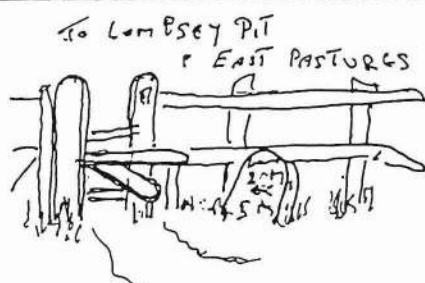


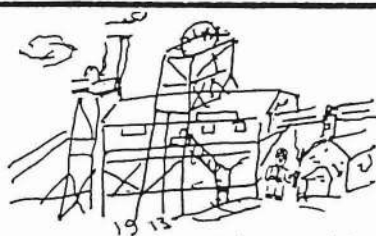
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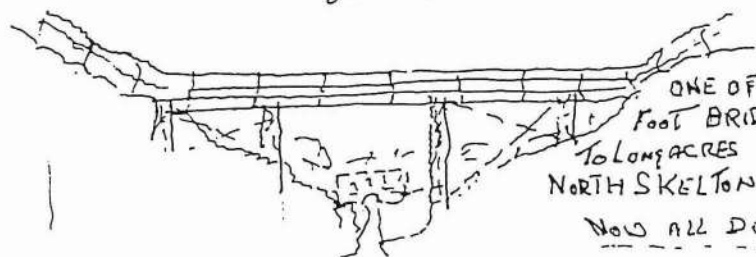
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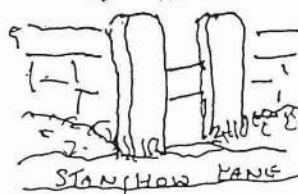


ONE OF THE
FOOT BRIDGES
To LONGACRES PIT &
NORTH SKELTON STATION
Now ALL DEMOLISHED

FOOTPATHS HAVE BEEN THE LIFE LINE OF MAN
FOR GENERATIONS. WALKING TO WORK FOR
MINERS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TOO PLEASANT
IN THE FRIP OF WINTERS RAIN AND SNOW.
BUT THE COMING OF SPRING,
LIGHT MORNINGS & NIGHTS. THE SONG OF
THE BIRDS. THE CRY OF THE CUCKOO ...
MADE EVERYTHING FINE

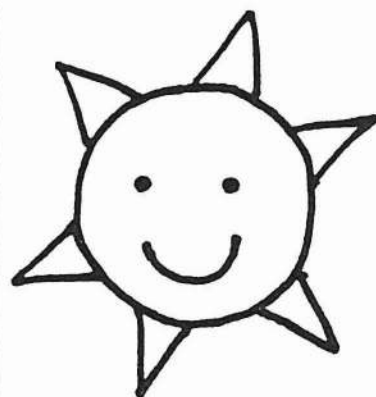
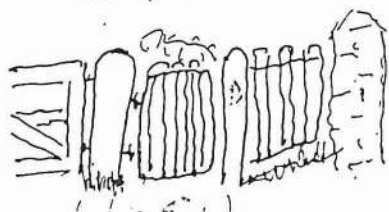
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AS OLD AS THE FOOT PATHS
SOMEONE MUST KNOW
IT'S AGE

To SOUTH SKELTON
VANS PIT



STAN HOW FENCE

To GARDENS



See
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pages
for
Pit
Special

Thank you to
Tony Watts
for our front
page design



MANY THANKS TO ICI FOR
SPONSORING THIS EDITION



CAN YOU SPOT THE MINI DAVY
LAMP SIX TIMES??????????????



HELLO EVERYBODY

In this edition you will see that we have included a 'Pit Special'. The Pit was the back-bone of this village and when it closed I think some of the heart of the village went with it. We are trying, with different projects going on, to involve everyone in some sort of activity, thus bringing back the heart and community of North Skelton. I have many people to thank for the success of "The Key", ie writers, the Evening Gazette, Roy Entiknap and Carol Watson of Redcar Citizens Advice

Bureau for our new electric Kroy machine, and last but not least yourselves. Please keep the articles coming in, and any photos you have, or information of any interests - let me have them as "The Key" now goes to London, Manchester, Melton Mowbray and Australia. To publish "The Key" it costs approx £170 per edition so I have to raise funds. Keep supporting us, and any donations, money or prizes will be very gratefully received.

Norma

UP BEFORE THE BENCH BUTCHER BROWN!

Our legs are tired
Our backs are aching
Brown's bench is still missing
And we are sick of waiting.
So, I've had words with the

management

And I understand
That Ted Hobs has got the job
in hand.
We know you've a stool but it
only seats one
So can we have our bench back
where it belongs.
After all these years it
belongs to us
So there's no wonder we are
kicking up a fuss.
This is our last word David,
so painted or not
Get our bench back or we'll
boycott your shop.



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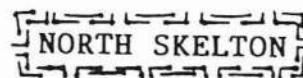
The next edition will also continue this subject when information about AMPHETAMINES and ECSTASY will be included.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a Wheelie Bin replaced it will cost you £28

You will receive a bill from Langbaugh Council about two weeks after receiving your replacement



Did you know that...

Before Col. Wharton presented North Skelton with a building of wood and steel corrugated sheets to use as a church in 1910, all Church of England services were held at 9 Richard Street.

A purpose built church was finally opened on December 12th 1928.

CAR TREASURE HUNT

31ST AUGUST 1992

Sets off 1 o'clock from the "BULLS HEAD"

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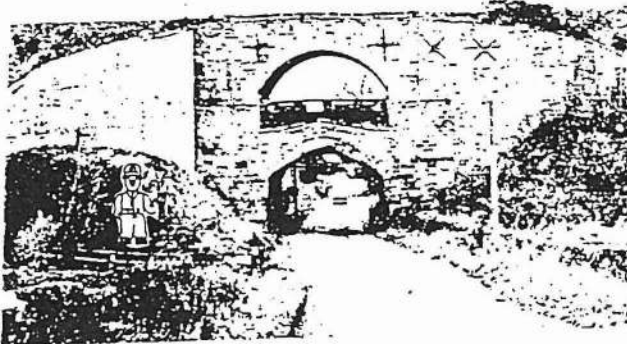
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Grateful thanks to

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DOUBLE BRIDGES



Have you ever wondered why there was a double bridge at Claphow instead of the ordinary single one? Simple truth was subsidence - and the lower bridge was built to strengthen the upper one.

The railway line was the property of J T Wharton, who was paid wayleave (a kind of rent) on the ironstone passing over the bridge. The amount of wayleave varied from a halfpenny to a three halfpenny per ton, depending on the present price of pig iron.

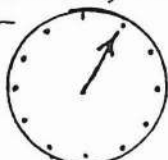
The line was never the property of BR or LNER although their locomotives made good use of it. However, in September 1872 Mr Wharton advised the NER he was willing to sell for the princely sum of £10,000, a fortune then. Mr Harrison, the engineer for NER was asked to investigate this, he did and recommended its purchase.

Tina Greenwood

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CROSSWORD

by Mark Thirkettle

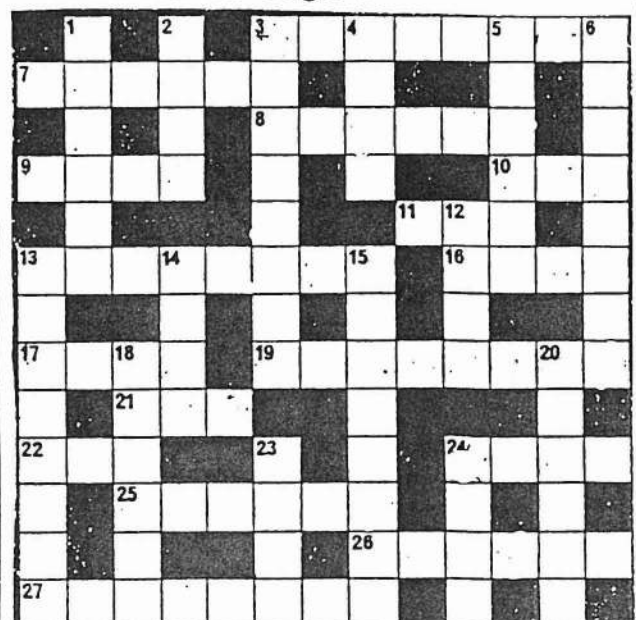
Across:

- 3) Our national sport
- 7) Realm
- 8) To turn up
- 9) Of light or plant
- 10) Small pony
- 11) Fishing tool
- 13) To tend or guide
- 16) Sporting occasion
- 17) Loud weeping
- 19) Punishment
- 21) Unit of current
- 22) British force
- 24) Of the foot or a bridge
- 25) The unborn offspring
- 26) A one-off
- 27) It reduces the effect or intensity

Down:

- 1) Surprise attack
- 2) Leg or arm
- 3) Brave
- 4) For powering a rowing boat
- 5) List
- 6) Local village
- 12) A lecherous look
- 13) Pet Shop Boys hit
- 14) Tropical tree
- 15) Extinct reptile
- 18) Ice cream biscuits
- 20) Spiny plant
- 23) Middle East person
- 24) Chemical substance

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WORKING TOGETHER

POLICE AND US

COMMON DRUGS & THEIR EFFECTS

Such drugs have very significant effects together with very profound psychological effects, the effects are potentially dangerous and in certain situations can be fatal.

CANNABIS

CANNABIS is undoubtedly the most widely used illicit drug in Britain. It can be produced in a number of preparations which differ in appearance. The most common is Cannabis Resin, this is brown in colour and is smoked in 'reefers' (large roll your own type cigarettes), a number of cigarette papers are required to produce one 'reefer'. When smoked Cannabis produces a distinctive sweet sickly aroma.

Cannabis Resin is normally purchased in multiples of 1/16oz which costs around £7.50. Cannabis is also known as 'GANJA', 'MARIJUANA', 'HASHISH' and 'BLOW'.

The physical effects of Cannabis include dryness of the mouth, hunger, a slight increase in heart rate and reddening of the eyes. It can also alter the way the body copes with other drugs and alcohol.

Most users experience euphoria with feelings of self confidence, well-being and relaxation. Some users experience unpleasant sensations which result in them becoming anxious, agitated and suspicious. The perception of time and space can often be distorted.

ADVICE & HELP

For confidential advice and help please ring

☎ Mbro 301432

By
Det. Police Woman Sue Gaunt
Special Enquiry Unit

CONFIDENTIAL

Any information you can give on misuse of drugs please ring
☎ Mbro 301432

All calls are completely, confidential.

LSD

LSD is a very potent drug requiring only minute quantities for its effect and it is normally consumed on small pieces of blotting paper or in tablet form. Blotting paper may be coloured or have a symbol stamped on, eg a dove or a 'smiley' face. LSD tablets can be purchased for approx £5 each, it is also known as 'ACID'.

The psychological effects of LSD are varied, they can include vivid visual hallucinations in which objects may appear to move and change shape and size. Sounds are 'seen' and 'felt', and colours are 'heard'. LSD also affects thinking processes. About 35 to 45 minutes after ingestion of LSD the pupils of the eyes dilate, blood pressure is slightly raised and there is a rapid heart rate. There may also be raised body temperature, tremors, goose-flesh, weakness and nausea.

Adverse effects can include the 'bad trip', this can be a terrifying experience which can lead to temporary episodes of overwhelming anxiety and panic which may last for 24 hours.

Serious, even fatal accidents may occur during a period of LSD intoxication, individuals believe they can perform impossible acts such as flying, walking on water etc.

It is possible for a particular hallucination to recur many months or even years after the complete cessation of LSD use.

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Nat Wood

Leader in Charge - North Skelton Youth Club

The Youth Club still remains to be open each Sunday, with the odd change if I happen to be on the wrong shift.

As the summer holidays draw nearer and the lighter nights take off, fewer members tend to use the Youth Club. This happens all over the County and not just at North Skelton. The young people take advantage of the warm weather and wander the villages rather than being cooped up inside of a building.

The Youth Club closes for the school holiday period from July 26th until Sunday 6th September.

On behalf of the Youth Club members I would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions to the club of a television, dart board, and a dart board case. So **THANK YOU** to:

Mrs Freda Ransom
Mr Ken Petie
Mr Colin Girling

May I also say thank you to the Club's regular members for their support over the last year by just attending the Youth Club.

CHEERS!



Help Me Spend a Penny!

Dear Mr Abigail, just what can I do,
When I am in North Skelton and feel I need the loo.
It's definitely awkward when I want to spend a penny,
And I just have to cross my legs because there are not any.

This happened to me yesterday,
I really had to 'fly',
I jumped into my Talbot and thought "Oh me, Oh my".
If only I had waited and not had that cup of tea,
Now here I am, just stranded,
desperate to do a wee.

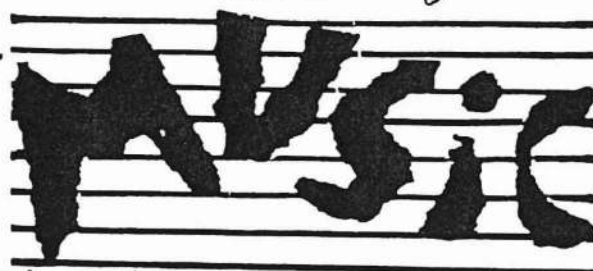
If I don't get there very soon, I'll surely wet my drawers,
I only got there just in time but found those bolted doors.
Panic then befell me so I jumped back in my car,
I had to make it to my home (it isn't very far).

But lorries and slow tractors I couldn't overtake,
And to the bathroom in my home, I just could not make.
With pounding heart and screech of brake and feeling very harrassed,
I stood in glory, soaking wet and I can say embarrassed.

Please open up those toilets, consider my request,
And now that you have read my poem I'm sure you'll do your best.

Anonymous

TALKING



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Mandy Webb

Gary Davies and Jackie Brambles brought Radion One to Middlesbrough on Spring Bank Holiday Monday (25th May) with the Radio One Roadshow at Stewarts Park. Thousands gathered in the park to witness the Roadshow, and perhaps get themselves on the radio.

Popular singer, Adeva, made a guest appearance and sang live to the crown. Tombola stalls, bouncy castles and other childrens rides were also set up in the park. To top it all off, the sun was at its best, making it a perfect day all round.

May was a good month for music in Middlesbrough, with lots of top bands playing. These included "Gun", "Soup Dragons" and "Gud" at the Arena, and "The Levellers", "House of Love", "The Reat People" and "Pele" at the Town Hall.

"House of Love" performed songs such as "I Don't Know Why I Love You", "Blind" and their current release "Feel".

The band released a new single "You Don't Understand" on 8th June, and Guy Chadwick and Co started their low-key tour at the end of June.

ROCK 'N ROLL

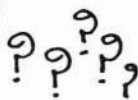
Rock 'n 'Roll is back in pubs and clubs. Don't Miss "Rock House" who have a great singer and brilliant backing group. Also don't forget our own local lad Michael Boothby with his group "Reminiscence" - due to play at Redcar Bowl.

Anyone needing any information about Rock'n Roll Weekends contact:

Mr & Mrs D Williams
36 Dene Crescent
Holburn Dene Estate
Ryton
Tyne & Wear NE40 4RY



TV QUIZ



Who is, or was, the partners or side kicks to these?

- 1) Inspector Morse
- 2) Bodie (The Professionals)
- 3) Hanibal Hayes (Alias Smith & Jones)
- 4) Bernie Winters
- 5) Lenny Bennett
- 6) Jack Regan (The Sweeney)
- 7) Mel Smith
- 8) Les Dennis
- 9) Dick Dasterdly
- 10) Ron Lucas

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QUIET CORNER

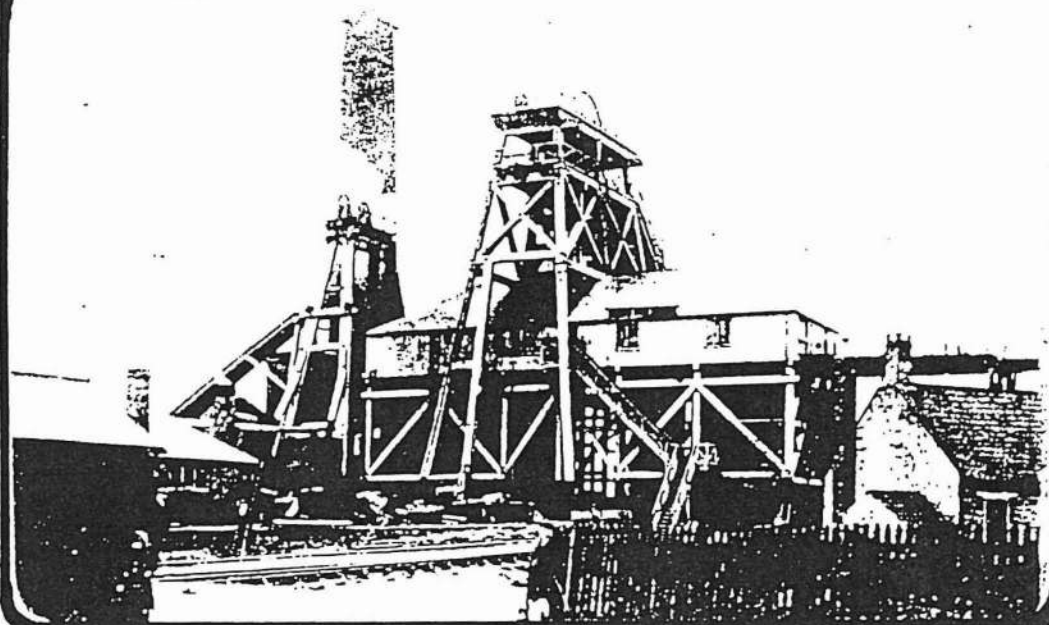
Never let the sun go down upon an angry word - where there is a grievance and resentment has been stirred - do not let it rankle like a poison in the mind - festering with feelings unforgiving and unkind.

One must make allowances and try to put things straight. Life's too short for quarrelling and so before too late - say the word that heals the hurt and banishes distress. Never let the sun go down upon unhappiness.

Patience Strong



North Skelton Pit



BLACK DIAMONDS OF THE MINE

A tribute to my father and to all who, like him, worked 'down the pit'.

My father's hands were as tough as leather, palms and fingers thickly calloused and rough as a rasp. On the back of his hands were the blue lines of old scars, wounds that had healed over keeping the coal-dust inside. There were similar marks on his back too, - what his chest was like we never could tell because of all the hair! He always washed at the sink in the kitchen, stripped to the waist, and under the cold tap which he kept running. My brother and I would look up to our Dad in wonder at his massive form, and deriving great satisfaction from seeing his huge muscles flexing as he washed.

If we asked about the colliery, he would always be adamant that we would not be going down the pit to work. All his family had been miners over several generations in Wales, and relatives had been lost in the Gresford Disaster, but when the South Yorkshire Coalfield was opened, my father and his eldest brother

left the home-land to make a new life near Doncaster. Lots of men and entire families came over at that time, just after the first World War. There was a strong Welsh contingent in the Doncaster area, and a Welsh-speaking Chapel flourished there too. That was where my brother was baptized - Dafydd Arthur - and he was blessed by the Eisteddfod Bard!

But those blue scars on hands and back were the trophies of hard graft on hands and knees, and we took them as badges of bravery. I am very proud of the fact that on my Birth Certificate there is written in the column which asks for 'Father's Occupation' COAL-HEWER.

I only ever went down the mine as a visitor, but that experience confirmed all the admiration I had cultivated as a child. Brave men, the miners! They wouldn't say so, or thank me for saying so. But it is good to pay heart-felt tribute to those whose vital contribution to the life of the nation demanded that they toil in forbidding and dangerous places. God bless them, every one.

◆ Rector Tom



More a Way of Life

It was tradition among the mining fraternity in this area that sons should follow their fathers into the mines. I was no exception, at the age of 14 years I left school on the Friday and started work at North Skelton pit bottom the following Monday. My job was to couple-up all the empty tubs so they could be hauled in-by for the miners to fill them up again.

This was a 9am to 5pm job with 20 minutes for bait, mining term for 'break'.

I was constantly on the go but it was probably just as well because it was freezing at the pit bottom, with the mine shaft acting as a wind tunnel.

Our break was taken in a cabin, a luxury I was soon to leave behind.

My mother Minnie kept our family well fed with sausage pasties, and date and rhubarb pies, all baked in an oven by the side of a well black-leaded fire place.

But being a growing lad I could still find room for three fig rolls provided daily by one of the mine's overmen, Mr Hetherington.

Listening to the older lads talking in the "Tute" whetted my appetite to earn more money by becoming a driver. This job meant I was in charge of a horse and was responsible for supplying miners with empty tubs to hand-fill with iron-

stone and then take them into a siding ready to be taken back to the pit bottom.

By this time mining was in my blood and like all my forbears there was only one place for me, "in the stone". This meant that now I had to fill the empty tubs to earn my living.

It was customary to go into the stone with an experienced



miner, my mate was little Herby Tremain, who used to regularly catch rats with a baited fish hook fastened to a prop, props being wooden supports for the roof.

Unlike the pit bottom, conditions were rather primitive in-by, bait was taken where and when you

could, and being miles underground the lack of fresh air meant miners had to work in very little clothing.

I worked in the conventional football shorts, but Herby wore a pair of his wife's navy blue knickers; with his knobbly knees he cut a comical figure, "God bless him".

One day the mine manager Harry Garbutt asked him if he would change his garb for one shift as he was bringing visitors into the mine face to see for themselves the conditions we worked under. Herby was quite adamant that he wouldn't change for anybody, the navy knickers were good enough for "their lass" and him so anybody else didn't matter.



The Key

I honestly think our visitors, three women and two men, quite enjoyed the experience.

Every mine and village had its characters, none more so than a driver from Brotton called Billy Marshall, affectionately called "Shimmo".

Tragically his horse was killed when it was struck by some full tubs that had broken away down an incline. Later when asked by the under manager what had happened, Billy replied, "I was looking at my off tak (pay slip) when my hoss looked over me shoulder and dropped dead".

Mining in those days was accepted as a high risk occupation for injuries and fatalities.

The introduction of cranners (mechanical loaders) and electric drilling machines revolutionised mining greatly from the days of our fathers.

With hand-filling now a thing of the past I was now operating one of these loaders.

One particular shift my regular mate was off sick so George Tokarski, JoJo to his mates, was sent to mate me. Having filled up all the loose stone we were just cleaning up around the face whilst waiting for the drillers to finish drilling a round of holes, when all of a sudden there was an almighty crack, and pieces of stone started falling from the roof. JoJo not knowing what was happening stood transfixed. I shoulder-charged him to one side and then jumped to the other.

We narrowly escaped being flattened by a piece of stone approx 7 feet square by a foot thick. Many times afterwards when we met in our local, chatting over a pint of beer, a grateful JoJo thanked me for saving his life.

Even though mining was a hard way to make a living, something went from a closely knit community when they were eventually closed.

By "Fat" Marsay
(Edited by Jim Ramige)



Many thanks
to
Tom Leonard
Mining Museum
for the loan
of
photographs

Charlie Rice

2 Horses



A TRAGEDY

One of the many tragedies in the pit happened to one of North Skelton's oldest families.

Bob Evans lived at 28 William Street and his son Robert had one ambition - to have his own Market Garden, like his nephew Mario has now.

Robert handed in his notice at the pit, and they asked him to work another two weeks until he trained someone to take over his job. A week later, on Monday 21st June 1954 Robert went back-shift at 2 o'clock.

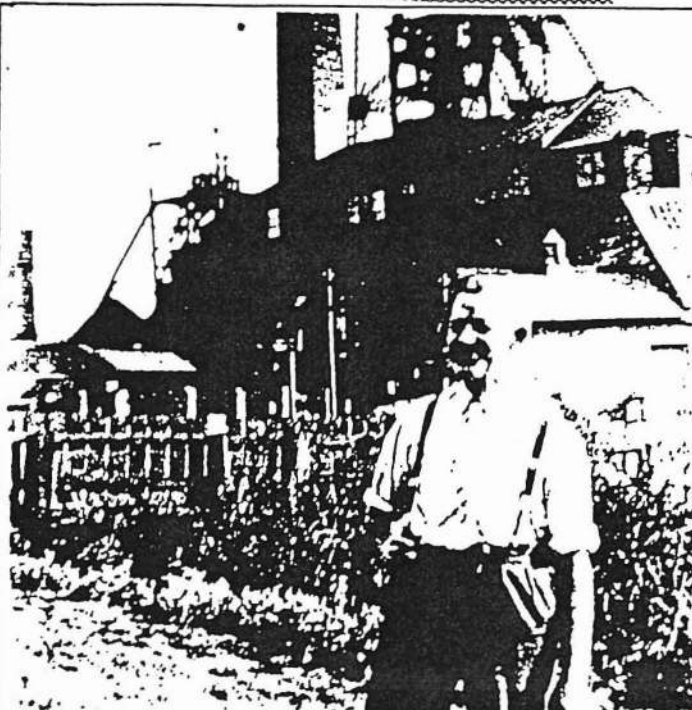
Word went out there had been a roof fall and Bob, his Dad, went to wait at the pit top. Sadly, at 4 o'clock Bob was told the terrible news, his son Robert had been killed.

When Robert died he was only 24 years old, his ambition unfulfilled, and his families hearts broken. N



1962 Welders
Les Boosefield
Mick Crossman

The Key



CALEB BLAND Mechanical & Electrical Engineer, North Skelton & Longacre Mine in overall charge of machinery and staff 1942 - 1960

Ever wondered where a miner spends a penny? Well, as one miner told me...

"When we got cut short we did what we had to do in the workings of the mine. Mind you it was hard luck if, when trying to get from A to B, you forgot and walked right through the lot. Ughh!"

No wonder it was called the 'Bowels of the Earth'.

ADAM

OLD MRS JOHNSON

'If old Mrs "Choc" Johnson is shaking her mats this morning there'll be hell on" one of the Pitment said on his road to work. "She knows its bloody unlucky to shake a mat in front of a miner going to work, an' if it 'appens this morning am gannin back home". Poor old Mrs Johnson of 1 Railway Terrace was well known for the deadly sin of shaking her clip mats while miners were passing at 4 o'clock in the morning to go front shift.

PARISH NEWS:

EAST CLEVELAND SHOW

The Annual Open Show will be held on Marshall Drive Playing Field at Brotton on Saturday 29th August (Open Dog Show enquiries to Mr Gooderham on Tel ☎ 76763) and Sunday 30th August (Produce etc -enquiries to Parish Council Offices).

Show Schedules will be available in local shops early August.

There is still space for stallholders - contact Mr Gooderham for details.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

You are welcome to attend and listen. Parish Council Meetings are held every third Monday in the month in Skelton Civic Centre Committee Room at 7.30pm.

SKELTON & BROTTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

- South Tees Health Authority representatives have agreed to attend a Public Meeting in the near future where a model of the new hospital will be on display.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding the hospital please come along to the meeting.
- Date, time and venue will be publicised locally.

DON'T DUMP IT!

Skips will be available for public use at various sites in the Parish.

The next skip at North Skelton will be available for 24 hours on Monday 27th July 1992.

Please telephone the Parish Council Office Tel ☎ 653843 if you require information regarding siting of other skips.

WHO DONE IT? MURDER MYSTERY

Over 80 years ago, something happened in this area which we never want to happen again -
A MURDER....

A primitive church was built upon Green Road, called "Timmies" because Tim Bannister did a lot of work there.

At one time it was the custom for members of the chapel to take turns as a steward, it was his job to walk the minister home to Guisborough after service. On Sunday 28th September 1909 it was the turn of

Dan Chilvers to be steward, he left with the minister, the Rev Joseph Toyne. Dan did not return home that night.

Early next morning a search party set out to find him. Dan Chilvers body was found in a sack at Skelton Ellars on Monday 29th September 1909.



Rev Toyne was first suspected but there was no evidence to back up the suspicions.

Another gentleman who was under suspicion left suddenly for Australia where it is known he stayed for some years, he did however return to Skelton but was never charged.

Dan Chilvers was 30 years old and is buried in Skelton Cemetery along with members of his family.

His murder remains unsolved to this day

T Greenwood



MAGISTRATE

I was asked by your Chairperson to write a few words on who to contact and what procedures are necessary on "How to become a Magistrate". I am very grateful to Mr A Cooke M.A.(Oxon) Barrister, Clerk to the Teesside Justices who has kindly supplied me with the latest up-dated information for your use.

Len Douglass J.P.

BEFORE THE BENCH

The magistracy has been a vehicle for public service down the centuries and still is. At one time it was limited to men only but since the end of the first World War has been opened to women too. There are about 28,000 magistrates on the active list at present, not quite half of whom are women, and they serve in about 500 courts whose size and business vary according to the populousness of the areas they serve.

Magistrates are drawn as the law insists from the communities which they are appointed to serve, no one being eligible for appointment who is not resident in the commission area or within 15 miles of its boundaries. This rule was inherent in the Statute of 1361 by which the office was first created and has applied ever since, but without the particularity of definition until the middle of this century. In Cleveland (which is one of the 50 or so commission areas into which the country is divided) there are 400 magistrates on the active list, more than 300 of whom sit in Teesside, just over 70 in Hartlepool and just under 30 in Guisborough.

NORTH SKELTON WORKINGMENS CLUB

★ Watch Posters ★
for Live Entertainment

PRIZE BINGO every FRIDAY
TADS QUIZ every SUNDAY NIGHT
JACKPOT
New Members Welcome

All magistrates appointed now are obliged, as a condition of their appointment, to be trained before they sit on the bench and to continue to be trained after that throughout their careers on the bench. This is such obvious common sense when the law is as intrusive and complex as it is that the wonder is that it was ever seriously resisted. But so it was for many years after the War and not only by those in government, and as a consequence it was not until 1966 that training was made obligatory and then only for magistrates newly appointed to the bench or the juvenile court. Training has developed much since then, in scope, content and delivery.

It now embraces all magisterial activities except committee work and shortly will take its first tentative steps towards appraising performance in court. Appraisal in training has been the practice for some time. These opportunities were not available when most magistrates now in office were first appointed and their provision now should be an encouragement to their successors.

THE DEBATE

The magistracy in its continuing, almost exclusive recruitment of lay people to its ranks has been the subject of much debate in recent years.

The argument on the one side is that this identifies it with the community it serves and secures its acceptance by that community, and the argument on the other side is that it is inhibiting to the system, giving the professional advocate the edge in any contest with the bench which he wouldn't have if there were just a stipendiary magistrate on the bench. What the outcome will be is anyone's guess but it might be prudent for proponents and opponents alike to take the opportunity of seeing each sort of court in action before final positions are taken up.

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment to the bench attempts to be representative of all districts, classes, races, religious persuasions, politics and cultures in a particular commission area but sadly, despite wide canvass, efforts to this end don't always succeed. There are still too few candidates from inner city areas and from manual occupations, and some agencies who are regularly approached respond with nothing, suggesting either that they are opposed to the system or at best simply indifferent.

The purpose of this article is to bring the opportunity for this sort of public service to the notice of as wide an audience as possible and elicit nominations of and from people who are interested but who up to now may have been too diffident to enquire about their eligibility.

The call is for men and women preferably in the 30-50 age bracket, who are of good standing in their local communities and willing to be trained and who if they were appointed would be able to put in about 40 half-day attendances at court each year. To any such enquirer I will happily send a nomination form by return.

My name and address are:

Alan Cooke

Clerk to the Teesside Justices
and Secretary to the South
Cleveland Advisory Committee
on the Appointment of Justices
of the Peace

Magistrates' Court
Teesside Law Courts
Victoria Square
Middlesbrough
Cleveland TS1 2AS

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Answers to TV Quiz:

10)Sgt. Lewis 2)Doyle 3)Kid Curry 4)Mike Winters 5)Jerry
Stevens 6)George Carter 7)Griff Rhys Jones 8)Dustin Gee
9)Muttley 10)Scortch

The Bulls Head

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August Entertainment

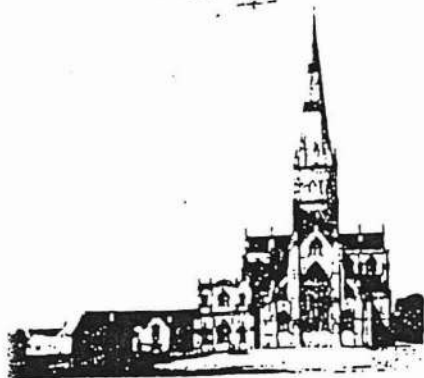
15th Rick Jackson
22nd King Bees
29th Gala Day & Disco
31st Sinister Footwear



QUIZ NIGHTS every SUN & MON
& every other THURSDAY
Good JACKPOTS to be won

Crossword Answers:

Across 3)Football 7)Empire
8)Arrive 9)Bulb 10)Nag 11)Rod
13)Shepherd 16)Gala 17)Bawl
19)Sentence 21)Amp 22)RAF
24)Arch 25)Embryo 26)Unique
27)Absorber
Down 1)Ambush 2)Limb
3)Fearless 4)Oars 5)Agenda
6)Lingdale 12)Ogle 13)Suburbia
14)Palm 15)Dinosaur 18)Wafers
20)Cactus 23)Arab 24)Acid



ABOVE: Guisborough Priory
BELOW: Guisborough Priory

THE MEN OF GUISBOROUGH PRIORY

KING HENRY I

On 1 August 1100 AD, King William II with his brother Henry and other members of the royal court, travelled to the New Forest to spend the day hunting.

During the mid-afternoon, William, was mortally wounded by an arrow, from the bow of an unknown assailant. On hearing of his brother's fate Henry, the youngest son of the Conqueror and close friend of Robert de Bruis, immediately rode not to his dying brother but to the Castle of Winchester and demanded, that as heir to the throne, that the royal treasure be surrendered to him. Amazingly, three days after his brother's ambush, Henry was crowned King at Westminster Abby by the Bishop of London.

THE RETURN OF THE DUKE.

Accident or premeditated, and there was many who believed the latter, William's death came at an opportune time for Henry. His brother, the Duke of Normandy Robert Curthose, was returning from the First Crusade, and as eldest son of the Conqueror, Robert had a fair claim to the English crown.

When Robert landed in England, at the head of large army, Henry wrote to his brother suggesting a meeting. Many years had passed since their last encounter, and on that occasion Robert had drawn his sword on Henry. The invitation was accepted, and it is written, that when the two brothers met they had not exchanged more than a few words before they fell into each others arms, embraced and were reconciled. Robert's trust and faith in his brother was eventually rewarded, when he was arrested by Henry, and thrown into Cardiff Castle where he spent the remainder of his life.

KING HENRY I

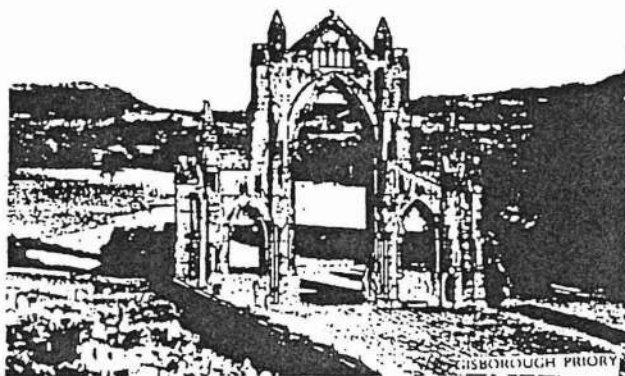
Treacherous side apart, Henry nicknamed Beauclerc by his father, for his studious and businesslike manner, was fairly popular with his English subjects. Unlike his predecessors, Henry was born in England, spoke Latin and English, the latter being his first tongue. Henry's prestige grew when he married Edith, daughter of Malcolm III of Scotland and great-granddaughter of Edmond Ironside, this marriage restored the old English royal line.

Before her early death Edith bore Henry two children William the Aethling and the Empress Matilda.



DEATH OF THE AETHLING

On 23 November 1120, when returning from Normandy to England, William the Aethling was killed in the White Ship disaster. Henry was devastated by the death of his son. It meant, the end of the direct male line of the Conqueror and with no natural successor to Henry, on his death, England would be plunged into civil war. The influence and help of Henry, with the aid of Guisborough Priory cannot be overstated. This debt would be repaid to the King after his death, by his friends Robert de Bruis and Archbishop Thurstan at the Battle of the Standard at Northallerton.



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PRAWN & PINEAPPLE GONDOLA

(Serves 4)

- 1 Large Pineapple
- 4 oz Prawns
- Large tub Whipping Cream

Cut pineapple into quarters and cut out the flesh, making sure not to pierce the skin.

Dice the pineapple and mix with the prawns.

Mix the pineapple and prawns in with freshly whipped cream.

Place the mixture back onto the pineapple quarters and serve.



Martin Theaker

SALAD MIMOSA

- 4oz Cooked Chicken
- 4oz Apple (not cooking apples)
- 4oz Celery (washed)
- 2 tspns Horseradish Sauce
- 1 small jar Mayonaise

Slice the chicken, apple and celery into fine strips.

Mix the horseradish sauce with the mayonaise, then mix the chicken mixture with the mayonaise.

Serve with a crisp side salad.



SUMMER PARTY PUNCH

- 2 Litres Dry Cider
- 1½ Litres Medium White Wine
- 1 Litre Fruit Juice
- 1 Litre Lemonade

Mix together the cider, white wine and fruit juice.

Decorate with slices of orange and green apple.

Leave to stand in a cool place for two hours.

Add lemonade just before serving (and plenty of ice if its hot!)



RICE SALAD

- 4oz Cooked Long Grain Rice
- 2oz Ham/Salami
- 2oz Red Peppers
- 3 Tomatoes
- 1oz Sweetcorn
- Salt & Pepper

Dice the ham/salami, red peppers and tomatoes.

Mix this with the rice and sweetcorn.

Season with salt and pepper.

Litter
People drop litter it's
bad for the environment. It's
used for the bins North Skelton
would be a nicer
place to live. Please try
to use the bins and
keep North Skelton tidy.
by Monique Tokarski.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



YE OLDE YORKSHIRE RIDDLE

Four dilly danders
Four stiff standers
Two Hookers
Two Lookers
and a wig wag

Answer a cow

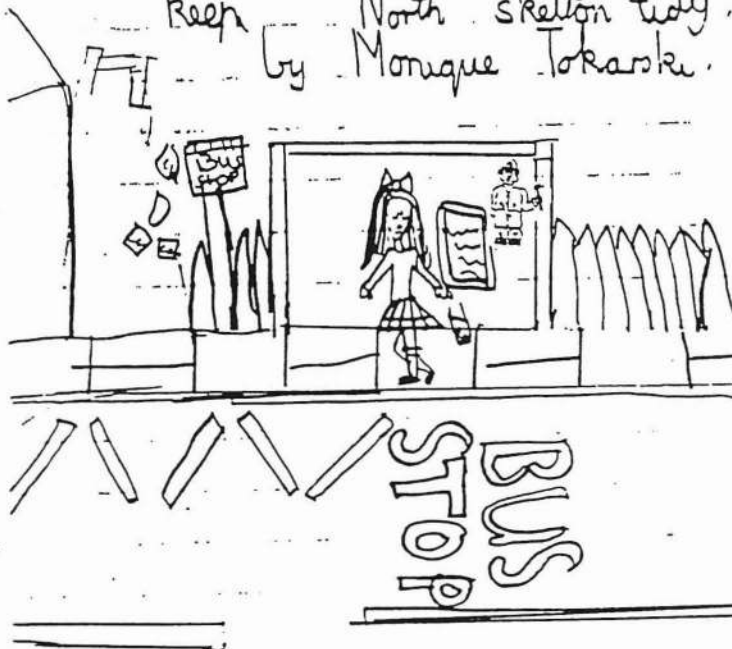
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The Rabbit

Rabbit are black and white
Some are tiny and small
Boy and girls
Old and young
one and two
My Rabbit is
Called Conny

Hazel Ashley Age 8



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age 10

