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Hello everyone

I notice that the last time I wrote an editorial article for the *Haydon News* was for the June issue – as some of you will know, I have been indisposed since then, and it is a true pleasure to be back. I would like to thank Mike Parkin for filling in so ably in my absence.

Well, to state the blindingly obvious, this has not exactly been a record-breaking summer for sunshine, warmth and basking outdoors in deckchairs! Let's hope that the forthcoming seasons have something rather better to offer – and what better to begin with than with a really exceptional programme of events right on our own doorsteps! I refer of course to the Millennium Festival which is being organised to take place over 8 weeks during October and November by the Rainbow Writers – and can I direct your attention (as if you could miss it!) to their very special advertisement on the pink pages of this issue. The Rainbow Writers' team have worked their creative and practical socks off to conceive and organise a whole series of imaginative events at a variety of attractive venues in the village. Can I emphasise that entry to all events is absolutely free to all members of the public – this is a major venture which deserves the support of all of us! Come along next Saturday – 7 October – to the launch of *OutWrite Fun* which will "burst out all over" in Church Street at 11 am.

At the risk of becoming a bore – perish the thought! – may I again encourage contributions to the *Haydon News*. Articles, event and sports reports and most particularly readers' letters would be welcomed and appreciated. I continue to be amazed by how few readers' letters we actually receive and I feel sure that there must be some life and controversy out there somewhere! Let's hear from you!

See you soon,

Charles Thomas, Chairman
'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'

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Editor's Note:

There is also a little reminder to be found on page 8 of this issue



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HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE: by Dennis Telford

The Year was 1854 and the neat single storey stone building stood on the east side of Walton Place. A road which had in earlier years been called 'Bridge Loaning' or 'Lonnen' in the Tynedale vernacular and was late re-named Church Street. To the west the windows gave a clear view of the Three Tuns Inn, which stood adjacent to the highway leading towards Whitechapel and to the south, across the middle reaches of the river Tyne to the Anchor Inn, the Alms Houses and the Humbledon Fell beyond.

A Library and Newsroom had been established in 1836 on the south side of the village, chiefly through the efforts of Dr. Elliot and Mr N. Parker of Hill House. The building on the north side was erected by public subscription in 1841 on a site leased from the commissioners of Greenwich Hospital. In 1868 the Trustees entered into an agreement to lease the site at ten shillings a year for 80 years but in June 1877 the freehold was purchased for £25, on behalf of the Trustees, by the chairman J. J. Harle of Mill Mills. In 1886 John Urwin (Jnr) was secretary and Miss Phillis Woodman was librarian, a smoking and recreation room was added and the Library, which contained over 800 volumes, increased by means of a public subscription and a legacy left by Thomas Coats Esq.

Into the 20th century, the extended building was to become a most popular venue for those village men who professed to be expert in the game of billiards and later, the arguably less skilful but more popular, snooker. The Armstrong's, Brown's, Kent's, Tait's and Thompson's were amongst those men of the parish who were to spend many happy and contented hours, in challenge and competition on the table in the upper floor room, where a large black-leaded solid fuel stove provided a comforting warmth.

In the front room below, a pall

of smoke from clay pipes filled the air as 'Geordie' Laverick and Allie Kent mulled over the contentious issues of the day, while at the rear Maurice Armstrong and Jeff Burrows joined others in a discreet card school.

In 1854, however, the rooms were in the main used by the forebears of those previously mentioned, for quiet reading, lecture on philosophy and the like and general discourse. It was a welcome retreat from mothers and wives who would be busying themselves at home patching work clothes, darning socks and preparing a leek pudding for the next wholesome meal. The men of the parish pored over broadsheets such as the Newcastle Journal, the Newcastle (weekly) Chronicle and the Newcastle Courant and Guardian, seeking news from home and abroad. The room was a sanctuary both for men of means and those who found work hard to come by or were 'laid off'

It was in the back room of the Library and News room that Thomas Apedaile Esq. An esteemed committee member whose family lived in Bank House, made a remarkable discovery. Whilst turning the pages of heavy ledger which contained details of the affairs of the Newsroom, as written by Mr Matthew Cowing, secretary, an envelope of fine quality fell from the pages onto the table at which he sat. Apedaile withdrew the paper which was neatly folded within and could hardly contain his excitement as he digested its contents. The note paper was headed with an address: 'Lindsey House' Chelsea, Middlesex and it informed those to whom it may concern that the writer had for fourteen of his formative years lived in Haydon Bridge. The correspondence continued in essence to credit the time spent in the Tyne and Allen valleys and northern hills near Hadrian's Wall, for the inspiration from which his work developed in later years. The writer made it clear that he was willing to provide examples of his work in the form of signed impressions, to be displayed in the Library and Newsroom of his native village. The correspondence was signed, 'John Martin'.

Sixty-five years earlier, on 19th July 1789, John Martin was born just outside the village of Haydon Bridge in a one-roomed cottage at East Land Ends. The same building where Charles and Colleen McDonald live with their family today. John's father, Fenwick Martin had moved there with Isabella his wife and three of their children, Richard, Jonathan and Ann. John recalled in later years that, 'by birth my station could scarcely have been humbler than it was'. He left Haydon Bridge Grammar School when he was 14 years old in 1803, to start his adult life during which he became internationally famed through his paintings.

The correspondence which so excited the finder was dated many months earlier and it surprised him that it hadn't been alluded to by either the secretary or the librarian of the Newsroom. He was determined to put things right immediately however and sat down that very day to draft a reply in the affirmative. It was with mounting anticipation that he placed the correspondence in the hands of Mr W. Walton, the village Postmaster and urged that it be despatched without delay.

Since 1850 John Martin's home had been at 'Lindsey House', Chelsea in London and his summers and autumns were spent on the Isle of Man. Following a paralytic seizure on November 12th, 1853, John died in Douglas at 6 o'clock on February 17th 1854, and seven days later was buried at Kirk Braddon Cemetery.

Following the committal, family and friends returned to the house on Finch Road where he had spent so much of the final years of his life. The first of the mourners across the threshold bent low to pick from the floor an item of correspondence which had been delivered earlier. Had the mourner taken more than a cursory glance he would have noticed that it was clearly post-marked, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland. The letter sent from the place of his birth had arrived as perhaps our vil-

lage's most famous son lay on his death bed.

So the signed engravings John Martin wished to leave to his native village as a memento of his life were never hung in the Library and News-room.

The 'Reading Room' as it became known continued to flourish well into the next century of course and the committee did eventually procure three later copies of Martin's Judgement paintings which hung in the ground floor rooms in his memory.

Sadly, with the advent of television and a significant change in the rec-

reational pursuits of the younger people of the village, the Trustees determined that the Reading Room could no longer be sustained as a viable concern. Joe Armstrong, Johnny Brown and Billy Cooper had little alternative but to oversee the winding up of the organisation which had given so much pleasure to the men of the village over a period of 120 years.

The building was sold and Robert Harding received a donation on behalf of the village football club, to support their purchase of land at Low Hall Farm. In 1972 the balance of £315 was passed to the recently formed Community Association.

In the summer of the year 2000, as I watch Neil tending his prize-winning hanging baskets which now adorn the West wall of the old building, I recall how proud I was when I became a member of the Reading Room and I hung the long, black metal tube, which contained my snooker cue, handed down to me by my father, on one of the many hooks on the wall at the end of the first floor room.

I wonder, when Neil and Gillian are tucked up in bed at night, do the newly weds give any thought to the many stories that those old stone walls could tell?

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It was agreed that the charity adopted for this year be 'The Calvert Trust'. We were advised that the subscription is to go up from £15.50 per year to £16.25. There was some objection raised to this which was noted. The Treasurer's report was presented by Eileen Martin.

The Committee remained unchanged. The President, Mary Nagel then gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for all the hard work during the year.

The V.C.O. congratulated the Institute on a splendid year. She wondered whether the members would be interested in drawing up plans to give every house in the area a National Grid number as used by the Emergency Services. This she explained, would make it much easier to find a house in a crisis. It was agreed that it was a good idea.

The competition was won by Frances Wise and second was Peggy Dakers. This was for a motto. The winning entry was, 'The hand that gives gathers' and was thought to be very appropriate for the W.I. The overall competition winner for the year was Frances Wise. The Raffle was won by Eileen Martin.

It was announced that guests from Corbridge W.I will attend the October meeting.

Myra Bowen

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The next Governors' meeting is in November. To be considered at that time, applications, addressed to 'The Clerk' should arrive at the office on Shaftoe Terrace (Post code: NE47 6BW) by 31st October at the latest.

If you need further information, please contact the Clerk (John Richardson) by telephone : 01 434 684 298.

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1ST HAYDON BRIDGE GUIDES

We would like to thank all who supported us for our Table Top Sale on 22nd July.

We raised £231.65 towards our Community Centre (upstairs) Floor Fund.

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SWEETS IN THE JAR (229)	- Tom Robb
TEA RAFFLE - GLASSES	- Mrs Ohlson

THE RAFFLE

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778	- Jewellery Box	- Mrs M Ridley
454	- Wine	- Mrs D Fletcher
409	- Box of Chocolates	- UNCLAIMED AS YET
498	- Box of Thorntons	- Mrs E White
682	- Bottle of Guinness	- Mrs Pickering

THANK YOU

Mrs D Lowes

Editor's Note: Mrs Lowes tells me that the Group has now ceased. She wishes to thank all who have helped in any way over the years.

HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

It is with great pleasure that I have the chance to write about the trials and tribulations of the Bowls Club once again.

After a year out of action due to the re-building of the Community Centre, we have been exercising our muscles to get back in shape. The new building is an ideal venue for bowling with a lovely floor and great facilities.

On Monday 11th September we took the trip down to Throckley for our first match of the season. Jean Oliver (Treasurer and Secretary) used her mystic powers, and carefully arranged the match just before the fuel crisis to enable us to get there.

The match itself was one of the closest ones that we could possibly imagine. After three of our four teams lost their opening matches, we came back with some important wins, such as a 4-3 victory for the 'A' team, a 4-2 win for the 'B' team, and the 'C' team winning 6-0 in one game. The 'D' team, after losing 9-8 in a tightly fought game, earned a battling 4-4 draw in their very next game.

Throckley provided strong opposition and Haydon Bridge should be congratulated for winning 61-58 until the last three games. However, Throckley hit back with a bitter blow, and the lovely taste of Tuna sandwiches, apple pie and chocolate cake, enjoyed at the beautiful supper, was suddenly disappeared from the mouths of the visiting players, and replaced with pure disappointment.

The final score was: Throckley 75 Haydon Bridge 63

However, a lovely night was had by all, and if all of our matches go right down to the wire like this one, it will be a great season.

The teams for the Throckley match were:

A	B	C	D
Jean Oliver	Gladys Henderson	Joseph Tulip	Michael Rumney
Susan Taylor	Allen Bates	Brian Burrowes	Joan Tulip
Evelyn Reid] Jean's sisters		Philip Newton
Martha Graham			Doreen Spark

Haydon Bridge had to borrow some Throckley players.

If you are interested in playing Carpet Bowls, Haydon Bridge will always welcome new members. If you have never played the game before, don't worry, we are in need of new members, and we will provide you with sufficient coaching when you turn up. Come along to the Community Centre on Thursday nights at 7.00pm.

Admission prices are: £2.00 for adults and 50p for juniors (Under 16)

WHITE JACK

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OUT & ABOUT CLUB GROUPS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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The Haydon Bridge group continues to meet on Monday afternoons from 2.00pm until 4.15pm at the Methodist Church. The Autumn programme has a mix of activities from artwork to weaving, card making and a special session of writing encouraged by the Rainbow Writers.

One highlight will be a visit to the Queen's Hall in Hexham to see an exhibition of past work of the Group and of the Allendale "Out & About" group. These can be seen in the foyers and café during the week commencing 9th October. Of special interest at the exhibition is the clay model Village of Haydon Bridge.

Another special date is 6th November when the Group acts as hosts to the Tynedale Community Care Forum. This is an opportunity for anyone in the area who receives care from Social Services, home care, day care, meals on wheels etc. to meet the people who arrange it and to bring up any problems they may be having. Group members have copies of forms for entering comments. These are also available at the Post Office. Anyone who receives Community Care or is a family member or person caring for someone receiving these services is entitled to attend. This meeting starts at 2.00pm.

There are still vacancies at the Group if anyone would like to come on Monday afternoons. Transport can be arranged. Please ring **Patsy McDougal on 01 434 684 482**. The Group is particularly suitable for people who are not able to get about much or who may be coping with or recovering from any sort of illness. The emphasis is on getting out and meeting people, having fun, being active and learning new skills within the limitations of disability or illness.

We are always needing help of all kinds, e.g. drivers to collect people and general assistance at the meetings, ideas for fund-raising etc.

What we would really like is to have an "Out & About" supporters club! Again, please talk to Patsy.

Elizabeth Grande

DANCE CLUB NEWS

It's magic! "Mambo Magic" our latest dance to be shown after a few false starts is bound to catch on.

Our friends in Throckley gave us a very warm welcome and a lovely supper on our recent visit to them. Most of our members won the raffle prizes. Jim, our driver, put himself to no end of bother going out of his way to pick us all up at various points on the way and on time too! Thanks Jim.

Throckley dancers hope to pay a return visit soon and when we get some new chairs.

The Club is holding a dance on Friday 20th October to raise funds for the chairs we urgently need. There'll be raffles / food and, after all, everyone will benefit.

In my last news I mentioned a good night's dancing for only £1 but so far to no avail. So come on and give us a bit of support particularly on the 20th.

Ron from Hexham is having to lie low at the moment. Ken also took a bit back recently. Take care both of you. Alison and Norman have had a move to Haltwhistle.

And although it's nowt to do with Haydon Bridge but it will concern some of our members, the Royal Hotel in Hexham is not for sale, or likely to be in the near future. Straight from the 'horses mouth'

JIM BIGGS

You will remember the piece about the 'Life Cycle' marathon undertaken by Alan Curry and his team earlier in the year.

Well, they have taken on another challenge!

The following is taken from a newspaper cutting given to the Editor by Alistair Burrowes some of which appeared in the Hexham Courant a little while back. This is the full account. Although a little out of date it does go to show just how determined some folk are to help others less fortunate.

LIFE CYCLE 2000

The nine cyclists of 'Life Cycle 2000' are gearing up for their gruelling 2,500 kilometre ride to Lourdes, which will start on 25th August.

This is the second consecutive year that 'Life Cycle' is being organised to raise money for the Renal Unit at St. Luke's Hospital and to create awareness about those suffering from kidney failure. Alan Curry, the brains behind the 'Life Cycle Organisation', said this year's event was better organised, thanks to numerous sponsors and volunteers.

"Last year we were still in our infancy and none of us had ever been involved in organising such a large scale event.

Hello to all our friends in Haydon Bridge

This is just a short note from Chris and Lynn Wainwright. Although we were only in the village for a year many of you will probably remember our dog Sam (the golden retriever) from 21 Ratcliffe Road even if you don't remember us!

We are sorry we didn't get the chance to say goodbye to all of you properly but Chris was only given 26 days to pack up and start work in New Zealand so time was of the essence. Anyway, we have now been here for three weeks and we are just starting to catch up on all the things we should have done before we left.

We are still reading the "Haydon News" with avid interest and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we will return to find the fifteen thousand vehicles going around the village rather than through the middle of it!

We miss the village terribly; the walks by the river, the friendly people, even (believe it or not) the traffic.

The new tenant in our home is David Taylor and we hope you make him as welcome as we were always made to feel, even if he hasn't got a dog.

We hope to hear from you all soon and if anyone would like to get in touch and find out how things are going in more detail then the e-mail and postal addresses are below.

Chris and Lynn Wainwright.

E-mail: chrisandlynnwainwright@hotmail.com

Dr. C Wainwright, Taranaki Base Hospital,
Private Bag 2016, New Plymouth 4260, New Zealand.

This time round there has been greater enthusiasm," Mr Curry said in an interview.

This year the cyclists will leave St Luke's Hospital, board the ferry which will take them to Reggio, Italy, and from there the endurance test begins. The team will attempt to make it to their destination, Lourdes, France by 8th September.

"Our philosophy is adventure and challenge. This ride is no glorified holiday and it puts a lot of stress on our families. My idea is to collect money through a worthwhile challenge", he said. With the support of St Aloysius' College, the team's major sponsor, the cyclists are hoping to raise money that will increase the level of comfort of those who suffer from kidney failure.

Training started in earnest 16 weeks ago and from now until the day they leave, the team of eight men and one woman will be cycling 400 kilometres a week.

"We are pushing ourselves to cycle between 170 and 180 kilometres a day for 14 days to ensure we arrive in Lourdes on time", Mr Curry said. Mr Curry said the team was determined to battle against the elements and overcome all obstacles to meet the deadline.

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Charles Thomas, (Chairman)
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Haydon Bridge
NE47 6HJ
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Enclosed is the sum of being mine/our subscription and donation to 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' for the calendar year 2000.

Name:

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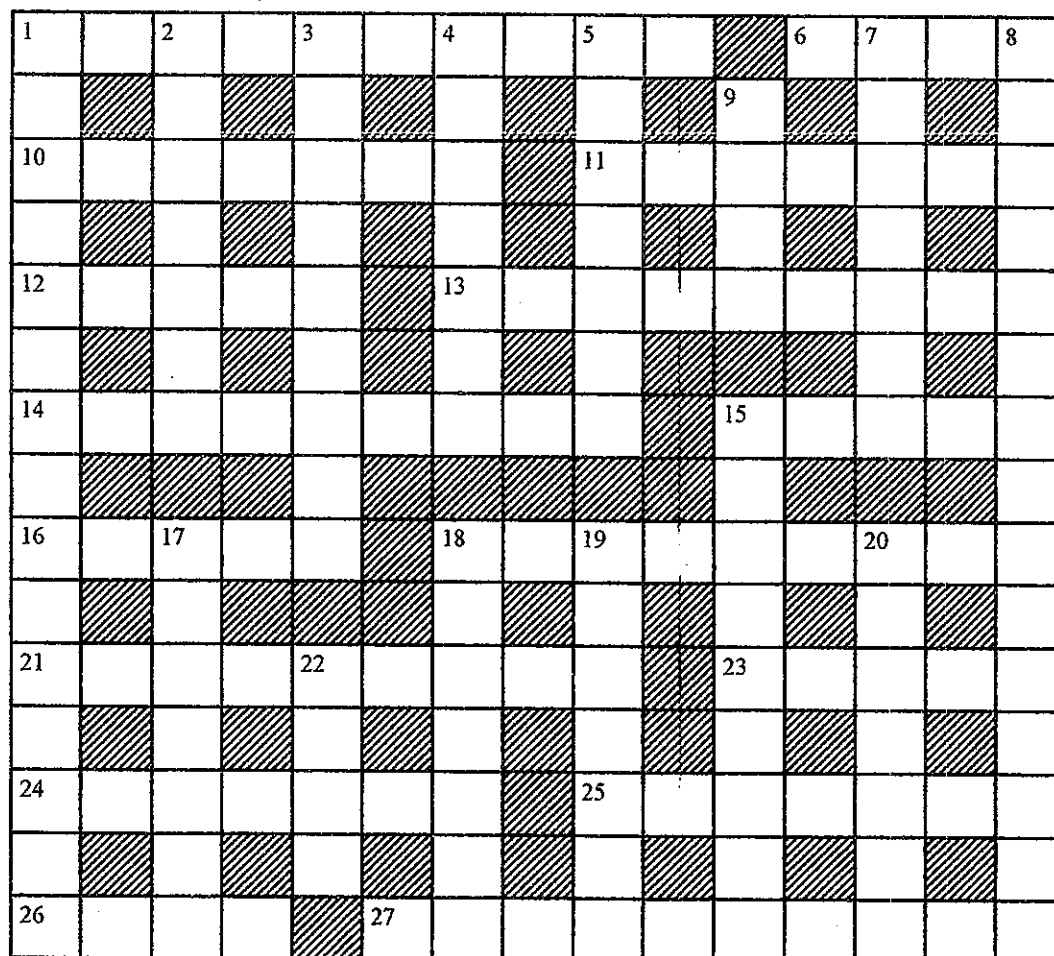
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S.B. Mitchell

The £10 Crossword

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Entries to be received by the Editor on or before SATURDAY 21st October.

Best of luck

(Please hand in your entry to the Post Office in Haydon Bridge or by post to:
The Editor, Wheelsteads, Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AS)

ACROSS

- 1, 6 And stage tour ran for monarchy, obliquely (7,3,4)
10. Call from one prepared (2,5)
11. Out for the day (7)
12. Stupid (5)
13. Mountain vehicles ? (5,4)
14. 19th century P.M. (Tackled the question) (9)
15. Tanzanian grasslands (5)
16. A calm spot in troubled times (5)
18. A dislike (4,5)
21. Over which one may watch the sunset (6,3)
22. Linked with nail for a real fight (5)
24. Northern town and county (7)
25. Of a pair ? (3,4)
26. Layer (4)
27. More apparent than real perhaps (10)

DOWN

1. Becket's absurd play, delayed (7,3,5)
2. Middle Eastern island airport (7)
- 3,9. Headline gave hope for peace (1,1,1,6,4)
4. Guevara in west coast county reflects sound, perhaps (3,4)
5. Remarkable (7)
7. Interesting (7)
8. Wensleydale for example (9,6)
9. See 3.
15. Woodland attribute (4,5)
17. May be called in court (7)
18. B&B blues. They just float away (7)
19. Dolls house (3,4)
20. Part of a cooking range (4,3)
22. Earnest Ernest's friend (4)

DANCE CLUB

Supper Dance

Friday 20th October

7.45pm to 11.30pm

Community Centre

Tickets £3.00 available from any
Dance Club Member or pay at
the door.

Music by "His Nibs"

Monies raised to go
To the 'Chair' fund

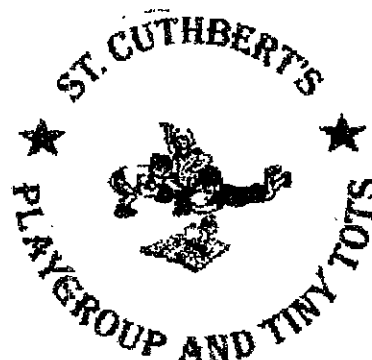
TINY TOTS*From Birth to 3 years.*

The sessions, run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9.30 to 11.30 at St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, aim to provide a friendly environment where parents / carers can meet, have a coffee and chat, whilst the children play and have fun.

Cost: £1 for the first child, 50p for each additional child.

For further information contact

Genevieve Stone on: **01 434 684 537** or call in at one of the sessions.

**PLAYGROUP***From 2 years 6 months*

Playgroup currently runs on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.15 to 11.45. Each session provides your child with the opportunity to learn through play and to experience a wide range of activities. Children learn, through play, to communicate effectively and happily, at their own pace, with other children and adults. Playgroup is run by a qualified Nursery Nurse Teacher plus assistants.

Cost: £3 per session.

For further information contact Helen Easby on: **01 434 674 371** or call in at one of the sessions.

St Cuthbert's Playgroup is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

Solution to crossword (03) - July

Correct entries were received from:

Mrs E Runney

Dennis Bell

B & R Shout

D W Corbett

Mrs A Scott

Susan Stephenson

Mrs A Phillips

Alan Telford

Maureen Robson

Dennis Telford

£10 winner out of the hat: Susan Stephenson

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'THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE'**Dates and Times of Meetings**

Committee Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the **MONDAY** following the fourth **THURSDAY** of each month.

Venue: The Community Centre, Haydon Bridge

Public Participation

Our invitation to members of the public to participate continues, but it must be remembered these are the monthly meetings of a constitutionally-based committee which are run on formal business lines (agenda, minutes, reports, etc). For this reason, public participation will in future be restricted to a maximum of the first 30 minutes of every meeting only. Items for discussion must be notified in writing to the Chair one week in advance of the meeting so that Committee members can be advised, enabling worthwhile discussion to take place. The Chair will then advise the person concerned of the right to attend.

After the allotted time we ask that you leave the meeting so that the Committee can continue with their formal agenda.

Charles Thomas, Chairman,

COPY DEADLINE: All contributions to the Haydon News to reach the Editor no later than Monday 23rd October



Rainbow Writers Workshop



Hello everyone

It's hard to believe we're already well into Autumn; the season of "gilded sunsets and mellow fruits a-plenty", with only a few fading memories of what can only be described as a "pretty mediocre" Summer.

However, the group didn't allow the inclement weather to dampen their creative spirits.

But before I attempt to regale you with their literary efforts over the past two months, may I take the time out to encourage all of you who enjoy creative writing to join Sylvia and I at our Creative Writing Workshop on Saturday 14th October in the Community Centre, Haydon Bridge from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The workshop is part of the programme of events featured in the Rainbow Writers Millennium Festival and is free of charge. So please, do come along and join in the fun.

Now, back to business!

In our July/August class the ladies were asked to create a piece of prose. They were given the opening line and then asked to continue. Here are two examples.

ZODIAC

Around midnight a strange sound on the moorside of the shed awoke me

Alarmed, I climbed out of my cosy bed. Feeling my way in the darkened bedroom to the curtainless window, I peered out onto the familiar moor whose vastness I knew so well by day. The perfume of Bog-Myrtle and Honeysuckle scented the cool quiet air, there was no moon and the stars were absent from the firmament.

My eyes were now accustomed to the night, and a hazy glimmering mistiness, almost the colour of ancient jade enshrouded the small tarn in the dell, not far beyond my cottage garden wall. The scene before me took my breath away. My eyes devoured its surreal content and my brain accepted it unreservedly.

Crouched high up on the outcrop of sturdy Northumbrian stone, a magnificent lion appeared in silhouette, quivering ready to spring upon its' chosen prey. Who or which of the characters positioned below, I could only guess at as I perused the fabulous scenario.

Would it be the lusty ram, its heavy curling horns locked in furious combat with those of a devil eyed, silken haired goat, each one determined to be the victor; both grunting and puffing, clashing heads sickeningly among the heather and young bracken fronds on the heath. Either one would be a meal fit for a king.

Opposite the lion's rock a seemingly self-appointed adjudicator was standing to one side, gaunt and shadowy in the greenish glow, his bow raised and an arrow taut against the string. I wondered, was this to finish off the loser in a humane manner perhaps? Or was it to fell the lion before it leapt upon the wide flanks of the prize bull, placidly minding his own business in a world of his own, tethered by a gleaming golden nose ring to the roots of a Rowan Tree at the foot of the rocks. Maybe, maybe not.

Simultaneously, entering the illuminated arena from somewhere beyond the mist, glided a young girl, fresh and innocent in a simple long white dress which covered the whole of her lissom body. She seated herself at the feet of the bowman and appeared to be weighing up the pro's and con's of shedding the restricting garment once and for all. Her gentle

gaze fell upon a muscular lad about her own age who was standing a few feet away from the shore of the tarn, where the water was clear. Here, I could see the silver scales and fins of a large fish glinting near the surface in the ethereal light. The young man lifted a flagon of freshly drawn water to his shoulder, unaware of the maiden's interest.

Two identical small boys, could they be twins, had been watching the fighting animals from the safety of my garden wall. Eventually, they could contain themselves no longer, and decided to cause their own mayhem. Infected by the aggression of the other males of the various species, they battled and wrestled with each other in a fun fight, oblivious of any possible danger about them on this unearthly night. They rolled and scuffled nearer and nearer the water's edge. Then they stopped as suddenly as they had begun. An agonised shriek emerged in harmony from the pair, and there I could see, clinging grimly to a small toe of each of them, a huge, angry crab, its claws pinching harder and harder the more the boys vainly tried to shake it off.

The water carrier, seeing the boys' plight stepped forward and poured the contents of his amphora over the offending crustacean, whereupon it released the wounded digits obligingly and scuttled back into the tarn. The twins were now subdued, and united in brotherly love.

The king of beasts, its attention averted by the furore, relaxed and sat up on its haunches in weary resignation, frustrated by another thwarted opportunity. The archer lowered his bow and arrow and glanced protectively down at the girl balanced on the brink beside him. As he did so the ram and goat sprang apart still glaring avariciously at one another. The bull raised his gigantic horned head and bellowed ferociously as if to have the final word.

There followed, complete silence and the scene was still; all the characters poised as though crafted from marble, staring arcanelly towards a point in their midst. Straining my eyes, I could barely see the small creature, shiny-black and fearsome, its tail curved forward menacingly over its hard body. Circling on the spot to encompass all with its deadly threat, the tiny scorpion had total control, infinite power over that eternal moment.

The twelve elements of the dreamlike tableau looked so familiar to me encircled as they were in classical stance,

waiting for directions. I held my breath, what would happen now?

Slowly at first the fading aura began to intensify in luminescence, then in an instant it wiped out the sublime spectacle with an inferno of blinding white light. Whirling skywards with all the din of a thousand tornadoes, it disintegrated into a myriad of stars. I reeled backwards as if some force had pushed me away. Blinking and breathless I looked again from my bedroom window. The midnight sky was crystal clear in the crisp air, I could see now, all of the constellations each in its allotted astral space, as if they had never moved. But then, that night around midnight ...

I KNEW BETTER.

NIGHT CREATURE

Around midnight, a strange sound on the moorside of the shed awoke me. I hadn't long since come to bed. I was convinced I hadn't dreamt it. Surely not the darkest of night terrors could contain such a fearful shriek. Gathering my sleepy wits about me, I felt I would be a sitting target for this night creature, in my shepherd's cottage with its flimsy rotten wood panelled door that welcomed in the harsh fell winds. I hurriedly dressed without the light, fearful of drawing attention to myself in this isolated position.

By the time I'd fumbled for my shotgun in the ebony darkness the cries of the flock had reached a frenzied tumult. I stuck my head cautiously out into the night, the nose of my gun sniffing the air before me. Without looking down I released Mick my faithful Collie from his chain - strange he hadn't barked I thought - he disappeared into the cottage, ears down and tail between the legs - well, I'm on my own on this one I thought.

Stealthily pacing toward the shed I took care to check frequently to the right, to the left, behind - nothing, to the right, to the left, behind - nothing.

As I cautiously cornered the shed I could see an old ewe, throat ripped, life desecrated. A horrifying sight.

I stood dazed, transfixed, a moment then velvet paws fleetly sped by me, a black shadow leapt onto the shed roof behind me. I whirled round face to face with huge fangs and hissing breath, claws ready to strike. My gun in the panther's face.

CHECKMATE

Then, as the ladies seemed in "fine creative fettle" we asked them to give a Job Description.

This is how one member defined hers.

FIRE PACKER

Well, first of all to do this job you've got to be prepared to wear the fireproof suit now, its not fashionable, its not comfortable and its certainly not flattering, so before you take on a job like this you've gotta be realistic - you gotta ask yersel' do I wanna look like this all day - if yeas, fine, go ahead. Now then the job mainly consists of going into the cave and rolling the asbestos spheres, the tricky bit is getting the hole actually facing the actual dragon's gob when he breathes the fire. I've seen me get five feet away from the target and be

half a metre off centre and the flames come shooting over the top - wasted. Its specially annoying if he's in a one and he won't blow for another couple of hours.

Yeah, on a good day you can do 8 sphere's full - well worth the money - because there's a market for it you know - yes all the TV witch's cook shows use it - 'Ready, Steady, Brew', 'Celebrity Spell', 'Two Fat Witches'.

But on a bad day yer dress up in a fancy suit, annoy a dragon, earn nowt, and run the risk of being turned into a toad by yer customers.

Wow! That's some job. I bet you wouldn't see that one advertised at the Job Centre.

That's all this time folks, but I look forward to seeing some of you at the Community Centre in October.

Bye for now

Joyce

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During 'Life Cycle 200', the team will rise at 7.00am, grab a quick bite and start cycling. After 60 kilometres they will stop for a coffee and carry on cycling for another 50 kilometres.

Mr Curry said the team would only stop for a 10 minute lunch so as not to cool down too much. They then carry on with the gruelling ride until the evening when they have dinner and plonk into bed exhausted.

"Believe it or not, one of the worst things we faced was saddle soreness. It is incredibly painful to sit on a bike for so long". "We have no social life: in the evening the back-up team will have set up camp and cooked our dinner. After a massage on sore muscles we just crash out," Mr Curry said.

He hopes that 'Life Cycle' will turn into an annual or biennial event.

Mr Curry, who has hardly had the chance to relax between one event and another, doubted whether he had the strength to do this every year because it put too much strain on family and friends.

On Wednesday there will be a bicycle ride around Naxxar organised by the Naxxar local council in aid of the 'Life Cycle Organisation'

Editor's Note:

As this newspaper article was received earlier during the summer break there is a bit of follow-up.

"It hasn't just been the Brits who have suffered during the fuel crisis"

Alan Curry's 'Life Cycle' team heading from Malta to Lourdes had to abandon their 14 day marathon charity ride when their back-up vehicles could not obtain fuel! The team even tried Embassies and Emergency Services in a bid to see the journey through, but without success and were ultimately forced to a halt, all within 400 kilometres (about a day's ride) from their final target.

**NOTES TAKEN AT
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2000**

There was a presentation by two representatives of Tynedale Housing for the re-development of the Old Foundry Yard on Church Street.

The plans are for ten, one and two bed-roomed flats.

Planning applications have been submitted.

Members of the Parish Council felt that they should have been consulted at an earlier stage and some members of the public present, considered that 'Sheltered Housing' for elderly people would have been better suited to the site.

It was stated that priority would be given by Tynedale Council to people with Haydon Bridge connections in the letting of these flats.

The problems of congestion in that area of Church Street were highlighted and consideration may be given to re-siting the bus shelter used by school children.

There are also proposals for the development of houses on the Inner Haugh by another company.

The Riverside Picnic Area is to be formally opened on Saturday 4th November at 11.00am.

The By-Pass Committee had requested that a mini island or traffic lights be provided at the John Martin & A69 junction and an additional Pelican Crossing be provided at the end of Ratcliffe Road near Church Street.

The Parish Council rejected both ideas.

The Parish Council requested a meeting with District Council Officers to discuss the air quality in Haydon Bridge and the proposed creation of a 'Smokeless Zone'

Greater public involvement in the Heritage Regeneration Scheme (H.E.R.S) for Haydon Bridge is hoped for and three meetings have been planned to discuss present and future proposals.

These meetings will take place at 7.00pm in the Community Centre on Wednesday 11th October, Wednesday 1st November and Wednesday 22nd November.

These meetings are open to the public.

EP



Rainbow Writers Puzzle & Painting Page



Hello, children

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Congratulations to all of you who entered July's competition. Every 'wordsearch' was correct and your paintings were wonderful. However, I chose **Miss Kayleigh Willis, 28 Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge** as the winner. She receives a £5 book token. Well done Kayleigh!2

This month I have another 'wordsearch' and two small paintings for you to complete. Can you guess who the bear is?

Do you like stories? Could you write me a story? I do hope so. If I tell you the beginning of a story would you finish it for me?

The story begins:

Once upon a time Winnie the Pooh and Piglet went for a walk in the wood where they saw

Good luck children. I look forward to receiving your entries. See you next month.

You may leave your entries at the Post Office, making sure that they are clearly addressed to:

"Joyce, c/o The Haydon News"

To find:

PIGLET
SHERE KHAN
ACTION MAN
MISS PIGGY
EYORE
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KERMIT
GOLDILOCKS
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Out Write Fun!

The Rainbow Writers Millennium Festival

from 7th October to 26th November 2000



**** Your pull out and save "What's On" guide to the festival ****

The **Rainbow Writers** would like to invite you to their exciting feast of cultural events and entertainment which is planned for October and November. Some are open to all and some will be with specific village groups. All are free and everybody is welcome to come along and join in.

Festival Programme

Festival Launch

Saturday 7th October at 11.00am in Church Street.
With balloons, laughter, music and bubbly.

Creative Writing Workshop

Saturday 14th October from 10.00am-3.00pm in the Community Centre. Joyce Sim and Sylvia Mitchell are leading a day of exciting and varied on the spot activities of creative writing. All you need bring is your pen. Refreshments will be provided.

Geordie Music Night

Friday 3rd November from 8.30pm in the Haydon Hotel. A lively evening of songs and music from the north-east, featuring well known singer-songwriter, Johnny Handle. With support from local musicians including Haydon Bridge's very own singer-songwriter, Dennis Telford. If you have written a song, like to sing or play music, then bring your voice, your musical instrument and join in or come just to listen.

Local Artists Exhibition

Sunday 5th November 3.00pm-5.00pm in the Methodist Church, Church Street. A chance for local artists to display their work, and a chance for everyone else to come along and see the fruits of our local artistic talent. Tea and biscuits provided. (see Notes for Exhibitors overleaf).

Archive 2000 and Reminiscence

Friday 10th November 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. View the updated version of the Haydon Bridge local history project, presented by Stan 'Mitch' Mitchell and contributors to the project. Bring your reminiscences about past times in the village and hear others tell their tales of local life. Tea and biscuits provided.

John Martin Evening

Wednesday 15th November 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. See a multi-media projected presentation of selected pictures of acclaimed 19th century artist John Martin, born and bred in Haydon Bridge. Gail-Nina Anderson, cultural historian, journalist and lecturer will give an illustrated talk about John Martin's work. Plus computerised presentation by Stan 'Mitch' Mitchell. Tea and biscuits provided.

Storytelling with Punch

Thursday 23rd November 8.00pm in the General Havelock. Storytellers Malcolm Green and Chris Bostock invite you to hear fantastic fun tales of the season with musical interludes by talented local young people. So if you would like to tell your story, have it told or just listen, come along for an entertaining evening. Nibbles and punch provided.

Grand Finale

Sunday 26th November 7.30pm in St Cuthbert's Church Hall. Live entertainment in poetry, prose and music. Presentation of work produced during the Festival including the magnificent "community poem". Launch of Souvenir Festival publication "Out Write Fun" and Rainbow Writers' anthology "Mixed Grill". Exhibition craftwork produced during the festival.

For more information contact Sylvia Mitchell on 684035, or e-mail

The Rainbow Writers Festival continued

Festival Art and Writing Activities with Haydon Bridge groups

Youth Club

Friday 6th October. An exciting art session to produce a poster advertising the Festival. All posters will be entered for a competition. Entries will be judged by acclaimed North Tyne artist and teacher Kate Stenhouse at 12.00 noon on the 14th October in the Community Centre. The winners will each receive a £10 prize to be presented at the Grand Finale on 26th November. Winning posters will be displayed in prominent village sites.

Out and About Club

Monday 23rd October. Marbling effect with paint followed by creative writing activity. The results will be displayed at the Grand Finale.

Shaftoe First School

Pupils will visit John Martin's house, learn how to sketch, and write about it in prose or poetry. Selected writing will be read at the Grand Finale.

These activities will be led by internationally renowned artist Sian Bowen of North Bank Studio, Haydon Bridge.

Who are the Rainbow Writers?

We are a small and friendly group of ladies who meet on the last Wednesday of each month in Haydon Bridge to enjoy an evening of creative writing activities. We always welcome new members. Whether you are a novice or an experienced writer and you would like to find out more about us, please contact Sylvia Mitchell on 684035.

The festival organising committee This is made up of the following people: Myra Bowen, Sue Harley, Jill Henderson and Sylvia Mitchell, helped by Joyce Armstrong.

Notes for Art Exhibitors

If you would like to put your artwork on display in this event, you will need to fill in a registration form (available from Clarke's Newsagents, Church Street) and return it to Myra Bowen, 9 Tynedale Cottages, Ratcliffe Road by the extended closing date of 13th October 2000.

Each artist will be limited to two pieces of work per person. Artists must live or work in Haydon Bridge.

The Millennium Festival Awards for All

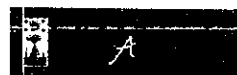
This is a programme set up to help local groups, jointly funded by a number of national organisations. The Rainbow Writers' award has been made by the Arts Council of England. The main aim of the Millennium Festival Awards for All is to fund projects which involve people in their local communities, bringing them together to enjoy community activities to celebrate the Millennium.

The Rainbow Writers

It awarded a grant of

£3,000

under the Millennium Festival Awards for All programme



Do you need help with transport or care of dependents?

We want the festival events to be open to all, so we have some funding available to help provide care of dependents. This includes children and other dependent relatives. So, if you would like to attend any of the events but are prevented by your care responsibilities, then contact us and we hope to be able to help.

We have decided that it is best to do this on an individual basis so that we can provide a suitable form of care for each person who needs it. We want everyone to have a chance to attend our events, so we also have a transport budget to help get people from their home to the events of their choice. You will need to contact us at least one week in advance.

For more information about anything connected with the festival, contact Sylvia Mitchell on 684035, or e-mail sylvia@haydonbridge.demon.co.uk

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

Canon Vincent Ashwin

I'm writing this month about 'outsiders' and 'insiders'. There is often tension in a community between those who have lived in an area for a long time, and those who come in with new experiences, ideas, and expectations. In the village in Somerset where my mother was churchwarden, they often discussed the rights and wrongs of new people with new ideas, not understanding 'country ways'. We feel the tension here between the hope of city people to refresh themselves by walking over the grouse moors, and the hope of country people to farm in peace without the risk of city dogs pestering the sheep.

This is one of the issues in the debate about political refugees, some of whom come to escape from horrendously cruel regimes, and others to make a new and safer start for their families. "He's not one of us," people say, about a refugee from Kosovo or Sierra Leone who begins to work in a factory. Headlines say, "*Scroungers exploit our welfare and benefit systems.*" But we need to know the facts (given by a recent circular from the Diocese of Newcastle).

- ◇ Of the 21 million asylum seekers worldwide in 1999, 0.3% came to the UK and half of these were allowed to stay.
- ◇ In our Diocese we have around 1600 asylum-seekers / refugees. Many have been tortured, and traumatised by war, physical threat or famine.
- ◇ On arrival, many are treated as criminals and held in detention.
- ◇ Those dispersed from the ports of entry are invariably located in housing which is so poor that local people have refused to live there.
- ◇ Many refugees have professional skills, and have much to contribute to our communities.
- ◇ Many refugees remain only a short time, as they long to return to their homes and families.

This "not one of us" attitude is at the root of problems of Northern Ireland.

One of the worst tensions, which we don't hear much about, is in the Holy Land. We hear plenty about the Israelis and Palestinians being in conflict, but not about the Palestinian Church which is being squeezed by both sides. The Archbishop of Canterbury has just launched an appeal called "Church in

AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

Canon Vincent Ashwin, with St Cuthbert's C of E
The Vicarage, Station Yard 684.307

Rev David Perkins, with the Methodist congregation
39 Elvaston Road, Hexham 603.139

Father Leo Pyle, with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank 684.265

Danger; Jerusalem 2000". He explains that for many centuries Jews, Muslims and Christians lived together in harmony, in the last 50 years the minority Christian population has felt so marginalised that many young Christians have left in despair to seek a future elsewhere. A travel book I read this year spoke of dozens of churches almost abandoned, because the people have flooded away to work in the USA and Eastern Europe, leaving very elderly people to struggle on in the churches.

Someone has to keep the ideal, that everybody belongs together. It can work - for those who have different experiences to live together quite happily - as long as people listen to one another: farmers, ramblers, old residents, new arrivals, Protestants, Catholics, immigrants, young and old. England has a great reputation for tolerance: Over the last 1200 years, many people have made their home here: Vikings, Normans, Jewish refugees, Irish, Cypriot, Caribbean, Pakistani, West African, sometimes invited here, sometimes escaping tyranny elsewhere.

So we keep the peace flag flying, representing the ideal of people who respect each other.

Advance notice

The Churches in Haydon Bridge have arranged a service for the bereaved on Sunday November 5th at St John's Roman Catholic Church, taken by Mrs Barbara Rowarth. This will be a quiet and undemanding service, addressing the pain and loss which people feel after a loved-one has died - whether recently or many years ago.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

October 1st

10.00 am Rev D Thomson

6.00 pm Rev David Perkins (S)

October 4th

2.00 pm Womens Own

October 8th

10.00 am Mrs Barbara Rowarth

6.00 pm Rev R Jones

October 15th

10.00 am Rev David Perkins (F)

6.00 pm Rev Gilbert Hall

October 22nd

10.00 am Rev D Hasson

6.00 pm Rev J Errington

October 29th

8.30 am Prayer Breakfast Rev D Perkins

10.00 am Mr Mark Knowles

6.00 pm Mr M Reddington

November 5th

10.00 am Mrs Gazzani

6.00 pm United Service for the bereaved at St Johns led by Barbara Rowarth.

What have you done this summer ?

Personally it's been full of travelling, to Norway for a family wedding, which was shared with the Seal Club last week, then to Iona on the Scottish West coast for the annual gathering of Iona Community members. But some members of the chapel have travelled far, two young members, Lisa and Jonathon spent the summer enduring and enjoying the wonders of being part of the team with "Camp America". so joining the band of young people from our churches sharing faith in far off countries.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Oct 1st 15th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion (Canon Prins)
10.30am All-Age Service (Lindsay Gray)

Oct 8th 16th Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Parish Communion
6.00pm at Henshaw: welcoming service for Revd Alan Currie.

Oct. 15th 17th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer, Sermon (M Fry)

Oct. 22nd 18th Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Parish Communion

Wed. 25th 7.30pm Mothers' Union
Thu. 26th 7.30pm Harvest Supper.

Oct. 29th Last Sunday after Trinity
10.15am Benefice Communion, Haydon B

Nov. 1st 7.00pm All Saints' service for the departed

Nov. 5th All Saints Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word
6.00pm Inter-church service for the bereaved at St John's.

ST CUTHBERT'S NOTES AND NEWS

Revd Alan Currie will arrive as curate this month. Alan is to be ordained deacon in Newcastle Cathedral on October 8th (where the vicar is the preacher). In the evening he will come to our benefice, for 6.00 Evenson at Henshaw Church, followed by refreshments and a reception. Please all come. Alan will continue to earn his living as a teacher of English and Drama at Queen Elizabeth High School. He will be a very welcome addition to the staff, which includes the two Haydon Bridge Church of England 'Readers', Lindsay Gray and Mike Fry.

Thanks to those who chopped down the brambles and weeds in the Old Churchyard last month. This was in time for the Old Church Harvest Festival, attended by three dozen people from this part of Tynedale. The collection at this service went to the CROP Fund. This is a diocesan fund to help church projects for the unemployed and disadvantaged in rural and urban areas. The Church architect has been to look at all the work that needs doing, and may be eligible for grants from HERS - the Heritage and Economic Regeneration Fund. This includes restoring the sundial, and raising the level of the church path to enable access for the disabled without a step. It all depends on external grants.

SERVICES AT ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am.

Mass at 11.0 at Haltwhistle each Sunday.

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays), at 10.00am, either at St John's or at Haltwhistle.

Did you catch the brief visit to the garden of the chapel shown on the ITV Sunday morning religious slot ?

The hard work by Dot Taylor and her team of busy gardeners was shown in all it's glory together with some very scenic views of Haydon Bridge, a truly memorable time for all recorded on video for all to see again recently.

Well done to all.

As the nights draw in we all begin to think about Christmas preparations, it's only three months away, 13 weeks or 91 shopping days !

For the past few years the children of the Churches have taken part in the annual "Love in a box" shoebox appeal for those suffering children in Romania, Bosnia and Belarus. Last year this appeal doubled the number of boxes it shipped to some of the most desperate and forgotten children in Eastern Europe. This year is the tenth anniversary of that first convoy of four trucks taking aid to the children. We are redoubling our efforts, especially as the plight of the children is old news to our media so unfortunately is little reported on, we need donations of, small toys, stationary, sweets, chocolate, toiletries, toys, gloves and scarves, puzzles, crayons and coloured pencils. These goodies are packed in shoe boxes (we need empty shoe boxes also) and passed to the charity by the first Saturday in December.

Kathleen Armstrong is co ordinating the collection and packaging with the children of the chapel and would be grateful of any items for this very worthwhile appeal.

If you are interested in the work of the charity their web site can be found at www.children-in-distress.org

Sweating, snoring and smiling sweetly

APHORISMS SO FAR

My thanks to those who have submitted favourite sayings or proverbs.

A Spanish proverb - "I cried because I had no shoes until I saw the man who had no feet." (Anon)

"Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans." (Lennon)

Morning prayer - "Dear Lord. So far today I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, nasty or self-indulgent. I have not whined, bitched, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have not charged on my credit card. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes and I will need a lot more help after that! Amen." (Anon)

"Mayonnaise - one of the sauces which serve the French in place of a state religion." "Debauchee - one who has so earnestly pursued pleasure that he has had the misfortune to overtake it." (The Devil's Dictionary by Ambrose Bierce)

"While your friend holds you affectionately by both your hands you are safe, for you can watch both of his." (Jamrach Holobom)

SNORING

The loudest recorded snore was 93dB, road drill loud. Snoring is no joke if you're on the receiving end and may be a sign of harm occurring to the guilty party in some circumstances. If you want to be at the cutting edge of medical jargon on the subject you should say that your nearest and dearest, or at any rate the person with whom you are currently sleeping, has obstructive sleep apnoea - pronounced ap-knee-ah. (I breathe heavily, you have obstructive sleep apnoea, he snores!)

The obstruction in the airway through which air is noisily drawn to make the snore can occur anywhere from the lips and nose to the larynx (voice box or clack valve if you're a Diddyman). People who are overweight have extra fat around the airway making it narrower. A receding jaw can set the tongue too far back to let the air pass, enlarged tonsils and adenoids can get in the way, an unusually high palate may cause problems. Men are more troubled than women - though whether this is due to testosterone causing problems or progesterones protecting against them is not known. Sedation with alcohol or medication can lead to loss of muscle tone in the airway and predispose to obstruction. Nasal deformity or obstruction from inflammation, infection, allergy, injury or anatomical idiosyncrasy may also play a part.

Besides the appalling din and the *gestalt* tension induced in the listener as he/she waits for the next shattering intake of breath the snorer may well be made unwell by their disordered breathing. Sleepiness, lack of energy, irritability, raised blood pressure, headaches, dry mouth and throat, disturbed sleep, reduced memory capacity and concentration, depression and impotence or reduced libido are all known to be associated with sleep apnoea. There is only one investigation of significance other than simple physical examination, and that is polysomnography for which you have to spend a night in a laboratory strapped up with wires that record what happens when you sleep.

Treatment comes in two types, simple and complicated. Simple measures include losing weight, reducing alcohol intake, avoiding sedative drugs and stopping smoking. A trial of a nasal steroid spray may help sometimes especially if the patient reports a feeling of a bunged up nose. There are a number of small plastic devices that can be bought to hold the nose open - if the user finds wearing the device comfortable well and good but it is prudent to tie a length of string to it to prevent it being inhaled if dislodged! Sleeping on your side with your head and neck extended, the posture you would use to look at the ceiling if you were standing up, may well lessen symptoms.

Complicated measures include dental splints or other operations to correct jaw position, surgical removal of tonsils and/or adenoids, surgical correction of nose deformity and surgical attention to the soft palate and upper throat area.

CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), using a special mask and compressor equipment at night to keep the pressure in the upper airway higher than usual, is highly successful but cumbersome to use.

A HOLLOW NEW MILLENNIUM LAUGH

The NHS plan about which there has been so much in the press lately contains the assurance that by 2004 everyone will be able to have a GP appointment within . This practice has provided, with few exceptions, same day appointments for the last thirty years to those who wish them.

THE RING OF CONFIDENCE or A DAZZLING DENTITION

Four ways to have the mouth of your dreams;

Diet. Stick as closely as possible to a completely sugar-free diet - never add sugar to food or drinks and avoid those items that contain added sugar. Avoid acidic drinks, especially bottled fizzy drinks like Cola.

Tooth cleaning. Brush teeth thoroughly and effectively at least twice daily with a fluoride containing paste. Plaque removal by a dental hygienist or dentist is important. Flossing if done correctly will help.

Fluoride. The evidence supporting the use of fluoride in the prevention of dental decay is overwhelming. Whether through the use of fluoridated water or fluoride containing paste makes no difference.

Regular dental checks. An annual visit to the dentist is the absolute minimum. If your dentist needs to see you more often he/she will tell you.

Which products to use? Those accredited by the BDA include;

Normal fluoride - Macleans Freshmint and Coolmint.

High fluoride - Colgate Triple Cool Stripe / Ultra Cavity Protection / Crest Complete For sensitive teeth - Macleans Sensitive.

For tartar control - Colgate Total, Crest Complete.

Whitening - Macleans Whitening.

Mouthwashes of proven efficacy - Colgate Total Plax, Listerine.

HORSES SWEAT, MEN PERSPIRE AND WOMEN FLUSH DELICATELY

Everyone sweats when they exert themselves or when they are hot or when they are anxious. Some unfortunate souls sweat heavily for no obvious reason. This is clearly uncomfortable and distressing for them and can even lead to the skin becoming soggy, sore and infected.

There are a handful of illnesses that can cause persistent sweating, other than the menopause, and for which some simple checks can be made. The part of the body that sweats has no bearing upon the diagnosis.

Treatment with tablets and medicines has been tried but is often associated with unacceptable side-effects. Application of high strength aluminium salts (Driclor) may help. In the past iontophoresis, using small electrical currents to drive chemicals into the skin, has been tried.

A proportion of sweating, when mainly of the feet and hands, can be lessened for a while by destroying a part of the nerve supply to the limb. Sweating of the arm pits and groins can, if the patient is simply desperate, be treated by surgically removing the affected skin.

Drenching sweats after foreign travel or being near or in airports in the UK should prompt a search for exotic infections and especially malaria.

FORTY EIGHT HOURS PLEASE

Please remember to allow forty eight hours between ordering a repeat medication from the practice and picking up the medicines from the pharmacy. Thank you.

A HEAD FOR NUMBERS

The women of the island of St. Lucia customarily wear headscarves, made of colourful Madras cotton, tied with the knots atop their heads in such a way as to convey a message;

One knot - single and available.

Two knots - engaged, hands off.

Three knots - married.

Four knots - married but open to offers!

Such an arrangement may go some way to avoiding unfortunate misunderstandings. I commend it to the Parish.

Steve Ford.

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