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Father Christmas will be coming!

When Father Christmas came last year he raised

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If you would like to collect a colouring Christmas picture/letter from Thompson's Hardware you could bring it along when you visit Father Christmas.

Thank you for your valued support.

Richard Thompson

GREAT NORTH RUN 2009 – Raising money for Alzheimer's

Going back over 10 years ago I never thought I would ever run in the Great North Run as I had been going through a series of health problems: achilles tendonitis, sacroiliac back problem, heel spur.... Then I decided to enter the 2003 Great North Run and to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society as my mother had suffered from Alzheimer's for over 7 years. Now I have run 6 GNRs in total, including the 2009 event. Why don't you come too?

Go to www.youtube.com and search on **GASBAGSMike** to get a feel for the experience.

Mike Newton

AYTON LODGE NEWSLETTER

Ayton Lodge has had an enjoyable year to date, with successful Lodge Meetings and social activities for both members and their families. We have received many visitors to our Lodge meetings, which has helped swell our numbers. One new member has been "Initiated" into the Lodge so far this year and another is waiting in the wings. Fortunately we have been able to attract sufficient new members to maintain membership at the same level as when we were formed in 1996.



Recently, one of our Lodge members, David Burke, has become a permanent one-day-a-week Volunteer Driver for Clevearc, the Alzheimer's Day Centre in Guisborough. David starts at 8.00 am and, with a carer, picks up some 13 patients from their homes and takes them to the care centre. At 3.00 pm he goes back and takes them home. At the centre the patients are encouraged to participate in various activities and they are also given a good lunch. This gives their loved ones a little respite from a very demanding role as carers.

Ayton Lodge members, their families and friends, are once again looking forward to the annual Ladies Evening, to be held at the end of October at the Tree Bridge Hotel and we hope for as successful an evening as last year. Anyone requiring further information about Ayton Lodge, &/or considering joining the Lodge, please do not hesitate to contact me:

John J Duffey, Secretary: 01642 723 641

The last 6 months have seen quite a change in CCA. During June, the job location of Helen Murfin's husband John was changed from the North-East to the North-West, so Helen gave her notice and they moved at the beginning of July. After a period of advertising, interviewing and getting CRB clearance, we appointed Phil Henderson as our new Manager. Phil comes to us having recently retired from the Cleveland Police Force after serving there for 30 years. We wish him well in his new post and trust that those of you who use the facilities of CCA will bear with him while he settles into his role.

Then, Margaret Walkington, who has been one of our secretaries/admin support staff for over 13 years, decided that it was time for her to retire and enjoy more free time. We advertised, interviewed, CRB checked again, and then appointed Christina Catterall from Carlton, who previously worked for an estate agent in Darlington, to replace Margaret. Christina will start at the beginning of October, initially working on Wednesdays and Thursdays – so, if you ring and the voice seems a little unfamiliar, it could be that you are speaking to Christina.

While these are big adjustments for us when we only have a staff of 6, we hope that the transition will be seamless and not detract from any of the services which we provide. Inevitably there will be changes and we are taking the opportunity to review all our services, to ensure that we are meeting both the criteria of our funders and the needs of our clients.

We have recently ordered a new minibus as one (of our two) is now getting old and in need of replacement. We have been generously supported by Hambleton District Council and the Jack Brunton & Lady Hullocks Trusts which, together with money we have raised ourselves, will pay for the new minibus. We hope to receive delivery towards the end of October. We will then have to begin the task of fund-raising for the next new minibus as we intend in the future to space out the renewals rather than replace both at the same time.

Now that we are in the autumn season all our activities are in full swing. They are detailed elsewhere in The Stream and if you look through them and feel that you wish to be involved, either as a volunteer or as a user of the service, then please get in touch and we will be only too delighted to respond. If you feel that there is a gap in what is on offer please also talk to us so that Kay, our Volunteer Bureau Manager, can investigate the need and take apt action.

We are fortunate that several of the Stokesley U3A Group's meetings are now held in the rooms administered by us in Town Close, and there may be opportunities there to take part in activities which we do not directly offer, though you need to join the U3A first.

As always in these notes I appeal for volunteers to help us to continue with our work. Our insurance policy for drivers decrees that our drivers do not continue beyond the age of 80 so we are always seeking new volunteer drivers to help us to maintain our list. If you would prefer not to drive, we have need for support staff on our buses, carers, befrienders and other helpers. Please get in touch if you have some spare time and are not sure where you could help. A quick chat with Kay will soon point you in the correct direction



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Email: communityvisiting@ctokesleycca.org.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community, for on-going support and interest in Yatton House, and all who volunteer their services & time.

Yatton House continues to support adults with a learning disability,

promoting citizenship and the everyday life skills needed to live within the community.

Ann Malcolm is our new Senior Support/Deputy Manager & ***Lisa Scott*** our new Support Worker.

Yatton House can offer a **meeting place** for social or business occasions. Rates for room or building hire are very competitive, and for special occasions we can offer our marquees for hire. You are very welcome to look at our facilities prior to booking. We can also provide catering, or catering facilities. **Contact Yatton House Administrator Brenda: 722 380.** If you fancy a delicious home-made **2-course lunch**, served in pleasant surroundings, then **contact our Cook Lynda: 722 380** to reserve a table, or just pop in.

Served every **Wednesday, 12 noon till 1.30 pm.**

Yatton House still offers a very competitively priced **printing service** and will endeavour to meet all your requirements to a high standard. **Contact Brenda: 722 380.**

Winter is now drawing closer so come and see **Vince** about supplying **logs and sticks** for your fires: only **£3** per large bag. **We can also deliver.**

You may want to see our selection of wooden garden furniture & products whilst you are here, too, and we will very shortly be taking orders for **Christmas Wreaths**.

We would love to see you at our **OPEN DAY** on **Wednesday 18th November**, 10 am -2 pm and our **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** at the Methodist Church on **Friday 18th December.**

Call in any time you are passing, or ring **722 380** for any enquiries.

Wendy Richardson, Manager

GREAT AYTON DAY CENTRE

We are a North Yorkshire County Council, Adult & Community Services Day Centre, held in Addison Road, Great Ayton.

We operate 2 days each week: **TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS**, and can accommodate up to 10 people. We have a team of **volunteers** who help out, usually on a monthly basis.

In recent years we have lost a few of our volunteers and I would like to appeal to anyone who has **a few hours to spare once a month** to help us to make coffee in the mornings, when the clients arrive, wash up, set tables for lunch, help to serve lunch, clear away and load the dishwasher, and make tea after lunch. Volunteers usually help to play games with the clients, such as Bingo, cards and dominoes, and generally join in with quizzes and chatting with the ladies and gentlemen, who attend the Day Centre for a day out with good company, good food and some entertainment.

It is a very worthwhile, and much appreciated, activity for the volunteers, and they lighten life for the clients. You would also receive a free lunch if required. If anyone out there needs a bit of stimulation we would be very pleased to hear from you!

Please ring me: Dot Ellerby 724 175, Tuesdays or Fridays, between 9.30 am & 3 pm
or you are welcome to call in during those times.

The Mozart “Requiem”, performed on Good Friday, was our most ambitious event yet with Jeremy, involving professional soloists and a group of string players. Those who came to listen were very generous, enabling us to send £430 to each of our 2 chosen charities: Teesside Hospice and SSAFA, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association.

The Summer Soirée, in lighter vein, was well attended and all enjoyed the Supper afterwards (provided by the choir members to thank our audience for their support) with the opportunity for choir and guests to mingle and chat.

Sadly, we say farewell to **Margaret & Steve Kayley**, both members of Angrove for more than 30 years - always willing to take on supporting roles, besides their singing, not to mention the fun! - now retiring. Thank you both for such contributions and commitment.

Our **Christmas Concert** will be on **Saturday 5th December** in the Methodist Church, with seasonal refreshments in the Hall afterwards. With Jeremy conducting and Pritiva at the piano, we will present a varied programme of familiar and unusual items (with traditional audience participation!). Again, proceeds will go to charities to be chosen by the choir. Please join us! On **Tuesday 8th December** we will be singing at a service at **James Cook Hospital** for those who have lost loved ones to lung cancer. Your support would be welcome.

We will again provide **Music for Easter** in the village on **Good Friday, 2nd April**.

There will be information about that nearer the time.

Carol Morgan, Chairman, 722 897

SCHOOL AID INDIA – more news from Darjeeling

Roseberry School opened two and a half years ago now, and what strides it has made! There are now 56 pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, with 4 local teachers and two assistants. Indian teachers are not well trained, but nor are they paid much. Happily, our own teachers are learning fast, and trying new approaches, thanks largely to retired primary teacher Norma Brown, who spent another 4 weeks working at the school this May. It is wonderful to see the progress made by all the children and their happy faces tell all.

The school has outgrown its original space, and spills over into adjacent premises. In 18 months time we plan to start work on a 5 classroom extension, on a steep slope below the present school. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we already have **£42,000** in the building fund (**only £8,000 short of our target**), in spite of the fact that we have had to work much harder to raise money this year. Our biggest effort was a gruelling 100 mile sponsored walk undertaken by three grandmothers in August. The Charity’s major challenge now is to raise that remaining £8,000, as well as paying the day to day costs of running the school.

DIARY DATE:

On **Sunday November 1st** we shall again take over the **Hazelwood Café in Grosmont** for the day, offering Christmassy Indian crafts for sale as well as the usual refreshments.

For further information, please contact me:

Helen Jones 01642 723 357

www.schoolaidindia.org

The recession is proving a hard time for many people. I have heard of those who have lost their jobs already, and others expecting to finish at the end of the year. Many more from Corus and the former ICI are waiting anxiously, and if they go, many other jobs will go with them like a row of dominoes.

Others are finding their pensions have diminished, and like me, that they will now have to work for longer as the pension pot is in such disarray.

In the midst of all this anxiety, people pull back from spending and giving, and the first to be affected by this are usually the charities who help the poorest of the poor. Donations are down for many, and the charity shops complain that people are still wearing their cast-offs, rather than giving to the shops.

In April of this year we received a plea from a local couple, Paul Williams and Vicky Holt, who are working at the Bwindi Community Hospital in Uganda. Much of the work they have progressed was going to have to be cut back because of lack of funds, so they were writing to friends for support.

At Christ Church we launched a village-wide appeal for support, and, despite the state of the economy, it went extremely well with support from the whole community with donations, events and fund-raising dinners. By September we had sent off £8,713 and I know that even more than this has gone, most probably taking the total to over £10,000. To help others, even when times are hard, is a marvellous thing to do.

In all the recession brings, let us keep our hearts open to the needs of the poor, for if we are finding things tough, then we can be sure they are having it even worse.

Let us show our continued support for those wonderful people who give their time freely to the charities who help others – and there are many such in our village. Well done to all.

Paul Peverell, Vicar



The Scout Group has enjoyed an interesting and active summer period.

Here are some highlights from the different sections.

Explorer Scouts

In October, nine Explorers entered Operation Escape – an event organised by Cleveland Explorer Scouts in which teams have to navigate a two day route over the North York Moors, carrying all their camping equipment whilst evading capture by cunning leaders! Four Explorers are also joining an expedition to the Pyrenees next summer.

Thursday Scouts

June saw a caving trip to Manchester Hole in Nidderdale and for our summer camp we joined the North Yorkshire Scout Jamboree at Harrogate (NYJAM) in August. A day of kayaking, canoeing and sailing was enjoyed in October and Nidderdale will be the venue again for the annual winter camp next January!

Tuesday Scouts

The Scouts enjoyed a weekend camp in glorious sunshine, lit many fires and some even went for a dip in the sea! Following a trip to Castlegate Quay, it would appear that there are many budding canoeists in the troop. Cleveland Fire Brigade gave the scouts some team building and communication skills in the “Fire House” at the training centre in Grangetown and there was also a tour behind the scenes of the Riverside Stadium.

Endeavour Cub Pack

The pack enjoyed a number of outdoor activities, including a brilliant visit to Svitzer tugs on the Tees which included having a go at actually steering the tug while out on the river, a Cub Adventure Day at the Scout Water Activities Centre at Ellerton Lake (water and land activities), and summer camp at Carlton with a trip in the Whitby Lifeboat in driving rain and mist. The summer term was rounded off with the traditional parents BBQ on Marske Beach.

Monument Cub Pack

Summer Camp this year proved eventful and was certainly one to remember, including one of the wettest days of the year in July. Other activities have included a variety of walks, multisports, the ever-popular Welly Walk at Sheepwash, an introduction to camping and survival, building shelters in the woods and cooking over an open fire.

Beavers

The Beavers enjoyed a very active outdoor summer including an evening at the beach, walks, pond dipping, following trails and the highlight: an action packed sleepover camp at Carlton. Thanks to this, many of the Beavers earned the Outdoor Challenge badge and also the Creative Challenge for indoor activities earlier, which included our unique Chinese Burns night.

In May, Philip Walker stepped down as Chairman and we would like to thank him once again for all his time and effort over the last five years. We are pleased that Stirling Elliott has agreed to join us as the new Chairman.

Waiting lists exist for some sections and, as ever, parents are urged to get names on to the waiting list as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We are always looking for additional Leaders and helpers at meetings and to help organise fund-raising events.

It is great fun and if you would like to be involved in any way, please contact one of the Leaders.

Stirling Elliott 725 035 spell95@btinternet.com Chairman, Group Executive Committee

Jean McWilliam 722 358 mcmoose2@yahoo.co.uk Waiting Lists



Over 120 girls from Leven Division Guides gathered with Leaders at the High Green, Great Ayton on Saturday 5th September to mark the start of the celebrations for the Girlguiding Centenary. The 5th September was the anniversary of a group of girls storming a Scout Rally that was being held at Crystal Palace in 1909. The girls wanted to be Scouts. Baden Powell, leader of the Scouts, listened to their request and agreed they could join. In 1910 he formed the Guide Movement.

Once gathered together, they walked through the Hall Fields towards Ryehill Farm where they were welcomed by Christine Kenyon, Division Commissioner. The Rainbows enjoyed parachute games, hook a duck, sack races and even a giant Jenga game. The Brownies learnt some traditional skills, using compasses to map out shapes on the ground, moving on to a quiz on the history of guiding, wide games & team games. Guides were taught how to make miniature rafts and design small tents, then the ultimate challenge of the group: crossing from one side to the other without touching the grass using a small carpet mat.

Despite the frequent rain showers the girls had a fantastic day, before walking back through the fields onto the Green. In true Guiding fashion they could be heard before they were seen as they sang along the way! Waiting on the Green were members of the local Trefoil Guilds, parents and past members who had come to renew the Promises with us.

Following a welcome and introduction from Division Commissioner Christine Kenyon, Mollie Rudd a guide from Swainby, who has recently obtained her Baden Powell Award gave a talk on why we were there on the 5th September.

The 3 District Commissioners renewed the Promises with the girls:

I, as District Commissioner from Great Ayton, renewed the Rainbows' Promise; Sue Maude, from Stokesley, the Brownies', and Kirsty Quince, from Hutton Rudby; the Guides'. Margaret Roberts and Sue Patterson, Chairwomen of the Trefoil Guilds in Stokesley & Great Ayton, then invited all Leaders and past members to renew theirs.

After a short sing-song the ceremony closed with a small speech and thanks from Betty Breckon, the Division President, before the cutting of the Celebration Cake, complete with 100 candles. The cakes had been made by an Assistant Guide Leader, Alice Hillary from Swainby Guides. Alice has used cake decorating for her Personal Skill element whilst working towards her Queen's Guide Award.

The County Commissioner of North Yorkshire North East, Lynn Wagstaff, managed to dash from Richmondshire for a brief chat with the girls before going to the next Launch Party in Thirsk. She began the day with a sleepover with Whitby Division before going to Scarborough!

There are lots of activities and ventures planned to take place during the coming months, starting with an invitation to all members to complete the Adventure 100 challenge which has activities and challenges for Rainbows through to the Trefoil Guild which should keep them busy for some time - in addition to days out that are planned for all girls!

Anita Huntsman, District Commissioner

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ALF MOON

Alf was an only child, born in South Norwood – his father working for the railways and his mum a housekeeper. Incredibly he spent much of his early life in hospital with very bad asthma and missed around a third of his schooling, which Alf always thought put him at a disadvantage, but when he left school, the Headteacher, George Pleass, said: *He is a lad of excellent character and his general conduct has been irreproachable. I am very sorry to lose such a promising pupil.*

After Croydon High School for Boys he joined the Bank of New South Wales in London, starting as a clerk and working his way up. He left the bank for several years during the Second World War, training as a navigator in South Africa in 1943, flying Ansons and Oxfords. While there he befriended a family, and has kept in touch with them since. After qualifying, Alf returned to 299 Squadron flying Sterlings in European operations. He towed gliders, dropped paratroopers at Arnhem, dropped supplies, did reconnaissance work and, usually unbeknown to the crew, flew special ops, dropping agents behind the lines. All his flight details are carefully logged in his flight book, still kept with great pride. Alf then moved to the Far East theatre of war flying Dakotas into Rangoon, Saigon, Bangkok and Burma but was discharged with ill health as he had contracted malaria, and was brought back in isolation on a ship, being demobbed in January 1946. Alf was a most meticulous man with an eye for detail, as is apparent in many aspects of his life, but in flight this no doubt contributed largely to his survival in the war.

After the war Alf returned to work at the Bank and in 1951 married Mary, his childhood sweetheart, who had written to Alf throughout the War years. They set up home in Croydon where David and Martin were born and, as soon as they were able, they joined Dad in the Church Choir. Alf and Mary have always been very involved in every Church where they have lived, including Ayton – and involved in village life, too – especially Alf.

In all Alf's working life he never had a telephone in the house, for when he had finished work, the rest of the day was for his family. He never learnt to drive until he had retired at 55 and he and Mary had gone to live at Catisbrook in Dorset, where you needed a car. When Mary was ill and Alf was a bit stuck, Martin took the plunge and bought him an automatic car with the instructions to Alf that Mum had said he had to learn to drive it – he did, and never looked back. His driving style changed depending on who was in the car with him. If it was Mary, he drove as a man in his eighties. If it was grandson Chris, Alf became a lad in his twenties too! The third remarkable thing about Alf was that he was a meticulous keeper of information. He kept a ledger that is a rich source of information of such details as how much pocket money David and Martin received, what they paid for their holidays, gas and electric over the years, what they spent on petrol and the miles per gallon of the car worked out, and he even had a complete record of daily rainfall from the first day he and Mary moved into Great Ayton.

Twelve lads started the bank together with Alf. Only ten returned from the war, and Alf is the last one. He has had a life blessed with lots of love from Mary, his sons David and Martin and grandchildren Chris, Katrina and Katie. He had a strong Christian faith that has sustained him through the trials of war, losing their dear son David in 2000 and his beloved wife Mary less than a year ago. He was a cheerful, friendly man - much missed.

Editor & Paul Peverell

Thanks to Mgr. Charlton for spotting this in a parish magazine from elsewhere.

Can you find the 30 books of the Bible mentioned in this article?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends.

One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are easy to spot. That's a fact.

Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this article.

During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, 'the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight'. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown.

One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal.

A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this article waiting to be found!

THE SOLUTION WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY FROM TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER.

COFFEE AT KILDALE for YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

The Annual Coffee Morning was held in Kildale Village Hall on the first Tuesday in October and was highly successful, in spite of the poor weather. The tickets, tombola, home-made cake & craft stalls and Christmas card proceeds raised a magnificent **£1,080** to go to the Yorkshire Universities to fund

Cancer Research. Thanks to all involved, especially Mr & Mrs Ridley,

who always pay for the hire of the Hall, and Margaret Cook & Margaret Snape who have taken over dealing expertly with the coffee, tea, and scones. **Margaret Stevens**

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Ingredients

2 lb (1 kg) Stewing Steak	1 green Pepper, deseeded & sliced	Salt & freshly ground Pepper
1½ oz (40 g) Flour		2 cloves Garlic, crushed
2 oz (50 g) Dripping		2 x ½ fl oz (15 ml) Apricot Jam
4 oz (100 g) Mushrooms, cleaned & sliced		½ pint (300 ml) Red Wine
8½ oz (225 g) Onions, peeled & crushed		½ pint (300 ml) Beef Stock

**Method**

1. Cut the meat into neat pieces. Put into a polythene bag with the flour & toss until well coated.
2. Melt the dripping in a pan & fry the meat quickly to brown.
3. Add all the remaining ingredients, including any flour left in the bag.
4. Bring to boil, cover & **simmer for 2 to 2½ hours** or until the meat is tender, stirring occasionally.

Rustic Chicken Casserole**from Dot Ellerby****Ingredients**

4 oz (100 g) Streaky Bacon	8 skinless Chicken Thighs	15 fl oz (450 ml) Chicken Stock
9 oz (250 g) Carrots	14 oz (400 g) Can chopped Tomatoes	2 tbsp plain Flour
9 oz (250 g) Swede	7 oz (200 g) Can Sweetcorn	2 tbsp Vegetable Oil
5 oz (150 g) Button Mushrooms	8 Button Onions	1 clove Garlic
		Salt & Black Pepper

Method

1. Cut bacon into pieces. Peel & chop carrots & swede into ½ inch (1 cm) cubes.
2. Wipe mushrooms & cut in half. Peel onions and peel & crush garlic.
3. Heat oil in a large casserole dish. Add chicken & fry for 5 minutes over a medium heat till golden.
4. Remove from pan & set aside. Add onions & bacon to dish & fry for 5 minutes.
5. Sprinkle the flour over then add garlic, carrots & swede.
6. Stir all together & add tomatoes & chicken stock. Bring to boil stirring occasionally.
7. Add the chicken & sweetcorn, return to boil & season.
8. Cover with lid & **simmer for 1 hour** over medium heat until all are cooked thoroughly.
9. Serve casserole with crusty bread & vegetables.

Blackberry & Cinnamon Meringues**from Elaine Whitehead****Ingredients**

1 oz (25g) Brown Breadcrumbs	½ tsp ground Cinnamon
8 oz (225 g) Blackberries	2 egg whites
3 oz (85 g) Light Muscovado Sugar	

Method

Pre-heat oven to 190°C/ 375°F/Gas 5. Ramekins needed.

1. Heat a small frying pan over a medium heat.
2. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs & cinnamon into the pan & dry fry, stirring occasionally, until toasted & crisp. Remove from the heat, toss with the blackberries & set aside.
3. Whisk the egg whites to stiff peaks. Continue whisking, adding half of the sugar until the mixture is stiff & glossy. Fold in the remaining sugar. Lightly fold the blackberry & breadcrumb mixture into the meringue, & spoon into 3 inch ramekins.
4. **Bake for 15 – 20 minutes** until golden.

**Luxury Apple Pie****from Dot Ellerby****Ingredients**

8 oz (225 g) Plain Flour	2 tsp Ground Nutmeg
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Crust

4 oz (100 g) Butter (diced)

Filling

1½ lb (700 g) Cooking Apples, peeled, cored & sliced	2 tsp Cornflour	2 tbsp Sultanas
2 oz (50 g) Light Muscovado Sugar	2 oz (50 g) Pecan Nuts	Finely grated rind of Lemon

Method

Pre-heat oven to 200°C/ 400°F/ Gas 6.

1. Mix flour & nutmeg in a large bowl. Add butter, rub in until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
2. Add 3-4 tbsp chilled water & mix to a firm dough. Cover & chill for about 20 minutes.
3. Mix together apples, sugar, cornflour, sultanas, pecan nuts & lemon rind in a large bowl.
4. Roll out pastry & use half to line an 8 inch (20 cm) pie dish. Spoon in apple filling.
5. Roll out remaining pastry into a 9 inch (23 cm) circle. Moisten rim of pastry in dish with water; put pastry circle on top, seal edge & trim. Cut slits in centre.
6. **Bake for 30 – 35 minutes** or until pastry is golden.

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Cyril was born in South Otterington, but moved to Ayton with his Mum, Ada, & Dad, Robert, when he was 5 - and lived here for the rest of his life. A holiday for Cyril as a lad was a day at Redcar – reached by horse and cart, funded by the Parish Council - and he continued to visit there most Saturdays all his life, though later going by bus! Cyril spent 43 years “on the buses” as conductor then driver. It was “on the buses” that he met his wife Dot. She’d intended joining the WAF and joined the local bus company temporarily only to find it was a “reserved occupation” she couldn’t leave, even to join up.

Cyril joined up at 18 & spent the war with the Royal Artillery Ordnance Corps in the 8th Army in places including Iraq, Jerusalem & South Africa. He was proud to talk about South Africa with his Grandson Chris, who moved there on an engineering project earlier this year. In later years, Cyril, proud to have served his country, enjoyed visiting The Union Jack Club in London, for ex-service personnel. At the end of the war Cyril returned home & became a bus driver, becoming well-known and liked throughout the area. He made many friends during his time with United, including Dot. They married on 3rd July 1948 in Seamer and last summer celebrated their Diamond Wedding with the family: son Nigel, his wife Pauline, and their grandchildren Chris and Anna, Cyril and Dot’s pride and joy.

Cyril enjoyed his allotment, from which he provided the family with vegetables. He was a caring man. He’s quoted as saying that the secret of a happy marriage is “look after each other”. He also looked after people in very practical ways. He looked after his mother who was crippled by arthritis & in recent times, particularly since their move to Church Close, Cyril cared for all Dot’s needs. He was known as reliable, a gentleman, independent – but the tribute he valued most came from grand-daughter Anna who not only said she was “really proud” of him, but lovingly created his own “This is your Life” book for his 90th birthday in 2007 – a Treasury of photographs of a happy man’s memories from a lifetime.

Geoff Jaques

BUSINESS AS USUAL – IN PAUL’S MEMORY

When people in Gt Ayton heard, in August, the news of the tragic death from cancer of Paul Barnes, aged only 44, they assumed that it meant the end of the Stokesley Butcher business he had built up in the High Street, in the former Lowther premises. He had worked hard and so successfully in Stokesley for some years that he needed to take on the Ayton shop for more working space and storage, as well as expanding his range to include pies and other savouries, which quickly became very popular. However, before long a re-assuring notice appeared in the shop window saying that the business will continue “until Ian retires”.

Ian was Paul’s half-cousin but Ian says they were “as close as brothers”. He was formerly a Butcher himself, in Middlesbrough, with Paul working for him, until Ian turned to farming and Paul set up on his own in Stokesley. Not married himself, Paul lived with Ian and his family at their Kildale farm. Over 300 people attended his funeral, and a large sum was raised for the Macmillan Nurses.

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Performance Poetry, about Weather, by Year 2**A Hurricane**

If I was a type of weather,
I would be a HURRICANE!
I'd blow in villages
Looking to blow things down!
I would blow down TV aerials - SMASH!
I would blow leaves off trees
I'd swirl around the spire of the church!

By William Wylie

A Blizzard

If I was a type of weather,
I would be a blizzard!
I'd swoop through hills
Looking for friends
Looking at the hills - flickering high!
Looking over towns - howling low!
Looking near seats - waving the water!
I'd screech and bash by the water edge!

By Katie Bryson

A Blizzard

If I was a type of weather,
I would be a blizzard!
I'd snow so heavy through towns and villages
And swoop for friends.
I'd fly to look for things,
Fly through the trees!
Fly through the air!

By Pippa Holmes

A Hurricane

If I was a type of weather,
I would be a HURRICANE!
I'd fly very fast through the town
Looking for the sun to go away!
Looking for bins to knock over
Smash WINDOWS!
When I have lots of breath
I HOWL and GROWL
I make rushing noises through the trees!

By Emily Foggin

A Thunderstorm!

If I was a type of weather,
I would be a thunderstorm!
I'd throw bolts of lightning
CRACK!
I'd rumble, rumble in the
sky.
Travel from place to place
SCARING everyone!

By Oliver Northey

A Blizzard

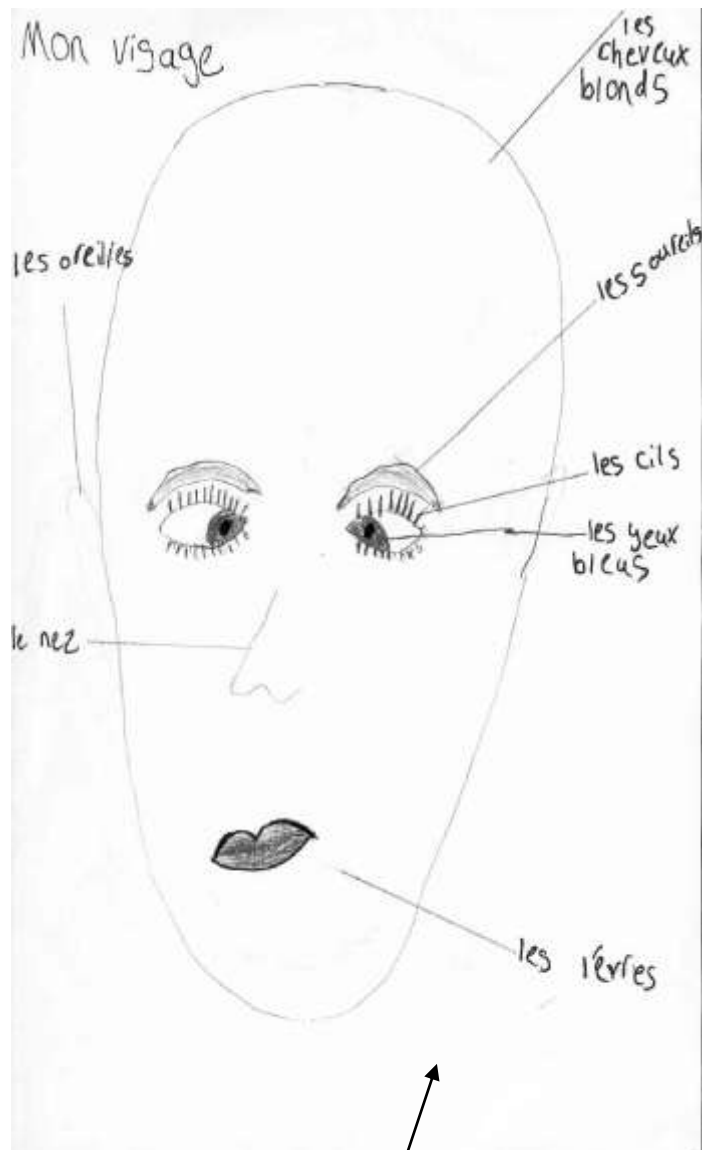
If I was a type of weather,
I would be a blizzard!
I'd blow through villages
Looking for things to carry.
Carry bins - CRASH!
Carry TV aerials - SMASH!
I'd blow and snow,
Whistle through towns crashing the trees!
Destroy the town looking for things to blow away!

By Niamh Hoggarth

We have had a busy & enjoyable start to the new School year here at Ingleby Greenhow.

All our starters from Ayton and the villages around Ingleby have settled into their new school well.

All children at Ingleby Greenhow School, from reception to year 6, are taught French as part of the school curriculum. Our youngest ones are having fun learning their new French names, whilst our oldest ones are continuing to learn more French vocabulary, enjoy French stories and learn about French culture. Can you name all the features of a face as our KS 2 children have?

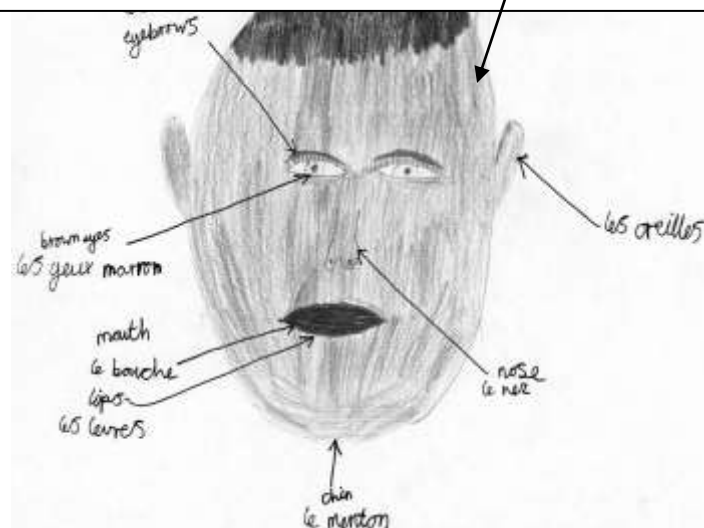


By Ruby



By Ben

By Georgie



The cricket season is now over and the football section just starting their season. Our **Cricket XI's**, whilst performing admirably, achieved no winners' trophies in the 2009 season apart from our all-conquering Under 15 XI. They won the U15 League, the League's Greaves Cup and the North-South play off against Darlington, losing only one game all season - by one run! - in a round robin cup competition. They were ably led by Captain Chris Thorogood and organised by coaches Ivan Gawthorpe and Sarah Thorogood. We also had several really promising Juniors playing for Yorkshire, County and Schools area teams. This bodes well for the future of the club.

The Club competed very well in all levels in the cup competitions, progressing to many semi finals and a couple of finals, notably the NYSD Premier Kerridge Cup Final, but without success at the final hurdle.

The **Football section** is running 2 senior XI's in the Teesside League division 2 and the Eskvale & Cleveland League. We have 7 junior teams at Under 9,10,11,12,13,14 and 18 and we are starting a Saturday morning club for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 9 who are interested in football but too young for League football. These training sessions will be at Leven Park off Easby Lane. Please contact Bill Hamer on **725 318** if you have anyone who is interested.

The Club itself is thriving, with a **major project** of around £20,000 to enlarge and upgrade the changing area, incorporating a storage area within the extension. We are also installing drainage to our football pitches to hopefully avoid rain postponing fixtures. We have 2 marquees which are available, along with the Clubhouse, for any private functions for members and non-members at very competitive rates. We also provide licences and run outside bars: please contact Norman Davison on **723 908**.

The Club is run entirely by **Volunteers** (any assistance very welcome!) funded by our own fund-raising events and some very supportive sponsorship plans at all levels. No contributions too small or large!! Many thanks to all our Sponsors, participants and helpers, without whom we would not exist. Our website, **greatayton.play-cricket.com** has all the information you need and has had over 78,000 hits in the 5 years it has been running.

Ray Speed, Hon Sec.

TWINNING

Hello - a few words from the Great Ayton Twinning Association.

The Twinning group visited Ouzouer this August Bank Holiday weekend and had a wonderful time visiting 'le Chateau de la Verrerie' which once belonged to the Scottish royal family. Our friends are visiting us next year in April, during the Easter holidays.

If you would like any more information regarding the Twinning please contact me:

Chairman **Peter Samson** on **01642 725 267**

Up-coming fundraising events. **We always appreciate your support.**

Saturday 7th November: An evening with **Flossie**, the French singer, again in Stokesley Town Hall. Tickets cost £10 and there will be food available and a bar.

Sunday 7th February 2010: Our annual quiz at the Royal Oak in Great Ayton, 7.30 start.

“READING BETWEEN THE LINES”

We are all susceptible to the impact of newspaper articles, and we are also aware of their imperfections as purveyors of accurate information! However, they can give insight into the workings of the village in past times, and clues to issues which affected its inhabitants.

Below are a few extracts from Local 19th Century Newspapers.

1873 APRIL 14th

LEEDS MERCURY

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR STOKESLEY. On Thursday evening a fatal accident occurred to a man named Thomas Rickatson of Guisborough, who was travelling the Stokesley district with a stallion known as “Victor” a powerful, strongly built horse. He left Stokesley about 6 o’clock in the afternoon, and proceeded on the highway to Great Ayton, a distance of 3 miles, riding on a pony, and leading the horse “Victor”. When near Great Ayton, it appears he had fallen off the pony, and the stallion, a very heavy animal, had stepped on him and broken his neck. He was found by a boy named Binks, of Stokesley, who went for assistance to Mr John Donaldson near whose farmstead the accident took place.

This account is a clue that the motive power on the farm was then the horse, and that Rickatson’s tour of the Stokesley area was to provide his stallion for stud purposes, explaining the size, strength & sex of the stallion, and the reason he was not being ridden!

1873 APRIL 16th

NORTHERN ECHO

Tenders invited for TAKING DOWN AND REBUILDING the church at Great Ayton

- ROSS & LAMB, Architects

What? Did someone intend to pull down “All Saints”- just for a bit of stone??

1873 APRIL 22nd

NORTHERN ECHO

TENDERS: REBUILDING NEW CHURCH at Great Ayton - ROSS & LAMB, Architects

I suspect the architects were rapidly taken to task for their mistake and this still imperfect version was therefore issued very rapidly!

1874 AUGUST 25th

NORTHERN ECHO

WANTED – Men to assist steam thrashing machine. ED. WARING. Great Ayton

1874 SEPTEMBER 10th

NORTHERN ECHO

FOR SALE – A two horse portable THRASHING MACHINE in good working order with blast & shakers by WEIGHILL OF PICKERING – Apply to GEO. SHEPPERD Great Ayton.

This August issue is, at present, our earliest reference to the use of Steam power on local farms – interesting that it was closely followed by the sale of Horse-powered machinery!

1892 FRIDAY JULY 15th

BISHOP AUKLAND NEWS

AYTON 475 ELECTORS

In 1860 there were only 38 electors in Great Ayton and 10 in Little Ayton – but at that time there was still a strict property qualification. The 475 in 1892 would all be adult males as women did not gain the right to vote until 1918.

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The present Project, to find out how and why the village came to look as it is today, is now well into its planned 4 years. We are grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding the Project, and to everyone who is taking part in this investigation. **Peter Morgan**

If you want to know more about any aspect of the Project, just contact one of the following:

Dan or Hazel O’Sullivan: 723 358; David Taylor: 722 748; or Ian Pearce: 722 964

70 years ago, on Sunday 3rd September 1939, Neville Chamberlain declared war with Hitler's Germany. What did this news mean for residents of Great Ayton? This account is based on interviews with many local people, on contemporary newspaper reports and other records.

Towards the end of the 1930s, war with Germany seemed more and more likely. Nearly everyone believed that, as soon as war was declared, enemy aircraft would fill the skies over England and rain down bombs and poison gas on every town and village. Driven by this fear, the Government took steps to protect the civilian population. By the autumn of 1938, Ayton had appointed ARP (Air Raid Precautions) wardens, and gas masks were available for the villagers. There were black-outs, with windows taped over and lights extinguished. 35 brick air raid shelters were put up around the village by the builders J T Tarran & Son of Hutton Rudby, providing accommodation for nearly three-quarters of the village. In the event, it would turn out that the shelters were only used by children playing in the daytime and courting couples at night. Incidentally, apart from a parachute mine, and a few incendiary bombs, none intended for Ayton and which fell in fields, the village remained physically unscathed throughout the war.

During the summer of 1939, life in Ayton continued its usual routine: weddings and funerals, whist drives and dances, pigeons and point-to-point races. But the clouds were gathering. In the summer, the young men who had volunteered for the Territorial Army were called up. On Friday 1st September, 300 evacuees from Gateshead (children with gas masks and name labels around their necks, some with mothers and teachers) arrived at Stokesley Station and were taken temporarily to the Edward Kitching School. Some were still there on the Sunday and heard Chamberlain's address over the school wireless. Most, if not all, of the Gateshead children would enjoy their stay in the village, and some never returned to their native Tyneside.

Chamberlain's declaration of war came at 11.00 on the Sunday morning. Everyone knew it was a turning point in history, but it still felt remote from everyday life. Ted Cumbor remembers his mother saying "War's started. Get away up fields and tell your Dad." Ted ran up to the big field where his father was cutting corn. On hearing the message, he nodded and carried on working.

However the grim reality of the war struck home the following day, with press reports of the sinking of the liner *SS Athenia* by a U-boat in the Atlantic. Children in Ayton had to ask their parents what a 'U-boat' was. Then Stokesley Show was cancelled. For many families, a more personal reality came when call-up papers dropped through letter boxes in October, with instructions to report to the Wesley Hall in Middlesbrough for medical examination. Months of training and travelling generally followed, with few being posted overseas until the next year.

It wasn't until 1940 that the war began to make an impact on village life. In February a Lockheed Hudson aircraft crashed near Captain Cook's monument, with three fatalities. The so-called 'phoney war' ended in April, when the rapid German advance through France led to the British retreat to Dunkirk, and to the first Aytonian fatalities, when the Post Office delivered the dreaded telegrams to the parents of Tommy Dowson (Green Howards), Arthur Gott (Royal Navy), and Kenneth Newton (Black Watch). The Local Defence Volunteers, later to become the Home Guard, did not start until May 1940. The first troops to appear in the village were soldiers who had been taken off the Dunkirk beaches in June 1940.

Ian Pearce

THE RIVER TEES AND TEESBAY PILOTS

To the majority of the people of this area the commercial sectors of the River Tees are rarely seen, and the national importance of the port is not appreciated, since the steel, chemical and oil-refining industries hide this important conduit of international trade. Approximately 90% of world trade is transported by vessels of every shape, size and speciality. The berths and docks of the River Tees and Hartlepool handle all manner of goods that make the port the second largest in the United Kingdom on tonnage handled.

In the distant past Yarm was the main port on the river, but sandbars and numerous meanders in the lower reaches made the river difficult to navigate for larger vessels. Over time, the river was brought under control by Victorian engineers, allowing safe passage for reasonable size vessels to Stockton and "Port Darlington": this was the name chosen for what is now Middlesbrough. To facilitate safe passage, pilots were employed by the Masters of vessels wishing to reach their designated berth on the river.

Pilotage is an ancient craft performed by men who are skilled in handling vessels in close quarter situations with a comprehensive knowledge of tidal currents, shoals and local weather conditions. An early reference to a man charged with responsibility for the safety of navigation can be found in the Yorkshire Museum in York. Marcus Minucius Audensis held the position of Gubernator (Pilot) to the 6th Legion in York between 250 – 300 AD.

In 1492 Henry VII founded Trinity House, Newcastle, giving it a Royal Charter in 1536, charged with providing navigational aids and pilotage in the North of England. It was not until 1854 that a ruler of pilots was appointed for the River Tees and Hartlepool, but responsibility was still vested in the Brethren of Trinity House in Newcastle. In 1987 a new Pilotage Act devolved responsibility for pilotage to the Harbour Authorities, which resulted in the amalgamation of the formerly separate pilotage services of Hartlepool and the Tees.

For a young man to have reached the position of Senior Pilot he would have spent about 10 years at sea, be in possession of a Master Mariner's Certificate, and must then subject himself to a further 6 years of training as a Teesbay Pilot, involving theory and practical examinations plus continual professional development utilising the marine simulator at South Shields Nautical College.

At present, there are 32 pilots split into 5 watches, providing a 24 hour, 365 day service. Vessels handled range from those with a length of some 300 metres, with draughts of 17 metres, to small coastal tankers travelling up the river as far as Billingham, just below the Newport Bridge. Many of these vessels are loaded with petrochemicals and oil, so pilots provide environmental protection for the large variety of wildlife in the river & its environs.

The one place to view the passage of ships is around the South Gare, reached by a single track road through the sand dunes. Enjoy the panorama in warm sunlight, but spare a thought for the pilots, seafarers and cutter crews on winter nights when the North wind howls and a 6 metre swell is running!

Brian Pette, of Ayton Friends' Meeting. Retired Teesbay Pilot.



Enthusiastic Cadets: Chloe Halstead, Danielle Hayes, Riccardo Ingrassia. (l to r)

When the recently opened SSAFA Forces Help shop in West Terrace, Redcar issued an appeal for stock, Guisborough Sea Cadets stepped in, collecting & donating many saleable items. Proceeds from the shop help support needy members & former members of the armed services & their dependants.

Chief Petty Officer Robert Fielden, whose unit is based at the Training Ship (TS) Blyth in Belmangate, close to open country and Scaling Dam, said: "When the Sea Cadets heard about the appeal they wanted to support our serving troops as well as to find out more about SSAFA & the way it assists in the local community. We popped SSAFA collection bags through countless letterboxes and then returned to collect them, for delivery to the shop in Redcar where they were sorted, priced and sold in aid of this worthwhile cause."

Alan

Crosskill

To help SSAFA or ask for help for yourself or someone else, please ring **01642 217 440**

♪ A NEW ADULT STRING GROUP ♪

The Friends' Meeting House, High Green, Great Ayton, has become the venue for a newly formed adult string group. The present members are all pupils or associates of Peter & Alison Gulbis, Peter teaching violin & viola, Alison teaching 'cello. Their wish is to provide adult pupils with the opportunity to experience the great value of playing as part of an ensemble; furthermore, for the group to be small-scale and the music of appropriate level. They have just given their first performance, to an invited audience. This consisted of a mixture of short classical pieces and arrangements.

Rehearsals take place every 3 to 4 weeks, on a Saturday afternoon (2 – 4.30 pm). Some members have played for many years, others are relatively new starters, abilities ranging from grade 1 – 5. A small contribution is made to cover the hire charge.

New members are welcome. Please contact Peter or Alison: 725 485.

The two Moths

written by Lauren Fawcett

Many years ago there were two moths.

These two moths were very different almost like chalk and cheese. Rather dull and grey the male Bogon was. He didn't enjoy adventure. His wife Myee was very different. Her wings looked like minute scaly rainbows dappled by golden sunlight. She also longed for adventure.

Something had puzzled Myee for years. The thing was the strange substance that was on top of the mountains. To Myee it looked like cold icing sugar that glittered like starlight. She decided to venture into the chilly grasp of the mountains that towered above. Bogon was against this idea so one night Myee set off.

After hours of tiring flying, Myee settled down at the very bottom of the highest mountain. Myee stared at the glittering substance above. Now she had got closer, she realised it was light and fluffy. Suddenly a cloud above split and out poured tiny baby clouds that seemed to cartwheel and dance together giggling mysteriously, glad to be set free. Then they stopped giggling as they splatted on the ground forming yet another cold carpet never to be walked on.

By this, Myee was mesmerised. She decided to go on the carpet. As she flew up her wings got slower and slower until she spiralled down and down like a helter skelter. Not many seconds later, she found herself against the mountainside. She crawled like a slug into a crevice. She straight away fell asleep.

At springtime, Myee awoke but to her horror her colours had disappeared. They had turned into the most beautiful flowers. Myee flew home, afraid that Bogon would not love her. When she got home, she was delighted. Bogon had been looking for her all Winter -

so they danced by the light of the moon!

For many of us November begins with All Saints Day (1 November) when we say thank you for the heroes and heroines of the Christian Faith, in particular those unknown or without a particular 'Saint's Day'..... Then very quickly follows All Souls Day when the focus turns to all who have died, and later in the month Remembrance Day draws our attention to all who have made the supreme sacrifice during Two World Wars and subsequent armed conflict especially, at the present time, in Afghanistan. The remembrance of those who have given their lives in Afghanistan is especially poignant this year as we become more aware of the number of casualties and the severity of the war.

Among Catholics, November has traditionally been known as 'the month of the dead' because, in addition to the days noted above, the daily Mass is offered for the dead. During the last days of October parishioners up and down the length and breadth of the country will be compiling lists of friends and relatives they would like to have Mass offered for and handing them to the local priest. This practice, far from being morbid, reminds us firmly of our continued relationship with those who have gone before us, praying for them in the certain knowledge that we in turn are supported by the prayers of heaven. Praying for our dead gives us the possibility of continuing to do something for those who have died and can be a tremendous comfort as the years roll by.

It is important to point out that not all Christians share the Catholic appreciation of prayer for the dead and that this was one of the important issues raised during the years of religious conflict in Britain that we call the Reformation. For many Christians, prayer for the dead is not only unnecessary because the dead are in God's hands, but in some ways almost seems to call God's judgement into question. Conflict, however, has been a feature of the Christian faith right from the earliest days; if you don't believe me, look carefully at St Paul's letters and imagine some of the scenes of argument that lie behind them. Discussion and argument can be healthy and through sharing our opinions with others and listening to them we can grow and develop. The trouble starts when we use our differences with others as a means of dominating or achieving power over them. As well as confusing or covering our personal ambitions with differences in the understanding of religion, we can just as easily do this in the sphere of politics, race, colour, ethnic group, family membership and even football! In all walks of life we have to learn over and over again to develop our awareness of personal motivation in a conflict situation.

It seems to me that in Afghanistan it may be possible we are witnessing once again one of the great world religions caught up in human ambition to dominate, and, in order to protect the rest of the world from that ambition, men and women in the armed services of our nation and others are giving their lives for others. This November please pray for the bereaved parents, partners and children of service personnel who have been killed, especially this year, and please pray or spare a thought for those who have died.

As you do this, please ponder on all the areas of conflict in your own life whether in your home, work place, social life, church or wherever, and ask how much of what you feel is due to conviction and how much is down to personal ambitions. Perhaps by doing this we might just take one very tiny step in the direction of world peace.

Father Derek Turnham



Compared to other years, this summer has been relatively quiet for anti-social behaviour in the area, although there has been a slight rise since the end of the dispersal order last year. Unfortunately there has been a slight rise in crimes such as burglaries and auto crime, possibly as a result of the current economic climate. Having said that, we are having some success at catching offenders and bringing them to court.

Stokesley **Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT)** now has a new Inspector following the retirement of John Richardson in June. I have asked Inspector Criddle to write a short piece to introduce himself to you:

Pleased To Meet You, Inspector

“I joined North Yorkshire Police in 1992 and have served in Ryedale, Whitby and York. I was promoted to Sergeant in 1997 and have worked in a variety of roles, including 5 years in charge of The Underwater Search Unit. Prior to my posting to Hambleton North on 8th August 2008 I worked as a Patrol Sergeant in Ryedale and also carried out the role of Deputy District Commander for Ryedale.

I am delighted to take up the role of District Commander for Hambleton North. Hambleton is a lovely place to live and the community enjoys one of the lowest crime figures in the country. I am committed to working with our community and partners to provide a first class policing service and ensure that we maintain and improve the quality of life for all those living in and visiting this beautiful part of the country.

Last week I had the pleasure of policing both Stokesley Show and Stokesley Fair. The weather was very kind to us all week and resulted in excellent attendance for both. The aim of our policing operation was to provide a high visibility presence to reassure the community attending the event and ensure we were able to tackle any disorder at the earliest opportunity.

We also ran a scheme to tackle alcohol-related disorder, which prevented youths under the age of 18 and young adults between 18 and 21 from obtaining alcohol with the intention of then either attending The Fair or The Show and causing problems. I thank all the local licence holders in both Gt Ayton and Stokesley for their assistance in this matter.

As we move forward to Autumn we aim to set new policing objectives. These will centre around travelling criminality, greater consultation with our community and delivering our policing pledge. North Yorkshire Police web site has now been fully updated and enables you to “meet” your policing team and gives the facility for you to email us directly with any concerns or observations you may have. We will increase the number of consultation meetings we have with the community and all of these will be advertised on our web page, under ‘Hambleton North Safer Neighbourhood’.

Inspector Andy Criddle.

As always, if you want to contact us for any reason our email address is:

StokesleySNT@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or telephone **01609 789 521**.

If you wish to report an incident please use **0845 6060 247** or in an **emergency 999**.

This year we celebrate the 1st year of Gt Ayton's status as a Fairtrade Village, the 10th year of the Geobar, and the 30th year of Traidcraft, the UK's pioneering Fair Trade Company.

30 years ago I was a member of a church Youth Group in Skipton when our Minister told us that we could now buy fairly traded tea and he thought we should sell some on our bookstall. I thought I knew all about tea plantations, having learnt about it in "O" level Geography – happy workers in their little houses, going to the sunlit fields to pluck tea, spending their wages in the plantation shop and sending their smiling children to the plantation school. As a Grammar school girl from a middle-class area, I knew nothing of exploitation, and the rich profiting from the hard labour of the poor. I knew there was poverty in the world, but it had never occurred to me that this might be due to injustice. I asked the Minister what he meant, and, like all good teachers, he sent me to find out. Thus it was that I contacted the new company, Traidcraft, and ordered my first box of W.D.M loose tea. With it came information about the appalling conditions endured by tea pickers in India and Traidcraft's vision to end injustice by promoting trade that pays fair wages and considers the interests of the poor. I was hooked - and I'm still selling tea 30 years later!

Not only tea but lots of other things too: foods, snacks, gifts, clothing, cards, & much more.

Open House is at 71 Roseberry Crescent on Saturday 7th & Tuesday 10th November 11 am to 7 pm. Note **Tuesday** - not Monday this year because of work commitments.

Hope you can come. You will be assured of a warm welcome, whatever the weather.

(Perhaps more on the Geobar next time!)

Kate Harvie

VICTIM SUPPORT - a Volunteer's tale.

I have been asked to write a few words about the work of Victim Support. So, who are we? Victim Support comprises a Visiting Service which includes Volunteers who work in the community, and Victim Care Officers who offer telephone support and provide information. The Victim Care Officers also allocate cases to Volunteers. We have a mix of Volunteers and paid staff. We have a sister service, the Witness Service, which supports Witnesses and Victims through the Court process, and sometimes beyond.

We are highly trained for our work and are continuously assessed for competence and understanding of our remit. We learn to work with those affected by crime and encourage and support them toward their own resolution and satisfactory outcome. We are supported in this by our Managers, and have regular meetings with them for support and supervision.

Victim Support offers free, confidential, emotional & practical support to victims of crime, and those affected by crime. This may involve meeting with a Victim, either in their home or on neutral ground, e.g. library. It can mean accompanying a Victim to court, completing paperwork, such as insurance following a burglary, or a Criminal Injuries Compensation Claim form following a more serious crime. I find it challenging, rewarding work, which seems to be appreciated by those I have supported. Also, I have met other Volunteers & made some very good lifelong friendships with fellow workers from Victim Support. So - it is not all intense and emotionally draining – there is some fun to be had as well.

For further information ring **0845 071 0871** or go to <http://www.victimsupport.org> **G. Reid**

THE “COMMEMORATION” WORDSEARCH

The words are all associated with thoughts, happy & sad, about our fighting forces. Remember them.

When you have found all **25 WORDS** in the Square, convoluted, reversed, upside-down, bent, diagonal – perhaps all within 1 word! – re-using letters (but not the same one twice in one word!)

8 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make **1 WORD**, which describes how we think of our fighting men and women.

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

THE EDITOR, 22 WHEATLANDS, GT AYTON, TS9 6ED, or via Great Ayton LIBRARY.

There will be 3 small prizes.

CLOSING DATE: SAT. 5th Dec. Results in the Library by **SAT. 12th Dec.**

**FAMILIES, AIRMEN, AIRWOMEN, SOLDIERS, SAILORS, APPRECIATION, TEAMWORK
COURAGE, STRENGTH, SAFE RECOVERY, RELIEF, EXPERIENCE, COMRADESHIP
INJURY, PAIN, ENDURANCE, LOSS, GRIEF, TRAGEDY, SACRIFICE,
FAITH, PRIDE, MEMORIALS, REMEMBRANCE**

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RESULTS of the “USE IT OR LOSE IT!” WORDSEARCH, Spring 2009

The answer was **SAFEGUARD**

There were 19 correct entries

The 3 winners were:

**Mrs V Bullis
Beech Close**

**Mrs Joyce Lappin
Wainstones Close**

**Mrs C Simpson
Newton Road**

CORRECT ENTRIES WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM:

Viv Addy, Easby Lane; Mrs M.Allison, Hollygarth Close; Mrs E. M Armitage, Beech Close; Mrs Marian Button, Station Road; Win Cutler, Easby; Mary De Wardt, Hunter’s Lodge, Station Road; Claire Hill, Lancaster (former Resident); Bob Hindle, Wheatlands; Vicki Nath, Skottowe Drive; Mrs G. Reynolds, Roseberry Road; Kay Robinson, Rosehill; Joan Shea, Premier Road, Ormesby; Mrs Ruth Sinclair, Beaully, Scotland (former resident); Hilary Stemp, Station Road; Pauline Titchmarsh, Greenacre Close; Margaret Whittle, Tadmarton (former Resident).

WELL DONE EVERYONE – thank you for entering. CM

We wish to thank all who supported us at our Yorkshire Day celebration on the High Green. In spite of the awful weather, particularly in the morning, we raised over £200 for our funds. We have again registered for the Evening Gazette "Wish" campaign, and would be very grateful if anyone who reads the Gazette would please, collect "Wish" tokens for us, and deliver them to the Tourist Information office in High Green Car Park - before 1st December at the latest, please, or they cannot be counted. (There is a letter box if the office is closed.)

Our current lease of the office building from Hambleton Council is almost at an end, but as we have successfully funded ourselves so far, we are hoping to renew the lease for a further 3 years from April 2010. We look forward to continuing to provide a service for both the local community & our visitors. Peggy Friend