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THANKS TO SPONSORS, ALSO IN THE DAY CENTRE & HOLLYGARTH.**

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So here it is – the first Stream entirely produced on the new Magic Machine. It took me several years to feel in control of my ancient Amstrad – I doubt I'll ever feel that confident with this marvel! Devotees will recognise samples of Clip-Art adorning the pages, while Pete takes the credit for importing the rest of the illustrations. We've had great fun – I hope we haven't overdone it! Sending & receiving E-mails has simplified my procedures considerably as some contributors sent their items that way and enquiries for information could be satisfied quickly but without the intrusion of a phone call. I hope to improve on the amateurish appearance of some of the Information Section, given time, but at least the Business Hours have been completely revised in transition. I hope you find it easier to use.

Thanks to the generosity of a kind soul who sent a donation "from a recent arrival in Gt Ayton in appreciation of The Stream", I took the plunge & checked the List of Organisations instead of relying on personal & friends' knowledge, plus the Library File. I made well over 60 phone calls checking that List, so you will realise why I don't do it every time! Answer-phones proved their worth time and again. **Please** – if you become a Secretary, LET THE LIBRARY (AND ME) KNOW. When I rang one number I had to be told that the lady had died 6 months ago. Another 2 had retired from office and left the organisation, having no idea who had taken over. Potential new members need a contact number that works.

The donation also enabled me to give Marian & Sylvia some token recognition of the expenses they quietly absorb as they help to produce The Stream. **Sylvia Wall** has been my Assistant Editor ever since I took on The Stream. She has had less time to spare since her husband retired but still continues advising, contacting contributors, suggesting ideas, researching information, doing initial proof-reading and being ready to help whenever necessary. **Marian Button** is a tower of strength, dealing with the **Advertising**, making contact, collecting details & money, and now producing the adverts on her own Magic Machine, before calmly taking charge of the **Printing at Christ Church**; we are very grateful to have the use of the splendid machine which Marian has an excellent working relationship with! Before we print **Peggy Friend** waits patiently for the pages to arrive, knowing by now that they will all come at the last minute with explanations about the late arrival to me of various promised articles, which delays the final layout, etc. Her meticulous **proof-reading** is then very concentrated, & some pages, such as this one, never reach her, being completed after the first wave of printing is done, while others have to be changed in the last minute flurry!

I have already mentioned **my husband Peter**. Besides producing the pictures he walked the village checking the Business Hours, did the photocopying, helped by Marian (while I waited for the paper to be delivered), will help with the printing if needed and will walk further miles delivering Streams to Aireyholme, Dikes Lane, Gribdale, etc, as well as taking on any area whose regular person isn't available. Add to this living through domestic chaos while I am so preoccupied and his halo dazzles. No wonder I need permanent sunglasses!

A number of kind folk have volunteered – or couldn't refuse! - to help with the **collating at Yatton House**. Never too many, of course, but enough, I hope. The **28 Distributors**, bless them, sound pleased when I ring to ask for their help or genuinely sorry if they will be unavailable. The way our weather is, it's a considerable commitment to deliver anything. The **38 Advertisers** provide the wherewithal to produce the Stream and the **40 Contributors** provide the entertainment & information.

My thanks, on behalf of the CCA, to everyone involved. **We need every one of you.**

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MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS IN GREAT AYTON

The Millennium year was celebrated throughout the village. It began with services in all the Churches and a Firework Display arranged by the Parish Council and organised by Cllr John Fletcher, ably assisted by Ian Holden and Michael Conlon. To judge by the hundreds of people who assembled near Waterfall Terrace and the applause at the final firework, the Display was really appreciated.

Later in the year the Parish Council arranged a week of celebrations starting with the Village Fete, complete with children's races, a wonderful parade of floats and the usual stalls and games. The Rt Hon William Hague and his wife Ffion came along to present the prizes and the weather was kind!

The Dalesman Singers came along and sang in our beautiful Church – a lovely evening. Later in the week a wealth of Ayton talent performed in the Parochial Church Hall for 2 nights, directed by Mary Brown. Many organisations took part, as well as individual performers: they were all so good. I had to attend both evenings and that was a great pleasure for me. I enjoyed it just as much on the second evening as I had on the first. The week culminated with a Ball in a marquee at Langbaugh Hall: another enjoyable evening.

We have a permanent memoir of our village and residents in the Millennium Book so beautifully illustrated by Joni Essex and Joe Cornish.

May I, on behalf of all the Parish Council, say a very big **Thank You** to all who helped to make the week a success: to everyone who gave generously of their time, their expertise and their support, to all who gave so willingly in cash and kind – we are truly grateful.

To end the year 2000 we intend to have another Firework Display at 11.55pm on the 31st December.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

June Imeson Chairman, Great Ayton Parish Council

See Photograph Page



I have commented before, in "The Stream", on the high level of usage of our premises in Stokesley by various groups and organisations. We are, of course, delighted that the

premises are so well used and accept that this will cause wear and tear on our fixtures and fittings. When the lounge was built some years ago, the floor coverings put down were appropriate for the expected use of the premises at that time. However, in recent months, there has been a rapid increase in the deterioration of the ground floor coverings generally, and there was also a need to do some redecorating, and improve the lighting. These various works were done over quite a long period during the summer, much of it being done at weekends by voluntary labour.

Many of you will know that our **Care & Administration Manager** was married at Ayton's Christ Church in September – now **Mrs Sue Allan**. She and Jim held their Reception in the Stokesley Centre, and were among the first to benefit from the refurbishment. It was a fine day and the guests were able to be outside on the lawns, which have also been improved through the efforts of one of our volunteers. We are pleased that the Citizens' Advice Bureau has reopened and is now present in the Stokesley Centre on Fridays from 10.00am to 2.00pm. This is a longer period than before and shows that there is a need for this type of service, giving information and advice.

Finally – I was talking recently with a lady about the Community Care Association. She has lived in Stokesley for many years and has frequently seen the CCA buses travelling around the district. She thought that the buses were provided and operated by Social Services, and was very surprised to learn that this is not the case ... I wonder how many other people don't realise that this local transport system is provided by a charity and all the drivers are volunteers?

Ian Scott, Ch



GLIMPSES INTO THE LIFE OF KATH JOHNSON

Kath Johnson was **Chairman** of the **Gt Ayton CCA** Branch & became **Chairman** of the whole organisation when the Ayton and Stokesley branches amalgamated as **The Community Care Association**, which publishes this magazine for Ayton. It was Kath who asked me to be the Editor.

Miss Edith Buckton knew her very well as "a brave and caring lady, an inspiration to each of us."

She recalls It seems a long time since Kath and her husband, having done missionary work in Africa, came to live in Linden Road, where they made friends easily, but sadly, after a while, the husband died. Kath became interested in the community, becoming ecumenically minded – she loved to worship with the Society of friends, was involved in Methodist Church activities, and supported any Christ Church project. When "Sharing in God's Kingdom" was launched in the village, "I want to have a group in my house," said Kath. "I must find a leader," - and she did! What a happy group it was too: ecumenical, sharing faith and testimony, and gaining inspiration from the lovely colourful garden to be seen through the window.

After a time it became evident that Kath was not well. A tap on my door one afternoon – "It's only me. I've come to tell you the result of the tests – it's been confirmed that I have MS – but I'm going to be brave." It is certainly through this determination that Kath became involved in "Community Care – Caring for the Community". In a wonderful way this sums up her whole life, for she loved people, and where there was a need, something was done about it. Kath was a founder member of the Village Luncheon Club and helped each Friday for many years. She made it her concern to attend Community Care meetings, not always agreeing with what was being proposed, but standing up and saying so and being positive about a suggestion in its place.

When Kath moved into a bungalow in Beech Close she was so excited for the Community seemed closer. Her home was "Open House" and visitors were always welcome, aware that any empty spot was now blooming, for she loved the beauty of flowers. Kath also loved a game of Scrabble and soon found a neighbour with whom to play! Later Kath felt the need to retire from Community Care (but not from caring for the Community!!). Not very long ago a celebration, to mark this occasion, was held in the Parochial Church Hall, when she was presented with gifts and flowers, and words appreciative of all the Service rendered were spoken. Earlier this year Kath managed to travel South to attend the wedding of her daughter – a joyous occasion – how she loved it! Sadly, before she could return home, her time on this earth came to a close. How pleased she would have been to know that the Community cared for her, as was shown by a lovely service held a little later, the hanging basket outside her home glorious in all its beauty.

As part of my MSc in I.T. I chose to do a project investigating ways in which rural communities can benefit from the use of IT. So far there have been three main areas that I have addressed:

1. A **website** dedicated to all things Great Ayton was constructed. This can be found at:
www.great-ayton.org.uk.

It covers a lot of the village and its institutions but is not 100% complete. If anyone would like things adding to it or changing they should contact me on **724377**. The response to the website has been very good but it is due for a revamp in the not too distant future. If anyone would like to help with this they should contact me for details.

2. A **suite of computers** will soon be available to the village at Roseberry School.

Whilst doing my MSc it was agreed by the University of Teesside that they would pay for twenty computers to be installed in the village to allow the community to take advantage of InformationTechnology.

University sponsored courses will be run in the main areas of word processing, spreadsheets, databases, general I.T. and the Internet. These courses will be **FREE** to all and successful candidates will receive a UCPD (University Certificate in Professional Development).

The computers will also be available for the school to use, thus benefiting the children's development a great deal. Other potential uses would be for teleconferencing and generating revenue.

3. I have recently launched an **Online Great Ayton Club** at Yahoo:

<http://uk.clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/greataytononline?as>

The idea for this is that people can leave messages for others in or out of the village. It should be like a meeting place where people can chat (in the real time chat room) or leave requests for information. I envisage it being used for things such as seeing if people want to car-share, catching up on gossip, checking the latest results in the local leagues, etc.

There are no limits to what it can be used for so please get out there and use it! It could even be used for groups such as the Twinning Association to hold real time chat sessions.

This article merely scratches the surface of what we can achieve through the use of I.T. in the village. I would love to see us making money for the local economy through the development of such things as Telecottaging, Teleworking, etc.

If anyone has an idea they would like to explore then please contact me. I.T. can make the village a lot more prosperous and less dependent on lower paid menial jobs. If we work as a community to achieve this then we could make the world sit up and take notice.

Steven Kirby

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The Darlington & Stockton Times

Robert Lappin is your **new** local correspondent, taking over from Carole Freeman. The weekly D&S, published every Friday, specialises in reporting local news and events.

If you have a forthcoming event you wish to advertise in the Page 2 column for Great Ayton and district, would like an article writing for your organisation, or to record any local events, stories or achievements, please contact him:

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or leave information in the box in the **Library**.

The deadline for receiving details is preferably the **MONDAY** before publication.

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Evening Gazette & Herald & Post

Karen Bell is your **new** Evening Gazette reporter covering Stokesley, Great Ayton and the surrounding area, replacing Julie Martin, as well as being responsible for Editorial in the North Yorkshire Herald & Post.

Originally from Darlington, Karen still lives in County Durham and has worked for the Gazette since 1989 in a variety of roles including District Reporter in Stockton, Consumer Affairs specialist and Education & Training Reporter.

She took over the reins at our Stokesley office in July, and aims to ensure all the news and events happening in the area get the coverage they deserve in both the Gazette and the Herald & Post. Wherever possible Karen will be attending local Parish Council meetings and hopes to get out and about meeting as many local people as she can, but she also needs your help, so - whether you are organising a fundraising event for a local charity, have achieved something special, or have a story to tell, please contact her.

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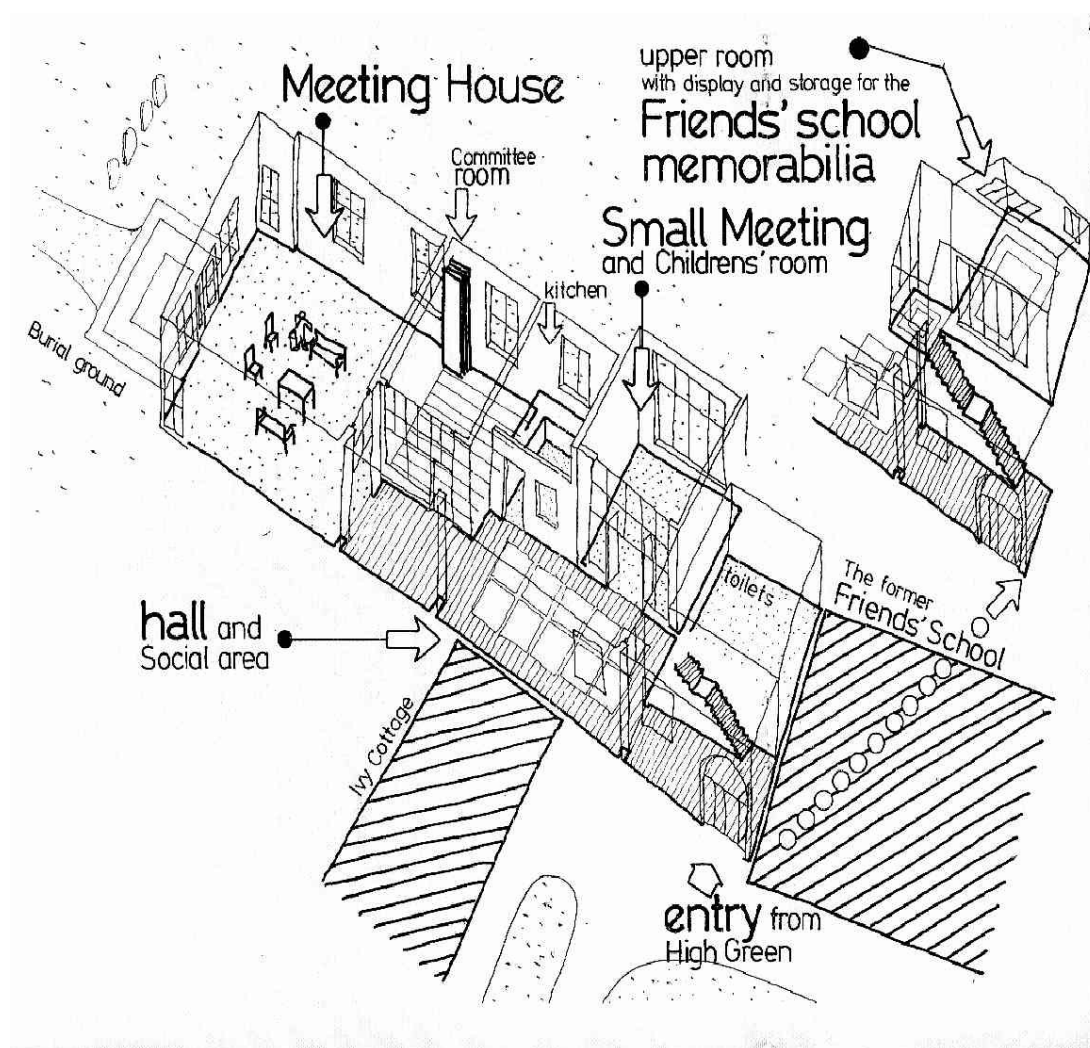
QUAKERS ON THE MOVE

Quakers in Great Ayton have for the last eighteen months been planning and working for their vision of a Meeting House that can serve God's purposes in the village.

Now we have reached the exciting stage when dreams become reality. We have the removal men booked and the builders will quickly follow! Quakers will gather at Yatton House for worship on Sunday mornings for the next eighteen weeks, where anyone who would like to join us will be welcome.

Next Spring we should be ready to welcome everyone to the new Meeting House – it could be for a cup of tea, a sit down or a chat, an educational course or a meeting. But vitally we want to offer the opportunity, to all seekers after Truth, of a quiet place where they may join with like-minded people, trying to gain a sense of that infinitely wider and deeper perspective which we call God.

Joyce Trotter



Frustration led to a group of Great Ayton residents joining forces and taking action to reopen a much needed and missed Youth Club in the village.

One mother, **Mrs Caroline Brown**, recognising the problem of bored children hanging around the village corners, approached various organizations and the Local Authority for advice. She then spoke to friends and other concerned parents and, importantly, the children themselves were asked what they wanted. They were unanimous that they wanted something! Anything!

Soon there was a band of merry helpers eager and willing to join in and the club reopened its doors in April 2000 for Junior members. The Youth Club has been running from 6pm until 7.45pm on Friday evenings, and last term boasted a membership of 105. From September 8th a Senior Youth Club was opened on the same evening, 8pm until 10pm. The first night was a huge success: there were 40 children and, after listening to the feedback from those who attended, the numbers are expected to rise. The members pay 50p and all monies are put back into the Club.

The Club offers a variety of activities such as pool, table tennis, video, music, football, basketball, netball, a tuck shop and crafts. The Youth Club policy is to provide a safe-from-harm environment for its members and Youth Workers. The Youth Workers are all volunteers and **anyone offering help on a permanent or rota basis can obtain a registration form via the Youth Club.**

Some people in the community were sceptical of the venture and so support and reassurance were needed to encourage the volunteers to keep going and to achieve their aim. This support came from many quarters along the way and a big Thank You goes out to all:

Stokesley Youth Workers and former **Methodist Youth Workers** gave advice and secured a start-up grant of £200.

North Yorkshire Police have given encouragement and backing from the beginning and were present at planning meetings, offering their full support.

North Yorkshire County Council have purchased equipment to be used by the Club.

The Methodist Church has given the use of the Youth Hall and arranged for the Youth Workers to have training in Christian youth work.

Two local shops have helped:

Thompson's Hardware has given a disco ball;

Bells have offered 2 videos each Friday evening.

Hollygarth Line Dancers gave £50;

Residents of Hollygarth gave skittles and bowls.

Going back to the beginning of this article – only a small area of the original problem has been addressed. The volunteers have given the children an alternative to hanging about the streets on Friday evenings **WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 6 ??**

J Walker



The Scout Group within the village continues to offer our young people the chance of a wide range of activities, developing initiative & teamwork whilst having fun and making new friends.

The Beaver colony is thriving and the boys are enjoying team games as well as crafts. We have a stable leadership for the time being, which looks promising for the future.

Both **Cub Packs** are starting a new term after a very successful summer one. They held their annual camps in late June/early July and the boys seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves:

Endeavour pack camped at Crag Bank Scout Campsite (nr Kildale) and all the boys slept under canvas for the weekend. This was a new experience for many of them, but torrential rain and rivers of mud only seemed to add to the enjoyment! Camp began with a short walk to the site from Gribdale across open moorland. Friday evening saw a "Wide Game" in the surrounding woods, whilst the highlight of Saturday was the trip to Whitby & a ride on the Old Whitby Lifeboat, before fish and chips and then back to the site for the traditional Sing Song around the Campfire. Sunday saw the boys cooking their own lunch on open fires before some more games and then packing up.

Monument pack camped at Woodhouse Farm and again all the boys slept under canvas for the entire weekend. Friday evening saw a "Wide Game" based on the theme of Mohawk Indians. Saturday saw an excursion to the Maze at the Forbidden Corner near Middleham, then on to a Falconry Centre near Sion, where the boys were treated to a fantastic display by the birds on show. All this and then back to the site for a pow-wow and Sing Song around the fire, before the boys took turns to cook sausages inside a wigwam. This was a sight that had to be seen to be believed as smiling and laughing faces regularly popped out of the wigwam, eyes streaming from the smoke, before returning to their precious sausages! Sunday morning saw sand dune jumping at a local beach before returning to take down tents & await a lift home to take a much-needed bath.

Both packs **also enjoyed doing traditional outdoor skills, craft evenings, cooking, games and activities to help the boys to earn badges that they can proudly display on their uniforms.**

Scouts also had a great summer term of outdoor activities, inter-troop competitions, games and camping. Our troop represented Ayton at the North Yorkshire scout camp called Tookay. This was a camping competition for all scouts in the North Yorks area. We were proud to win the Volleyball for both our Subcamp and the Overall Camp – which involved beating Stokesley in the final! We also won our Subcamp 5-a-side Football competition and came runners up in the Overall Camp 5-a-side. The troop received an excellent write up for the Ready-Steady-Cook competition with comments being made on an excellent menu, well cooked and very tasty (if a little untidy in presentation). A special mention needs to go to 3 of the troop who were presented, by the Chief Scout himself, with their **Chief Scout Award** - probably the most prestigious that can be gained by any member of the scout troop:

Congratulations to CHRIS LEVETT, ANDREW CUTLER and STUART WALKER.

The scout troop continues to grow in numbers as word gets around about the great time being had by all. The biggest disadvantage the troop currently faces is a lack of **Helpers and Leaders**. We desperately need more adult support if we are to be able to offer these facilities to ALL the young people in the village who want to join the troop. The troop is made up of some rare individuals who seem intent on having a good time and doing a fine job of representing our village in the country. The Leaders have as much fun as the scouts, and get deep satisfaction from seeing young members of our community develop from children into responsible young adults, having learnt many of the basic social skills they will need to survive in today's world. If **YOU** can give just a few hours a week on a **Thursday** evening during term time we want to hear from you: please contact me, **Ken Nicholson (Group Chairman): 722740**, and start to do some of those things you've often wished you could.

Finally - **our plans for the future**. We are in the early stages of redeveloping our existing Headquarters. Decisions have been made on what is needed for the group to continue into the future and plans are being drawn up for submission to the various authorities for approval. We will need to raise some significant funds as our plans will probably involve the complete demolition of our present building. We hope to be able to give more details of our vision in the near future, as they become available. This is a long-term project and **fund-raising** will play a significant part if we are to realise our dream and be able to offer members of our community the best facilities. Again, if **YOU** can offer any support in raising money, please contact me:

Ken Nicholson, Group Chairman



In the last issue of The Stream I told you about 2 exciting events that we were planning. Now that they have taken place I thought that you might like to hear how we got on.

Tookay at Ripley Castle, 29th July – 5th August

On Saturday, 29th July, despite the rain, over 1,500 Scouts, Guides and Leaders arrived at Ripley Castle to put up the tents that were going to be their homes for the following week. At midnight, Tookay was officially declared open with a spectacular Ceremony of Spreading the Light. Every individual at camp was given a candle, which was lit during the ceremony. There were visitors from Norway, America and Ukraine and during the week we were visited by the Chief Scout and Chief Guide.

Sunday was spent planting new trees at Fewston reservoir. This was part of an ongoing project called "Trees of Time and Place", sponsored by Yorkshire water. Some Scouts and Guides had grown their own trees from seeds planted 2 years ago. There were several foresters on hand to make sure that we did the job properly and to answer our questions. At the same time there were about 600 Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows and Brownies planting trees in the grounds of Ripley Castle.



On Wednesday about 100 children and Leaders produced a Gang Show in a day, which was enjoyed by the rest of us in the evening. Those not involved in the Gang Show spent the day doing activities that involved everyone getting to know each other. Wednesday was also the day when we had some visitors to the site, including my husband who had been persuaded to bring the fresh food that we needed. The rest of the week was spent doing a wide range of exploits including Archery, Abseiling, Crafts, Orienteering, Sub-aqua diving, Kayaking

On the final day of the camp we saw Stokesley Scouts playing Great Ayton Scouts in the final of the volleyball competition in an atmosphere like that at a Football Derby match. Finally, this very eventful and enjoyable week came to a close at midnight on the Friday after we had all gathered together for a huge campfire. It was wonderful to see so many young people from both the Scout and Guide movements working so well together and having such a great time.



London, 8th & 9th September

I am writing this article the day after 77 Brownies, Guides and Leaders spent the day in London. We all travelled down on Friday night in 2 coaches, the Guides making their way to the Guide Heritage Centre while the Brownies were going to BP (Baden-Powell) House.

After arriving at the Heritage Centre at 11.15pm, the Guides spent an hour exploring the place, which included many hands-on activities. After being kept awake until 1.30am it was time for the Leaders to get their own back when at 7.00am the following morning we woke the girls up for breakfast ready to continue their tour of the Centre.

After a stroll in Kensington Gardens the Brownies arrived at the Centre at 10.30am for their tour. While they were enjoying discovering the history of guiding and trying out different guiding activities the Guides went for a short walk to see such sights as Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye.

At midday we all met up to have a short coach tour round London before proceeding to our London World Centre Pax Lodge. There we met young Leaders from America, Australia, Poland and Japan. They spent a long time telling us about the history of the London World Centre and showing us round the building. The day was rounded off with a trip to McDonalds on the way home where we arrived, exhausted but happy, just before 10.00pm.

Julie Harrison, District Commissioner

In the recent fuel dispute we witnessed an escalating crisis that started with fuel and careered into food shortages and breakdown of essential services.

Imagine this as a perpetual way of life and you will have logged on to something of life in many parts of the world.

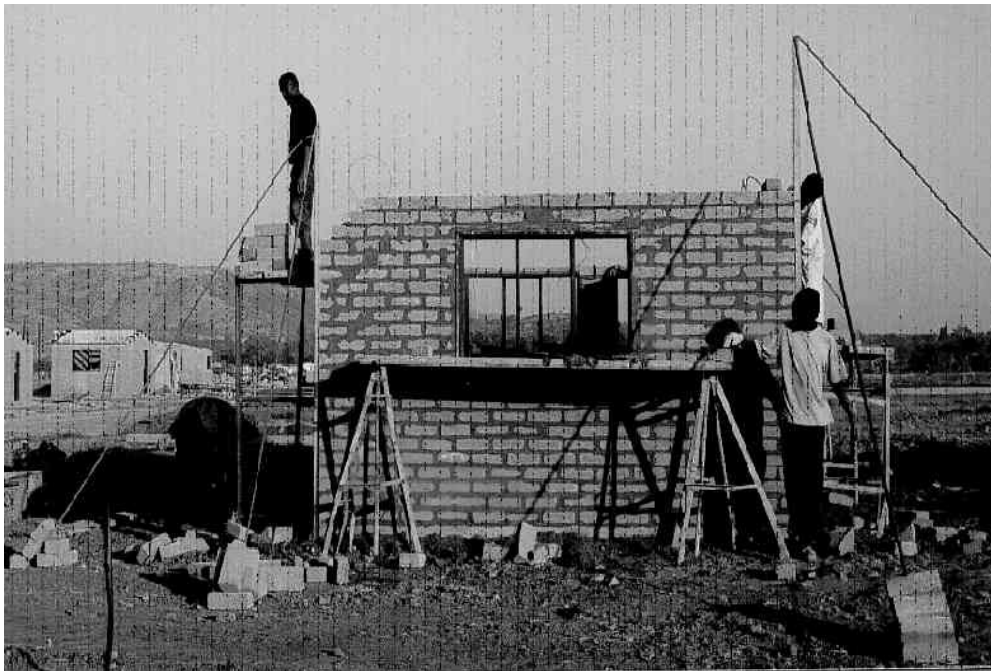
In Mamelodi, a few miles north of Pretoria, the local Methodist Church, under the leadership of Londi Zulu, is attempting to rebuild a broken world of people immobilised by a lack of resources and who are trying to etch out a living in the midst of a sprawl of informal shack housing settlements.

Ravaged by 50 years of apartheid the community leaders such as the Reverend Zulu are looking for Genesis type projects which will create a new hope and prosperity for the community.

The Great Ayton Methodist Church is supporting a project to finance sewing machines to create new industry within the Mamelodi community.

The community is within the Methodist Circuit (parish) which the Reverend Dermot Thornberry came from in South Africa. This offers the benefit of relating with this community on a personal basis, leading to new understanding and empathy for struggling third world societies.

For further information contact **Rev Dermot Thornberry** 722437
Methodist Minister, Great Ayton



We would like to thank Soprano **Mary Baines** for what seems like a lifetime's Service to the choir, from its early days over 40 years ago as Mary Donaldson's Methodist Chapel Guild Concert Party, long before it developed into The Angrove Singers.

Norman Miller has been singing Bass with the choir and has also been our leading Bass soloist for many years and we thank him for all he has given to the Angrove Singers throughout his membership.

We miss them both and hope to continue to see Mary, and Norman and his wife, at our concerts in the future.

..... AND INTRODUCE A NEW CONDUCTOR

Margaret Heaton was appointed to this post during the summer vacation.

After obtaining her first degree from what is now the Royal Northern College of Music and a teaching diploma from Birmingham University, she taught in secondary schools and teacher training colleges in the north west, taking a sabbatical year at Sussex University in 1977 to do advanced studies with Britten's chief biographer Donald Mitchell before moving from the post of Director of Music at the Queens School Chester to get married and live in Great Ayton with her husband Neil.

Five years later, after having two children, she returned to teaching. She moved between Comprehensives and Sixth Forms, conducting performances of works including **Messiah** and **Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat** and taking the opportunity to compose the incidental music for **Twelfth Night**, which was performed by the students at South Park Sixth Form College.

In 1994 she was appointed Director of Music at Ayton School where she collaborated with the drama department and directed performances of **Oliver** and **Dido and Aeneas** in the Rosehill Theatre. The school orchestra, which she conducted, carried away trophies from both Saltburn and Middlesbrough Music Festivals. The school choir gave performances of Vivaldi's **Gloria**, Horowitz' **Captain Noah** and Fauré's **Pavane**.

Recently Margaret has taught privately at home, continuing her 15 year association as accompanist with Stokesley and District Choral Society and occasionally accompanying the Cleveland Philharmonic Choir. She has adjudicated at music festivals and latterly become the deputy organist at Ayton's Christ Church.

Margaret was delighted to be able to accept the invitation to direct the Angrove Singers after a gap of 3 years without conducting. She hopes that her stay will be a happy and successful one for the Angrove Singers.

Chris Middleton, Chairman

Future Angrove Concerts for your Diary:

Christmas Concert: Saturday 9th December
 Easter Performance: Fauré's "Requiem", **Good Friday** 13th April
 Summer Soirée: Saturday 7th July 2001

All will be held in the Methodist Church and Youth Hall – watch for posters in due course.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

War Time Memories- May/June 1940

Out of the Jaws of Death? As a Territorial Unit of the Royal Artillery, we were due to embark at Harwich in the latter half of May for Belgium and Holland, but it was too late – the Lowland Countries were being fast over run by the invading German forces driving towards the Channel ports and the embarkation order was cancelled. Had it not been so, we might not have lived to tell the tale – perhaps being taken prisoners of war, killed in the fighting or mercifully caught up in the Dunkirk evacuation late May/early June.

From then onwards, we were engaged in a 24 hour vigil of guarding the Essex coastline against invasion - by barges being assembled in the Lowland ports or by parachute or glider landings. These very real threats were thwarted by a combination of British air and sea power. Hitler realised then that invasion of these isles was not on and turned his attention to trying to break the morale of the British people by intensive night and day bombing raids on London and other big cities.

This was the time when we were utterly alone against the mighty forces of the Reich, buoyed up by the defiant speeches of our great wartime leader: Winston Churchill.

Indeed – these were stirring times to live through – now memories of 60 years ago.

2088810 Gunner F. J. Garman R.A.

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<p>In Autumn 1999 we told you of a Union Jack, in the possession of the Royal British Legion, which could be borrowed to drape the coffin of a current or former member of the Armed Forces. Any bereaved family wishing to use the Flag should ring 723116.</p>
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EGG, BACON AND LEEK PIE

from Mrs Rose Featherstone

Ingredients

6 oz Shortcrust Pastry
 4 oz Leeks, washed & thinly sliced
 6 oz Streaky Bacon, diced
 4 Eggs
 Salt, Black Pepper and Nutmeg

Set the oven for 400deg. F / 200deg. C / Gas Mark 6**Method**

1. Line a 7inch pie dish with pastry, keeping enough for a thin lid.
2. Put the layer of leeks onto the pastry, then the layer of bacon.
3. Break the eggs on top, season then add Nutmeg.
4. Cover with a thin layer of pastry.
5. **Bake for about 40 minutes.** Serve hot or cold.

MIXED COOKIES

from Mrs K Parker

Ingredients

6 oz Butter
 3 oz Icing Sugar
 5 oz Plain Flour
 2 oz Custard Powder

1 oz Cocoa
 Walnuts to decorate dark ones.
 Cherries to decorate plain ones.

Method

1. Cream the butter & icing sugar, then add the flour & custard powder.
2. Divide the mixture into two halves.

With one half:

3. Make small balls.
4. Flatten them with a fork.
5. Decorate them with the cherries.

With the other half:

6. Add the cocoa.
7. Make small, flattened balls.
8. Decorate them with walnuts.

9. Bake at 325deg F / Gas Mark 3 for 15 minutes.**CHOCOLATE CREAM**

from Mrs J Readman

Ingredients

5 fluid oz Double Cream
 5 fluid oz Yogurt
 Dark Chocolate
 Sugar to decorate

Method

cream. Stir in the yogurt.
 chocolate and stir into cream mixture.
 bowl or individual dishes.
 with dark brown sugar.
Leave for 8-12 hours or overnight.



Imagine, if you can, that you have been given a billion and a half pounds to spend on something to benefit others.

What sort of things would you consider? Perhaps new hospitals, money spent in medical research, more treatments and operations available on the National Health, new schools, better pay for nurses and teachers. Perhaps you would like to give a windfall benefit to pensioners, disadvantaged members of society or various charitable groups.

If you could do all this in the UK, imagine how much more you could do in some of the poorest countries of the world!

It is estimated that in Lottery Grants, Sponsorship deals, etc, the Millennium Dome has cost a billion and a half pounds. At the end of this year it is going to close down, and at the time of writing they are not sure whether they can sell it or will even demolish it. Yet this was our Nation's high profile response to the Millennium. It seems to have completely missed the mark. Why?

We shouldn't be too surprised because it was only what we do each Christmas, only magnified a million fold. We take a religious celebration, keep the celebration and throw out the religious bit. Unfortunately, the baby thrown out with this bath water was the one born in the manger at Bethlehem. Christmas and the Millennium, both have at their heart the person of Jesus Christ, and when we try to deny that we empty the occasion of its significance and meaning, and our celebrations ring hollow.

What the Millennium Dome lacked was a spiritual heart in its vision. If this had been there, then they may have realised that spending a billion and a half pounds remembering one born in a manger was not the way forward. The people who went may have had a good day out, but could anyone justify such an immense amount of money for such a venture when it could have been used more wisely?

Jesus gave us two great commandments, to love God with everything we have, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. What a marvellous opportunity we have missed, but there are still plenty more for us to take advantage of, each and every day, regardless of Millenniums.

Paul Beverell - Vicar of Great Ayton

CHRIST CHURCH

Thursday 14th December

7.30pm Christmas Carols *at Newton Church*

Sunday 17th December

6.00pm Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December

7.30pm Carols by Candlelight *at All Saints Church*

Christmas Eve

2.00pm Christmas Communion *at HollyGarth*

5.00pm Children's Crib Service

10.00pm Christmas Communion *at Newton Church*

11.30pm Midnight Mass – Joint with Methodists

Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Christmas Communion

AR IN GREAT AYTON

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Rock Club Christmas Celebration

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight

11.30pm Joint Service at Christ Church

Christmas Day

11.00am Christmas Celebration

ST MARGARET'S R.C. CHURCH

Christmas Eve

8.00pm

First Mass of Christmas

- Preceded by Carols at 7.30pm

Christmas Day

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Friday 22nd December

7.00pm on High Green. Everyone welcome

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (at Yatton House)

Sunday 17th December

10.30am

Meeting for Worship

Christmas Eve

HELP! SPARE WHITE PAPER....

..... FOR DEPRIVED SCHOOLS & ORPHANAGES?

Most of us dislike all “The Bumf” that comes through the letterbox each day, and regret even more the waste of paper - and valuable trees! But perhaps there is an opportunity to turn this miserable facet of modern life into a useful resource for children who desperately need paper for essential writing and drawing activities in schools or orphanages in places such as Poland or Romania, or maybe Africa.

I wonder if this could be arranged locally, perhaps through organisations that already send or take other goods to some of these places?

I am already saving all my white or clean paper from envelopes or paper printed only on one side, in the hope of passing it on to an appropriate collector. Many of us could easily collect such re-usable paper separately from paper for recycling – but at the moment I don’t know of anyone willing to collect, store and deliver it to those who need it especially those orphanages in Eastern Europe.

Can any readers of The Stream help in this matter? If you know of any charity or organisation – such as Rotary, Scouts or the Churches – who might be interested in developing a “White Paper “ scheme, please contact the Editor, Carol Morgan, **722897**, or me: **700819**. At least we may not feel so bad about all “The Bumf” if it can be put to good use!

Meg Hoggarth

34 DIARY OF A SPECIES PROTECTION WARDEN!

The Little Tern, *Sterna albifrons*, is the smallest member of the Tern family. It is also the 2nd rarest breeding seabird in Britain: only its cousin, the Roseate tern, is scarcer. Both species are struggling to maintain numbers in this country. This population decline is, as is usually the case, largely due to human disturbance. Little Terns are colonial breeders, whose preferred breeding habitat is open sand or shingle beaches. Unfortunately for them, just the kind of beaches we also enjoy using. Terns breed on these beaches between the months of May and September – the time when human activity there is also at a peak.

Little Terns have been breeding on one such beach near Beadnell in Northumberland since the 1950s. In 1977 the national Trust employed the first Warden to protect the birds and give them an increased chance of breeding success. That was the year I was born. 23 years later, having just graduated from University and eager to put my Zoology degree to good use, I managed to get an interview for the job of Species Protection Warden. 3 weeks later I found myself building a hut, my home for the next 3 months, in the middle of nowhere, with a person I had never met before. I have to admit, at this point I was wondering what I had let myself in for. As it turns out, it was one of the best experiences of my life.

The birds arrived at 5am the next morning – about 500 Arctic Terns who now also take advantage of the protected area. For the next few days I was woken at first light by hundreds of new recruits noisily announcing their arrival from the Antarctic and checking out their new home. Within about 3 weeks of the first sighting we had over 1200 pairs of Arctic Tern on site and the first egg had been laid. More importantly, though, the site had maintained Little Tern numbers from the previous year: 43 pairs had begun making their shallow scrapes in the sand. 4 days after the first Arctic Tern egg was seen, the first, life-changing Little Tern egg was spotted. I had thought we were working hard already, putting up rope fences, electric fences, signs and barriers, running after dogs, and people, who got too close, as well as monitoring the bird numbers and progress. Now it was time for 24 hour protection.

Arctic Terns are very aggressive birds, good at protecting their young (as anyone who has ever visited the Farne Islands is probably well aware). In fact, the presence of such a large number of Arctics is very beneficial for the more timid Little Tern. Despite the constant dive-bombing and head pecking, they definitely made my job easier and successfully defended themselves and the adjoining Little Tern colony, from attacks by crows, gulls, kestrels, sparrowhawks and one juvenile peregrine who fancied his chances. In fact, they attacked pretty much anything and everything that went near them, including any rabbits unlucky enough to have a burrow near the colony.

Unfortunately for me, though, foxes are one predator that the terns could not handle. This was where the Wardens came into it. From the moment the chicks first hatched the foxes appeared. Every night, between 10.30pm and 4am the foxes would attempt to approach the colony. Two foxes, small, fast, intelligent and hungry, in a battle of wits againstme, cold, tired and desperately trying to cover all 4 sides of the colony at once, and armed only with a very powerful torch. This was our saving grace. When you catch a fox in torchlight its eyes reflect bright white, so, by scanning the torch around the dunes and along the beach every couple of minutes you could spot them. Then it was a race to get to them before they got to the birds. The trick was to sneak up as close as you could and then hit it with all your loudest animal noises at close range. This usually did the trick – for about half an hour.

The foxes, as it turned out, were the least of our worries. Yes, they were hard work but at least we could do something about them and managed somehow to keep them at bay. The weather and tides were beyond our control. As Little Terns nest just above the high tide

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line, their eggs were very vulnerable to being washed out, particularly if the tides were relatively low when the nests were made. The idea is, when you know there is going to be a high tide, you raise the nests nearest the high water mark onto wooden boxes; the bird can then continue to incubate the eggs whilst the water washes around below her. It is tricky to do as you must recreate the nest site exactly on top of the box, with all the landmarks such as stones, shells and seaweed in the original spot otherwise the birds will simply not recognise the nest as their own and will abandon it. This is also the reason why you can not simply move the nests up the beach out of harm's way, which would be much easier. This method is usually very effective.

Our first losses came at the beginning of June when spring tides influenced by low pressure washed through the site taking 70% of the Little Tern eggs with them. It was heart-breaking. We had spent hours raising scrapes only to stand by helpless and watch the highest tide in years wash the boxes and the eggs away. The worst part was watching the birds hovering over the spot where their eggs had been, only to find bare sand below them. Little Terns are determined birds though, and within a week most of the birds had re-laid. This was when the English "summer" began, and we all knew about it. Gale force winds ripped through the site, covering eggs in 3 inches of sand. Our attempts to dig them out failed and again the Little Terns were back to square one. So determined were the birds to incubate during these conditions that one Arctic Tern adult was actually buried alive on her nest, so strong were the instincts that told her not to leave her eggs.

Just when it seemed that the season was destined to be a non-starter, a period of fine weather encouraged the remaining adults to re-lay an unprecedented 3rd clutch. This time mother nature was slightly kinder and the vast majority hatched and survived through to fledging. It was amazing to see the whole process, from the eggs being laid, the first balls of fluff gaping for food, learning to fly, and only 3 weeks after they hatched, preparing to make the gruelling journey to West Africa where they spend the winter.

The more robust Arctic Terns were relatively unaffected by the bad weather, having adapted to breed further up the beach in the shelter of the marram grass. They had a fantastic season with almost 100% of hatchlings surviving to fledge. Ringed Plover also bred amongst the Terns and with only 12 breeding pairs giving rise to 47 fledglings this is the most important breeding ground in Northumberland for this species. Stonechat, Meadow Pipit and Skylark also took advantage of the protected area and nested successfully in the dunes within the site.

So, almost 4 months after I had arrived, I watched over 1800 Arctic and only 19 Little Tern fledglings set off on their first real journeys. The site was quiet again for another year. I felt very proud but sad to see them go. Hopefully, in a few years they will be back to breed themselves. For me, it's back to running water, electricity, a comfy bed and sleeping when it's dark. The dreams about chasing foxes are bound to fade with time.

Victoria Lewis

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the **Reading Relay** this summer. Over 50 children from the village managed to complete the scheme and have received certificates and medals for their efforts. Well done to you all!

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Do you know anyone in Great Ayton who is **housebound** and would appreciate having their **Library Books delivered**? If so, please contact me, the Librarian, Chris Bower, at Stokesley Library: 711592 for further information.

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Take your place in **CYBERSPACE!**

Internet Access is still free of charge at Great Ayton Library. You can book sessions of 15 mins, 30 mins or 1 hour by calling in at the Library or by phoning 723268.

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The Library Service circulates its stock and before the end of the year Great Ayton Library will have received, from elsewhere in the Northallerton Group of Libraries, a selection of titles in the following categories:

Thrillers, Westerns, Crime, & Romance Books, plus general Adult Fiction; Videos; Junior Story tapes; Teenage Books; Large Print Books; Audio Books for Adults; Non-Fiction Books on Travel, History, Gardening and Pets.

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Finally – look out for our regular **Newsletter**, posted around the village to keep you up to date with what's going on at YOUR local Library!

Chris Bower, Librarian

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY **- USE IT OR LOSE IT!!**

Vital Statistics always matter!

We have recently lost the chance to borrow CDs from the Library – they were put on special offer but the numbers did not increase enough so

If our usage figures continue to decline they will provide the excuse for the opening hours to be reduced further – or even for complete closure.

Our Library is far too useful to the Community in so many ways to let this happen. Please do all you can to use it regularly - in ways that can be recorded and counted.

Editor

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday:	9.30am - 12.30pm &	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday:		2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday:	9.30am - 12.30pm &	2.00pm - 7.00pm (late night)
Friday:		2.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday:	9.30am - 12.30pm	

Closed: All day Sunday & Monday;

Wednesday morning, Friday morning & Saturday afternoon.

GREAT AYTON WEDNESDAY MORNING FORUM

Are **YOU** “at large”, on Wednesday mornings during Autumn & Spring terms?
If so, **Ayton’s popular** Lecture series for “retired” people may suit you perfectly:

50p entrance charge procures 2 hours of refreshments and entertainment!

- * coffee and biscuits, served from 10 -10.30, with time to chat to friends,
- * the lecture of the day, usually with slides, & a chance to talk to the lecturer afterwards,
- * all in the comfort of the Village Hall from 10.00am – 12 Noon.

10 meetings were arranged from October to December: there are still several to enjoy –

feel free to join in next week – you don’t have to wait until next term:

Wed 1 st Nov	“Africa and Canada”	Rev Phillip Bishop
Wed 8 th Nov	“Nepal & Khatmandu: a Trek to Annapurna”	Ms Pauline Bastow
Wed 15 th Nov	“Morocco and the Atlas Mountains	Mr Jon Hasson
Wed 22 nd Nov	“History of The Fleet Air Arm”	Lt Andrew G Linsley RN (Rtd)
Wed 29 th Nov	“Ancient Inventions”	Mr Shaun Ivory
Wed 6 th Dec	“The Great Wall of China”	Mr Peter Titchmarsh

A further **10 Lectures from January to March** are still being finalised
but details will be available from Great Ayton Library in the next few weeks.

The Forum’s first meeting of the Spring Term will be on Wednesday 10th January.

Dr J D Summers-Smith will speak on “Search for Sparrows”

Do come along – you will find yourself among friends.

WEA

GREAT AYTON BRANCH

There will be 2 new courses beginning in the Spring, both in the evening:

1. The Social History of Railways

Tutor: Warwick Burton

Wednesday evenings, 7.15 – 9.15pm 10 meetings **Starts: 17th January**
The course will be held in **YATTON HOUSE** Great Ayton.

2. A Brief History of Science

Tutor: Clifton Stockdale

Thursday evenings, 7.15 – 9.15pm 10 meetings **Starts: 18th January**
The course will be held at **Roseberry Community School**. Roseberry Crescent, Gt Ayton.

Anyone aged 16 or over may attend the courses. There are some concessionary fees.
Leaflets are available from Library. If you need further information, or wish to enrol in advance,

please ring: **(01642) 723205 or 722772 or 712550.**

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We believe in life before death

Thank you to everybody who took part in the Christian Aid walk back in May, and to everyone who so generously gave time, money and effort. The total raised during the week was **£3,870.86**, of which **£157** was from the curry night, **£1,966.76** from the house-to-house collection, and **£1,747.10** from the walk. Well done!

And what of the Jubilee 2000 campaign? Well despite huge and increasing popular support and the promises of the G8 leaders, at their summit in Okinawa, Japan, in July, the eight leaders of the world's richest countries failed to take the opportunity to cancel poor countries' debt *and save the lives of 19,000 children every day*.

Debts which can only be paid at the cost of human life and potential, and which are, in effect, unpayable, must be written off now. More and more people are realising the gross injustice and futility of forcing the poor countries to pay millions of pounds to the rich world for

loans which rarely benefited them in the first place, and which have now now been paid many times over. It may surprise you to know that the cost of cancelling enough debt to allow poverty to be effectively tackled, although it sounds like a lot (\$300 billion), is roughly equivalent to the amount the Western world spends on hair-care products in a year!

If you want to take action on this, have a look at the Christian Aid website on www.christian-aid.org, write to your MP, pray, give, or ask me for, ideas!

The Bible has a lot to say about injustice such as this. Jesus himself, inaugurating his ministry, publicly quoted Isaiah, applying it to himself, when he said "The spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Luke 4, 18-19, NIV)

To quote Ched Myers, New Testament scholar and activist, "The Bible recognises that inequalities will inevitably arise in "fallen" society - a realism it shares with modern capitalism." But the Biblical vision "refuses to stipulate that injustice is therefore a permanent condition. Instead, God's people are instructed to dismantle, on a regular basis, the fundamental patterns and structures of stratified wealth and power, so that there is enough for everyone."

And to finish with, if you want to do a bit more to help in the dismantling process, there will be

"Open House" at the Harvies',

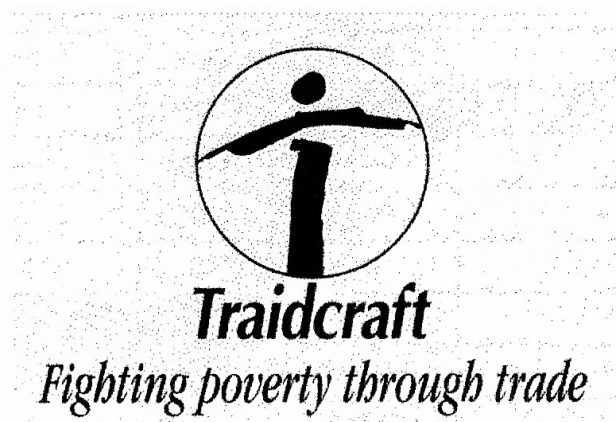
71 Roseberry Crescent, 10.30am to 6.30pm,

on Saturday 11th & Sunday 13th November

for the sale of Traidcraft goods –
cards, crafts, wholefoods,
and a FREE warm welcome!

Thank you everyone for your support,

Kate Harvie



I had occasion recently to contact my insurer by telephone regarding a minor accident to my car. I gave my name and stated my business but was interrupted by the receptionist who brightly informed me that my name did not matter – what she wanted was my Policy Number!

On reflection I have come to realise that this is a feature of modern life. Hence, if we have business with any Government body, in the bureaucratic system we must have our National Insurance Number to hand or be treated as a “half-wit”. Also it is becoming increasingly common to be asked for your Post Code rather than your name. I find this very disturbing. I must, I suppose, accept that in terms of efficiency it makes sense but life is more than being efficient. My fear is that we seem to be moving inexorably into a nameless society too horrible to contemplate.

My Name is very precious to me. I was given a name by my parents when I was Christened and under that name I was made a Child of God, a brother of Jesus Christ. Some years ago a Jewish lady being interviewed on T.V. was describing the horrors of the life she had had to suffer in a concentration camp. I clearly remember her baring her arm and showing a tattooed number: “They even took my name away and gave me a number – that was terrible for me,” she declared. I can appreciate her distress. She felt that her very identity had been violated.

“I have called you by your name – you are mine! Thus said the Lord God.” (Isaiah). A mother calls her child by its name and then begins the education towards self-awareness of our identity as a person. We read in St Luke’s Gospel how, following the Birth of the Baptist, the relatives and neighbours were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but Elizabeth said, “No! He is to be called John.” “But,” they said, “There is nobody in your family by that name.” They enquired of his father what he would like him called and, taking a writing tablet, Zechariah wrote, “His name is John,” and immediately his lips and tongue were freed and he began to speak. This indicates that God chooses, through our parents, our names. Even more striking are the words of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary: “You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall give him the name Jesus.”

On what Authority or right do these panjandrums dare to replace our names with a cipher, to extend even further the digital revolution now invading our lives?

Shakespeare makes my point extremely well:

“Good name in man and woman, dear Lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls;
Who steals my purse, steals trash; ‘tis something, nothing;
‘Twas mine, ‘tis his and has been slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed.” (Othello)

But all is not lost. When the final call comes to go forward to join the company of the Blessed – I will be summoned not by a cipher but by my name: “Come,, it is time you came home!”

Mgr Ray Charlton.

St. Margaret’s, Great Ayton.

AT MARWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND INFANT SCHOOL!

This work was done in the last school year – these pupils are now at Junior School.

BEAVER HUT ON FIRE

One evening the Beavers were playing football when they were struck by lightning. Everyone was scared but luckily Fergus and Matthew had an idea. Matthew shouted pass me your neckers. So everyone gave him their neckers. Then Matthew passed them to Fergus and Fergus tied them together. Then Fergus threw a stone at the roof and made a hole. He did it again and threw the neckers into the holes. In turn all the Beavers climbed to safety and everyone was safe.

Fergus Roddy

SPOTTY AND LUCY THE HEROES

One icy day in Great Ayton near the River Leven it was iced over. Shirley and Ian were Daisy's Mum and Dad. Ian, Shirley, Daisy, Spotty and Lucy the dogs went on a walk near the River Leven. SUDDENLY Shirley slipped. Daisy and Shirley smashed the ice and went through it. Ian let Spotty and Lucy off the lead and said to the two dogs, "go and rescue Mum and Daisy from under the ice." Spotty and Lucy did what Ian said. SUDDENLY Ian saw a head peep out of the ice. Ian phoned Brian the policeman. He said they deserved a medal and Daisy and Shirley needed a cup. They felt really happy.

Thomas Reeve

COLD MAKES ICICLES

One day William and Skippy went for a walk in Great Ayton. When they came back in their garden their tree had icicles hanging from the branches. They knocked them off because when they played they might fall on us. Then the sun came out and everyone was happy.

William Turner

GALES BLOW PLANE DOWN

Once upon a time there were some boys called Pierce, Jack and Josh Phillips. One day Pierce, Jack and Josh went to the woods in Great Ayton. They played lots of games. They heard a noisy sound. It was a plane. It was crashing in the woods. The boys were scared. They ran home but the plane was too fast. The plane crashed with a bang! Suddenly a rescue team saved the boys. Hopefully the plane was fine. The boys weren't hurt. Every one was okay.

Pierce Phillips

BONFIRE NIGHT

BONFIRE NIGHT

Look at the rockets
Going down to the ground.
Look at the Catherine wheel
Going round and round
Look at the bonfire
And it is very bright
Then there are the sparklers
Look it is very light
The night is very dark
The night is very cold
There are lots of crackers
Shooting stars of gold.

FIREWORKS

Flash then bang very high.
In goes the guy blazing by.
Ready to set in the sky.
Every bonfire burns down
Walk to the bonfires but not too close.
Orange flames are zooming past!
Keep safe.
Sizzling burgers and sausages.

By Emily Stokeld

FIREWORKS

Fireworks go off.
Icy cold autumn.
Rockets go shooting up.
Eat all the hot dogs.
Watch all the fireworks.
On the bonfire is the Guy.
Rockets go bang crack.
Keep pets in doors.
Sparkling sparklers.

FIREWORKS

Flames are flickering
I watch them
Rainbow colours are here
Eat the food
Watch them as they go up
Orange colours come
Remember the Plot.
Keep them in the garden
Step well back.

By Georgina

FIREWORKS

Flashes are bright.
If there is a Catherine wheel it will spin.
Rockets are shooting.
Every firework is a colour.
Where are the roman candles.
Off go the fireworks.
Roman candles are going up high.
Keep away.
So many fireworks going to the sky.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks are pretty.
I like fireworks.
Ready for the next one.
Eat hotdogs.
Watch the fireworks.
Oh this is a good one.
Ready for the best.
Keep fireworks in a tin.
Scent of smelly smoke.

The year 2000 has been a busy and successful year for the Association for we have had 2 visits from the people of **Ouzouer-sur-Loire**, our twin town.

At the end of May a party of 7 cyclists cycled in stages from Ouzouer to Zeebrugge. There they met up with 11 friends and supporters who had made the journey less energetically by coach. After crossing overnight to Hull the cyclists set off across the North York Moors, met the coach party at Hutton-le-Hole and finally all arrived at tea-time on Thursday for a reception at the cricket pavilion. The party then split up to allow the French to go home with their English hosts who were to accommodate them for the next 3 nights.

During the next 2 days the cyclists went for rides in the area, some climbed Roseberry Topping and others visited the market at Helmsley. During the visit we held a ceremony on Low Green to plant a young beech tree, presented to the people of Great Ayton by the people of Ouzouer. Evening entertainment included a tour of the Black Sheep Brewery, followed by a meal, and a Ceilidh at Ingleby Village Hall. The whole group left on Sunday morning to travel back to Ouzouer by coach via Eurotunnel.

On 17th August a much larger group, this time no less than 50, arrived, putting Great Ayton's hospitality to the test! However, people responded magnificently and we found hosts for them all for their 3 night visit. The party consisted of 2 football teams, 1 junior (up to 17) and 1 senior (up to 47!) both eager for the return matches with our teams who had been to Ouzouer last year. The rest of the group consisted of family and supporters.

On Saturday we had arranged for the footballers to go for a guided tour of Middlesbrough Cellnet Stadium whilst on Sunday a group visited Saltburn. In the 2 football matches, played in the afternoons, the English Seniors won their match and the Juniors lost theirs. As last year in Ouzouer our Seniors had lost and our Juniors had won, this seemed a most diplomatic result! The visit culminated in a disco and supper in the Parochial Hall when Mrs Imeson presented the trophies to the winners. The visit was a tremendous success and was well reported, not only in our local newspapers but also in Ouzouer's. Many new friendships were formed and we are now looking forward to next year when we hope to send a party to Ouzouer after the Easter weekend.

We plan a social gathering on **10th November** for all those concerned with this year's 2 visits to exchange memories and photographs. Anyone who is interested in coming to share our experiences will be very welcome. We are also to hold a **Quiz Night** to cheer up the dark days after Christmas.

You do not have to be able to speak French in order to participate. Most of our members were very shy of uttering a word at the beginning, but there is so much good-will on both sides that the visits are always great fun!

For any information contact me on **722585**
or, for those living in Stokesley, **Rowland Robson**, our Treasurer, on **710186**.

Daphne Hull, Hon. Secretary

Oberammergau is similar in size to Great Ayton with a population just over 5000.

Astonishingly, 2000 or more are directly involved in the Passion Play, with most of the others providing accommodation, meals, etc or serving in shops. The play dates back to 1633 when the Plague swept through Europe. After several deaths in the village the remainder met in the Church in Oberammergau to pledge that if they were spared the Plague they would enact the Passion of our Lord every 10 years. From that time no-one else died and the villagers have kept their promise ever since.

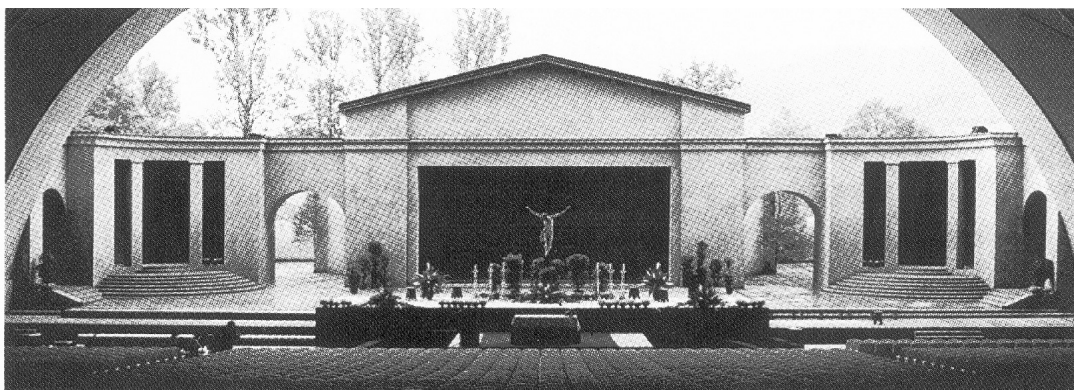
In August my wife and I visited Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. It was combined with a visit to the Austrian Tyrol as you are only allowed to stay 1 or 2 nights in the village because the play is performed 5 times a week and overnight accommodation is needed for the audience. Visitors are accommodated in homes, farms and guest houses in or around the village. Between May and October this year there will be over 100 performances and these take place whatever the weather! Rehearsals begin 7 months before the first performance so it is a huge commitment for the participants who must be born in the village or have lived there 25 years to be able to take part.

We arrived in Oberammergau at 2pm on the Saturday and spent the afternoon looking at the beautifully painted houses and the carved wooden figures in many shops, and buying postcards and souvenirs. Next day it was off to the Theatre for the play. It began at 9.30am and finished at 6.17pm with a 2½ hour break at lunchtime. The 5000 seats are under cover and quite comfortable, but the stage is in the open air with a spectacular back-drop of mountains and trees. The play is about the final week in the life of Jesus, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. The Palm Sunday scene includes many children, animals, and a huge crowd cheering and waving branches. At the lunch interval, as we walked to our guest house, my wife said, "Look, there's Jesus on a bike!" In common with the other performers he was cycling home for a meal and maybe do some work before the afternoon session.

Before each act there is a prologue with musicians, singers and a tableau of an Old Testament scene such as Moses leaving Egypt, Daniel in the lion's den, etc. It lasts for a minute or so, and those taking part are absolutely still. We used binoculars to see these more clearly as we were near the back of the theatre. The play was powerfully presented and, although in German, we were able to follow it with the translation script we were given. There are some wonderful costumes and it is very professionally organised. The acoustics were excellent and the powerful acting helped us to understand what was being said. Jesus's farewell to his mother and friends, and the Crucifixion scene were particularly memorable. We shall always be grateful for our wonderful experience in Oberammergau.

Ken Hudson

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44 GREAT AYTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We now have about **800 households** as members
Of Neighbourhood Watch in the village.

All of the **41 schemes** are linked to each other by a telephone network, and the Police can contact each scheme individually via the Ringmaster computer. This allows the Police to give us up-dates of crime, to let us know what to look out for if any area is being targeted, and can be used as part of the emergency network within Hambleton.

The **Scheme Co-ordinators** meet in the village twice a year and can also attend the AGM of the Neighbourhood Watch **Rural Network** meeting within the Stokesley area, which goes from Easby and Kildale to Newby, Chop Gate and Ingleby Arncliffe.

The co-ordinators from each village also attend a twice-yearly meeting in Stokesley. This allows us the chance to voice any worries or problems we are having within the villages and to keep up to date on crime trends. Sgt. Bright organises all of these meetings and is to be congratulated on his work for Neighbourhood Watch.

We may have more burglaries from outbuildings now that the nights are getting darker. The advice from the Police is to get an outside sensor light, together with timer lights inside the house, to ensure that a burglar is deterred from your home. There have been many recent burglaries from sheds and garages. Bikes and mowers need to be post-coded, and a briefcase with marking equipment is available to scheme members free of charge.

Anyone wishing to join Neighbourhood Watch: please contact Stokesley Police Station. You might like to know that you *may* pay less house insurance if you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme!

Hilary Sillars,

Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

COULD YOU JOIN THE TREFOIL GUILD?

Great Ayton Trefoil Guild needs new members.



If you have been a **Brownie, Guide, or Guider**, why not meet with us to have fun and raise funds for the present generation, so that they can enjoy outings and have adequate camping equipment?

We meet in Yatton House at 7.0pm on the 2nd Monday in the month for talks, slide shows, and craft evenings, and go for theatre and cinema visits, walks and outings.

Please ring Secretary Mrs Bridget Vamplew: **722059** if you are interested in joining.

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45 A WORDSEARCH IN APPRECIATION OF AUTUMN

All the 25 words listed below are associated with Autumn. When you have found them all in the Square (some reversed, upside-down, diagonal, bent, sharing letters)

8 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make a **WORD** that we often use to describe the beauties of this season.

TO ENTER: please send **THE 8-LETTER WORD** with your **NAME & ADDRESS** to:

THE EDITOR, 22 WHEATLANDS, GREAT AYTON, TS9 6ED

or hand it in at Great Ayton Library. There will be 3 small prizes.

CLOSING DATE: **THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER.** Results in the Library by 30th November.

GIFTLADEN HARVEST FESTIVALS

INDIAN SUMMER DIES

BONFIRE SMOKE

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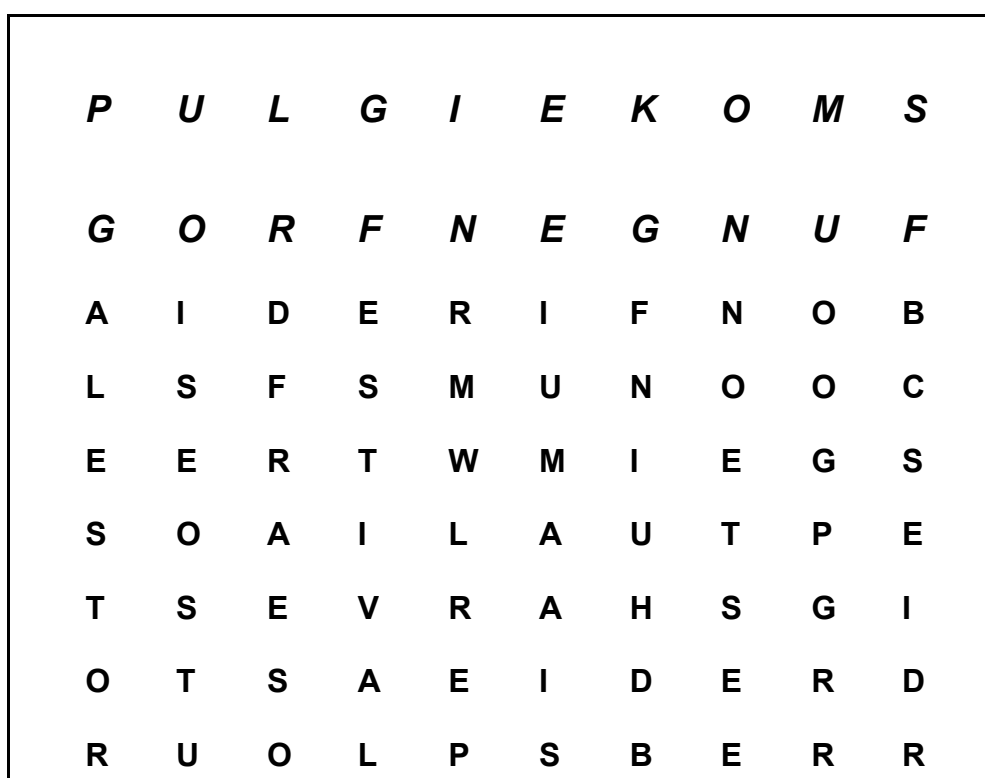
HAWS

STORM

GALES

FOG

FROG



RESULTS OF THE SPRING CELEBRATION WORDSEARCH 2000

THE ANSWER WAS: SWALLOWS. The 3 winners, drawn from the correct entries, were:

NINA HUGILL
Cleveland St

ANDREW JACOTT *
High Green

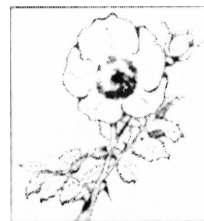
MRS D SILLS
Byemoor Close

*** Andrew is our youngest ever entrant: 5 at the time - now 6!**

ENTRIES (19) WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM: Mrs COLES, Rosehill; Mrs DALE, Wheatlands; Mrs DOCHERTY, Newton Rd; Amy FRANK & Claire FRANK, Guisborough; P GAWTHORPE, The Hawthorns; Mrs GOAT, Langbaugh Close; Mrs HAWTHORN, Rosehill; Mrs KENWARD, Little Ayton Lane; Mrs MARTIN, Low Green; Mrs MAWSTON, Linden Road; Mrs MYERS, Skottowe Cres; Mrs READ, Wheatlands; Mrs REYNOLDS, Roseberry Road; Mrs ROBSON, Linden Grove; Fiona SMITH, Skottowe Drive; Mr SAUL, Woodbine Close; Mr SMITH, Guisborough Rd; Mrs WALKER, Roseberry Cres.

THANK YOU ALL – I HOPE EVERYONE WHO TRIED THE PUZZLE HAD FUN WITH IT!

I ENJOY DEVISING THE PUZZLES, HOPING YOU'LL ENJOY SOLVING THEM.



Yatton House Printing Service

"Watch your P's and Q's" is no longer applicable to the method of printing carried out by Yatton House trainees. In the old-style type setting it was easy for a 'b' to be used in place of a 'd' and a 'p' in place of a 'q'.

As most people are aware, computers play a large part in everyday life and Yatton House has now computerised its Printing Department. This has enabled us to increase the range of products we are able to supply. Invoices, Order/Purchase Forms and Letterheads can now be designed to individual specifications.

Copying of Colour & B/W Photos is also available.

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Arrange to call & discuss your printing requirements.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN HAMBLETON & RICHMONDSHIRE

Your local Mental Health Charity provides social care and outreach support in the Stokesley area for people who are experiencing mental health problems such as depression or anxiety.

If you would like information about our services,
or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer with MHS,

please contact **Malcolm Ashman : (01609) 780758.**

Our volunteers receive initial and on-going training.

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