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The perfect present . . . Allison can see again Picture : RON BURGESS

Allison wins her battle against blindness

Express Staff Reporter

GOOD MORNING Allison! Your Christmas story is one we are delighted to print.

For when 16-year-old Allison Devlin looked into her family's faces and wished them a Merry Christmas, it was the first time she had been able to see for more than a year.

Allison underwent two sight-giving operations in Greenock just a week ago and yesterday she said at her home at Pleasantside Avenue, Port Glasgow:

"It has given me a whole new lease of life. It has been the best possible Christmas present."

Only a fortnight ago Allison was living in a world of indistinct shadow. Cataracts had formed over both eyes leaving her blind.

Depressing

Said Allison: "It was a nightmare. I could only sit about the house listening to the radio. It was very depressing."

She also had to quit her course at secretarial college.

However, two operations by Greenock consultant Mr Sadhu Gupta changed all that.

Now she is able to go out again and she is hoping to return to college in the new year.

"It has been absolutely great," added Allison. "My eyes are back to normal."

The success of the operation has meant a lot to her parents as well. Her father, Archie, a shipyard electrician, said: "We can never thank Mr Gupta enough."

Her mother Mary said: "Life about the house was very difficult after the blindness. We were all affected and upset by it. It is wonderful to get back to normal living."