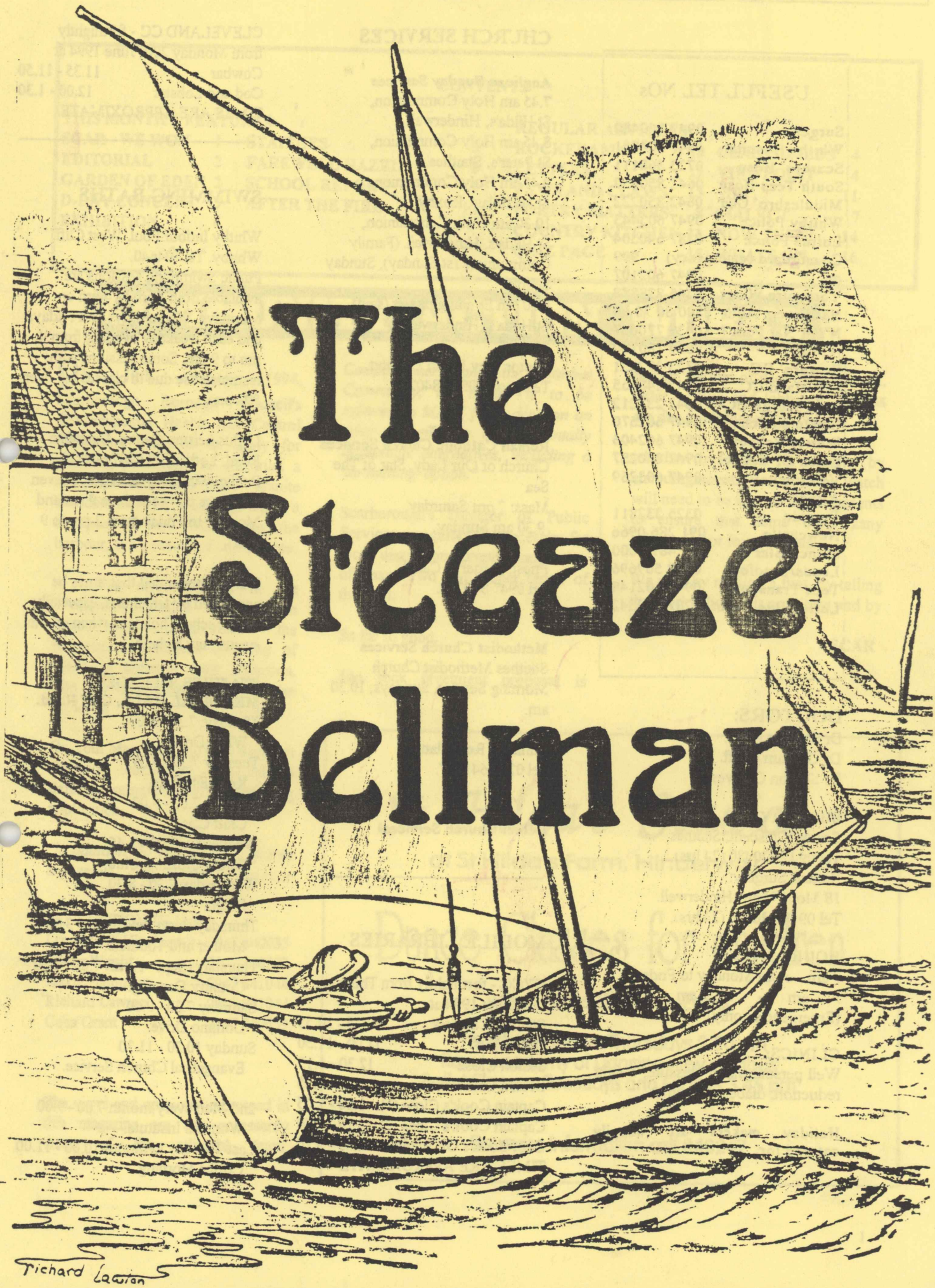
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The Steaze Bellman

Richard Lawton

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8.45 am Holy Communion,
St Peter's, Staithes.
9.45 am Holy Communion,
St Nicholas', Roxby.
10.30 am Holy Communion,
St Hilda's, Hinderwell. (Family Communion 1st Sunday), Sunday School.
6.00 pm Evening prayer (said),
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Minister: Rev Platten.
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Staithes Car Park	10.45 - 10.55
Cliff Road	11.00 - 11.50
Seaton Close	12.30 - 1.15
Seaton Crescent	1.20 - 1.45
Captain Cook's Close (1)	1.50 - 2.05
Captain Cook's Close (2)	2.10 - 2.40
Capt Cook's OP Bnglws	2.45 - 3.10

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

CLEVELAND CC - fortnightly from Monday 20th June 1994 at

Cowbar	11.35 - 11.50
Cod and Lobster	12.00 - 1.30

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

SWIMMING BATHS

Whitby Indoor Pool, West Cliff, Whitby. Tel 604640.
Public Swimming sessions are available from 7 am to 4 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and each weekday evening from 4 pm to 9 pm. Some sessions with restricted use due to classes (eg over 50's etc).

Loftus Leisure Centre, Deepdale Road, Loftus. Tel 0287 642020.
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It is recommended that times be confirmed by telephone, especially during school holidays when special events may be held.

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Whist Drive.
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Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00
Craft Class.
Wednesday 2.00 - 3.45
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Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30
Bingo.
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Thursday (Sept - April) 7.00 - 8.30
Country Dancing.
Saturday 7.30 - 9.00
Domino Drive.
Sunday 10.30 - 11.30
Evangelical Church Service.

2nd Mon every month 7.00 - 9.00
Womens Institute.
Last Tuesday in month 10.00 - 11.00
Coffee Morning.

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COMMUNITY ACTION WORKS

ON 10th March 1994, Scarborough Borough Council's Environmental Health and Control Committee resolved to apply for planning permission to construct a rock revetment of loose granite boulders from the Cod Wall top to a distance of 16 metres into the harbour, at a gradient of one in three.

A public meeting held in the Wesleyan Chapel schoolroom unanimously condemned the proposal and elected a group of seven to organise their objection. The Harbour Commissioners also objected.

On 26th May, Scarborough Borough Council's committee resolved to defer the submission of the planning application.

"In addition, in view of the concerns expressed by the Harbour Commissioners and the Staithes Community, the matter is to be referred to MAFF for a decision on other cost effective, environmentally acceptable alternatives, including a 'do nothing' option."

Scarborough's Director of Public Services recognised the necessity for local discussion, proper completion of Phase Two and proper repair of the wall.

So far so good.

The rock revetment proposal is beaten, by dint of a lot of hard work, letter writing and lobbying. Thanks are due to all those who helped,

whether by action or simply by encouragement. But a close watch will need to be kept on developments to ensure that some other zany scheme is not foisted on us.

We won by making a fuss, by telling the world about our problems and by being united.

SCAR

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at St Hilda's Farm, Hinderwell

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with Frances Lavington-Evans

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GARDEN OF EDEN

WELL Hello again, May was not the warmest of months but it didn't stop the trees and bushes giving out a fine bouquet of blossom or all those rich green leaves forming a canopy of shadows where light had shone through the month before. Glorious June is upon us, with lots of daylight for us to go out and explore our Garden of Eden.

Yet again, the wild flowers are giving out their rich aroma indicating that summer is on her way. Have you noticed the buttercups with their occasional visitor - the bee. Or the cowslips and all those little daisies whose heads turn as they follow the sun in its arc of the day.

The first ducklings didn't get off to a very good start as the cold weather took its toll and many perished. They need the warm weather and with it those flies and midges that ducklings enjoy so much. Many ducks are still sitting on eggs, so lets hope they get the chance they need.

Have you seen the deer yet? I've seen them down by your beck and also at Dalehouse - a favourite walk for many folk. As for the birds, it's song after song. It's a good idea to *sit* down instead of *trampling* down and keep very still. Watch what goes on around you. A small roe deer came within feet of me and I could have been you, but you must sit still and wait.

The other side of our little world that hasn't been discussed yet is our sea shore. The high cliffs and all the little rock pools play host to all sorts of marine life from periwinkles to anemones and crabs, from seaweed to sea birds - the list is endless. We are so lucky, such is our Garden of Eden.

June's Advice

If you decide to visit the rock pools:

1 Check the tide, get advice, keep an eye on the tide coming in so that you can get back safely.
2 Do not go alone, go with others in case you need help.
3 If you lift up a stone, put it back the same way... it's still a home to some small creature
4 Put back all that you take out of the rock pools.
5 Keep away from the base of the cliffs in case of falling rocks.

Dave Moffat

EDITORIAL

The cost of producing last month's magazine was reduced thanks to a donation of photocopying paper from Europower in Whitby. This month we have been fortunate enough to receive another donation, from another company, which has enabled us to make this second issue also free of charge. It is a tremendous compliment to our community, that people feel willing to sponsor the newsletter, thereby offering as many home-owners and visitors as possible, the opportunity to hear what we, as a community, have to say.

Hopefully, next month's magazine will be a 'Lifeboat Day Special' as we are sure there must be a lot of tales to tell about past Lifeboat Days - don't wait to be asked, get writing now!

The Steeaze Bellman

would like to thank

EUROPOWER

for their support

The Maurice Pope Memorial Concert

A large audience attended a concert in Staithes Athletic Club to pay tribute to Mr M Pope and remember D-Day.

The concert was organised by Mrs D Coney and many willing helpers assisted in making it a huge success. The theme of the show was the 'War Years' and this was reflected in the quality acts put on by the artists from Staithes and the surrounding areas.

Mr R Lyth compared the show and got the audience in a festive mood with his local jokes. (He's a better comedian than he is a butcher, only kidding, Rich.) Then the stage was taken by the Ladies of Staithes, resplendent in the uniforms of the war years, backed by a section of the Staithes Mens Choir.

Dolores and Marie were Wardroom Misstresses and must have had nightmares fixing everybody up with dresses, hats, skirts, even to dickybows for the Staithes Mens Choir (who fancied them instead of ganseys).

The show then continued at a smooth pace with the various artists which included 'The Thunderbirds' who played 'Cliff's music', joined by 'Elvis Presley' (first time I've seen a lady do it). Dolores and Marie accompanied the Staithes Ballroom Dancers, Eunice, Edith, Winifred and Doreen. Next were the Clennen brothers, Ian playing the organ and younger brother Paul singing (this lad should go far). The Roly Polys from the Skelton area gave a professional performance dancing to 'old time' songs. G Dix gave a rendition of two old favourite songs. Then we had the dry satire of Doreen and Richard Rutland from Brotton. Mrs O Lawson brought the show to the finale with a rendition of 'A Nightingale Sang' followed by the whole company and audience in a rousing singalong.

All this would not have been possible without the music of the 'Skelton Brass Band' whose performance was a delight to listen to, together with Paul Morrison who played the organ and sang in his own style. And, last but not least, the 'Three Hawaiian' Girls' who danced (?) but went round all evening collecting in their grass skirts (they didn't know which toilet to use).

There were two raffles during the evening along with a tombola stall. One of the prizes was a hand-built lifeboat donated by Mr J Taylor, which would grace any mantlepiece. The main raffle had numerous prizes and the many donors did themselves proud.

The total sum raised was a staggering £1,255, together with a £50 donation from Staithes Mens Choir, fetching a grand total of £1,310, which was shared between SHARE and Dalewood House Gateway Club. Presentation was made by Mrs M Pope and the reply was by Mr M Pope's daughter, Christina.

The whole evening was a huge success and it is hoped it can continue for future years. Once again Staithes Athletic Club and the Staff deserve a big 'thank you' for making it all possible.

NEW VILLAGE ARRIVALS

A BABY BOY for Patricia and Sean. Born on May 10th, weighing 6 lb 3 oz. Named Thomas.

A BABY GIRL for Allison and Richard. Born on May 24th, weighing 8 lb 1 oz. Named Selina Justine.

Welcome both of you.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON

VIEWPOINT

I HAVE a long-cherished dream that I shall live to see the day when housework becomes illegal. There will be something like the Grunge Police who will have unlimited powers to stamp out housework whenever they come across it.

"Excuse me Madam, I have reason to believe that you have a duster drying on your washing line."

"No, no Officer, it's my husband's vest I promise you."

"Another thing, Madam. I could actually see through your front window and there appeared to be a Hoover standing in your front room. I must remind you that the use of these machines became against the law in 1998."

Until that blissful time when this dream becomes reality, I must make do with what I call the Slut's Charter. The Hoover always on the floor in the middle of some room suggesting that I am about to use it or have just finished doing so. A quick squirt of the all-purpose spray polish gives the illusion that I have just polished everything in sight as its scent is so powerful.

Cobwebs are less easy to deal with. I was lying in the bath the other day and noticed what I thought was a serious crack in the bathroom ceiling. On closer inspection, it turned out to be a huge cobweb attractively garnished with brown dust. I was tempted to leave it and make a decorative feature of it but, by standing on the loo seat and giving it a swift swipe with the loo brush, it was soon dealt with.

Windows are a great challenge to the seriously housework-shy. I usually clean mine when a visitor has admired the net curtains before realising that I don't have any.

I think it is the sheer deadly repetitiousness of the whole thing that is so dispiriting. Whatever you do, there is the knowledge that it will all have to be done again quite soon. Gardening is the same except that you get to do it outside.

All I can say is that any government what makes housework illegal will get my vote but until that day, I take comfort in the statement someone once made that after four years, the dirt doesn't get any worse.

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy first birthday Bethany on 30th June. Lots of love, Nanna Joyce, Gordon and Lee-Anne.

Happy nineth birthday Lucy Coverdale, on 25th June. Mam, Dad, David. Garry, Mark, Brian, Tracey, Dawn, Craig and Luke. xxx.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Welcome home from Bosnia, Trooper Garry Coverdale, The Light Dragoons. Mam, Dad, David, Mark, Brian, Tracey, Dawn, Lucy, Luke, Craig.

Professional typing - business letters, job applications, CVs etc. Reasonable rates. Ring Andrew on 840587.

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STAITHES

To most people, Staithes is a fishing village. I may add, a "typical" fishing village in that we like to think of our fishing village as perched on a steep cliff side as near to the sea as possible, and with an endless variety of building styles and roof pitches. Staithes meets all these requirements, but in addition, it is also a mining village and this union of two so basic industries makes it very special indeed to me and unique for our Yorkshire coast. The fishing and the mining industries each develop men of strong character, accustomed to making decisions which may even have a life or death value, and a stranger may question how this village came to share two such exclusive human types.

The Cleveland Ironstone was first recognised by early iron workers around Roman occupation time, then worked in increasing quantities through the middle ages and medieval times, but from the early 1800's, demands for larger tonnages of ironstone for the new ironworks built and building along the Tyne brought industrialists to the Yorkshire coast, where seams of ironstone outcrop in the sea cliffs and even from many acres of the foreshore around Old Nab, near Staithes, and around the Nab at Kettleness. From this time, men from Staithes would have been able to alternate their fishing activities with gathering fragments of ironstone eroding from the cliffs, and quarrying the exposed seams on the shore, then carting or tramming the ore to ships lying wherever a temporary berth could be found on such a dangerous coast. Today, some evidence still remains on the foreshore, where low tide reveals a short length of of cart track (a rutway) and many shallow slots cut into the tough shale where sleepers for several separate tramways have once traversed the tidal shore to two tiny "docks" on the east side of Staithes.

Underground mining began shortly after 1854, initially near the top of the cliff above the east end of Staithes promenade, where the six feet thick Main Seam ironstone outcropped, and workings steadily extended towards, and under, Penny Nab. The Whitby Gazette for 18th September 1858 reported,

"About a fortnight ago, the cliff to the south of Staithes, at a point called Penny Nab where the ground has been mined for ironstone, gave indications of falling. Since that period an immense quantity of earth has rolled down from the cliff..."

Between Staithes and Port Mulgrave, the strata steadily dips, so that at Port Mulgrave the Main Seam ironstone is about fifty feet below sea level. Here, during 1856

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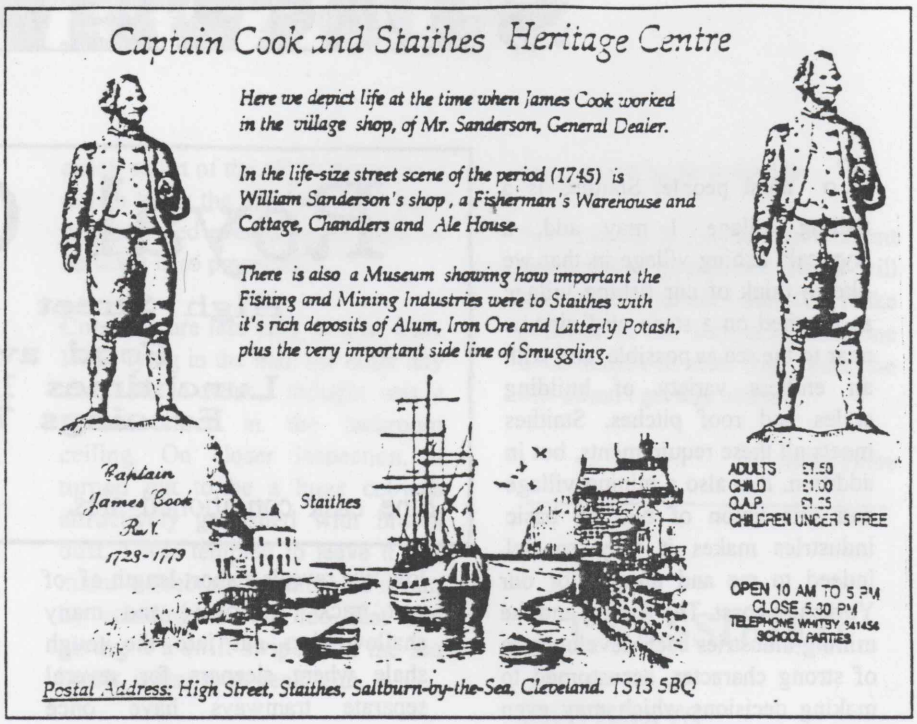
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and 1857, the great iron making and shipbuilding company established at Jarrow by Charles Mark Palmer - who was knighted in 1886 - built the tiny seaport of Port Mulgrave and sank two shallow shafts down into the Main Seam. Thereafter a mine was developed in the cliffs between the port and Staithes, which reached inland almost as far as the A174 road. In 1875 the new Grinkle Mine was opened, and as working places were developed here, workmen were steadily transferred from the coastal mine, until this ceased working, possibly about 1880. Palmer's intentions were for workings to resume here when the marginally better Grinkle Mine was exhausted. This was not to be!

So, the men of Staithes have achieved a great deal. Of them, when I was a child at Marske, it was stated that in good weather, Staithes men were fishermen and in bad weather they became miners. If they are as adaptable as that they can't be bad!

John S Owen



EXCITING EXHIBITION OF STAITHES PAINTINGS

AN important exhibition of paintings is to be held in Staithes this summer from June 25th to August 7th. It is intended to follow on from the successful 'Staithes Group' exhibition which toured England in 1993.

This new exhibition will be called 'STAITHES NOW' and will show recent paintings of local subjects. It will include the work of ten artists. These are Len Tabner, Heather Davies, David Curtis, John Carter, Eric Taylor, Mark Brooke, Barry and Jill Carter, William Dealtry and the late Fred Williams.

Around seventy paintings will be exhibited in two venues, St Peter's Church and the Methodist Church schoolroom. Both these places are to have improvements to their security in order to hold the exhibition.

This is an important long-term aspect of the project in that the venues can be used for other exhibitions in the future. Alongside the exhibition it is planned to hold some associated events including an artist's residency involving the village school, and a walk with the Heritage Coast Ranger and one of the exhibition artists.

An illustrated catalogue of the exhibition will also be available. The project aims to bring both economic and social benefit to Staithes, primarily through encouraging an appropriate form and scale of tourism in the area and secondly as an event to help boost local confidence and pride.

The exhibition has developed as part of the Staithes Project which aims to bring a general improvement to the area.

The exhibition will be open Monday to Saturdays from 10 to 4 and on Sundays from 2 to 4. Later in the year the exhibition is to be shown at the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum in Middlesbrough and at Scarborough Art Gallery.

PLEASE NOTE - STAITHES PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO THE OPENING -AND PREVIEW OF THE EXHIBITION, ON FRIDAY JUNE 24TH BETWEEN 7 AND 7.30 PM.

Gloria Wilson

MAY 26TH 1875

MEETING
WESLEYAN
SCHOOLROOM

For purpose of establishment of reading room to be called The Staithes Literary Association.

DIALECT by Ringer

Marnd Ah liked gannin' ti skeeal, up tiv a point. That point kem wen Ah went up tit fowerth class. Miserable ord sod 'e waz an' nut just ti me. Tale that Ah bring ti marnd tiday disn't consarn that 'un - it's mair aboot ord Mitchell, and't daa 'e sent yan uv us oot for a new keean...

When thoo waz thott-teean or seea thoo got sent up tit top class at skeeal. Theeadmaster tort tha i' that class - fella bit neeam o' Mitchell. 'E was runnin' ti fat wi' a toothbrush tash, an' virry 'andy wit keean. 'E waz virry sharp ti dish oot fower or farve strokes on't finger-ends, larnin't keean up wit fingers, fost top, then't underneeath, then't top ageean until thoo was ottin afore thoo waz 'it. Then 'e'd dee it THWACK arlmowast afore thi knew aboot it comin' doon it waz theear, an' thi fingers waz bonnin' - aye an' tree or fower mair afore 'e waz deean.

Reet at't back o't classrhum there waz a git knot huwal i't fleear, an owt dropped doon it endid up i't cellar. Wey nut beein' ovver fond uv gittin't keean, an nowwin' that it wad owny be a matter o' tarm afoore yan on us wad deea summat ti' waarant it, we desarded teea dispooase uv as monny uv 'em as we cud, by feeadin' 'em doon't knot 'eeal i't fleear. As seean as 'e waz oot o't ruwad't them as sat at't front wad dit od on't keean an pass it back tiv us an we wad hoy it doon't huwal.

T'day Ah'm recallin' 'e went fot keean an' of corse it wazn't theere, seea 'e sent Clubsta (yan o't lads - them as know 'im know 'im, them as disn't disn't, an' it's nut seea impoortant onnyway) tit woods ti git anuther yan. Noo bearin' in marnd that Clubsta 'ad 'ad't keean as often as meeast an mair'n sum, 'e didn't want ti deea a good ton fot ord divil, but 'e 'ad to deea as 'e waz telt, or 'e'd be gittin' a good fettlin' an' neea misteeak. Wey 'e puzzled aboot this an' farnally fun a waay ti deea't. 'E browt back a stout branch, marnd, seea mich seea that we orl thowt as 'ow 'e'd gan oot on 'is marnd - yar cloot frere that an' we wad be crippled i't fingers! Then we 'ad a good leeak at't - it waz a lump o' ord buttry! Wey we waz overset! Smilin' tiv oorsels we waited till't tarme kem fer anuther keeanin'.

Wey as is't way o' these things, Clubsta waz't nixt yan ti git't keean! "Hand out Boy, NOW!" shooted Mitchell. Clubsta wazn't virry keen but 'e did it onnyway, an' 'eld 'is 'and oot fot rappin'. As seean as't touched't fingers it brock like a bit o' cold taffy.

Mitchell leeaked at it, an' went ti' brae 'im ageean wi' it, an o' coorse it snapped ageean - an' ageean - an' ageean! 'E waz fit ti be tied! O' coorse we waz tryin' nut ti giggle, wi varyin' digrees o' success! Ivery snort o' laffter an' suppressed smirk

med 'im woss, until 'e waz good'n mad. Noo 'e wazn't karnd o' fella ti git orl wolked up an' shoot an' throw things (except sumtarms 'e chucked't board cleeaner at us - marnd we used ti chuck it back!). No 'e just used ti git still an' quiet like, an' virry, virry white... then thoo knew that thoo waz in fer it, in a big way. Wey this day 'e leeaked at us orl, tryin' 'ard nut ti laff, an tonned on 'is 'eel an' warked oot. Wey we fell aboot! We waz 'angin' on ti yan anuther, pattin' Clubsta on't back, until... in 'e strooad, carryin' 'is WARKIN' STICK!! We sharp stopped oor fun then Ah can tell tha. Clubsta bee-aved is-sen after that for a while; marnd, after hayt strokes wi yon stick Ah reckon Ah'd be a bit quiet too - for a wharl onnyway!!

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Spring has come
Visitors are out
Taking their cars
On walkabout

Travelling south
North, east and west
Putting us workers
To the test

Not everyone works nine to five
Some work shifts to earn their pay
Travelling to work
While others play

Day out or holiday
Do enjoy it anyway
But please show consideration
For the rest of the population

Frustrated Driver

LAZY DAY

I was far away watching the pond
Lying in the velvet green grass
With the sunlight hanging over me
I was sleepy, waves of dragon flies hung over me
As silence floated by
It was just a lazy day

David O'Neill

THE DAYS OF OUR YOUTH

"The days of our youth are the days of our glory"
(Byron, Stanzas)

Hanging out down Gare Ends,
Smokin', jokin', with all their friends,
Swappin' stories, lies and kisses,
Our 'grown-up' Masters and Misses.

Sniggering at fooling Mam and Dad,
Convinced that growing old is *sad.*
Holding hands, wet kisses, sighs,
Our kids, grown to be 'street-wise'.

Dad is in the armchair sitting,
Mam is in the other, knitting,
Dog is laid upon the floor,
Ears pricked up; closing door.

"'Night Bairn," "'Night Mam, Dad." "'Night,"
As they go to their beds, put out the light.
The parents glance across at each other,
A greying dad, a plump comfy mother.

Is that what they see when their eyes touch?
Could it be that the years don't mean that much?
They're holding hands, wet kisses, sighs,
Recognising that time flies.

But backwards too, as well as forwards,
The times back then, well, they were all good!
Hangin' out down Gare Ends,
Smokin', jokin', with all their friends.

Jackie Hampson

FAREWELL TO HAZEL

IT IS with sadness I have to relate to the 'bottom half' of Staithes that their postlady, Hazel Samson, has decided to hang up her bag and take early retirement.

Hazel has worked for me for the past four and a half years. She has been tireless in her work, always willing to do anyone a good turn and a real credit to the Royal Mail.

I and her colleagues will miss her companionship and her good humour at work.

I am sure many of her 'customers' will join with me and her friends at Lane End in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Dorothy Day
Lane End Sorting Office

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SCHOOL REPORT

This month's 'school reporter' is David Riley who has written a most informative account of a falconry display at Seton School.

On Wednesday April 20th we had a visit by Cragside Falconry to do a demonstration on some birds of prey. The first bird was the

HAWK

The hawk is a very big bird with oval wings and a hawk eye. Sight is eight times better than a human's. The tail was used in three ways by every bird. One, it used it for its balance, two was for its steering and three, when it wants to slow down the tail flares out like a fan.

FALCON

The falcon was a very fast bird with speeds up to about 160 - 180 mph. The falcon's wings were square at the top. The falcon, being a very fast bird, when it dives down for its prey on its beak is a baffle so when the wind blows hard in its face it eases the wind blow so it would stop its lungs exploding. On the falcon's head was a hood so when they were sat next to each other they would not fight.

OWLS

The owls were a quiet or slow bird with very big wings. There were six types of owls. There was a barn owl, a long eared owl, a little owl, a short eared owl, a snowy owl and a tawny owl. The owls have different places where their ears are. One ear is at the bottom of its head and the other ear was on the same side but at the top of its head. Where the human head can turn 180 degrees, the owl's head can turn 270 degrees.

When Gary and Julie finished talking about birds they took us onto the field and showed some tricks. First Gary got the falcon and put it on the leather glove that he was wearing and the bird took off into the air and Gary had a lure. It was a long piece of rope and had a leather shaped horse shoe that he swung round his head and when the falcon flew down at about 100 mph it darted like a bullet at the leather lure with a bit of chicken on the end. And then when the falcon came near Gary he moved it away and the falcon went round us and tried again at the bait and the falcon managed to catch the bait and swallowed it all in one go.

The next bird was the owl and this time Gary didn't use the lure he just put the owl on the ground and wore a leather glove and the owl flew towards him and landed on the glove.

Then we all went inside and had are photograph took.



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Rockerama

HELLO again, guys 'n' gals! As I'm sure you know, it's that special time of year again (no, not Christmas), the Donington 'Monsters of Rock' Festival. At this time of year the village average hair length drops dramatically for a day or two as we rockers migrate down to Nottingham.

This month I will scrutinize the new Biohazard album 'State of the World Address' and the first single by new band Pride & Glory, who are billed as openers at Donington.

Biohazard - State of the World Address. Take a Suicidal Tendencies sounding thrash band and give the three axemen a rapping ability and you've got Biohazard. This is their first album released by Warner Bros after being launched by that good old launchpad Roadrunner records. Now whether you'll like this or not will depend on i) how you feel about rap; ii) how you feel about thrash and iii) whether you like them mixed together! If you think you could live with the above, the best tracks have to be 'Human Animal' which should go down well live, 'How It Is' which features members of rap band Cypress Hill and raps along nicely, plus 'Pride' which is probably the most ear-friendly track on the album.

Pride & Glory - Horse Called War. This band is put together by ex-Ozzy guitarist Zakk Wilde and ex-White Lion bassist James Lomenzo and is not, I'm glad to say, the big C word. Nor do they sound like Soundgarden, I don't know where that comparison came from. This single *is* rock music and a fairly good one too. The three-piece band sound works well with James Lomenzo's bass sounds holding the rhythm well. Surprisingly Zakk Wilde's gravel-laden voice suits the music, not surprisingly his lead is a tad too long-winded.

Right, well I must run, here's two items of interest - Alice Coopers new album 'Last Temptation' is out on 6th June, plus the new offering from Suicidal Tendencies imaginatively titled 'Suicidal for Life'.

A LITTLE EXTRA!!

It appears that I have arrived back in Steers in time to add a short report from a rather damp Donington.

Was it a good year, I hear you ask? Well, in my humble opinion, it certainly was but, being a virgin to the event, some may argue with me. However, judging by the number of times I heard the word 'Donington' mentioned in the village on Sunday and the happy faces of pilgrims freshly returned from the event, I doubt it.

I can't really report on every band due to lack of space and the fact that I was too drunk to remember every track played, however, here are a few moments I manage to recall.

All the bands delivered good sets, from Cry of Love through to Sepultura, so whatever your taste, you didn't end up crying.

The Biohazard stage invation was a sight to behold. Evan Seinfield's invitation for everyone to get up on stage didn't go down well with the security, however, resulting in the plug being pulled in the middle of 'Tales From the Dark Side'. Sepultura's 'Kaiowas', featuring 4 drummers was amazing, and not forgetting Aerosmith for setting the perfect party mood and being generally superb!

The down points (if there must be any), Therapy?'s sound, it wasn't the best, nor was the weather. The high points - the vast number of UFLC's (Unidentified Flying Liquid Containers) and everything that wasn't a down point.To quote the Terrorvision Donington '94 T-shirt I was COLD, WET, DRUNK AND HAPPY.

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STAITHES HOMING SOCIETY

ON Saturday 7th May for the fifth race of the season, the pigeons were at Harlow: 199 miles. 20 members sent 263 birds but due to bad weather on the day they were held over until the Sunday morning. They were liberated at 9.55 in a light variable wind, turning light north west at the home end. The winner was timed in at 1.48 by J Marsay and son, for a velocity of 1501.90 yards per minute. Second; J Cole, 1497.02 and J Marsay and son taking the next four positions with velocities of 1494.54, 1492.84, 1492.52 and 1487.46.

Staithes Homing Society is part of the East Cleveland Federation, which is affiliated to the Up North Combine which consists of 21 Federations: 149 clubs, 2696 members. For the first Combine Race of the season, Staithes members sent 144 birds to race from Folkestone, 251 miles. The pigeons were liberated at 6.50 in a fresh north east wind, with cloudy skies at the home end. J Marsay and son clocked the winner at 12.42 with a velocity of 1256.56. They also took the next five positions with velocities of 1255.43, 1213.50, 1169.78, 1164.65 and 1148.27. The overall winner of the Up North Combine was the Stockton partnership of Amos and Ferguson with a velocity of 1325.145. The number of birds sent by the Up North Combine was 28,942.

The Grantham race which was scheduled for May 20th was cencelled because of bad weather all over the country that weekend. It is hoped to stage this race later on in the Old Bird Program.

The 28th May was the second Combine race of the season. This was the first Channel race which was from Lillers in northern France; a distance of 308 miles to Staithes. 11 members sent 97 birds which were liberated at 9.45 in a light north to north east wind, along with the rest of the Combine of 19867 birds. This turned out to be a hard race with Mr and Mrs Dix timing in the Club winner at 6.16 with a velocity of 1060.80. Second, J Marsay and Son, 1060.36; third, W Porritt, 1044.69; fourth and fifth, J Marsay and son, 1044.41 and 1042.31; sixth, W Porritt, 1028.31. The winner of the Combine was clocked in at 7.57 by J Aitchison and Partners of the Eye Valley Club, which is part of the Border Federation, with a velocity of 1188 yards per minute for the distance of 413 miles.

Country Kitchen

EVA AND VERA HANSON'S LING PIE

Cut ling into small pieces and remove as many bones as possible. Place in pie dish. Scald with boiling water, leave to stand awhile and then drain off liquid.

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Letters

Sir
Northern Electric proposes to replace the pylon line from Thornton-le-Dale to Whitby with a new line from Lackenby to Whitby. As far as Staithes is concerned it means a line of pylons marching from Twizziegill on Boulby, under Roxby, to Mickleby and then to the coast following the Cleveland Way through Lythe and Sandsend to Whitby. What is a Heritage Coast? What is a Cleveland Way? What is a National Park? If these things have any value or meaning, an overhead cable line on pylons is not acceptable.

They could bury it on land. They could take it by sea. Either way, it would cost more initially than pylons but would be cheaper in long-term maintenance. Why is our skyline less valuable than Fylingdales? How many people will be affected by this line compared with a line over the moor from Pickering? What are the health implications of the electro-magnetic field generated by overhead cable?

This does not affect just Staithes. It affects everyone from Lackenby to Whitby. Do we care enough to start lobbying again? If so, drop me a note at 6, The Old Stubble.
Mike Dudding
The Old Stubble

Sir
A little fishing village in the north of England did not forget to honour the heroes of the last two Great Wars.

It was a priviledge to be present at The Memorial of Mr Maurice Pope, whose widow requested it to coincide with D-Day celebrations at the Staithes Athletic Club. A wonderful 'old time' cabaret was organised by the people of Staithes, who have hearts of gold.

The Teeside Brass Band was excellent. Also the old war songs. I am 83 years old and knew all the songs, so you can imagine what a wonderful night I had.
A Woods
Roc Lea

Sir
On Monday 23rd May, I saw a deer when I was walking my dogs up Cowbar Lane. We were very quiet and I managed to get about 10' from it. Later the same day I saw another deer running into the oilseed rape.

I am very happy to see them in the area and hope people will leave them alone.
Alastair Grant
Cowbar

Address for letters, articles and general correspondance - The Steeaze Bellman, 19 Cowbar Cottages, Staithes, Saltburn, TS13 5DA.

AFTER THE FIRE

Some four weeks after the horrendous experience of seeing their home burnt to a shell, Sharon and Steve Rogers are still adjusting to life 'after the fire'. Their new, temporary home, has been furnished and equipped thanks to the generosity of family, friends, neighbours and strangers.

"The generosity has been incredible," Steve told the newsletter, "I would have said it was unbelievable, but we are talking about the Staithes community. We will never be able to repay people for the help they have given us, both practical and emotional and to be on the receiving end of so much kindness is very humbling."

Donations of clothing, household effects and furniture were received not only from the local community

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After the Fire (Cont from page) but also from organisations in Guisborough and Redcar.

Sharon explained that they had lost virtually everything in the blaze and what had not been burnt or heat damaged had been smoke damaged. "I don't think we will ever manage to get rid of the smell of smoke from the few possessions which were rescued," said Sharon. "The people round about were fantastic and gathered up all the salvaged things and took them home to wash. I still want to hug everyone for being so kind."

It will be another three or four months before the house is ready for them to move into and they are already preparing themselves for the challenge of returning. "Time is a great healer," said Steve.

Having survived this much, no doubt the move back will be coped with. After all, the support of the community, together with their own inner strength, optimism and humour has got them this far.

Paws and Claws

OUT AND ABOUT WITH STOUT

WHEN at home, Stout, who is a Border Collie cross, lives on Cowbar Bank. He and I, however, are inveterate travellers: during the past fifteen years he has accompanied me on many journeys, some eventful and all memorable.

Since the day Stout came to live with me, as a six week old pup, he has always loved being in my car - whether stationary or in motion. Whenever possible, he is to be found gazing out with interest at passing scenery or traffic from the front seat. During long journeys he settles down for a nap, often on his back, with four paws in the air. When at home, he will pursue me around the house until I let him go out to the car, from whose safe confines he will gaze loftily at passers-by. You will have perhaps noticed his travelling kennel, windows open and covered with old rugs in summer to facilitate ideal temperature.

Stout is an enthusiastic sailor. During long voyages, Stout is to be found down below on the captain's bunk - preferably inside a sleeping bag, legs firmly crossed. When land was sighted he would pace the deck, awaiting the launch of a dinghy for shore as a matter of priority.

Ferry boat sailings are somewhat less exciting for an old sea dog. Stout prefers the comfort of a car below decks, but on occasions will step smartly round the decks and up and down the companionways.

Train journeys are, perhaps, Stout's favourite form of travel. For a canine gourmet, this is an ideal opportunity. A journey from Aberdeen to Glasgow, for example, can reap a total of three sandwiches, a packet of crisps (plain only), a Mars bar and a Kit Kat. He has, you understand, perfected the technique of acting the lean and hungry traveller. Thus he trails forlornly up and down the railway carriage gazing with huge dark eyes at fellow passengers' picnics.

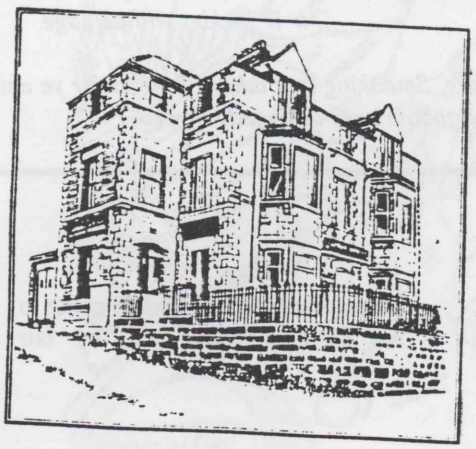
Stout's most exciting trip was when he flew to Orkney and back. Visiting friends on a remote island, Stronsay, I realised that flying would minimise travelling time and it was assumed that, as 'a working dog', Stout would be allowed to travel as a full passenger on the little 'plane between the mainland and the islands.

A memorable journey it turned out to be - Stout clipping across the tarmac and up the steps on to the 'plane (me clutching his special ticket!). By the time we reached our final destination after some island-hopping, Stout and the pilot were great friends. Stout's face, as he peered out of the cabin window was a sight to behold. All that was needed, really, was that white silk scarf casually flung around the neck.

During 1994 Stout is begging me to take him hot-air ballooning... Well, what do you think?

Sue Craven

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Dame Laura Knight, in her book 'Oil Paint and Grease Paint' tells of great cleaning up taking place before hand. A special cake was made and for weeks women rushed back and forth to the bakehouse, the cake being much too important to risk spoiling in the cottage ovens.

In his talk to Whitby Philosophical Society, Robert Brown described Stears Fair as the greatest event of the year. Friends were united and people who had left the village came back if they could. Everyone held open house.

The following notice was hand written out by F Storry, Schoolmaster in 1797.

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A Fish Skin purse containing silver will be run for in sacks, a man or boy in each sack. 25 yds. Eric Starmer will adjudge.

To wit

A fifty yards race will be run for a hood and cloak for maidens running in pairs. A right legge of one to be fast bound to the left legge of the other below the knee and ankle. T Metcalfe will bind ye legge and adjudge.

To wit

A crown piece for a man and wife race. Ye wife to be hugged either on the back or in the arm or by any other device so as she can be lifted clear of the ground. Husbands with light will be put back. Mr Mat Petch will adjudge.

To wit

The choice of a sark or petticoat for the best performance of skills in a skep and pole tryal, only for married women. One clean turn to be made. Thomas Hiltune will adjudge.

To wit

A coble race for one guinea. A lyke sum will be given to the best kept cobble to be equally divided. W Hymers will adjudge.

To wit

A new crown piece will be given to ye maid under 18 years who shall first cleanly bait 100 hooks. Mr W Pickles will adjudge.

Likewise Genning threw a Barfare, Smoaking and other Pastimes for ye entertainment of all comers will in nowise be found lacking. All friends and neighbours are dilligently invited.

Stears Fair carried on in to the early 1960's and was held on Fairfield which is now Fairfield estate.

I remember lads with bikes going to see if they could see the fair coming, but then I was nobut a bairn.

Nobut a Bairn

JUNIOR WORD SEARCH

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JUNE'S ULTIMATE TRIVIA

1 What colour is iridium?
2 How many moons has the planet Mercury?
3 Which sea has no coast?
4 In which country is Benfica FC?
5 Who was the Man of Destiny?
6 Which teams play for the Ashes?
7 What is skeet?
8 What is the trial of Pyx?
9 Who wrote The Time Machine?
10 Which politician was nicknamed 'Sunny Jim'?

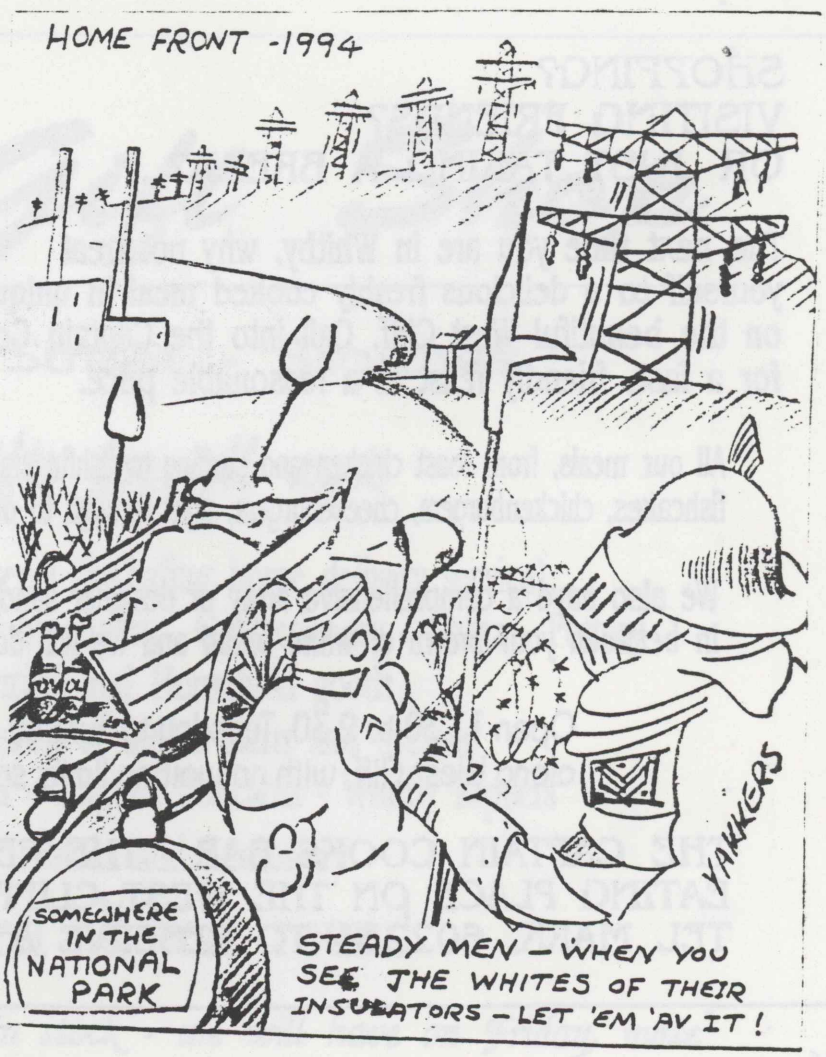
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WAR MEMORIAL

A team of Staithes residents have given up some of their precious spare time to clean and tidy the War Memorial. Mr T Hall, Mr R Verrill, Miss E Armstrong and Mrs M Welford have cleaned and tidied the Memorial, cut the grass around it and made the area look very smart. A wreath was also laid in rememberance of D-Day.

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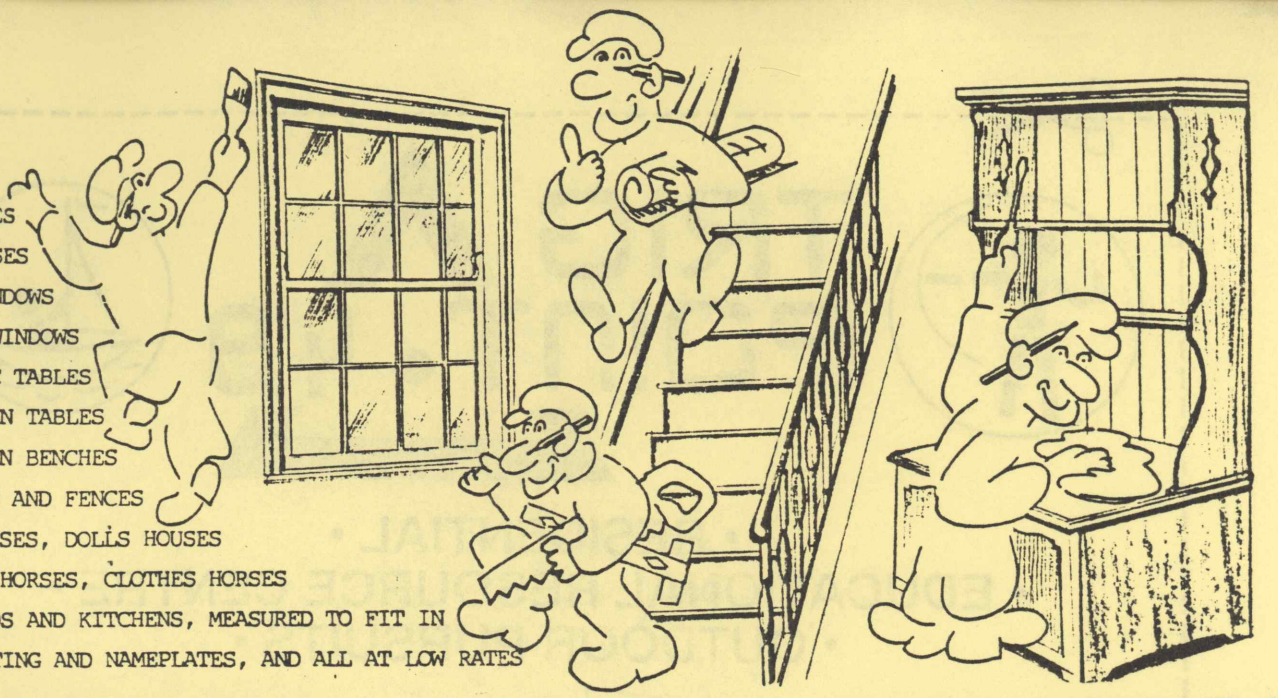
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