A Christmas message from the Mayor

As the snow lay all around deep and crisp and even it gave us an early reminder that the festive season was fast approaching - also the season of peace and good will to all men.

With that, on behalf of the Town Council Members and staff, Judith and I are delighted once again to have this opportunity to send out Christmas greetings to all of the Town Crier’s readers, whether local or dispersed over land and sea.

We also couple these wishes to the dedicated and hardworking Town Crier staff. I was asked to carry on for a further year as your Mayor, a privileged position I was proud to accept.

A major part of the Mayor’s remit is of course, charity. With the overwhelming generosity displayed last year, the goal post had been set rather high but undaunted we set out to raise funds for Andrew Tomling dancing school, with the overwhelming generosity of the people of Shildon in this period of great economic difficulty. At this time of year my thoughts extend to families and friends, to all of those in danger and difficulty, whilst being ever mindful of all our armed forces at home and abroad.

Judith and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and more prosperous New Year.

Town Crier

Friday 24th December 2010

A big Christmas thank you from The Crier Staff

Staff at The Shildon Town Crier would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers, contributors and advertisers for making this paper what it is and for your continued support.

We would also like to say thank you to a few people who help bring you your paper every week, come rain, shine or snow.

Most of our contributors are volunteers without whom, as a not-for-profit company, we would not be able to run.

Thank you to Mike Stott, who runs the Crier website and to Barbara Spears and John Brennan, two voluntary contributors.

Thanks also to everyone at KBM Print, who helped us make our long-awaited transition into colour this year, and Keith Wallace who recently retired from the paper after 11 years.

Thank you to Tom Stevenson, a voluntary photographer who deals with the town’s Christenings, and to our many deliverers, who do a fantastic job in every weather conceivable.

Our biggest appreciation, however, is for you, our readers, who make this paper what it is. Without your news and information we would not be able to fill the paper every week. Please keep it coming!

Merry Christmas to you all and we look forward to seeing you all in 2011!

From Jeff, Les, Steph, Sarah & Andrew at The Crier.
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Died 22nd December, 2007  
It’s 3 sad years  
Since you went away  
Loved and missed  
Every day  
Reunited with your loving sister Liz, never will be forgotten till we meet again  
Love Mam, Dad, Daughter Chelsea & Son Paul | **Harry Stainthorpe**  
Died 26th December, 2009  
I miss you most when I need a friend  
On you I could always depend  
Kind and unselfish  
A Husband so true  
My dearest possessions  
Are the memories of you  
Beautiful memories  
Treasured forever  
Of the love and Happiness  
We shared together  
Loved and remembered always  
Your loving Wife Lily  
xxxx | **Joan Pearson**  
20.12.2006  
Mum - 4 years  
Although four years have past, the pain of your passing is easing  
but your memory, all the happy times that we shared and all the love and kindness you showed in your own special way are still very clear, strong and treasured.  
We know you are still there watching over us  
All our deepest love and blessings  
George and boys Richard, Tony & Alan  
xxxx | **Eric Franklin**  
Died 23-12-09  
Sadly missed  
A loving Father & Grandfather  
Love Jill, Philip, Shani, Caillin & McKenzie | **Anne Gibson**  
Thinking of you today and every day  
Your loving Sister, Mary |
| **James Scaife**  
30th December, 2009  
No words can stress  
Our heartache and pain  
Knowing you are gone  
And we can never see you again  
Love you always  
Anne, Stacey, Christopher & Daymond | **Harry Stainthorpe**  
1 Year Today  
Beautiful memories  
Are all we have left  
To love and cherish  
And never forget  
Love from Lily & family | **Kenneth Sambrook**  
20th December, 2009  
Kenny, it is now a year since you left us  
There isn’t a minute of any day that we will ever forget you  
Your loving Wife Barbara & family  
xxxx | **Ian Robinson**  
29th December  
No Birthday wish  
Just loving memories  
For the Son we miss  
Mom & Dad Chapman | **Anne Gibson**  
Remembering you now and always Aunty Anne |
| **Jimmy Scaife**  
30th December  
Laughter and good times with you will always be remembered  
God Bless mate  
Steph, Barry, Pat, Bob, Sandra, John, Lorraine, Tony, Norma & Tony | **Harry Stainthorpe**  
26-12-2009  
A greatly missed Brother-in-Law & Uncle  
Sheila, Stan & family | **Kenneth Sambrook**  
20th December, 2009  
Thinking about you on your Birthday Ian  
Love Kelly | **Ian Robinson**  
29th December  
“Our Kid”  
Thinking of you on your Birthday  
Love Claire, John & kids | | **Rhian Alicia Parker**  
This would have been your 1st Christmas baby  
Thinking of you today  
Just like every day  
Lots of love, hugs & kisses, Mammy & Daddy  
xxxxx | **Rhian Alicia Parker**  
Just a little message to our ‘ickle star’ Rhian to say we think about you every single day, and especially at this time of year, as it would be your first Christmas and what we would do to see you playing with the boxes and paper like ‘ickle’ ones do  
We would give anything baby, as you are so special to us  
We love and miss you so much Rhian |
| **Raymond Taylor**  
26th December 09  
A man with a heart of gold  
Who was always willing To help others  
Loved and remembered always by Jean & family & his many friends. Alas all his walking friends in Cumbria | **Harry Stainthorpe**  
Died 26th December, 2009  
In loving memory of a dear Brother-in-Law  
From Shirley & family | | **Ian Robinson**  
29th December  
Thinking of you on your Birthday  
Love options  | **Rhian Alicia Parker**  
No cards or presents can we give our beautiful little Granddaughter, Rhian  
Lots of love & kisses  
Miss you lots, Gran & Grandad P | **Rhian Alicia Parker**  
Should have been your 1st Xmas, missing the snuggies  
Always in our hearts  
Aunty Haley, Uncle Anth & Cousin Ben |
Christmas Memories

Rhian Alicia Parker
Our ‘little sweet pea’
It should have been your first Christmas
But hope the Angels that called your name will give you what you want.
We would have loved to

So sadly missed Nanna & Grandad Chapman
xxxxx

Rhian Alicia Parker
Rhian, who is with the Angels for Christmas
Thinking of you today

Lots of love and kisses Uncle Colin

Rhian Alicia Parker
To a Niece who is an Angel
Missing you at Christmas

Love and kisses Annty Patricia, Uncle Paul & family

Rhian Alicia Parker
Thinking of your little Angel today

Love Uncle Brian, Auntie Sarah & Cousin Lacy
xxx

Ian Robinson
No presents to give
But in our hearts
You’ll always live

Love Mam & Dad
Chapman
xxx

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‘Our Kid’
Thinking of you this Christmas Day

Love Claire, John & kids
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P.S. Look after our Rhian

Love and miss you always
tonight

1st Christmas without you Mam

Luv Agnes & family
xx

Ann Robinson
God up above
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It would be to bring my Mam home for Christmas

Love and miss you always
Debra & Dave

Ann Robinson
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Love Brian, Sarah & Lacy
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I send you a Christmas kiss
And to let you know
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Merry Christmas
Love your darling Husband
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Love Tina, Daniel & Jonathan
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Always love and miss you
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Love John, Mandy, Gemma, Jodie, David, Kai & Zack

John & Jean Baynham
Happy 40th, 22nd December
Jordon Brown
Happy 13th Birthday Jordon

All our love,
Mam, Dad & Elliott

Ann Bulmer
Happy 16th Birthday Natalie

Love Mam, Dad, Matthew, Shane, Kyle, Nana, Grandad & Kevin
xxx

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Happy 10th Birthday on 24th

Love Daughter Ann, Shaun & kids

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Happy Christmas

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Love Mam, Dad & all her family

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Love and best wishes,
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Happy 21st Son

Love Dad, Sharon, Cassie, Emma & Craig

Ann Robinson
Missing you lots Grandad

Danyelle, Ellis & Charlie
xxx

Ted Bate
Sending you all our love
at Christmas

Love Mandy, Stacey & Becky
xxx

Ted Bate
Missing you lots Grandad

Love Grandkids & Great Grandkids

No presents can we share
But in our hearts
You’re always there

Love always,
Pam, Jean, Celia, Philip & families
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Another Christmas and I still think about you, especially this time of year

All my love,
Kelly
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Happy Christmas Mam
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If I looked all around the world, searching near & far
I would never find a Mam & Nanna as special as you are

Our special Mam & Nanna
Remembering you is easy
It’s the heartache and yearning to touch and look
at your smiling face that’s hard to bare
Our special Xmas twinkling light has gone out for now, but it will shine again in time

Love you forever
Gillian & Charlie, Christopher & Liam
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Dear Santa, please give my Nanna a big kiss

Love Grandkids & Great Grandkids

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Local groups achieve CAVOS awards

At the recent Community and Voluntary Organisations Support Christmas Party and Awards Evening held at Shildon Civic Hall, two of our local groups picked up awards. The Children’s Amateur Theatre Shildon (CATS) group for 8 to 11 year olds was awarded for it’s two successful productions performed in town. The all-singing, all-dancing, all-acting group are currently rehearsing for a third, “Oliver” to be staged in March 2011. The Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network (SCYPAN) also received a special achievement award. The group operates within Shildon and the local area together with other groups such as the Shildon Youth Council and The Shildon Yella to plan, promote and execute activities and programmes to help improve the quality of life for young people and adults in our local community.

Santa Claus is comin’ to town!

Santa will be visiting the Town Square in Shildon on Wednesday 22nd December from 11am to 1pm.

“Come along, he would love to meet you!” said one of his elves, “Don’t forget to come outside your house and wave to Santa on Christmas Eve too. He will be making a tour of the town on his sleigh from 5 o’clock.

Did you know?

In the religious tradition, Christmas season begins at sundown on December 24th, and ends on January 5th with the feast of Epiphany. This is why, the season is also known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.
The real meaning of Christmas

Byerley Road Pre School in their Nativity costumes.

Byerley Road Pre School held their Christmas concert last week; 'The First Nativity, 'The Real Meaning of Christmas.' The hall was packed with proud mothers, fathers and grandparents who came to watch the 38 children, aged 3 and 4 years, perform this special Christmas play. This year, Byerley Road Pre School were privileged to have the services of David Tomlinson, Curate at St. John’s who was narrator. Parents and teachers were delighted with the performance of the children, who had only been practising for four weeks. On Friday morning there was a Christmas Party for all the children, with a visit from Santa. Byerley Road Pre School classes are held Monday to Friday from 8am till 6pm, with a Breakfast Club and an After School Club.

Police appeal to find community centre owner

A break in took place between 11th and 14th December at the former Friend’s Mission Hall at Close House. A water heater, a stainless steel sink and some copper piping was taken from the kitchen of the disused community centre.

The building, which has not been used for four or five years, has suffered severe water damage as a result of this theft. PC Stewart Walker said, “It is unclear who owns the building and, therefore, I am not only appealing for witnesses to the crime but also trying to establish ownership.” PC Walker can be contacted on 0345 60 60 365 with any information pertaining to either the theft, or building ownership. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Christmas park closure

The small Children’s Play Area in Hackworth Park will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. West Road Cemetery will be open on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day from 9am to 4pm.

Monies raised for charity

A Children’s Christmas Party, held at the Jubilee Fields Community Centre recently, raised £818 for Clic Sargent, a children’s charity.

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Frosty the Frozen Motorcyclist

This hardy group of motor cycle enthusiasts from the Aycliffe Bike Club, endured the bitter cold and icy road conditions on Sunday 19th December to visit their friends, Thermals and Vests MCC at Elm Road WMC in Shildon. They collected toys and games which had been donated for their Christmas toy appeal. The gifts will be distributed throughout the area to disadvantaged children and the Wear Valley Women’s Refuge. A spokesperson said, “A big thank you from both bike clubs to all the good people from Aycliffe, Shildon and the surrounding area who donated toys and games. Be assured they will brighten the faces of many children this Christmas!”

Crier Crossword I

Make all the words fit into this crossword. Each word is only used once...

ELF
TOY
GIFT
BELL
TREE
STAR
SANTA
COMET
CUPID
VIXEN
CANDY
FROSTY
WREATH
DASHER
DONNER
SLEIGH
DANCER
CHIMNEY
BLITZEN
RUDOLPH
PRANCER
SNOWMAN
PRESENTS
REINDEER

Christmas Quiz

1. The dragon-slayer, St. George, was born in Cappodocia. In which modern day country is Cappodocia?
2. What are you eating if you are enjoying ‘March Bread’?
3. In which country were Christmas trees banned from the 1920s until 1935?
4. Which Christmas figure wore green in Victorian England?
5. In North America, which organisation is always the first to spot that Santa is underway?
6. In which European country have Christmas parties been cancelled due to the Credit Crunch?
7. Who is the traditional Christmas gift-bringer in regions of Southern Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Hungary and parts of Hispanic America?
8. So legend has it, whilst poking at a fire, the London-based sweet shop owner Tom Smith got the inspiration to make what Christmas dinner accessory?
9. A word for wine that has been spiced and heated.

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Old Shildon WMC

Main Street, Shildon

Officials & Committee would like to thank Michael and all the staff and members, old and new, for their loyal support. Seasons greetings to everyone and special thanks to everyone who has helped the club throughout the year.

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Neil Thompson and all the staff at Smith Roddam Solicitors and The Darlington Building Society, 18 Church Street, would like to thank all of their clients and customers, past, present and future, for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

18 Church Street, Shildon, Co. Durham, DL4 1NB
Knock next door – be a good neighbour this winter

People in Shildon and Middridge are being encouraged to ‘knock next door’ and help out friends and neighbours during the bad weather.

Durham County Council is issuing the call to action as the snow and freezing temperatures return. Residents are encouraged to:
• Be a good neighbour by calling on those living near by to check if they need anything.
• Look after the vulnerable by getting in touch with people who are ill, older or on their own and may need a helping hand.
• Keep driveways and footpaths clear by shovelling snow for friends and neighbours if they struggle to do it themselves and need to go out.

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Tracey Jackson, head of homes for Sedgefield Borough Homes said, “A happy Christmas can easily turn into a miserable new year if you fall into debt.

“It is also a good time to think about starting to save for next Christmas to avoid getting into difficulty in the future.”

Rent can be paid to SBH by direct debit and standing order, at a PayPoint, by card over the phone on 01388 814704 or online at www.sedgefieldborough-homes.co.uk.

SBH’s financial inclusion team can be contacted on 0800 587 4538 or 0300 111 2344.

Kelly’s Cards & Gifts & Computer Repairs
Kelly & staff would like to wish everyone all the best for Christmas and New Year
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Christmas Reflection from
Father Rupert Kalus

I remember as a small boy coming home from school on dark winter evenings. As I turned the corner of our road I could see the light shining in the window of our house at the far end. Instinctively I would quicken my step. Partly it was the desire to get out of the cold, partly the attraction of the programmes I was going to watch on the TV, but mostly I was hurrying just to be home. I wanted to be back in the place where I knew I belonged. I wanted to be free of the anxieties I sometimes felt walking by myself along the darkened streets. I wanted the simple reassurance of warmth and light.

During these cold and difficult weeks leading up to Christmas life has not been easy for many people. Some, especially the infirm and elderly, have been unable to leave their houses at all. Others have known the stress of travel in appalling conditions and of managing work commitments with unexpected child care demands. For others there have been the greater burdens of family difficulty, loss or unemployment. During hard times we all long for the hope and security that light and warmth symbolise. We long for welcome and for rest, for a place truly to call home. One of the great wonders of the Christmas story is that Jesus came to make his home here with us. He came to share our burdens and our difficulties, but also to bring us his joy, love and peace. In the midst of hard times we always have a place to call home. Even in the darkest hours his light shines and it will never be extinguished.

Father Rupert Kalus, St. John's Church, Shildon.

Christmas Message from
Major Linda Watson

What have you put on your Christmas Tree this year? Any really old decorations that that were used 50 years ago or are they new ones? Any lights? What do you put at the top of the tree? A star? An angel? Either one reminds us of the birth of Jesus. Have you put a piece of straw on the tree? You might think it would be pretty useless on its own, a single piece of straw.

When Jesus was born the Roman army and government controlled Palestine. During that time they had a phrase for worthless things. They used to say, “Well, that’s not worth a straw”. But if you think about it, straw is very useful. We use it to make beds for animals and, in some parts of the world, for people. We use it to thatch roofs on houses in lots of places here and abroad. It is used for making clay bricks. We use it to protect crops and vegetables from frost and ground damage. We use it for packing things safely. I am sure you can think of many others.

But why put a piece of straw on a Christmas Tree? It’s a reminder about Jesus. He was born in a stable where there would have been a lot of straw. At the end of His life He was treated by the Romans, and others, as being worthless – not worth a straw. Even at Christmas many people think of Jesus as worthless and discard Him – they don’t give a thought about Him, even on His birthday.

We can know Jesus as being worth far more than we could ever understand. The best gift we could ever have at Christmas is to know Him as a true friend.

May you know the real peace and blessings of this Christmas season.

Major Linda Watson, Salvation Army.
**Crier Christmas Crossword II**

**Down**
1. Another word for present.
2. Something people decorate.
3. What people give each other.
5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
7. A striped Christmas treat.
8. Drink and food left for Santa.
10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
12. The presents are usually ________ the tree.
13. The month of Christmas.
14. Look at a present before you should.
16. The color of Santa's suit.
19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
22. The place where Santa makes toys.
23. Santa's car?
24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
27. A Christmas song.
29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.

**Across**
1. Another word for present.
4. Santa's door?
6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
11. Something on Santa's face.
15. The day after Christmas.
17. Santa's helpers.
18. The day before Christmas.
20. A piece of snow.
25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
28. People put these bright things on their house.
30. A reindeer with a red nose.
31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.

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Poetry Corner

Simply Christmas
By Vince Elsbury

Christmas times are here once more
With icicles and snow galore
Excited and unsleeping girls and boys
All expecting loads of toys
But these days expecting CDs and computer
When I was young it was caps and six shooter
Sledding down Civic Bank with kids in tow
In solid frozen ice and snow
Also at night carol singing for coppers
Scurrying in towns busy shoppers
Both buses and car parks full
During this weather very dull
City and town’s store have Santa Claus
Parents with children, queuing at store doors
Village lights now shining bright
Leading up to Christmas every night.

Letters

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to Mrs. Byre, teachers, pupils and staff of Sunnydale Community College for the wonderful Christmas Party they provided for the pensioners on December 14th. The refreshments and entertainment was first class. Everyone received a gift and students were there to help us get there, and see us home if we required them. I’m sure everyone had an enjoyable time. It’s nice to know someone cares. Thank you, once again, from a grateful pensioner.

Mrs. C. Longstaff
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**Attacker spared jail**

A man who broke his girlfriend’s jaw and perforated her eardrum was spared jail after the court heard how he had already fallen victim to “local justice”. Jason Ainsley-Weighell of Bouch Street, Shildon attended court with a black eye as his lawyer Jonathan Walker told Teeside Crown Court how he has needed to be resuscitated three times by paramedics and doctors after he was beaten up by her angry family.

Mr Walker continued to explain that Ainsley-Weighell suffered fractures to his cheekbone and jaw and was on a life support machine in hospital for three days. The assault came months after he attacked his partner last July, and was followed by another vigilante attack last Friday which left the defendant black and blue.

The court heard how their six year relationship was littered with fights and on July 24th last year they had a drunken argument. Nigel Soppitt, prosecuting, said that after she was pushed onto a bed and punched in the ear and face, the victim tried to call for help but Ainsley-Weighell smashed her phone. She then tried to flee but had her arm pinned in a door.

Judge Howard Crowson told him “It should end in a prison sentence, but I take on board the local justice that you have had meted out to you on more than one occasion.”

Ainsley-Weighell was handed a restraining order to stop him harassing or going near his now former partner and given a nine month jail sentence, suspended for two years.

**Mam can I have a dog for Christmas? No you can have a Turkey like everyone else!**

What do you get if you eat the Christmas decorations? Tinselities!

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Crier Christmas Recipes

Baileys Chocolate Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 100g/3½oz butter
- 250g/8½oz digestive biscuits, crushed
- 600g/1lb 5oz Philadelphia cream cheese
- 25ml/1fl oz Baileys
- 100ml/3½oz icing sugar
- 300ml/10½oz whipped double cream
- 100g/3½oz grated chocolate
- 200ml/7/4oz whipped double cream to garnish
- cocoa powder, to dust

Method

1. Melt the butter in a pan and add the crushed digestive biscuits. Mix well until the biscuits have absorbed all the butter.
2. Remove from the heat and press into the bottom of a lined 18cm/7in springform tin. Place in the refrigerator and allow to set for one hour.
3. Meanwhile, prepare the filling. Lightly whip the cream cheese then beat in the Baileys and icing sugar. Fold in the whipped cream and grated chocolate. When smooth, spoon evenly onto the biscuits.
4. Refrigerate and allow to set for a further two hours. Once set, remove and decorate with whipped cream and cocoa powder dusted over the top. Serve.

Grace’s Baptism at St. John’s

Grace Bell was Baptised at St. John’s Church in Shildon on Sunday. Parents David and Leanne Bell were ever so proud as they watched Reverend Rupert Kalus dutifully baptise their six month old daughter and welcome her into the church. David, a reed-bed constructor and Leanne, an expenses clerk, both of Busty Terrace, Shildon, chose Chris and Gemma Archer, Jenni Dunn, Michelle Gibson and Mark Elwood as Godparents to Grace. Family and friends all gathered together afterwards for a bunfight at Elm Road Club to celebrate the occasion!
Leaflet distribution event

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Answers

Conundrums
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BIRTH OF CHRIST
MISS CHERRY MART
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Crossword II


Christmas Quiz

Did you know?
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Shildon ease Bishop aside

Shildon AFC played their first game in a month when they entertained local rivals Bishop Auckland in the league on Wednesday 15th December 2010. Having lost heavily to Bishop’s in the Durham Challenge Cup in October, the Railwaymen were seeking revenge. They couldn’t have wished for a better start, scoring in the 2nd minute with a blistering strike from 25 yards from Craig Price. Bishop’s levelled the score on 7 mins. when Darren Richardson, from 20 yards shot low, past keeper Gareth Young.

The home side began to find their rhythm, passing the ball around in their usual manner and on 19 mins. they took the lead when a 3 man move from Andrews was through but his shot from the edge of the penalty area hit the post. Right on half time another four man move was finished off by Jamie Harwood, whose blistering shot was unstoppable for 6 - 1. With the games result decided, the 2nd half was always going to be less frantic, however, the home side were still in full control. On 64 mins. Jamie Harwood’s header hit the post, then on 75 mins. a brilliant run by Harwood found Lee Chapman who calmly drove the ball past keeper for his hat-trick. One minute later Chris Hughes, was denied his hat-trick when he was judged to be off-side. Considering that the Railwaymen were several players short on the night, the score line of 7 - 1 shows how much strength Shildon have in their squad.

Final Score: Shildon 7 Bishop Auckland 1


Shildon’s postponed game versus Coalville Town in the FA Vase has been re-arranged for Saturday 8th January 2011.