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St Patricks Day 17th
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Playgroup Quiz.

The Bay Horse was the venue for a closely contested quiz won by The Shining Wits. Total raised was £62, which included the auction of a bottle of wine by John Coultish. Fourteen teams competed and quizmaster Jim Crowley was pleased with the high standard of entries, the playgroup were delighted with the funds!

Dales friends of Imperial Cancer Research Fund

A cheque for £400 has been forwarded to the HQ in London. We are holding our AGM in March, if you would like to attend, ring Daisy Fawcett, Richmond 811536. Our next fund raising event will be at the Bedale Hunt Point-to-Point at Hornby Park. Many thanks to all our supporters, it is heartwarming to find people so generous in difficult times.

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Co-op Closure Shocks Village

Sixty four years of Co-op trading in Catterick Village is to end on 6th March, if Co-op bosses cannot be persuaded to think again.

The announced closure came suddenly and swiftly, with no local consultation or fore-warning to shoppers. The store serves not only Catterick Village, but shoppers from surrounding villages. The store is in need of a face-lift and coupled with an increased rent and falling trade, to the Top Management, its future must indeed look bleak. An appeal to think again and to meet with the Parish Council and public has been made and the local Member of Parliament, Mr William Hague has been asked to intervene, petition forms have been circulated and signed.

Cllr Syd Green is corresponding with Senior Management.

Photographic Exhibition

Catterick Village Association members are pleased to report that there is sufficient support and interest to mount an exhibition. It is hoped to hold this event soon after Easter and we plan to make it a two day event. If you have any photographs that you feel may be of interest, please contact;

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Holy Trinity Church is holding their AGM on Tuesday March 30th at 7.30 p.m. in the church. All support would be appreciated.

Catterick Social Club will feature comedy act Duggy Small, winner of New Faces, with support from Tom Wolf, vocal and guitar on Wednesday March 31st at 8.30 p.m.. Tickets £1.

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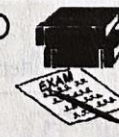
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WRITE TO THE CLARION

Your articles, news, writing, photos welcome

Letters to the Editor.

Please address any correspondence to;
12 High Green, Catterick Village.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your article in the January edition - Walking Restricted, although the land is private, with NO public right of way, the owners, LDASA, did lease a large area of land at the side of the complex, to the council, to develop for recreational purposes, at a pepper corn rate. Society members pay annually £22 for the use of the facility and Anglers, as opposed to 'fishermen', who kill their catch, return all fish to the water with loving care and take from the countryside only pleasure and photographs, as would a rambler or nature watchers take pleasure from their pursuits. So there is no difference between anglers and any other group.

Residents would be most welcome, on the purchase of a year book, which has reductions for senior citizens, disabled and juveniles, but they would have to abide by the same rules, as all other members which include fines, up to £50, for leaving litter etc.

Members are not allowed to take dogs on any land owned by the society, especially where the land is let for grazing, as it is at Swale Fields. The society could be faced with a serious insurance problem, should farm animals be attacked and injured, if the society did not take action to stop people trespassing with dogs. LDASA have recently released 1000lb of quality Roach in the top lake, value £3500 and 1240lb of mature Carp weighing from 7lb to 23lb, value £18,750 in the middle lake. You will agree this is a considerable investment, on behalf of LDASA to the Richmond area and our growing membership in the N East. I do hope the residents of Catterick will understand the need to have rules, to maintain the good conduct of some 5500 members and also, that "the only free cheese is on mouse traps".

G J Greaves
Leeds.

'Ow Do From E Scoffier

A typical Yorkshire greeting to announce the good news that production of Wensleydale cheese is to continue at Hawes Dairy. The tidings came just before Christmas and I went to the emporia on the Low Green, run on traditional lines, by Ina and Bill Pattison, to sample their cheese. It was a delight to the palate and an excellent example of the cheese makers' art. The cheese is cut to order and wrapped in the type of paper that was in use before the ubiquitous polystyrene came along to ruin the taste. This shop is a gem and is more typical of "open all hours" than slick "better buy" trading methods. An old fashioned yet most welcome and nowadays unusual feature is a chair, so that customers can wait in comfort. The white uncut loaves are another treat, as is bacon, sliced by Bill on the Berkel bacon slicer. This well stocked treasure is well worth a visit, you are certain of a warm welcome.

After visiting the Pattisons' shop, I went to 'Mainly Wines' to see if Eric Hauxwell could suggest a wine to accompany the cheese. Eric had just returned from a 4 day, 1700 mile trip, in search of fresh supplies. The aroma was redolent of a vineyard as I entered the shop, always a promising sign. Although busy unpacking his latest samples, Eric had time to recommend a red Bordeaux from St Emelion at £3.20 excellent advice and 'Thank you' Eric. I would like to point out that my visits are made incognito, so that there is no opportunity to compromise my integrity.

E Scoffier

Dear Sir,

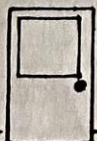
On Monsieur E Scoffier's recommendation we visited the **Angel Hotel** for Sunday lunch. The meal fell nothing short of our high expectations. It was a traditional fare with home made gravy and plenty of Yorkshire pudding. The portions were very generous, hot with a good balance of fresh vegetables. The service was very pleasant and above all my pocket certainly didn't feel the blow. We will certainly be returning!

Mr Gee
Catterick Village

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Book Review by Helen Pelton.

Standing in the freezing cold behind a market stall in mid winter can be very disheartening sometimes. So it was the other Wednesday at Masham. A dear old lady had brought me her Mills and Boons to swap as usual and whilst rooting through her carrier bag with a disinterested air I noticed a book which certainly wasn't the usual - "Oh, I brought this for you because I know you like poetry." she explained. This was a leather bound Birthday book circa 1920 called "The Years Minstrelsy". Each day of the year has a 'Gem of Thought' from the worlds greatest writers and is written in longhand, not typeset. As you might guess not only did this ray of sunshine make my week, but it will stay with me forever.

The book I have read and enjoyed this month has been "The Highlight Years" By Elizabeth Jane Howard, published by Pan at £4.99. The year is 1937 and the theme is the English family at home. At first the book seems very slow, but not boring, the Cazalet family, friends, servants, relatives and children, unfold amongst gentle descriptions until at the end of the book you feel you are one of them. Akin to Mary Wesley and Joanna Trollope, yet quite different in the very minor detail, we know the scratchy towels and penny pinching of the middle classes. The only drawback is the smallness of the print. And to end of course, one of those gems of thought from George Elliot - "No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence."

Head Retires. Bernard Parry, head teacher of the Risedale School, Hipswell, is retiring after 17 years there. A special concert, contributed to by both present and past pupils will be held on Wednesday 31st March. Tickets are available from the school, Coates Garage Scorton and Gales Chemist Shops. He leaves on a particulaly high note of a record attendance level of 98% in the Autumn Term with 100 pupils achieving 100% and the Christmas Charities night topping the £1000 mark for local and national charities.

Furniture Wanted. Catterick Furniture Store is appealing for donations of furniture to help people in need. The store now has an office at St Johns Centre in Shute Road. Telephone Ann Douglas on 835978.

North Riding History. David Gerrard is writing a history of the old North Riding as it was 100 years ago. He would appreciate the loan of any material. Contact him at Alcas Cottage, Constable Burton, N. Yorks DL8 5A

Stop Smoking Groups. Meet every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in Catterick Village Health Centre.

Toddle In! Toddlers in Catterick Village meet every Friday from 10 - 11.30 a.m. in the Booth Hall. Rug Rats up to the age of 2.5 years, Mums welcome too! Refreshments available at 75p.

Scorton Success. At 64, Brother Edward Riordan surprised himself by gaining an Open University degree. A trained nurse and chiropodist, he took on the challenge to re-awaken his thinking, but found the studying particularly daunting towards the end! He has also earned a Year Off! Well Done.

Colburn Lodge has applied for planning permission to open a bowling alley.

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Parents - Children And Drugs.

Richmond Lions hosted a talk at the Bridge House Hotel, by North Yorkshire Police, on drugs and young people. Brief introductory remarks, lead into a quiz on popular ideas about drugs and their use and effects, and comparison with cigarette smoking. True or false answers, quickly revealed how inaccurate our assumptions are about what is safe or not safe in the drug scene.

Simply no drug taking is safe.

Locally there is a growing concern about the spread of social drugs, particularly cannabis, used more at home, and ecstasy, the rave drug, which drives the user to physical extremes and can kill. Ecstasy is being used more at night clubs and discos. Defective drugs are especially dangerous, when mixed with any other powder, to give the impression of bulk, it makes more money for the dealers and increases the health risk to the user.

Young people may give little thought to travelling abroad, but a drug conviction in this country bars the user from entry into the USA and Australia for example. Drug dealers property, cars or houses are seized and surrendered to the state. A tough response to the problem from authority, yet how can parents cope with the pressure modern social life puts onto youngsters? Perhaps a parent can, in confidence, tell The Clarion to help other parents and youngsters.

The Editor.

Friday 12th March. Cas Gibson Duo at the Greyhound Inn at Hackforth. No cover charge, but Grand Raffle.

Saturday 20th March. St Marys Bolton on Swale Spring Fayre 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. held in the Scorton Village Institute.

MEP To Stand Again. David Bowe, the present Euro MP for the area, is to stand again. He received 88% support for his party and they acknowledged this with a vote of confidence in him.

To Teach Music. Alistair Lawrence from Hipswell is being given assistance from the Government Enterprise Scheme to study and train for rock, pop and jazz piano playing. A former pupil of Risedale, he went on to Richmond School for his A levels and hopes eventually to perform and record his own compositions. In the meantime he teaches people to enjoy the pleasure of playing music, rather than for exams!

Oak Lodge Nurseries. In addition to the advertisement run in this issue, don't forget Mothers Day on 21st March. Free delivery. Tel 834925.

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