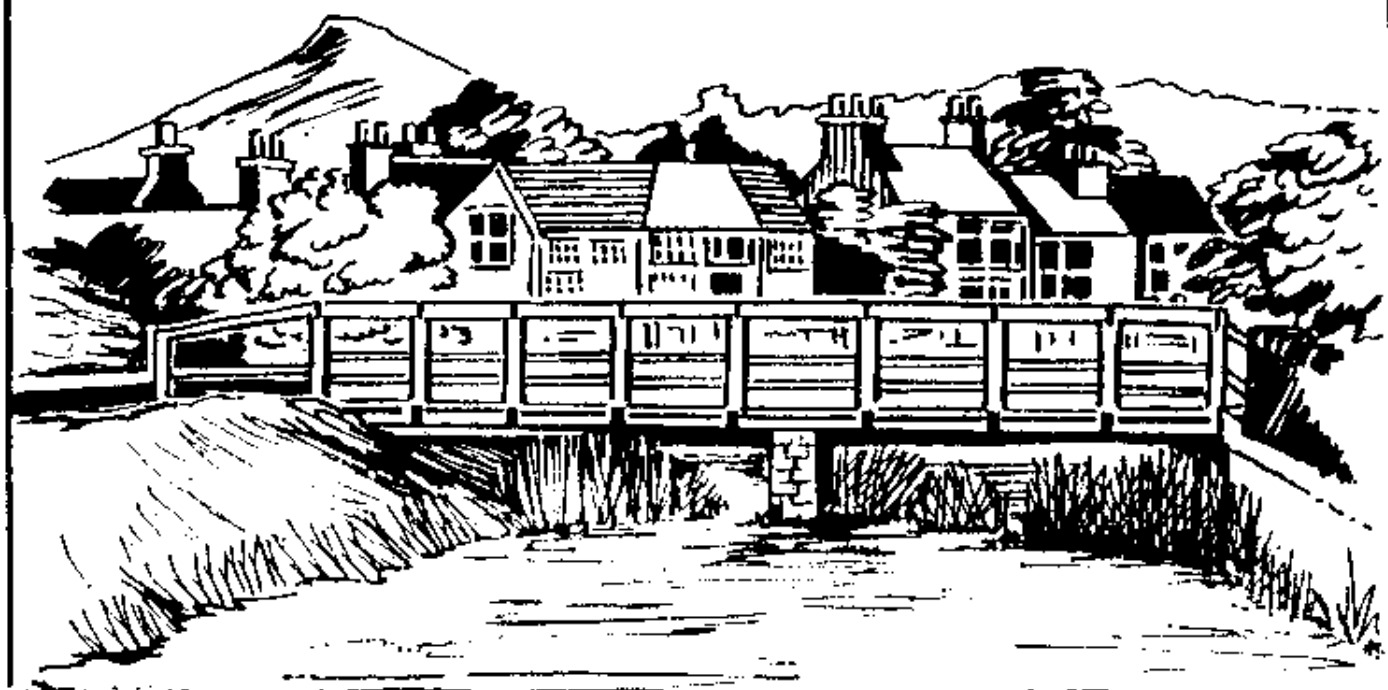


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We are endeavouring to keep to our 2,500 limit as the paper is supplied in 5-ream boxes, and, once printed, 1 box = 1 page, so it transfers neatly from Christ Church Office to Yatton House for the collating. The cost & time taken in printing, collating & delivering would also increase. Ayton's recent rate of expansion is putting pressure on numbers, however! Our priority is to reach every house in Ayton, but we try to place copies in the surrounding villages because the Community Care Association is our publisher & we can spread the word of the CCA's services wherever the magazine is read, to people who might not otherwise realise all the help that is available to them.

We have also agreed to deliver 2 leaflets in Ayton with The Stream for the CCA, again spreading the word: CCA will take you to **Stokesley Market** & back (£1.15), and will take you to the **Ayton shops** on a Saturday & back (75p) door to door – just ring **710085** to book.

More Volunteer Minibus (& Car) Drivers are always welcome – training provided.

Please forgive any shortcomings in this issue – our excellent team of builders came very neatly from May to the end of September, but I failed to foresee the pickle we would still be in – and many thanks to Pete's brother for the electric radiators!!!! **CM**

COME TO YOUR FORUM!

Great Ayton Wednesday Morning Forum is held, in the Village Hall, for Retired People.

No registration is necessary. The pay-as-you-enter charge is **80p** and includes coffee & biscuits. Come between 10.00 & 10.30, while coffee is being served. The Lecture (usually illustrated) begins at 10.45 and the Meeting finishes at 12 noon. We have a good current programme of Lectures for the Autumn Term – copies of the programme are available from the Library. Our second series begins in the New Year for the Spring Term.

Join the friendly crowd of regular attenders - as many from surrounding villages & market towns as from Ayton itself. Find friends as well as entertainment and enlightenment!

Margaret Mawston



On 30 September we were delighted to be joined by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire who presented us with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award. We were one of only four Golden Jubilee Awards in Yorkshire so we feel that our contribution to the community has received very special recognition. We are grateful to Hutton Rudby Parish Council for nominating us and pleased that Judith Followes, the Chair, was able to join our celebrations. Over 70 volunteers and representatives of our funders joined us for the presentation in the garden and a buffet lunch. Lord Crathorne obviously enjoyed meeting so many of our volunteers and commented on the friendly atmosphere which we feel is the hallmark of the Association. The press coverage was excellent and has already brought in gifts and enquiries from potential volunteers.

We are not resting on our laurels. Sue Simpson and Robin Willey have already organised a programme of visits to villages to recruit volunteers for Community Care and for other organisations registered with the Bureau. If your organisation needs volunteers, but has not yet registered, contact Sue at the office.

The Gentle Exercise Class which started on our premises grew so popular that it had to move to the Methodist Church Hall. It is a very friendly group so if you feel that you or a friend could benefit why not come along and join the group on a Monday morning?

If Tea Dances are more your style; their popularity is indicated by the fact that they have been running for over 10 years. They run on Thursdays and Saturdays, alternate weeks. If you would like a taster session ask at the office for details.

Community Care is collecting mobile phones for recycling. If you have one that you wish to dispose of, please bring it in to the office. We are also investigating the possibility of recycling Ink cartridges so perhaps you could hang on to those for the moment! Neither will bring in much revenue but we like to feel that we are making a contribution to the environment.

The latest scheme to top up the incomes of pensioners is even more complicated but does offer something to people with small occupational pensions. If you think you might qualify why not consult the Citizens Advice Bureau? They are still at our office in Stokesley on Friday mornings.

Our thanks to all our volunteers and supporters who helped us to achieve the Golden Jubilee Award. We could not achieve anything without you!

Kath Murray

10 Work from Marwood C of E VC Primary School: *Imaginary Minibeasts*

produced by last summer's Year 2, using Roving Laptops from Stokesley Technology Centre

Bottlebook

A Bottlebook is a bug that hides in books and it eats the pages. The only way to kill that bug is to put it in a bottle. Whenever you leave a room it will pounce on your favourite book and when you come back all that is left is a book cover and only a few bits of paper on the floor. It is very dangerous.

By John Shelton

The Ten Legged Crazy Thing.

A ten legged crazy thing is so crazy it can kill itself. It is khaki and black. It is 20 cm long and it is a cuboid. You can find one in your clothes because it likes the material. It forward flips to move.

It eats rubbish. It does very crazy things like trying to eat its legs. It doesn't have a life cycle. It only lives for a week.

By Lizzie Jewitt

The bank-fish

A bank-fish is brown. It is a type of small mini beast with mandibles. It has a segmented body. The bank-fish is an amphibian with seven legs. Six legs for scuttling, one for sliding. Its legs go in and out of a shell-covered body. It lives on the bank and in the water. A bank-fish eats pond life. It can live up to two centuries. It is five cm long. The male and female bank-fish mate and the male lays twenty eggs. In an hour the eggs will hatch. It goes to sleep once every year.

By Michael Bulmer

The Trer

It is two cm high. It is blue, green and red. The male has fifteen eyes. The female has five eyes. The male has three claws. The female has ten claws. The male and female have one mouth and one antennae. It has ten heads. It has black heads. It lives in a tree in a park, or in a garden. It has wings so it can fly. The male eats leaves. The female eats wood. It can sleep for more than five days. Owls and other animals can not eat it because it is so heavy. It lays spotted eggs under a bench. Egg, ngg, pupa and trer. It has four stages in its life cycle. It can live for two years.

By Maisie Snowdon.

After several weeks of anticipation we were finally setting out on a very special journey to Ghana. My husband, Peter, and I were accompanying our vicar, Paul Peverell to the Consecration and Enthronement of the Venerable Matthias Kwabla Medadues-Badohu as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Ho in the Anglican Church of Ghana. Paul was representing the people of Christ Church who had raised funds towards the creation of the new Diocese.

All we knew beforehand was that we would be met at Accra Airport and looked after for 10 days. We were told that when we arrived in Ghana they would be on GMT (Ghana Maybe Time) – it certainly was, as we found out during our stay! It was a tremendous culture shock arriving on our first visit to Africa. Compared to us, the people there have very little in material things but they do have a tremendous amount of love and friendship to give. We were treated almost like royalty and Matthias was so thrilled that people from England were there to support him for his special occasion. It felt an honour to be there.

The ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, 17th August in the grounds of the Anglican Cathedral Church of St George the Martyr in Ho and began at around 8.15am. It was an extremely colourful and memorable occasion with many of the nearly 2000 people attending being dressed in traditional African clothes with music and dancing in the African style. After the legal formalities had been completed, the religious side of the proceedings consisted of Matthias' Ordination and Consecration as Bishop. This was followed by his enthronement in the Cathedral which is rather modest but is similar in size to our mediaeval All Saints Church here in Great Ayton. The formal proceedings ended just after 3.00pm!

We didn't see the sights of Ghana as a holidaymaker would but had the privilege of being taken by the Bishop and the Archdeacon of Kpando to visit several parishes in the Diocese. It was quite a humbling experience to see church and school buildings which were unfinished through lack of funds.

We had some quite scary times especially on their roads, trying to miss the pot-holes and the oncoming traffic. The state of the cars (petrol gauges, speedometers and such things don't tend to function!) and the fact that we ran out of petrol on our final day left us wondering if we would be at the airport on time - but we made it!

Our experiences and what we saw will remain with us for a very long time and hopefully, one day, we *will* return to Ghana.

Pauline Titchmarsh

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In July I received an email to inform me that the Dance School had been accepted through the first audition and telling me of the next stage. I had to send a video of a typical show I would like the pupils to perform there and a team photograph. At this stage the children did not know of the audition and were very curious when we had the team photograph.

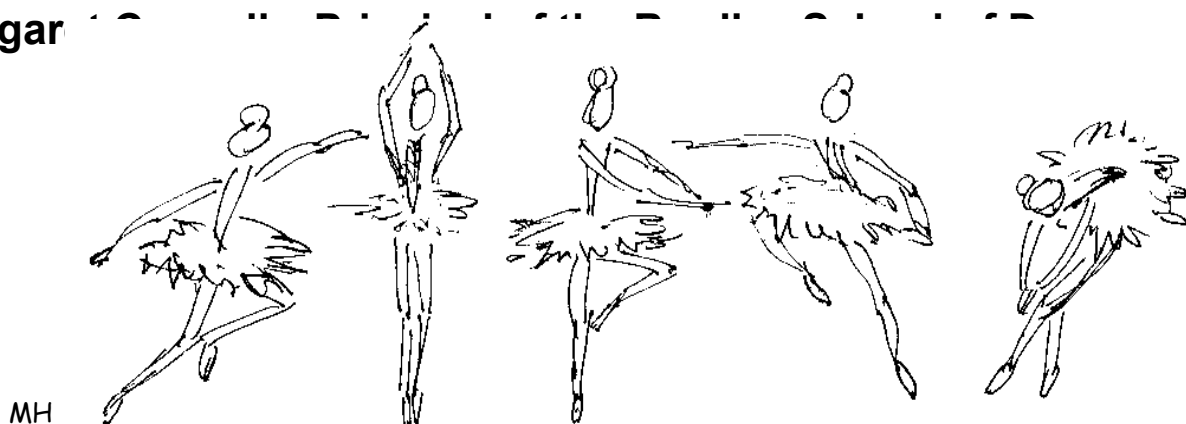
Everything was posted by the end of the week - to Disneyland Resort, Paris, and I was then eagerly awaiting a reply. It was a long summer! Every day I checked my emails and still no reply. I kept telling myself "No news is good news" until one Friday in August whilst at class I received a phone call from Disneyland informing me that we had successfully auditioned and we would be performing our show on Wednesday 18th February. They apologised for the delay, explaining that they audition 1,000 theatre/dance groups a week, worldwide so it was a tremendous achievement to be chosen!! I told the pupils at the end of class. One of my senior girls jumped up and down with excitement and a 7 year old said "I think I'm going to faint"!

We will be dancing in The Magic Kingdom in the Fantasyland area. We are travelling on the Tuesday and we have to be 'Backstage' at Disneyland Paris at 9.30am on the Wednesday morning. This in itself will be an experience as we will find out what goes on behind the scenes at the Resort! Unfortunately, we are not allowed to take photographs of the Backstage area.

The 33 pupils are aged 5 – 17 years and will be performing a variety of routines including our acrobatic/gymnastic troupe's "The Lion King". We will be able to take lots of photos and a video of the show and we are going to have a team photo outside Sleeping Beauty's Pink Castle as a wonderful memory. We hope we can share all this with you on our return with a display at Great Ayton Library.

We are furiously fund-raising as we would like to be able to fund all the pupils to attend this magnificent event. As Principal of the Bradley School of Dance I feel that dancing is a wonderful hobby for children as it gives them great confidence and they learn to work as a team, which helps them in adult life with interviews and in the working environment – and also keeps them very fit! Looking forward to telling you about the whole experience on our return:

Margar



We have enjoyed another successful singing year.

Last Easter we performed *Messiah Part II* with local soloists in Christ Church, Great Ayton. The proceeds went to local charities and a donation was made to Christ Church towards the Ted Appleyard window. Ted affected so many of our lives in positive ways. The Soirée last July was performed to a full capacity audience, with some people unable to obtain tickets.

Please book in advance to be sure of a seat next time!

Our next concert of carols includes a performance of Eric Thiman's *The Nativity*, and will take place on Saturday 6 December, followed by seasonal refreshments, at Great Ayton Methodist Church. Next term we shall be performing a programme which includes Vivaldi's *Gloria* with local soloists. Proceeds will go to charities.

We look forward to your continued enjoyment of our singing.

--- **Margaret Heaton, Conductor.**

The Angrove Singers would like to thank **Christine Middleton**, their retiring Chairman of the last 6 years, for her dedicated work throughout that time, including finding our new Conductor, Margaret, and new Accompanist, Vera Woodhouse. We thank **Margaret Stainsby** for being willing to take on the position of Chairman and wish her well for her time in office.



Great Ayton Youth Drama Group

(meets Tuesdays, Village Hall, 6pm -8pm) **presents:**

...an exuberant, fun-packed musical with a cast of 40 young people from Ayton, & a few from Guisborough & Stokesley, aged 8 -16, directed by **Danny Greenhalgh** in his gap year before Drama School. The Musical lasts about 1 hour. The programme also features

excerpts from plays & other musicals including *Macbeth*, *Wyrda Sisters*, *Fame*, *Grease* & *Les Misérables*.

Tickets: available from the **Library** or **722096** from 17th November

£4.50 & £4.00. Concessions £2.50 £2.00

SHAKE, RIPPLE & ROLL

In the Parochial Hall

**Wed 26th, Thurs 27th Nov.
7.30pm**

& Sat 29th 3.00pm+ 7.30pm

CHRIS THOMPSON (Christ Church Organist) has completed his second 21 years in charge of a choir – first it was **The Angrove Singers**. Now it is **The North Yorkshire Chorus**, where he is Chorus Director. There is to be a special Concert in his honour: **Ripon Cathedral**, Saturday **29th November**. The programme will include the Mozart *Requiem* and *Solemn Vespers*.

Tickets: 01748 824793

Congratulations, Chris!



The Scout Group continues to thrive and has a current membership of 95 young people.

We welcome **Philip Walker** who has taken over as Chairman of the Group Executive Committee. We extend our thanks to the retiring chairman, **Ken Nicholson**, for all his work over the past 4 years. Ken will continue his involvement in developing our plans for upgrading the Scout HQ. On the leader front, we welcome **David Slater** and **Paul Gubbins** who are becoming Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders. We are sorry to lose the services of Assistant Scout Leader **Andrew Cutler** who has left for university in Manchester. We wish him well in his studies.

Beaver Colony activities have included a number of nature walks, craft activities and a recent bat-hunting walk at Pinchinthorpe. Halloween activities are planned, together with a trip to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium, following in the footsteps of Monument Pack.

Endeavour Cub Pack held a rather different summer camp this year by spending a night on HM Bark Endeavour at Castlegate Quay, Stockton, followed by a 2nd night at Kildale Camping Barn. Other excitement during the year has been provided by a wide range of activities, including caving in the Dales, an adventure day at Carlton Minniott & an orienteering competition at Ripon.

Monument Cub Pack enjoyed two camping highlights this year. Members of the pack joined 1,000 other cubs from all over the county at the North Yorkshire County Cub Camp at Pateley Bridge in May - a weekend of fun activities, which was a great success. Later in the summer, the pack held its own weekend camp at Woodhouse Farm. Other activities have included a visit to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium.

Scout Troop Whit Week saw the troop enjoying camp near Coniston in the Lake District. The weather was good - the boys enjoyed activities like fell walking, ghyll scrambling & kayaking & cooking over open fires. In July, the troop was challenged to a football competition by Stokesley Scouts, followed by a barbecue. Other activities included caving at Dow Cave, Kettlewell.

The Explorer Scout Unit was featured on "Inside Out" on BBC North East TV in June when the boys took part in a challenge to navigate to a spot on the N.Y. Moors using GPS units (global positioning system) and find a hidden cache. Other recent activities have included quad bike racing, and a white water rafting event is being planned in the near future.

The Leaders

Sadly, our **Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display** organised each year by the Group Supporters' Committee cannot take place this year due to lack of a suitable field in which to hold the event. However, other events planned are: a **Quiz Night** in the Royal Oak on **9th November**, a **Race Night** on **3rd February** and our annual Duck Race in May next year. **Please support us!**

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| 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 8-10½ years | Wednesdays | 6.30pm - 8.00pm |
| Scout Troop | Boys aged 10½ -14 years | Thursdays | 7.15pm - 9.00pm |
| Explorer Scout Unit | Boys aged 14 – 18 years | Thursdays | 7.15pm - 9.00pm |

Chairman: Philip Walker: 711503

Waiting Lists: Jean McWilliam: 722358



During the Summer the **Brownies** had a Weekend Camp. This was held at Holme House Camp Site at Grosmont. The Brownies slept in tents in small groups. Correction – the girls were in small groups in tents! Sleep was a rare commodity on the first night. The theme was “*Jungle Book*” so the children were up very early next morning to start making lots of craft things, eg. suncatchers, animal masks, insect gliders and lots more. The children had a day out in Whitby where we sampled the fish & chips, and finished the day by calling at the Joke Shop.

This is just one of the many outings that the Brownies go on. All 3 units in the village this year have been on sleepovers, gone on Pack Holidays to Marske, Grosmont, Swainby, days out by train to Whitby, and been skating. If you think your child may be interested in joining Brownies. Please give me a ring.

Guides **also enjoyed camping this year. The girls had a brilliant weekend at Crathorne. Guides were challenged to do some Pioneering, and made a swing. They cooked meals outside and had a hilarious time playing games by torchlight. Guides have also been to ‘Ellerton’, where they had a very wet time canoeing, raft building, sailing and kayaking. At the moment the girls are getting ready to go to a Pop Concert called “The Big Gig”. More about this next time!**

As you can see, Guiding in the village is thriving. I would like to thank all the Leaders for their help in making this possible. If you would like to join us and help us to run our units by giving some hands-on help, please contact me.

Linda Davey, District Commissioner, 723467

GUIDING IN GREAT AYTON

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Venues & Times of Meetings can be obtained from the District Commissioner.

(New national rules in Guiding prevent us from publishing these details again. Ed.)

THIS PAGE HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY MRS ANNE GREGORY, STABLE COTTAGE

We are now coming to the end of our first project to research & record landscape features in the parishes of Gt Ayton & Little Ayton. Meeting every Wednesday in the Friends' Meeting House on High Green, we work under the guidance of a professional archaeologist. Our grant from the Local Heritage Initiative (using Heritage Lottery Fund money) and our Nationwide Building Society Award finish on 31st January 2004. Inspired by our discoveries so far, we will apply for new funding to take us through a further 2-year period with the emphasis on industrial and natural heritage.

Over the last few months we have been particularly busy, with field walking, test pit digging, aerial surveys & metal detector searches. We are working on several sites, covering local history over 10,000 yrs. Our activities have attracted "visiting members" from places such as Ripon & Chester!

Levensdale. We have now recorded almost 1,000 flint fragments from what were the banks of the River Leven 8,000 years ago. At that time, not long after the last Ice Age, the Leven was a wide meandering stream that crossed the present Stokesley Road near its junction with the back lane to Easby. Although most flints have been collected from the surface, excavations have revealed groups of flint tools and charcoal in what was the gravel of the riverbanks. Flint does not occur locally, & had to be imported, probably from the Yorkshire Wolds. Clearly Mesolithic people were using the area as a hunting ground, & probably camped here for some time before moving on. Our best find so far is a perfect Neolithic arrow from a later period, about 4,000 years ago, in the shape of the playing cards' spade symbol.

Aireyholme Farm. We have traced the way in which the farm buildings have changed over the years as farming practices developed. We have started to look at the site of an Iron Age enclosure near to Roseberry Topping, and have found some pieces of iron. Unfortunately they are likely to be from the Middlesbrough blast furnaces of the 19th century rather than from Iron Age people, but we are having tests carried out (pre-blast furnace iron has a very low carbon content).

Alum Works. The hitherto neglected Alum Works above Gribdale has been surveyed by us, and we have plans for a professional survey. Research has been done to locate the boil house site.

Hudson NR-E. The background to this WW2 aircraft crash has been fully researched and a book "Lost on Easby Moor – the last flight of Hudson NR-E" has been published. This has generated considerable interest in the village, & 140 people attended a talk about the crash held in August. On 8th October a memorial plaque to the crew was dedicated in a ceremony near Captain Cook's Monument, attended by RAF Chaplain Rev'd Wing Commander Nick Heron, our Vicar, Rev'd Paul Peverell, schoolchildren, guests and members of the village's Archaeology Project.

Finally we must record our great debt to farmers and landowners for allowing us onto sites, many of which are not accessible by public rights of way.

Ian Pearce

If you would like to find out more, please contact **Dan O'Sullivan on 723358**,

Sally Dennison on 723897, David Taylor on 722748 or Ian Pearce on 722964.

Over the last 18 months we have continued to track down photographs, pamphlets and press cuttings of historical village events. We now have over 600 stored on our laptop and these can be viewed on the dedicated computer in **Great Ayton Library**. We are still looking for any historical photos, however old or recent, which we can add to our archive.

If you think that you have any suitable material for us, or you know the names of any people on our existing photos, or would like us to talk to your group, please get in touch with us:

David Sills 722705 Dan O,Sullivan 723358 Peter Morgan 722897

GREAT AYTON POLICING ISSUES: Your Beat Officers

Great Ayton now has 3 Beat Officers:

PC Neil Duffy, PC Mike Harrison and PC Glyn Jones.

These officers are committed to solving the community issues in Gt Ayton as well as combating the anti-social behaviour and crime in the area.



The issue of anti-social behaviour in Great Ayton is being addressed by your local officers. Hot spots and offenders have been quickly identified, and steps are being taken to ensure that if their behaviour continues to disrupt the community they will be dealt with by our Youth Action Teams or the courts. Trained officers are being dispatched to speak with the parents of these youths, making them aware of the problems they are causing and the potential consequences if this behaviour continues. So far, we are getting a good response.

The Beat Officers have already started to establish a good working relationship with the local businesses in the area and are liaising with local schools with regard to visits. It is our hope that, given time, you will know your local officers and be able to put a name to the face. Speak to us - we are here to listen and help. We are interested in the community as a whole and are concerned about the problems of the residents.

Your local officers are increasing Foot & Mobile Patrols to reduce the crime in our area. We are supported by Special Constables and Community Support Officers, who you will have seen walking the streets of Great Ayton in the recent months, but as ever we do rely on the members of the community to be our eyes & ears, continuing to report crimes and anti-social behaviour as they occur. We are working towards a partnership with local residents, schools and businesses - together we aim to make Great Ayton a safer & more enjoyable place to live.

PC Mike Harrison.

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KIPPER PÂTÉ for 6

from Barbara Barratt

Ingredients Garnish with sprigs of Parsley & slices of Lemon. Serve with Brown Toast

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| 8 oz Kipper Fillets | 3 tablesp. Single Cream | 1 clove Garlic |
| 3 oz Unsalted Butter | 3 tablesp. Milk | Black Pepper |

Thinly pared rind + juice of 1 Lemon.

Method Liquidiser needed.

1. Poach kippers in milk for 15 minutes.
2. Drain & remove skin & bones (don't worry about very fine ones).
3. Place fish in liquidiser with melted butter, crushed garlic, lemon rind & juice + cream.
4. Blend all these until smooth. Season to taste with black pepper & more lemon juice if desired.
5. Place in individual ramekin dishes. Cover with foil & refrigerate.

RICH DESSERT: COFFEE CREAM

from Margaret Petch

Ingredients**This pudding is best made the day before you need it.**

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| 7 oz Butter | ¼ pt Milk | } Mix together | 4 tblsp. Sherry | } Mix together |
| 1 pkt Sponge Fingers | 4 teasp. Instant Coffee | | 2 tblsp. Water | |
| ½ pt Double Cream | 1 oz Plain Flour | | 6 oz Caster Sugar | |

Method Small Trifle Bowl needed.

1. Slowly melt 1oz butter in saucepan. Stir in flour & cook for 1 minute.
2. Remove from heat & gradually add milk & coffee.
3. Replace pan on heat & bring to boil.
4. Stir all the time & cook for 2 minutes. Cool.
5. Cream the rest of the butter & sugar & then gradually add the cooled coffee sauce. Beat well.
6. Put ½ mixture in trifle bowl.
7. Dip sponge fingers in sherry & water mixture. Put layer on top of coffee cream. Add rest of coffee cream & second layer of sponge fingers. Finish with whipped cream.

GINGERBREAD

from Janet Hey

Ingredients Bake in lined meat tin or 2 x 2lb loaf tins (preferably with paper cases).

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| 2 teasp. Ground Ginger | 8 oz S.R. Flour | 4 oz block Margarine | 8 oz Syrup |
| 1 teasp. Bicarb. of Soda | 1 oz Sugar | 6 ½ fluid oz Milk (boiling) | 1 beaten Egg |

Method

1. Sieve together flour, ginger & bicarb of soda; add sugar.
2. Melt together margarine & syrup. Pour onto flour mixture & beat well. Add beaten egg.
3. Pour on boiling milk & beat well. (Raisins can be added if desired.)
4. Pour batter into tin(s). **Bake** at 350/170 degrees for 30 – 45 minutes until light & springy.

BT have announced that the Great Ayton exchange will be upgraded as a result of a partnership arrangement with Yorkshire Forward & the Regional Business Links. As a result, **BROADBAND** should be available on most lines served by our exchange from the **25TH FEBRUARY 2004.**

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to register; anyone who has not yet done so can still register to receive the new service at www.bt.com/broadband

Peter Scrope

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Asylum Seekers and Refugees on Teesside

The Society of Friends in Great Ayton are collecting, until December 20th:

non-perishable foods (eg: pasta, rice, dried & tinned vegetables) & **toiletries, toothpaste**, etc. and **young men's clothes** – for “The Family International Drop In Centre” in Dovecot Street and Skinner Street, Stockton, which gives all kinds of support as it's needed.

The Drop In Centre is there for those who have no other support at all for a variety of reasons. Support may have been withdrawn while their case is on appeal. There is no support for those who do not apply for asylum within 24 hours of arrival. The Family Centre likes to keep a reserve of non-perishable goods for emergencies. Money is also appreciated.

Cheques can be made out to Stockton Saturday Drop In or The Mary Thompson Fund. They may be given to me, Marjorie Gaudie, at the Friends' Meeting House, Gt Ayton, or delivered to Frauke Ross, 67 High St, Gt Ayton. **All donations go directly to those who need them.**

The Meeting House is open Wednesdays 9.45am - 11.30am & Sundays 10am - 12 noon.

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When I came to Great Ayton recently I was on a tour of old haunts, following the death of my father. We found the Grange easily and it was extraordinarily moving for me. I had not been back for almost 50 years. I was a pupil there from 1953-1955 when the wing of the building nearest to Yarm Lane was a school run by a Mr and Mrs Stapleton. My mother tells me both were former teachers at the Friends School. They must have employed at least two other teachers as I can recall Mrs. Stainforth (who lived in Nunthorpe) and Miss Ingledew. I think there were about 50 pupils in the school, taught in 3 classes: the rooms either side of the door plus a small 'scholarship' class which was taught in an annexe - still there, unchanged and unused, beside Yarm Lane). It also served as a canteen. When you were queueing up you were asked 'Small, medium or large?' but not told what was on the menu. As this was usually soggy cabbage or sickly stewed turnip I generally said 'small' only to kick myself if it was chips!

The school was strong on music and ballet, also getting you to read and write by the age of 7. When I went to a huge primary school in Hull in 1955 (when my parents moved away) I was at least a year ahead of the rest of my class. I could also embroider. The house at that time belonged to a family called Kitching. We used to be allowed into their part of the house to watch grand events on the television. We were warned first not to touch the sash windows which might crash down and behead us.

I don't know how much longer the school continued. It was certainly well established by the time my sister, Diana, started in 1950. We were sent there because our local school in Nunthorpe had outside loos! We were dropped off opposite the main gate (on Stokesley Road) by the service bus. Heaven knows how we crossed the road at the age of 4 - perhaps there was less traffic in those days. As far as I recall the other pupils were all fairly local, though one girl (Angela Flower?) lived at a farm on the way to Nunthorpe. I can see her now, running up the long drive past stooks of corn, waving to me.

My grandparents owned a fruit shop in Nunthorpe (J. W. Tate). I was delighted to see that it has reverted to its former purpose after a few years as Lloyds Bank. I bought an apple there for old times' sake. My grandma's dingy front bedroom is now a beauty parlour.

I have always remembered Great Ayton with affection - I told my husband we couldn't leave without stopping for an ice-cream at Suggitt's. **I would love to hear from anyone who remembers Ayton Prep (Great Ayton Preparatory School).** I am now a teacher in York, married with 4 children and 1 grandson (in Australia). I have also had several poems published about the area I grew up in - here is the latest. Kind regards, **Carole Bromley (née Day) (29 Chestnut Avenue, Stockton Lane, York YO31 1BR or email: cl.bromley@virgin.net)**

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| 1 I am just passing through. It was a village halt then. Now commuters to Teesside stand smart on the old platform. | 4 On the left, solid as the memory you revisit in a dream just before you fall from the sky, my grandparents' shop still stands. |
| 2 The geraniums have gone and the fire buckets, the hampers of jewel-eyed pigeons looking through holes in wicker. | 5 The towers of polished apples in the window have gone, the bananas on hooks, the Outspan twirlers. A branch of Lloyds with Venetian blinds. |
| 3 Down the line, where once the painted signal box stood with the huge heavy levers, I can see Roseberry Topping. | 6 But, just as the whistle blows and the platform starts to slide, I see, at the front bedroom window where I used to sit on the sill |
- 7 on sleepless August evenings
watching the smoke drift across
the garage forecourt opposite
the same nets I helped my grandma hang.
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Richest Man in the Cemetery?.....Not likely!

In 2002, I was awarded Associate Fellowship of the Royal Institute of Navigation in recognition of my services to navigation at sea. Interest in the sea began when I selected sailing as my hobby for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, resulting in my being the first person from Stockton-on-Tees to gain the award, presented by the Duke at Holyrood Palace. Interest was strengthened when my 9-year old son became a Laser dinghy sailor at Scaling Dam, & in the early 1980's when I was a sailing & powerboat instructor. As boredom with reservoir activities increased, I moved to sea sailing, with South Gare Marine Club as a base.

Sailing in Laser, Wayfarer & Albacore dinghies was tremendous fun. We explored the Tees Estuary & the Seaton Channel, where returning seals & birds could be observed at very close quarters, & had regular jaunts round the ships at anchor in Tees Bay, to Saltburn for picnics on the beach, & over to the Hartlepool Headland for lunch & a couple of pints.

On, hopefully, stormy weekends I taught VHF marine radio courses at South Gare, where being 'kippered' by the smoking fire was a tradition, as was collecting firewood at lunchtimes. I was also teaching seamanship and navigation courses at Middlesbrough College and, at various times, at Sunderland, Whitby and for Middlesbrough & Redcar/Cleveland Adult Education.

In 1995, to extend my knowledge, & after viewing Open University (OU) Programmes on Saturday morning TV, I wrote seeking details of 'maritime' courses, resulting in their '*Courses Newspaper*' dropping through the letterbox. I was caught hook, line and sinker, but it was with

trepidation that I applied for the Science Foundation course, to study Chemistry, Physics, Biology & Earth Sciences in 1996. For 7 continuous years I studied at home, specialising in Earth Sciences & Environmental Sciences, attending tutorials at Middlesbrough, Durham, Newcastle, Penrith, Leeds & Nottingham, often in the latter years going to more than one to obtain extra tuition/ understanding. I also attended 5 week-long residential schools held during the summer in Durham (2), Edinburgh, Kindrogan (Pitlochry) & Betws y Coed. My reward was an Upper Second Honours degree.

As well as studying, I also sailed a 67' Round the World yacht in the Caribbean during the Millennium (when I presented the flagpole, outside the library, to the Village) & March 2003 from Plymouth to Kinsale (Eire) via Fastnet Rock. In 2000 & 2001 I took College students and circumnavigated Majorca, Menorca, Corsica & Elba in a 52' Oceannis yacht.

My other main interest is having one week every month on holiday (bar November due to nightschool commitments). Many trips are with the OU Geological Society, which anyone can join, and means single supplements, organisation, etc. are not my problem: Outer Hebrides, Santorini, Central France, Crete & last May 2 weeks in Namibia driving a mini bus of 8 round the desert for 2,500 miles on dirt roads; Etna during this October's half term, where the world's leading expert on the mountain is showing us around the 2nd most active volcano in the world – due to erupt again before we go!! Next April is Cyprus but before that somewhere else is needed to escape from the English Christmas/New Year.

Just to keep me busy, I am the Honorary Navigation Instructor for South Gare Marine Club & also at Redcar Coastwatch where I can be found every Thursday afternoon, when not away.....do call and see us – super view.

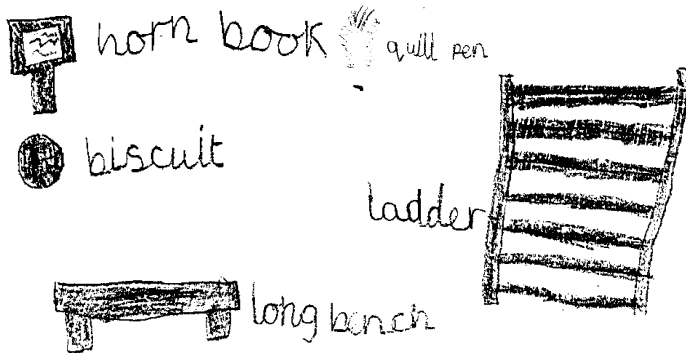
My belief, decided as a young man, is to spend the first 25 years learning, the next 25 years working & the 3rd 25 years enjoying myself, which I see as the only reason for being here in the first place.

To the young I say, "Save 10% of all you earn and you will be a rich man, and consider OU study as an alternative to 'ordinary uni' ... no fees, no expenses and no debt you can also earn a living and contribute to a pension, as well!" To the older my advice is, "Do it now - it's no good, in your 70's, wishing you had done 'this & that' a decade ago when you were fitter." I have the outlook/attitude of a 21 year old, but the body is a lot older, and one thing is certain – I am not going to be the richest man in the cemetery and let others drink my whisky!

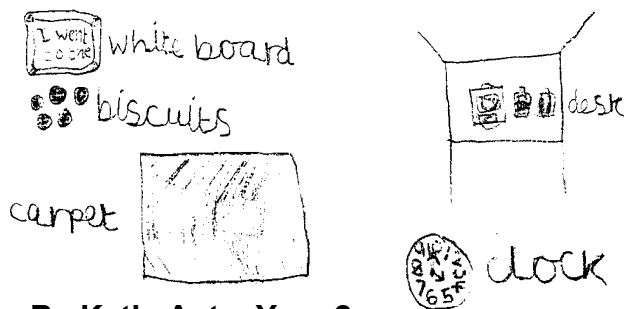
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Captain Cook's Schoolroom



Our Classroom



By Katie Auty. Year 2

Our Visit to Eden Camp

Yesterday we went to Eden Camp. There were 29 huts and I had a brilliant day. No. 10 was my favourite hut because it was a prisoner of war hut and no. 7 was Street at War and there were loads of shops. At no.12 we had our lunch. There were replicas of Spitfires, V1 Rockets and Hurricanes. The Forces' Hut had loads of badges and medals of World War 2. There were 3 millennium projects. We only saw 22 huts. My Grandad was a prisoner of war at Eden Camp so at no.10 I looked for him. He was called Erwin Sheiwertsr. There were 6 acres of land and living history. At hut 6 there was a puppet show. It was really funny and they squirted water at all of us. We went to a souvenir shop afterwards and I got a fairy and an Eden Camp bear. And then we had a bumpy ride back.

By Amelia Foster

Our Visit to Eden Camp

My visit to Eden Camp was very enjoyable. In my group was Elsa, James, Me, John, Phillip, Tanzy and Lucy. We got in the bus. I was sitting next to John. Our Group Leader was the Caretaker, Mr Galloway. When we got there we went straight to the huts. The first hut we went to was the 20th hut and inside were a coal mine and a fire control room. We left the 1-10 huts until last because we guessed that they were the best. At 11.30 we went to the puppet show. It was really good. Then we went to the Assault Course. After that we went and had lunch. It smelt a bit so I had mine outside. Then Mr Galloway said we could go to the Assault Course again. We enjoyed it. Then we did the 1-10 huts that included the Blitz and the submarine. I liked the Blitz hut better though. I thought that hut 7 was funny. Mr Galloway opened it but it wouldn't open fully. A voice said "Hang on" and a toilet flushed. It was meant to happen though! Then we went into the gift shop.

By Dafydd Plant

My Rabbit Can

My rabbit can do a handstand
My rabbit can read a book
My rabbit can climb a tree
My rabbit can even cook!

My rabbit can do keep fit
My rabbit can hit a ball
My rabbit is not like other rabbits
My rabbit can't hop at all!

By Bethan Cummings

The Exterminator

The Exterminator is lethal and has a good shot. It is only programmed to destroy. It destroys everything it wants to. He only attacks with speed not stealth. It kills people by tracking them down then killing. It likes all living things because it can destroy them. It uses plant heads as target practice. He is an evil mass murderer.

By Chris Thorogood

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‘Ayton Man Is Honoured’ was the flysheet for the D & S outside Worthy Pearson’s shop on Friday 1st August. I hope it sold a few copies as Great Ayton wondered who this man was.

I was amused that it was me!

You see, I have produced a few textbooks for the British Constructional Steelwork Association about the design of steelwork connections and standard specifications for the manufacture and erection of structural steelwork. I can’t quite claim authorship, because they were the result of long discussions and approval of a committee representing all sections of the industry:

Consulting Engineers, Contractors, Government bodies and Academics. (You can guess what it was like working for a committee!)

These books were to be industry accepted standards, planned to be the standard references for the structural steelwork

industry. Patience was as important as proficiency in preparing these tomes. I did feel tickled that the BCSA had asked me to put it all down on paper, or at least onto my old faithful AppleMac computer. My work from 1992 till this year was mainly to do with several volumes dealing with the subject of steelwork connections and specifications.

In July this year I was invited to the BCSA summer lunch in the Riverside suite of the Savoy Hotel on the pretext of the launch of a new edition of one of the books. It was a hot day and I had taken off my jacket before the lunch started and I listened with interest when Tom Goldberg, the President of the BCSA stated to describe the professional life of someone they were going to make a Fellow of the BCSA; just 6 people have previously been given this award. The hair on the back of my neck went on end when I realised he was talking about me! So I had to put on my jacket and go up to receive my framed award and to stutter a few words of thanks.

What does the award mean? Well I do get a free invite to the lunch at the Savoy each year. Where does one put a framed certificate? Sufficient to say it is to be found in the smallest room in the house and gentlemen at least get an eyeful. Perhaps the biggest thrill was to walk in the village and see ‘AYTON MAN IS HONOURED’ on a board in Park Square.

Dick Stainsby

Chartered Structural Engineer

I remember reading about a minister who erected a picture of the laughing Christ in his dour protestant village. Letters of protest howled out that there is no place for humour in the church. In a church I served in Natal the choir were practising entering into the church singing a vibrant happy song. The leader stopped them and said, “ Wait a minute. We are Methodists. We are not meant to dance and smile in church!”

It is true that the Gospels never show a laughing Christ. We know that He wept over the fate of Jerusalem and was moved to tears by the death of Lazarus. However, you only have to read the parables to be struck with His sense of humour. He shared meals with outcasts and sinners, and announced that prostitutes would precede the pious into heaven. His first miracle was to change water into wine. He reversed the accepted hierarchy of values with irony and humour.

My favourite humour comes out of the ever-burgeoning collection of errors recorded on church notice sheets:

- There will be a meeting of the little mother’s club. All ladies wishing to become “little mothers” please meet with the minister in his study.
- On Easter Sunday Mrs Lewis will come forward to lay an egg on the altar.
- The sermon topic will be “What is hell?” Come early to see the choir practice.
- The excuses about not coming to church, expressed as Reasons why I never wash:

I was made to wash as a child.

People who wash are hypocrites...they believe that they are cleaner than other people.

There are many different kinds of soap...I could never decide which one is right.

I used to wash, but it became boring so I stopped.

I still wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.

None of my friends wash.

I am still young. When I am older and have become dirtier I might start washing.

I don’t really have the time.

The bathroom is never warm enough.

People who make soap are only after your money.

Humour serves to destabilise the ego. Laughter is essential to religion.

It is the first step to humility.

Dermot Thornberry (Rev)

Together, We’ve Done It Again!

The Annual Coffee Morning at Kildale, on Tuesday 7th October, raised another, magnificent, record amount for Gt Ayton Branch of Yorkshire Cancer: **£960.62**. Thanks to all concerned!

8 of the current team, including 3 from Ayton: **Gari Finch, Steve Glasper & Pete Mounsey**, have been awarded certificates from The Mountain Rescue Council in recognition of over 25 years' service, during which they have been involved in over 600 rescues. **Gari** is the Team Secretary & Call-out Officer through whom all Rescue appeals are channelled; Steve is the Team Training Officer & Pete is the Team Public Relations Officer. 7 people, including Gari's wife, **Sandy**, were made Honorary Members in acknowledgement of their special help. 33 members of the Team were presented with the Queen's Jubilee Medal, specially minted for those facing hazards to help others.

The awards were presented by Lord Crathorne, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and President of the team, who said: " At last the work that Mountain Rescue Teams do has been recognised and the unsung heroes of the community tonight are having their praises sung." **Ed.**

Terry Hardy ..., a well-known village character, died in September, aged 82. During his funeral at St.Margaret's his granddaughter Rebecca read a poem she had written which pictured him perfectly.

At the outbreak of war, September 1939, aged 18, he joined the Durham Light Infantry & was posted to Ayton. Terry & Peggy met in 1940 & married in '42 at St. Joseph's, Stokesley. He was amongst the first to land on the Normandy beaches in June 1944 & fought across France, Belgium, Holland, crossed the Rhine into Germany & was at Hamburg when the Germans surrendered.

On return to civilian life, Terry soon took a post as Insurance Agent with Pearl Insurance, which he was for 35 years until retirement. It is in this role that he will always be remembered locally, since his area covered Ayton, Stokesley & surrounding villages.

Terry was a member of the Normandy Veterans & an active member of the local British Legion Branch. He & Peggy lived in their house in Linden Grove for 51 years. Terry leaves his widow Peggy, a son Michael & wife Jane with children Philip & Rebecca, & a daughter Tricia & husband Mario in Venice.

Bob Lappin

Remember Terry

*A life full of loyalty, pride and honour,
Courageous soldier, loving father, husband &
brother.*

*Devoted Grandad always generous and kind,
Today lying in peace here we all find.*

*A social figure of Great Ayton, recognized &
respected.*

Always dressed smartly, in his image reflected.

*A loud cheery man with a big rosy face
With big warm hands and a heart full of grace.*

*A beep from his car with the slip of the clutch!
Are some of the things that we all loved so much.*

*His figure showed a love of good grub,
A regular chat and a pint down the club.*

*Grandma's roasts were for him the top of the
menu,*

His chair by the fire his perfect venue.

*A proud soldier as well as a family man,
For charity, always doing all that he can.*

*He's a character of the area who will live on,
In our memories we'll smile, although he has
gone.*

*We all love you from this life to another,
Terry Hardy much loved Husband, Father &
brother.*

Here are four “Quaker Poems” inspired by the places and people I have met in and around Great Ayton. “Visitor” was a response to my first attendance at the Sunday morning gathering in the Friends’ Meeting House. Shortly afterwards, the Society of Friends moved to temporary accommodation in Yatton House. “Yatton” was stimulated by the sights and sounds I experienced there in early New Year 2001. “Funeral Attender” was conceived whilst sitting on the High Green after a funeral and Quaker memorial meeting. Finally, I wrote “Journey” during a familiar walk around Easby Moor and Gribdale in 1998. The poem was re-drafted many times until I achieved what I hope is the simplicity of the final version.

VISITOR

I arrive on time for change, as usual.
Still, for an hour, none should move
Unless so moved. The simple bench ill suits
My back, but, expectantly, I wait:
Such eloquence in a silent circle!
Later, I’m shown the burial ground where
Headstones uniformly match what I learned inside
That all are equal in the sight of God.

YATTON

Not Friends, the men in Sunday jeans outside:
Hatchback deliverers, their bottles flashing
With a clank into a rusting bottle bank.
Unmoved, the nine sit on in silence whilst
A golden shaft creeps clockwise to the hour.
Outside, spent Christmas trees are dumped and
A bauble splinters into flashing ruby fire.

FUNERAL ATTENDER

I wait inside a vaulted room
Where a coffin rests awhile.
Your blue shape willows forward with
A smile. How long is a man’s life?
As long as he’s amongst us, in our minds.
You clasp my hand in yours, we draw
The bolts & glances to inhale. Outside,
The deep blue air stills the High Green,
Butterflies along a dry stone wall
And a group of late arrivals
With a pale and trembling child.

JOURNEY

Mariela, I ran along
the forest trail,
past dried-out bones
and stands of digitalis.
A sapling birch
swayed gently
in the silver blue.
Who can say
How sadly it persisted?
I laid me down
upon the forest floor,
in silence I resisted.

On September 26th in 1933, a young couple walked down the aisle at Christ Church, Great Ayton, to be married. 70 years later the couple are still going strong, and recently 95 years old Reg and 90 years old Olive Fall, still living in the village, passed this unique milestone of a Platinum Wedding. On the day, they received a congratulations card from the Queen and flowers and a card from Hambleton council. They did not wish any fuss on the day, and celebrated it themselves by taking the bus to Redcar and having their lunch out, but now the event has passed they are happy to talk about their long & happy life together.

Reg spent many years as a chauffeur at Nunthorpe working for steel company directors before returning to Gt Ayton as Groundsman, later Steward, at the Friends' School. Olive worked at Petch's dairy delivering milk with a pony and cart, and later worked in Petch's butcher's shop. Olive is one of 6 brothers & 4 sisters, so Reg & Olive have an extended family of over 30 nieces, nephews, great nieces & great nephews in the village who keep in touch with them.

One of Reg's regrets is that he had to give up driving 2 years ago and really misses his car. Prior to this, Olive & Reg made a point of visiting friends in nursing homes, and local drives for days out. They now frequently visit the Hollygarth Centre and enjoy organised bus trips from there. Their many friends and acquaintances will be pleased to know that the couple are still excellent conversationalists with marvellous memories, and able to get about. 3 days after their anniversary they took a long bus trip to Moffatt & the Scottish Borders and went shopping!

The Stream joins with their many friends in wishing them years more happiness together.

Bob Lappin

News from Great Ayton Library

Have **you** been inside Great Ayton Library recently?

This summer the Library was re-furbished and we now have:

- * new furniture!
- * new carpet!
- * new paintwork!
- * staff uniforms!
- * new colour scheme!

And coming soon ...Hundreds of new adult and junior fiction books!!

(late October)

Hundreds of **new** adult and junior **non-fiction** books!!

(end of 2003)

Now is a very good time to re-visit your local Library!

Chris Bower, Librarian

(Plus **FREE** Internet access; word processing; use of 4 PCs; scanner & DVD player display space; advice on Job-seeking. At a small cost audio books; videos; storytapes ...)

For us the highlight of 2003 was in early July when we welcomed 40 friends from Ouzouer-sur-Loire. The theme for their visit, 'The Environment & Conservation', gave us plenty of scope for a full programme of activities.

After a relaxing meal with hosts & a good night's sleep, our French friends were ready for action on the Friday morning. The day began with a guided trip to Nature's World where the model of the River Tees from source to sea set the scene for other activities to come, while the Hydroponicum was a revelation to us all with crops & tropical plants thriving in an environment without soil! After a picnic lunch in brilliant sunshine, some of the group enjoyed a walk along the Leven from Stokesley to Ayton accompanied by 2 experts from the Environment Agency who explained the flood defences & described wildlife along the river. Sightings of heron & deer nearby were a bonus. Others, including all the children, had a great afternoon at Old Hall and Eastfield Farms, piling into Ray Wilson's tractor-trailer to see everything in style. Ray is a conservation enthusiast with particular interests in butterflies, trees and pond life. Later, on a glorious evening, 80 of us cruised on the Teesside Princess between Stockton and Yarm, enjoying a meal & the chance to admire the river scenery from the deck, whilst catching up on each other's news.

Saturday morning dawned cloudier, but the rain held off for a visit to Seal Sands, part of the Teesmouth National Nature Reserve. Previous French visits have concentrated on the moors & towns south of Ayton, so the industrial setting was a vivid contrast. However our guide, Ken Smith, fired us up with his boundless enthusiasm for "wild life where you least expect it", showing us unusual flowers, butterflies, moths, nesting terns & lots of seals. By the afternoon only a few hardy souls braved the rain to go orienteering in Guisborough forest, most people opting for a rest! Our weekend ended with a barbecue at the home of Caroline & Nigel Kitching, a lively evening of food, wine & 'camaraderie'. When the French bus left on Sunday morning no one could have doubted the growing friendship between our communities.

By the time you read this, members will have just returned from a long weekend in Ouzouer, with a 'Local Heritage' theme. Apart from being a lot of fun, these visits are an excellent low-cost way to experience another culture, pick up a little language & make new friends. Exchange visits are not all we do, however. Members & friends enjoy social & fund-raising activities too: this year a Quiz Night at the Royal Oak, a wine-tasting social and a moors walk with a pub lunch. A Fireworks Party is planned for November. Other groups such as the French 'Chatterie', Stokesley Wine Society and Bradley School of Dance share some ventures with us.

As always, new members are very welcome. **You do not have to be able to speak French!**

If you would like to join, or just find out more, please get in touch.

Sue Pearce (Chairman) Tel: 722694

One day last summer while I was waiting for a bus by High Green I spent a few minutes admiring the Nicholas Dimbleby statue of Captain Cook as a young scholar, which I remember being unveiled a couple of years ago. It brought back to mind a story I recall hearing from a colleague some years ago about another statue.

He said that, as a young lad in Dublin, he used to pass a sculptor's workshop on his way home from school each day, and he used to drop in to see what the artist was working at. He was a grumpy individual who did not like interruptions when he was working and so the lad learnt to admire and not to speak.

Then, coming up to the Summer holidays one year he noticed that the sculptor had received a large block of stone from the Wicklow Mountains. He was intrigued, but dare not ask what it was for, but presumed it must ultimately be for a statue.



Over the summer months he had no reason to pass that way and so did not see any of the work in progress, but when he returned to school after the holidays he once again dropped into the workshop and there standing on the floor was a statue of Christ which the sculptor had carved in the summer months. He gazed in admiration at the beauty of the workmanship and eventually blurted out "How did you know Jesus was in the stone?"

The sculptor paused and, for once, was not bad tempered, and then he said thoughtfully, "That is a very good question, son. I could not find Jesus in the stone until I had first found His image in my heart."

As I reflected upon this old man's wisdom I recalled that Michelangelo had claimed that he did not create his sculptures; but uncovered them hidden in the marble. To him it would seem as if the figure is, as it were, a prisoner in the hard rock. And so it is with our own lives every day. It is the plain facts and everyday happenings that conceal God. He reveals himself little by little under the discernment of the spirit.

Mgr Ray Charlton

"God moves in a mysterious way" I don't know when these words were first spoken but in early October my family – brother, sister-in-law and myself – became very aware of them.

In October 2000 we were invited to Melbourne to open the Millennium Celebration Birthday of Captain Cook. This was because my brother and I had the great good fortune to be born in the cottage that once housed the "Cook family". We had a marvellous time there and met many people: we still keep in touch with some of them; lots of the staff from the "Cottage" and gardens we met daily and we were quite sad when it all ended. *(Stream, Spring 2001)*

However, this Autumn, a young man who looked after the cottage garden in Melbourne came to stay with his sister in Glasgow. On Thursday 2nd October he made a special journey to see our lovely village and hopefully meet us all again. Unfortunately he couldn't recall our names or find anyone who could help him, so he decided to visit *All Saints Church* and the Museum, then set off to climb Cook's Monument and Roseberry Topping. On his way down – and here comes the truth of that quotation – he met a couple out walking who recognised his "G'day!" as Australian and started to chat. In the course of conversation John and Christine realised who the visitor was looking for and eventually got in touch with us. We spent a marvellous evening talking and bringing back memories of a lovely interlude in our lives.

Thank you, John Huddlestone, for the friendship you always show, for making that long journey from Australia via Glasgow to Ayton so worthwhile for a very interested young man, and, of course, for making that old quotation so very true.

Ivy Hynes

Celebrating 25 years at The Royal Oak

Congratulations to Derek and Linda Monaghan for their quarter of a century in charge of Ayton's famous Hotel. They will also celebrate the 275th Birthday of Captain Cook at the end of October, but they have always excelled at welcoming all their guests over the years and helping them to enjoy their own special occasions, from Diamond Wedding Anniversary Lunches to Reunions of friends, Staff Christmas Parties and Folk Evenings. **Thank you both!**

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Cash from Trash

Yatton House Trainees are currently studying a project dealing with the Environment. Part of the project involves looking at the disposal of waste, particularly the use of recycling. We have always encouraged recycling and part of an earlier project resulted in the recycling containers at Yatton House which are provided by Hambleton District Council. **All cans & tins left at Yatton House provide cash which is put towards the work of our Society - CASH for TRASH!** Separating the steel from aluminium is done by our Trainees as part of the recycling project.

Some good news from Hambleton District Council. - The Great Ayton/Stokesley area will be soon able to recycle plastic & containers. This service will commence early to mid 2004.

Yatton House Pantry

This service is very popular and is **open every Wednesday** from 10.00am, serving Morning Coffee and Light Snacks. Each week there is a different cooked lunch on the "Specials Board" very competitively priced at **£2.50**. Why not call in or ring 722380 for a delivered '**Take-away**' ?

DATES FROM THE YATTON HOUSE DIARY.

Yatton House Friends.

Volunteers are welcome for approximately two hours each Wednesday afternoon. Activities vary but are generally aimed towards fund-raising. Our next planned event is:

Stokesley Town Hall on **FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 10.00am.** **Sale of Crafts and Bric-a-Brac.**

Our Annual **OPEN DAY** is on **THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER.** Morning Coffee 10 – 12 noon and Afternoon Tea 1.30 - 3.30pm. There will be the usual produce, gift and craft stalls.

Metro Centre Shopping.

This year our excursion to the **Metro Centre** is on **TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.**

Coach departs **9.00am** from Yatton House, arriving back approximately 4.00pm.

Seats cost £6.00 and can be booked by contacting Yatton House. (Tel. 722380)

Christmas Table-top Sale.

An opportunity to raise some cash towards buying Christmas presents and also a chance to buy some bargains for Christmas. Tables available £6.00 each. Ring Yatton house Office 722380.

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Annual Carol Service.

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER commencing at 2.00pm in the Great Ayton Methodist Church.

All are most welcome.

The CHARITABLE ENDEAVOURS WORDSEARCH!

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The puzzle recalls some of the groups raising or needing money, or the cause, mentioned in the articles. When you have found all **22 WORDS** in the Square, convoluted, reversed, upside-down, bent, diagonal – sometimes all within 1 word! – re-using letters (but not the same letter twice in the same word!)

9 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make 1 WORD

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

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

There will be 3 small prizes.

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY ???. Results in the Library by Thurs ???.

COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION YATTON HOUSE TREFOIL GUILD GASBAGS
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“A SENSE OF PLACE” WORDSEARCH RESULTS

The answer was UNIQUENESS

There were 18 entries: 15 correct ones, from which 3 winners were drawn.

THE WINNERS ARE:

MRS J W HEY

Byemoor Close

MRS G REYNOLDS

Roseberry Road

MRS ALISON SELBY & ETHAN, 6

Greenacre Close

Correct entries were also received from

Vivien M Addy, Easby Lane; Mrs E M Armitage, Beech Close; J Cumbor, Sunnyfield; Malcolm Goat, Langbaugh Close; Danny Greenhalgh, Newton Rd; Frances Greenwell; Newton Rd; Mrs E Hugill, Sunnyfield; Vicki Nath, Skottowe Drive; Kay Robinson, Rosehill; Irene Saunders, Greenacre Close; W T Slaymaker, Guisborough Rd; Mrs Mary de Wardt, Hunter's Lodge.

Congratulations to all who submitted answers – thank you for entering. I hope many more of you enjoyed doing the puzzle – next time, send in your answer – 3 of you will win! CM