE!

Costs you will have:

Travel (shared car, minibus or coach would keep this low)  
Meals (or packed sandwiches)

The show usually starts at 6.30pm-7pm on a Wednesday and lasts about 1½ to 2 hours. It is recorded for TV viewing the next evening (Thursday).



### THE MEN OF GUISBOROUGH PRIORY

#### Seizure of the Crown

When Kings died in the Middle Ages their laws died with them. Anarchy ruled, and old scores were settled before a new King was elected; it was therefore important to crown the successor quickly.

On hearing the news of King Henry's death, his nephew, Stephen speed to England with a well devised plan to claim the Kingdom. A grandson of the Conqueror he soon gained the support promised to his cousin Matilda, most of the Norman barons preferred a King to a Queen and Stephen was anointed King on 22 December 1135.

#### The Regeneration of Cleveland

The De Brus family were sent to Cleveland by William I, charged with the task of rebuilding the areas economy, after the Conquerors' laying waste to the North [a campaign so severe that the inhabitants turned to cannibalism to survive]. The De Brus family arrived at Castleton in Cleveland in the 1080s. Robert I who travelled with the Conqueror to England died around 1090, his eldest son Robert inherited his lands and titles. Robert II married Agnes de Panell, and they had three children Agatha, Adam and Robert.

By 1135 the De Brus family had built a number of castles including Skelton. They had founded Skinningrove Saltburn and Redcar as fishing ports, built salt pans at Coatham and a substantial harbour at Hartlepool, and of course founded Guisborough Priory.

Robert II now held eightysix titles, reward for his service to three Kings, Henry I, Stephen I and David of Scotland. Amongst these titles, Lord of Annandale, an area of land on the West Coast which stretched from the Lake District to the Forth of Clyde. Robert II, not wishing to swear fealty to more than one King, requested that his youngest son, Robert receive this title and the request was granted.

Respected as a warrior and diplomat, Roberts' help and advise was valued. In a dispute between the See of York and the Monastery of Glasgow, the Scottish King asked Robert to deliberate, Robert found in favour of Glasgow, which led to the founding of the village.

With Stephen the usurper King of England, a broken de Brus oath and a split in de Brus loyalties, turmoil would soon reign in the Kingdom.

Written & Researched

by Ian Duncan

### © 0 SUPERSTITION

Years ago when visiting a new baby, three items were always taken: an egg, the traditional gift of fertility; a silver coin to ensure wealth; and a small amount of salt to preserve from ill fortune.



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Remember, lets see if you can? The woods surrounding North Skelton were full of families picking rosehips, hundreds of pounds were picked then taken to school (Stanghow Lane and the Infants School - now DIY), 3d per lb (three old pennies). These were used to make rosehip syrup for babies, the Ministry of Health announcing that rosehips were twenty times richer in vitamin C than oranges.

#### MOTOR INSURANCE

When looking for motor insurance it is always worthwhile ringing round all the local Brokers as they use different insurance companies.

When giving details for the quote always make sure you include convictions, accidents, claims, disabilities including diabetes, epilepsy and heart trouble as these are all classed as material facts and could affect the cost.

Things to look out for:

Does the policy have any excess, ie if you have a claim do you have to pay any of it yourself?

Is your no claims discount protected, this usually costs extra?

Does the company from which you obtained your quote have a good reputation?

Do they provide a claims service or would you have to deal with it yourself?

## A Bronze to be Proud Of!

On Thursday 27th August 1992 I flew from Teesside airport to Heathrow to join up with the rest of the swimming squad chosen to represent Great Britain at the Paralympic Games held in Barcelona, Spain.

I started swimming at an early age for theraputic lessons. I was born with Cerebral Palsy and the school I went to in Ormesby was for disabled children. It had its own hydro-therapy pool.

My parents and school teachers took me all over the country to competitions and as I got older I represented my country both at National and International levels. This, however, was my first time at the Olympics.

We arrived at our accomodation in the Olympic Village at 2am

and after going through the security rigmarole looked forward to a long sleep, but at 6am we were taken for our first training session in the Olympic Pool which looked bigger than a normal 50 metre one.

### *Personal bests*

I had two races - 50 metres Breaststroke and 100 metres Freestyle. In both events I was very pleased to achieve personal bests knocking seconds off my previous times. I was

also chosen to swim in a relay event with three of my 100m mates.

### *The race*

The day of the race came. Kevin who trains at Darlington two nights a week with me went first. He cannot dive in as he has Muscular Dystrophy. We were lying in 5th place when I took over for the second leg. By the time I handed over to Marcus, who is blind, we had moved up to 4th. A boy called Willie swam the last leg and by then the

whole of the poolside crowd had erupted because at this point Spain, the home nation, were leading and France were second. I looked up to where my parents, brother and sister were sitting and saw that, like everyone else, they were shouting their heads



off. By now Willie was starting to pull away from 4th place and finally managed to finish 3rd in the bronze medal position.

### *Proudest moment*

I have never felt so proud as I stood on the podium with my team mates to receive my bronze medal and it took me a long time to come down off "cloud nine". It was certainly the best day I've had in my sport so far!

**Andrew Stubbs, Warsett Crescent**



Martin Theaker



(Serves 4)

- 4 Bananas
- 1 Punnet Strawberries
- 2 oz Sugar
- Cointreau (if available)
- Tub Whipping Cream
- Vanilla Essence

Without peeling, cut bananas in half lengthways.

Scoop out flesh and mix with sugar, chopped strawberries and Cointreau (if used).

Pile back into skins and serve chilled with whipped cream flavoured with vanilla.

# Recipes

## CHICKEN LADY JANE

(Serves 4)

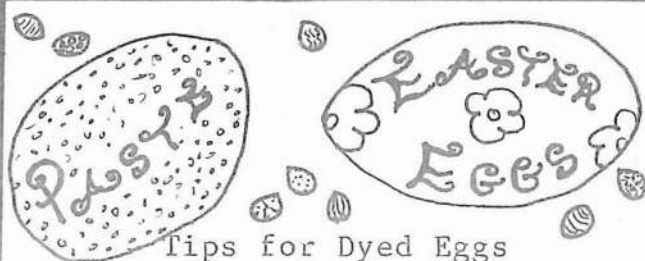
- 4 Chicken Supremes
- 8 oz Prawns
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Pint Cheese Sauce



Stuff each Supreme with 2oz of prawns.

Fry Supremes until cooked.

Place cooked Supremes in dish or separate plates, pour over hot cheese sauce and serve.



## Tips for Dyed Eggs

The larger the egg the better!

The paler the egg the better!

Wash eggs and leave them wet.

Cut an onion skin into small pieces and roll wet egg in them so they stick. Then wrap egg in coloured crepe paper, tie up with cotton and boil for 25 minutes.

Take a crocus or daffodil trumpet or any other plant and place carefully on wet egg. Wrap in red crepe paper then again in royal blue crepe paper. Tie up and boil for 25 minutes.

Hard boil an egg, whilst hot submerge in coloured shoe dye. Dry, then polish with a little margarine or clear varnish.

## LOCAL STARS OF THE TURF

Do many villagers realise that only a ten minute walk away from North Skelton some of the finest racehorses in the country can be seen working every morning on Mary Reveley's gallops near the ruins of the old terraced houses of Groundhill.

If you are lucky enough you may sometimes see one or two walking along 'Mucky Lane' towards the village before they return to their Stables at Groundhill Farm.

Mary's success has been phenomenal considering the opposition she faces from top stables all over the country. Maybe it's something to do with the 'local fresh air'!

Let's hope she continues to train many more winners and that our money is on them when they go galloping 'first past the post'!

