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Hello everyone

In recent issues of the *Haydon News*, we have been experimenting with a "What's On" page. During the last few months, we have noticed that this has "shrunk" to only a few entries each month. Unwilling and unable to believe that almost nothing was going on in the village, we checked the forthcoming events advertised in the "Around the District" columns of the *Hexham Courant* for the month of May. This showed a total of 23 events in the *Courant*, only 8 of which also appeared in *Haydon News*.

Can I take the opportunity to remind anyone wishing to publicise forthcoming events that these entries appear **FREE** in the *Haydon News* which reaches 890 (yes, 890) households in the Parish every month. To place an entry in our "What's On" page just contact Joyce Sim (who puts the page together) or any other member of the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' (see page 4).

We were pleased to receive and are delighted to publish a letter from the Community Association with news about the Community Centre (see page 13). Let us all hope that the matter of a "potential" overspend is resolved quickly and fairly to all parties involved with the professional help of those with a duty to look after the Community Association's interests.

There can be no doubt that a new and suitably appointed Community Centre will be a major asset to us all.

Charles Thomas, Chairman,

'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'

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Charles Thomas, (Chairman)
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Organisations to benefit from the Prize Bingo Sessions this year are: 'Out & About Club', Canada 2000 Project, The Fire Service Benevolent Fund, 'The Sunshine Panners Steel Band, Haydon View Residential Home, St. Cuthbert's Church, The Mothers' Union, Archive 2000. December's Prize Bingo Christmas Party will be funded from the sessions in September, October and November.

If your organisation would like to benefit from one of these sessions please contact Chris Sim on; 01 434 684 704

COPY DEADLINE: All contributions to the *Haydon News* to reach the Editor no later than Monday 19th June.

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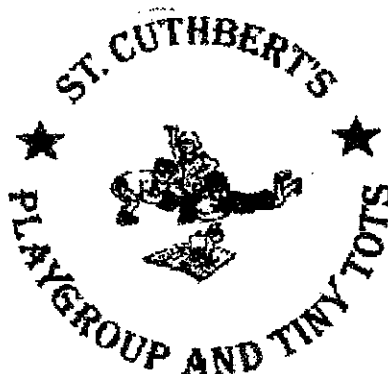
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For further information contact Helen Easby on: 01 434 674 371 or call in at one of the sessions.

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

LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Langley WI welcomed guests from Warden and Wall to its May meeting.

The speaker was Mr Michael Lees who was accompanied by his wife and the subject was "Wine-making".

Mr Lees proved to be very knowledgeable authority on the subject. He gave a detailed description of the equipment necessary and of the various wines that could be made and different methods used.

The three methods described were, cold immersion, hot immersion and the boil-up kind. He cautioned about gathering blackberries, rose hips, elderberries too near the road because of lead emissions from cars.

An interesting talk ended with a generous wine-tasting session. It was generally agreed that the most delicious wine was possibly the greengage.

At the business meeting held after the talk, the June outing to the cheese factory at Blagdon was discussed. This will be followed by a meal at "The Blackbird Inn" at Ponteland.

Names were also taken for the Group Meeting at Allendale on 1st June when the speaker will be Mr John Dalton.

The competition was "A Wine Glass". First was Mrs Peggy Dakers and second Mrs Maggie Dodds.

Myra Bowen

Note: There will be no June meeting as this is replaced by the outing.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr Thomas (Chair) & Editor of the *Haydon News*

I am trying to trace any living relatives of my late mother. She was Margaret Isabel Grainger. She married my father Samuel Harvey Ward on the 13th January 1932 At Haydon Bridge Register Office. The witnesses were Evelyn Grainger and John Thompson.

My parents had three children, Dennis Hylton Ward, Allan Grainger Ward and Margaret Ward. I think they lived on Baron Mill where Dad worked in the Earthware Pipe Works.

In 1937 they moved to Burnley (Lancashire) where I was born on the 13th January 1938. My mother (25 years old) died six months later of Consumption/TB and was buried in Burnley and I was then adopted.

My father, Dennis, Allan and Margaret moved back to your area. Father, Dennis and Allan went to Granny Ward's at Henshaw? Margaret went to the Graingers. I think Grand-dad's name was John Henry Grainger.

In 1939, father went into the RAF and was stationed in Norwich "*Where he won the war!*", he said! Dennis and Allan were put in a boarding school in Hexham. They moved down to Norwich in 1945/46 after my father remarried.

Margaret stayed in your area until 1957. She went to school there and must have worked there. She may have been known as Margaret Grainger.

I have never met my sister.

She would now be 64 years old. I am now 62 years old.

I think Evelyn Grainger was my mother's sister. Is she still alive? Nobody in the Ward family seems to know anything about the Grainger family. I have just drawn a blank!

I remain, Sir, Yours faithfully

J. A. Ward, Chestnut Court, Norwich, NR2 1HB

Editor's Note: Contact has been initiated by Mitch through Mrs F Turnbull

The Editor

Dear Sir

Can I please settle the confusion over the past whereabouts of the recently located Edward Waite Trophy.

The Trophy was established as a memorial to HBUFC past President Edward Waite and is presented annually to the outstanding Sports Personality, Team or Club within Haydon Parish, and was first presented to the Under 12's football team following extremely successful season in 1992 when they "swept the boards" and won numerous trophies.

The trophy was returned and was presented to the next recipient, John Fletcher, for his sporting prowess on the rugby and football fields. The trophy was displayed in the Haydon Hotel and was subsequently forgotten about until recently.

Haydon Bridge would like to apologise for any misunderstanding, following recent appeals in the Haydon News, that may have given the impression that the Under 12's had secreted the trophy away for the last eight years. This was certainly not the case as Johnny Heslop, the Under 12's manager, returned the trophy some two months before it was due to be presented again.

On a brighter note, the trophy is due to be presented to a deserving individual or team in the near future with the result published in the Haydon News.

A Borthwick (Chair)

Haydon Bridge United AFC

OK

So what's the speed of dark?

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED A.F.C.

HBFC ended their first season in the JPL Wade Northern Alliance, finishing 10th out of 14, with 26 points, one behind 9th placed Blyth Spartan Reserves. Scoring 42 goals but at the other end, letting in 56. That is 33 goals less conceded than by Blyth, who had 89 against! That is, according to the *Newcastle Journal*.

The official JPL Wade table on the Internet has **HBFC** on 29 points, and above Blyth, but still in 10th place. So I don't know, I'm totally confused, as I think they are both wrong.

My own calculation come to less points than either what the *Journal* or JPL Wade have given us, but I'm sayin' nothin'!

JUNIORS

The Junior seasons are also completed, and not without some success. The Under 10's won their league, the Under 12's won both the West Division Cup and the President's Cup, and the Under 14's won the Bottom Four Cup.

Under 12's player, Daniel Kirkup, picked up a couple of surprise awards at the recent final played at the Wentworth Centre in Hexham when he was voted the League's Player of the year as well as being League Top Scorer. Well done Dan!

WMC GRAND NATIONAL

The Racing Evening at the WMC was well attended. Signed pictures of Newcastle and Sunderland went under the auctioneer's hammer, as did complimentary tickets for a match at Carlisle United for next season.

Watch the *Hexham Courant's* Haydon Bridge Notes for details of the HBFC presentation night coming soon.

CLAYTON CUP

HBFC retained the Cup on the 22nd May with a fine 4 - 1 win over Hexhamshire.

Stephen Storey collected a hat-trick and the 'man of the match' award.

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Notes from the monthly meeting.

Having been quoted a figure of £27,000 to purchase a mini-bus for Club use, which would mean that funds of £13,500 would need to be raised to meet the 50% grant from the Council, it was decided to put the idea on hold until the Annual General Meeting.

A representative from each team wishing to play as part of **HBFC** next season was asked to attend the meeting.

Eight teams were put forward. To help solve fixture congestion, the U14's, U15's and U16's were all asked to take turns at playing HOME games at Newbrough.

The Newbrough pitch caused some parents of the younger visiting sides to complain because of the amount of sheep droppings, but at the moment, taking turns playing at that pitch is the only place on offer.

Unless anyone in the village can offer the use of a flat field for our youngsters to use as a pitch ... and one if a Wark team visit, won't have any sheep on it!

Top Goal Scorers

Jeff Sparke	9
Dan Clarke	8
Dan Robson	8
Ally Thirlwell	5
Stuart Bell	3
Shaun Crowe	2

Sports Person of the Year

Nominations are invited for the **HBFC** Sportsman / Sports-woman of the year.

Contact the Club Chairman:
Alan Borthwick.

The winner will receive the:
Edward Waite Trophy.

Best Win 6 - 2 against Otterburn

Worst Defeat 1 - 6 against Newcastle BT

Most Memorable Incident

Colin Banks spectacular long-range shot to score after coming on as substitute against Northumbria University. And Dan Robson's hat-trick against Otterburn.

Most Forgettable Incident:

Being docked 4 points at North Sunderland for fielding an un-registered player. Also when team managers Colin Banks and Andrew Wylie were booked and ordered off the touch line for questioning a referee's decision. Ahem! *3 Colin.

See you all next season

Haydon Bridge United - CLAYTON CUP - Winners 1999 / 2000



Rainbow Writers Workshop



Hello, everyone

If you recall, March's workshop was devoted mainly to Haiku and Acrostic Haiku, (a Japanese verse form). In April we continued to examine poetry and some of the many ways in which it can be used to describe for example:- colours, the senses, lies and fears.

To begin our venture into the realms of "Synesthesia" and asked the ladies to write a poem, (rhyming or otherwise) describing one or more colours according to the five senses. For instance, what is the taste of blue? The sound of red? The smell of purple? The texture of yellow? The sight of transparency?

For each exercise a period of 15 minutes was allowed. Here are three examples.

The Sight of Transparency

*Transparent dreams lie Nothing comes from nothing
Mirrored in empty thoughts. Colour my world "something"*

The Texture of Yellow

*Sunshine, saffron hued
Softly slithers across
Her silky, daffodil skin.
Buttercups whisper sweet, flowery words
In vain attempt to tease
His jaundiced eye.
Cowardice creeps invidiously inside the bones of men.
Men who are afraid to feel, yellow!*

The Smell of Purple

*Purple smells of authority,
Of Church and Popes and Bishopsrics,
Of power and dictums and the Royal "We".*

*Purple is regal but smells of death
And of crowns and castles and of
Kings lying-in-state on draped catafalques.*

*Deadly-nightshade, so, so deadly,
Purple plays a fiendish role,
Innocent mixture of scarlet and indigo.
Blood? Can blood be red or blue?*

For our second exercise we asked the ladies to tell us about their lies and fears. This is what they revealed!

FEARS

*In the middle of the night
When everything is still, not a breath of wind,
With only the shadows in the corners
To keep the pounding heart company,
The world capsizes slowly and falls
Out of control, tumbling wildly;
A subterranean roller-coaster
Plunging through a jet-black sewer*

*Fears slowly creep into the mind
Somersaulting over and over again.
Each time growing in magnitude
Until they reach terrifying proportions with
Clammy hands and bone-chilled numbness
Only to be dispelled by the dawn,
The morning sun beaming through the window.
And his wite rose on the bedside table.*

LIES

*I'm only twenty-one again today
And I just love having birthdays.
I never forget a pretty face
Whose lines vanish without trace
After creaming nightly for two weeks.
And ending up in blotchy streaks
With tantalizing tanning gel
To brag about my holiday from hell.
I never touch a drop of drink,
And I just love my kitchen sink.*

I REMEMBER

*I remember
Pantomimes and Nursery Rhymes,
Detentions and 100 lines,
Fairy Queens and favourite toys
Old school friends and bully boys.
Hitchy stones and hide-and-seek
The "Picturegoer" every week
Pony books, my hobby horse
And childhood fantasies of course.*

I IGNORE

*I ignore that which I don't want to see,
I ignore that which I don't wish to remember,
I ignore that which I don't care to know,
An expert at blocking, that's me.
You would think it was difficult, wouldn't you
Not to see or remember or know?
But an expert at blocking can do just that
Since it's easier than seeing, remembering or
knowing.*

We then moved on to "Phrase Poems". The ladies were given a short phrase to start and then encouraged to see where it would take them.

*I worship
Seaweed in the sand
Walking hand in hand
Together*

*I worship
Days of idle youth
Love combined with truth
Together*

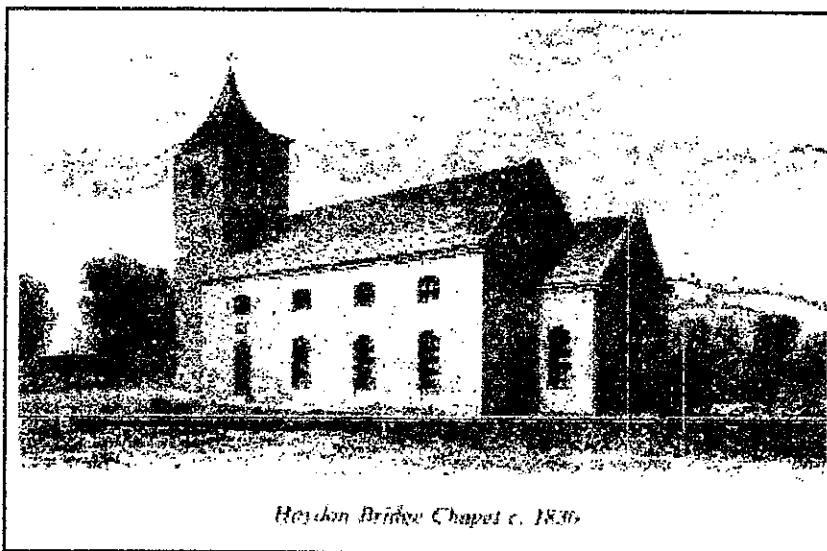
*I worship
Times of love and peace
Hope that wars will cease
Forever.*

Our members, although unsure of the workshop content at first, all ultimately enjoyed the discipline manifest in this month's poetic verse. If you have any comments or criticisms concerning the RWW page or, if you write poetry/prose and would like to join us at our monthly meeting, Sylvia and I would be pleased to hear from you. Contact: **High Brindles, Heugh House Lane, North Bank, Haydon Bridge.**

See you next time. Joyce Sim

HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE

By Dennis Telford

*Haydon Bridge Chapel c. 1836*

The framed engraving in the Antique Shop was dusty and yellowed with age, but the image was clear. It was undoubtedly that of St. Cuthbert's Church in Haydon Bridge.

I knew that the sash windows had been altered and the chancel lengthened in 1898 but there was something else that was different.

Of course!

The church clock was in the central part of the square tower, not in the top section where it had been for as long as I can remember.

Some detective work was called for!

On 21st June 1887, the villagers at Haydon Bridge awoke to a regular volley of blank cartridges. The first sign of the arrival of Queen Victoria's Royal Jubilee and a form of celebration which was kept up at intervals during the day.

Months of planning by a publicly elected village committee, with the Reverend J H Mandel as Chairman and J W Hetherington of Tofts Bank, Secretary and Treasurer, provided the village with a day to remember.

In the morning a large attendance at a divine service in St. Cuthbert's Church.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the most attractive and imposing procession that had taken place in the village in living memory.

The St. Cuthbert's Band was followed through the village by the Rifle Volunteers in full uniform, the Oddfellows in ancient garb with maces and hatchets, the Order of Ancient Druids in official regalia, then the children and teachers of the Wesleyan, Primitive, Congregational, Free Church and St. Cuthbert's Sunday School carrying banners.

Finally, in a large marquee on Mr Henderson's Crook Hill field, a tea for the children and elderly and over one thousand residents of the Parish of Haydon Bridge.

The day of the Royal Jubilee ended with a fireworks display and a bonfire on Haydon Fell.

The celebrations on 21st June 1887 were a huge success, but the Jubilee Committee sought a permanent memorial to Her Majesty's Reign.

In 1887 much of the land and property in the parish was in the possession of the Greenwich Hospital Estates and a letter was sent from the village to the Lords of the Admiralty, the Controllers of the Estates, requesting land for a much needed recreation ground that would be a permanent reminder of the Queen's Jubilee. This was described in the **Hexham Courant** at the time as, "*The most popular part of the Jubilee programme in Haydon Bridge*"

Sadly, the Lords of the Admiralty were unable to meet the request. Remarkably, 113 years later the community of Haydon Bridge still does not have a recreation ground it can call its own. Perhaps we can try again in 2002 when our Queen Elizabeth II will celebrate her Royal Jubilee!

A donation of £25 was received however, and together with money remaining from the Jubilee Fund and a public subscription, £125 was raised to purchase a new double-dial clock for St. Cuthbert's Church. It was to replace a south facing single-dial clock which had for many years done duty in the tower.

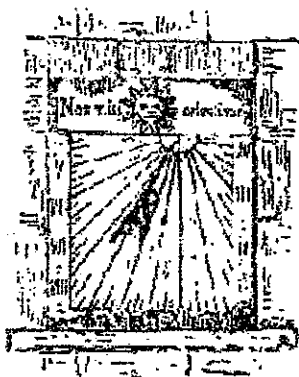
The new 6' diameter dials were placed several feet higher than the old dial and the public now had a means of knowing the time and preserving punctuality even in the hours of darkness. The dials were glazed with the best opal glass, for illumination at night by means of an apparatus which turned the gas on and off earlier or later as the hours of sunset differed throughout the year.

The boisterous and stormy state of the weather on Saturday 24th November 1888 meant that the Archdeacon of Northumberland had to perform the ceremony of setting the

clock going, from inside the tower. He informed the assembled villagers that it would be, *"a lasting memorial to Queen Victoria's successful reign and a most useful addition and ornamentation to Haydon Bridge"*.

So the engraving now in my possession is dated pre-1888. Further enquiries suggest that it dates to about 1830. But even today the outline of the original position of the single-dial clock and its leaded fixing holes can still be seen on the stonework of the Church Tower.

The clock to which my immediate attention was drawn is not the only timepiece clearly visible on the 1830 engraving. Built into the stonework above the porch door is a square sun dial.



A full-faced sun emits rays all round and divides the motto, **"NON NISI CELESTI RADIE"** which translated reads, **"NOT SAVE BY A RAY FROM HEAVEN (DO I TELL THE TIME)"**

The smiling face of the Sun God still looks down today but much of the intricate work of the 18th century stonemason can no longer be seen. Fortunately it is recorded in a July 1889 publication **"The Monthly Chronicle"**. It takes its place alongside others with inscriptions of equal moral significance, well worth recording.

*Time by moments steals away
First the hour then the day.*

And my favourite:

*The natural clockwork of the mighty one
Wound up at first and ever since has gone.
No pin drops out it's wheels and springs are good.*

So, next time you are walking along Church Street, why not check out these features before constant weathering removes all sight of them, and reflect on the social history of our ancestors, our village and its Church.

Watch and pray, time hastes away.

It may even occur to you that a replacement sun dial on St. Cuthbert's Church, overlooking a pleasant garden of remembrance, opened up onto Church Street, with flower beds and seats for village folk would be an appropriate way to mark the Year 2000.

Over to you, Reverend Ashwin!

THE END

HAYDON BRIDGE SOME TIME AGO

Some 200 years ago Haydon Bridge was somewhat different in appearance to its present shape. A map of that time listed individual field names, and whilst some people may still recognise some of them it is certain that the majority have faded from use. Fields today are usually referred to in simple terms such as the 'Front Field' or the 'Top Field'

The Show Field was known as Hill Close and the land south of the new cemetery was, most appropriately, the Priests North Field with the fields to the south of it being the Priests South Field, the Priests Pasture, the Priests East Field and the Priests West Field. The Infants School football field was known as North Bank Field. To the south of Heugh House Lane were Lambs Close, Holme Lot and Elliott's Close although, somewhat oddly, Heugh House Close and Heugh House Field were to the west of the Peel Well to Chesterwood road.

Behind Ratcliffe Road to the north were Tithe Close, Hordley Acre Nursery (it was spelled like this) and Hungry Haugh. Stoney Lands speaks for itself (it is now part of the High School playing fields). A very large area stretching southward from just east of the village was shown as Francis Tweddell's Ground (these were the Tweddells of Threepwood).

There were many fields with odd names among which some of the more exotic were: Couchel, Meadops, South Wash Field, The Bullion, Long Dale and Cleatley, Currock Lands, Jerry's Bog, Harry Gee's Fields, High Crooked Close, East Lady Ash, Solid Holes, East Horse Reins, Cleatley, Toden Hill, Horse Fords, Kits Know, Whorlister and Killy.

VICTIMS OF THE SOUTH TYNE

In normal times the river at Haydon Bridge is, apart from opposite Brigwood, generally shallow and relatively mild flowing. However, as everyone knows, when the floods arrive it can be deep, savage and dangerous in a very short space of time. It was probably much worse in earlier days as evidenced by, on the 17th November 1771, when there was a great flood in the village which obliged the men, with women and children on their backs, to wade up to their necks to the Grammar School (the Infants School). The inhabitants of the North Side found shelter at Broomhill (beside the cricket field). The bridge was carried away. There was also a time on the 24th July 1829 when Ralph Heslop, a letter-carrier, waded nearly up to his neck to the Anchor Hotel. *From the Post Office - where was the P.O.?*

In the 19th Century, the Tyne at Haydon Bridge claimed a number of victims:

- 1826 74 year old William Brown. Drowned - Penny Well
- 1829 Mary Urwin. Drowned beneath the bridge. She fell in at The Tanyard. ** SEE LESS NOTE*
- 1839 George Spark & Robert Wood (boys) - Drowned when the ice they were standing on broke. *- SPARK WAS SAVED*
- 1840 9 year old John Davison. Drowned. *- ? SHOULD THIS BE ? JOHN CANT*
- 1848 Thomas Dixon (Newcastle Tailor). Drowned.
- 1852 George Cowing. Drowned when he fell off his horse trying to cross at Whitechapel.
- 1863 William Dickinson (boy). Drowned
- 1870 Isaac Richardson (boy). Drowned whilst playing William Veitch

THE METHODIST CHAPEL – TWO YEARS ON

The new Chapel opened on 12th April 1998 – how time flies when you are enjoying yourself! And we are really enjoying ourselves and are being greatly blessed in the process.

The original vision we were given for the Chapel was for a place of worship, for providing for the over 50's, caring for young people, and for a village Office, with hopefully the opportunity to provide some employment on the way.

So is the vision becoming reality? With God's help it is.

We now have a beautiful, peaceful sanctuary for worship, our Sunday congregations – morning and evenings now totalling over 50 adults and children – are enjoying the comfort (of course!) but more importantly the worshipful atmosphere and fellowship. Morning services are always followed by refreshments in the coffee area and everyone is welcome to either or both.

Our work with the over 50's has really blossomed. There is a fortnightly luncheon club attended by an average of 26, the village Meals on Wheels is organised by the Chapel with the meals cooked by the very helpful kitchen staff at Shaftoe First School and delivered by a wonderful team of volunteers (more are always welcome – ring Joan on **688 018**); we offer a home communion for those unable to attend church and with the other Churches in Haydon Bridge we take a monthly communion service at Haydon View: every Tuesday and Thursday morning, the "Meeting Place" provides refreshments and an opportunity for a chat for everyone who wishes to call between 10.00am and 12.00 o'clock. Women's Fellowship and Men's Fellowship meet on alternate Wednesdays at 2.00pm and 7.30pm respectively, offering programmes of interesting speakers and, of course, the inevitable cup of tea – more information from Eileen Liddle (**684 384**) for Women's Fellowship and Peter Davey (**684 786**) for Men's Fellowship.

On the youth front, we experimented last year over an eight month period with an evening meeting and then with a tea time drop in centre for teenagers. We were left in no doubt about the need, with the support of the other Churches and with considerable financial help from a variety of sources including Shaftoe Trust we now have a youth worker for four days a week. His name is David Matthews and he can be contacted via any of the Churches or by letter, fax or phone at the Chapel (**688 444**) or leave a message on the answerphone. At the other end of the youth scale there is a provision for toddlers in the Music and Movement session on Friday afternoons in term time, and of course there is Youth Club for the under 11 year olds on alternate Friday evenings and Sunday Club at 10.00 o'clock every Sunday morning.

The village Office has been up and running since the beginning of the year. Initially it has been finding it's feet but it now offers a computer service (with internet and E-mail access) together with fax and copying services. At the moment the office is open on Monday and Friday mornings

from 9.30am to 1.00pm, but if you have need of the facilities at other times please contact Joan Purvis (**688 018**). It is hoped to extend the opening hours and if you would like to help in the office in any way, Joan would be very pleased to have a chat to tell you the sort of things you could help with.

As for the employment opportunities, we have created a part-time caretakers post and an almost full-time youth worker's post.

This not all the Chapel does, of course.

We have a choir! You don't have to be able to read music (or even sing in tune!) to join. It's amazing what the Lord can do with anybody who just wants to make a joyful noise! New members always welcome! (Wednesday at 7.30pm) and

We have a prayer fellowship on Thursday at 7.30pm at Ernie and Sylvia Swinburns and

We have a Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30pm at Geeswood House, Whittis Hill, come and try either or all. You are sure of a warm welcome and that essential cup of tea.

We provide lunches and teas for numerous visiting groups. Help with the cooking and serving are always welcome, just call Patsy McDougall (**684 482**)

There is a quiet garden for anyone to come and sit out in the warmer weather, you don't have to be a Church member, just come round to the back of the Chapel and enjoy this garden of prayer and remembrance.

There is a book stall with Christian books, tapes, CD's, prayer cards and cards for all occasions, drop in any time to have a browse.

During the last two years we have also hosted a number of Christian conferences and away-days and we are about to hold our first residential conference using local homes for accommodation.

We host Out and About – a club for those who find a real benefit from a social time together whilst enjoying a practical activity guided by caring instructors. The programme is organised by Tynedale Voluntary Action and the Chapel provides volunteer help. Again

anyone free on a Monday afternoon who feels drawn to this sort of help for others, please call in.

Recently we have been able to help the Community Centre by hosting some of their activities during their own rebuilding operations.

We trust that from the above it is clear that we, together with the other Churches in Haydon Bridge are here to serve and worship the Lord and to show His love and care to others by reaching out to help individuals and groups in our community.

Of course it should not stop with the 'local' we try to reach out to the wider world with financial and other help for those in need – but that's another story. We make mistakes, but from time to time we get it right and we always seek to do our best.

That brings us up to date with what's happened so far. But it's only the start, who knows what the Lord has in store for us in the next two years? If you enjoy uncertainty and excitement – or simply want to help – do drop in and talk to us. We are open every day except Saturday – the times are on the notice board in the window.

We look forward to seeing you !

HAYDON NEWS ADVERTISING

ANNUAL ADVERTISING FEES FOR THE YEAR 2000

Advertising costs for Parish businesses remain at £12.00 per column block.

(See also the box on Page 3 for other rates)

Please cut out box below, enclose it and the appropriate fee in an envelope as shown in the paragraph opposite .

I wish to continue using my present advert which uses blocks.

Cheque to the value of £12/£24/£36/£48 made payable to 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' is enclosed.

Name of Business:

Paid by:

Name:

Address:

Post Code: Tel:

Do you require a receipt? YES/NO

New advertising or any queries should be addressed to **The Treasurer** at the address shown opposite, or please phone:
01 434 684 035.

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As the subscription to cover the current year is now due please cut out box below, enclose it and appropriate subscription (Cheques payable to *The Friends of Haydon Bridge*) in an envelope addressed to:

**The Treasurer
Friends of Haydon Bridge
High Brindles
Heugh House Lane
Haydon Bridge
NE47 6HJ
Northumberland**

If you live locally just use the top two lines of the address and leave it at Haydon Bridge Post Office from where it will be collected.

You may pay more than the standard subscription of £1.20 if you so desire – all donations are used by 'The Friends' in supporting voluntary and charitable causes in the Parish of Haydon.

UK readers of the *Haydon News* may join 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' for a subscription of £6.00 which includes a postal delivery. Again you may donate more if you can afford it.

Enclosed is the sum of being mine/our subscription and donation to 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' for the calendar year 2000.

Name:

Address:

Internet readers can of course read the special Internet Edition of *The Haydon News* on:

<http://www.haydonbridge.org>

Although this world-wide service is free we do welcome voluntary donations. At the moment the whole enterprise is funded by the Internet Editor Mitch who makes no charge to the 'Friends' for either telephone charges, software, hardware, site registration and license fees. This situation will be reviewed during the coming year. All donations are used by 'The Friends' for their general budget.

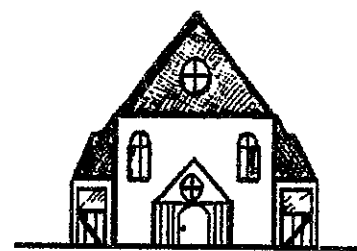
Thank You

S.B. Mitchell

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Mrs. M Douthwaite
Treasurer: Mr G. Johnson

Vice Chairman: Mrs V. Bell



Reg Charity No. PH / 522069/R

25th May 2000

To the Chair of the Parish Council and the Editor of the *Haydon News*

Dear Sirs

We are writing this letter to clarify the misunderstandings published in 'The Parish Council Pickings' of the *Haydon News*, issues March and April 2000.

The two points that need clarification are:

- 1) The contractual relationship between the Community Association (CA), Northumberland County Council (NCC) and the builder, Dorin Construction (DC).
- 2) The potential overspend on the project.

Point 1

It was reported in the *Haydon News* that the Contract was won by NCC and sublet to DC and therefore there were no independent parties looking after the interests of the CA.

This is not the case. The design team is NCC and they have been appointed by the CA to design the building and to administer the building contract. They are independent and they have a duty to look after the CA's interests. The NCC team comprises professional staff in all the fields of design and contract management. The contract for the building work is between the CA and DC.

Point 2

It was stated that DC have asked for £50,000, this is not true, DC have not asked for any money. This figure is raised in a cost report prepared by NCC and it warns of a potential overspend. The overspend is due to a variation in the contract due to unforeseen ground conditions. Under this clause the contractor is due additional money. NCC has accepted the principle of the claim and the cost is to be assessed and agreed. At this point we do not know the final value of the project as this is under negotiation.

We reiterate that an independent team of professional experts is negotiating the value of the contract and they are employed to look after the interests of the Community Association.

The building is virtually complete and is fitted out to a high specification. Parts of the building are incomplete since we cannot commit to any further expenditure until we know if we are in an overspend situation. The same applies in our approach to the major fund holders. The items that will be outstanding are: decorations to the upper floor rooms, fitting out the upper floor kitchen and the tarmac to the carpark. If anybody would like to help out with any of the above please let us know.

The building will be ready for use as soon as the Public Entertainment License is granted. This should be sometime in mid June and if anyone would like a visit to the building we will be pleased to show them around.

Valerie Bell

Mary Douthwaite

EDITOR'S NOTE: *We wish to make it absolutely clear that our Parish Council notes accurately and factually record what has been said and discussed on every occasion. Any misunderstandings therefore arose directly from proceedings at Parish Council meetings, and not as a result of our reporting of them. This can be verified by examination of the Parish Council minutes of 23rd March 2000 and 27th April 2000, copies of which can be found in the Public Library.*

DANCE CLUB NEWS

The Dance Club is still very successful. We are anxiously waiting for the new Community Centre to re-open. We need more room to dance!

Iris held a raffle at a recent dance which raised £51.40 towards crockery for the Centre.

I am doing fine after my operation, still a little pain and stiffness, after all it's only 8 weeks.

Mavis had an argument with a gas bottle and one of her toes came off second best!

Our sympathies go to Evelyn and family in their recent bereavement. Also to Millie's family. Millie was a founder member of the Dance Club.

Other things of concern.

A lot has been said about the pot-holes on the lane to the Community Centre. I have used this lane for years and there have always been holes full of water when wet. Not just since the contractors moved in.

A bigger hazard is the dog fouling. In the Centre Car Park you run the risk of standing in it when you get out of the car.

Another thing is the children playing around the cars and tampering with them. The late Philip Richardson (when he was Caretaker) actually caught one boy having bent one wiper on our car and doing the other one!

What with this and the dog fouling, some of our dancers are not parking there any more.

JIM BIGGS

Congratulations to: Craig Tulip on completing his Fire-fighting Training with distinction and on receiving the "Silver Axe" as Top Recruit. **Good luck in your new career with Tyne & Wear Metropolitan Fire Brigade.**

The meeting began by electing a new Chairperson - Councillor Esmond Faulks. Councillor Lesley Philp will remain as Vice-Chair.

A resident spoke to the meeting about the problems with the foundations and wall of her garage in the back lane near the Community Centre which seem to have occurred since the work began on the new building. A stand pipe containing emergency water for fire engines was ruptured recently and this may have exacerbated the situation. The Chair suggest that they write to the builders.

The proposal made at the last Parish Council meeting was that a meeting be held between the Community Association, the Parish Council and the Contractor. The letters and documents about the situation which were held by the residents adjoining the Centre have been handed to the Parish Council. However the Architect for the Community Centre wrote to the Parish Council saying that he did not see the need to hold a meeting. He met with the Community Association on Tuesday last. The work is nearly finished. A certificate of completion will shortly be issued. He will make good the underpinning of the neighbours wall and other neighbouring properties. The cost will be subject to an agreement between the Community Association and the builder. The Community Association have confidence in the Architect and both he and the builder know that they have limited funds. The estimated opening date is mid-June.

A letter which had been written from the Community Association to the Parish Council was read out to the meeting saying that misunderstandings had arisen from the report in the *Haydon News* last month. A Councillor told the meeting that the *Haydon News* report is only an account of what is said in the Parish Council meeting and that the Minutes of the Parish Council are available in the Haydon Bridge library if anyone wants to know what was said in the meeting.

A Councillor reminded the meeting that the Community Association is a charity and as such must abide by the rules of the Charity Commissioners. Three members of the Parish Council are Trustees of the Community Association and he suggested that in future if Community Association business arises they should declare an interest and leave the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest. They need not leave the room unless the Parish Council wishes them to, but they must leave the room if finance is discussed. It was suggested that the Parish Council and Community Association should be open about sharing information. The Community Association will be having an AGM shortly and representation will be reviewed when the elections to posts are held.

Riverside Play Area Approximately £14,000 has been raised to provide speed humps, a turning circle and a gravel paved area. £500 is needed to complete the project. The Parish Council agreed to give them £500.

Strother Close Street Party The party was very successful. There were lots of helpers, the weather was good and there was lots of food. Thanks go to Eileen and her helpers. The mugs were rejected because they were faulty. All the children will get a mug.

Britain in Bloom made a visit and were impressed by the Almshouses. They will return on July 12th and view the

garden of a resident.

West End Shrubbery Costings have been made for black liners and wood chips. Bulbs, fritillary, polyanthus have been acquired from Tynedale Council. A team of people are needed to help on a set date.

The noticeboard has been vandalised again.

Military Road feasibility study The proposals have been toned down. Only certain aspects will be looked at. It is unlikely that they will downgrade the road, put on 30mph speed limit, road humps, one way system. There may well be speed restrictions.

By-Pass There is to be a meeting on the 31st May 2000 at 7.30 pm. New ideas are needed and people are wanted who will take a active part.

Pelican Crossing The crossing was tested on the 5th May. Only 45 seconds was taken for the lights to change from green to red. The equipment will be checked.

Lighting the light on the North Bank is still on. The new Brigwood light can be put on an existing electric pole. It will cost £280 excluding VAT. The proposal was accepted by the Parish Council.

Planning Applications

Tofts Bank Cottage - two storey rear extension, entrance porch, side extension with a pitched roof. There were no objections.

Oddfellows - a rear stainless steel chimney flue.

Anchor Hotel - illuminated signs, lighting and repainting are proposed. The Parish Council would like something sympathetic towards the bridge to be arranged.

A letter has been received from the Clerk of Warden Parish Council because stones on the road at Mill Hills are causing a hazard to traffic.

The Rural Transport Partnership is having a public meeting. It will meet six monthly and each meeting will have a focus. This meeting will focus on Young People. It will be on Tuesday 6th June from 10.00am to 11.30am at Tynedale Rugby Club (Corbridge).

Celebration of Community Achievements A meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th June from 12.30pm to 3.00pm. It will be hosted by Tynedale District Council and held at Hexham Community Centre.

H.E.R.S. The old bridge renovations are still waiting for permission from the English Heritage. There will be one evening's trial for floodlighting for the bridge. A barrier will be put on the A69. Perhaps school children could redesign part of the barrier.

Other projects include cleaning properties on Ratcliffe Road, making a parking area, removing the rose beds on Ratcliffe Road and creating a lay-by, an area for a coach park. A meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th July at 6.00pm to discuss the proposals. Any ideas to be sent to the Parish Council.

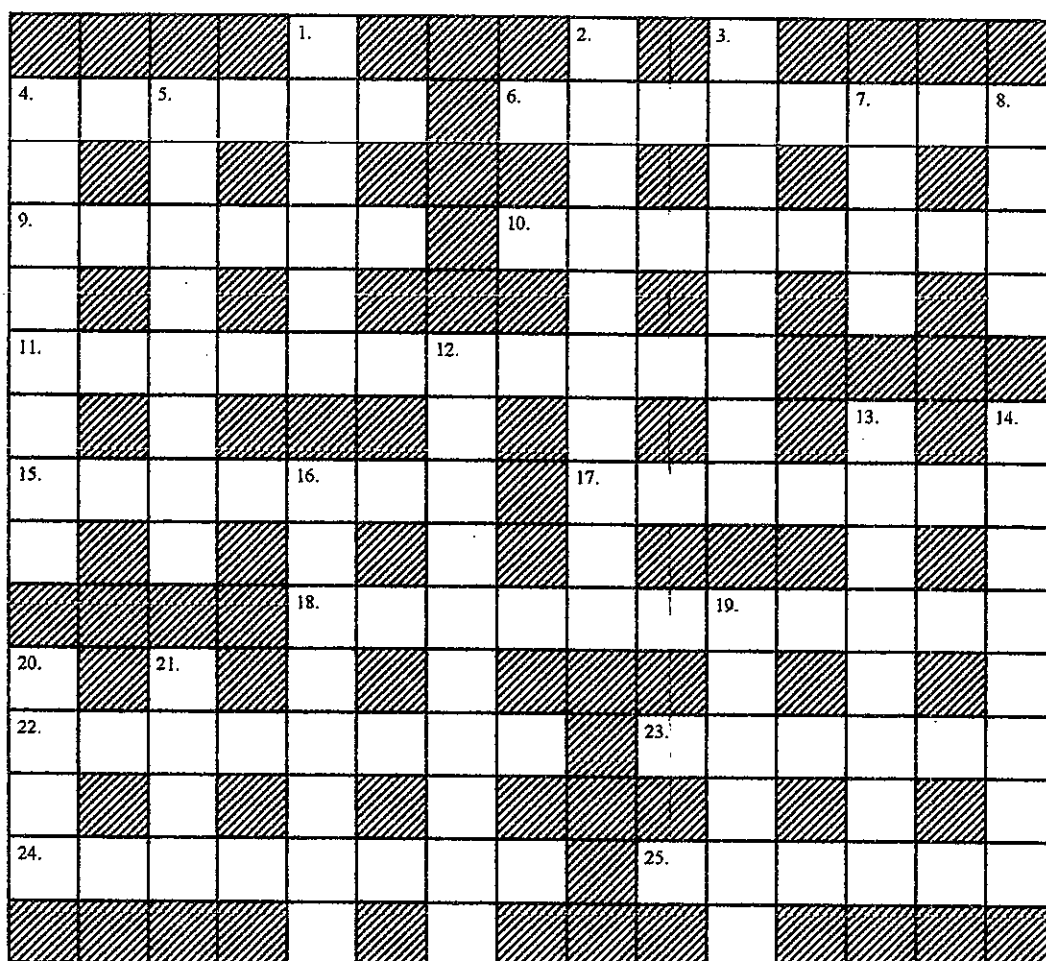
The pavements are on a poor state and need mending, but the Tynedale District Council will only tarmac them. Some paving stones on Ratcliffe Road and Church Street are approaching the legal limit.

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The £10 Crossword

NAME:

ADDRESS:



ACROSS

DOWN

- 4, 25. You initially confused Denbigh Road for local area. (6,6)
 6. She comes before the wagon in Glasgow. (8)
 9. Sounds like regret for heather in court decision. (6)
 10. Moving lightly placed first in table tennis behind container. (8)
 11. Demolish lathe whilst getting to the centre. (11)
 15. Do the right thing. (7)
 17. Not placed in final results. (4,3)
 18. Clues first missed then tied after exercise. (6-5)
 22. Comfort. (8)
 23. Military supplies map design. (1,1,4)
 24. Ten collar fasteners for learners. (8)
 25. See 4.

1. Beginning of the week briefly won perhaps in Welsh border river. (6)
 2. Indoor sport carried by 3 down having a great time. (10)
 3. Consumers coal loader surrounded by Gestapo. (8)
 4. Headgear in hidden ditch around thoroughfares. (4,4)
 5. Door secure in Royal event with curl. (8)
 7. A police department drug? (4)
 8. Boats with courage? (4)
 12. Making the picture a deadly sin confused trial. (10)
 13. According to song it may be in front and it was. (8)
 14.face the music then move. (3,5)
 16. I am in garden store faint with hunger. (8)
 19. Sent two in café. (6)
 20. Coloured area surrounds pupil. (4)
 21. One vehicle for film star. (4)

Entries must be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 19th June.

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)

Lack of punctuation is intended. Please supply your own.

*'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'***Bingo**

St. Cuthbert's Church Hall

Saturday 24th June 2000

7.00 – 9.00pm.



WHAT'S ON

Whist Drive

Langley Village Hall

Saturday 3rd June 2000

7.00pm.

Whist Drive

Langley Village Hall

Saturday 17th June 2000

7.00pm.

Langley W. I .**Outing to the Cheese Factory
(Blagdon)**

New Members welcome.

Contact: 01434 684 419

**HAYDONIAN
Working Men's Club****CLUB DISCO**Saturday 10th June

8.00pm

Haydon Bridge Football Club**Monthly Meeting**Tuesday 6th June 2000

Railway Hotel

7.30pm

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB – for July 2000

6 th July	Newbrough, Frankham	4 miles	B Lee	674 237
	Meet near the bridge between Newbrough and the Church			
7 th July (Friday)	Special visit to Ladycross Quarry Nature Reserve	-	J DeStefano	683 124
	to hear and hopefully see Nightjars			
	Meet at Ladycross Quarry Car Park at 9.00pm (21.00hrs)			

Note: Everyone is welcome to join these activities

'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.

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,

**The Friends of Haydon Bridge
Village in Bloom Competition 2000**

This will take place during the months of June to August and is open to all residents (without front gardens) living on the main streets of the village ie. Ratcliffe Road, Church Street, John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street.

There are two categories of judging. 5 containers and under. 6 containers and over.

Prizes in each category are as follows: 1st – £20, 2nd – £15, 3rd – £10 voucher. One of these vouchers has been donated by Mr Tony Willis. Certificates of Merit will also be awarded.

The first round of judging is scheduled for the third week in June with a final viewing six weeks later, weather permitting.

The judges wish to stress that Mr Tony Willis will not be eligible for entry into the competition.

Happy planting and good luck.

The Friends of Haydon Bridge.

COPY DEADLINE: All contributions to the Haydon News to reach the Editor no later than Monday 19th June

CHURCH PAGE

June 2000

AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT
TO THE HAYDON NEWS

WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev 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

CLERGY MESSAGE

Rev David Perkins, Methodist Minister

You know what it is like, you get an idea that you think is great, enthuse others to it and then in bringing it to reality, you realise that it involves far more than you ever imagined. Such is the case with the

**Millenium Songs of Praise Open air Service
at Vindolanda Roman Museum Site on
Sunday June 11th at 6.00 pm**

Why not have a hymn or a prayer from every century I said... It took months to find such material and even then we were three centuries short of our target. Masses of material from the 18th century, but very little is known well enough for congregational singing from the early period of the Christian Church. Then there were hymns with modern tunes, or slight

wording alterations that put them within copyright regulations. What a minefield !

But at last we are ready ! The folk at Vindolanda have been marvellous in encouraging what we anticipate to be a remarkable event. On the site of a fourth century Christian Church within the ruined walls, we will meet to worship a God who spans all time but has made himself known in the person of Jesus Christ.

Local choirs and worship groups with plenty of congregational participation will ensure that the hymns and songs that have been chosen will express our faith as well as our joy in celebrating Christs' Millenium.

Among the favourites will be "All people that on earth do dwell", "Tell out my soul", "Jesus lover of my soul", "Love divine" the list goes on.

Please come and share with us, rain or shine the show will go on ! We have arranged a bus to help you get there (Details overleaf) seats will be on a first come first served basis (£2.00 return fare) There is only limited car parking so do get there early and be patient if there is a queue. Entry to the museum is free for the event, take a cushion to sit on the walls or a picnic chair and (probably) wrap up well.

The event is anticipated to finish around 7.15 pm but the site will remain open until 8.30 pm for you to look around, even have a cup of tea in the cafe.

Be there it will be a once in a lifetime event !

One of the prayers to be used at Vinolanda is by Basil a Fourth Century Bishop in what is present day Turkey, he always spent time with the sick and homeless, here he prays for those in need:

O Lord, the help of the helpless
the hope of the hopeless,
the saviour of the storm tossed,
the harbour of voyagers,
the physician of the sick, we pray to you.
O Lord, you know each of us and our needs;
receive us all into your kingdom,
make us children of light,
and bestow you peace and love on the needy

Amen

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

June 4th

10.00 am Rev B Cooke
6.00 pm Mr Mike Fry

June 11th

10.00 am Rev David Perkins
**6.00 pm United Open Air
Celebration at Vindolanda**

June 14th

2.30 pm Womens Own Speaker Rev
Vincent Ashwin

June 18th

10.30 am Mrs L Marsh
6.00 pm Mr G Wilson

June 23rd

6.30 pm "Ernie's Leap of Faith" sponsored
abseil from top of Langley Castle. Fund
raising for Chapel Building Fund.

June 25th

8.30 am Prayer Breakfast Rev David
Perkins
10.30 am Mr Mark Knowles
6.00 pm Mrs Barbara Rowarth

June 28th

Womens Own trip to Morecombe

July 2nd

10.30 am Rev D Thompson
6.00 pm Hexham Abbey Jubilee 2000

The Revd Dr Dagmar Winter will be
welcomed and will take the service at St
Cuthberts on the morning of June 11th.
She is Associate Vicar at Hexham Abbey
and Hexham Deanery Training Officer.

The Installation as a Canon of Vincent
Ashwin will be in Newcastle Cathedral at
1.00pm. Sunday June 25th; a bus will leave
the Community Centre bus stop at 4.45pm;
4.50 per seat, payable on the bus; refresh-
ments will be served in the Cathedral hall
afterwards. You'll all be welcome.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

June 1st Ascension Day
7.00pm Holy Communion

June 4th 7th Sunday of Easter
8.00am Holy Communion, Rev Joe Linton
10.30 All-Age Worship, Dr Lindsay Gray
6.00pm Evensong, Old Church, Dr L Gray

June 11th Pentecost
10.30 Parish Communion, Rev D Winter
6.00 Service at Vindolanda

June 18th Trinity Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion. (vicar)
10.30am Morning Prayer (Mike Fry)

June 25th Trinity 1
10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon
6.00pm Evensong, Cathedral (see below)

June 27th 7.30pm Church Council
June 30th 7.30pm Christians Together
meet.

July 1st 2.00pm Church Summer Fete.

July 2nd Trinity 2
8.00am Holy Communion,
10.30 All-Age Worship, Lindsay Gray
6.00pm Evensong, Old Church

ST CUTHBERT'S NOTES

The Church Summer Fete will be in the
Old Vicarage Garden Saturday July 1st, at
2.00pm. We are grateful to the owners
Nick & Janette Bradley for letting us use
their garden. There will be plenty of stalls
and teas, and a major raffle; the first prize
is £50.00 in cash; the 2nd prize is dinner
for two at a local hotel.

The Church Council discussed the
proposal to make a small section of the
churchyard as a quiet garden in the middle
of the village. Some members were
worried, for example, about the need to
remove grave-stones in consecrated
ground, and about games of football being
played there. But we looked forward to
seeing further plans. Since then, the vicar
has come up with the idea of a 'Memorial
Wall', on which plaques of those who have
been cremated could be placed. This has
yet to be discussed.

June 23rd will be a day to be remembered
and ambitions realised by some of the
Methodist Chapel members. As they
participate in a sponsored abseil off
Langley Castles ramparts, we wish them all
a safe landing!

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.

VINDOLANDA SERVICE

6.00pm on Sunday June 11th is the
start-time for a service which has taken
over a year to plan. Vindolanda Roman
Site is the place - the oldest excavated
Christian church in the North of England:

YOU ARE ALL INVITED.

The 75-minute service will include
readings, prayers, hymns and songs from
all 20 centuries except 2. Shaftoe Chorale,
Hexham Male Voice Choir and Trinity
Methodist music group will lead the music.
As parking is limited, you are encouraged
to go on the bus, which will make a double
journey; the return fare is £2.00, and you
pay on the bus. The timetable is:

St Cuthbert's Church	4.30	5.10
General Havelock	4.32	5.12
Bardon Mill Post Office	4.40	5.20
Redburn	4.41	5.21
Tow House Green	4.42	5.22
Then to Vindolanda main car park.		

There will be time to visit the site, museum,
cafe and toilets before the service, and
afterwards till 8.30 pm. The owners have
let have free access to the site and its
facilities.

The bus will return:

Vindolanda Car Park	8.00	8.40
Tow House Green, etc	8.10	8.50
H. Bridge Comm'ty-Centre	8.20	9.05

There is a suggestion of getting into the
true spirit of the event by walking to
Vindolanda as Christians of the Fourth
Century did. Leaving Church Street at 3.00
pm for a nice walk via Chesterwood,
Haresby Lommen, and the Stanegate about 8
miles. Beg a lift back possibly! Any takers
give Chris Gray a ring (674437)

Miscellaneous Madcap Medical Musings & Mumbblings

FUNDS RAISED FOR CHARITY

My partners and a number of members of staff recently took part in the BT Swimathon at the Hexham pool. An impressively large number of kilometres were covered in total in a surprisingly short length of time.

£220 was raised and divided equally between Shelter and the Redburn Playpark.

Congratulations to everyone involved and to Michelle for organising it.

Next year we confidently expect to see Mrs Round doing a few lengths. In anticipation of which we have secretly entered negotiations with the Victoria and Albert Museum for the loan of a genuine Victorian bathing machine that will allow her to enter and leave the pool whilst still retaining her matronly dignity.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

We offer our thanks to the families and friends of those patients who have recently died for their exceptionally generous donations to the Health Centre's Equipment Fund. Especially we remember Mr. William Turner and Mr. Alan White of Langley and Mr. John Herdman of Haydon Bridge.

Every farthing is employed to improve patient care. On the list of potential purchases at present are head mounted lights and vision aids for the clinical staff. These will assist the management of ear, nose and throat problems and help with some of the operations conducted.

A LITTLE MENTIONED CHOICE

Much has been made of the possibility of the latest Blair baby being delivered by Caesarian section. As we now know this did not happen. It has also been widely reported that in Brazil, in some affluent sections of society, the Caesarian rate approaches 80%. A survey reported in the last couple of years that a large proportion of British female consultant obstetricians would choose to have a Caesar themselves. I hesitate to say that that is putting your money where your mouth is but you know what I mean. The reasons cited in the consultant survey include lack of damage to the pelvic floor, lack of damage to anal sphincter and bladder and reduction in some classes of risk for the baby. The reasons cited by the Brazilian women are rather more prosaically sexual, the desire to retain honeymoon-fresh parts.

At a recent meeting at Hexham I asked how a request from a patient for a Caesarian Section, in direct preference to a normal birth, would be received. To summarise the reply; if you would prefer a Caesar - ask - but not at the very last moment please. Planned is best.

Neither vaginal nor Caesarian birth is free of potential problems, the choice is a little more complicated than "which one doesn't hurt?" Talk to your midwife, obstetrician or us for more information.

TO BENECOL OR NOT TO BENECOL

There is now genuine evidence that Benecol exerts a useful effect on those with raised cholesterol and it is, by extension, likely that it will also be beneficial for the population in general. The effect is not as great as some of the cholesterol lowering drugs. Exercise, weight control, not smoking and a daily aspirin (75mg) also play their part.

Unfortunately Benecol is expensive but no doubt the price will drop when competitors appear on the supermarket shelves as they are soon to do.

Everyone can think of some friend or relative who ate butter, cream, cheese, eggs, fat meat and smoked eighty a day but still lived to over a hundred - but most following such a regime don't - its those damned statistics again.

APOLOGIES NOT REQUIRED

Numerous attempts have been made to crystallise the role of the GP into some short pithy phrase that can then adorn the latest blizzard of bumph that blows around the NHS. A phrase worth plucking from the roiling mass is that a GP should be available to "those who are ill or believe themselves to be ill."

We can usually discern the serious from the less serious. A substantial part of our job is to vicariously bear the uncertainty for the patient, effectively saying "I don't know what is wrong with you but I am sure it is not serious", when it is appropriate to do so.

Sometimes after discussion and examination, finding nothing serious amiss, I simply reassure the patient. "Oh," says the patient, "I'm sorry I wasted your time!" This can be translated as "I'm not satisfied with your response, I expected a prescription." If there is time, before the door slams behind the disgruntled patient, I reassure them that no visit to a doctor need be wasted time. We don't only diagnose serious conditions or conditions that require a prescription, the opportunity to reassure and inform the patient is, or can be, valuable too.

FOR THE APPROVAL OF PARENTS

As previously mentioned, the booklet that we give to young women seeking contraception has just been revised. The key points have been summarised in a closing piece:

THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS:

- * If, in your heart, you are unsure about whether to have sex wait. On the other hand....
- * If you've decided to have sex, use effective contraception every time, without fail.
- * You are young, you are healthy, **YOU ARE VERY FERTILE!**
- * Always use a condom, every time, this is the absolute minimum precaution.
- * Anything you tell us is **CONFIDENTIAL** but it is worthwhile trying to tell a parent.
- * Look after your health. Seek advice straight away if there are problems.
- * Don't smoke.
- * Chlamydia tests are important, especially for teenagers, ideally with each change of partner.
- * Regular smears, every three years, from age twenty (at the latest) are very important.
- * You can ask anything at all - if you don't know the right words, use the ones you do know.

I hope that parents will feel that their interests have not been forgotten. Any comments will be received with interest. Anyone wanting a copy of the booklet should ask.

A PERSONAL REQUEST

Has anyone got a copy of that old Dustin Hoffman favourite "The Graduate" on video that I could borrow? Please.

CANCER SCREENING

Having regular smears almost eliminates the risk of cancer of the cervix. Soon screening for wart virus will be offered too which will allow more intensive screening of women at increased risk.

Mammography is now universally available and appears to make a substantial contribution to the reduction in lives lost to breast cancer.

Checking stool samples for blood appears to be an easy and inexpensive way to screen for colon cancer. We've got hundreds of sample bottles. Any takers?

The future of screening is simply breathtaking in its scope. SF.