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Ruth Pritchard, the second of our Aycliffe Girls who feature in the A.D.C.'s new brochure, lives in Aycliffe and has a family of four. Ruth likes dancing, dressmaking, reading and tennis.

SUPER SANTA IS ON HIS WAY

ON CHRISTMAS EVE SANTA CLAUS makes his annual tour of the town and hopes that the children will be out in force to greet him.

Our Santa is really super-human, not only can he travel fantastic distances, at speeds faster than light, but he can be in many places at the same time.

Our list printed below shows how he can be in three different places at the same moment. What a wonderful Santa we have, and I am sure he is going to make this Christmas a very happy one for lots of people.



ROUTE 1

5.00: Dalton Way, Faulkner Road, Westmorland Way, Dalton Way, Hartley Road, Walcher Road.

5.10: Lilburne Crescent, Alington Road, Hullock Road and back, Bertie Road and back, Webb Close and back; via Westmorland Way, Humphrey Close and back, Macmillan Road, Lightfoot Road, Burdon Close, Marshall Road.

5.35: Silkin Way (inc. Squares), Wright Close, Priestman Road, Marshall Road, Lightfoot Road, Stephenson Way, via Silkin Way - Stead Close.

5.50: Barrington Road, Ashfield, Tunstall Road, Carleph Close, Ebba Close, Bruce Road, Pease Way.

6.10: Past RAFA to Paulinus Road, Garburn Place.

6.25: Hawkhead Place, Honister Place, Silverdale Place, Kirkstone Place, Langdale Place, Whinlatter Place, Eskdale Place.

6.55: Elmfield Place, Beechfield, Oakfield.

7.10: Via Cumby Road to Crosby Road, Doxford Close.

7.10: Via Crosby Road to Lowery Road, St. Godric's Road, Mills Close.

7.25: Via St. Godric's Road - Cumby Road, Watson Road, via Simpature Gate - Moule Close, Finchale Road, Lambton Close, Lee Green, Hopper Road.

7.40: Via Finchale Road - Dixon Road, Walker Lane, via Simpature Gate - Emmerson Way and back, via Butler Road - Castlereagh Close, Merz Road.

8.00: Via Butler Road - Ritson Road, via Bowes Road - Marley Road, Wallas Road, Bewick Crescent.



ROUTE 2

5.00: Bede Crescent, Anne Swyft Road, Clarence Chare, Clarence Corner, Baliol Road.

5.10: Baliol Green, Travellers Green, Gilpin Road, Clanny Road.

5.20: Bury Road, Wilkinson Road, Van Mildert Road, Greathead Crescent, Shafto Way, Greville Way, St. Cuthbert's Way.

5.25: Sheraton Road, Sharp Road, Lumley Close, Hunter Road, Crewe Road, Henderson Road.

5.40: Crawford Road, Hatfield Road, Biscop Crescent, Skirlaw Road, Bek Road, Creighton Road.

5.55: Moore Lane, Mellanby Crescent and Closes, Vane Road, Fowler Road.

6.10: Shafto Way, Stanfield Road, Eden Road, Langley Road.

6.15: Central Avenue, Welbury Grove.

6.20: Aycliffe School.

6.45: Washington Cres. and Closes, Neile Road.

6.55: Defoe Cres. and Closes, Wiseman Walk.

7.05: Bousefield Crescent and Closes, Hardinge Road and Closes, Burn Lane, Elstob Close.

7.15: Kings Drive and Places.

7.30: Agnew Way - Wellhouse Drive and Closes, Wellhouse Ride and Closes.

7.45: Henson Grove, Whiteley Grove, Aylmer Grove, Thurlow Grove, Burn Lane.

8.00: Central Avenue, Church Close.

8.15: Isherwood Close.



ROUTE 3

5.00: Hallington Head, Tindal Green, Derwent Place, School Path, Broomley Close, St. Green, Waskerley Walk, Few Close, Blackton Close, The Ch...

5.25: Meadowfield V. Stainmore Crescent, Green Garth, Ladybower, Winterbur Place, Grassholme Pl. Burnhope, Stainmore Walk.

5.50: Cheviot Plac., Cumb. Place, Cleveland Place.

6.15: Lascelles Avenue and Courts, Colburn Avenue and Courts, Elwick Avenue and Courts, Wynard Court.

6.45: Sid Chaplin Drive, Fox Place, Bates Close, Brockett Close, Loraine Walk, Mackenzie Place, Thornton Close, Sampson Place, Hedley Close, Scott Place.

7.10: Burnhill, Malham Drive, Rylstone Close, Reeth Place, Askrigg Close.

7.10: Skipton Close, Arncliffe Place, Aysgarth Close, Hawes Place, Pateley Close, Airtton Place, Stainforth Close.



7.25: Bluebell Close.
7.40: School Aycliffe Estate.
8.00: School Aycliffe Hospital.

SANTA MAY BE A LITTLE LATE, LISTEN FOR THE BELLS AND CAR HORNS.



A Message from Santa

Dear Boys and Girls,

Please listen for me in your street on Christmas Eve. Give me a big wave and shout "Merry Christmas."

And then please settle down and do not get too excited, otherwise you will not get to sleep. Remember, I cannot come back with your Christmas presents until you are fast asleep.

You may not get all you wanted for Christmas, but do not forget to be very grateful for what you do get and say thank you to everyone.

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Santa.

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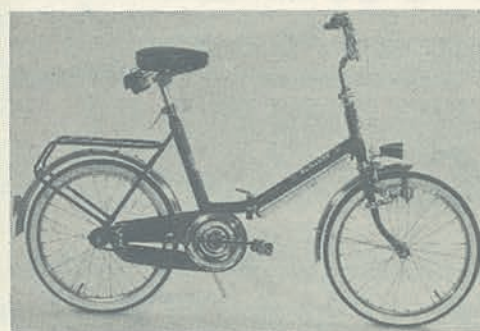
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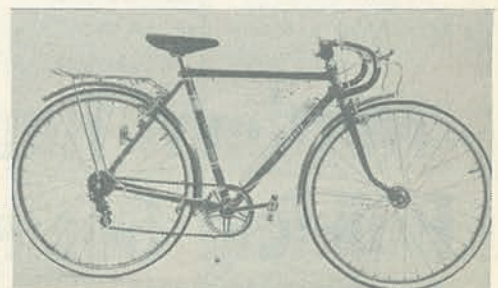
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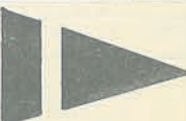
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A Christmas Message from the Town Council, the A.D.C. and the Church



Dennis Stevenson

Despite soaring interest rates and the coming reduction in our Development Area status I am confident that we are entering the new decade as well prepared as any community in this country.

The last 12 months has seen success building on success in Aycliffe with 14 new companies starting up and new jobs coming in at the rate of 70 a month.

Commercially, too, the town centre is beginning to look more complete, and 1980 should see the proposed arts centre, hotel and office block begin.

And our social and community development activities are the envy of many longer established communities.

My confidence about the future is made complete, however, by something rather less easy to quantify — the support and will of you, the people of Aycliffe. My job is made easy, and extremely pleasant, because I know I can count on you to support our potential effort to back our industries and commercial enterprises and make them successful, and to continue to foresee Aycliffe improve and prosper.

It is you who have made Aycliffe the community it is and who will go on to make it better.

Dennis Stevenson,
Chairman, A.D.C.

Alan R. Coustick

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all the churches in the town, I would like to wish you all joy and peace at Christmas time and a year ahead of peace and prosperity.

In 1979 we have seen religious fervour corrupted by political power in Iran. We have seen the discovery by the world of the tragedy that has been going on in Kampuchea/Cambodia.

It is into this world that Christ came and it is to this world that the Christian Church continues to preach Christ's message of peace and goodwill.

We all want to see peace in the world. As Christians, we believe that peace between nation and nation is closely linked with peace between man and man and peace between man and God.

It is not enough to want peace.

We also have to be prepared to work for peace and to pay the price of peace. For Jesus, that meant the pain of death by crucifixion. For us, it may mean a price of suffering hurt pride, of forgiving insults, of forgetting quarrels, of pardoning those who have let us down.

So as you hang up your tinsel and paper chains, decorate your home also with love and forgiveness and joy and peace.

"Let peace incircle all the world
And all men share what's good;
Let all mankind walk hand in hand,
In love and brotherhood."

May God bless you all.

Alan R. Coustick
Chairman,
Council of Churches.



Jill Frise

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Great Aycliffe Town Council of wishing all the residents of Aycliffe a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are beginning shortly not just a new year but a new decade. Each preceding decade this century has had a definite character and some people have been looking forward to the next ten years with some trepidation, in view of mounting inflation and mounting unemployment.

However, one of the delightful attributes of the people of Aycliffe is their ability to stride forward with confidence into the future. The people of Aycliffe have a

reputation for working hard as well as enjoying themselves and with this attitude we are continuing to attract new industries, as well as expansion of the older established ones.

I therefore look forward to the new decade as an exciting time of opportunities which we must have the courage to grasp as they occur; a challenging time for all of us, but a time when the rewards gained by concerted effort will be well worth achieving.

May I again wish you joy and happiness during this festive season and in the future.

Jill Frise,
Mayor.

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DO THE PLANNERS CARE WHAT OUR TOWN LOOKS LIKE?

Dear Sir,

I was dismayed to read that Sedgefield District Council were planning to build old people's bungalows on Clarence Green. Besides being one of the most beautiful areas of the town it is also a very well used green by children of all ages. Where do you draw the line?

Children must have playing areas, they too are important. Newton Aycliffe has plenty of land and I fail to see the need to take our greens.

There are alternative sites, one being the stretch of land running behind the bungalows on Clarence

Green, near the disused railway line.

Do the planners really care how anything looks these days? Looking at the mess made of our town centre I doubt it. Bureaucracy gone mad is more like it. It is soon going to be a concrete jungle.

The Council would do well to remember that elections do come round regularly. They are dealing with people who will use the only weapon they have, the VOTE!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Eva Creaney
20 Clarence Green.



"NO JUSTIFICATION FOR BUILDING ON OUR GREENS"

Dear Sir,

The announcement in your last issue concerning infilling of greens in the southern part of the town with old peoples bungalows came as no surprise. The thin edge of the wedge was there when Gilpin Court was erected.

Historically, the Labour controlled councils of South West Durham were opposed to the building of the new town in the first place. It was this opposition which resulted in a target population of 10,000 instead of the 30,000 originally envisaged, and is the root cause of the many planning problems created since the development of the town commenced including the dreadful town centre arrangement which we have had to put up with until now.

The current population of the town is approx. 27,000 with land available to provide, in due course, for a total of 45,000. Unlike many towns, there is no shortage of building land and accordingly there is no justification whatsoever for infilling the greens, which are a principal feature of the early development.

All residents, I am sure, are in favour of building old people's bungalows and, indeed, Newton Aycliffe has been in the forefront for the provision of this type of accommodation, but is it necessary to adopt a political attitude of "this is our land now and we will do what the hell we like

with or without the consent of the residents?"

The Labour Party has professed to be the party of the people — "we will keep everyone fully informed, etc." The residents of Newton Aycliffe are now apparently presented with a fait accompli that O.P.B's will be built on village greens "with work scheduled to commence in the new year." Obviously that is the sledge hammer policy of a Labour party biased democracy.

On a constructive note I would ask the Sedgefield District Council earnestly to consider the provision of O.P.B's on the following sites: (1) the open space off Westmorland Way bounded on the west by Humphrey Close, on the east by Aylmer Grove and on the north by Woodham Burn. This area of approx. 7 acres would put the O.P.B's only 400 yards from all the facilities which elderly people need to have close at hand, namely the health centre, library, shops, offices and the Housing Department; and (2) the open space at the junction of Dalton Way and Faulkner Road, where, as an act of sheer vandalism, the District Council had the fir trees beheaded. Finish this job properly, cut the trees to ground level and provide a site for O.P.B's even closer to the town centre than the first alternative suggested above.

Yours sincerely,
Harry Bilton
3 Clarence Close.

PUTTING THINGS RIGHT ISN'T EASY

Dear Sir,

Could I ask for your indulgence in printing the following belated reply to the article you published headed "Confusion at Peak Shopping Times."

I think there is a basic misunderstanding in that the writer of the article seems to be under the impression that the Corporation has complete power to provide an access onto Greenwell Road as wishes: in fact this is not the case — Greenwell Road is a County highway and as such, a case has to be made to the County for their approval.

In fact the County have accepted, in principle, the idea of an access onto Greenwell Road, and there is broad general

agreement as to the point of access and the relevant layout.

The difficulty is that, as in the case of most of the central area of the town there are a range of ancillary problems arising from the need to divert underground services and to switch land from the ownership of one authority to another.

Negotiations are going on and we will move as fast as we can, but I thought that in the meantime it might be useful if I wrote to explain that although your article rightly identifies the problem and the possible solution, putting it into effect is a little more complicated than might seem to be the case.

Yours sincerely,
Garry Philipson
Managing Director, A.D.C.

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE THIS XMAS

John Petrie, the new County Road Safety Officer, said today that in the period leading up to Christmas and the New Year many road users will be at risk due to drinking and driving.

He said that nationally alcohol was the largest single factor leading to death and injury on our roads. One driver in every three killed during daylight, and two drivers out of every three killed at night were above the legal limit. This is an appalling situation for the drunken driver is a danger not only to himself but to his passengers and all other road users.

The total number of people breathalysed in Durham County last year was 1,044. Many of these when convicted were not just a little over the legal limit but were massively over it.

Penalties

No driver should ever mix drinks with driving, not only because the chances of killing or crippling themselves or others are considerably increased, but because of the penalties which face them if convicted. Many drivers forget that very often their job depends upon driving, even if this is merely to get to work. Disqualification from driving for a year or more can result in the loss of a job, which in these times of high unemployment can have disastrous results on family life. Even when the licence has been restored convictions for drunken driving can lead to the most stringent and costly insurance conditions.

Mr Petrie said that it is up to everyone to make sure that their Christmas and New Year is not

spoilt by personal tragedy and he gave this useful advice for us to pass on to our readers:

1. When going to a party elect a driver who will not drink. If you cannot do this leave your car at home.
2. Firms with an interest in the welfare of their staff should arrange transport for their personnel and ask a responsible person to keep an eye on younger employees.
3. REMEMBER — No real friend will offer one for the road or encourage a driver to drink.

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