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**\* AS OUR PRINT IS SO SMALL WE PUT A LARGER VERSION IN THE LIBRARY, AND, THANKS TO SPONSORS, ALSO IN THE DAY CENTRE AND HOLLYGARTH.**

**Please ask for them & tell others who may need them.**

Well!      What a baptism of fire! I knew that my understanding of matters electronic was unimpressive – but that was before I understood a fraction of what there is to learn!

The **next** issue should show a vast improvement – I shall try to produce the Business Hours, the Organisation list, the Bus times, etc, on **this** machine instead of on the faithful but dying-on-its-feet Amstrad (but I'm not promising!!). At least we do have a New Look for the new Decade/Century/Millennium – the Spring 2001 issue should be a Masterpiece! Marian and I are both unashamed Computer Beginners, so the poem below, sent by Marian's very PC-literate brother, was a delight we are happy to share:

As ever, I am immensely grateful for the time and effort **Marian Button** gives to organising the advertising that funds this magazine and produces a profit for the CCA. Marian also does the printing, with help from various volunteers, including me & my husband!

Assistant Editor **Sylvia Wall** suggests articles, patiently tracks down contributors, supports her harassed Editor and is sympathetic, and very willing to help, in crises – and has done so now for 20 years!

**Peggy Friend** has cheerfully done all the proof-reading asked of her, sent at the last minute, as ever, because Stream has certain similarities with real journalism in that items come in late, even after printing has begun! This time, not every item has reached her scrutiny - so she is not responsible for the mistakes in any way!

**Meg Hoggarth**, a former resident, has been more than kind in rapidly producing the charming illustrations on pages 11, 31, 40 and 41 when appealed to as space available.

**Christ Church** is happy to host the printing again, making it so easy to do shorter sessions instead of marathons (in spite of the blizzards trying to blow away or soak our precious pages as we leave!). It seems so right to produce Ayton's magazine in Ayton.

**Yatton House** is kindly hosting the collating again, and I hope to find plenty of Volunteers coming to help us to sort our 75,000 pages into the 2,500 magazines which another kind team will deliver through your letterboxes before Easter.

It is a very humbling experience to be supported by so many willing helpers.

Without **Contributors** and **Advertisers** there would be no magazine, of course, so I hope they understand why we press them for rapid responses! We are very grateful for their words and time, or their money and trust, and we hope they think the rewards appropriate.

So far, this time, Pete has been checking Shop Hours, doing cut-&-paste, photo-copying, printing, helping me to sort out this magic machine, bringing late-night cuppas .....  
He's a One Man Band! I always did love music.

**CM**

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**My Spell Chequer Poem**

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques for my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

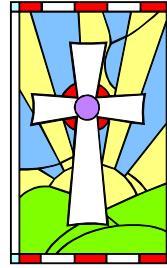
Eye strike a quay and type a whirred  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can putt the error rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased two no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew.

## 8 Reaching through the Window

On the evening of Easter Day, the Bishop of Whitby will attend our Ecumenical Easter Songs of Praise Service at Christ Church, in order to dedicate our new stained glass window. The Millennium Window celebrates the life of Christ through various symbols and imagery, and will fill the large rose high on the West wall. The appeal has gone so well that we can also consider what to do with the windows below once the new window has been installed.



Can I say a huge thank you to all the groups and individuals who have kindly and generously donated to the window appeal. Judging by the response, many obviously appreciate something tangible and relevant for the occasion to be in our village. The donations have come from far and wide, and from all sections within our community, including members of the other Churches. I hope all will feel that the window belongs to them, and please do come and see it for yourself.

We have so much to be grateful for living here in Great Ayton. We have a very friendly, generous and supportive village. This can be seen clearly from all the various charities that thrive in our midst - just check out the Yellow Pages in Stream, and you will see how many. We know, here in Great Ayton, that good fortune is not just to be accepted, but to be shared. That is our privilege.

Having very much been beneficiaries at the Parish Church, we felt that we ought to mark the Millennium, not just by doing something for ourselves, but also by supporting a large project elsewhere, where support is needed most.



We enjoy a great deal of support from our community, but for many Christians in the world, this is not the case. Many live with discrimination, hostility and the fear of persecution. Newspapers over recent weeks have carried stories of Christian minorities in other countries having their homes and churches burnt down, and sadly even accounts of personal violence and killings. It is so difficult to appreciate what it is to live like that. I once met a young woman from Uganda who was training for the ministry. I asked her what she liked most about being in England. Her reply took me back, "Knowing that I will wake up in the morning." These were the awful days of the Idi Amin regime, where many Christians met their deaths.

From Christ Church we have decided to support a church of Armenian Orthodox Christians in Syria, who are trying desperately to raise funds to extend their building to run a Sunday School and work with children throughout the week. We take the Education of our children for granted. In our schools religion is part of the National Curriculum, and whilst they teach about the Christian faith and are required to hold assemblies, they are also sensitive to people of other Faiths. Such tolerance is not found in many other countries, so if you want your children to learn about their religion, you have to do it for yourself.

Many of the Armenians came to Syria as a result of fleeing the massacres by the Turks in their own country during the First World War, that saw around 2 million killed. Syria is a Muslim country, and also a very poor country by our standards, and the Christians are amongst the poorer section of society. They don't have the money themselves to build this much needed extension, and they obviously cannot appeal to the local community for help as we did.

We have set a target of £9,000 to raise to help build this much needed facility. We want to send it as a love gift from the people of Great Ayton to say to the Christians in Syria that they are not alone and not forgotten. I am sure that successful completion of this project will make our window shine even more beautifully.

If you wish to join in sharing your love and support for these folk, you can send any donations to me marked made payable to "Great Ayton PCC" and clearly mark it for the Syrian Sunday School Appeal. And yes, I do still have some £5 notes left for those who may have talents to use - horse racing tips not included!

**Easter Eggstravaganza** **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.** 1.30pm onwards.

Hunt down the Bunny following a treasure trail through the forest. Cost FREE. Face painting £1.

**Dawn Walk and BBQ Breakfast** **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.** 5.00-7.00am.

Discover the delights of the early morning in the forest – a dawn chorus and wildlife walk, returning for a BBQ breakfast. Cost £3.50. PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

**Earth Celebration Workshop** **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May.** 10am–12 noon. & **Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June,** 1pm - 3pm.

Relieve the stresses and strains of modern life in a celebration of our natural environment using your voice and senses. Cost FREE. PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

**Pond Life Safari** **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.** 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Discover the magical world of wetland minibeasts in this pondlife safari. Suitable for all ages. Cost FREE. PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

**It's a Hedgehog's Life** **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.** Time to be arranged.

Learn about a hedgehog's life. Meet some close up with the Hedgehog Preserv'n Soc. Cost £1.

**Bee Amazed** **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** 12 noon – 4.00pm

Bee-Keeping demonstration -discover the amazing life of bees & how honey is taken off. FREE.

**Summer Day Camps** **24-28<sup>th</sup> July and 14-18<sup>th</sup> August**

Ever-popular event for 8-12 yr olds. Each day a different environmental theme using art, drama & discovery walks. Insects main focus this year: Cost £35. EARLY BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.** 12 noon – 3.00pm.

Join the Mad Hatter and his friends for a crazy picnic. A magical performance and trail will be the focus of the party. Cost 50p.

**Musical Mayhem** **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.** 9.30-12 and 1.00-3.30pm

Create your own musical instruments out of natural and recycled materials & create a musical performance at the end. For 8-12 year olds. Cost £2. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

**Willow Garden Sculpture** **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** 9.30am - 3.00pm

Our annual Autumn adults' course in creating willow sculptures for the garden. Join Cumbrian artist Steve Fuller and Simone Siegal. Cost £10. PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE.

**Fungus Foray** **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October** 2.00 – 4.00pm

Join local experts for a fascinating foray through the woods and learn how to identify a variety of toadstools. Cost £1.

**Hallowe'en** **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Join in our annual spooky walk..... Details on request from the Centre

**What's That Tree?** **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November** 1.00 – 3.30pm

Join the Ranger for an afternoon of discovery. Learn how to identify trees in the winter, using twigs, buds and bark. Cost £1.

**MID-WEEK WALKS FROM THE CENTRE**

**Roseberry Ramble** **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 10.00am – 2.00pm

A 7 mile moderately strenuous walk looking at the myths and legends surrounding Roseberry Topping. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Eston Nab and Moordale Bog** **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** 10.00am – 2.00pm

An 8 mile strenuous walk looking at dragonflies and other moorland life as well as taking in the fantastic views from Eston Nab. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Further information is available from :-** Guisborough Forest & Walkway Visitor Centre, Pinchinthorpe Station, Pinchinthorpe, Cleveland, TS14 8HD. **Tel: 01287 631132.**

Information from **MARK BRADLEY**,  
now Area Warden for Roseberry AND the Yorkshire Coast, North.  
Next year Mark hopes to have a programme which includes events in his new area.

**ALL WALKS COST £2 PER PERSON. Book by ringing 07879 417797 or 01723 870423**

**SPRING STROLL WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2000**

Springtime on Roseberry. See the bluebells and other signs of Spring.  
4 miles through Woodland, Grassland and Moorland. Dogs welcome.  
Meet at Newton under Roseberry car park at **9.00am**. Bookings only.

**SUMMER SAUNTER WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2000**

Summertime on Roseberry. After the heat of the day enjoy a 4 mile walk through the woodland, grassland and moorland habitats, looking at the management of each.  
Dogs welcome.  
Meet at Newton under Roseberry car park at **6.00pm**. Bookings only.

**HIGH TEA 2000 SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2000 No booking needed this time!**

Join the National Trust for a cup of tea and a biscuit.  
Enjoy the silver service provided by the staff, and the setting:  
**on TOP of ROSEBERRY TOPPING!**  
Operating from **12 noon until 5.00pm**.

**ROCKY RAMBLE SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2000**

Learn about the Geology of Roseberry Topping. 4 miles. Dogs welcome.  
Meet at Newton under Roseberry car park at **9.00am**. Bookings only.

**AUTUMN AMBLE WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2000**

Rustle round Roseberry. Learn about the management of the property. 4 miles.  
Dogs welcome.  
Meet at Newton under Roseberry car park at **9.00am**. Bookings only.

**WINTER WANDER WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2001**

See what's new in 2001 on Roseberry's winter wonderland.  
Find tracks and signs of wildlife. 4 miles.  
**No dogs.**  
Meet at Newton under Roseberry car park at **9.00am**. Bookings only.

The theme for the floats this year is “**Millennium – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**”. It would be appreciated if as many organisations as possible could enter a float so that the procession will reflect the diversity of talent within the village. The Parish Council hopes that more floats than ever will be entered as it is such a special year. Tables will be provided for stall holders at a cost of £10 per table.

I would be grateful if you would let me know if you require a stall, and if you intend to enter a float. Please contact me with any queries: **Mrs L Holden, Clerk to the Council,**  
**106 Guisborough Road, Great Ayton, N. Yorks. TS9 6QJ. Tel: (01642) 722275.**

**The Village Fete will mark the beginning of a “Millennium Week” of activities  
organised by the Parish Council:**

Tuesday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Concert in Christ Church: The Dalesman Singers. £4.
Thurs & Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Entertainment in the Parochial Hall, provided by various village groups, including ballet, drama, music, revues.....
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Millennium Ball: to be held in a marquee at Langbaugh Hall

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**BETTER GOVERNMENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE (BGOP)**

**HAMBLETON FORUM**

Over recent months the Forum has successfully organised public meetings on Rural Transport issues. The issues raised are being included in the Hambleton and Richmond-shire Rural Passenger Transport Partnership 3 year Plan.

BGOP seeks to be the voice for the over 50's in Hambleton and has obtained or is seeking representation on service provider groups for Health, Transport, Leisure, Education, Safety and Housing. In addition, it is collecting signatures to support the fight to retain benefit payments in local Post Offices to ensure the future of rural Post offices, as well as getting involved in a number of relevant local issues throughout Hambleton. BGOP is not a political organisation. Talks to local groups are available, about BGOP and about community safety issues. In addition there is a monthly newsletter.

Local area Forums are taking place in April at the following venues. Please come along as an interested older person, or as a representative of your group, village or parish.

Meetings:      Stokesley Town Hall    2.30pm      Friday      14<sup>th</sup> April

**Northallerton Town Hall    2.00pm      Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

Easingwold Galtress Centre      10.30am      Friday      14<sup>th</sup> April

Thirsk Friends' Meeting House      2.00pm      Monday      17<sup>th</sup> April

**If you would like further information, please contact Paul Fisher, District Fieldworker:  
 01609 771624, or write c/o Age Concern, 128 High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8PQ.**

**THE W.E.A. IN GREAT AYTON**

offers you a **FREE LECTURE** at the **Friends Meeting House**, High Green, Great Ayton,  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm

**DAVID TAYLOR** on **LOCAL GEOLOGY & MINING**

**Illustrations & evidence of related extractive industries of the Great Ayton area.**

(After **Refreshments** there will be a short AGM. Non-members are welcome to attend.)

**Proposed New Courses for 2000-2001****Autumn Term 2000**

Wednesday evenings: "SUNSET OF A GOLDEN AGE".

Tutor: MARK WHYMAN

Thursday evenings: "TREASURES OF LAKELAND".

Tutor: COLIN FLYNN

Tues. afternoons: "GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPES OF THE N.Y. MOORS" Tutor: DAVID TAYLOR

**Spring term 2001**

Wednesday evenings: "SOCIAL HISTORY OF RAILWAYS"

Tutor: WARWICK BURTON

Thursday evenings: "HISTORY OF SCIENCE"

Tutor: CLIFTON STOCKDALE

Further information: Leaflets in Library later. Hon.Sec. Mrs Marian Button 723014

The WEA records with great sadness the untimely death, in February, of **PETER VERRILL**, a historian whose fascinating lectures and unique personality made him a very popular lecturer here and throughout the North Yorkshire District over many years. He will be sorely missed and long remembered with affectionate appreciation by all who knew him.

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**The WRVS At Work In Our Area**

We live in an ageing society and in a society with increased homelessness and single parents where there is a greater need to support those who are socially excluded. Without the WRVS many people would probably not have a cooked meal, or only ever eat on their own, never seeing a friendly face offering support and comfort. Those in and visiting hospital would be even more alienated and frightened without the comfort of a cup of tea or the snacks from the shop or trolley.

As an organisation we feel we are doing essential work in the community. Our challenge is to make sure that what we do and how we do it are known by more people so that an even greater number of projects can be set up to assist those in need.

Our own local areas of Great Ayton, Little Ayton, Stokesley, Great Broughton and Kirkby have deliveries of **Meals on Wheels** twice a week – **Tuesdays and Thursdays** – taken out by teams of volunteer drivers and helpers. We are looking for more younger volunteers – we are getting older! – so I appeal to you to spare a couple of hours, once a month, and join our teams to deliver meals.

If you would be interested in this Voluntary Work please contact me:

**Sylvia Bennett, tel. no. 712337** and I can tell you more of the job involved.

Thank you for your time.

The Group continues to offer interesting and varied activities, designed to broaden young people's horizons and experiences and build their teamworking skills. Numbers are thriving; we had great fun at the end of 1999, and 2000 has started well. The future looks exciting!

**Beaver Colony** is being run by a group of dedicated parents assisted by 2 Venture Scouts. Winter activities involve building and making things: recently, making spiders, toffee apples - plus exciting games taught by the Venture Scouts. Our motto is "Make friends and have fun".

**Endeavour Cubs** have also enjoyed fun and excitement. They reached the semi-finals of the recent 5-a-Side Football Tournament where, unfortunately, they lost. Other activities included Knot Tying with a difference – they used cooked spaghetti! We plan a Night Hike and the obligatory River Walk. A cub pack holiday is being arranged and the boys will undoubtedly continue to enjoy their weekly meetings.

**Monument Pack** also entered the Football Tournament, with a little more success - it won that semi-final! What a fantastic game! Hutton Rudby won the Tournament but Great Ayton will be back next year, more determined than ever. The pack is now in training for the district Cross Country Championships, keen to do well. The boys also made models of volcanoes (the Leaders demonstrated theirs, with spectacular fiery results!). With badge work, too, the cubs have thoroughly enjoyed the winter and are looking forward to summer.

**Scouts** have enjoyed a great programme of exciting activities - dragon boat racing on the River Tees, Night Hikes, Bridge Building, Incident Hikes, Orienteering and Wide Games and, by far the weirdest activity, using an almond as a heat source to cook food on! They also had a visit by Special Constables, trying out various pieces of equipment & vehicles. The troop is currently preparing for a weekend camp & the future programme looks fantastic.

**Ventures:** again the programme has been wide & varied - Krypton Factor Themed nights, video evening, Incident Hikes, cinema visits & much more. The future includes their own "Robot Wars", Pioneering, Quiz Nights and BBQs. Aimed at young adults, male and female, aged 15-20, new members are always welcome, so if you think this could be for you – PLEASE COME ALONG.

This fantastic time, with a wide-ranging programme for all the age groups, is only possible with the help of the **Leaders**, and the **Supporters** who raise money and drive the group forward. I would like to thank everybody involved with the group for the work they have done, and we look forward to an even more successful year 2000. As with all organisations we are continually looking for **Volunteers** to help with fund-raising and leading or helping with units. The personal rewards are great and we have a programme of social events for supporters in the coming year, including Treasure Hunts, Social Evenings, BBQs and Hog Roasts. Our main goals for the future include the replacement of much of our equipment. We have begun with new chairs and tables, and camping equipment is next on the list. The biggest project is the improvement of our building, with a team of us working to make our facilities even better. The future will see massive changes in what we can offer members.

**Dave Bakewell**, Venture Scout Leader

If you can help us in any area, such as fund-raising or assisting a unit, please contact

**Ken Nicholson, Chairman, on Gt Ayton 722740.**

We look forward to welcoming you to the fun that is "Scouting in Great Ayton".



This is my first article for "The Stream" as the new District Commissioner for the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows of Great Ayton. I am very pleased to have been given this position and I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that will no doubt occur over the next few years.

**Linda Davey** was District Commissioner for six years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of all the Guiders of Great Ayton for everything she has done for us during that time. She has now moved on to a new role in the Guiding Movement as the County Pack Holiday Adviser and we wish her well in this.

We are looking forward to another exciting year and, to mark the Millennium, are planning several events. In July we are going to take part in a joint Scout & Guide Camp "Tookay" which is taking place at Ripley Castle. This is open to all Scouts and Guides in the Northern Region and it is hoped to have 2000 participants. There are 20 Guides going from the two units in Great Ayton. Many exciting and varied activities are being planned. I'm sure the girls and the leaders will have a wonderful time and that we will all remember it for many years.

During the February half term we celebrated "Thinking Day" at Stokesley Parish Church with Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from Hutton Rudby and Stokesley. "Thinking Day", February 22<sup>nd</sup>, was the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell and is a time when we think about members of the Guiding Movement from all around the world. Did you know that there are no fewer than 8 million of us in 118 different countries?

We have four World Centres: "Our Cabana" in Mexico, "Our Chalet" in Switzerland, "Sangam" in India and "Pax Lodge" in London. Many of the girls will never have the opportunity to visit the overseas centres so all the Brownie and Guide Units in the village are getting together to organise a trip to our London Centre in September.

We are always pleased to welcome new members or Leaders. If anyone would like further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with me: **Julie Harrison**,  
District Commissioner, Greenhow, Hilton Road, Seamer. Tel: 598159

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### **THE ANNUAL CHRISTIAN AID WALK: SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

**Why not join up for an afternoon low level circular walk of 12km (7½ miles) from Ayton Methodist Church? We hope that all walkers will be sponsored – by themselves, if not by others! – to raise as much money as possible for the work of Christian Aid. Sponsor forms will be available from Ayton Library and the Churches nearer the time.**

**Offers of help are always welcome.**

Kate Harvie 722279

**MILLENNIUM EVENT : Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm – 9.00pm**

We will be holding a “**Millennium of Literature**” in the Library - a joint event with members of Great Ayton Dramatic Society, who will be performing readings of poetry, prose and drama from the last 1000 years. We have been asking local people to suggest items to be included in this event so it will truly be a village production! Tickets will be on sale from early April. Please contact the Library for more information.

**The Internet**

The introduction of the Internet in the Library has been a great success. At present, access is free but needs to be booked in advance as demand is high. Telephone to book.

**Catalogue**

We have also recently received a **Public Access Catalogue** which covers the stock of all the Public Libraries in North Yorkshire - of tremendous use to Staff and readers alike.

**Local Organisations**

Many people use the Library to obtain information about local clubs and societies so it is vital that we keep our file up to date. If you are involved with a village organisation please **let us know the name and telephone number of a local contact**. If we unwittingly give incorrect information to the public your society could lose potential new members! Again, ring 723268. Thank you (in anticipation!) for your help.

**Chris Bower, Librarian**

**THE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN : USE IT OR LOSE IT!**

**Barclays** reduced their opening to irregular times ..... The branch is now to close .....

**Will you let the same thing happen to the Library?**

The irregular times at the Library have at least been arranged with customers in mind: 2 weekday mornings, Saturday morning for those at work during the week, and 4 afternoons and 1 late evening for children with homework needs and adults after work.

The kind of statistical ammunition that allowed Ray de Graff, Head of Libraries and Arts, to justify reducing Ayton's opening hours by nearly one third are figures like these from 1997/8 comparing Stokesley & Ayton Library use:

	<b>Weekly hrs</b>	<b>Books issued</b>	<b>Audio/Visual Issues</b>	<b>Enquiries</b>	<b>Total visits</b>
Stokesley	31	70,171	1,940	11,518	70,512
Ayton	33	45,993	960	4,576	42,380

**I don't believe that there are so many more readers or enquiring minds in Stokesley! Surely these figures are misleading – otherwise, we don't deserve our Library and we will deserve to lose it!**

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**Barclays** reduced their opening to irregular times ..... The branch is now to close .....

**Will you let the same thing happen to the Library?**

The irregular times at the Library have at least been arranged with customers in mind: 2 weekday mornings, Saturday morning for those at work during the week, and 4 afternoons and 1 late evening for children with homework needs and adults after work.

The kind of statistical ammunition that allowed Ray de Graff, Head of Libraries and Arts, to justify reducing Ayton's opening hours by nearly one third are figures like these from 1997/8 comparing Stokesley & Ayton Library use:

	<b>Weekly hrs</b>	<b>Books issued</b>	<b>Audio/Visual Issues</b>	<b>Enquiries</b>	<b>Total visits</b>
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**Welsh Cheesecakes**

Shortcrust Pastry	2 Eggs	3 oz Flour
Raspberry Jam	3 oz Butter or Marg.	3 oz Ground Rice
Icing Sugar	3 oz Sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp Baking Powder

Line some patty tins with the shortcrust pastry and put a little raspberry jam at the bottom of each. Cream together the butter/marg. and the sugar, and add 1 egg. Beat very well. Add the sieved flour, then the other egg, and lastly fold in the ground rice and the baking powder. Spread a little of the mixture over the jam in the pastry cases. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400F) for about 20 minutes until the filling and pastry are cooked. Dredge the cheesecakes with icing sugar before serving.

**Welsh Girdle Cakes**

8 oz S.R. Flour	3 oz Dried Fruit	4 oz Marg.
3 oz Caster Sugar	A little Milk	1 Egg
Pinch of Mixed Spices		

Sieve together flour and mixed spices. Rub in fat until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add sugar, fruit and egg. Mix to a stiff dough with milk. Knead lightly and roll out to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thickness. Cut out rounds with a 2 inch cutter. Cook for 5 minutes each side on a hot, greased girdle or in a heavy-based frying pan.

These Welsh recipes were much enjoyed at the St David's Day Concert.

**Gingerbread Loaf**

8 oz Plain Flour	4 oz Soft Brown Sugar	4 oz Soft Marg.
7 oz Golden Syrup	1 tsp. Bicarb. of Soda	3 tsp. Ginger Powder
$\frac{1}{4}$ pint Milk	1 Egg	

Mix all ingredients to a batter with a mixer. Bake in a loaf tin at 150 deg. until golden brown, and firm in the middle.

**Fruit Salad Syrup**

Juice of 1 lemon
Juice of 1 orange
3 – 4 tablespoons of Castor Sugar
3 tablespoons of a Liqueur

Mix all ingredients together then pour over fruit salad. Enjoy!

The staff and children at Roseberry Primary School, Great Ayton, are celebrating a very positive report from Inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education. The Inspectors described the teaching as good overall, and commended the very good range of extra-curricular activities. After a very good start to their education in the Reception Class, the children make good progress, and standards in English and Mathematics were above the national average in the most recent end-of-Key Stage 2 assessments.

Other features of the school to receive praise are the attitudes of the great majority of the children to their work, their relationships with each other and staff, and the support and guidance provided for the children and for their social development. The parents and PTA also received praise for their valuable contribution. The school is host to valuable facilities for parents and the local community, which include a pre-school playgroup and a Before and After School Club.

**The school's good leadership and management were acknowledged, as well as the school's positive ethos, which aims for all the children to achieve their best. The school's Development Plan, which the Inspectors described as a comprehensive working document, indicating clear vision and purpose for the future, already includes actions to accelerate children's progress in Key Stage 1.**

The Head-teacher, Elaine Potter, said "We are very pleased with the report. It is an acknowledgement of everyone's hard work. The Governors thank the staff and see the report as a positive opportunity for even further development."

### **My Magic Box**

### **Poems from pupils at Roseberry**

I will put in my box  
my private flying dragon, speedy service, seats and buffet,  
the laugh of a lion, hearty and gay,  
a maths board that rudely shouts out mistakes.

My box is made out of iron-ore and gold;  
with violets on the lid,  
and mini buffalos in the corners.

I can fly on my box,  
and travel in my box shrunk inside it,  
as it whips across the Atlantic ocean.

By Chloe Cornish

### My Magic Box

I will put in my box

The sound of a steam train click clacking on tracks,  
The rumble of a Rolls Royce engine driving slowly,  
The shine of the sun on the mirror outside.

I will put in my box  
The screech of a firework rocket and Autumn night.  
A sound of bells on Santa's sledge on a winter night  
By Michael Morrissey

### 33    My Magic Box

I will put in my box

The best apple tree with the crunchiest apples,  
A robot to get anything you want for Mrs Stevens,  
and a giant hawk that takes me for rides.

My box is made of gold and silver and violet  
rubies on the top,  
it has secrets in the bottom and Animals in corners

I can fly in my box over the Pacific ocean,  
and I can glide in my box over the blue skies,  
and over the white clouds.

By Jonathan Zoryk

### The Bear

Inside the Bear's claw, the springing waterfall.  
Inside the spraying waterfall, the Bear's rough tongue.  
Inside the Bear's rough tongue, the heather filled hills.  
Inside the heather filled hills, the fishes bleeding heart.  
Inside the fishes bleeding heart, the Bear's teeth.  
Inside the Bear's teeth, the frozen lake.

**Inside the frozen lake, the Bear's blood.**

**Inside the Bear's blood, the cold wind.**

Inside the cold wind, the Bear's foot.

Inside the Bear's foot, the shaggy forest.

Inside the shaggy forest, the Bear's claw.

### The Bear

By Emily Appleyard

Inside the Bear's claw, the hill of snow.

Inside the hill of snow the Bear's fur.

Inside the fur the Mountain of Love.

Inside the Mountain of Love the Bear's paw.

Inside the paw the land of fish.

Inside the land of fish the Bear's back.

Inside the Bear's back the frozen swamp.

Inside the frozen swamp the Bear's prey.

Inside the Bear's prey the Bear's heart.

Inside the Bear's heart the Love of Love.

Inside the Love of Love the Bear's blood.

Inside the blood the frozen river.

Inside the frozen river the Bear's claw.

By Amelia

### The Bear

Inside the Bear's claw, the sparkling river.

Inside the sparkling river, the Bear's eye.

Inside the Bear's eye, the red horizon.

Inside the red horizon, the stamping Bear.

Inside the stamping Bear, the lake ahead.

Inside the lake ahead, the fierce Bear's snarl.

Inside the fierce Bear's snarl,

a fish wiggling its fin

Inside the fishes wiggling fin, the fierce Bear.

Inside the fierce bear, the fishes tears.

Inside the fishes tears, the bear's claw.

By Rebecca Kish

I am constantly amazed at the interest in gardening in Britain. A visit to Strikes and I am confounded by the variety of accessories available to coax life into a garden, backed by a plethora of TV makeover programmes. I feel my 25 years in Africa. The coffee bar at Strikes is well placed.

However, there is one garden that would be an impossible challenge to the makeover teams. The garden of Gethsemene with its sparse soil and limited rainfall almost relying on God's grace to survive, yet with its ancient olive trees curled and gnarled by time effecting an atmosphere of quality and purpose. I imagine the atmosphere prompting the makeover team to question what the garden can do for us, rather than what we can do to the garden.

Gethsemene is the place where Jesus laid aside his divine nature and became totally one with humankind. The pain was enormous. There was an agony in his soul because of the loneliness. The feeling of failure. The rejection by close friends and a burden for a world gone wrong.

It's the place we all come sooner or later with our depressions and problems. It is the place where our faith is measured not by denomination commitment or church attendance. It is measured by what we have in the dark loneliness of our Gethsemene moments.

Many have nothing and attempt a makeover with alcohol, drugs (I have been there) or a stormy marriage or family relationship only to find the recesses deeper than before.

However, it is Gethsemene where we come face to face with an uncomfortable stripping mechanism. Stripping ourselves of the hurt, grudges, anger and resentment by developing a capacity to forgive others. When we do this we echo the words of Jesus: *Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing*. Luke 23:34. It is then that we find God truly present in our Gethsemene.

Our Gethsemene visit finishes when we refuse to inwardly build defences of our rightness and refuse to catalogue the other person's sin.

Shalom. Dermot

Methodist Minister

35 **SPRING CELEBRATION WORDSEARCH**

All 19 words listed below are associated with the coming of Spring.

When you have found them all in the Square (some reversed, upside-down, diagonal, 1 pair separated and 1 “bent”!) 8 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make a word which leads our thoughts to summer.....

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

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

or give it in at **GREAT AYTON LIBRARY**. 3 small prizes.

**CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY.** Results before 15<sup>th</sup> May

DAFFODILS	TADPOLES	LAMBS	FROG	PUSSY WILLOW
SNOWDROPS	BLOSSOM	LEAF	NEST	BIRD SONG
FORSYTHIA	CATKINS	SEED	EGGS	
SUNSHINE	CROCUS	BUD		

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**AUTUMN 1999 MILLENNIUM WORDSEARCH – RESULTS**

Correct entries – the mystery word was HAPPINESS - were received from seven people including Mrs D Atkinson, Mrs M Coatsworth, Mrs J Hey, and Mrs M Mawston.

My thanks to all who entered, and I hope many more had fun doing the puzzle

– it makes it worth the time I spend devising it!

**The 3 winners were:**

**MRS G BROWN**

Hollygarth

**MRS J PEACOCK**

Rosehill

**MR & MRS A REED**

Greenhow Hill Farm

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**YATTON HOUSE** is a voluntary organisation which provides a Day Service for people with a Disability. We serve the “northern tip” of the Hambleton District of North Yorkshire and also receive Clients from neighbouring authorities. The society operates from a purpose-built centre situated in pleasant surroundings on Guisborough Road, Great Ayton

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The following are comments, in their own words, made by some Yatton House Trainees:

“I have good friends at Yatton House. I like go to college. I like to do nice things at Yatton House.” **C.G.**

“I like Yatton House a lot and I like everybody here and I enjoy all the work we do. I like College as well and I have a lot of fun here.” **C.P**

“I like sewing and all the meals. I like the staff. I like going to college on Mondays.” **R.B.**

“I went to Yatton House it is good. The weather is sunny.” **J.J.**

“I like everything about Yatton House. It means a lot to me and I want to keep coming.” **A.J.**

“I would like to come to Yatton House all the time.” **J.B.**

“It’s essential for self-confidence and meeting people and learning new skills.” **J.Mc.**

“I like the days I come to Yatton House. I like doing all the jobs.” **M.R.**

“I like Yatton House because if I stayed at home I would be bored.” **C.L.**

“ I like coming to Yatton House because everybody is friendly and there is a happy atmosphere.” **C.B.**

“Yatton House is a nice place to go to – I do good things like college, cooking, art, look at books, listen to music. I like the Staff they are good fun and my friends.” **J.C.**

“I like going to college doing first aid and preparation for work.” **D.Mc.**

“I like the keyboard because I like getting musical tunes out of it.” **K.B.**

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If you would like to become a member of our **Voluntary Staff** and help to enhance the lives of Yatton House Trainees, or would simply like more details of our work, please contact

**YATTON HOUSE, GUISBOROUGH ROAD, GREAT AYTON. TEL (01642) 722380**

Patrons: Sir Leon Brittan QC Rt Rev Gordon Bates Baroness Masham of Ilton

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Following the successful visit by Great Ayton's two football teams last August, the people of Ouzouer-sur-Loire are planning **two** sporting visits for this summer.

At the end of May **a group of cyclists** is to cycle from Ouzouer to Zeebrugge, cross overnight on the ferry and then cycle from Hull to Great Ayton. The seven cyclists will be accompanied by their wives and supporters travelling by coach and they will stay the three nights of their visit with members of the Great Ayton Twinning Association.

During their two days here the cyclists hope to explore the surrounding area - by bike of course! To entertain them we have arranged an evening tour of the Black Sheep brewery followed by a meal, and on their second evening there will be a ceilidh in the Ingleby Greenhow village hall. They have wisely decided that everyone will make the journey back to France by coach - they will need the rest after all that exercise!

Later, in mid-August, we are expecting **two football teams** from Ouzouer, eager for a replay after our visit last year. We are promised a junior and a senior team plus friends, families and supporters - a coach load in all. Apart from the matches we shall continue our efforts (begun last year in France) to teach our French friends the basic principles of cricket. Penny and Peter Scrope have generously offered to open their garden at Langbaurch Hall for us to hold a barbeque. As usual the group will stay with members and friends of the Twinning Association.

Last January we held a very enjoyable Quiz evening at the Royal Oak and we are hoping to organise a similar event just before Christmas this year. Other events during the summer and autumn will be advertised in the village.

The primary school at Ouzouer has now made contact with pupils at Roseberry School, and Christmas and New Year cards have been exchanged. This is good news indeed, for friendships between the young people of Ouzouer and Great Ayton are essential to ensure the future of the Association.

If you would like to join, or just know more about the aims and activities of the Twinning Association, you will find our stall on High Green on 10<sup>TH</sup> June during the village fete - or phone me on **722585**.

**Daphne Hull** (Hon Sec)

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**ROSEBERRY SCHOOLGIRL MARRIED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

Shaded from the West African afternoon heat by the mango trees, where the Queen once rested, a former Roseberry schoolgirl sat waiting the start of her wedding ceremony. In the large front garden of her new father-in-law's house (named Buckingham Palace ever since the Queen's visit), and watched by several hundred guests, she was dressed in sky-blue brocade, resplendent with lace inserts, and her plaited and beaded hair draped with a locally-woven indigo cloth (traditionally saved as a wrap for the first baby of the marriage).

After the feast, as the drummers worked overtime, dozens of people danced, like huge colourful butterflies, under a great contorted baobab tree, to honour the bride, dancing forward one by one to pin gifts of money to her head tie.

As is the custom, the bridegroom figured only in the background, but joined her as the moon rose, and there were Muslim prayers for the marriage, and a verandah appearance (no balcony scene!) at this African Buckingham Palace.

Then, a group of assorted vehicles left for their new home some miles away in the bush. Along a broad pathway under overhanging trees, pinpricked by bright stars, the singing women processed with the bride, to present her to her husband, who was by now waiting for her in their home, interrupted only by the bride briefly breaking away to fix a borrowed generator! A far cry from Roseberry School!

**Then there followed two more days and nights of drumming and dancing and partying in the grounds of their home, and visits and greetings from hundreds of friends who, wedding-or-not, brought sick children to the bride for treatment, and bicycle punctures for repair! What a garden party, full of great joy and a tremendous sense of well-being and acceptance!**

**This ever-resourceful bride was HAZEL PICKSTON, who some of you will remember went to THE GAMBIA a few years ago, curious to discover Great Ayton's first twin of her schooldays, the small village of SAMBEL KUNDA. Helped by a couple of Gambian brothers, she was able to make the difficult up-river journey, to see for herself the progress made at Sambel Kunda, and bring back to The Stream the profound thanks of the village chief to the long-remembered people of Canny Yatton. And, would you believe it, one of those brothers, LAMIN MANNEH, later became that Buckingham Palace bridegroom, and Hazel the Jola bride!**

Hazel and Lamin's new home, which Lamin built himself, is called Balaba, a small group of holiday houses in the bush, which they started as a sort of bridge-building project, to give their guests the opportunity to try a real African lifestyle holiday and meet the local people. Trying to explore the common ground between African and European, Christianity and Islam, they offered simple personalised holidays, with lots of cultural experiences, music, and the use of their small library of African writers. They started to keep small livestock - poultry, donkeys, dogs, a kitten, and a parrot called General Pinochet!! They grew coffee, nuts and beans and vegetables for their own use, and planted fruit trees, drifts of bright flowers, and many native trees to regenerate local vegetation and encourage birds and wildlife. Gambian hospitality is warm and unconditional, sincere and abundant!

Tragically, this story has a sad ending, news which reached Sambel Kunda before Great Ayton. Just before the first anniversary of those Buckingham Palace celebrations Hazel died suddenly, in her husband's arms, one Saturday afternoon last November, at the age of 29. It was an undiagnosed lifelong problem, we think. She was buried in the place she loved, their peaceful Balaba garden, in a grave dug by Muslims and Christians together, within sound of the Atlantic Ocean, overhung by mimosa trees and tall palms and clouds of butterflies, the dawn chorus deafening early every morning, and amazing warm starlit tropical skies like a velvet blanket at night.

**Lamin, the Gambian husband, devastated, continues the work they started together at Balaba, as a living memorial to Hazel. He is coming to England for 3 months in May for a service of thanksgiving for a life lived to the full, and for a very happy marriage. She was a young woman who, believing in equity and justice, took a long cool look at the consumer society, and opted for a simple non-judgmental life, a new language (who remembers her unimpressive attempts to learn French at Stokesley?!), no electricity, and water from a well. The service will be in the Isles of Scilly (where she was born, and then, before her marriage, an auxiliary coastguard). It will be conducted by a Benedictine monk from Ampleforth Abbey, and afterwards on the nearby cliffs Lamin will drum for his wife on his Djembe drum.**

We shall bring him to visit her former home at High Green, so some of you will be able to meet our man from Buckingham Palace, for a closer contact with Ayton's first twin! ..... As Hazel said - who would have thought it could lead to all this?!!!

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If you would like to know more about Lamin & Hazel, or perhaps about The Gambia, or holidays at Balaba Camp, you are most welcome to phone her parents, Dudley & Ann Pickston, on 01366-501337.

“I could write a sonnet about your Easter Bonnet” – so went the old music hall song.

Easter seems a good time to think, not only about bonnets, but about clothes, not in particular, but clothes in general. Clothing is one of the essentials of life, Nakedness is a sign of great poverty or enslavement. “To clothe the naked” is one of the signs Jesus gave of proof of those who love him (Mat 25. v36). A person’s dress indicates his place in society and indeed gives him some sort of right to exercise duties in fulfilling his status: for example a king, a judge, a prophet or a priest.

Even more than one’s position, dress indicates the present disposition of the wearer. There are forms of dress for weddings, funerals, for relaxation, for manual work, for prisoners and indeed one’s dress can tell us much about a person without the exchange of a word. This point was illustrated by Baden-Powell in his famous “Scouting for Boys”. In the chapter on “Tracking” he writes “Have you ever noticed what a useful lesson you can learn from a shrewd look at the people you meet when travelling? Notice their faces, their way of talking .... try to make out from their appearances and behaviour whether they are rich or poor (which you can generally tell from their boots”!) and what is their probable business, whether they are happy or ill or in want of help.”

It would seem above all that clothes represent the persons themselves. To hand over one’s garments to another is to hand over one’s self. St Francis of Assisi, in casting off his clothes and giving them back to his Father, was demonstrating his rejection of his old life-style and embracing the life of a beggar and of being poor for Christ’s sake. The Christian, when committing him or herself may indeed be described as putting on Christ having stripped off his old self”.

(St Paul’s letter to the Corinthians 5 v3)

We have all been born in God’s likeness and furthermore God has given us bodies. Because our bodies are God-given, they are good and beautiful and noble in themselves. It seems to me that our beauty is revealed in the way we wear our clothes. But it is not what we wear that makes us beautiful but how we wear it. St Francis de Sales in his great work “The introduction to a Devout Life” makes the point that wives should always dress to please their husbands and likewise he admonished men to respect their wives by avoiding coarse and untidy dress. “We carry our treasure in earthen vessels” says St Paul, and it is fitting that care should be taken to protect these vessels by attractive dress.

So,  
as we prepare for Easter and  
tell each other that  
we have nothing to wear and  
our wardrobes are all out of date and  
“God knows I will look a scarecrow on Easter Day”  
– remember you are lovely in God’s eyes and  
dress as befits His adopted child.

**Mgr Ray Charlton, St Margaret’s**

Last July, as mentioned in the Autumn 1999 issue of The Stream, I went to World Guide Camp 99 at Foxlease, in the New Forest, with twelve guides from North Yorkshire. I met everyone for the first time at Tadcaster Little Chef car park at 6.30 in the morning. After introducing ourselves to each other we set off on the long journey down to Foxlease in the cramped hot mini-bus.

When we arrived I was amazed at how huge the camp was. As I had expected a few international visitors, not over 3,200 guides from 50 different countries and 12 different sub-camps, this was a bit of a shock!

I tackled various activities during the week such as abseiling, rock climbing, mountain biking, crafts and archery, as well as "It's a Knockout". I also went on a midnight hike, which was the ultimate challenge of the week. Not only did we have to walk miles through the New Forest in the heat, stopping at various team challenges - this was nothing compared to bivvying out under the stars under a bin bag with a survival bag. I slept surrounded by bugs on the forest floor, something that I won't forget in a hurry! Although the midnight hike was challenging I thoroughly enjoyed it as it was something I had not done before. It gave our group a chance to get to know each other properly, too.

We went on a day trip to Portsmouth to see the ship HMS Belfast and, of course, to do some shopping!

**We had entertainment throughout the week at the Global Development Village. Each sub-camp performed something for everyone; our group sang the Yorkshire Yell and in return we were entertained with Sri Lankan dancing and some Irish River dance.**

**We had lots of things to do on a night, for not only did we have Shenanigans coffee shop, a camping shop and a craft marquee, we had different entertainment each night: we had a disco, barn dance and line dancing. Needless to say, everyone was kept busy!**

The Camp was closed with a huge firework display and lantern parade. Nobody wanted to go home that night and it was really sad saying goodbye to all my new friends. Although World Camp had many activities to offer, nothing could compare to the friends that I made and the fun we all had.

**Katherine Mulroy**

## **THE HOLISTIC CANCER CARE PROJECT – UPDATE**

The Holistic Cancer Care Project (HCCP) is based in the Radiotherapy Department at South Cleveland Hospital (SCH) and continues to develop.

The Project is aiming to raise £1 million in order to maintain and develop the services already available, and to build and run a purpose-built Centre on site at SCH. Patients attending the Radiotherapy / Oncology Department will have access to a range of complementary therapies in the Centre. Therapies such as acupuncture, aromatherapy, reflexology, counselling and relaxation are available at the moment but on a limited basis due to lack of accommodation. The Project is currently funding 37 hours of complementary therapies a week, a full-time manager and a fund-raiser.

It is anticipated that building the Centre should commence in April/May of this year. Once built it will house 4 treatment rooms, 1 large group room, information/library/resource centre, and will provide a full range of complementary therapies and support.

The HCC Project received a boost in February when **Middlesbrough Football Club (MFC)** announced that they had taken on the Project as their Charity for the coming year.

With regard to fund-raising events, the organisers of the **Christmas Fayre**, which was held in Great Ayton's Parochial Church Hall on November 13<sup>th</sup> 1999, would like to thank all those who helped and attended the event. All support was greatly appreciated. The amazing sum of **£1,800** was raised, far exceeding expectations ..... thank you!

One of our forthcoming events will be an **AUCTION** to be held, courtesy of the MFC, at the Cellnet **Riverside Stadium** on **Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**.

At the auction, items donated by celebrities such as Patrick Macnee, Ewen McGregor, Jose Carreras, Linford Christie and Greg Rusedski (to name but a few) will be auctioned by Rodney Tennant from Tennants of Leyburn. The highlight of the evening will be the auction of a lithograph kindly donated by **HRH The Prince of Wales**, which it is hoped will raise a "princely" sum!

Tickets and catalogues should be available in **April**.

For further information please contact the HCCP office on [\*\*Middlesbrough 854839\*\*](tel:01642854839).

**Sue Stephenson**, Holistic Cancer Care Project Manager  
**Margaret Watson**, Fund-raiser Manager