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For “in-comers” who don’t know the origin of The Stream: in the 1960s the 4 Ayton churches, Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic & the Society of Friends, decided to send a joint Christmas greeting to every house in the village. This grew into a 12-page booklet edited by Mary Makepeace. I took over from Chris Stevens & his wife Anna in 1982. As costs rose, The Great Ayton Community Care Association decided to take over as publisher in 1989, and asked me to edit again. It was soon decided that advertising should be the funding resource, and so it is still, supported by generous donations, especially appreciated as costs continue to rise. CM

WEA GT AYTON BRANCH: CENTENARY EXHIBITION & AGM

CENTENARY: The WEA is celebrating nationally its founding 100 years ago in 1903.

The Great Ayton Branch has arranged an **Exhibition** in Great Ayton Library,
from TUESDAY 29TH APRIL until TUESDAY 6TH MAY,
to celebrate its own history within the organisation.

AGM: A short Annual General meeting will take place on
TUESDAY 6TH MAY at 7.00pm in the FRIENDS’ MEETING HOUSE, HIGH GREEN.

The main event of the evening will be a slide presentation by
BRIAN COULSON

“The Hollow Crown: Shakespeare’s Wars of the Roses”

He will also be tutoring a course here on “The Wars of the Roses” in January 2004.

CHRISTIAN AID WALK – SUNDAY 11th MAY

If you would like Lunch before starting, Bread & Soup will be available for a small charge.

The Walk will begin at the Methodist Hall between 1.30 and 2.00pm.

The Route will be 11 km up to Captain Cook’s Monument.

DON’T FORGET YOUR SPONSOR FORMS!

Posters will be placed around the village soon. Further details from **Kate Harvie 722279.**

The following extract appeared several years ago in a Newspaper in America:

My brother-in-law opened the bottom drawer of my sister's bureau and lifted out a tissue-wrapped package. "This," he said, "is not a slip. This is lingerie." He discarded the tissue and handed me the slip. It was exquisite: silk, handmade and trimmed with a cobweb of lace. The price tag with an astronomical figure on it was still attached. "Jan bought this the first time we went to New York, at least 8 or 9 years ago. She never wore it. She was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is the occasion." He took the slip from me and put it on the bed with the other clothes we were taking to the Funeral Director. His hands lingered on the soft material for a moment, then he slammed the drawer shut and turned to me.

"Don't ever save anything for a special occasion.

Every day you're alive is a special occasion."

Sometimes we forget to enjoy the present, because we are waiting and planning for that special occasion. Sometimes we don't reach that special occasion, or if we do we are no longer fit enough to enjoy it. Sometimes the special occasion turns out to be an anticlimax, not living up to our expectations.

Every day is a precious gift from God to be enjoyed, but often the very busy-ness of life prevents us from realizing this. At the time of writing this article we are standing at the brink of war with Iraq. Will it happen or not? What will be the implications for us? Will it lead to more terrorist activity here? There's no answer to all these questions yet, but my experience of being vicar here this last year shows me that we don't need wars for lives to end suddenly and without warning - it happens all the time. So important then, to see today and every day as special days, days to enjoy each other's company, days to say "I love you" or "I'm sorry", days to help make the world a happier, more caring place, days to invest in memories that will sustain us when times change.

Enjoy today. It's God's gift to you - a special occasion.

Paul Peverell



The Community Care Association has achieved the
Duke of York's Initiative Award

in recognition of our work in the community.

The Assessors, who met clients, volunteers, staff and trustees, were impressed by the way we all work together to serve the needs of the community. We are lucky to have staff who are always ready to try to meet immediate need and who provide a welcoming environment. We all look forward to developing our services - so if you know of an un-met need, let us know.

Benefits and pensions seem to change so often it is difficult to keep up with the latest position. We all know that many people do not claim the benefits to which they are entitled. The minimum pension guarantee was meant to make sure that everyone had a more comfortable retirement but seems quite complicated to most of us. If you are uncertain whether you qualify, why not consult the CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) who are at Community Care in Stokesley on Fridays from 10am - 2pm? You will not usually have to wait long for sympathetic advice. If you are unable to go out, phone them on **01609 770309** and they can arrange for someone to visit.

The lengthening evenings and warm sun make us all think about getting out of the house for a few hours. Spare a thought for those who are trapped at home. Could you offer transport even for the occasional trip? It does not need to be a regular commitment; our clients are grateful for any time you can spare.

The need for DRIVERS is particularly urgent in GREAT AYTON. We frequently have to bring drivers in from Ingleby Arncliffe and Hutton Rudby to take someone in Ayton to the doctor or other short but urgent trips; this is very expensive for Community Care who have to cover the drivers' expenses. The clients, rightly, only pay for the journey they make. If you feel you can help, please ring **710085** and talk to Sue.

Kath Murray, Chairman

CARERS NEED A BREAK TOO!

Are you looking after an ill or disabled friend or relative?

Would you like time on your own but can't leave the person you are caring for?

If the answer is **YES**, contact the **CCA (Community Care Association)**.

We can arrange to come and do a simple assessment. We then match you with a volunteer who will visit on a weekly basis for up to 3 hours to enable you to have a break.

Ring 710085

10 Richard Pepper was a well-known geologist, teaching very popular classes here for 5 years, and a frequent visitor, alone and with student groups, to Cliff Rigg. He was an inspiring teacher; a kind, humorous, dedicated man. He wrote this passionate appreciation of Cliff Rigg in the weeks before his untimely death in December 2002. We are proud to print it in tribute to his life's work.

A SENSE OF PLACE - CLIFF RIGG by RICHARD PEPPER

By the early summer of 1737 young James Cook had not lived in the Great Ayton area for long. Home was Aireyholme Farm, tucked under the eastern shoulder of Cliff (or Cliften) Rigg, a low scroll of hill between Ayton and a famous Yorkshire landmark: the isolated pinnacle of Roseberry Topping. Mapmakers had not yet criss-crossed the landscape to any degree but with helping on the farm, going to school in the village, and being adventurous, James no doubt established his "patch". His wanderings covered the fields and strips of the farm and Ayton, the wilder expanses of adjacent moorland, and the woods of the scarp faces, all enlivened by views across plain, mountain, moor and sea, allowing mind-maps of fact and fiction to enrich a youngster's inquisitiveness.

Forward to the last decades of the 20th century and I find myself, along with many others, drawn to the same kinship of rural delights, but ownership intricacies & new land management outlooks mean that my "patch", my "place" is more focused, centred on the topographic highlight closest to Aireyholme – Cliff Rigg.

Clearly any advocacy of "a sense of place" will embrace specific & special; detail & general; widely known and, above all, the personal. The trail of insights begins with a precise proclamation: "Cliff Rigg" - immediately sensed to be elongate in form with a probability of rocky inclusions. But, whilst in essence true, the convergence of a high defensive wall just north of the village, Langbaugh Rigg to the west & Gribdale Road Ridge to the east, and a unique fusion with the main Cleveland Escarpment, animates a more complete scene. Such protrusions in the landscape often attract boundary lines. Much to the relief of Aytonians, this is so on Langbaugh Rigg, keeping at bay the county boroughs to the north. On approaching Cliff Rigg, the magnetic pull of Roseberry has its effect, swinging the boundary rather ignominiously along the flank, away to the north. Political Bodies have little to do with "my patch", but others are instrumental in its existence. Over the years they have settled like geologic layers onto the site: "my sense of place" is pleasingly shared by the North York Moors National Park Authority & its overview of Regional Important Geological Sites (RIGS), English Nature, designating Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) &, above all, The National Trust (NT) as owners. One can only be inspired by such an array of conservators, an outlook James would surely have recognised, in sympathy with the ideals - but what of the substance as it now is?

James would doubtless be intrigued by such variance to the Cliff Rigg of his memories. Of course, the basic structure would be no surprise. What may cause consternation in such a seafarer is the idea that the "spirit-level" top may have been planed into existence by the waves of an ancient ocean. Out of such a paradox of development (and there are many) springs eternal wonderment. As with the profile, the cloak of vegetation draped on the Rigg has been stroked by the prevailing winds for many a year. More akin to a blindfold, however, the belts of trees and undergrowth which stretch along the steeper slopes have been selectively unmasked from time to time. Any thought of "ancient woodland" is dispelled by the limited presence of mollusca, and although the flora is common, it is also varied & colourful, not least when the gorse & broom are radiant. Oak, birch, willow & larch tenant different outlooks, and the undergrowth is enlivened by bluebell carpets in the spring. All is familiar territory, so appealing that I begin to appreciate my own place-names for certain spots – larch corner, owl alley, the steps, the pillar and the secret garden. Clearly, this has become a comfortable & homespun landscape into which I can

decant myself with repose. Clearly, this is enough. A deep satisfaction consumes - but there is more. Much more.

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A glimmer of revelation is encoded in the silver-painted NT sign lodged at the entrance to Cliff Rigg Wood on the field-path from High Green to Roseberry Topping. Tucked into the detail is what seems to be a quarry, but one which is undeniably eccentric at first sight. Here is a creation of humankind, yet incised along the whole length of Cliff Rigg, only bursting into conspicuous view at the western end. Of no great width, the excavation is canyon-like in sections, with towering vertical walls of tough yet often rusted rock. The overall impression is sometimes of pilasters laid across the now removed expanse; at other times, of horizontal layers of variety & variegation containing glimpses of fossilised sea-creatures. Overall, a co-operative of precipices, tumbles, overhangs, embankments, ledges, bulges, crevasses and silhouettes galvanises the scene, to power it into unforgettable uniqueness. Then the ultimate surprise: right at the summit a totally enclosed excavation, a ha-ha even viewed from the top of Roseberry. This is the resting-place of deep secrets, where even on a billowy day the wind passes across un-noticed. Here the grandstand rim compels an uncompromising view of desert, the north slopes a mass of shale scree and wavy outcrops. This is the spot from which to enjoy rabbits skittering down-slope to their refuges; to watch a weasel snaking along a rock ledge; to marvel at the perfection of an array of fungi. It is also a geologist's compulsion, driven to examine the exhumation of two nationally famous rocks: the tough, dependable and vertically sheeted Cleveland Whinstone, the object of the extraction, with a composition similar to Hawaii, where Cook met his death, and its embracing corset of Cleveland Ironstone, not removed here, though very much so in the adjacent hills. Both rocks have a colourful origin, whether a delightful sub-tropical iron-rich sea with scallops and cockles, or a pulse of magma splitting and surging through the sub-surface architecture, 400km from beneath Mull in a maximum of 5 days. Perhaps even more startling is the thought that this was just a scientific scrap in North Atlantic formation and that what we today locate as Great Ayton was then on or about the line of latitude now graced, in an amazing co-incidence, by Ayton's twin town of Ouzouer-sur-Loire!

Graced as it may have been with an excess of delights, there is one more intrigue to "my patch". The panorama from the top, of wooded slope, railway, field & village, inextricably binds the surrounds to Cliff Rigg in an overpowering desire in the 1870s for road stone. Cliff Rigg was a monument of choice to Leeds City Corporation. Paradoxically, the newly installed railway provided the means to transport newly-sculpted road stone. No major problems in this part of the operation, but what about rock extraction? How to access a vertical sheet in the middle of a hill – or, rather, how not to succumb to the force of gravity? True to form, there is the answer in the landscape. The industrial ha-ha has no obvious exit because there never was one. All stone was taken away through south-side tunnels, now identifiable by spoil-tip after spoil-tip ranged along the hillside. In other words, the stone was mined & what remains is a mere husk of a hill, cavernous & cellared at the lower levels but riven at the surface by unroofed workings. Such an inside-out configuration is extremely rare & gave rise to the south-slope network overlooking Ayton. Here, the flank of Cliff Rigg must have resembled an industrial Advent Calendar, so many mine exits were there. Each of these was of course linked by a festoon of tramway inclines to the railway yard, thereby providing yet another surprise, in that most of the woodland paths started life as industrial arteries.

Suffice it then to report that "my place", even though in the cultural hinterland of that giant icon, Roseberry Topping, withstands appropriation. This is my "bazaar", my "corner-shop"; parochial, introverted, submissive and undemonstrative yet retailing science, history, culture, artistry and geography. A true great among those "places of sense".

12 GREAT AYTON METHODIST CHURCH PROJECT - AMAUDO, NIGERIA

*When Diane Blair from Great Ayton returned to Nigeria last June she had no idea what lay ahead. Her remit was to organise Education and Training for 60 workers in Amaudo - a community dedicated to rehabilitation of the destitute mentally ill. Then in September, a bombshell: **Ros Colwill**, founder and director of Amaudo, was taken desperately ill and was on life support in England for the next 3 months. Diane, with her proven managerial skills, was approached and agreed to take on Ros's tasks as well as her own. She writes:*

'Prayer and fasting is taking place all over the world. The radio blasts weekly bulletins, and everyone from beggar to Governor wants to know how Ros is healing. My life has taken a dramatic turn. It's like stepping onto a running machine that someone else has set but is going so fast you can't reach the buttons to slow it down. It's deeply fulfilling and frustrating all at the same time. Last week I tackled Ebonyi Local Government about our Community Psychiatric Clinics, on Thursday I addressed Methodist Church Conference, next week I facilitate a 3 day training workshop and attend a management meeting of Uzuakoli Leprosy Colony. Last month we had salaries stolen from Amaudo so I have spent days travelling horrendous roads to meet State Police and CID. We know the culprits but the police refuse to cooperate without backhanders. I never believed a system could be so untrustworthy and I am learning valuable lessons fast.'

'My life in Africa is one of extremes. Exciting highs: driving alone, orange tracks disappearing into the horizon, lush green bush as far as the eye can see, deep red sunset skies, and naked children with beautiful, welcoming smiles, smiles that say 'I really love to greet you', smiles I rarely encounter in my home country, smiles that remind me that in my haste I often forget the people around me. And unavoidable lows: desperately wanting to be understood and wholly integrated, desperately needing intimate friendship and conversation, and yet knowing my position here sets me apart, my colour and my attitudes set me apart, and these 'setting apart' factors help me achieve results. It helps those in need get what they rightly deserve. But at what cost? Well my overall opinion is that life has never felt so real, so complete. I have such a strong sense of being in the right place at the right time. I pray for Ros's recovery and return. I miss her terribly but feel guided by her inspiration and aspirations.'

£3,000 has been sent to Amaudo from Great Ayton. Thank you all for your support.

More information from Margaret Gooderham 724130 or Dorothy Sills 722705

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The Cave

I was walking through the undergrowth looking for wildlife when I stubbed my toe on an unseen rock. I couldn't see it because there was thick heather lying around. I stubbed my toe on a bigger rock, and this time stumbled and fell. I yelled to high heaven because I was falling and falling. All I could see was blue craggy rock on all sides. At last I hit hard ground. I looked back up. I had fallen about 30 feet down a huge, craggy crevasse. I looked around. I found a hole in the rocky wall about 2 feet high. I looked at it again. It had sharp spikes of rock surrounding the edge. A faint glimmer of sunlight hit the edge of the hole and revealed a short passage leading into a cave.

I crawled in and found a large cavern. It was around 3 metres in height and 10 metres in width. The ground was muddy with bits of chipped rock scattered around. It had a smell of sulphur and the air tasted stuffy. I heard a faint sound of running water and found my throat felt very dry. I rushed to the water and tasted it. It seemed quite fresh so I downed as much water as I could.

Then I looked round the inside of the cavern and found myself staring at paintings of mammoths and cavemen on the walls.

I decided to go deeper into the cavern and explore a bit more. I walked forward and saw a faint glimmer of light and tasted fresh air on my tongue. I looked up and saw a hole big enough for a man to slip through. I climbed up the cave wall, getting a few bumps and scratches as I went. Eventually I got to the hole and climbed up through it.

Christopher Thorogood

The Donkey Ride

The donkey goes running along the path

Clippety clop eeory eeory
Clippety clop eeory eeory.

I wish it was mine,
I wish it was mine.

Out of the city, Over the mountains
Down the hill, Across the shops
Out of school, Under the train part
Over the down, Over the bridges
And down the sunny seaside

With a clippety clop eeory eeory
Clippety clop eeory eeory

Roseberry Counting Rhyme

One by one, one by one,
Children playing, having fun.

Two by two, two by two,
Rabbits jumping up to you.

Three by three, three by three,
Let's go to the clear blue sea.

Four by four, four by four,
Look at the poor rabbit's paw.

Five by five, five by five,
My Granny is still alive.

Six by six, six by six,
We will go and get some bricks.

Seven by seven, seven by seven,
We can count up to eleven.

Eight by eight, eight by eight,
Can you tell me the date?

Nine by nine, nine by nine,
I can draw a straight line.

Ten by ten, ten by ten,
I can see a big fat hen.

Yasmin Leng, age 6

The Cave

I was going to explore a cave so I set off on my journey. When I got to the mouth of the cave I stopped to look at the outside of it. The cave looked like a gigantic crystal with a hole in the middle of it. It looked very deserted except for a few stalks of grass peeping out from behind all the nooks and crannies, so I decided to step inside the dark cave myself.

When I stepped in it was pitch black, as black as the hair on Harry Potter's head, so I put my light on. It was amazing. There were stalactites hanging from the roof of the cave and stalagmites coming up from the floor like a load of spiky thorns that I had to dodge. I heard nothing but the sound of water leaking from the roof of the cave. As I walked on through the stalagmites I started to hear a sound of rushing water so I decided to go and see where it was coming from. I found an underground stream that I thought might lead out of the cave so I jumped into the river. As I did, a mouldy green coloured witch emerged out of the water behind me. I looked right and left to try and find a way out but all I could see was the stalagmites sticking up from the ground and shining crystal lying on the floor.

Suddenly, I dropped my flashlight. Just ahead of me was a waterfall that led to a lake with crocodiles in, then I fell down the waterfall and so did the water which I was stuck in



The Group continues to offer an exciting programme for boys from 6 to 18 years.

Our application for lottery funds to provide a new Scout Hut has been rejected

on the basis that the Group does not meet the funding criteria, a decision made at a time of great controversy for the Community Fund, receiving a lot of bad press regarding its decisions at the time. The Group Executive is now actively considering how we can continue into the future with a building that does not meet modern standards and has only a limited life.

Monument Cub Pack is full to capacity with a particularly keen and 'full of life' group of young cubs.

They made the most of the summer months with a wide range of outdoor activities. Winter nights have been filled with learning scouting skills & craftwork plus visiting the new planetarium at Castle Eden. With spring approaching it won't be long before they are sizzling sausages over campfires again, charging through the woods at Gribdale & damming the river at Hob Hole.

Endeavour Cub Pack activities have included a County Orienteering event at Ripon – heavy rain failing to dampen their enthusiasm. The pack also entered 2 very keen teams in the District Five-a-Side Football Competition at Thornaby Pavilion and visited "Splash" in Stockton, with its water flume and wave machine. In December, parents enjoyed a glass of mulled wine at an end-of-term Parents' Evening at which the Group Christmas Draw was made.

The Scout Troop continues to enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, such as visits to a climbing wall, night hikes, and outdoor cooking. Caving days at Ribblehead and Kettlewell are planned for later in the year, together with canoeing, sailing and windsurfing, & camping. We welcome **Andrew Cutler** as a new Assistant Scout Leader. Two of our Scouts, **Chris Harrison & Tom Hollins**, joined 25,000 other young people from 150 countries at the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand over Christmas & early January. They had the time of their lives & formed friendships which will last a lifetime. There was little time for boring activities such as sleeping!

Ken Nicholson, Chairman, Group Executive

The Group has joined the **SCOUTS' RECYCLING APPEAL**, an innovative, fund-raising programme. **We are collecting LASER AND INKJET CARTRIDGES** from computers, fax machines & copiers in the home & office, along with **UNWANTED MOBILES** for recycling.

Please bring yours in and pop them into our collection box, which is located in the

GREAT AYTON LIBRARY.

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 10½ -14 yrs	Thursdays	7.15pm - 9.00pm
Explorer Scout Unit	Boys aged 14 – 18 yrs	Thursdays	7.15pm – 9.00pm



Guiding continues to thrive in Great Ayton with over 120 girls from ages 5 - 14 belonging to Girlguiding units. We also have 9 girls aged 14 - 18 working on Leadership Schemes - future guiders in the making!!

All units have enjoyed various activities throughout the Autumn Season, particularly with Halloween when Brownie and Guide Units participated in the Unicef Pumpkin Campaign. £35 was raised and sent to Unicef, a very enjoyable but messy evening, carving out 35 pumpkins. In January, some Rainbows and Brownies supported the Village Pantomime and enjoyed the show immensely. We have the introduction of a new Brownie Programme later this year, which will be fun.

All Guide & Brownie Units 'holidayed' last year, a fantastic time was had by all, leaders included! Some Brownies will be camping again this year as they all enjoyed it so much last summer.

Whilst Guiding continues to grow, we are always in need of extra help. If anyone would like to help from time to time, or on a regular basis, we are always grateful. You may have a particular skill or craft that you could share with us on a one off occasion – again, more than welcome!

If your daughter enjoys games, singing and crafts and would like to join the Guiding movement, **please contact Linda Davey, District Commissioner, on 723467.**

Christine Kenyon
Rainbow & Brownie Guider

GUIDING IN GREAT AYTON

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

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Tuesday 11th March 2003 was a very special day for a very special person from Great Ayton - June Imeson presented herself at Buckingham Palace to receive the Order of the British Empire from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

June was born & bred in Great Ayton. She has long been involved in the political institutions of the area, using this opportunity and her links with other organisations to support many sectors of society, often the less fortunate amongst us; demonstrating her love for Gt Ayton & her genuine concern for the well being of the wider community of Hambleton District.

In 1972 she was the driving force to keep Gt Ayton in North Yorkshire when the Boundary Commission proposed to include it in the new conurbation of Teesside. Almost without exception the whole village recognised and applauded her successful efforts.

She has been a member of Gt Ayton Parish Council for over 30 years, Hambleton District Council for 27 years, and served on North Yorks. County Council. Since 1992 she has been the effective & respected leader of Hambleton District Council. Her concern for the provision of social housing in rural areas continues as a member of Broadacres Housing Association, where she was Chairman of the Board of Management. June has been involved with Yatton House Society in Gt Ayton from its foundation in 1980. She has been a trustee of the Society, consistently raising money to support its work providing training for the disadvantaged, affectionately known as the 'Queen of the White Elephant' for her efforts on the Society's annual fund raising day.

She was the driving force within Hambleton District in establishing the enormously successful "World of James Herriot"- the only museum of veterinary medicine in the country, based in the actual building in Thirsk used by the partners Sinclair & White. Her support and involvement with tourism also includes her active support of the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum in Gt Ayton & the procurement, through HDCouncil, of a statue of the young Cook, by Nicholas Dimbleby, in the centre of the village. The statue ensures that the famous navigator is featured and remembered in the village where he received his education.

She has been a School Governor for many years at Stokesley Comprehensive and the Primary Schools at Great Ayton, Chop Gate & Ingleby Arncliffe. Her energy & drive recently secured, through the Parish Council, the Ayton School top field for use as a sports facility for the village. In other capacities she has tirelessly supported Gt Ayton Amateur Dramatic Society of which she is an honorary Member, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, & the Bowls Club of which she is President.

She is regarded with affection by the people of Great Ayton where her support for her electorate, whatever their political persuasion, is unfailing and renowned throughout the community. In the District of Hambleton she is respected for her hard work, wisdom and fairness.

For June Imeson, OBE - Congratulations from the Village of Great Ayton.

John Fletcher, County Councillor.

YATTON HOUSE ANNUAL GALA, SATURDAY 12TH JULY AT 2.00pm

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Make a note in your diary – NOW!

YATTON HOUSE PANTRY

“Food and company most enjoyable. Just wish we lived nearer.” W. D.

“Very tasty – nice different choice of home-cooking each week.

Good experience for Yatton House Trainees.”

“A pleasant atmosphere.” M. G.

“We have only missed twice since it started and have enjoyed it very much - and the company.”

“As a visitor to Gt Ayton I have enjoyed my lunch and the company.” S.B. [E. & G. P.]

“Standard of Service – Very Good – nice to see them smiling and more relaxed now.”

“Standard of Food – Very Good. Value for Money – Excellent”

“Keep up the good work! We enjoy coming and contributing to Yatton House.” A. & S. T.

- a selection of the comments received since the **Yatton House Pantry** opened in October.

Each Wednesday the Pantry opens at **10.00am to serve Morning Coffee**, Tea and Light Refreshments. **Lunch is served from 12 noon** – available are a range of Sandwiches, Home-made Soup or a Hot Meal.

The Yatton House Pantry offers a Service to the Community, real work experience for Trainees and at the same time a source of much needed income for the Society.

If you enjoy a home-cooked meal in pleasant surroundings and company, come along to **Yatton House Pantry on Wednesdays** – you will be very welcome.



TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING

SUPPORT SERVICE

Are you:

- An older resident in Hambleton (or Richmondshire)?
- Bereaved? Lonely? Living alone? Home after a stay in hospital? Terminally ill?
- Providing support/care for a spouse, relative or friend? Relatives/Carer on holiday?

DO YOU FEEL ISOLATED? DO YOU NEED SUPPORT? AGE CONCERN WOULD LIKE TO HELP!

We provide a free telephone Befriending/Support Service – a trained volunteer will ring you once a week for a friendly and confidential chat. If you are interested, then please contact:

JUDITH at **Age Concern** on **01609 771624** or call at our office: **128 High Street, Northallerton.**

To offer to volunteer to help with this scheme, or any Age Concern work, please contact Judith.

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18 RECIPES from the 8 O'clock Group (with more in the next issue!)

GLENEAGLES PÂTÉ

from Audrey Torbet

Ingredients:

Lining: 4 oz smoked salmon slices (at least)

Trout Pâté
6 oz smoked, skinned
& boned trout
3 oz butter
3 oz cream cheese
juice of half a lemon;
salt & pepper

Salmon Pâté
4 oz smoked salmon pieces
2 oz butter
2 oz cream cheese
1 tablespoon tomato purée
juice of half a lemon
salt & pepper

Mackerel Pâté
6 oz smoked, skinned
& boned mackerel
3 oz butter
3 oz cream cheese
juice of half a lemon
salt & pepper

Method

1. Line a 2 pint loaf tin with enough cling film to bring over the top when the tin is filled.
2. Line with salmon slices – just along the sides, not ends, with enough to fold over top later.
3. Make trout pâté by blending in processor. Smooth into tin & smooth top. **Don't wash blender!**
4. Make salmon pâté in the same way & add to tin. Make mackerel pâté, add to tin & smooth top
5. Fold over salmon slices used to line the sides. Wrap cling film up and over contents of tin.
6. Wrap entire tin in more cling film & put in fridge or freezer.
7. Serves about 10 & should slice straight from freezer. (Mine took 1 hour to be ready to serve.)

PAPRIKA PORK

from Janet Hey

Ingredients:

1 ¼ lb Pork fillet, cubed.
1 large onion
4 oz mushrooms

1 or 2 tablespoons paprika
1 tablesp. tomato purée
peas, if liked

1 tablespoon cornflour
½ - ¾ pint stock (cube will do)
garlic

½ tub crème fraîche (approx. 100mls) + chopped apricots to decorate

Method:

1. Quickly fry meat & onion to brown. Add stock, garlic, paprika & purée.
2. Bring to the boil. Place in casserole. **Bake** about 45-60 mins. at 325-350° F/ Gas 3/4.
3. Add mushrooms & peas for last 10 mins. Thicken with cornflour if needed.
4. Add apricots & swirl with crème fraîche, before serving with rice.

GINGER CRUNCH

from Barbara Barratt

Ingredients:

8oz marg; 8oz dem. sugar; 1 lge egg; 8oz pl. flour; 2 tsp. ground ginger; ½ tsp. baking powder

Method: Warm mixing bowl, soften marg. & beat well with sugar. Add egg & mix well. Sieve tog. flour, ginger & baking powder. Add to creamed mixture. Put into greased swiss roll tin 11"x7"x1" & roughen top with fork. **Bake** at 250-275° F (125-140° C) for 1¼ -½ hrs. Cut when warm.

Tel 723421 Fax 724575 Email: health@great-ayton**REVISED OPENING TIMES OF THE HEALTH CENTRE BUI****MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 8.30am – 6pm, TUESDAY: 8.00am – 6pm****SATURDAY (Emergencies only): 9.00am – 11am, (SUNDAY CLOSED)****Telephone access: from 8am MONDAY - FRIDAY & from 8.30am SATURDAY, NO CHANGE.**

SURGERY TIMES	Dr Davies	Dr Blacklidge	Dr Green	Dr Wylie
<u>Monday</u>	9.00 – 11.30 3.00 – 6.00	9.00 – 11.30	9.00 – 11.30 3.00 – 6.00	
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<u>Thursday</u>	9.00 – 11.30 3.00 – 6.00	9.00 – 11.30	9.00 – 11.30 3.00 – 6.00	11.00 – 2.00
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It's that time of year again when thoughts turn to spring cleaning & blowing away the cobwebs. The same applies to the Health Centre - for those of you who haven't been to see us recently, we have been undergoing refurbishment in our Reception area, providing an improved, modern reception desk & open office environment for all. We hope that you will appreciate our enhanced surroundings. Another major development is in the Waiting Room where we now have a Dr Call System displayed at the back of the room. When it is your turn to see the Doctor YOUR NAME WILL SHOW UP ON THE SCREEN along with the name of the Doctor your appointment is with. It is **essential** that you report to Reception on your arrival as this tells the system and the Doctor that you have arrived. If you fail to do this you could miss your appointment as we will not know you are here. Our next refurbishment plan is the Waiting Room – watch this space for details!

We are continuing to be a training practice and are very pleased to welcome back Dr Linda Smith who was our first Registrar last year and was quickly followed by Dr Rangaswamy who has since moved on to study Paediatrics at North Tees General Hospital. We have found them both to be very popular and a valuable asset to the practice and hope you do too.

As some of you will know we embarked on a national scheme last year to look at improving access to our Doctors and Nurses. Although this is sometimes a long and frustrating task we are endeavouring to implement changes in the bid to offer more appointments. We would ask that you be patient patients during this time! There has been a lot of media coverage recently about the new 'GP Contract' which, if accepted, will inevitably mean more changes for everyone. We will try to

keep all of our patients informed of any changes that will either directly or indirectly affect them, but assure you as always of our best attention at all times.

On a happier note, though sad for us, I am sure those of you who know her would join us in wishing our **District Nurse Angela Ward** a long and happy retirement in June. Angela will be sadly missed but we wish her well for the future.

Ann Howard, Practice Manager

Great Ayton Community Photograph Archive Group

We have completed 1 year of our project and managed to collect nearly **330** photographs, press cuttings & other documents of Great Ayton. These are stored digitally in our laptop computer & have been shown to 2 groups within the village & demonstrated at 2 open meetings held on February 25th in the Friends Meeting House.

We have negotiated with North Yorkshire Library Service to place a copy of the archive in Great Ayton Library for community use whenever the Library is open. We are hoping to acquire many more photographs, and to encourage people to look at the archive in the Library and help us to fill in details of the names of people on the photos and the dates on which the photographs were taken.

If you have any **photographs** of the village which we could include in the archive, or can help with the **naming and dating** of the photographs, or you would like us to **speak to your group**, or you would like to become involved with the **scanning** of photographs –
please contact

Dan O'Sullivan: 723358, or David Sills: 722705, or Penny Scrope: 722099.

Great Ayton Community Archaeology Project

We are now into our 2nd year of researching & recording landscape features in Gt & Little Ayton. Every Wednesday we gather in the Friends' Meeting House on High Green, under the expert guidance of our professional archaeologist Kevin Cale, through a generous grant from the **Local Heritage Initiative** (Heritage Lottery Fund money) and a **Nationwide Building Society Award**. We are grateful to these organisations for their support.

These are a few of the areas under investigation:

Levendale. Ample evidence of Mesolithic activities here: unusual as most such sites are on much higher ground. 6000 years ago the Leven meandered through this field - ideal for hunter-gatherers: Mesolithic people needed water but didn't like to get their feet wet!

Aireyholme Farm. Changes in farming over the last 3 centuries are reflected in changes to this farm. We work from old drawings & the features in the buildings now. Did you know the farm once had a 4-seater nettie? (Cleaned out once a week - more often for visitors!)

Alum Works. We are fortunate to have this site, one of the few in North Yorkshire not surveyed in recent times. There is to be a TV programme about alum in the NE later this year, but not the Ayton site. Alum famously needed human urine for ammonia – Guisborough had barrels for its collection on convenient street corners!

Industrial remains. The late Richard Pepper pioneered the recording of local industrial sites. We are building on his work, hoping to fill the few gaps, such as Ayton Banks Ironstone Mine and the several sand & gravel quarries.

World War II. Many people in the village recall World War II (& a few, World War I), but many sites & buildings have now vanished. We are adding local detail to the Defence of Britain project. Did you know we had a secret unit ready to sabotage any Germans here?

We are hoping to obtain funding for study to take us to the end of 2005, and in the future to establish some form of Local History Exhibition & Resource Centre in the village. Our first book, on the aircraft crash site near Captain Cook's Monument, should be published later this year. **To find out more, please contact Dan O'Sullivan: 723358**

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

Or is it "Change and decay in all around I see?" There were more changes in the village during the past year, and indeed since the turn of the century, than would normally be expected. Also, sadly, many well-known residents departed and are missed and mourned by the village.

Lowthers butchers, established in the 1920s, was sold, and *The Fruit Shop* changed hands from the Suggitts to the Doyles. *The Post Office* closed and the premises became *Swan jewellers*. In these latter changes *Worthy Pearson's* in Park Square took over the *Post office licence* and the *Health Food Shop* closed. Besides the physical changes at the post office, four long serving village *Post Men and Women*, Joan Brown, Dorothy Bailey, Ian Sanderson and Judith Ward retired.

Two antique shops closed. '*Food for Thought*' developed one as a popular café and the other ironically switched from antiques to a computer shop, *IT Processes*. *Bells Stores* took over from *Heagneys*, *Tosca's* became *White's Restaurant*, *Saturdays Hairdressers* became *Walker's*, and *Barclay's Bank* and the *Book Shop* closed, *The Book Emporium* being added to *The Flower Emporium*. *Spangles*, *The Spinning Wheel* and *Sally Ann Interiors* opened.

Two of the local repair garages, *Mayfield's* and *AMR Motors*, closed. *Mayfields* is scheduled for new housing development and *AMR Motors* was demolished. Also demolished was the former *Edward Kitching School*, latterly the premises for *John Burdon's* light engineering business.

The former *Cumbors Nursery* site, *Tile Sheds Farm*, *Stevens Garage*, *Pearson's Haulage* and the *Friends School* sites were all developed for housing and currently houses and flats are being built on the Frankfield Place/Cliff Terrace site, and flats on the *AMR* garage site. It is also understood that plans are in hand for alterations to the *Women's Institute* and *Methodist Halls*.

An early addition to the village was the magnificent new *Roman Catholic Church*, *St Margaret's*, and after the closing of the *Friends School* the Quakers extensively refurbished their premises.

A facility that is greatly missed is the *Friday Luncheon Club* run and hosted continuously for the past 23 years by Rose Featherstone. *Yatton House* has started to provide snacks and light lunches each Wednesday.

A further change is the *Traffic Calming System* that has been installed around the village.

Many feel that changes creep up without people realising that they are happening until it is too late to do anything about them. Villagers and Parish Councillors must be vigilant to spot any projected changes, intended solely for commercial or political reasons without recourse to people's or the village's needs, or retention of its beauty and character, and should any be found, protest most vehemently.

Whatever the future holds, Great Ayton residents still want to retain a village atmosphere, largely unspoilt by too much development and commercial activity, and with affordable houses and recreational facilities for the young people of the village rather than luxury housing. The next hurdle could be the moves towards Regional Government, which would give village people less and less say in rural activities. Sadly this will probably become a political football. The villages of North Yorkshire deserve better than this and many agree with Lord Deedes, ex Tory cabinet minister and Daily Telegraph editor who said "Parish pumps work best without politics".

Bob Lappin

Arthur Stephenson was brought up in Middlesbrough, one home bombed in the war; he was “adopted” after his mother’s early death by her sister, Mrs McGregor – hence the nickname **Mac**.

A very young Mac joined Newport Boxing Club but, judged too small to fight, he left, went to Joe Walton’s Boys’ Club & his first career began. He attended & boxed for Ayresome School, represented Yorkshire, won the Featherweight Championship, N. East Division, of the Amateur Boxing Assoc. with 3 knockouts in 1 night & turned professional in 1954. He fought 8 fights & won 6 but his trainer, Jimmy Forrest, retired & Mac couldn’t find another as good so gave up the sport.

He continued training and, noticing that Middlesbrough Judo Club was sharing the gym, decided to try Judo for fun. It was the perfect move. He had found his second career - but Mac was friendly with a group who all intended to emigrate to Australia – Harry Chilvers, Sam Grainger, Jim McGregor & Don McLeod. Luckily, Mac went on holiday to Majorca first & met Elsie – the others went to Australia, but Mac married Elsie and stayed in Middlesbrough!

Jim McGregor was coaching the youngsters at the Judo Club so when he left Mac was asked to take over - and loved it, thus beginning his long career in coaching. The Stephensons moved to Ayton in 1972 to be nearer to Mac’s work in tailoring at Burton’s Guisborough factory. Harry Chilvers, back from Australia, already lived here: both belonged to the Judo Club, & they went running together, in tracksuits with the Club’s name on their backs. One day in 1973 Rose Hall (now Featherstone) and a few other Mums stopped them & asked about the possibility of starting a Club for their youngsters. Mac & Harry decided to give it a month’s trial, putting up £5 between them to hire a hall, etc. After the successful trial, the Ambulance Hall was hired through Harry’s Dad, becoming the permanent home of Ayton’s Judo Club for the next 30 years. They borrowed a mat from the Middlesbrough Club, then bought it for £40. A few years later, Harry, having married local girl Jean Bell, did emigrate to Australia but Mac, grateful for his support in founding the Club, stayed on. Mac appreciates enormously the willing help given over the years by Mr Bill Theti, who also inspired multi-cultural classes in Middlesbrough. The Ayton Club has always been entirely self-supporting & the members used their talent to give fund-raising displays for Ayton Health Centre & Yatton House. Mac & Elsie travelled the country with youngsters competing in National events – Lisa Beattie won the Schoolgirls’ Championship of Gt Britain; Stephen Lee & Kevin Hall, both National Champions, as was Paul Heron, whose brother Alan is hoping to continue the Club.

Mac’s qualifications grew: Senior National Coach for the British Judo Assoc; Coach and Examiner for the British Schools’ Judo Assoc; 4th Dan – but the one he values most is his Diploma in Sports Psychology: it underpins all the rest. Mac always found Judo so absorbing that everyday pressures disappeared. He enjoyed the challenge of each fight, with the assurance of remaining friends afterwards. Mac’s greatest satisfaction over all the years is that through Judo he has met “hundreds of marvellous people”. It takes one to know one, as the saying goes. CM

This Branch of Childline opened its Leeds Centre in June 1997 in response to the very large numbers of children and young people calling Childline London from Yorkshire & the North East. Starting with just 20 volunteer counsellors for 2 days a week, the centre currently has 70 volunteer counsellors who staff the service 7 days a week. These counsellors are supported, trained and supervised by a team of experienced workers.

This service continues to respond to consistently high demand from this area by taking calls during peak hours 7 days a week. BT tells us that every day over 520 attempted calls are made to Childline from Yorkshire & the North East (calls from mobile phones add a further 60%). Only about 300 can be answered because of the lack of trained volunteer counsellors. Children calling outside peak hours are automatically diverted to Childline HQ in London. Childline Y&NE is still a developing service. We have capacity for over 150 volunteer counsellors. Our aim is to ensure that every time a child or young person calls they will receive comfort & support.

We can only do that with your help. We receive 90% of our support from the general public. **£3** will enable us to answer a call. (We pay for the calls, but they're free to the children.)

£32 will allow us to counsel a child; **£1300** will pay for the training of a volunteer counsellor.

If you would like to know how YOU can make a difference, please contact:

Daniela Slanickova, Childline Regional Fundraiser on 0191 383 2554,
email daniela@c-wine.fsnet.co.uk or by post PO Box 269, Durham, DH1 2GL.

You can also check the website: www.childline.org.uk/childlineyorkshirenortheast.asp

Local Fundraising Chairman: Mrs Val Shuttleworth 725321

BROADBAND FOR GREAT AYTON?

If enough people in Ayton register their interest in taking ADSL broadband, BT has undertaken to consider modernising our exchange to provide the service. BT hasn't yet publicly disclosed a "trigger" number, but experience from elsewhere suggests it will be 250 – 350 for our exchange. Stokesley has already achieved 155 registrations towards their trigger of 300.

So far, by February, 75 people served by the Ayton exchange have registered their interest in ADSL. The latest position can be found by checking registration levels at the BT web site www.bt.com/broadband. By following the links here, you are also able to register, without obligation or commitment. All Internet users in the village & anyone working from home may feel that affordable broadband would be a real benefit.

If you would like Ayton to have this high speed Internet service,

please register your interest.

Peter Scrope

36 Marwood Church of England V. C. Infant School
Low Green, Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, TS9 6NN
Telephone: 01642 722389



Headteacher: Mrs V J Smith

Marwood School's Year of Celebration

Marwood Church of England V.C. Infant School was built in 1853, situated in a picturesque part of the village overlooking the River Leven and Low Green. Reverend George Marwood bequeathed the land by Trust Deed to provide a school "to educate the poor children of Great Ayton in the principles and practices of the Church of England". Marwood School, therefore, holds an important place in the history and future of Great Ayton.

Marwood School is the oldest surviving school in the village of Great Ayton and we are very excited at the prospect of celebrating the school's **150th Anniversary**. We expect that the summer weather will lend itself to an appropriate time to mark this great occasion. These celebrations will also link with the opening of our recently completed additional room and cloakroom area at the rear of the school.

Our old school log-books show, and it is hard to believe, that in the 1800s, the school, amazingly, had up to 150 pupils on roll. They ranged up to the then school leaving age whereas now we consider ourselves full to capacity at just over 60 pupils on roll, aged 4 -7 years. How times have changed !!

Another reason for celebration this year is the wonderful news that the hard work of all associated with the school has been recognised by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr David Bell, who has published his annual report for the academic year 2001-2002. This identifies Marwood School as one of the named 'particularly successful schools' in the country. Of the 3,300 primary schools inspected last year, we are one of less than 300 listed, 3 of which are in North Yorkshire. These schools have received an outstanding Ofsted inspection report and have performed well in national tests and examinations, given the circumstances of the schools. The annual report was formally presented to Parliament at 11 am on Wednesday 5th February 2003.

It is the teamwork of everyone concerned with our unique school - staff, governors, parents and volunteers - who contribute so much to enable our pupils to achieve their full potential. I am thrilled to have this national recognition of all that we do, in such a special year for Marwood School.

Vivienne J Smith, Headteacher

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A Keyboard

My toy is run by batteries. You play noises on it and record on it. My toy is plastic and the colour is brown. My toy plays tunes from my fingers. I like the on and off button because I like to play songs on it. I like my keyboard because I like to play twinkle twinkle little star song.

by Abi Stangoe

Subaru Impreza WRC.

A Subaru is a blue car with a big sign and little yellow words on it. It is made of plastic. You control it with a remote control. It runs by batteries. There are batteries in the car and batteries in the remote. It's such a good toy because it can do stunts. WRC means World Rally Championship.

By Michael Bulmer

Lucky The Kitten

Lucky the kitten is very soft and she is battery powered. You can switch her on and off. She is light brown and dark brown and has yellow and black eyes. She is made of fluffy material. She meows and swirls her paws. She is very cute and cuddly. She would make a good toy for anyone who likes kittens and cats.

Kiva Roddy.

Raggy The Rag Doll

Raggy has green eyes, a pink mouth nose, flowers on the hat, dress and two yellow shoes. Raggy is made of cloth. I can make Raggy move by holding her arms and pushing her forward. Raggy is a good toy because Raggy will not break and Raggy is soft.

Maisie Snowdon.

Key board

This key board is a music toy. It has batteries it can play on its own and it has lights. It can make different sounds. It is blue with white keys. It is made of plastic. You play it by pressing the keys. Every body can play with it.

By David Marsden

It was standing room only as over 300 people packed Christ Church on December 30th to give thanks for the life of Jim Winterschlade. Recordings of *Danny Boy* and *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square* led him in and out of Church, sung by his wife of 51 years, well-known opera singer Zuilmah Hopkins. Teesside Operatic Society sang *You'll Never Walk Alone* for their Chairman of 26 years; and his 2 sons & a grandson read poetry and scripture during the service.

Jim was born 79 years ago into a well-known Teesside business family. At 18 he joined the RAF, serving in Coastal Command in the war, protecting shipping routes from Canada to Ceylon, Iceland and India, rising to the rank of Flight Lieutenant, in charge of a Liberator with a crew of 8. After the war Jim qualified as a chartered accountant, and worked for a time for the UN Relief Organisation, re-settling refugees. He returned to Teesside in 1954 to work in the family firm, later becoming Chairman, until selling to Hintons. He then ran another family enterprise, *The Bodega Restaurant* in Middlesbrough, with son Robin, until retirement in 1984.

Outside work, Jim's interests were vast and varied – as well as chairing the Operatic Society he was a founding member of the Teesside International Eisteddfod, a Director of the Greyhound Track and loved sport, particularly tennis and skiing. In recent years he and Zuilmah enjoyed cruising, making many friends, for he loved people & enjoyed their companionship, a happy host.

Above all, Jim loved and valued his family. He was very proud of his talented wife, whom he met in London, so he developed a life-long active interest in music to share her passion. He revelled in family gatherings with his sons, daughters, their partners & his 5 grand-children – Christmas was his favourite so it seemed a fitting time to celebrate the life of such a lovely man. **CM**

The Angrove Singers

We are now well through our rehearsals, of *The Messiah* Part 2 (Handel), for the performance on **Good Friday, 18th April 2003, 7.30 p.m. in Christ Church, Great Ayton**. There is no charge for admission but a retiring collection will be taken. Proceeds will go to local charities. The choir members hope that Christ Church will accept money towards the window in remembrance of **Ted Appleyard**, who made a lasting impression on those of us who knew him and remember him with great affection.

The choir will be conducted by Margaret Heaton and accompanied on the organ by Stephen Maltby of Hinderwell. The soloists are Julia Haigh from Stokesley, Angela Mounsey from Great Ayton, Brian Hague from Guisborough and David Curtis from Stockton.

Our musical season will close with our **Summer Soirée on Saturday 12th July**

at the Methodist Chapel, Great Ayton. Tickets will be available in June from choir members.

Margaret Heaton

A GOOD AND GENTLE SOUL

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Frank Garman died on the 17th January 2003 at the age of 94. He was one of the oldest residents in the village and his tall lanky figure was well known and loved as he went about his daily tasks. I consider it was a great grace to be with him when he breathed his last. He just slipped away quietly with his son Peter holding his hand while I, with another parishioner, offered a prayer as he entered into a new life and joined his beloved Vi who had died in 1996.

In some ways this is an easy obituary to write since Frank virtually left an account of his life some months ago when he addressed the Catenian Association: he was a long time member of its Redcar & Cleveland Circle. He was the only surviving member of the original Trustees and on the 50th anniversary of the foundation of this section he, needless to say, was the guest speaker. I have been lent a copy of that talk. A truly remarkable achievement for a man of his years, sadly too long to be quoted, but full of reminiscences of times long since past, of war time service and, following his discharge from the army, his coming North, originally to Redcar, and in 1966 moving to Easby Lane in Great Ayton, to the house he occupied until his death.

Frank was a devoted Roman Catholic all his life. He had been appointed a Minister of the Eucharist, an honour which he valued, and was able to assist until a few months ago. He was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which helps the poor and needy by visiting people and distributing food and clothing. He was also a committee member of Ayton Churches Together. By many he will be remembered for his involvement with the Great Ayton Tennis Club. Indeed, he not only played until he was in his 85th year, but as a committee member he spent many hours negotiating the best possible terms for the club, arranging league matches and tournaments; he considered the social activities to have a community value, too.

He played bowls also, a game he shared with his late wife during 52 years of married life.

The final word is a personal reflection. I like to think of Frank not only as a devoted Parishioner, but also as a close friend "faithful and true" to me. Cardinal Newman once defined a gentleman as: "One who never inflicts unnecessary pain" and continued: "He is never mean or little in his disputes, never takes unfair advantage, he is tender towards the bashful, gentle towards the distant and merciful towards the absurd. He submits to pain, because it is inevitable, to bereavement because it is irreparable, and to death because it is his destiny."

I feel that this is a fitting epitaph for Frank. May his great soul rest in peace. Mgr Ray Charlton.

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Having hosted 60 friends from our twin last April it was our turn to visit Ouzouer, so a coach full of Aytonians set off at 5am on Thursday 24th October for a long weekend in France. The 'theme' was 'The Environment' & our hosts had arranged a full programme. Obviously many of the activities should be 'open air' but the weather was not on our side. A ride through the magnificent forest of Orleans and a talk on forest conservation were cancelled due to drenching rain. Instead, the talk was given indoors then we visited a sawmill where, fascinated, we watched as rough tree-trunk turned into fine parquet flooring. On Saturday the rain cleared enough for us to see a local annual ritual. Part of a great lake was drained for conservation workers to sort the specially bred fish, good specimens being transported in huge tanks to another lake for breeding purposes. The fate of rejected fish was not disclosed & we did not like to ask!

As usual our hosts had organized special entertainments for the 2 evenings of our visit. Friday evening was an indoor barbeque during which unfortunate English guests were quizzed on their knowledge of French life & history, and our French hosts were quizzed on their knowledge of Gt Britain. On Saturday, after dinner with our hosts, we met in a village hall where a jolly Master of Ceremonies taught us traditional folk dances to a live band. This noisy & energetic evening ended with champagne & a slice of a great cake baked to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the twinning.

Early next morning we set off on the journey home. This was Sunday 27th October: the day of the great storm - not quite as bad as The Hurricane, but enough to stop all cross-Channel ferries. We arrived at Calais to find it bursting with trapped travellers. Our coach was on one of the first ferries to run - several hours later. Our visit this autumn will be via the Channel tunnel!

We expected to keep to the routine of the past few years, with visits in the Easter holidays & the autumn half-term. This has been amended, to show the French Yorkshire in summer. The plan now is that our friends will be here from **Thursday 3rd July to Sunday 6th July** when there is a chance of fine weather, for it will be our turn to show off some of our interesting environmental features. We shall visit "Nature's World" to see the working model of the River Tees, followed by a trip to North Gare next day to see the same area full scale, plus, perhaps, some seal pups. Other events include a walk in Guisborough Forest & a visit to 2 conservation farms. The evening programme offers a barbeque, & a trip down the Tees on the "Teesside Princess" which we have booked for the evening of 4th July for our party. Details are available from any of the committee.

Our next trip to Ouzouer will be, as last year, during the October half-term. As ever, anyone wishing to join the Association & spend a weekend with a French family will be very welcome.

This will be my last newsletter as Secretary to the Twinning Association. I shall be sorry to go but I have been in post since our earliest steps in 1996 and I feel that it is time to hand over to someone else at our AGM on 19th March.

Daphne W Hull

So what are the Police doing about nuisance kids ?

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A question on many a resident's lips. Last year saw the start of a pilot scheme in Hambleton District designed by our Youth Action Officer. If any youths under the Age of 17yrs came to the attention of the Police for any kind of nuisance, or simply around a 'hot spot' such as the Arcade on an evening without good reason, their details were recorded on a Youth Action Form. That, on most occasions, generated a letter to the parents. If the individual came to notice again within 6 months a second letter would be sent and on a third occasion within 6 months the individual's behaviour would be discussed with other agencies and parents would be invited to help with agreed interventions. If all fails, Anti-social Behaviour Orders would be applied for. Although you probably think letters don't do much, quite a number of local youths have received the second letter but only one has received the third.

In addition, a multi-agency Problem Solving Group has been set up to look at the bigger picture. A problem location has been identified as The Arcade. To date a local business has offered to part-fund CCTV with other partners offering to match-fund. Better lighting is being sought, the possibility of 'gating' the area and that of a 'drop-in' centre for local youths in the village - all are actively being progressed. So, we are doing something.

If you wish to discuss this issue, or anything else relating to the village, please to not hesitate to contact me on Northallerton (01609) 783131.

Sgt Dave Merritt.

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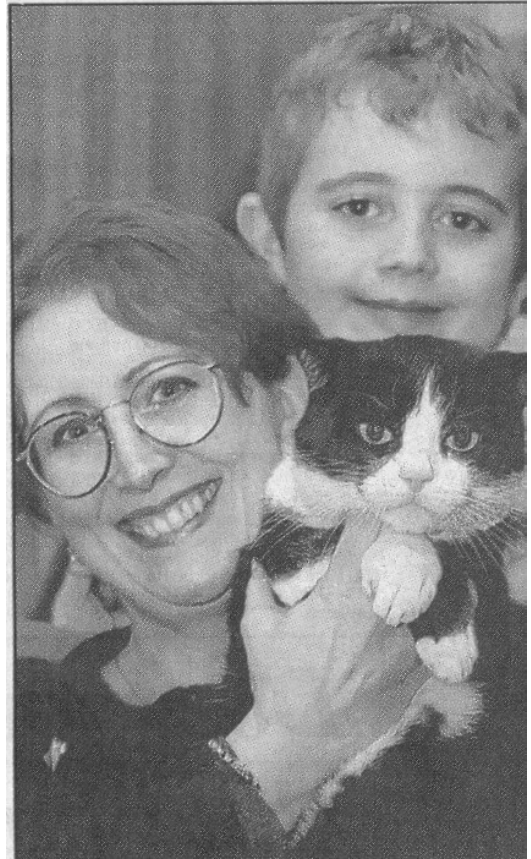
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Robert, his Mum Catherine Sedgwick, from Ayton, & her Mum Estelle Scott, took **Pixie** the cat to London. His spirit and the amount of injury he has overcome won The Cat Protection League Award: **THE ULTIMATE SURVIVOR**, chosen by Steve Leonard, star of Vets in Practice. WPC Catherine, a scene-of-crime investigator at the time, rescued Pixie 10 years ago, terribly injured after being used criminally as bait to goad dogs into fighting mood. In spite of having his tail amputated, Pixie, now 13, survived that & all his other injuries & has been a loving pet ever since.

Robert enjoyed the event in London, sitting with staff of TV's Pet Rescue. Close by were Sir Patrick Moore, CBE, weatherman Michael Fish, & Ann Widdecombe, MP. Robert's autograph book shows that meeting Little Ant & Dec on the train was a good omen as well as fun! CM.



Catherine, Robert & Pixie
Picture courtesy of the
Evening Gazette

Many Thanks for Great Ayton Luncheon Club

When the Friday Luncheon Club for pensioners closed in December, it marked the end of an era.

It had been held for 23 years in the Parochial Hall in Great Ayton.

Rose Featherstone, who founded the club with **Kathleen Johnson**, had for nearly a quarter of a century, organised, shopped for, and cooked meals for these weekly lunches, with the staunch help in more recent years of her husband **Tom**. As well as supporting Rose in shopping and preparation, Tom, with a group of helpers, took out lunches to club members who had become housebound.

Many helpers in preparing and serving the meals have come and gone over 23 years but one in particular should receive mention, stalwart and ever present worker, expert masher of potatoes, **Margaret Simpson**. Margaret has rarely missed a week as Rose's right-hand woman. She also helped in the many fund-raising events organised by Rose and Tom to benefit the Luncheon Club.

Those who attended the lunches each Friday will not forget the good food - especially those delicious Yorkshire Puddings! Nor will the outings and parties be forgotten by all who enjoyed them so much. Many thanks are due to Rose and all her helpers for their years of service.

It is a pity that the club had to close, and a sad reflection of the times we live in that no-one else was willing to take on this valuable service to our community.

Margaret Stainsby

On March 16th actor Colin George presented “Meet George Fox” at Ayton Friends Meeting House.

Now read on

SWARTHMORE

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Swarthmore is a name that has appeared in the recent development of the old Ayton School site. It was the name of one of the School Houses, but it means much more to Quakers than that. It takes us back to the early years of the movement, and reminds us of the important part played by one of many remarkable women from the very beginning of our history.

Swarthmore (now Swarthmoor) Hall, near Ulverston in Furness, was the home of Margaret Fell, the wife of Thomas Fell, Assize Judge and MP. His background was Puritan and the Hall was always open to ‘ministers and religious people’. They had heard and inquired after the activities of George Fox and his companions in Yorkshire and Cleveland in 1651 and in 1652 he travelled to Westmoreland ‘and so on to Swarthmore, my dwelling-house’ as she later reported.

Fox addressed the congregation in Ulverston Church and asked his famous question ‘Christ saith this, and the Apostles say this; but what canst thou say?’. Margaret was ‘cut to the heart’ by this and sat crying in her pew, saying ‘We are all thieves, we have taken the Scriptures in words and know nothing of them in ourselves ...’ She devoted the rest of her life to the Quaker movement and her social position did not save her from the usual consequences: periods in prison and a sentence of praemunire (questioning or diminishing the royal jurisdiction)

She was 16 years younger than her husband. He had to spend much time away from home as a circuit Judge and MP and Margaret, like many women of her class, was an experienced and able manager of the home and estate. Thomas did not become an overt Quaker, but used his position to support and protect them locally until his death, aged 60, in 1658. Margaret ran Swarthmore as a communication and publication centre and a place of respite for Friends. She also wrote and travelled extensively to lobby on behalf of Fox and other imprisoned and persecuted Friends, at one point meeting the King to present him with a petition.

In 1669 she and Fox married. They were often separated, he on his travelling ministry and she looking after ‘the North’, but she travelled to London 9 times to be with him, the last journey being made when she was 75. Six months later he died, in 1691.

She remains a most attractive figure to us, her mind remaining open to the end. In her late 80s, when Friends were beginning to retreat into themselves, becoming obsessed with outward conformity in how they dressed, what colours were proper and so on, she wrote ‘Christ cried woe against minding altogether outward things, neglecting the inward work of God Almighty in our hearts ... But contrary to this, we must look at no colours, nor make anything that is changeable colours as the hills are, not sell them, nor wear them; but we must all be in one dress and one colour; this is a silly poor Gospel....’ Two years later she died, but it was many years before Friends gave up their grey conformity.

Swarthmore Hall is now a place providing simple accommodation and space for study groups, retreats, etc. There is an active Quaker Meeting close by.

Donald Gill

JUBILEE POEM

I'd like to write a poem but the mind's gone blank, I fear,
 I'd like to write some pleasant words for this the Jubilee Year.
 I'd like to say "Well done, my Queen, I'm really proud of you!"
 I couldn't do her job - no way - not born to it - not blue.

I ought to write some modern stuff - long lines where nothing rhymes
 But I grew up with simple poems - they were quite different times.
 So I will write my "tumpy tump" and hopefully express
 A simple offering to my Queen, our new age "Good Queen Bess".

What a splendid year it's been, so busy and such fun.
 Our Queen went almost everywhere to visit everyone.
 Her stamina was marvellous, she never showed defeat
 Travelling round in freezing cold or sometimes blazing heat.

We had a picnic on the green, a comical revue
 We had the children's fancy dress just like we always do.
 We saw the nearest beacon glowing in the fading light
 And lit ours on our local hill - it was a splendid sight.

Who'd be Queen? I hear them say, who would be Queen indeed.
 She's given a life for the land she loves - something you need to heed.
 So all you rotten miseries who thought it was a bore
 Pack yourselves up, all of you, we're showing you the door!

I did enjoy the Jubilee, I think the Queen did too;
 The Pageant, Pomp and Circumstance - the best, we always do!
 Sing "Land of Hope and Glory" as loudly as you can
 And finish off the year in style - you see I am a fan.

Mary de Wardt, Great Ayton NCW

Mary won first prize, in an open national poetry competition to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, with this poem. The widely published, broadcast and translated **PAMELA LEWIS** was the judge. Councillor Mrs June Imeson, OBE, presented Mary's prize on behalf of the National Council of Women, the competition organisers.

The judge explained:

"I chose Jubilee Poem as the winner as it encompasses the subject with humour and self-deprecation. The poem brings in the reign, the national and personal response, and the poet's personal celebration. The poem is well constructed and the rhyming adds to the fun and fury,"

“ A SENSE OF PLACE” WORDSEARCH

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This puzzle is based on the celebration of Cliff Rigg on pages 10 & 11. When you have found all **26 WORDS** in the Square, convoluted, reversed, upside-down, diagonal, bent – sometimes all within one word! – re-using letters (but not the same letter twice in the same word!)

10 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make ONE WORD which described the essence of Cliff Rigg for Richard Pepper.

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 9th MAY.** Results in the Library by Thurs. 16th MAY.

CLIFF RIGG { STEPS, NATIONAL TRUST, JAMES COOK, BROOM,
GORSE, OAK,
OWL ALLEY, THE { PILLAR, BLUEBELLS, BIRCH, WILLOW, WHINSTONE, ROCK
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“RURAL PURSUITS & PLEASURES” WORDSEARCH RESULTS

The answer was NEIGHBOURLINESS

There were 5 correct entries from which 3 winners were drawn.

THE WINNERS ARE:

MRS E M ARMITAGE

FRANCES GREENWELL

EUNICE A HUGILL

Beech Close

Newton Road

Sunnyfield

Correct entries were also received from

Mrs Jean Cumbor and Mrs Mary de Wardt.

Congratulations to all who submitted correct 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.