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**My grateful thanks to all my very hard- working, very supportive collaborators, whatever their sphere of operation – NEARLY 60 UNPAID VOLUNTEERS!**

Everything is very tightly packed, as ever - I know you understand why - please persevere! **CM**

**Marian Button** has valiantly been both our **ADVERTISING MANAGER** since 1991, **AND** our **PRINT MAESTRO** since 1993! She has now decided to stand down from one of those roles. **Denise Dale** has bravely agreed to take over the **Advertising**. Thanks, Denise!  
**Many thanks, Marian, for all your hard work – done and continuing!**

**SPONSORED CHRISTIAN AID WALK - SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

The Walk will start at 1.30-2 pm from the Methodist Youth Hall. The distance will be 10 km (approx). Last year the walkers raised over **£1,000**. **Can we do even better this year?**

**THANKS from JOHNSON'S FRUITERS**

About this time last year many people were delighted when a new shop opened in Park Square, selling high quality fruit and vegetables, much of them locally sourced - but what a challenging year to start a new business!

After the roller-coaster ride, Mark would like to thank all the customers who have supported him so loyally through this difficult first year.

(Here's to the next few decades, Mark – hopefully, more comfortable times!)

**The Stream – CCA's Great Ayton Magazine** [www.great-ayton-stream.wikidot.com](http://www.great-ayton-stream.wikidot.com)

**3,000 copies:** **1 FREE** to every house in Ayton, Newton, Easby, Battersby Junction, Batt'by, & Ingleby Greenhow. Extras go to local Libraries, Churches, Health Centres, shops, etc., in Stokesley, Hutton Rudby, & all villages visited by CCA mini-buses, to publicise CCA services.

We print in **SPRING and AUTUMN** every year. Why not advertise with us? £10 for 1 square.

(£12.50 for a square on the Back Cover, but we have a waiting list for those spaces!)

(£2.50 will sponsor a page). If you are interested, please contact Denise Dale: **724 142**.

**Donations are welcome** – we do not always cover our costs since we have increased the number of copies to meet increasing numbers of residents, & the paper & ink cost more. We feel that the proportion of advertising is right; we don't want to raise advertising charges as we try to offer a service for small and new businesses, and we know that some advertisers are mainly, kindly, supporting the CCA - as we like to do. **CM**.

Do Great Ayton and the Esk Valley line need a better train service?

Esk Valley Railway Development Co (EVRDC), the Community Rail Partnership that supports the Whitby - Middlesbro' line, believes that they do, and we have secured Dept. for Transport funding for research into how it could be achieved. With just 4 trains a day, run mainly for the children going to and from school, the Esk Valley Line has one of the worst train services in the country, and is widely seen as 'semi-detached' from the rest of the national rail network.

I am spearheading this campaign because we believe there is a need for early morning and later evening services, as well as a year-round service on Sundays. An early morning train, in particular, would dramatically improve access to jobs in Middlesbrough and beyond, to the James Cook Hospital's proposed new station, and for students to reach the new Middlehaven College. Experience elsewhere has shown that improved train services on the Esk Valley Line, at times people want them, would improve regeneration and help discourage the present drift of young people away from the area, as well as reduce the growing problems of peak hour road congestion, particularly in the Marton corridor leading into Middlesbrough.

This research is just the beginning. To win any funding we must use it to demonstrate clearly that the people of Whitby and the Esk Valley want and need a better train service. This is about improving everyday life and opportunities for the people who live here and we hope you will all support us in the coming months.

**Alan Williams**, EVRDC Deputy Chairman

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### ***Nestle into Nostalgia with the North Yorkshire Moors Railway***

Nostalgic experiences continue to attract visitors to the NYMR, which in turn sustains the local economy. We had visitor figures of 315,000 last year, only 2.5% down on the previous year, which was a record.

Most fares have been frozen for 2009 and this year sees the return of a combined bus-rail ticket, known as "Moorslink Gold", available from 5<sup>th</sup> April, combining travel on the Moorsbus network with a train journey between Grosmont and Pickering (extra fare for the additional steam train journey between Grosmont and Whitby). Tickets can be bought from the bus drivers and NYMR booking offices from early April. A full timetable for the 2009 season is now obtainable from the railway and Tourist Information Centres, and daily running starts on 28<sup>th</sup> March through to 1<sup>st</sup> November. For the third year running, on many days services will run through to Whitby and back.

Of note this year is the first visit to the NYMR of "**Tornado**", the newly-built engine recently named by HRH Prince Charles at York: the first steam locomotive built in the last 50 years. All the original engines were scrapped in the mid-sixties, so "Tornado" had to be designed from plans obtained from the National Railway Museum. "Tornado" can be seen in operation on the NYMR between Grosmont and Pickering from **1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May** and will be hauling the Pullman dining train on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. All enquiries to **01751 472508**.

Work has just started on a new £1.7m project to create a new visitor and information centre behind platform 2 at Pickering station, and also involves putting the roof back on the station – all receiving support from both the Heritage Lottery Fund and Yorkshire Forward.



It is always good for an organisation to review its recent activities and plan for the future. At CCA we have recently lost the services of **Jeff Mawer**, who has died. Jeff was a regular volunteer and his family kindly agreed that the collection at his funeral be given to the CCA in remembrance. We thank them for their generosity. Having reached the age of 80, the limit for our insurers, **Geoff Phillips** had to retire from being a driver also. We were very fortunate in having their regular commitment and we thank them both. **Robin Winney** and **John Ramsdale**, who have been our MIDAS trainers for many years, decided to retire from their responsible posts although Robin still drives the minibuses and John acts as a volunteer car driver and has taken on an additional role as a befriender. We thank them both for their continued commitment to the CCA. The Executive Committee decided that we needed a Community Visiting Coordinator so advertised and appointed **Sarah Thorogood** to the post. Sarah had been helping us previously as a volunteer but now she will have full responsibility for the job. She introduces herself to you in a separate article on page 8. We have been fortunate in obtaining a few more volunteer drivers but we are always on the look out for more. So - if you feel that you can give some time to driving people to various appointments, either in your own car or, with training, in one of our minibuses, then please get in touch. It is vital for the well-being of CCA that as people retire from volunteering their role is undertaken by others. This can only happen if we can recruit people to fill their shoes, hence the appeal for more volunteers.

Some of our work goes on behind the scenes and is largely undertaken by **Helen**. This includes attending meetings in Easingwold, Northallerton and Bedale, where she liaises with people who run similar organisations and members of the Primary Care Trust, North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council. It is vital that we are aware of developments locally and nationally so that we deliver programmes that are within the agenda of our funding bodies.

We have a very committed staff team of **Helen, Kay, Ann, Margaret, Freda** and now Sarah. They ensure that the telephone is managed from 9 till 5 on Monday to Friday and the various requests which we receive are channelled in the right direction so that a satisfactory outcome is always achieved. I would like to express the thanks of the Executive Committee to them. If you wish to make use of any of our services detailed on the next three pages or indeed if you feel that we should be offering a service that we are not at present offering, or are a voluntary or community group who need support, then please get in touch by phone. We hope to have a web site up and running in the near future so that those of you with internet access will be able to see in more detail what we have to offer and how you can either make use of the services or volunteer to help with them.

In these days of financial uncertainty we are still hoping to replace one of our minibuses during the coming year so that we reach the situation where we do not need to replace both buses at the same time but can do it on a staggered basis. If you are good at fund-raising, or know of trusts we can make application to who may help us to fund a new minibus, then please get in touch. **Colin Schofield** is already beginning to make plans for the new bus and he would be delighted to hear from anyone with ideas of how it might be done!

## FACILITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE 7

The Centre is above the Library. We can be reached by the lift from the Entrance Hall or by stairs through the door on the right beyond the lift.



**Address: THE COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION  
COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE,  
First Floor, TOWN CLOSE, NORTH ROAD, STOKESLEY, TS9  
5DH.**

**For further information, ring the Centre on 71 00 85 (Reg. Charity Number: 519662)**

**or Email: [stk-cca@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stk-cca@tiscali.co.uk)**

**Office Hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm**

**Chairobics ..... Stokesley Town Hall.      **Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30****

Fun and gentle exercise among friends for those who need encouragement to keep mobile sitting down! £1 per session.

**Dance and Movement .....      **Stokesley Methodist Hall.      **Mondays 10.00 – 11.30******

Fun and exercise with friends – to music – and on your feet! £2 per session.

### **Library Book Delivery Service**

In co-operation with Stokesley & Ayton Libraries, chosen books can be delivered to the housebound & disabled. There is now a separate service from Gt Ayton Library, with CCA volunteers.

**Ayton Library: 723 268 or 0845 034 9503.**

**Stokesley Library: 0845 034 9509**

**Listening Service .....      **Ring the Centre 71 00 85****

Regular cassette tapes of local news & interest for blind & visually impaired, housebound or lonely people.

**Mini-Buses: Excursion Club .....      **Ring the Centre: 71 00 85****

Opportunities for the elderly to enjoy widening their horizons by joining a range of Excursions from April to December. Book early for these popular outings!

**Mini-Buses: Private Hire .....      **Ring the Centre: 71 00 85****

The 2 mini-buses may be hired, within the terms of the licence, for the transport of elderly, disabled & infirm people, for a range of purposes, providing they are appropriate to the CCA.

**Mini-Buses: Scheduled Services .....      **Ring the Centre: 71 00 85****

The 2 mini-buses run a series of regular local services allowing the elderly, disabled and infirm comfortable mobility into main centres for shopping, to Health Centres and to CCA facilities, etc. Names of those travelling must be given in advance.

**Pensioners' Luncheon Club      **Stokesley Town Hall. Thursdays 12.00 - 1.00****

An opportunity for people of pensionable age to meet and enjoy a freshly cooked meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. £4. Transport can be arranged. This is so popular that it has reached capacity & a waiting list is in operation.

**Ring the Centre: 71 00 85**

**Pop-in at the Centre      **Usually 3 Tuesdays each month: ring 71 00 85 to check. 2.00 - 3.30****

A frequent get-together for people who want friendly company over a cuppa in the attractive, comfortable surroundings of the Centre.

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**Respite Sitting Scheme - Ring 71 00 85 if you need this help, or wish to offer to be a sitter**

Providing trained and sympathetic assistance to relieve a Carer from the responsibility of a sick or disabled relative, temporarily. (New Community Visiting Co-ordinator: Sarah Thorogood)

**Take a Break .....In the Town Hall, Friday afternoons 12 – 3.30 pm**

Open to the general public for bargain price tea, coffee and biscuits & light refreshments. (Market day.)

**Tea Dances ..... Alternate Thursday afternoons: Stokesley Methodist Hall 1.30 - 4.00**

Social exercise and relaxation, as members take to the floor and enjoy each other's company, and sequence dancing, for only £1.50 per person. **Ring the Centre: 71 00 85**

**The Stream Ayton's Village Magazine. 3,000 copies Published in Spring and Autumn.**

The Stream carries several pages of CCA information & so is made available throughout the CCA's area of operation, via its mini-buses. See p. 4 for details of delivery & advertising. Ring Carol Morgan, **722 897**, about copies/articles, & Denise Dale, **724 142**, to advertise.

**Volunteer Centre ..... Ring the Centre: 71 00 85**

Volunteers are recruited to undertake a wide range of tasks within CCA such as Respite Sitting, Befriending, helping at the Lunch Club, Dances, pop-ins and Driving. We also recruit for all volunteer-using organisations and can offer many varied opportunities.

**Volunteer Drivers ..... To enlist, or if you need this help, ring 71 00 85**

Drivers use their own car to provide transport to Hospitals, clinics, etc., for those unable to use public transport. Passengers pay a fee to offset the mileage costs re-paid to drivers. More volunteer drivers are always welcome – please contact us if you could help occasionally.

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**Meet a New Member of CCA Staff!**

Hello - I have recently been appointed as The Community Visiting Co-Ordinator for the Community Care Association (after volunteering with them myself for nearly 2 years).

The **Befriending Service** provides sociable company for those isolated by age or disability. Volunteers usually pop in once a week or fortnight for a cup of tea and chat.

The **Respite Sitting Service** aims to give people who are caring for someone the chance to have a break. It allows a Carer to relax, knowing that their loved one is well looked after.

We are hoping for more **Volunteers** so that we can expand both services, offering help to more of the community. Full training will be given, and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses paid. If you think you might be interested, please contact me.

If you are a **Carer** and would appreciate a few hours break, regularly or occasionally, we may be able to help. Again – please contact me.

For any further information please contact me **Sarah Thorogood** on **01642 71 00 85**

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**Day Centre for the Elderly and Confused ..... Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30 – 3.30**

Caring for those suffering from mental confusion, dementia & Alzheimers Disease, so providing relief & support for Carers. Clients are referred by Social Services, GPs, or the CPN. Qualified & experienced Leaders helped by experienced volunteers provide stimulating activities. For more information ring the Alzheimer's Disease Society: **713 761**.

**Support Group for Carers of People with Alzheimer's Disease & other Dementias**

This group meets once a month in the Centre. It gives relatives and friends of people with mental health problems the opportunity to get together and discuss all sorts of matters. We all have knowledge of the difficulties of looking after dementia sufferers & are thus able to share our experiences – it's good to talk about things & see the funny side of daily happenings.

Please ring **Jancie Brown: 723 783** or Alzheimer's Branch Office, Thirsk: **01845 526 497**.

**The Leven Club ..... Thursdays 2 – 4 pm**

A social club, for people experiencing mental health problems, meets here in Stokesley each week – a friendly, informed group that provides support & a variety of activities.

Please ring **Diane Haw: 07947 608 551** or **Katherine Merry: 01748 822 255**.

**Also at the Centre:**

**China painting**, Tuesday mornings.

**New Groups meeting at the Centre:** Reading groups; French conversation; Scrabble; History.

For details of these groups please contact the CCA office for information: **71 00 85**.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** rooms in the CCA Centre may be hired, for meetings, functions, etc – We have rooms of various sizes, accessed by lift /stairs, and with facilities for the disabled, plus a small kitchen. The CCA is allowed to keep a share of the money so generated, having earned it by taking responsibility for organising it all, so you can **support the CCA by hiring our rooms**.

**COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION: STAFF & COMMITTEES****STAFF:**

**MANAGER: PHIL HENDERSON**

**VOLUNTEER CENTRE MANAGER:** Kay Hayward

**COMMUNITY VISITING CO-ORDINATOR:** Sarah Thorogood

**RECEPTION & CLERICAL:**

Mrs Freda Rudland, Mrs Christina Catterall, Mrs Ann Maddison.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: MR DAVID SILLS**

**VICE CHAIRMAN: MRS DOROTHY BLAKEY**

**TREASURER: MR DAVID DALE**

**SECRETARY: MR DON BROWN**

**TRUSTEES:** Mr John Leeman, Mrs Kath Murray, Rev'd Lisa Quarmby,

Mr Stuart Robertson,

Fr Derek Turnham.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mr T Agar, Mr B Bournier, Mrs. I. McDonald, Mrs C Morgan, Mr J Ramsdale,  
Mr. G Readman, Mr C Schofield, Mrs C Seymour, Mrs M Skilbeck, Mr A Swales,



The Day Centre takes place in Addison Road on Tuesdays & Fridays, from 9.30 to 3.00 pm.



The Centre hosts up to 10 clients each day.

The clients have lunch and enjoy a day in the company of others.

Activities are organised, such as Chair Exercises, Dominoes, Cards and Quizzes.

The Centre aims to brighten the clients' day and provide stimulation.

The Centre is funded by NYCC Adult & Community Services, but needs more **volunteers** to help the day run smoothly and give as much pleasure to the clients as possible.

**Volunteers** are asked to help set up tables and serve lunch, clear up, and socialise with the clients. You would be working with other volunteers and meeting people - always a rewarding opportunity for new volunteers.

If **you** are interested in helping in your community and would like to help at the Day Centre, please contact myself: **Kay Hayward** (Volunteer Centre, Stokesley) **01642 71 00 85** or the **Great Ayton Day Centre** on **01642 724 175**.



### **VOLUNTEERING FOR ALL**

#### **What is Volunteering?**

Volunteering is giving your time free of charge.



#### **Who can volunteer? WE ALL CAN!**

Volunteer Centres work to break down barriers which may exist through culture, age or disabilities.

Volunteering is open to all.



#### **Where do I get more information?**

- The **Volunteer Centre in Town Close, Stokesley** is at hand to help with Volunteering opportunities and to support volunteers through the initial process.
- Or visit [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org) to view volunteering opportunities on-line.



### **CCA STILL NEED VOLUNTEER CAR DRIVERS! – ESPECIALLY IN AYTON!!**

**THE MORE WE HAVE, THE LESS EACH IS NEEDED.**

**FUEL EXPENSES** are re-paid to drivers. Your time is what you give.

These are not regular commitments. You are not obliged to accept every request made to you – if you are not available we will ask another person on the list – so we need a long list of possible drivers! **Ring: 710085.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE A MINI-BUS? IF SO, WE NEED YOU!**

You don't need a special licence – you can do initial training with our qualified instructors. No weekly commitment needed – just as often as it suits you. Ayton's Saturday morning village shopping trip takes about 2 hours of the driver's day. Could the Driver be you, even if you couldn't help at any other time? **Ring 71 00 85.**



The North Yorks. **LINK** is our **Local Involvement Network** for North Yorkshire.

It will give all residents across the County  
an opportunity to influence local health and social care services

The LINK is made up of individuals and community groups who work together to improve local health and social care services. The LINK's job is to find out what people like and dislike about local services, and to work with the people who plan and run them, to make them better. The LINK has powers that will help it to do its job, and make sure that changes happen. In North Yorkshire the LINK will operate in each of the 7 County Districts (ours being Hambleton), all being represented on a County Management Board.

The first Annual General Meeting of the North Yorkshire LINK will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold. At this meeting the County Management Board will be elected and members of the District communities will get together to begin planning how they will operate.

Do telephone the LINK office on **01904 621631** if you would like to find out more.

The more people who get involved with the North Yorkshire LINK,  
**the stronger and more influential it will be!**

**Sarah Harrison**, Research & Information Officer, North Yorks. LINK.

Email: [research@northyorkslink.org.uk](mailto:research@northyorkslink.org.uk)

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### **Great Ayton Tourist Information**

The Tourist Information office in High Green Car Park will re-open for the 2009 season on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**. There will be a **change in Sunday opening hours** which will now be from **10.30 am to 12.30 pm** (instead of from 1 – 4 pm).

We would like to thank all those who collected 'Wish' tokens for us last November, which resulted in a total of **12,982** tokens being submitted and in our receiving **£126.69** from the Evening Gazette. This was even better than the previous year, and will be a big help with our funding. So, thank you everyone – we do appreciate your support.

We still badly need more **VOLUNTEERS** to undertake 3-hour sessions during the season.

If you think you can help, please contact the office in person or telephone **722 835**.

**Peggy Friend**

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### **Have you heard of ..... THE CINNAMON TRUST?**

**Reg Char. No: 293399**

"Peace of mind and practical help for people – love, care and safety for their pets"

**Web:** [www.cinnamon.org.uk](http://www.cinnamon.org.uk) **Email:** [admin@cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:admin@cinnamon.org.uk) **Tel:** **01736 757 010**

10,000 community service volunteers walk dogs for housebound owners; fostering service in a volunteer's home if an owner is going to hospital; long term care if an owner goes into care or dies. Donations & legacies fund the work.

Locally, I give talks about the Trust. **Mrs Mary Houseman**

Contact details on p. 24.

The children produced posters to raise awareness in the community about the benefits of Fairtrade products during Fairtrade Fortnight.

Join with us and buy  
Fairtrade

If you buy Fairtrade you know the farmers are getting a fair amount of money. The money goes to people in poor countries that grow all our sugar canes, cocoa and many more foods – so if you're Fairtrade you'll be saving people and their local communities



Fairtrade

Please buy Fairtrade items  
So farmers can raise money  
for people in Africa so they can  
buy new items for their homes



If you buy Fairtrade things  
you will get better deals.  
Furthermore you are helping  
African communities.



Become  
a  
FAIRTRADE  
FANATICK  
and  
MAKE  
A  
DIFFERENCE!

**FAIRTRADE**



Why we should buy Fairtrade

1. Because it is a fair price to the people who produce the food.
2. Because the people who produce the food spend lots of their time getting the food for us.

**FAIRTRADE**



SAVE TOMORROW BY:

- Buying Fairtrade items
  - Joining in Fairtrade Fortnight every year
- BY DOING THIS YOU  
WILL ALSO BE
- Helping the environment

**FAIRTRADE**



Guarantees a  
BETTER DEAL  
for the third world  
producers

**FAIRTRADE**



Reason about why you can join  
FAIRTRADE

- You'll be helping farmers all over the world
  - You'll be helping the environment
- SAVE TODAY  
BUY FAIRTRADE

We are very glad to be a Fairtrade Village at last! (North Yorkshire's first.) But what does that mean? It would be nice to think that we could rest on our laurels and relax. Not to belittle our achievement, it is only a beginning. It means that Fairtrade products are generally available in the village and that some people have made a commitment: to continue to promote Fairtrade.



Sometimes I hear people wondering what it's all about .....

Well, in a nutshell, the Fairtrade Towns initiative is a way of promoting the Fairtrade Mark, which is an independent label applied to products which meet certain standards of ethics and fairness in the way producers in poor countries are paid. Not every ethically and fairly traded product carries the Mark, but its presence on an item guarantees standards for that particular product. It also only applies to items sourced from poorer or "third world" countries as they have different problems from richer countries like Britain. Of course it is still very important to support our local farmers and businesses. We all know that we ought to be making ethical decisions when deciding how to spend our money, but all the advice we are given can be so confusing that we don't know where to start.

Some time ago I was asked for my advice on this and came up with:

**"The Simpleton's guide to ethical shopping"** –

a guide to thinking ethically which might make it easier for us  
to use our hard-earned cash for the benefit of mankind and the planet.

1. Can it be produced locally? If so, is it?
2. If not, is it fairly traded? (The "Fairtrade" label only applies to goods from poor countries.)  
Can I get it from Traidcraft, which is Fairtrade "plus"?
3. Can I buy it from a local business? Can I walk or cycle there?
4. If I have to buy it from a supermarket, can I get it at the Co-op (which has different aims and ethical standards from other supermarkets and a different business model)?
5. Do I really need a plastic bag to carry it home in?
6. If none of these applies, how far do I have to drive to get it, or can it be ordered online and delivered. Do I really need it?
7. Where am I keeping my cash? Does my bank have a policy on investment in the arms trade, logging, mining and the environment? Could I ask?
8. If I invest, can I put some money in to ethical investments?
9. Last of all, what is value for money?? What is the difference between value and cost?  
Is cost only money, or what hidden costs might there be, both to me and to others?  
Now there's a BIG question!

Sometimes the answers to these questions might conflict. For instance, I can get Fairtrade bananas, but not always from my local greengrocer. I have to decide which is more important. I might not get it right - but at least I can think about it. I could even ask my local greengrocer to ask his wholesaler for Fairtrade bananas. Now that would be brave!

**Kate Harvie**



Scouting in Ayton continues to thrive, with healthy membership and waiting lists for most sections. Over the winter months scouts, cubs and beavers have all enjoyed an exciting programme: some highlights are detailed below. As a group we are always looking for additional Leaders & helpers - great fun to be. If you would like to help or be involved in Ayton Scouting in any way, please contact me or any of our Leaders. The Group currently has a total of 115 young people, comprising 23 Beavers, 36 Cubs, 40 Scouts & 16 Explorer Scouts.

Our Supporters Group continues to be active in arranging as many fund-raising activities as possible to assist with the weekly running of the group. We have recently received donations from local residents of Gt Ayton which have greatly helped us with our minibus running costs and training programmes. Thanks to all for their generosity.

Our main forthcoming events are The Cake Stall, operating on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, and The Annual Duck Race, to be staged on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009, held on the river Leven and starting at the bridge opposite Suggitts at 3:00 pm. The recent quiz held at The Royal Oak was a success and raised funds for The Supporters Group. Thanks to all involved.

### **Beavers**

Recent activities include sledging, stargazing & other outdoor interests. Time has also been spent in the hut on craft creativity and visiting insects. We recently lost some regular helpers but some new volunteers are now helping the Leaders. Popular, with a waiting list, as ever!

### **Tuesday Scouts**

The Jumble Sale in October was very successful, raising several hundreds of pounds which went to various causes including Rev Peverells Wall Fund, an African charity & some to Scout funds. The troop enjoyed a trip in the snow & lessons in mountain craft. Many more activities are planned for the spring & summer months including visits, trips, outdoor activities, camps

### **Thursday Scouts**

The troop will attend the North Yorks. Scout Jamboree in July. The usual activities have taken place in the winter, including night sledging at Gribdale and various night games. 10 scouts attended the county winter camp at Nidderdale in January. Indoors: swimming & ice skating!

### **Endeavour Cub Pack**

The pack continues to thrive. Recent activities – night hike, Halloween Night and Five-a-Side Football Competition, Christmas visit to Splash at Stockton and various activities to gain the Scientist Badge. Some cubs raised funds for the RSPB by a sponsored birdwatch

### **Explorer Scouts**

A number of Explorers enjoyed their first weekend camp of the year at Nidderdale in January. A wide range of other activities included white water rafting, a Chinese meal cooking contest, indoor rock climbing, & outdoor night activities at Gribdale. In March, 7 Explorers attended a Young Leader Training Weekend at Thornthwaite Scout Centre.

***Philip Walker: 711 503. Chairman, Group Executive Committee.***

***Waiting lists: Jean McWilliam, 722358.***

<b><u>Sections:</u></b>	Beavers	age 6 – 8 years	Fridays
	Cubs	age 8 – 10.5 years	Mondays and Wednesdays
	Scouts	age 10.5 – 14 years	Tuesdays and Thursdays
	Explorer Scouts	age 14 – 18 years	Mondays



In the early years of the 20th century, Robert Baden-Powell, a famous army general, developed a scheme for training boys. He tried out his ideas at a camp on Brownsea Island in 1907 and the following year published them in a book, “Scouting for Boys”. The book was an instant success and boys throughout the UK enthusiastically took up Scouting. As a result, Baden-Powell found himself organising the Boy Scout Movement.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 1909 the Scouts' first rally was held at Crystal Palace in London. A small group of girls turned up. They represented hundreds of other girls and insisted that they wanted to be Scouts too. At that time, the idea of girls being involved in camping, hiking and similar activities received a mixed response. However such was the demand from the girls that in 1910 Baden-Powell formed the Girl Guides, asking his sister Agnes to look after the new organisation. Such was the enthusiasm for guiding that it soon spread worldwide, and since those early days countless millions have made the Guide Promise. Today there are ten million girls and women involved in guiding worldwide.

Girlguiding UK will launch its Centenary celebrations on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – 100 years after that famous march to Crystal Palace. Commemorating an event as special as our Centenary calls for more than just cakes and balloons. In true guiding style, it calls for a challenge – a challenge to ‘**Change the World**’.

Girlguiding UK has teamed up with a number of partner organisations to issue 19 projects for groups to choose from. All the projects help units to take action in one or more of the following ways: **Raise awareness** – talking about issues that affect us all, **Raise money** – measurable amounts for specific projects, and **Direct Action** – small things that create a wave of changes. There really is something for everyone, from The Woodlands Trust and Friends of the Earth, to Kidscape and Barnados.

Some units in Great Ayton have already begun their projects and as a District, I hope we can organise a book sale to raise money for **Book Aid International**, to provide books to the underprivileged in sub-Saharan Africa. I will provide you with an update on what we have achieved, and our centenary plans, in the autumn edition of The Stream.

Guiding was started by only a handful of girls who spoke out. Just imagine what can be achieved today with 580,000 members in the UK taking action to ‘Change the World’

**Anita Huntsman, District Commissioner**

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THE BRADLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE**



Last year at this time I was announcing the start of the Dispersal Order in Great Ayton. Most people thought it a success and I have had many queries about why it can not be a permanent feature. A Dispersal Order is only a temporary measure and, though it can be renewed, they are intended not to last longer than 6 months.

One of the results of the order should be that a more lasting solution is found to tackle the problem of youth disorder in the village. To this end there has been some success in that there is now a youth club for 13 to 19 year olds, on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.00pm, now held at Yatton House. The Workingmen's Club members are continuing with their Tuesday night snooker club for a small number of youths, after a short break over the winter months whilst the club has been involved in competitions. Finally, the Methodist Church has started to do some work with a small number of youths who are having problems at school, and I believe there are still plans for a junior youth club in the future.

That's the good news - now for the not so good. Since the end of the Dispersal Order there has been a dramatic increase in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour involving young people from the village. There have been numerous instances of criminal damage where windows have been broken and fences damaged, in some instances costing the householders more than a thousand pounds to repair.

At the time of writing, my colleagues and I are arresting and questioning a large number of youths about the damage and their behaviour and there will be some prosecutions arising out of those enquiries. That does not help the victims of these crimes though, who sit in their homes at night waiting for the next stone to hit their window. I have made this plea before and will make it again: if you have children who are out on the streets in groups do you know who they are with, where they are and what they are doing? At this time, in Great Ayton, I can probably tell you that they are doing something they shouldn't be .....

I hope that by the time this article is being read the behaviour of youths in the village will have improved. The police are committing a lot of time and resources to the problem. The police are not the only answer to the problem, however - it is a community issue and some-thing for parents to take responsibility for. We can only do so much and if you ask my wife, who hardly ever sees me, she will tell you we are putting in all the effort we can - and more!

I take this opportunity to ask readers if they have any suggestions, or would like to volunteer to help, to contact us at the police station. The best way is by e-mail to:

[StokesleySNT@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:StokesleySNT@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk) or phone **01609 789521** and ask for me:

**PC1198 Glyn Jones, or for PC1491 Michelle McFarlane.**

For reporting anything of a community nature, the Problem Solvers have a direct mobile number, which is **07966 451335** for the Great Ayton area. If I am not on duty this number will divert to Stokesley front office, where you could leave a message. If more immediate attention is required, phone **0845 6060 247**, or, only in an emergency: **999**. **Glyn Jones**



In my role as the IT Consultant for the Great Ayton Community Archaeology Project, I found that Dan O'Sullivan had discovered a website building system that allowed for free web-space, was easy to use, and where a website could be updated by anyone with permission. I advised the group how to improve the implementation and several group members are now updating the website ([www.greatayton.wikidot.com](http://www.greatayton.wikidot.com)). I decided to transfer my websites to this system, including the Great Ayton Shops, Pubs & Restaurants (GASPAR) website ([www.greataytonspar.co.uk](http://www.greataytonspar.co.uk)). This has led to Derek Monaghan at the Royal Oak requesting me to build him a website ([www.royaloak-hotel.co.uk](http://www.royaloak-hotel.co.uk)) where he can update the menus, and Richard Thompson being enthusiastic about learning how to update his page on the GASPAR website and possibly build his own website for his shop. Any owners of establishments on GASPAR could update their page – with brief training.

Carol Morgan has been keen to have a website for the Stream for a long time and now one is built that she will be able to update ([www.great-ayton-stream.wikidot.com](http://www.great-ayton-stream.wikidot.com)). The Stream back issues are gradually being copied onto the website – hopefully going back as long ago as 1982 when Carol became the editor! The very helpful information pages are now on this website – Shop times, local organisations, bus & train times etc.

Wendy Richardson at Yatton House has also wanted a website that can be updated by herself or her staff and one is now in-place ([www.yattonhouse.wikidot.com](http://www.yattonhouse.wikidot.com)). Other websites that have been converted to Wikidot: GASBAGS ([www.gasbags.org.uk](http://www.gasbags.org.uk)), and Great Ayton Tennis Club ([www.greataytontennis.org.uk](http://www.greataytontennis.org.uk)). If anyone would like advice on using this system please contact me on [mikeenewton@gmail.com](mailto:mikeenewton@gmail.com) **Mike Newton**

**Many thanks to Mike for all the many, many hours of work on *Stream's* behalf.**

**I'll try to take over soon! CM**

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### **SCHOOL AID INDIA (SAI)**

School Aid India is a Great Ayton based charity founded just over 2 years ago. Our aim was to open a school for disadvantaged children in Darjeeling, which we did in March 2007, calling it Roseberry School. Perhaps this is why people in this area have really taken the project to their hearts and given us a lot of support and encouragement for which we are most grateful. The school is just beginning its third year with 50 young pupils and 4 local teachers. SAI pays for everything, from school books to teachers, and the school's success means we urgently need extra funds to build an extension. Pupil numbers will rise each year until 2012. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact me:

**Helen Jones**, on **01642 723357**, or visit our website at [www.schoolaidindia.org](http://www.schoolaidindia.org) or, better still, come and meet us at our 3<sup>rd</sup> **Garden Open Day on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>** between 1 pm and 5 pm. You will find us at The Granary, Langbaugh Grange (on the B1292). There will be teas, plants, and Indian crafts for sale, an Auction of Opportunities, and a photomontage of the school.

(I also give slideshows about the school to interested groups.)



## 18 Recipes from the Fairtrade Steering Group using some Fairtrade ingredients – treats with a clear conscience!

### Traidcraft Tea Loaf

#### Ingredients

450g / 1 lb Traidcraft Mixed Dried Fruit    1 Cup Strong Black tea  
170g / 6 oz. Fairtrade Demerara Sugar    1 beaten egg  
227g / 8 oz. S.R. flour

#### Method

In advance: Soak fruit & sugar in the tea overnight.

Add the egg & flour. Mix well.

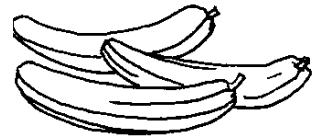
Grease, or line with baking parchment, one 1 kg/ 2 lb or two 500g/ 1 lb loaf tins.

Add mixture. Bake at 160° C/ 325° F / Gas 3 for 1 to 1½ hours.

### Fairtrade Banana & Chocolate Marble Cake

#### Ingredients

3 Fairtrade Bananas, mashed    2 eggs, beaten  
450g / 1 lb Plain Flour    4 tablespoons milk  
300g / 10 oz soft brown Fairtrade Sugar    1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
150g / 5 oz Margarine or Butter    ½ teaspoon baking powder  
150g / 5 oz Fairtrade Plain Chocolate, melted using a microwave or pan of hot water



#### Method

1. Beat margarine or butter with sugar until fluffy.
2. Gradually beat in eggs, plus a little flour to help mix in.
3. Sift baking powder with flour into mixture, whilst adding milk plus vanilla essence.  
If mix is still stiff enough to hold spoon upright – add a dash more milk to soften it.
4. Split mix into two bowls.
5. Add mashed bananas to one half – mixing until fully combined.
6. Add melted chocolate to the other – mixing until fully combined.
7. Pour chocolaty mix into banana-mix bowl and gently stir through ONLY two or three times to get a marbled effect.
8. Put cake mix into greased, lined loaf tin.
9. Bake at 180° C/350° F/ Gas 4 for 35 – 40 minutes, until cake a golden brown, firm to the touch and very slightly gooey when you push in and pull out a skewer.
10. Leave to cool slightly, then run a knife round the edge of the tin and turn out to cool.

### Muesli Biscuits

#### Ingredients

113g / 4 oz Butter  
113g / 4 oz Fairtrade Muesli  
113g / 4 oz Fairtrade sugar  
113g / 4 oz S.R. Flour  
1 tablebsp Golden Syrup  
1 teasp Bicarb. of Soda

#### Method

1. Melt butter & syrup together
2. Add bicarb and mix
3. Add Muesli, flour & sugar
4. Mix well, roll into tsp size balls
5. Place on greased/lined baking tray - well spread out.
6. Bake for 10 minutes at:  
160° C / 325° F / Gas 3/4

### Crumbly Banana Squares

#### Ingredients

175g/ 6 oz Fairtrade Sugar + Caster Sugar to decorate  
175g/ 6 oz Margarine  
225g/ 8 oz S.R. Flour  
100g/ 4 oz Porridge Oats  
25g/ 1 oz Fairtrade sultanas  
2 medium Fairtrade Bananas, mashed.

#### Method

1. Warm oven to 200° C/ 400° F/ Gas 6
2. Cream margarine & sugar together.
3. Fork in flour and oats to make a crumbly mixture.
4. Sprinkle half into greased/lined baking tray 12x8".
5. Press down lightly. Spread the bananas over and sprinkle with the sultanas.
6. Sprinkle remaining mixture over. Press down lightly.
7. Bake for 23/30 minutes until golden.
8. Sprinkle caster sugar over. Cut when cold.

As promised last Autumn, friends of Margaret will be gathering in Great Ayton to remember her, by reading to others a selection of her poems. A few copies of her published books will be available for sale – proceeds to Margaret's chosen charities:

RSPB & RSPCA.

Please come: to listen, to learn, if her poetry is new to you, to contribute by reading one of her poems which no-one else has chosen to read, if you already have a favourite ... or just to celebrate a very modest, highly intelligent lady who loved living here, loved to use her boundless energy to organise learning opportunities for her fellow residents (& herself!) and quietly, all her life, wrote moving and entertaining poetry, of a high order, about her life.

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2 pm at the Friends' Meeting House, High Green.**

Further information from Carol Morgan, 722 897.

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### **AYTON LODGE NEWSLETTER**



Since the Autumn Newsletter, our meetings have re-started following the summer break. In October and November, two "young" Masons who had joined earlier in the year completed progression to full membership. In early October we held a very successful 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Night at the Treebridge Hotel. Members, partners and friends enjoyed good food, good company and entertainment, besides raising money for local charities. In December we held our annual business meeting, when the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and his officers, were elected. An enjoyable social gathering followed, when wives and partners enjoyed a splendid buffet meal, prepared by ladies of the Women's Institute, with entertainment and the singing of Christmas Carols.

January is a quiet month for the Lodge as there is no meeting. However, for several years a number of members, wives and friends have gone to London for a long weekend, staying in a 5-star hotel, seeing a show on the Friday evening, followed by shopping and sight-seeing on Saturday. This year we also enjoyed visits to Windsor Castle on Sunday and to the Imperial War Museum on Monday before returning home.

February brings the installation of the Lodge's new Worshipful Master and the investiture of his officers. The selection of charitable donations by the Lodge is usually made at this time. There are 2 further meetings, in March and April, before adjournment until October.

In May, the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Central Hall of the University of York. Well over 1,000 Freemasons from the Province of Yorkshire will gather in full Regalia to witness a most colourful ceremony and support those receiving Provincial Honours. A celebratory lunch will follow, with many friends and acquaintances.

If you would like to know more, please contact me:

**John J Duffey 01642 723 641**

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Bert & Win were one of the first couples Paul Peverell met here - the first from the village to see his wife Karen and son David - they drove to the RVI in Newcastle to visit them when David was so poorly for his first 6 months. It was typical of them both to be so caring.

Win, born in Sunderland, elder brother Gordon and identical younger twin sister Ann, had a happy family life centred in St Gabriel's Church. Win and Ann, always dressed identically then, remained very close throughout life, finishing each other's sentences and laughing after buying each other identical gifts! Then Win started going out with Bert .....

Bert was proud of his humble beginnings in the small pit village of Shiney Row in County Durham, growing up with 3 older sisters and a father determined that Bert wouldn't follow him down the pit. Bert was a bright lad, going to Washington Grammar School, where he did well academically and also excelled in many sports - gymnastics, football, running and hockey - and was thrilled to be *Victor Ludorum*. He went on to University to study chemistry. His fate was sealed by 2 other choices. He joined St Oswald's Church choir in Shiney Row when he was just 8 years old, giving 66 years' service in several churches before he hung up his surplice in 2007. Secondly, he was one of the lads from Shiney Row invited to join the St Gabriel's Church camp - and met the twins, Win and Ann. The lads from Shiney Row cycled 9 miles each week after that, to go to the St Gabriel's youth club!

Bert & Win married in St Gabriel's in 1958 and set up home in Whitby where Win had her first teaching post. Bert had a job on Teesside with ICI, and would do the journey across the moor road on winter mornings in their Morris 1000 - often beating the snowplough!

Win temporarily gave up teaching to bring up her family. Money was scarce, but they had the riches of a mother's time, interest and devotion. The children were introduced to the joys of camping, always supplied by Win's home cooked pies. She encouraged all 3 in music and would sit for 1½ hours every morning whilst they each practiced piano. All were given a love of walking and sports, for Win was a veritable whirlwind of energy. Her children and grandchildren found their rattle was replaced with a tennis racquet a.s.a.p! Bert & Win thought the world of their children and grandchildren, supporting and encouraging them in all they did.

Bert did his National Service with the RAF, working on Radar, giving him a great love for flying. For years afterwards he would build model gliders to fly, and disappear off to the moors with them. He loved the outdoors, and took the family on camps and New Year's Day walks - but also loved art, DIY and BBQs, and treasured family memories.

They came to live in the village in Ted Appleyard's time as Vicar. His great energy and sense of fun re-vitalised the Church here, and Bert & Win's family became very much part of it. Win was not one for committees, for she was a do-er and not a talker, but she and Bert formed the entertainments committee as she reckoned he would do as he was told!

Michael, Gillian and John grew up here, diligently trained in the art of entertainment by Mum & Dad, who involved them in comic sketches, or forming the skiffle band *Fife Penny Piece* with Win on a double bass made from a tea chest with a broomstick stuck in it!

Michael and Gillian also joined Bert in the village panto where he made the part of the dame his own, while being very encouraging and supportive to others. (It was Bert who encouraged a grateful Danny Greenhalgh to pursue his dream to be a professional actor.) They would sing in the Church choir together or in some of the many other musical groups that Bert has sung with – the Angrove Singers, (where Win was the concert page-turner), Stokesley Choral Society, Teesside Operatic, Friends School Choir, and Rosedale Gilbert & Sullivan Society. He did the part of Mr Bumble from *Oliver* 3 times, the last 8 years ago in the Parochial Hall with the Bradley School of Dance. Church camps started Bert off with a lifetime of performance and making people laugh – a natural comic, possessing those vital abilities of timing, mimicry and just being able to get a laugh by his expressions.

He had a gift with words and accents, enjoying the Stanley Holloway monologues of Albert, or the Egyptians riding clitter clatter on their bogeys into the Red Sea with a Geordie accent! With James and Miss Sophie with Win, or the Toastmaster sketch where he raised toasts from Lord and Lady Fortescue to the Bessarabian Ambassador Count Bobolescu, he was so convincing, folk thought he really was drunk! He sang of walruses, warhogs, hippopotamuses, mud, or wassocks in cassocks in many comic songs, and could play anything with a hole in it – hosepipe, kettle, okarina and even the Albertophone!

Win gave in so many ways too: keeping open house for family and friends alike; running the Sunday School successfully for many years; being involved with the Flower Guild; selling raffle tickets on Bazaar days. For many years she helped Aunty Re (Mary Donaldson) as Secretary and rehearsal & concert page-turner for the Neatstead Choir, as many former members will gratefully recall. Win choreographed Tchaikovsky's Dance of the Signets several times over the years, with dancers in vests, tutus and hobnailed boots! She was a devoted member of the congregation, sitting mostly without her family, as they were in the choir stalls with Bert. She also did exquisite needlework - hand-embroidered Christmas cards - and lace-making. All this, as well as being a much-loved teacher!

Once retired, she and Bert enjoyed many family holidays together, going skiing or over to New Zealand and she was always planning the next trip. The family couldn't go anywhere without Bert, ever the extrovert, knowing someone (even if he didn't!) like Sue Lawley in New Zealand (only known from TV!). Bert was a good friend, too - that's why he had so many, all over, with Randy and Helga in Norway and many friends made at the Gold Rill in Grasmere, usually met when he and Win were on walking holidays.

What a partnership! If two people were meant to be together it was Bert & Win. They brought so much joy, love and laughter to so many - they are a wonderful example of the fullness of Christian Life: worthy recipients of the first Nova Somerville Awards, from Christ Church's *Spire*, to highlight those who make life brighter for others. Always aware of their blessings, in their lives and deaths they have been inspirational for all of us who will miss them so much. Win, and Bert, would want to say a huge thank you to all who helped support them in their illnesses: amongst them, Ann and Doug, and especially Gillian and Mark who lived at Roseberry Crescent for so long to help them.

Win died in late November '08 and Bert joined her in January – never apart for long.

**Carol Morgan, with thanks to Paul Peverell, and the family.**

**Night** is like a big black cape  
covered in diamonds.

Night is like a black blanket with  
flickers of gold and silver paint.

Night is like a robber creeping  
around the world stealing all the  
daylight stars then making a quick  
escape.

**Danielle and Amy, Yr 2**

**Night** is like a big cloak trailing  
across the sky.

Night is like a robber stealing the  
daylight.

Night is like a dark cave with a  
golden key to open the door at  
dawn.

**Kathryn and Charlotte, Yr 2**

### **The Sun**

The Sun is watching the shivering trees.

She glides across the sky.

She laughs, to see the world below.

As she wraps her dancing rays around the plants

Her smile can brighten the World itself.

The World bows to the queen of the skies.

The Sun curtsies back.

Her topaz ball gown shimmers as she dances.

Her beams cuddle the frozen creatures.

**Elinor Northey, Yr 5/6**

### **Snow by Isabella Brook & Dan Hodgson, Yr 5/6**

The snow pads along,

The snow whispers with the clouds.

She gently touches the ground,

She makes her bed in the winter days

She wears her white cloak

In all the cold days

She drinks the water and

Turns into snow

She moves as smooth as a snake

Slithers in between the mountains

The snow quietly sits and relaxes

She plays the violin in the cold nights

And sweetly sings

At night she fades away in the dark.

**Night** is like a robber creeping around the world,  
Snatching silver diamonds from the sky.

Night is like a deep dark puddle of ink with flicks of paint  
Like gold and silver apples bobbing on the surface.

Night is like a deep dark cave with stars  
Like dragon's eyes winking in the darkness  
And glow-worms leaving silvery trails.

**Yr 2**

### **The Storm**

The storm wraps his harsh windy cloak around the village.

He whistles through the forest  
pushing over every tree in sight.

Then he reaches out his bright yellow arm  
and rips roofs off houses!

He then throws down tears on passing villagers.

**Jack Swallow and George Marsden, Yr 5/6**

### **Flowers**

The flower raises her head and smiles at the sun

She dances to the birds' sweet music  
and beckons the insects to her pollen.

Her brightly coloured dresses  
are admired by the sun.

**Jessica Slater, Yr 5/6**

### **Snow**

The snow floats down on silent slippers  
It settles gently and looks around.

The snow creates a blanket of white  
The snow likes to play with children.

When the rain comes along it bursts into tears  
And the snow slowly melts away.

**Patrick Hughes and Marcus Elliott, Yr 5/6**

### **Books**

The children of  
Year 2 were  
writing poetry  
using Similes  
about Night.

The children of  
Year 5/6 were  
writing poetry  
exploring  
personification.

He sits there upon the shelf  
waiting  
to reveal his  
Inner self.

He wants to be read  
he wants to be comfy  
but all he gets  
is a dusty old shelf.

**Joe Thomas and  
George Walker, Yr 5/6**

The Football section continues to grow and develop and in particular the Junior Section. Saturday morning across at Leven Park is alive with junior footballers actively engaged with their coaches, learning new skills and practising ready for the League fixtures on a Sunday. Unfortunately, this year the weather is having a major impact on fixture cancellation due to wet pitches. However the under-12 team and the under-14 team are full of confidence at present as they sit proudly in the top spot in each of their Leagues. Let's hope they can maintain their form till the end of the season, and the players can be injury free, as they will be playing a couple of games a week to catch up on postponed matches. Presently 7 junior teams are playing football at Leven Park, and Junior Football Director Billy Hamer is looking to keep the "conveyor belt" of talent flowing and next season is looking at Year 3 boys and girls to start up a new team.

To keep the football pitches in good playing condition, and seeking to beat the flooding in really wet weather, we need to improve the drainage and after the season finishes in May we hope to put some drains into the football pitches, particularly in the wet areas.

Our Senior football teams are holding their own in their respective leagues. The Cleveland league side recently climbed to second place in the league, and is in 2 cup semi finals to be played at Leven Park. Team manager David Hunton will be eager to see his side reach the finals. The Teesside League team are holding a mid table position and, after two seasons of blending together a squad of young and experienced players, team manager Dave Pennock will be hopeful the squad have gained the experience and confidence to challenge next season for a top place in the League.

The Cricket season is not that far away and already indoor Nets are underway with juniors and senior players practising ready for the opening games. This winter our junior players have had an additional incentive to attending coaching sessions, as Simon Guy, a professional cricket coach, has been engaged by the club to help develop the promising youngsters who are playing their cricket at Leven.

Finding their cricket flannels and bringing the trusted bat out of retirement, 3 stalwarts from the club: Norman Thurlow, David Moorhouse, and David "Codger" Brown, all seasoned cricketing players, flew the flag for Great Ayton as they travelled to Australia to play for England against the Australians in November. Not quite The Ashes but I am able to report that England won 7 of the 9 games played! With the trip so successful and the Australians wanting the chance to avenge the series defeat, a return trip to England is planned with a game to be played at Leven Park on **August 11<sup>th</sup>**.

All we need now is fine weather to enjoy the end of the football season,  
and chance to play cricket this summer.

**FOOTNOTE:** Sponsorship opportunities are available with Gt Ayton Cricket & Football Club.

If you are interested, please enquire.

**Keith Wilcox, Chairman**

**[keith\\_wilcox1027@hotmail.com](mailto:keith_wilcox1027@hotmail.com)**

***THERE IS PROBABLY NO GOD -  
NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE!***

This slogan currently appears on buses the length and breadth of our country, sponsored by an 'atheist bus campaign' in response to the large number of adverts that appear on buses for 'Alpha', and for other Christian activities designed to get people thinking. I am delighted to see this campaign and think that it can only be good for all concerned.

There is a saying in advertising: there is no such thing as bad publicity, and anything which brings your product to public attention is likely to have a good effect on sales. This is true for Christians in connection with this advert – we should be pleased to see it because it can only be good if it stimulates thinking about the meaning of life. People of faith have wrestled with the question of the existence of God in their personal journey to belief, often beginning with the very question: 'Does God exist?' It is wrestling with this question that has brought many to the firm conviction that God *does* exist. People of faith daily face doubts and difficulties – it is a significant part of the growth of faith that we do, and we might drift from our belief, or reject it, and then come back. No, the bus advert is not any threat to people of faith, but might be a starting point for some one who has never thought about God in their lives to actually begin. The advert could backfire on its promoters!

I also welcome the advert as it marks the entry of atheists into public debate. I've always believed that atheism is a legitimate 'religious' stance for a person to take and it should have an equal, honoured place in the consideration of religious beliefs. For too long non-believers have thought their view to be in the majority and assumed that religion would simply wither away in the modern world. The advert indicates that atheists now accept that people of faith are not going to simply wither away, and so have to be taken seriously. They also have to promote atheism as a well thought out and positive alternative rather than merely an absence of religious belief and practice and to try to inspire us with their alternative vision for human development. In this context I particularly welcome the suggestion of regular atheist contributors to the BBC 'Thought for the Day'. Christians should not be afraid of the debate with non-believers – it is, after all, in debate that we reveal intellect, which, we argue, demonstrates that we have within us the image of God.

I am also fascinated by the second line of the bus advert. Try reading the advert like this and see what you think:

***THERE IS A GOD -  
NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE!***

It interests me that the promoters think that people of faith live lives of fear and worry! I wonder where such an idea came from – I suspect it may well point to a failure on our part to fully grasp, and communicate effectively, that we believe God has created us out of love and intends us to enjoy this life as we begin our relationship with him through Jesus Christ, in anticipation of enjoying God for ever. We have probably failed to communicate that Christ intends us to 'Live Life to the Full'. The atheist bus advert gives people of faith great opportunities, but also issues us with a huge challenge to be both thoughtful and positive in our presentation of what we believe.

**Father Derek Turnham**



New Year in the North Riding has seen many customs come and go, but by far the most popular was 'First Footing' or the 'Lucky Bird' for letting in the New Year. The person who put the first foot over the doorstep on New Year's Day was the Lucky Bird who brought good luck and fortune to the household for the rest of the year. The Lucky Bird had to be male, dark-haired & preferably tall, or the good luck would be lost.

Many families went to church on New Year's Eve for Midnight Mass, or Communion. After the stroke of midnight the New Year was heralded in with a merry peal of church bells, and singing and dancing in the streets would be very common. The First Foot would open the door and enter bearing some lucky charm – a bit of evergreen or a piece of coal which would mean that there would be a coal fire in the household all year round.

Anyone in the house before midnight was not allowed out until after the Lucky Bird had made his appearance. Celebrations would then begin: drinking wine, eating hot mince pies along with gingerbread and cheese, with a sing-song around the blazing coal fire carrying on until well into the early hours of the morning.

Some elderly people would not sit up to let the New Year in, however, and preferred going to bed, in which case they would usually ask someone if they would be their Lucky Bird - often a schoolboy about 10 or 11 years old (perhaps a grandson?). A suitable time would be arranged – often 9 a.m. – when the Lucky Bird would knock on the door carrying his lucky charm and shouting:

Lucky Bod, Lucky Bod, Master and Missus, It's time to get up.

If you don't get up, you will have nay luck,

Lucky Bod, Lucky Bod, Chuck chuck luck, Chuck, chuck, luck.

The Lucky Bird would then be welcomed into the household with a hot mince pie and glass of ginger wine, along with an apple, an orange, a few nuts and a bright silver sixpence.

**W. T. (Bill) Kirby**

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### **THE BRADLEY SCHOOL OF DANCE & MUSICAL THEATRE**

In October the Bradley School will be performing in the prestigious Sadler's Wells Theatre.

In December the Bradley School will present, as its Christmas Pantomime:

***"Widow Twankey in Chinatown"*** with you-know-who in the title role!

(Yes – Canon Paul Peverell!)

This will take place in the Parochial Hall in Great Ayton from 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note that the rehearsals will begin in early September.

**Margaret Connelly**

I'd like to introduce myself as the new **Service Manager** at Yatton House and thank everyone for making my return so welcoming. I endeavour to continue to improve the Service, ensuring that consideration is given to individual choices, inclusion, and wider community access to recreational and educational activities currently on offer at Yatton House, thus adhering to '**Valuing People Now**', a new 3-year strategy for people with learning disabilities.

**Yatton House Pantry** continues to offer a delicious 2-course lunch **every Wednesday** in pleasant surroundings - or why not call in for morning coffee and home-made scones? We are also able to offer home-made produce for sale including jams, bread, buns, cakes, etc.

Do you need **sticks or logs**? Call in to see **Vince**, who will gladly see to your requirements. We also have a catalogue of **wooden products**, all made to order, including bird tables & houses, wishing wells, windmills, wheelbarrows plus much more!

Looking for a **room or building to hire** at competitive rates? Contact Yatton House Administrator, **Brenda**, either to make a booking or to arrange a viewing of our facilities.

The **Printing Service**, a Community Interest Company, has vastly improved, with state of the art technology, thanks to Lottery Funding, and is available for all your printing needs.

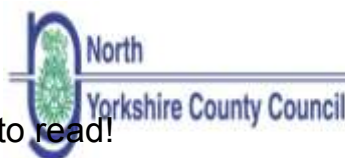
Call for a quote – all our prices are competitive!

**Wendy Richardson, Service Manager**

### **News from Great Ayton Library & Information Centre**

#### ***A FREE resource in your village!***

- FREE and easy to join!
- FREE to borrow - a huge range of books for everyone!
- FREE to members - first half hour of Internet and computer access!
- FREE IT courses for beginners!
- FREE information service!
- FREE Newspapers and magazines to read!
- FREE storytimes and other children's activities!
- FREE delivery of books to housebound customers! Home Library & Information Service
- FREE Police drop-in surgeries!



**Also** Audio books and Storytapes to hire + DVDs -1 week hire

**Pop in and see for yourself! Chris Bower, Community & Information Officer,**  
Northallerton Team

**Tel: 0845 034 9503**

**email: [greatayton.library@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:greatayton.library@northyorks.gov.uk)**

We look back with nostalgia to our first driving experiences and our first cars. This is the story of my early motoring.

Back in the late 1940s only the 'well-off' had cars. My family did not have one; neither did any of my relations. I longed to own a car, so I took the first step by saving up for driving lessons and some months later I took my test. Fortunately, I passed. My craving then was to have a car - any type of car; any age and any condition with an engine and 4 wheels.

My savings at the time were minimal so it had to be cheap and cheerful. Where could I find one? Garages had a two-year waiting list for new cars, consequently respectable second-hand cars sold like hot cakes. I could not afford to go to a garage.

I finally found a 1929 Austin Seven for sale at £65. As a 21-year-old qualified draughtsman, that price represented eight weeks wages, but my Mum and Dad helped and that weekend I became the proud owner of car registration DO 7795.



It had a painted fabric body, no locks on the doors, no ignition key: just a switch. No indicators - you put your arm straight out to turn right, and turned your hand in an anticlockwise direction to turn left. No heater, of course. The petrol tank was under the bonnet, with gravity feed to the engine, and one started the engine by switching on the ignition, then swinging the handle at the front of the car, remembering to keep your thumb

on the same side as your fingers so that the handle didn't break it when the engine fired!

Changing gear was fun, once one had learnt the art and science of double-de clutching. My 6'-3" frame did not fit in easily but I could get my knees under the steering wheel. I proudly drove to work in it on Monday morning and parked in the garage alongside the directors' posh cars. Within ten days there was a notice up saying "Parking for executives", so I had then to park on the road, outside the works area, next to the river.

My first long run was to take my Mum and Dad from Norwich to Middlesbrough. We didn't have a boot, so suitcases were loaded on a rack at the back of the car. We left home at 7 am for the 230-mile journey, passing through the centres of a dozen towns on the way.

The route included the A1: the Great North Road, but it was just three lanes wide, one each way and a 'suicide' lane in the middle. I don't recall the traffic being very heavy. We finally arrived at our destination at 6.30 pm - no mile-a-minute travelling was possible in my little car! I have had at least a score of cars since that Austin Seven, but not one of them

In spite of our rather long name, we are a local history group with interests from prehistoric times up to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Our current big project, called 'Ayton's Story', tries to involve as many people from the village as possible looking into our local history. We are now about half-way through the original timetable, with a further 2 years to go. We are funded mainly through the Heritage Lottery Fund, but towards the end of last year we received a grant from North Yorkshire County Council to purchase display equipment.

Such equipment is important for us, since a key part of the project is to tell the wider public about the history of Great Ayton. Our autumn presentations in 2008 went well, with about 50 people at each of the 5 presentations. We repeated the Ayton Film Show at Hollygarth, including a film showing the building of Hollygarth about 40 years ago, to a large and appreciative audience which included Leslie Smith, one of the plasterers shown in the film.

We will hold another series of presentations after Easter 2009, all on

**Wednesday evenings** in the Friends' Meeting House on High Green, starting at **7:30 pm**.

The provisional titles are as follows.

- 29 April: Some brief house histories (1)**
- 6 May: 1964 aerial photographs of Great Ayton**
- 13 May: Some brief house histories (2)**
- 20 May: Mills and milling**
- 27 May: Some important Aytonians from the past (excluding James Cook)**
- 3 June: Railways in Ayton**

There will be posters on display around the village

and information in the Darlington & Stockton Times nearer the time.

### **Did you know?**

Waynman Dixon was a famous Egyptologist, and discovered two shafts in the Great Pyramid at Giza in 1872. In 1993 the German engineer Rudolf Gantenbrink used a robot to explore the shafts, and found the metal probing rod Waynman left behind. Waynman also seems to have been responsible for the design of the vessel used to bring Cleopatra's Needle to London from Egypt, although the plaque on the Thames Embankment monument only gives credit to his brother John Dixon.

Back in England, Waynman ran the Dixon ship-building business in Middlesbrough with his other brother, Sir Raylton Dixon. Waynman and his wife Anne lived in Ayton House at the bottom of Easby Lane for many years, where he was in the habit of wearing a fez whilst at home! He took a great interest in village affairs, including the organisation of the War Memorial outside Christ Church. He was a leading figure in first aid provision for Middlesbrough's working men. Waynman Dixon will be just one of the important Aytonians from the past featured in our presentation on 27 May 2009.

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

**Dan O'Sullivan : 723 358 or David Taylor : 722 748 or myself: Ian Pearce : 722 964**

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**The Isle of Struay**

The Isle of Struay is a fun place, you can fish in the sea because it is surrounded by water. As well as fishing you can cycle on a bike. It would take you an hour to get from one side to the other. You can make sand castles and collect shells and write letters. You can smell the smoky, bitter air. People can hear the waves crashing. You can hear the dolphins diving. People climb the Five Sisters while bird watching. The ferry comes three times a week. Sometimes you have got to be careful because it can get stormy.

**Oliver Northey**

**The Isle of Struay**

On the Isle of Struay you can see the waves splashing and crashing on the golden, yellow sand. You can smell the silver fish coming in from the fisherman's boats and Gran's beautiful broth! It is a small island and there are lots of places to go and visit. You can hear the waves crashing on the rocks and the wind whistling. You can go down the beach and pick the shells but be careful – the storms are rough and they come quickly but if they don't come you are lucky. You can go to the cold sea drifting across the sand.

**Bethany Bainbridge**

**The Isle of Struay**

The Isle of Struay is a small place in Scotland. There are lots of things to do. You can go to the beach and smell the salty bitter air and you can climb the Five Sisters. You can go bird watching. You can go shell collecting because it is fun. You can hear the branches banging on the window in stormy weather at night. On a Friday the fisherman's wife makes magnificent sweet buns and cakes. You can go fishing and you can go and climb on the rocks at the sea. You can see the dolphins jumping in and out of the sea.

**Zoe Capes**

**The Isle of Struay**

The Isle of Struay is a small island. The ferry only comes three days a week. The weather is harsh and cold. There is only one shop and that is the post office. You can go swimming in the sea.

On Fridays the ferryman's wife bakes delicious cakes and biscuits. You can go sailing on the harbour. You can do fun things on the Isle of Struay. Some people go fishing. You can ride your bike, explore, look at the birds and sometimes you can go on adventures! You can see the wavey sea bashing together. It takes one hour to walk to the other side of the island.

Everything at the Isle of Struay is brilliant and because of that it's all fun!

**Niamh Hoggarth**

How are you faring with the recession? Did you have assets in Iceland? Has your pension lost out or disappeared? If you were relying on income from interest, then you have certainly taken a battering.

Now, to bail the country out, our children and theirs too, will be paying taxes for years to come to lift us out of this situation.

Was it all a surprise, or should we have expected something like this when we have been paying many people far over the odds for a week's work and have encouraged a culture of living beyond our means?

The Banking system has beguiled us into thinking that money was easy, and in our greed we believed this and rewarded them accordingly with knighthoods and huge salaries and bonuses. Over recent years almost every post has contained offers of loans almost without limit, and adverts on TV for those with financial problems have advised them to consolidate all their loans into one: "And I still had enough left for a new car!"

As the Banking system has collapsed around our ears, I predict that a future collapse will be in sport. Football Clubs especially are paying fantastic amounts to people, who are not earning what they are paid. Am I alone in thinking that footballing salaries have lost touch with reality?

There is a limited amount of wealth to go around, and if some are taking more out of the pot than they should, someone else has to do without. The most obvious casualties are those in poor countries and those who live on the margins of society, but don't forget there will be those suffering amongst us too.

There will be those whose income has dropped, causing financial hardship; those whose working life has now been extended as they can no longer afford to retire; those who have lost jobs, can no longer afford the mortgage on their homes and face repossession; those living with negative equity as the housing market plummets; those in work who have to make difficult decisions about redundancies with people they know; those whose businesses are now failing.

The one thing that will not be in short supply in many communities will be stress and anxiety. Who knows the burdens some of our neighbours may be carrying? Let us hope that before they are driven to desperation or breakdown, they ask for help, and that whatever financial difficulties they are in, they may find that they are still rich in friends.

**Paul Peverell – Vicar**

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Music for **Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**: **REQUIEM** by Mozart, *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridsen, and more. We will be accompanied by organist Trevor Blease and a group of string players, with 4 young singers performing the quartets, all conducted by Jeremy Harbottle in St Margaret's R C Church at 7.30 pm.

We regard this performance as an act of worship so no tickets are sold, but we accept donations afterwards for our 2 chosen charities: Teesside Hospice, and SSAFA (see below) which is helping the servicemen returning with damage from Iraq & Afghanistan.

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July** we invite you to our **Summer Soirée** and supper at **Christ Church**, where we look forward to entertaining you more light-heartedly. Jeremy will conduct, Pritiva will accompany, and the programme will be wide ranging, including 'Ain't Misbehavin' and 'Blue Moon' ..... Come and be surprised!

Tickets for the Soirée will be available from choir members and from me:

**Carol Morgan, Chairman: 722 897**

**One day's service - a lifetime of support**

**SSAFA - Soldiers' Sailors' & Airmen's Families Association**

One day's paid service in any of our Armed Forces, including Reservists and former National Servicemen, as well as dependants, is all that is needed to qualify for assistance from SSAFA Forces Help.



Established in 1885, SSAFA is the oldest charity of its kind, providing all aspects of welfare and social care. Many cases are interesting and touching. As well as supporting the elderly section of the population, we are increasingly dealing with the results of combat stress among the younger generation, resulting from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Cleveland branch, with offices in Middlesbrough, Stockton, and shortly Redcar, covers the area of the former Cleveland County Council. Our members are all unpaid volunteers with wide experience from many walks of life. We provide advice, practical help, friendship and, as an independent charity, act as agents of Military Associations and work closely with Local Authorities and other agencies in order to help claimants obtain entitlements by presenting their cases to appropriate departments.



A former client, and resident of Great Ayton, is David Evans. David and his wife Barbara have since numbered amongst our strongest supporters.

Any reader of *The Stream* who has a problem which requires our support, or is unsure if he or she is eligible, or knows of someone in such a situation, is invited to telephone us at: **01642 217 440.**

**Ian Crosskill**





## THE “USE IT - OR LOSE IT!” WORDSEARCH

The words are amenities, qualities, abilities we all value but may take for granted - until too late!  
When you have found all **26 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!)

### 9 LETTERS WILL REMAIN UNUSED.

They make **1 WORD**, which describes what we ought to do with all these things.

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY Results in the Library by SAT. 9<sup>th</sup> MAY**

LOCAL SHOPS, THEATRES, TRAINS, BUSES, FOODSTUFFS, HISTORY, KNOWLEDGE  
POST OFFICE; GREEN SPACE; GARDEN; NEIGHBOURLINESS; EQUALITY  
SENSE OF HUMOUR; TALENT; SKILL; FITNESS; ABILITY TO WALK; BRAIN; JUSTICE

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**RESULTS of the “CREATURES TO CELEBRATE” WORDSEARCH, Autumn 2008**

The answer was **PRECIOUS**

**The 3 winners were:**

**VIV ADDY**  
**Easby Lane**

**MRS J DALE**  
**Wheatlands**

**HILARY STEMPT**  
**Station Road**

**There were 8 correct entries, 1 being an acceptable alternative**

**(Nearly all were experienced puzzlers who have been winners before!)**

**CORRECT ENTRIES WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM:**

Mrs M Allison, Hollygarth Close; Mary de Wardt Hunter's Lodge; Claire Hill, Lancaster (ex-resident); Brian Nevens, Roseberry Drive; & Malcolm Goat, Langbaugh Close.

**Congratulations to all who reached the right answer!** Well done & thank you to all who entered, and to all who worked on the puzzle – I hope it was fun rather than just exasperating! The high number of words with only 4 or 5 letters meant that 1 or 2 alternative routes were inevitable, which is why I accepted Malcolm's alternative answer (champion). I know some of you ran out of time to keep trying the different combinations, so I'll return to mostly longer words in the Spring !! CM