

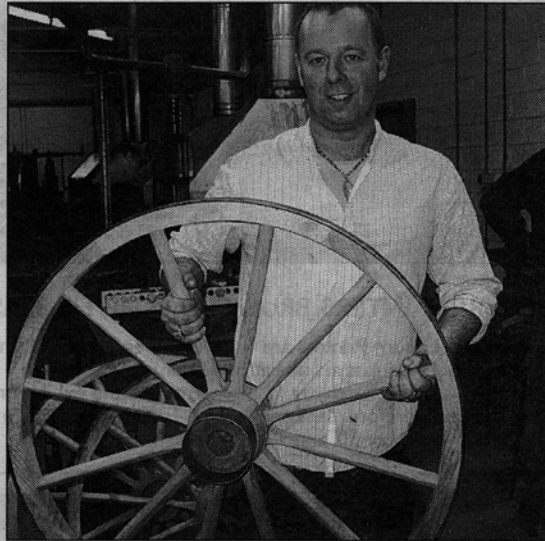
It's Big Lottery cash for RMC

ONE of the Rural Media Company's successful projects, *Travellers' Times*, recently received a new three-year grant from the Big Lottery to help it develop into a more traveller-led publication, as well as to become financially sustainable.

To this end the magazine is completely redesigned in full colour, is taking advertising and two more travellers have been recruited on to the team.

The latest issue pulls no punches, featuring for example the story of Second World War hero Charles MacPhee who, despite his medals for bravery, was forced to bring up his family in a second-hand Nissen hut under a post-war scheme to resettle Scottish tinkers.

Also featured is Redcar traveller Ronnie



▲ Ronnie Winters learning the craft of the wheelwright at Holme Lacy College.

Berniston, working on the wheelright course at Holme Lacy College. When he's not making wagon wheels, Ronnie's skills as a painter are in high demand.

Earlier this year he was commissioned to hand-paint the interior of Chelsea Football Club supremo Roman Abramovich's private jet.

Travellers' Times is the national magazine for gipsies, travellers, and people and organisations who work with them.