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their sphere of operation.**

The usual number of sheets in The Stream is 13. Last time we added 2 more to accommodate advertisers wanting a whole page. This time we are using only 12, to reduce costs as the charges for printing need to rise for the first time since we began to print at Christ Church. As we can't expect to benefit one charity (CCA) at the expense of the other (Church) we may need to fund-raise in future. I don't want to increase the cost of the adverts, as some are businesses just setting up & others are just supporting the CCA or a village magazine. Nor do I wish to increase the amount of advertising in relation to the amount of articles & the Information Section – it's a matter of keeping our balance! Not to worry – The Stream will continue to flow!!

“Challenged to Reconcile”

In the Stream last Spring the Friends' page contained a copy of a notice displayed in the Ayton chemist's window by the Italian PoWs when they left for home. Here is a reprint of it:

“To the inhabitants of Gt Ayton.

We, Italian P.O.W. Collaborators, going away from Gt Ayton, where we have been stationed for about seven months, we want the people of this lovely centre of natural beauty know that we were very touched in our hearts because we have found here a warm and friendly comprehension. The seven months past in this village will rest in our souls as one of the most beautiful and dear chapters of our life.

We Will Never Forget That. We Thank You.”

A copy of that edition of Stream was sent to the Italian Prisoner of War who left the notice in the Chemist's window and this is his (translated) reply:

“When I handed over that letter to the pharmacist he read it, looked at me and said, “I did not know the Italians well, but now I am very much your friend because I have read your letter which seems to have the colour and heat of Italy.” For me those words were like a balm, a medicine for the pain of having to leave Great Ayton, and after 60 years to read that letter again makes me happy because this means that the inhabitants of Great Ayton still wish me well and that between us there is a bond which can never be broken.”

How good to know that someone is still in touch and something worthwhile came out of those traumatic times.

Vicar of Great Ayton 1968 – 1978. Resident & Hon Curate 1984 - 2001

Memorial Window Planned

On 28th September 2001 Great Ayton lost a great character, a faithful priest and former vicar, and a good friend. Over his ten years as Incumbent of the Parish, and a further seventeen years of retirement, Ted had helped bring strength and comfort to many in Great Ayton in his own inimitable way.

Ted's great calling was to point people to God by word and deed. His love of God was there in all he did, but he never pushed religion down anyone's throat, but gently shared his love and compassion for them in a way that communicated. Always cheerful and outgoing, even when latterly he was so ill himself, he was always more interested in you than he wanted you to be in him.

Such are the numbers who have benefited from his ministry, we are installing a new stained glass window in Christ Church to his memory on the North wall of the nave.

Ted would never want to draw attention to himself, so the theme *Fishers of Men* has been chosen, reflecting the Christian's calling to share their faith with others - something Ted was very good at. *Barley Studios of York* have been commissioned to come up with a design.

The initial estimate for the work is £8,000. If anyone would like to be associated with this lasting memorial, please send any donations to me made payable to *Great Ayton PCC*. If you are a tax payer, you can help the Government contribute to the window too, by filling in a Gift Aid form or envelope - Ted would like that!

We hope this window will be installed

by summer of 2003.

Thank you for your interest.

Revd Paul Peverell

The Vicarage, Low Green,

Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, TS9 6NN

Revd Ted Appleyard

5th September 1919 – 28th September 2001

6 The CCA Chairman writes



As the nights draw in and you settle down for a cosy evening after a busy day, spare a thought for those who are housebound and have seen no-one all day.

At Community Care we do our best to provide support through our Befriending Service.

This is one of our most appreciated services. It involves the volunteer popping in, for an hour or so, to chat and generally update the housebound with what is happening in the community.

Could you spare an hour to help?

You may find you get as much out of the visit as the person you are visiting.

Our buses are a regular sight in the area and those of you who are sceptical about advertising may be interested to know that people do ring in because they have seen the number on the side of the bus. Unfortunately, our drivers go on holiday from time to time, which leaves us hard pressed to maintain the service and occasionally runs have to be cancelled. This worries us as we are aware that many people rely on us. Our drivers receive both initial and refresher training to provide a very professional door-to-door service.

Have you the basic skills and confidence to join the team?

The very welcome change in Government policy, which accepts that most people benefit from staying in their own homes, with support, for as long as is practical, has implications for Community Care. Clearly Social Services can only provide basic care. Community Care can provide the support which improves the quality of life, through the wide variety of activities and services on offer. With an ageing population, that demand will increase. We can only hope to meet that demand with your help.

Even a busy person can sometimes fit in a car run or pick up someone's shopping.

Everything changes and when our lease runs out it seems certain that the Manor House site will be sold. We are determined that our service to local residents will be maintained. We are considering several possibilities at the moment. Hambleton District Council, North Yorkshire Social Services, and Hambleton and Richmondshire Primary Care Trust are all supportive of our work.

We look forward to serving the local community, with your help, for many years to come.

Kath Murray, Chairman

Another Record Amount Raised!

The Great Ayton Branch of Yorkshire Cancer held its Annual Coffee Morning in Kildale Village Hall on Tuesday 8th October. The organisers are delighted to report that a magnificent £934.66 was raised – the highest yet. Thanks to all involved.

Sunday 22nd September 2002 must go down as the biggest civil rights demonstration in this country's history. 407,791 countryside men and women, of all walks of life, descended on the capital, and I can proudly say that I was one of them. With some of my family and friends, it was: up early Sunday morning, packed lunch and flask ready, then set off for Northallerton to board our allotted coach, bound for London.

After a long but happy journey we arrived at Hyde Park where we disembarked, ready to join the ocean of people at the start. After shuffling for two and a half hours, for that's all you could do, we finally crossed the Start just as a loud cheer went up - 275,000 people had crossed the Finish, with thousands of us still to start. Many famous landmarks were passed en route: Marble Arch, Pall Mall, Trafalgar Square with banners, horns, whistles, even bagpipes - the sound coming end to end in a deafening roar like a Mexican wave.

I think the most memorable moment for myself came in Whitehall when both marches came together to march past the Cenotaph in total silence, men removing their hats and caps in respect; it brought a lump to one's throat.

When we finally crossed the Finish line the count read 380,000, with many more to finish. Tired feet made their way back to the coaches for the journey home, to the last faint cries of:

“Mr Blair, you are the weakest link. Goodbye!”

I just hope that he will now listen to us, as nearly 500,000 people can't be wrong!

Janet Thompson

<p>5th November</p> <p>Easby Lane</p> <p>7.00pm</p>		<p>1st Great Ayton Scout Group</p> <p>Vacancies Vacancies</p> <p><u>The group currently has vacancies for:</u></p> <p>Beaver, Cub, Scout Leaders</p> <p>and Helpers</p> <p>PR/Publicity Officer</p> <p>If you are an ex-scout, parent, grand-parent,</p>
<p><u>Village Fireworks</u></p> <p>and</p> <p>Bonfire Display</p> <p><u>Organised By</u></p> <p>1st Great Ayton Scout Group</p> <p>By Kind Permission of Mr & Mrs Petch</p>		

This autumn has had a sense of déjà vu for me. The exceptionally fine weather, hedgerows laden with berries and a sense of anxiety that we might once again be at war, brings back memories of 1940. Of course we won't be bombed this time but having as a child heard and felt the bombs raining down on Manchester I could never be happy to be part of a country bombing others.

The catalyst came on the first Saturday in September when Marjorie Gaudie and I attended a representative meeting of Quakers in London. We both felt we must do something, and a vigil for Peace on the Green at Great Ayton came to mind. Even if there were just two or three of us we would have done something. Other churches and the United Nations Association were contacted and we found to our joy that they too felt a vigil would be right. In the event about 30 people stood in silence on the Green to witness against a possible war.

Churches Together in Stokesley also decided to have a vigil the same afternoon, outside their tent at the Show. This was also well attended and I was impressed by the interest shown by passers-by who came and took a leaflet which explained our action.

On the last Saturday of the month I went to London, for a vigil on the steps of St Martins in the Fields, organised by Quakers nationally, and the big march organised by the Stop the War coalition. As we stood on the church steps Bruce Kent came out to say that the church was full of people praying, so in and outside the church Christians were joined in prayer for peace.

The march was a family occasion as three generations of our family, aged 15 months to 69 years, marched together. There was chaos at first as people packed into the embankment gardens to start the march but we took some short cuts and got into our stride going along Piccadilly. Here we found ourselves walking with British Asian families, like us, passing the babies from one to another and proud of good humoured teenagers with their slogans and placards. When we reached Hyde Park we sat and shared a family birthday cake and watched the procession, seemingly endless, still marching into the park, banners held high. I was glad to be part of multi-cultural Britain where so many were willing to come together to demonstrate their concern for others in danger.

Let's all pray for peace.

Joyce Trotter

An Invitation

Saturday 7th December, 10 – 4pm in the Friends Meeting House:

“COMMUNICATING THE SPIRITUAL QUEST IN A PUZZLED WORLD”

Speaker: HARVEY GILLMAN

EVERYONE WELCOME.

My name is Rut Elisabet Villar Barrera. I am from Peru in South America where our language is Spanish and I am staying in Great Ayton from May to October.

I am 20 years old and I live in Lima, the Capital with all my family. I have 3 brothers: Mario (26), Jacob (21), Daniel (14) and 1 sister: Ana (16). My parents have a little computer business, where I help them, and my older brothers work with computers, too. My younger brother and sister are still in school. We moved to Lima 3 years ago from Tarma, in the mountains, where my parents worked in the Christian Church for 22 years. There they met Missionary Alex Donnelly (Pat Newton's son from Great Ayton) around 1990. At Alex's wedding in Peru in 1994, we met Ken Pellant (Alex's cousin), from Great Ayton, who stayed with us.

Since then, my parents have kept in touch with him and he returned to stay with us again in 1998. Now all of us are very grateful to Ken for inviting me to Great Ayton so I could come to learn English. I have to thank Mr. Brian and Mrs. Christine Johnson (Ken's sister), as well, for everything they have done and still are doing for me. Ken has taken me to visit many local places eg. Whitby, Scarborough, Durham, York, Newcastle, Middleham, to name but a few. Christine has taught me to make Yorkshire puddings and also to drink proper English tea. Brian has taken me to the Riverside Stadium to support the "Boro". I have to say that in the three of them I found my own family here.

While I am here I am attending the Methodist Church, the Wednesday meetings and some Christian meetings for young people. Everybody has been so friendly to me. I now know how different England is from Peru; it is very green and beautiful. I am really impressed with everything here and also with the kind of life you have. I really hope I can come back in the near future. I will miss the pretty village with the nice river, the delicious ice cream and much more - the very friendly people. If anybody would like to contact me in Peru I will be happy to answer any questions about my country and to practise English.

I'm so thankful to God for having given me this opportunity.

Rut Barrera

Please feel free to contact me at ruteli@hotmail.com

The first 6 or 7 minutes after a cardiac arrest are crucial. Ambulances from Guisborough or Middlesbrough can take 10 to 15 minutes to reach the village. There is already a defibrillator at the Health Centre, available during surgery hours. The Rotary Club of Guisborough & Gt. Ayton, as a major community support project, would like to help to upgrade the service to 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week cover. A new charitable organisation called **First Responders** provides trained volunteers, equipped with a portable defibrillator to serve local communities. The volunteers are organised under a national heart charity & trained by the local ambulance service. They arrange a rota with at least 1 person on call at all times. They are called out by the Tees & North Yorkshire Ambulance Service when an ambulance is despatched on a 'Category-A' immediate response call. The First Responders are expected to reach the casualty within 6 minutes & provide life-support or administer first aid until the professionals arrive. The ambulance service reports that, in the last 12 months, there have been 22 Category-A incidents in the Great Ayton area - virtually one a fortnight.

Rotary plans to call a public meeting to explore the possibility of creating such a life-saving support group in Great Ayton. The Club hopes to be the catalyst to initiate the group which, once established, will become self-governing & self funding. Details of the public meeting will be published shortly. To be sure of your invitation, call:

Peter Sotheran, President of the Rotary Club, Redcar 471662 (evenings & answerphone).

Freddy Fit's Visit To Our school

Freddy Fit (whose real name is Rob Loft) is a fitness instructor. He goes round schools taking fitness workshops, teaching children about fitness and healthy eating. We started our workshop with some warm-up exercises such as jogging on the spot, jumping up and down, and stretches. Once we were all warmed up, we sat down and Freddy told us about pulling muscles, healthy eating and the importance of drinking water. He also showed us a model of a muscle. He asked a boy to take his shirt off and threw heavy balls to him so we could see muscles working. We then did some proper exercises such as squat jumps, leg lunges and jumping jacks. Next we did a type of routine, Freddy showing us what to do and us copying him. It involved a lot of jumping, clapping and shouting and we were all tired afterwards. We then had to make our own routines that exercised our bodies. The winner received tickets to the cinema.

It was time to do our strength tests on machines. One of them you had to squeeze. That was called a grip test. Another was arm strength which was like a bow that you had to pull. In the jump test we had to jump with a string attached to our waist. The shuttle run was just running to different cones. From all of these we got a mark. We added them together to make a total. The higher the total, the better. Hope-fully Freddy will come again and we will do the tests once more and we should get a higher score.

Chloe Cornish, Roseberry Primary School



**All sections in the Group have continued to offer
an exciting programme for boys between 6 and 15 ½ years**

The Beavers have had a number of successful events during the summer. The highlights were a Sausage Sizzle, to celebrate the Jubilee, and a Bat Walk. For most boys, though, the highlight of the summer was on the last meeting before the summer break - on the way to Redcar, the bus had a blow-out in a thunder storm, which provided them with much amusement as the group and parents swung into action to rescue the situation, all getting very wet in the process! There is still a waiting list for Beavers and parents are advised to put their boy's name on the waiting list as soon as possible.

**After the restrictions of last year the Cub Packs are now getting
back to outdoor activities which are so popular with the cubs:**

The Endeavour Cub Pack held their summer camp at Crag Bank, Kildale, where there was plenty of scope for building shelters and "living in the woods". The camp culminated in the boys cooking Sunday lunch over open fires - eaten with relish. "Cubantics" in June was a huge success: a two-day event at Ripon for cubs from all over the Northeast. Many, many activities were on offer, from caving to an aerial runway. Great fun for all.

The Monument Cub Pack is also concentrating on out-door activities. This year's camp was another success with the theme being Harry Potter. Each tent was named after a place from the book with one of the main events of the camp being a trip on the steam railway. Other activities have involved go-karting with home-made karts, and orienteering.

The Scout Troop recently enjoyed a day of canoeing, sailing, rafting and windsurfing at Ellerton. A sub-aqua day is planned for the near future and plans are afoot for next year's summer camp. Departure date fast approaches for our two scouts **Chris Harrison** and **Tom Hollins** who are representing the group at the **World Jamboree** in Thailand in January. They would like to thank the many individuals and trusts and companies who have supported them.

The group is still awaiting a decision from the Lottery Commission on our application for a grant towards a new scout hut. Discussions have been held with officials and a decision is expected before the end of November. In the mean time fund raising goes on which we hope will continue to be well supported by the village.

Ken Nicholson, Chairman, Group Executive

All units meet in the Scout HQ, in Christ Church grounds

Beaver Colony:	Boys aged 6-8 years	Fridays	6.15pm - 7.15pm
Cubs: Endeavour Pack	Boys aged 8- 10½ years	Mondays	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Monument Pack	Boys aged 8- 10 ½	Wednesdays	6.30pm - 8. 00pm
Scout Troop	Boys aged 10-15½ years	Thursdays	7.15pm - 9.00pm

**GUIDES**

Guides is a cool place to hang out normally get the chance to do. It is

because we get to try new things we might not also a fab place to make new friends and all new

Guides are quickly made to feel at home. It is great that we get to be involved in deciding what we want to do. This year we've made our own jewellery, had a Sausage Sizzle up at Captain Cook's, we've been horse riding, camping and we've also been rock climbing – the list goes on. We also go on day trips to places like "Forbidden Corner" and Lightwater Valley. We have holidays together, which are really good fun and some of us are planning to go to Switzerland next year.

BROWNIES

During the summer, Brownies from the village were invited to join a County Brownie Camp weekend. 90 Brownies celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee at Holme House Camp Site, Grosmont.

Brownies arrived on Friday evening and helped put their tents up, which was followed by a Sausage Supper. Considering how excited 90 Brownies were when they arrived, the children and adults did manage to get some sleep.

On Saturday the Brownies enjoyed helping to cook their meals outside. They continued to enjoy themselves over the weekend with lots of fun and games and also enjoyed a very large Campfire on Saturday evening. On Sunday the Brownies enjoyed a marvellous Treasure Hunt. With 90 Brownies looking for the Treasure, this became quite hectic! Lots of Brownies made new friendships and have already asked "WHEN IS THE NEXT ONE?"

If you would like to join any of the units in the village, please contact me:

Linda Davey, District Commissioner, 723467.

GUIDING IN GREAT AYTON

1^s Guides	10 & over	Fridays	7.15 – 8.45pm	Parochial Hall
2nd Guides		Mondays	7.15 – 8.45pm	Methodist Hall
1st Brownies	7-10 years	Fridays	6.00 – 7.15pm	Parochial Hall
2nd Brownies		Mondays	6.00 – 7.15pm	Methodist Hall
3rd Brownies		Thursdays	6.00 – 7.15pm	Roseberry School
2nd Rainbows	5-6 years	Mondays	4.45 – 5.45pm	Methodist Hall
3rd Rainbows		Thursdays	4.45 – 5.45pm	Roseberry School

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STILTON SOUP**Ingredients**

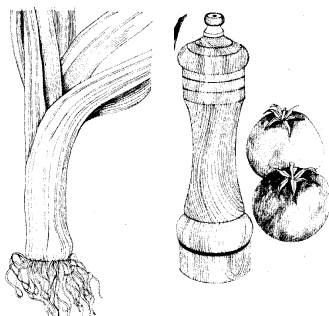
2 oz Butter	1½ pints Chicken Stock
1 Onion	4 oz Stilton Cheese
2 sticks Celery	2 oz Cheddar Cheese
½ oz Flour	Salt & Pepper
3 tablesp. White Wine	½ pint Milk

**Method**

1. Fry onion & celery in butter. Add flour. Add other ingredients as listed with the milk last.
2. Liquidise, then heat to serve.

CHICKEN & LEEK CASSEROLE (serves 4)**Ingredients**

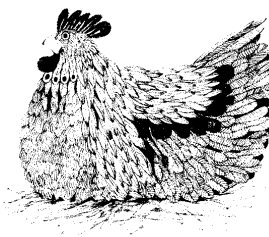
Fat or Oil for frying
 4 Chicken joints
 4 Potatoes, peeled & sliced
 2 tablesp. Flour
 Salt & Pepper



Pinch of Mixed Herbs
 3 Leeks, sliced
 4 Tomatoes, peeled & sliced
 2 oz Split Peas, soaked overnight
 ½ packet of Minestrone Soup
 1½ pints of Water

Method

1. Heat fat/oil & fry chicken joints until brown.
2. Put potatoes in ovenproof dish, sprinkle with flour, salt & pepper and herbs.
3. Place chicken joints on top; add remainder of vegetables.
4. Mix soup with water & pour over chicken. Cover casserole.
5. Cook for 1½ - 2 hours at 180 deg. C / 350 deg. F / Gas mark 4.

**SNOW QUEEN (serves 5 – 6)****Ingredients**

½ pint Double Cream	1 tablesp. Caster Sugar
2 tablesp. Brandy	4 oz Meringue, roughly broken

Raspberries / other fruit to decorate.

Method

1. Whisk cream until stiff; stir in brandy and sugar. Fold in broken meringue.
2. Put into a lightly oiled 1-pint dish. Cover and freeze.
3. To serve: turn out onto serving dish & thaw in fridge for 15 minutes. Decorate with fruit.

“House for Sale” Leaflets by Year 2, Marwood C of E V C Primary School 29

While working on the topic “Homes & Buildings”, the children were asked to create leaflets for imaginary houses for sale(their different priorities are fascinating!)

RUSSELLS

Beech Close, Great Broughton

A flat

The price

£800 thousand

5 metre bedroom 5 metre bathroom

electric lights heating heated in airing cupboard

2 slides 3 swings patio conservatory

2 Garages double glazing Windows

there are ground floor GF middle floor

MF attic floor AF one lift 2 sheds play

station room.

SMITHS

Dykes Lane, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

The type of house is semi-detached

Price £35 000

There are 4 bedrooms

There is a dining room, 1 bathroom, toilet, Small play room, kitchen and a living room

There are two gardens, two garages, a patio, river and a bridge that goes over the river and it goes to the next door neighbour and there is a very small garden.

WILLIAMSON'S

Liden Grove in Great Ayton

4 rooms and the price is £950

It is with two toilets

The garden is big

two sheds

It is a terraced house

It's made of bricks

JOHNSON'S

Guisborough Road

Great Ayton

Cottage

£50 000

a dining room

3 bedrooms

a lounge

a bathroom

Kitchen

central heating

two small gardens

one shed

and one bench

DALES

Cleveland Street, Great Ayton

The house is a terraced house

5 rooms

3 rooms upstairs

2 rooms downstairs

it has 1 kitchen

1 bathroom

1 front room

2 bedrooms

The heating is a coal fire

Price £60.000

The group was set up in February 2002 following a visit from representatives of the Yorkshire Museums Group. As a result of a successful lottery bid, it was able to purchase a laptop computer, scanner, printer and software.

Our aim is to create an archive on the computer of as many photographs of the history of Great Ayton as we can locate. To date we have nearly 250 scanned photos, some of which are views, some groups of people, while others are of historical events. When we have completed the project, hopefully by March 2005, we will be in a position to sell copies of the CD to the public.

Meanwhile, we are appealing for help on two fronts. One is for PHOTOGRAPHS of Ayton, views/ groups/ events. The other is the IDENTIFICATION of people on the photographs. We are willing to bring the archive, to talk about it and demonstrate it, to groups within the village. If you feel that you can help by lending us photos, or would like us to come to your home and scan any photos, or talk to your group – or might like to join this group - then please contact:

Dan O'Sullivan (723358); Peter Morgan (722897) or myself: David Sills (722705)

Great Ayton Community Archaeology Project

This Project has been running since the start of 2002, funded by the Local Heritage Initiative and a Nationwide Award. Our aims are to investigate and record archaeological features in the open spaces, the surrounding fields, woods and moors of Great Ayton and Little Ayton. Some research is from existing maps and documents; some is collected from our own fieldwork. We meet every Wednesday in the Friends' Meeting House on High Green, starting at 9:30 am, under the guidance of Kevin Cale, a professional archaeologist.

We have spent a lot of time setting up a database and assembling information. Our collection of maps of the village goes from 1656 to up-to-date 1:2500 digital maps. We have copies of relevant extracts from many published books and papers. Our air photographs of the parishes were taken in 1946, 1962 and 1972.

In addition to this work we have undertaken some specific projects:

Finding out why a Hudson aircraft crashed on Easby Moor in 1940, and tracing relatives of the crew.

Investigating a suspected Bronze Age round barrow in a field near Stokesley. We have recorded over 200 flints in this field, evidence of considerable human activity in the past.

Correlating pre-enclosure field boundaries of the 17th century with present day boundaries.

New members are very welcome. As well as taking part in the regular Wednesday activities, members can use the group's facilities to support their own researches into local history. Anyone interested in the project can contact either Dan O'Sullivan on 723358, Sally Dennison on 723897, David Taylor on 722748 or myself: Ian Pearce on 722964.

In the last six months the village has lost a number of people well known to many residents. It is impossible to mention everyone. These represent all whom we remember with pride and affection.

Editor

Nova and Bill Somerville both died suddenly, within 3 weeks of each other last Spring, robbing Christ Church, Yatton House and the whole community of two dedicated workers and motivators. They came to Ayton in 1955 with their two daughters, and celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1999. Many activities which they were instrumental in founding in the village still thrive. Their love of each other, of life, and of the people they lived among, especially the handicapped, was legendary and will long be remembered.

Albert Lester was also a mainstay of Christ Church's lay team, with family roots in Stokesley over several generations, moving to Ayton in 1976. He loved meeting people and getting to know them, in whatever sphere he met them, be it work, Church, amateur dramatics, as Santa Claus, guiding at All Saints, out walking, or gardening on his allotment. He was also a devoted family man, very proud of his son and daughter and his grandchildren, and died just before he and his wife celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Everyone knew him affectionately as "Albert" and took pride in knowing him.

Winnie Carter was a Centenarian when she died recently. She lived all her life in the farm where she was born, belonging to the locally famous Cumbor family, the youngest of 10. She was a fiercely independent lady, taking over the family farm when her mother died in 1950, with her elder sister who died in 1961, and Claude Carter, whom she had known for years. They married in the 60s but, sadly, he died in 1978. Mrs Carter cherished memories of her parents, and was proud of being related to George Stephenson, of the railways.

Annie Cossey also an Aytonian of several generations' standing, was well known because her jobs all kept her in close touch with the public: 10 years the caretaker and dispenser at the High Green surgery; 25 years a school dinner lady; 23 years a relief post lady, until she was 70. She was certainly well known to those who attended Parish Council meetings because she always had points to bring up and stood her ground on them! She rode around the village on her bike, cheerful as ever, until 3 weeks before she died at 84.

In **April** the visitors from Ouzouer-sur-Loire, our twin village, came. The 20 Or jazz dancers came with no less than 40 parents & friends, all 60 generously accommodated with families. They travelled overnight by coach, lunching in York & visiting the Minster. On the Saturday the French dancers met ours from the Bradley School of Dancing & spent the day rehearsing in the Parochial Hall under the expert tuition of Ms Margaret Connelly. The non-dancers visited Mount Grace Priory, Osmotherley, & Northallerton Market. The climax to the visit on Saturday was supper and a "Dance Extravaganza" in the Parochial Hall. Dances by each troupe alternated, and the grand finale was a joint performance by the whole ensemble (learned & rehearsed during the day) - acclaimed as an artistic triumph and a great example of Anglo-French co-operation. Thanks to some dedicated members of the Association, who spent long hours filling in reams of forms, we obtained a grant for this visit from the European Commission. This paid our expenses for entertaining our guests.

By the time this edition of The Stream reaches you, we will have made a return visit, leaving Ayton by coach at 5am on **Thursday 24 October** to stay in Ouzouer. Some will return to families now old friends; others will meet new families - for all, a convivial & happy weekend. The theme of this year's visit is "The Environment". The 2 main daytime events will concern the breeding of fish (Ouzouer is beside the river Loire) and forest maintenance. Ouzouer is on the edge of the great forest of Orleans, so a ride through the forest will be followed by a talk on forestry conservation. We are promised Friday & Saturday night entertainments in one of Ouzouer's two modern village halls. Those who have been before look forward to these lively evening gatherings - perhaps it is news of the "fun element" that has encouraged an increase in the numbers each year - or perhaps people can't resist a weekend in France for £65!

As for "fun", we have enjoyed several social events this year - a Royal Oak Quiz night in February (our thanks to Quiz-master David Taylor), a BBQ in Nigel & Caroline Kitchings' garden one rare fine July Sunday, & a French-inspired dinner at the Dudley Arms in September - cooked up by Pete Samson.

In April our Chairman Anne Sutcliffe announced that for family reasons she must resign. She will be greatly missed, for besides her organizational skills, she has injected much of the aforesaid "fun element" into our activities. However we have been lucky in persuading Sue Pearce to take her place. Sue and her husband Ian have produced (with minimal help from others) a magnificent, glossy, spiral-bound booklet about Ouzouer. Amply illustrated, in full colour, the booklet was issued free to members of the Association, to schools, libraries and surgeries in the area. If you are lucky, you may find our Library still has a copy to examine.

We are already thinking about next year's visits. It looks as though a party will be going to Ouzouer **at the end of the Easter holidays**, whilst the French will come here in the October half-term - but much has still to be decided. If you would like to spend a weekend next year with a family in France, you have only to join the Great Ayton Twinning Association.

Daphne W Hull, Secretary, G.A.T.A., 722585.

We drive off the Liverpool boat into the heart of Belfast. BBC Northern Ireland is listing the latest acts of violence and murder. "Behind every solution there is a problem!" laconically reflects one Belfast writer.

We drive down the Newtownards Road. Union and Northern Ireland flags indicate the domination of this area by unionists and loyalists who want to remain in Britain. An Israeli flag looks out of place. It is a response to Roman Catholics who see their plight as similar to the Palestine issue. It underlines the complexity of a people divided by two cultures.

We arrive at the interface. This is where the Protestant and Roman Catholic housing estates meet. The interfaces are the main flashpoints of conflict. Large fences 10 to 20 feet high dramatically mark the boundaries. On the other side flies the Irish tricolour: symbol of those who desire a united Ireland.

I meet Barbara (true name withheld). She shows me 300 roofing tiles on standby for the next conflict. Her eyes show the weariness from protracted skirmishes which took place in July and August. She represents the victims of the conflict: the ordinary people who simply want to get on with life. Her children attend a mixed faith school as a demonstration of intent to live above the conflict. However, she worries about their safety and the long-term effect of the troubles upon her children. Like many people in Northern Ireland she has lost her home several times.

The East Belfast Mission helped to set Barbara up in a new home and find employment. The Mission, which describes itself as non-sectarian, is helping people caught up in conflict situations. Started in a Methodist Church, the Mission has a staff of about 50. They manage a block of flats for people displaced by conflict, a feeding centre, drugs counselling programme, and literacy & employment preparation. A recent acquisition has been a public bar which has been transformed into a non-alcoholic pub for young people.

The Mission is looking for people in England who can offer respite breaks for families caught up in the violence.

Rev. Dermot Thornberry.

Rev. Thornberry, who was born in Belfast, is involved in a project to help people understand the complexities and engage in the Northern Ireland situation through the East Belfast Mission and Cornerstone Community. Contact him on **722437**.

JUBILATIONS: THE FÊTE

"June 1st 2002? Oh yes, I remember it well!"

Great Ayton's High Street was lined with 6 generations of villagers, all excited to celebrate the Queen's 50th Jubilee. The air was filled with community spirit as many groups & organisations turned out to support the day's events.

There was a magnificent parade of floats depicting the British Royals through the years, led by a black limo carrying The Queen and Prince Philip. I heard whispers that it was really Cath and Val from the fruit shop, dressed up. No! It couldn't have been, could it? There were cheers & claps for the floats as they made their way to the village green to be judged.

The weather was beautiful and the sun shone on all the stallholders who had worked tremendously hard to ensure there was plenty of fun and entertainment for all. The band kept the atmosphere high and our local councillors all worked very hard. Especially Mrs June Imeson who had her head on the chopping block, literally. What a great sport, June!

Thank you, from the Youth Club.

Jackie Walker

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Golden Jubilee, held in Christ Church, was well attended by all the Churches in Great Ayton, various members of each Church taking part. An interesting and amusing sermon was given by Paul Peverell, the Vicar, stressing that when the Queen took the throne she was committed to serve, and in her Christian belief she has given good loyal service to all her subjects, supported by the Duke of Edinburgh.

At the end of the service we toasted and cheered the Queen.

Joyce Brunt

JUBILATIONS: THE PICNIC

Bank Holiday Monday, June 3rd 2002. Still carrying on the Jubilee celebrations. Throughout the day villagers gathered on the village green, to enjoy picnics. Children from the Methodist Youth Club handed out red, white and blue balloons to the smaller children, which made a spectacular sight of colours bobbing up and down throughout the day.

A magician kept many children amused, as the weather was not so kind that day. The true British weather, though, did not deter everyone from having a wonderful time. The day was finished off with the sound of Dr Brown's Blues Band.

Jackie Walker

JUBILATIONS: THE BEACON

On Monday evening, 3rd June 2002, beneath an open sky, quite a large crowd of people gathered by Captain Cook's Monument to watch the lighting of the Golden Jubilee Beacon.

The ceremony was extremely efficiently organised by the Cleveland Cadet Force. The Commandant thanked the landowner, Mr Sutcliffe, and local farmer Stuart Fletcher, the Forestry Commission and the Parish Council for their assistance. Last but not least he thanked the boys and girls of the Cadet Force who had worked unstintingly through the day to make this ceremony such a success. The Commandant waited until he could see the smoke rising from the Beacon on Horse Shoe Hill in Weardale and then at approximately 9.45pm the Great Ayton Beacon was lit. The fire was very impressive and as the flames leapt into the air the crowd gave 3 cheers for Her Majesty the Queen and the National Anthem was sung.

As darkness descended, those of the spectators who walked back to the village were guided by the brilliance of the planets Jupiter and Venus in the night sky, a fitting end to a moving celebration.

B Manton

On Tuesday 4th June the Jubilee Celebrations continued with a Lunch in the Parochial Hall, organised by Rose Featherstone and her band of Volunteers. The Hall and tables were decorated with Union Jacks and bunting. Party-goers and helpers joined in the festivities wearing crowns and red, white and blue. After an enjoyable lunch we were each presented with a china Jubilee beaker as a souvenir. We then stood to toast The Queen with a glass of wine.

There followed an afternoon of entertainment. First, the Bradley Babes put on a display of dancing and singing which we all enjoyed. Then came the Wilton Male Voice Choir who sang songs from the shows, ending with Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory that had everybody singing and waving flags. The party closed with the National Anthem.

Everyone agreed that the party was a huge success – especially Ivy Jefferies who won the prize for the best hand-made crown! Parish Council Chairman Frances Greenwell thanked everyone for making this such a memorable day. Guests included ladies and helpers from the Day Centre, members of the Parish Council and the Chairman of Hambleton District Council.

Laura Lamb & Pat Jeffery

JUBILATIONS: THE GOLDEN JUBILEE REVUE

The Golden Jubilee Revue took place on June 6th & 7th, which seems ages ago. The fact that so many people remember it, & how much they enjoyed it, is reward indeed for all who took part.

Everyone who participated in the show was superb and it would be impossible to single out any individual or group as each complemented the other. It was a show of contrasts – comedy, singing, acting, dancing (some more serious than others!) and music of a professional standard. The fact that the Parochial Hall was packed for both performances speaks for itself. I think it could have run for a week to capacity audiences.

As Co-ordinator I can't begin to say how pleasing it was for everyone concerned that the show was so well received. Everyone worked so hard and the results were appreciated by our audiences. Great Ayton is a village of multi-talented people.

Mary Brown

Inspector Mark Davies has moved to a post at Malton.
The new Senior Officer at Stokesley Police is Inspector
John Richardson, who transferred on promotion from Northallerton.



Nuisance caused by young people continues to be a source of problems around the village. It is an important issue, having a marked effect on the quality of life of some sections of the community, and at times takes up a surprising proportion of our time. We only have limited resources at our disposal, however. Surely it would be better for us to concentrate on protecting peoples homes, cars and property. If you have children, do you know where they are, who they are with and what they are up to? Please do speak with them about the issues and effects of anti-social behaviour.

A recent trend in local crime is the theft from vehicles left unattended in isolated areas and beauty spots. Places that have suffered are Gribdale, Clay Bank, Hob Hole, Kildale, Ingleby Greenhow, Chop Gate and Roseberry Topping. Offences have predominantly occurred on a daytime and evening time with some as early as 8am. If leaving your vehicle, whilst walking or taking the dog for a run, do not leave anything in it, and if you have an alarm then set it. Be aware of what is around you, and if you see any vehicle floating around that appears suspicious, take a note of its make and registration number (if you can without putting yourself at risk) and report it immediately.

Christmas is rapidly approaching and the nights drawing in. Sadly, criminals also want to do their Christmas “shopping” as well. From now until Christmas many properties become more vulnerable. Unoccupied properties are easier to spot as they have no lights on. We strongly suggest the purchase of timer lights which can be bought from most DIY outlets. If you have a house alarm fitted, then use it; if not, and you are going away, Neighbourhood Watch members can rent a portable alarm from us. These require no expertise to set up. To hire one, contact Sgt Dave Merritt at Stokesley Police Station. The funds raised will be used to purchase further alarms for Watch Members. A new method of property marking is now available commercially via a company called Datatag ID Ltd. Property is marked with microdots which are almost invisible to the naked eye but which can be scanned with equipment held at most Police Stations. For further information contact Sgt Dave Merritt.

Sgt. Martin McLachlan

To contact us ring **Central Switchboard (01609) 783131**, then ask for **Stokesley Police**.

THIS PAGE HAS KINDLY BEEN SPONSORED

We have enjoyed a successful year of concerts with capacity-filled audiences. Last Christmas we enjoyed being accompanied by our new accompanist Vera Woodhouse and local visiting harpist Anita Aslin. In September we made our first private recording of popular Soirée items.

We have reluctantly said goodbye to Audrey Torbet, a founder member of the choir, and thank her for her loyal membership, and thank her husband, Peter, for his help at our concerts, over so many years. We hope to see them in the audience at our future events.

Our next concert takes place on November 30th in Darlington, followed a week later in the Methodist Church, Great Ayton, on December 7th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. This concert will contain popular Christmas music.

Next term we shall be singing Part 2 of the Easter *Messiah* music on Good Friday in Christ Church, augmented by visiting choir singers. Our visiting soloists will be Julia Haigh, Angela Mounsey, Brian Hague and David Curtis. Stephen Maltby will again be playing organ accompaniment.

Proceeds from both of these performances will go to good causes.

We look forward to your support at our future concerts.

Margaret Heaton

GREAT AYTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society started in 1947 with a play aptly named "The Optimist". That optimistic beginning brought rewards as 55 years later we are still going strong – and thriving.

We now have an expanding and very popular Youth Section, which meets on Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall, and performs on stage. They will be joining us in our next production : **THE PANTOMIME**. We are presenting "**BABES IN THE WOOD**" in **January**.

We are fortunate that we always have a steady stream of new members, who have several options open to them – production, direction, set design, construction, painting, lighting, wardrobe, make-up, and, of course, acting! It really is a super way of getting to know people, and of integrating into village life – **why not come along and join us?**

Please contact Pauline Turner, **722096**.

Mary Brown

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS EVENT – the weekend of SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

71 Roseberry Crescent.

Watch for posters giving further details.

NEWS - Our Jubilee Banner

Yatton House Trainees stamped their mark on the Golden Jubilee by making a Banner from used British Postage Stamps. (A tribute that can not be licked for ingenuity!)

The Banner, 9ft x 5ft, has the title "Golden Jubilee 1952 –2002". The Royal Standard is shown, with the Orb, Crown, and the flags of England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales. These are "guarded" by a Yeoman of the Guard and an Officer of the Household Cavalry. Many hours were spent selecting, soaking and sticking stamps. Some had to be cut in order to obtain the required colours. The Trainees made the Banner as part of their Experiential Art work with Tutor Ann Chapman. They are very proud of their achievement and have produced a magnificent reminder of the Jubilee. Yatton House was pleased to provide the Banner as a backdrop for the stage at the Jubilee Dance & at the Village Revue held in the Parochial Hall. Since being on display in Ayton the Banner has been "on tour" to Stokesley & Northallerton Leisure Centres. It will be on display in Bedale and County Hall in Northallerton before returning to Ayton.

IN THE FUTURE:**Come Into The Yatton House Pantry!**

From **Wednesday, 30th October**, we will have "**The Yatton House Pantry**", a new Training Venture. **Each Wednesday from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm** we will be serving **Morning Coffee or Tea, and Home made Soup with Freshly Baked Bread Rolls**. As Yatton House Pantry becomes more widely known we plan to offer Freshly Made Sandwiches and other Light Snacks. We hope that this will be successful in providing real work experience leading to meaningful employment, at the same time providing a source of income and a service to the community. Please help advertise this venture by "spreading the word" and calling in.

The Annual Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday 9th November, 10 – 4pm

There will be a wide selection of crafters attending.

Lend your support and find some early Christmas presents! Refreshments will be available.

Open Day: Thursday 21st November

Morning Coffee 10 - noon. Afternoon Tea 1.30 - 3.30. There will be produce, gift & craft stalls.

Coffee Morning Stokesley Town Hall: Friday 13th December

Volunteers and baking required to make the event a success.

Carol Service, Gt Ayton Methodist Church, Wednesday 18th Dec.

The annual service begins at 2.00pm and will be followed by refreshments.

Carol Singing, 10-11am &/or 11- noon, Christmas Eve, Safeway Foyer

Please come to Stokesley and sing with us!

‘Life in Amaudo remains exactly as I left it. Old wrinkled men in woolly red and white pom-pom hats sitting by the roadside with their toothless grins and dancing eyes. Pot bellied, wide eyed children running everywhere greeting anything new – especially ‘onyeocha’ (white man). I don’t think I’ve ever seen children get quite so excited at seeing another person – a truly warm and welcoming experience, yet somehow a little sad. How powerful is the colour of one’s skin! Burials everywhere, as people young and younger die from one of the deadly curses - malaria, malnutrition, Aids, and I’m afraid at the moment it’s measles. With no hospital nearby most villagers rely on native doctors. Last week distraught parents dragged me to see their one year old son, Earnest. He was gaunt and hollow-eyed and his tiny hot body shook with every heartbeat. He had been ill for a month. The cause said to be an evil charm, and the remedy, a green slime sludge. I got him into the hospital in the State Capital, where he was diagnosed with a severe case of malaria. The bill for his treatment came to £40-00. Not a hope of any of the villagers having that sort of money. So babies just continue to die. Thank God this one didn’t. The colour is back in his lips and I’m trying to fatten him up on mashed bananas’.

What a contrast to Great Ayton where Diane grew up. After leaving Stokesley School Diane pursued a highly successful career in London in marketing. Tired of the ‘rat race’, she gave up her job, and travelled to the other side of the world. In the middle of the Nigerian bush, she found Amaudo – a community set up 10 years ago by a remarkable Christian lady, Ros Colwill. Its aim - to rescue mentally ill destitutes from the city streets. They regain their self respect and are given food, clothing, and medicines. There is a school for the children, a farm, a bakery and workshops where the residents are equipped with a trade. In 10 years 300 have been successfully rehabilitated into their home villages, supported by a team of community psychiatric nurses.

Diane continues:

‘There is one man who has decided to make his crust – and a healthy one at that – out of ‘mad’ people. He kidnaps them and herds them into a shelter, where you wouldn’t even keep animals. They are beaten, and chained together. Every morning they are injected with steroids so they can stand for long periods and they are sent out into the city streets clutching begging bowls and banging gongs. Every penny is taken from them. Some are sold for ritual sacrifice. Women are sexually abused. Well, Amaudo managed to break one of these rings, and the leader was put in prison. When the motley crew of victims arrived in Amaudo - chained, beaten, dirty, malnourished - I could have wept. A truly piteous sight. Followed by one of the most rewarding moments in my life – helping them bath, handing them body lotion, finding clean clothes for them to wear, watching them eat. They will never understand just how my experience with them has made my life so much richer.’

Diane worked voluntarily in Amaudo last year. She returned in June to set up an education & training programme for the workers. Estimated cost £10,000. Great Ayton Methodist Church has adopted Amaudo as its Project for 2002/3

Please support us – and Diane! 30TH NOV. ‘02: COFFEE MORNING (+ stalls: home-made goods for Christmas)

Please put these dates in your Diary NOW! 8TH FEBRUARY ‘03 BARN DANCE with Joint Stock Ceilidh Band

Dorothy Sills 722705

Margaret Gooderham 724130

SWITCH ON TO GOD

Recently I bought an email machine so that I can stay connected with my family around the country and around the world. It started me thinking about God, who stays connected with us all the time. All my life I have been “connected”. God has already invented his own Internet and we are all connected even if we are not switched on. Trillions of lives all connected to God – all we have to do is “log on” – computer jargon for connecting to the Internet. How do I know this?

Simple. Find a quiet place – sit, kneel, be comfortable. Make the Sign of the Cross or some other way of becoming conscious of God’s presence and you are “logged on”. No passwords are needed. No busy signals. So now, what do I say? Well, thoughts come in if you listen.

We even have a built-in screen on which we can play back memories – recall pictures of distant, or even long dead, loved ones – we don’t even need a switch. Sometimes a message from God flashes up in times of stress or danger. It may be a bright thought e.g. “When have I ever let you down?” or, “Go and visit someone today. Say a prayer. Send a card. Take a gift. Make a donation. Help someone.” God’s messages also come through other people. Friends are sent to us when we are in trouble. We receive all kinds of help and kindness every day – but we need to “log on” and reflect a little in order to realise that this is all part of God’s Internet. Human beings think they are so clever, but God invented it all first, without any machines.

God never switches off his computer – he is always online. Only we can break the connection.

More thoughts in the night

CELLS OF GOODNESS

Today my thoughts are about September 11th and al Qaida “cells” established all over the world to plot evil. I have a “cell” here in my house every Monday “plotting” to do good. We are gathered together in Jesus’ name, so we know that he is there with us. We say the Rosary, we pray for the sick, the homeless, the bereaved, the oppressed, and for current world problems. We try to help others in practical ways, visiting and comforting neighbours and friends, praying for our world and its needs.

Our “cell” is trying to send out messages of love to the people around us and to the world. There must be thousands of such “cells” of goodness in the world, working for good, and we pray that Almighty God will spare his children another terrible conflict. *For the sake of only ten just people, God will spare the city* – see Genesis 18:16-33.

Why don’t you join a “Cell of Goodness” to spread God’s love just a little bit further?

Peggy Burns

RURAL PURSUITS & PLEASURES WORDSEARCH

There are many activities to appreciate in the countryside, which so many wish to preserve. A few are listed here. When you have found all **26 WORDS** in the Square, some convoluted: reversed, upside-down, diagonal, bent – sometimes all within one word! – re-using letters, (but not the same letter twice in the same word!) **15 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.**

They make ONE WORD which describes a quality in rural life which is highly valued.

TO ENTER: please send **THE 1 WORD** with your NAME & ADDRESS to:

THE EDITOR, 22 WHEATLANDS, GREAT AYTON, TS9 6ED, or via Great Ayton Library.

There will be 3 small prizes.

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 21ST NOV. Results in the Library by Thursday 28th.

CAMPING; COUNTRY SHOWS; CYCLE RIDES; FARMING; FINE VIEWS; FISHING; FRUIT PICKING; HARVEST; HORSE RIDING; HUNTING; PIGEON RACES; ROCK CLIMBS; SENSE OF COMMUNITY; SHOOTING; WALKS; W.I. MARKETS

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RESULTS OF THE JUBILEE WORDSEARCH, SPRING 2002

The answer was: **HAPPY MEMORIES**. The 3 winners, drawn from the correct entries, were:

Patsy CLEMMIT

Mrs J CUMBOR

Mrs L WALKER

Central Way

Sunnyfield

Roseberry Crescent

The other correct entries were received from: Mrs E M ARMITAGE, Beech Close; Mrs Mary BOARDMAN, Wainstones Close; Mrs V BULLIS, Beech Close; Mrs A J CLARKSON, Whinstone View; Mrs M de WARDT, Hunter's Lodge; Mrs Mavis GARRETT, Linden Grove; Malcolm GOAT, Langbaugh Close; Janet HEY, Byemoor Close; Eunice A HUGILL, Sunnyfield; Mrs A JOHNSON, Linden Grove; Miss Edith B JULER, Angrove Close; Margaret MAWSTON, Linden Road; Mrs Irene SUGGITT, High Street.

My thanks to all who enter these competitions

– it makes devising the Puzzle worthwhile if it provides fun for others. Editor