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If you are interested, please contact Marian Button, 723014.

Madrid and elsewhere around the world. The news of such violent attacks and appalling casualty figures continue to cause grief and outrage, whenever and wherever they happen. That is good in itself. Heaven forbid that we should become uncaring because overwhelmed.

It is always impossible to mention in The Stream every bereavement that occurs in the village, but the sympathies and sense of loss we express here, we feel whenever we hear of a death.

Sadly, one family in Ayton has suffered yet another tragedy & needs our support & sympathy. **Mr Bill Grainge**, only 54, father of two sons, Jonathan and David, was involved in a car crash in February and has died in Hospital 2 weeks later. His wife, Ruth, died in 1989 and he brought up their sons alone, making a fine job of it. At last he found a partner, Kath Brown, and her son to complete the family. He was a highly respected, kind and popular man who will be sadly missed.

Further sad news has broken of the sudden death of **Mrs Margaret Bruce**, wife of Arthur. They were in business in the village for many years, working happily together to provide our daily bread and other delicious samples of Arthur's bakery skills. Margaret's cheerful friendliness was always a treat, in the shop and in retirement, and her smile will long be remembered. CM

GASBAGS is a local cycling group which began in 1990 with founder members Jeff King and Ray Turner from Stokesley, and Mike Newton and Ray Vamplew from Ayton. Over the years the group has grown, and we now have regular weekly rides on Thursday evenings between April & October, (15-30 miles) and a Sunday ride (25-50 miles) throughout the year, weather permitting. All our routes are via the quieter side roads but we do not cycle off-road. We are not too fanatical about our cycling and can be easily persuaded on every ride to stop off at a pub for refreshment. In other words, we know how to mix our biking and our guzzling!

Each year during the May Bank Holiday we cycle for several days in a scenic area of Britain, and have often gone to Scotland and enjoyed several island-hopping tours. This year our annual ride is in North Wales and Snowdonia. Additional rides and weekend breaks have taken us to places such as Scarborough and York, and we have also completed three coast-to-coast rides, raising money for Yatton House on each occasion.

For several years we had discussed having a GASBAGS bike shirt but nothing had come of it until this year. The Great Ayton biking shop 'Biketraks' rekindled the idea with a shirt that had been made to advertise their shop. After many battles in the pub over the winter months, regarding the colour and the design, we now have our own club shirts, which were worn for the first time on the Annual GASBAGS Christmas ride to the 'Blackwell Ox' in Carlton.

Our web-site is www.gasbags.org.uk which contains write-ups of our major rides, and photographs are included. John Appleyard composed some GASBAGS songs based upon well-known songs, and a few of the local pubs have been unfortunate enough to hear our renditions.

This year, the 2 of us, Mike Newton and Paul Greenhalgh, are planning to cycle through France from Biarritz to Caen in a period of 3 weeks, and the 800 mile route will include part of the Pyrenees, the Dordogne, Loire Valley and Normandy. We want to raise lots of money for charity to assist several organisations which will include Macmillan Cancer Care Nursing, as well as the National Asthma Campaign which Paula Radcliffe runs for in the London Marathon. Our cycling challenge will take us through many towns and villages that are 'twinned' with British towns and villages, including Great Ayton's twinned village of Ouzouer-sur-Loire.

**If you would like to sponsor us, please contact our website,
or phone PAUL on 01642 724101, or MIKE on 01642 722184. Thank you.**

Mike Newton / Paul Greenhalgh

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After such a wet winter hopefully we can look forward to a dry warm summer which will tempt us all out to enjoy our glorious countryside. If you do not have your own transport, or prefer to relax and let someone else drive, why not check out what Community Care can offer? Our volunteer drivers will ensure that you enjoy your trip.

Our Luncheon Club continues to provide excellent food and good company. If you wish to join I am sure they will try to squeeze you in.

We have always been keen to support Carers, either by giving them a break under the Carer Relief Scheme or by providing a forum where Carers can meet for mutual support. We are now delighted that a new venture will offer support to those with children with Special Needs. If you are interested why not get in touch with Helen (714550) who will be running the group?

Another new project is Bite Size Courses on a variety of topics, which are proving very popular. We are grateful to the staff who are working overtime to put them on. Hopefully this is something we can develop. If you would like to do something different from what is on offer we can always see if it is practical. Perhaps you would like to offer to run one. Call the Centre and talk to Sue Simpson.

This is the Samaritans' Golden Jubilee Year. Some of you will have been grateful for their ability to listen when the world seemed very bleak; some will have thought of ringing: some will be listeners; some may have wondered what it takes to be a listening volunteer – why not find out now? (Also, see page 40)

We are lucky to have so many committed volunteers, most of whom find themselves doing more than they had expected! They obviously enjoy whatever they are doing for us, and the chance to meet each other a couple of times a year at volunteers' events. Why not come along and join them? We can suggest a wide variety of ways in which you can become involved, all offering a chance to meet interesting people and make a positive contribution to the community.

Kath Murray

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10 **CHANGES at Great Ayton Health Centre**
**The biggest changes will be caused by the implementation of the new GMS
GP Contract, which will alter the way the Doctors and Staff work.**

We would like to inform all of our patients about the **new Out of Hours arrangements**, which will come into effect from **1st April 2004**. From this date we will no longer be part of the Guisborough Co-operative. If you require a Doctor **after 6.30pm or over a weekend** your call will now be diverted to **North Yorkshire Emergency Doctors** in **York** who will take your personal details then immediately pass it on to the Primary Care Centre in **Northallerton**, who will call you back as soon as possible. Based on your medical condition the Doctor will do one of the following:

- a) provide advice over the telephone
- or b) ask you to come to the Primary Care Centre at the **Friarage Hospital**
- or c) make a home visit.

Cleveland patients: Arrangements will be slightly different, but we do not have details yet.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO INTEND TO DO A MAIL SHOT TO ALL OF OUR PATIENTS
INFORMING YOU OF THE CHANGES WHICH ARE ABOUT TO HAPPEN DUE TO
THE NEW GP CONTRACT.

STAFF: **Helen Seymour**, our Business Manager, left at the end of February to join Langbaugh Primary Care Trust and **Marilyn Walker**, one of our Secretary/Receptionists, with us for 15 years, has reduced her hours to 3 full days.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL: **Dr Wylie**, with us for some years, is leaving us on the 30th March. She is moving out of the area & will be sadly missed. We wish her & her family all the very best for the future. We are hoping that **Dr Rosemary Jackson**, a Locum Doctor for us in the past, will agree to replace her. **Dr Blacklidge & Dr Green** have a lot of commitments which take them away from the Practice on certain days most weeks. We do ask patients to see another Doctor at those times. We appreciate that patients build up a relationship with a Doctor, but all the change that the Government is requesting, & the unrelenting pressure, make it impossible to juggle everything. Our Registrar, **Dr Singh**, has moved on & become a GP. She has been replaced by **Dr Rijken** who will also be with us for 6 months. The Practice is also involved in the training of **1st & 5th year Medical Students** & you would be asked for your consent if they are to be present at your consultation. On the 30th December our **Practice Nurse** of some 16 years, **Barbara Hodgson**, left us. We wish her all the very best for the future. Barbara has been replaced by **Maureen Bell** who started work here on 2nd February. Just after Christmas our **District Nurse, Fiona Ridley**, was suddenly transferred to Stokesley Health Centre to run their team – a loss for us, but pleasing promotion for her & we wish her well.

Ann Howard, Practice Manager

Consultations by phone: ask, leave your number (not mobile). A Doctor will ring back, 11-11.30.

Appointments up to 2 weeks **in advance** available 9–9.30 & 5-5.30 (Not Drs Green or Blacklidge).

A volunteer for over 20 years with the **St John Ambulance**, Mrs Margaretta Humpleby received a special award as A Serving Sister, approved by The Queen, Sovereign Head of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. The Grand Prior Lord Slynn awarded the insignia to Mrs Humpleby for services over and above the call of duty.



The investiture was held at the Grand Priory Church in London.

A Re-Dedication Service at The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York (Minster) was attended by many members and friends of the St John Ambulance. As a serving member Mrs Humpleby was a member at Stockton/Thornaby division, then promoted to Divisional Officer of Cadets, later becoming Superintendent of the Great Ayton Quadrilateral Division in 1994, and only recently retired. Whilst keeping in touch with the St John members, Mrs Humpleby is still caring through voluntary work with the Community Care Association, based in Stokesley. Ed.

St John Ambulance H.Q. Thirsk: 01845 521910 & Community Care Office: 01642 710085

Everyone needs caring and we need carers, either in uniform or as you are in all fields of life. Please give your support in any way you are able. **MH.**

A Gift in Gratitude

Great Ayton resident Mrs Pat King has found a very positive and generous way to deal with two very different tragedies affecting two of her sons.

Her son John, living in Dormanstown, was left paralysed after a dreadful crash on the trunk road over seven years ago. He was taken to the Spinal Injuries Unit, at what is now the James Cook University Hospital, and is still in hospital.

In November, over a year ago, tragedy struck again. Mrs King found her son Christopher dead in bed. At his funeral Mrs King asked for donations for the Spinal Unit where John was being helped, and a handsome £547 was raised. Mrs King then decided to hold a prize bingo night at Great Ayton Working Men's Club, raising an impressive £944. The Spinal Unit was delighted to receive the cheque for nearly £1500. Mrs King was pleased to be able to show her gratitude, saying: "I wanted to do something for them. They have been very good to John and they work very hard."

A Sister from the Unit said, " We are very grateful to Mrs King for this kind donation and thoroughly enjoyed the fund-raising evening. We appreciate her wholehearted support." Ed.

We have now successfully completed the first part of research into landscape features in Great Ayton & Little Ayton. A Final Report has been sent to the Local Heritage Initiative, who funded the work. Copies of this report are available in the Great Ayton Library. We have applied for new funding for a second part of the project, which will look into wider aspects of local history and which will run from 2004 to 2007.

During the past two years we have

Discovered an important low-level Mesolithic site around the old course of the River Leven this side of Stokesley (the new flood prevention cut around the S.E. side of Stokesley is almost returning the river to its prehistoric course). Around 8000 years ago our hunter-gatherer ancestors occupied this land, making large numbers of flint tools and arrowheads.

Recorded the extent of medieval agriculture and field systems in the parishes. Among other activities, we have recorded where traces of ridge and furrow remain in the parishes.

Produced a detailed history of footpaths and tracks. We hope to produce a booklet explaining the derivation of street names and places in the village, which will help perplexed newcomers understand names referred to in Parish Council meetings!

Surveyed Cockshaw Alum Works and re-discovered the associated boil house site, never investigated in detail before. We hope to find out more about the ownership of the Alum Works, and the financial problems that beset its short life.

Recorded the development of farm buildings at Aireyholme, and related this to changes in agricultural practices.

Researched the location of the farm cottage built for James Cook's father.

Surveyed the Roseberry Ironstone Mine site. We have been able to piece together information about the machinery and equipment used, including the railway, and the working methods.

Surveyed evidence of the 2nd World War in the village, including the publication of a book on the crash of a Hudson aircraft near the Monument in 1940: *Lost on Easby Moor – the last flight of Hudson NR-E.* A commemorative plaque near the site was dedicated last October. We started collecting wartime memories of people in the village, & this will continue in part 2 of the project.

Made a detailed survey of Langton Garage before its conversion into apartments. This is one of the oldest buildings in the village and the information would not have been recorded without our intervention. Originally a farm, it later became a brewery, with a barn converted for the malting of barley. During the 20th century the premises housed a motor repair business.

And not least we have had an enjoyable and rewarding experience, acquiring new skills, new friends and a new understanding of our local history.

National Recognition

Our project was one of the four selected from across the country to feature in a national one-day conference about the Local Heritage Initiative in London on 20 March.

Contacts for more information:

Dan O'Sullivan: 723358, Sally Dennison: 723897, David Taylor: 722748, Ian Pearce: 722964

The Archive Group has now collected over 600 images of Great Ayton, including historic pictures from the 1890's. There are also more recent photos of school groups, and sports teams. There are pictures of floods in the High Street, and views of High Green with the Jubilee celebrations in full swing and many, many more.

Anyone in the village who would like to see these photos can go along to the Great Ayton Library, where there is a dedicated computer available to view these images. It is on the left of the entrance door, alongside the Talking Books section. It is simple to use and there are clear instructions beside it; there is also a book in which to add your comments. We would be particularly grateful if you are able to let us have the names of people in the photographs, where any are missing.

The programme allows us to use 'hot spots'. These are yellow dots which appear on group photos, and by letting the arrow hover over the spot, the name of the person is revealed. You can even put someone's name into the computer, and all the items featuring that person are brought together. So you can follow one person through school photos, a cricket team, maybe a work picture and then a Ruby wedding portrait! Is a member of your family featured? Perhaps your house will be there. Or you can just look and see how scary the teachers were in the old days!

We now have enough pictures to put onto CDs so you can have your own copy at home. A computer running Windows is all that is necessary to play the CD, but the licence arrangement we have, with the people who produced the programme, only allows us to produce 50 copies for residents of the village, so these will have to be on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to have a copy, please ring **David Sills on 722 705, Dan O'Sullivan on 723 358 or me, Penny Scrope on 722 099** for full details. The cost will be approximately **£12** per CD.

We would love more photos or documents to add to the Archive, as it is intended to be an ongoing record of village life that will be of interest to Aytonians now and in the future.

Do **you** have any relevant photos or documents you would be prepared to allow us to copy? We do not harm the picture in any way - it is simply scanned and then returned to you. We can borrow the photo for a day or two, or even, if necessary, arrange for one of us to come and copy it in your own home.

Penny Scrope

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After several years of work and setbacks, the Improvement Project for our Headquarters seems at last to be moving forward! Our plans provide for an upgrade to our existing facilities with 2 extensions which will allow the creation of a toilet that can be used by people with mobility problems, a kitchen / wet area and an internal storage area. Access improvements will also provide for members with mobility problems. Planning permission has been granted and detailed submissions are currently being made to Buildings Control.

About 50 % of the estimated £30,000 cost has already been raised and further applications to various funding bodies are pending. The Group is grateful to a number of individuals, businesses and other funding bodies who have supported us. We are also indebted to Christ Church for the continued use of their land and their support for our improvement plans. The existing scout hut was donated by ICI Wilton back in 1972, when membership stood at 48. Our current membership of 109 reflects the success of scouting in the area and forms part of the 100,000 people who attend scouting worldwide each night of the week! (Scout Association census figures)

Our Supporters' Committee continues to organise fund-raising events in support of the Group. The recent Race Night was a success, enjoyed by all who attended. During the evening a football donated by Rollstud Limited, and signed by the Boro football team, was auctioned off. It was secured by a lifelong Boro supporter who clearly had the confident foresight that its value would increase considerably, after the team's impending trip to Cardiff!!

Forthcoming events include our **Annual Duck Race** on the river on **Sunday 9th May**.

If you have any used **computer printer ink cartridges or old mobile phones**, you may like to drop them off at the **village library** & help to raise money for the Scout Group under our recycling scheme.

Activities in the Group continue to thrive in all sections, with annual camps and adventurous outdoor activities being planned for the coming months.

Many of the Scouts and Explorers are busy raising money for the 2004 Children with Leukaemia Marathon Challenge. This involves various sponsored challenges which the boys have planned, including a 26 hour continuous musical jam session, 26 minutes riding a unicycle, 26 mile bike rides and a possible 26 length underwater egg and spoon race with Scuba kit!

It is not only the young people who enjoy themselves in Scouting. The adults have great fun as well! If you would like to join us and help run one of our sections in some capacity, you will be made most welcome. Just contact one of the leaders or the Group Chairman.

Philip Walker, Chairman, Group Executive Committee

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 Tel: 711503

Waiting Lists: Jean McWilliam Tel: 722358



In October, Guides from the village travelled down to London to see a “Big Gig” Pop Concert at Wembley Arena. Some of the stars who performed were “Cheeky Girls”, “Atomic Kitten”, Holly Valance, “Blazing Squad”, Lamair, & David Sneddon, to name just a few. The Guides have also enjoyed quad bike riding & the girls had a brilliant time playing games by torchlight at their weekend camp at Craythorne.

Brownie Units in the village are very busy. All the Brownies have been away on Pack Holidays to Marske, Grosmont, & Kildale. The children have raised money for the NSPCC. The Brownies had a great time entertaining Parents with a “Stars in their Eyes” Pop Concert. Just to name a few “Stars” who were there – Cher, Cheeky Girls, Avril Levine, & Atomic Kitten! Donations went to Pudsey Bear, raising £25. Also this year Brownies will be celebrating their 90th Birthday – more about this next time.

In this village we have two Rainbow Units: both very popular. The children have enjoyed a Christmas Concert with the Brownies, playing games, doing crafts, going on picnics – and the Rainbows had a brilliant time going on a Teddy Bear Hunt. They also celebrated the Chinese New Year. If your child wishes to join Rainbows, please make sure that her name is down on the Waiting Lists - please contact Linda Davey.

As you can see, all Brownie, Guide & Rainbow units are very busy, therefore a very big **THANK YOU** to all the Leaders who run these Units. If you would like to come along and give some help please contact me: **Linda Davey, District Commissioner, 723467.**

GUIDING IN GREAT AYTON

1 st Guides	} 10 & over	1 st Brownies	} 7-10 years	2 nd Rainbows	} 5-6 years
2 nd Guides		2 nd Brownies		3 rd Rainbows	
		3 rd Brownies			

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

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

An Invitation to Join the Ayton Branch of the Trefoil Guild

Being a member of the Trefoil Guild brings both responsibilities and rewards: the Guild works to raise funds to support the Guide Movement, but regular monthly meetings also provide entertainment such as slide shows, theatre visits, bowling, quizzes, etc. Former Guiders, Guides & Brownies are very welcome to join, but you do not need to have been a member of the movement in any capacity – you simply join as an Associate Member. Please do!

Please contact the Secretary, Sylvia Wall: 722411

The Angrove Singers

Our next concert will be on **Good Friday**, 9th April, in **Christ Church**, Great Ayton at 7.30 p.m.

We will be performing Mozart's *Ave Verum*, Purcell's *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* ("Bell Anthem") and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The choir will be joined by soloists from local areas. On this occasion we shall be accompanied by the Leven String Quartet and friends on double bass, oboe and trumpet in D. The quartet will also perform a contemplative instrumental piece for Good Friday. Tickets are available at no charge from choir members.

There will be a collection after the concert in aid of building and restoration work at Christ Church and the Methodist Chapel.

Because of forthcoming alterations to the Methodist Chapel, our Annual Soirée will take place in **Christ Church Parochial Hall** this summer, on **Saturday 10 July 2004**.

Margaret Heaton (Conductor)



Great Ayton Dramatic Society

Gt Ayton Dramatic Society has been a part of village life since 1947. In those 55 years we have put on over 80 plays, 15 pantomimes and 6 revues; our super Youth Group was started in 2000. Our mission is to promote **live entertainment by local people for local people** - and have a lot of fun in the process. We are always pleased to welcome new members, not just to act but to help back-stage, make costumes or coffees and join in the social life of the society.

What skills do you need to get involved? None – just enthusiasm!

For further information please call our Membership Secretary: 01642 722035.

Gt Ayton Dramatic Society presents "All in Good Time" a comedy by Bill Naughton at the Parochial Hall, Gt Ayton, from Tues. 25th to Fri. 28th May. Curtain up 7.30pm.

The Society is pleased to welcome new members to the stage in this production.

Come along and start the Bank Holiday with a good laugh. Coffee & wine available.

Tickets £4.50 (concessions £2.50). Senior Citizens, 25th May only: £1.

Advance Bookings: please ring 01642 722180 or 722096

DO YOU NEED GENTLE EXERCISE (SOME TO MUSIC)?

A growing number of people, men and women, able-bodied, disabled, younger or older, from Ayton and the surrounding area, are meeting together in 2 venues locally for a

GENTLE KEEP FIT CLASS.

The activities include armchair exercises, a tea/coffee break and chat, then a session of gentle movement to music – all for a modest £1 cost. If you are interested in joining either of these popular, friendly groups, ring **Brenda: 01642 487703.**

Stokesley (for the CCA): Methodist Hall, Mondays 10.00am – 11.30am

Great Ayton: Hollygarth Centre, Tuesdays 10.30am – 12.30pm



We're off! Can't believe it!!

All the fundraising has been very hard, but fulfilling. The kindness of companies, local businesses, and the generosity of people stopping me in the village & giving me donations out of their purse or pocket was overwhelming. **Thanks to every one who contributed.**

We arrived at Marne La Vallée Chessy (Disneyland Resort, Paris).

First stop - Check In. That was exciting in itself as the notice on the Hotel door said:

"BIENVENUE, THE BRADLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE"

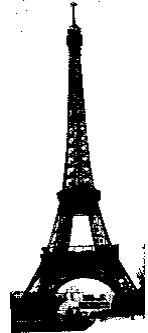
The cameras were clicking and one lucky family brought the notice home.

"Early night!" I told them – tomorrow would be a busy day –

Wednesday 18th February, 8.45am – destination "Pluto Gate".

(Photo:

Larousse)



On meeting our co-ordinator we set off through the park in convoy, to arrive at the "Fantasy Festival Theatre", where we were performing at 2.00pm. The dancers & myself were taken backstage to get our bearings. It was huge! The corridors went on for miles – no exaggeration!!

1.55pm – 5 minutes to go. The adrenalin was flowing. The Announcement began (in French first, of course!!!) then: Curtain Up

The show was a memorable experience, never to be forgotten.

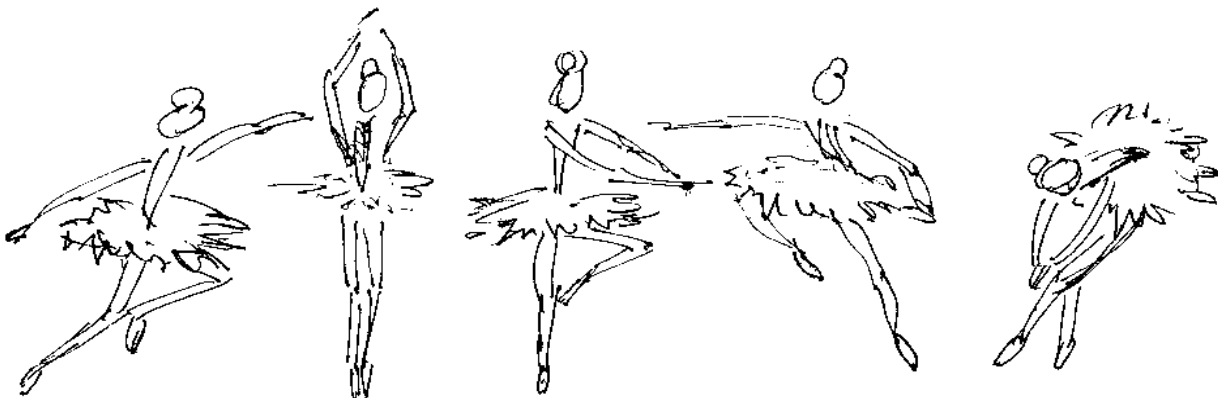
We were told to be slick and we were. (Hours of rehearsals!)

At the end of the performance all the dancers stood on the stage for their final bow to receive thanks by the Disney co-ordinators, in French first, then in English. I myself was moved to tears and after the show the audience expressed to me that they felt the same emotions.

As soon as the curtain closed the girls rushed over to me and said "Please can we come again next week and dance the show all over again?" This summed up the whole adventure!

Margaret Connelly

Proud to be the Principal of The Bradley School of Dance



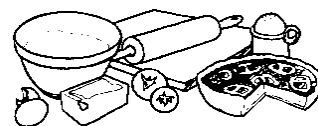
Sketches by Meg Hoggarth

Seafood Quiche from Mrs Freda Young**Ingredients**

6oz/175g Plain Flour
 3oz/75g Margarine
 1 can Tuna
 1 can Chopped Tomatoes
 4oz/100g Prawns
 4oz/100g Grated Cheese
 2 Eggs
 ¼ pint/150ml Milk

Method

- 1 Line dish with pastry.
- 2 Drain tuna & spread round bottom of pastry.
- 3 Add the tomatoes, prawns & cheese
- 4 Beat the eggs & milk together & pour over filling.
- 5 **Bake** at Gas 4/350F/180C, middle shelf, for approximately 40 mins until firm & golden brown.

**Liver Creole****Ingredients**

4 slices Pigs' Liver
 Cooking Oil
 1 large sliced Onion
 1 large teasp. Sage
 ½ sm. Can Condensed Tomato Soup
 3 tablesp. Water
 Seasoned Flour
 Butter to sauté onion

- 1 Coat liver in seas'n'd flour; lightly fry in oil, both sides.
- 2 Place in a shallow casserole.
- 3 Sauté onion. When browned add sage; place on liver.
- 4 Add flour to oil in pan & stir.
- 5 Gradually add soup & water to make a sauce.
- 6 Bring to boil then pour over liver.
- 7 Cover & **cook** for about 30 mins. at Gas 5/375F/190C

from Mrs Hazel Petch
Method

Pork Chops with Piquant Sauce

from Miss Mary Baines

Season & cook in the oven as many pork chops as are needed. While they are cooking

Chop 1 large onion finely; put in pan with ½ pt vinegar. Cook & let onion take up all the vinegar. Make up a packet of oxtail soup, add to onion & cook for the allotted time. Chop ½ a jar of beetroot & 8 gherkins. Add to the sauce. **Before the chops are fully cooked** put a little sauce over each one. Return them to the oven to finish off. Serve the rest of the sauce separately.

Date & Walnut Loaf

from Mrs Lynda Walker
Method

Ingredients

8oz chopped Dates
 4oz caster Sugar
 Pinch of Salt
 1 level teasp. Bicarb. of Soda
 2oz Margarine
 6 liquid oz Water
 1 beaten Egg
 2oz chopped Walnuts
 8oz S.R. Flour
 1 teasp. Vanilla essence

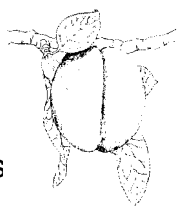
- 1 Place dates, sugar, salt, bicarb & margarine in bowl.
- 2 Boil water & add to mixture. Mix well until marg. melts
- 3 Add beaten egg, walnuts, flour & vanilla essence.
- 4 Mix well to a smooth batter-like consistency.
- 5 Pour into a lined 2lb loaf tin or 2 1lb loaf tins.
- 6 **Bake** for approximately 1¼ hours (2 lb tin) or 1 hour (1lb tins) until firm.
- 7 Leave to cool about 10 – 15 mins. before turning out.
- 8 Eat cold, sliced & buttered. Keeps well. Freezes well.

Apricot Chutney – perfect with cold ham!

from Mrs Rose Featherstone

Ingredients

1lb lge dried Apricots, soaked for 6 hrs.
 1 tablesp. coarse Salt
 1 large Onion, sliced
 12oz Demerara Sugar
 3oz Sultanas
 2 teasp. Whole Mxd Spices
 ½ pint white Vinegar



- 1 Drain apricots. Put into preserving pan.
- 2 Add onion, salt, sugar & sultanas.
- 3 Tie the spices in a piece of muslin.
- 4 Add to pan with the vinegar. Simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for about 50 mins or until the mixture reduces to the consistency of jam.
- 5 Discard spices. Pot as usual.

There are two sorts of people reading this article –

- 1) those who don't clean up after their dogs
and 2) all the other residents of Great Ayton.

Which sort are you?

Are you **disgusted** at the obstacle course when you go to the shops?

Are you **disgusted** when you have to clean shoes, carpets,
pushchair & wheelchair wheels?

Are you **disgusted** that children's health is being put at risk?

Are you **ashamed** of what visitors think of our village?

If so,

we can do something about it.

If you see a dog-owner not cleaning up after their dog,
either,

1) ask if they will do so,

or

2) ring the HAMBLETON DOG WARDEN SERVICE on 01609 767104
with as many details of the DOG, OWNER, TIME, LOCATION, etc,
as possible.

PENALTIES

FOR DOG OWNERS WHO DO NOT CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS

RANGE FROM £50, TO £1,000 WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD.

We can make Great Ayton a cleaner, healthier place to live in.

It's up to us.

Frances Greenwell, Great Ayton Parish Council

WOULD YOU LIKE TO –

- Make friends with a like-minded French couple or family?
- Share in the life and culture of a village in the Loire valley?
- Show off the delights of Great Ayton and its surroundings to your French friends?
- Boost your childrens' confidence in French (and possibly your own)?
- Join in Association activities here throughout the year?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these, then all you have to do is to join the Twinning Association. Membership fees are low and the cost of visits is kept to a minimum. You don't have to speak French. You don't even have to live in Great Ayton. Many members live nearby in villages such as Stokesley, Battersby, Ingleby Greenhow, Easby and Seamer. We already have 45 families involved here, but there are currently more families in France still keen to find English twinning partners.

For more information just contact :

Sue Pearce (722964), Rowland Robson (710186) or Caroline Kitching (722989)

Our last visit to Ouzouer in October 2003 focused on Local Heritage and was a great success, further strengthening the links between our two communities. Here are some members' recollections of the trip, which give a flavour of their experiences:

"It was lovely to have some relaxed time with our hosts, although waistlines are now suffering from extended meal times. Language differences made no difference to all six children who shared roller blades, English and French books, and sweets."

"We were lucky with the weather & Gérard and I enjoyed a bike ride through the forest to the nearby village of Lorris. The choir on the Sunday evening produced one of the highlights of the visit for me – the Hot Chocolate song!"

"We all enjoyed our first trip to Ouzouer, particularly as our host family made such an effort to drive us around and show us the local area. Highlights were our visit to the château and the 'moules & frites' evening."

"Our hosts were brilliant and so was the food! When I was with Xavier I had to try to speak French and this helped me with my everyday French & my accent. The evening parties were a bit dull for kids but I did enjoy the magicians though, & we had a good time messing about outside. The visit to the château was mint – it was good exploring it."

"The forest walk was a chance to unwind and chat to people outside the 'family groups'. The trip to the 'faïencerie' was fascinating – even the kids enjoyed it. We watched the process of making the china from beginning to end and just had to buy some of the finished products."

For 2004, a special trip to Ouzouer is being arranged (July 2 - 5) to celebrate the "Comice", a festival of agriculture and local culture that takes place every 6 years. Our float, featuring Ayton's history of ironstone mining, is already being prepared for the grand cavalcade. We look forward to hosting a French group here during October half term (October 28 – 31).

Please get in touch straight away if you would like to take part in either of these events.

Sue Pearce

At the Zoo

I went to the zoo and I saw
a brilliantly brave beastly Buffalo.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I raced on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a monstrous, magnificent monkey.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I walked on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a daring daft donkey.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I stumbled on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a charming, champion cheetah.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I ran on.

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I went to the zoo and I saw
a limbering, lethal lion.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I ran on.
By Dafydd Plant

**At the Zoo**

I went to the zoo and I saw
an evil, eyeless, eye eating elephant.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I moved on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a silly, slimy, smelly snake.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I crept on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a lovely, lonely, lucky, little lion.
It walked over to me and it licked me
So I stayed there.
By Jessica Swainston

At the Zoo

I went to the zoo and I saw
a wonderful, wet, wailing wolf.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I walked on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a slithery, slimy, sneaky snake.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I slithered on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a mini, mad, mild monkey.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I scurried on.
By Katie Edwards

**At the Zoo**

I went to the zoo and I saw
a magical, marvellous, mad, mini, murderous
monkey.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I curiously crept on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a small, slim, squacking, sleeping, seeing
squirrel.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I sneaked on.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a colourful, curious, crumbly chameleon.
It winked at me and it blinked at me
So I scampered on.
By Robin Watson

At the Zoo

I went to the zoo and I saw
a mad, mini, mischievous, magnificent
monkey.
Then it winked at me and it blinked at me
So I ran along.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a fierce, ferocious flying fox.
Then it winked at me and it blinked at me
So I ran along.

I went to the zoo and I saw
a cool, crazy, crawling Koala bear.
Then it winked at me and it blinked at me
So I ran along.



Daisy Chain

The Methodist Church here in the village chose Daisy Chain
as their fund-raising project for this year:

Daisy Chain, a charitable organisation, is situated in Norton. Its primary task is the support & love of autistic children & their families - the first such centre of its kind in England. The aim is to provide an environment where parents can confidently leave their children, knowing that they are being lovingly & expertly cared for. It offers an ongoing support & counselling service to parents, including sibling support, in addition to residential respite care. Although not yet up & running, they are already helping local families by the provision of a resource library, guidance in obtaining grants & other financial support, & by being available to those most in need. Daisy Chain will bridge the gap, giving the hard-pressed parents respite care and access to resources & information for the benefit & care of the autistic child.

The Centre will include an animal-petting barn, a soft-play barn, hydrotherapy pool, sensory garden & a wetlands nature area. It is anticipated that each year over 1000 children & their families will receive vital help. The founders look forward to the time when the work of Daisy Chain will grow from the Tees Valley to all parts of the country, to meet the needs of the national, as well as the local, community. It should also be stressed that the day facilities of the Centre will be made available to other Special Needs groups from schools, charities & local authorities.

The Centre was the vision of Duane & Lesley Hanson. Sadly, in January, Lesley died suddenly, following a routine operation. Duane, now left with their autistic son Jacob, & all the centre staff, are determined to see their joint vision become a reality. Following several fund-raising events the sum of £1,200 has been raised so far. More events are planned in the future. The money we raise will help to pay for the conversion of outbuildings into bedrooms & playrooms & also for the creation of the planned outdoor facilities in the Centre's grounds.

The Church members are fully committed to the invaluable work of Daisy Chain &, with the Centre staff, working to make a vision into a reality – not just to make provision for those in need, but also as a lasting tribute to the memory of Lesley Hanson. **Ruth Tregonning**

Gt Ayton Methodist Church is also planning major refurbishments to improve access to the Church for the less able. Donations and financial support through fund-raising events will be greatly appreciated over the coming months. Please take note of publicity announcing the activities & support as many as you can – being able to use the Church and its Hall should not be limited because the Church is halfway up/down a hillside! CM

Do you remember the old wind up clocks? We had one at home that would chime the hour and the half hour, with a constant loud tick that filled the room. The strange thing was that after a time you only ever heard the tick when it had stopped. Life can be like that. We fail to notice or appreciate people or things until either we lose them, or they have changed from what they were, often showing signs of deterioration.

If I could make one wish, it would be to appreciate fully what I have already got. We can often spend so much of life wanting and aspiring to more, that we don't enjoy what we have got and fail to appreciate how fortunate we are. I know that life has been kind to me in so many ways, personally, family wise, in my work and especially where I live here in Great Ayton. True appreciation, though, must not just be selfish enjoyment, but should reach out to others who are not as lucky as we are.

I'm no athlete, but having a son with a disability who has to make such an effort to walk made me realise just how thankful I should be to have a body that works all right. This thought was the prompt I needed back in 2000 to do the Great North Run for the first time to raise money for the Gait Analysis Laboratory for the North East. I know that many others from the village have been similarly moved to such athletic achievements for other charities, and maybe the people who give us such generous support in sponsorship are doing so in thanksgiving for their health. I hope so.

This spring and summer we are raising funds for essential repairs to a village landmark and part of our skyline - the Church Spire. It looks like costing £50,000 plus; however, having visited Ghana last year and seen what poverty can really look like, we have decided to add another £5,000 to roof a Church in one of the poorer areas of that country.

I hope these projects attract support, for both deserve to, and a Parish Gift Day is being organised for later this year. No doubt there will be some grumbles from people who think they can't afford to give, or who don't believe in giving going out of our village. Having seen poverty both in Ghana and my last Parish in Middlesbrough, I know that I am very fortunate to live the life I do. If I am to be truly appreciative for all that I enjoy, I know that I can't afford not to give and will be putting my efforts in to make sure of a successful result. I hope that I may count on your help.

Paul Peverell, Vicar of Great Ayton and now also Canon of Ho Diocese in Ghana

36 Gullivers (Fish Shop) - sponsor for Mike Fowle of Lingdale Tavern FC

When I went to the fish shop recently I was invited to buy a Raffle Ticket for Mike Fowle, a promising young footballer in a team being sponsored by Gullivers (through a family connection). I asked for details for this magazine knowing that lots of you would be interested too. Ed.

Thank you for your support

Lingdale Tavern Football Club Management Committee & Players would like to thank everyone who gave prizes or bought tickets for their recent Raffle & Prize Draw.

Many thanks to Steve Gibson, MFC, for donating a signed Boro shirt as the first prize.

£400 was raised and duly given to Mike Fowle. Mike broke his tibia & fibula 6 weeks before Christmas. He has just had his pins removed (the first week in March). He is making good progress and hopes to be playing football again next season, and to be back to work at Lawrence Jackson Leisure Centre before long.

Many thanks once again to everyone who donated prizes & bought tickets.

Of the 21 prizes, 4 were won by people who bought their ticket at **Gullivers** – **but one of them has not been claimed yet**. The winning pink strip was **101–105**.

If those are your numbers please take them along & claim your prize!

Kevin Gibson, Hon Sec, Lingdale Tavern FC. Tel 07811 862980

2 Dates for your Diaries

At The W.I. HALL, Newton Road, Great Ayton, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm.

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TOGETHER **A DISCUSSION FORUM on SATURDAY 24th APRIL**

Explaining the new Act + Questions & Answers + Local Implications.

3 Speakers: North Yorks Police Inspectors Keith Waite & John Richardson. Mr Phil Watt

Supported by: A Magistrate A Psychiatrist A Teacher A Pastor
Opportunity for General Discussion & Comment. The admission fee includes refreshments.

TICKETS £2 from THOMPSON'S HARDWARE, High St. Gt. Ayton, or 722405 or 723014
Gt Ayton Branch of the National Council of Women of Gt Britain (NCW) Char.No.1001015

At The Friends' Meeting House, High Green, Gt Ayton **Wed 5th May at 7.30pm**

An illustrated talk on LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGY by Phil Abramson (Tutor next year)

Refreshments will be followed by the brief Annual General Meeting of the **W.E.A.**

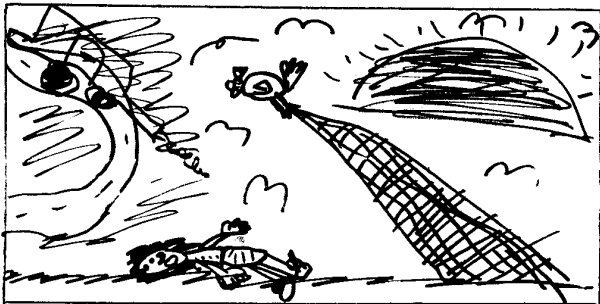
The talk is open to the general public – all are welcome, & may stay to attend the AGM (but only Members may vote). **New Committee Members** are always welcome – please offer if you are interested in helping to design the afternoon & evening courses for the future. **Peter Morgan**

Pupils made up their own newspaper articles about unusual imaginary weather and its effects.

Big Gales Coming Here.

Big strong gales are coming to Great Ayton. A four year old girl nearly got killed by a steeple. Gales knocked the steeple over in church. Some other people got hurt in the accident. The builders built a new church in ten days. The little four year old girl was very very lucky when she found herself in hospital. The vicar was very very lucky too. He found himself in hospital. The doctors and the nurses said that the little girl could not go to school for two weeks.

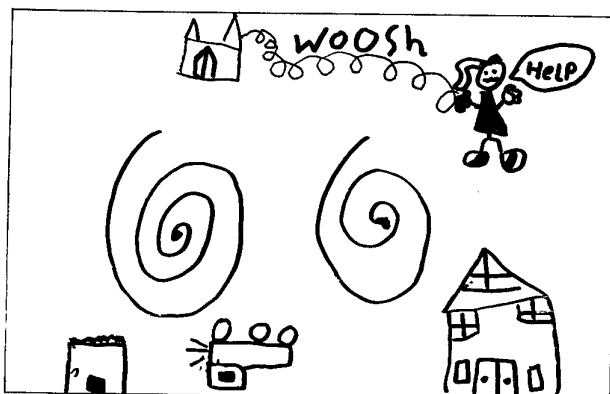
By Sophie Brook



Tornado Approaching

A tornado was approaching from the south. Trees were being blown down by the wind. One girl was blown off her feet. Her name is Caitlin, age one and a half. She landed on the church spire and woke up in hospital. A week later one lorry was turned over and a roof fell down.

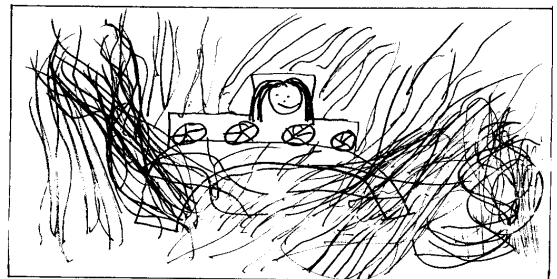
by Christian Calgie



Look Out Flood Coming

Last Friday night there was a flood and some people were in their car on the stone bridge. There was a flood that night so the people were in danger. The weather was getting worse and the people were scared because the bridge might break. They were right, the bridge broke and the cars went plop! The people got washed away into the sea and were rescued by a helicopter.

By Emily Mannix



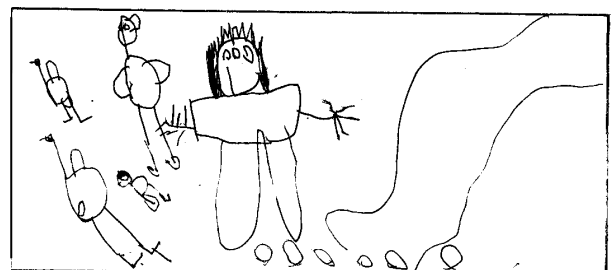
THE BIG FREEZE

Temperatures in Great Ayton fell below freezing yesterday. It was so cold that the River Leven froze over! This caused a lot of problems for the ducks who live by the river. They were unable to swim or find food to eat.

Also lots of people slipped on the ice. They had to go to hospital in an ambulance.

The ducks were starving so lots of people from Great Ayton came to help them. They gave them bread to eat and saved them!

by Megan Peacock.



Family and Church

The weekend of November 22nd – 24th 2003 was a time of great celebration for 'Miss Juler' who was 100 years old on Monday the 24th. There was a family lunch at Yatton House on the Saturday, organised by her nephew Derek Bind, when family members gathered from many parts of the country. At 3.30pm neighbours and friends from the Methodist Church joined the family and I led a short service of praise. Further celebrations were held on the Monday at Kirkley Lodge where Edith is now a resident.

This remarkable lady came to live in Great Ayton on her retirement from teaching, aged 65, in 1968. She was born in Middlesbrough, the second of 8 children. At 17 she began her teaching career at the Derwent Street School for Girls in North Ormesby. Two years later she became a permanent member of staff and in 1933 Headmistress, remaining there for the rest of her teaching career. Edith saw her profession as an expression of her Christian service and it was a deliberate choice to continue to teach in a less prosperous area of the town. Edith is a committed Christian and lifelong Methodist, joining the local Methodist Church on moving to Great Ayton. Edith and her sister Ruth, with whom she shared her home at times, are both now residents in Kirkley Lodge, Coulby Newham. Edith enjoys the care she receives and shares happily in the life of that community, being physically and mentally fit for her age.

Rev. Joyce Mobberley

“CONGRATULATIONS!” from The Day Centre

On Friday 28th November 2003 we arrived at the Day Centre and eagerly awaited the arrival of our friend and ex-Day Centre member, Miss Juler, for an extra special 100th Birthday Lunch. Our Organiser and helpers had decorated the room with banners and put flower arrangements on the specially arranged tables.

When Miss Juler arrived she was warmly welcomed by everyone. We had coffee and biscuits while we reminisced about the good times we all had together when Miss Juler attended the Day Centre with us. This was followed by a lovely Lunch, including fresh vegetables and Yorkshire pudding (Miss Juler's favourite).

Afterwards, we enjoyed Birthday Cake and tea, then presented Miss Juler with a framed photograph of all her friends at the Day Centre. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all!

The Ladies of Great Ayton Day Centre.

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my father, was awarded the OBE for services to business in the Tees Valley. I am proud to have been asked to write this account of his career for The Stream.

Ken's career in engineering began when he took up an apprenticeship at a local garage where his chief responsibilities were repairing car batteries. After National Service he went to Newcastle University & gained an MSc in Civil Engineering. He has come a long way since then by making the most of the opportunities that were offered by the post war industrial development of the North East & eventually, through the success of the world class international consultancy that he started in 1973, he has in turn created opportunities for job creation on Teesside.

In 1973 he took a leap of faith to leave a top position as a director of Head Wrightson and start his own business. This was not a light-hearted decision with 5 young children but with the support of his wife, Judy, they set off on the journey of K Home Engineering Ltd. With no formal training in business Ken was quick to learn some of the fundamentals of marketing. His target was heavy industrial plants such as those at Wilton - but because of the company name his first enquiry was from a gentleman who wanted a toilet mending! Despite such early confusion he quickly managed to pick up commissions from major companies such as ICI and Alcan, and developed a reputation for providing a good quality service. The company now has an international reputation and works all over the world managing projects worth hundreds of millions of pounds. The company, a major local employer with over 300 staff, has received many awards including the Queens Award for Export, twice being named the Teesside Company of the Year &, last year, North East Company of the Year. Over the years his company has been through many lean times as national & global recessions affected the manufacturing industry. Through his hard work, determination & good management, together with the support of staff and colleagues, the company has been steered through these hard times when others have failed. Ken has a reputation for honesty and integrity, together with a vast depth of experience. I believe that his principles derive from those of his father, Billy, who would be very proud if he could see what his son has achieved and the manner in which that achievement has been won.

Ken & Judy moved from Nunthorpe to retire to Ayton 7 years ago. Retirement however is a hard concept for Ken to understand and he continues to travel the world on company business. In the last 12 months he has visited USA, Canada, Russia, Germany, Austria, Malaysia, Cambodia, Dubai, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait. Through all of this Ken and Judy brought up 5 children and they now have 10 grandchildren who they actively help whenever possible - in between international jaunts to conclude business deals and attend meetings with heads of State!

Together with Judy, one of Ken's recent achievements has been to assist Mgr Charlton and the Diocese of Middlesbrough to construct a new church building for St Margaret's RC Church in Great Ayton. Whilst a thriving church is more to do with hearts and minds than bricks and mortar, the new building has proved to be a positive asset to the village, providing improved facilities for parishioners as well as local groups using the hall. So at a youthful and healthy 73, Ken Home, OBE, is riding on the crest of his career and long may it last, God willing.

Andrew Home

We are celebrating the 50th year since the formation of the Samaritan movement.

Chad Varah, our founder, I am sure never dreamed that 50 years later there would be over 200 branches and 18,000 volunteers covering the whole of the U.K.

The Branch in Northallerton is 40 years old and was one of the first rural branches to be formed. At the beginning, a small group of followers took calls at home; now we have around 70 volunteers in our own premises offering cover 7 days a week 365 days a year, handling around 20,000 contacts last year.

The basic principle of providing emotional support to callers either on the telephone, by e-mails or visits to the centre has not changed. We are still dedicated to listening to people in crisis, despair or suicidal, in absolute confidence. We have changed our approach however, in that we have become more proactive in providing emotional support to people before they reach a crisis in their life.

The volunteers from the Branch work in the Prison, training young offenders to become listeners for other inmates and a support service for any of the young men or prison officers, who wish to talk to someone about their emotions and feelings or suicide.

We also attend schools to give talks about the Samaritans, but in particular we encourage young people to listen to each other or their families and offer support.

The volunteers also attend various groups to give talks on the work of the Samaritans.

Our mission is to reduce the number of suicides by encouraging people to talk about their feelings and emotions at an early stage. We often find our callers tell us that this is the first time someone has given them the space and time and through this we hope they can see a way forward. We are non-judgemental and whilst we are pro life, we do respect a person's right to make his or her own decision in taking their life.

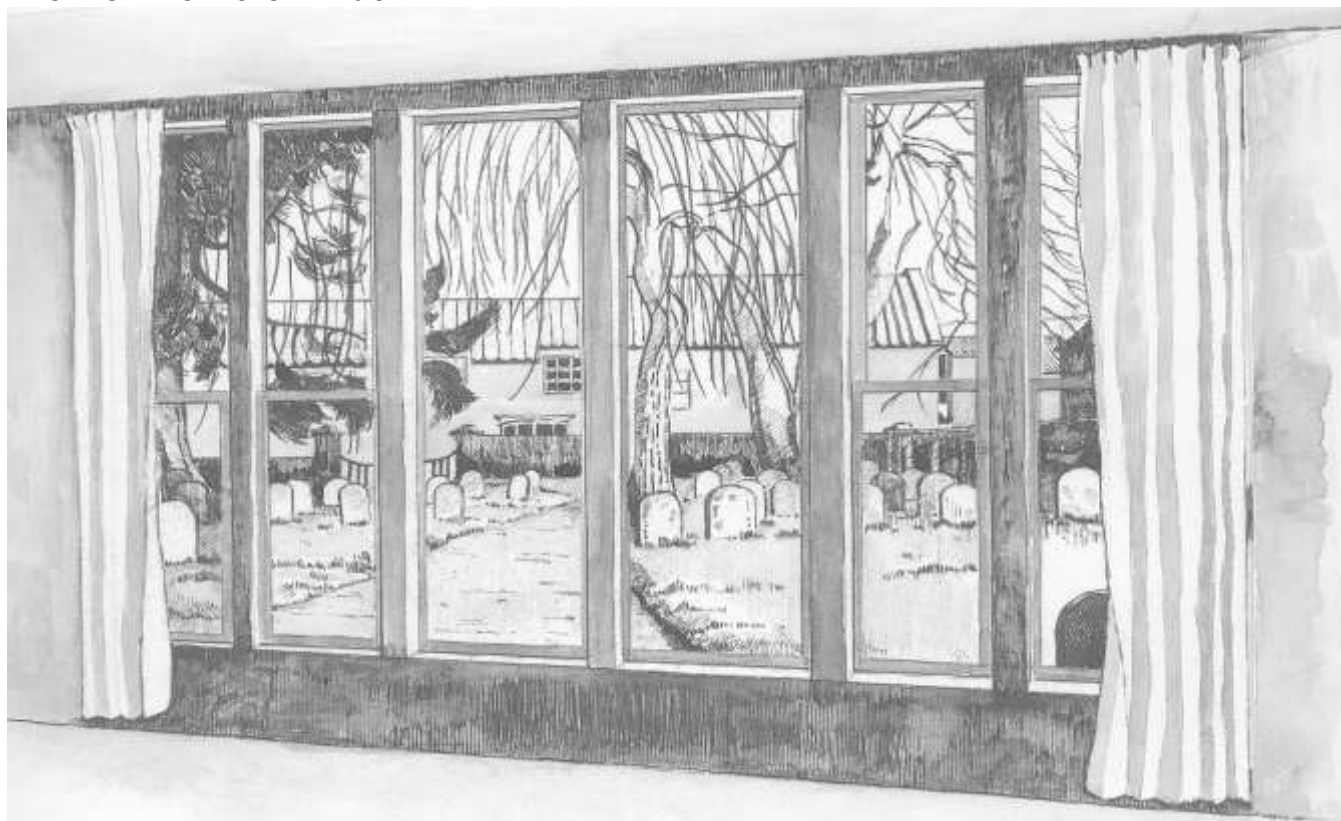
Northallerton and the Dales Branch cover a wide area and we are always seeking new volunteers to help us in our work.

If you can spare 3½ hours a week to listen to callers in today's busy world
and give them the opportunity to express themselves and offer emotional support,

please contact us on 01609 776161.

Michael Southwell, Director

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The view of the burial ground from the Meeting House is inspiring, as found our visitor, Alastair Lovett, who returned to draw the scene, as shown above. Stretching down to the stone wall & gate, opposite Harbottle's on Station Road, the burial ground seems a picture of timeless beauty and tranquillity, far from being sombre. Orderly rows of uniform headstones, backs to the Meeting House, stand against a backdrop of magnificent mature trees: 3 beeches, 2 weeping ashes, a roadside Scots pine and, as a centrepiece, a Wellingtonia. Colour spotlights the rhododendron, mulberry & holly, in seasonal turn. Over 40 botanical species mostly hide away, but rooks and squirrels make their presence known.

The burial ground has been evolving since 1700 when Friends bought the *"old house and frontstead with 8 yards on the backside"*. The site was enlarged by gift of William Richardson in 1787, by Thomas Richardson in 1842 just after the school began, and again in 1873 and 1885. Quakers having decided against the use of headstones altogether in 1717, since only the well-off could afford them, our stones with their obligatory Quaker-style inscriptions date only from the mid 19th century, when their use was allowed. Perhaps the Wellingtonia, a long-lived species "introduced" in 1853 and subject to Victorian "mania", was planted then, too.

Beeches live about 200 years. Sadly, we must now lose a much-loved one, home to rooks and owls but discovered to be rotten & unsafe.

New century, new scene, new planting?

Carole Avison

Yatton House Pantry

OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY, DURING TERM TIME, FROM 10.00am

serving **Morning Coffee** and **Light Snacks**.

very competitively priced!

We also deliver to people who are housebound.

Why not call in or ring 722 380 for details?

Yatton House Friends

Volunteers are welcome for approximately 2 hours each Wednesday afternoon.

Activities vary but are generally aimed at fund-raising.

We hope to have a **Jumble Sale** soon, the date to be arranged.

Please watch for notices with dates and times.

**Hand-made greeting cards are now on sale, in the Entrance Hall,
created individually by the Yatton House Friends.**

GREAT AYTON LIBRARY

Do you know what you are missing? Come and see!

Open:	Tuesday	all day	9.30 – 12.30 & 2.00 – 5.00
	Wednesday	afternoon	2.00 – 5.00
	Thursday	all day plus!	9.30 – 12.30 & 2.00 – 7.00
	Friday	afternoon	2.00 – 5.00
	Saturday	morning	9.30 – 12.30

AT A SMALL COST: * Audio books * Videos * Storytapes * Jigsaws on Thursday afternoons

FREE: * Internet Access * Word processing * Use of 4 PCs * Scanner & DVD player

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* Wide range of information leaflets on benefits, health, etc.

* Wide range of information on local entertainment & activities, transport & tourist venues.

* A computer dedicated to exploring the Gt Ayton Photographic Archive (see page 13)

NOT TO MENTION BOOKS! (& microfiche, computerised index & search system)



Your beat officers for Great Ayton are:

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

One of the main issues that has been brought to our attention has been anti social behaviour. We are tackling this problem through our youth action teams & extra foot patrols in the Ayton area. These have been carried out by local officers as well as special constables and our latest addition to the police force: PCSO's. A problem-solving group has been put in place to look at the community issues as a whole and to see where the problems are and what we can do as a community to combat them. This, however, is only the tip of the iceberg:

we still rely heavily on the residents to report incidents and crimes.

Burglaries have occurred in our area over the past months and as ever we are urging residents not to make it easy - make sure your doors and windows are securely locked and no items of value are left on show. Bogus officials are an ongoing problem nationwide - make sure that you see their identity card and call the company to make sure they are who they say they are. Never let anyone in to your home unless you are 100% sure of them.

As always, your local officers are here to support you, and we are striving to continue our close relations with residents, schools and local businesses. We are never too busy to hear your problems and we will endeavour to use all means possible to help.

PC 1451 Harrison.

LIFELONG LEARNING DEVELOPMENT WORKER for HAMBLETON

Yorkshire Forward & the *Learning & Skills Council in North Yorkshire* have jointly appointed 9 Lifelong Learning Development Workers in North Yorkshire. The N.Y. Forum for Voluntary Organisations will manage the contracts, and the Workers will be employed by local host organisations: in Hambleton District this is Thirsk, Sowerby & District Community Care Assoc.

The 9 LLDW's have been based in the voluntary & community sectors, so that they can build on existing community links. The team will encourage people to join in the learning experience by linking appropriate activities in local communities to local, regional & national Learning Campaigns: Adult Learners' Week, Bite Size Courses, Family Learning Weekend & Learning at Work Day.

As LLDW for Hambleton, I, Christopher Hall, will be working as the 'glue' in bringing together the many different adult learning innovations in the District. I will be liaising with local 'learning co-ordinators' to encourage those who have lost the learning habit, to get them back into learning, signposting them to appropriate learning opportunities. If YOU are interested in taking up a learning opportunity, or helping local people access learning in your area, please contact me on 01845 523115, or email: christopher.hall@tscca.org.uk



In 1996 a group of Freemasons met in one of the local hostelrys & the Ayton Lodge came into being. The first meeting was held in the Friends School in the heart of the village but within months the decision was made to close the school and a new home had to be found. We were very lucky to be offered the use of the Women's Institute Hall. All our furniture had been made so it could be stored flat, all made by very skilled amateur or professional craftsmen who were members and we will always be grateful to them. We proudly showed our Lodge Room at our Open Day in 2002.

Freemasonry over the last few years has not had a very good press, being accused of secrecy, and only helping each other. Most of you, I expect, will know someone who is a Freemason or have a neighbour who is in the craft. Are they the corrupt people the press and media would have you believe we are? We are not a secret society but we are a group who have parts to our ceremonies which we like to keep private until new members join.

So what are we? We are groups of men who meet six times a year, to meet as friends, to hold meetings where, as you progress, you learn more about the craft and its origins. We also have a social meeting after the formal part of the evening, which includes food and wine.

One of the most important aspects to freemasonry is charity work. Ayton Lodge has supported most of the local village charities and also gives to regional or national charities. Last year we gave in excess of £900 to local charities, as well as getting £3,500 for a local nursing home looking after patients who are Alzheimer sufferers. The local charities to receive our help included Ayton Scouts & Guides, both the primary schools, Yatton House & the Youth Drama Group. While £900 may not be a massive sum, the Lodge is still small with only 40 members.

There is a social side of freemasonry also. Each year we have a dance to thank the ladies in our lives for their help in sustaining the Lodge and we invite them to our Christmas meeting. Other social events include BBQs, quiz nights, and last year a weekend in London.

Freemasons will welcome any man who believes in a supreme being. If you are interested in either becoming a new member, a joining member from another lodge, or if you are involved with a charity that may benefit from our help, you can contact me:

Jeff Hillyer, 723138, or our Secretary, Alf Corry, 724279.

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!)

8 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make **1 WORD** describing how people feel after successful endeavours.

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 29th April Results in the Library by **Thurs 6th May.**

COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION YATTON HOUSE TREFOIL GUILD GASBAGS

ST JOHN AMBULANCE FREEMASONS SAMARITANS DAISY CHAIN

DISABLED ACCESS SPIRE GULLIVERS TEAM DISNEY DANCERS

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“UNSUNG HEROES” WORDSEARCH RESULTS (AUTUMN 2003)

The answer was **RECOGNITION**

There were 16 correct entries, from which 3 winners were drawn:

DENISE DALE DANNY GREENHALGH MRS A JOHNSON
Skottowe Cres. Newton Road

Hollygarth

Correct entries were also received from: Mrs E M Armitage, Beech Close; Kate Donovan, Greenacre Close; Mr T Featherstone, Whinstone View; Malcolm Goat, Langbaugh Close; Terry McLoughlin, Angrove Close; Mrs I Robinson, Newton Road; Kay Robinson, Rosehill; Ian Simpson, Newton Road; Mrs Irene Suggitt, High Street; Mrs L Walker, Roseberry Cres; Mary de Wardt, Hunters Lodge; Mrs Dorothy Watt, Wheatlands; Chris Parkes-Bristow (Visiting from Canterbury!).

Congratulations to all who submitted solutions – 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.