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## Editorial

I don't suppose there are many people who can remember taking the Allendale train from Hexham. I certainly never did. This part of the country was a distant land in those days of my youth. I do remember standing on the platform at Derby Station watching the train depart for far away Durham and Newcastle. What a long, adventurous journey it seemed fifty years ago.

When, in my early twenties, I eventually took the A1 north the journey remained a long one. The Doncaster bypass had just been completed and work was proceeding to dual carriageway the A1 through Yorkshire. The Darlington bypass had opened too. However, the A1 still went over the old bridge at Ferrybridge and through the cutting at Ferryhill, and there were long queues at the many roundabouts en route. In County Durham they were experimenting with off-set white lines and at Gateshead there was talk of an elevated highway. The bus from Nottingham, crowded with Geordie miners returning to the North East for a weekend break from their jobs in the new Nottinghamshire collieries, took about nine hours to reach Newcastle. But not anymore, of course. Motorway, bypasses, high speed trains, have brought all places south, north, much closer.

The scenery isn't the same either now-a-days. Except for the odd one near Doncaster, the pit heaps and mine winding gear towers have all disappeared, particularly noticeable in County Durham where the coal mining past seems to have been completely expunged from the landscape. Replacements have been found in fields of yellow rape; shining flat-roofed factories; occasional power stations and giant sized overhead gantry signs to keep you speeding on your way.

Not that it's all bad. I can at least visit relatives in the Midlands and south rather easier, and more often, now that it's no longer a major expedition. County Durham does look a more attractive place to live though not perhaps to those who have fond memories of past communities.

And since that last train ran from Hexham to Allendale in the early 50's there have been developments closer to home.

Departures have included mines; the Foundry and Blacksmith; the railway sidings and loading platforms in the station yard; the station buildings; the Annual Show; Reading Room; Silver Band; Gas works; Dances and Film shows at the Town Hall; the Scotch Arms pub; Bridge End traffic lights; many shops ....

Among the arrivals having developments in Hordley Acres /

Strother Close and later Greenwich and Langley Gardens, Community Centre, Health Centre, warehouses in the Station Yard, houses in the Show Field and the new road bridge across the Tyne.

Both lists could be extended as they are far from complete. They do, however, serve to illustrate that change in the village is not a new phenomenon. Some changes have been for the better, others not, but then that is often a personal view. Certainly the village will continue to change. In the last two years we have acquired a new Methodist Chapel, a new Community Centre, an all-weather floodlit football pitch and a refurbished Riverside picnic area. Plans have been put forward to develop the Foundry site and for a large housing development on the Inner Haugh. The Haydon Bridge Heritage and Economic Regeneration Scheme progresses its plans and then there are the proposals for making the village a smokeless zone. One day we may even get a bypass!

Earlier in the year the Friends of Haydon Bridge put forward a proposal for a recreational area to include a toddlers play area, bowling green, landscaped gardens and car park. The Parish Council felt they were unable to support this proposal when it was presented to them in January, as it included the possible use of Tait's Yard for the recreational development. The Council have now been informed by Tynedale district Council that Haydon Bridge needs to develop outdoor recreational facilities particularly for the very young, as at present these are inadequate. A survey of peoples views and possible sites are likely to be sought.

The Friends Association have just conducted such a survey and, although the response was disappointing, 58 replies from close on 900 questionnaires distributed, maybe the Parish Council would find them of interest.

There will be no halting changes no matter how much we may wish things to remain as they are. We can, however, try to influence those who make the decisions. Your views are important and need to be heard. There are the opportunities, public participation at the Parish Council meetings, public consultation meetings for the H.E.R. Scheme, talking to your local district councillors and, if all else fails, a letter to the *Haydon News*!

I'm sure there have been changes even in the view from the old Allendale railway, but the panorama of our part of Tynedale from the Lowgate road bridge as it crosses the long-abandoned line, remains one of the finest in the area and is certainly my favourite view of Haydon Bridge.

M.P.

## *Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge) Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2000 at 7.30pm.*

There were ten Councillors present, the Clerk and three members of the public.

**Public Participation:** No items put forward.

**Matters arising from the Minutes:** **Riverside Opening Ceremony** was most entertaining and the liquor and food provided by the Chairman was most welcome.

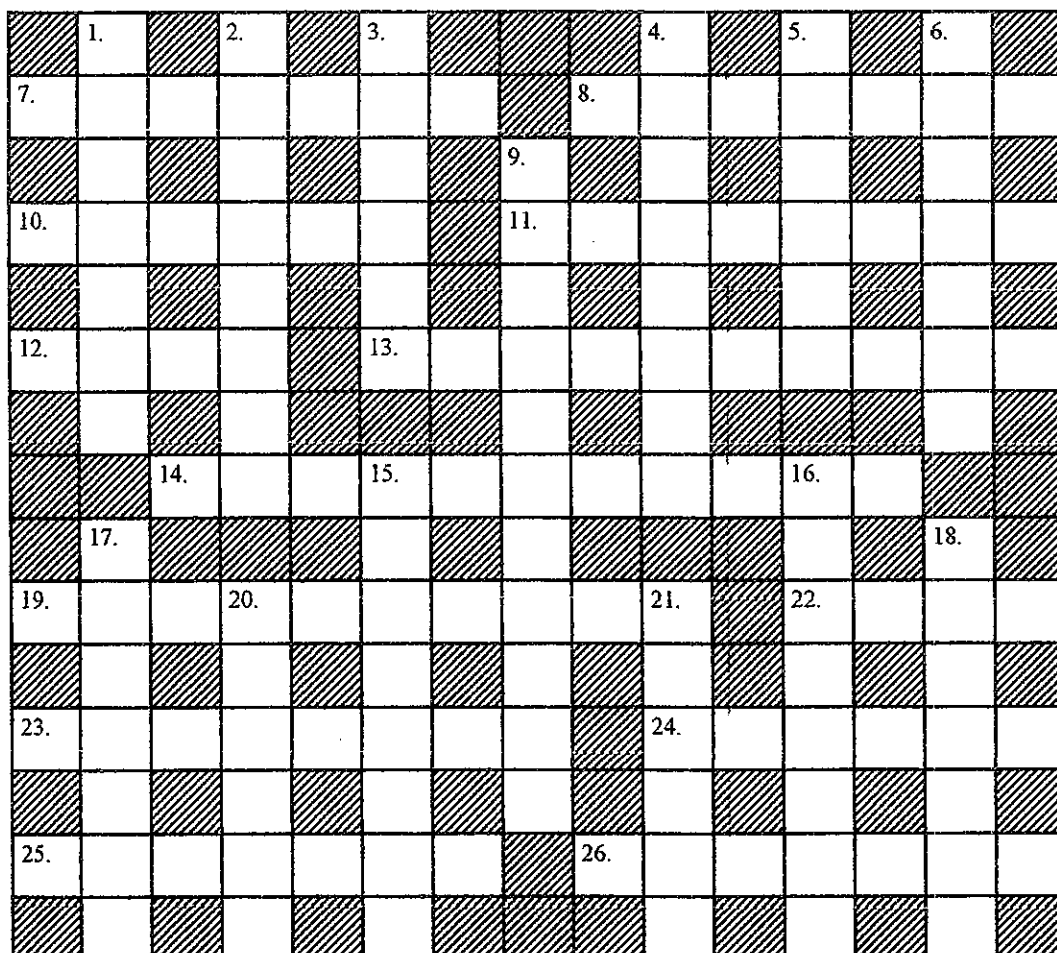
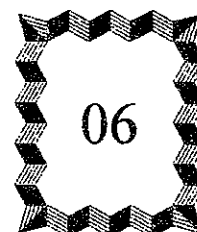
**Heslop's Yard:** Currently there is no agreement with Mr Heslop and awaiting a decision. Money has been allocated this year but if not used will be lost. If not used might lose out in future years which would bode ill for Haydon Bridge. As of this morning no planning permission had been asked for.

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## The £10 Crossword

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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

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## ACROSS

7. Allnutt forename (Bogart character) (7)  
 8. Bowles was the star (7)  
 10. Tidy Scandanavian? (6)  
 11. Promontory (8)  
 12. Big cat's colour (4)  
 13. (see 24 across)  
 14. English star (4,7)  
 19. Direction from garden (4,3,4)  
 22. U.S. drape damaged (4)  
 23. Musical. Featured Surrey (8)  
 24. & 13 across. Animal has warm feet (3,2,1,3,3,4)  
 25. Keystone man (7)  
 26. (see 16 down)

## DOWN

1. Tramp (7)  
 2. Sounds like fastener recognised. Star (8)  
 3. A feature of special effects (6)  
 4. Accept inevitable (8)  
 5. Composer used for 'Death in Venice' (6)  
 6. Sean lined up in vegetable patch (4,3)  
 9. Harry wasn't first (3,5,3)  
 15. Mild winters (2,6)  
 16. & 26 across Score for woodwind (8,3,4)  
 17. Al's kite produced sound (7)  
 18. Possibly 7 across. Tough guy (7)  
 20. A feature of "The General" (6)  
 21. Jackson surrounds Williamson. Actors (6)

## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE: by Dennis Telford

*ON THE MARTIN TRAIL – part 2.**Jonathan Martin (1782 - 1838)*

It is impossible to do justice to the life of Fenwick and Isabella's third son Jonathan, in a few paragraphs. I know of at least twelve books or pamphlets written about him, including his autobiography written when he was on the run having escaped from Gateshead Lunatic Asylum in 1821.

Jonathan supported himself during this time by selling 15000 copies of his life story, the first editions was published in 1825.

Jonathan was born at Highside near Lowgate when Fenwick worked there as a woodman. His early memories were of his mother Isabella's instructions to her children that there was 'a God to serve and a Hell to shun and all liars and swearers are burned in Hell with the devil and his Angels'. He was consumed by the fear of sin, believed that God visited him in his dreams and was certain that thunder storms, so prevalent in the Tyne Valley, were God's way of punishing him personally for sins he had committed, either knowingly or unknowingly.

Perhaps it isn't any wonder then that the little boy, tongue-tied at birth and unable to speak until he was six years old, feared Hobgoblins and ghosts at every corner like his younger brother John, and grew into an adult life of mental instability and religious mania.

Fenwick and Isabella moved with their family to the cottage at East Land Ends when Jonathan was seven years old. He spent much of his time at the farm of an uncle near the Roman Wall where he could 'retreat into solitude and meditate on the goodness of God' and wander by himself in the woods where he would 'give praise to God for all his mercies'.

From 1804 following an apprenticeship as a tanner, Jonathan was press-ganged into the Navy where he spent six years and his escapades, including various attempts to desert, make remarkable reading.

After leaving the Navy, Jonathan was married and in 1814 he had a son whom he named Richard after his elder brother. Between 1814 and 1818 he appears to have been obsessed with a personal crusade to reform the Church of England on his own Methodist and Wesleyan principles. This culminated in his confinement in West Auckland and Gateshead Asylums for threatening to shoot Dr. Edward Legge, the Bishop of Oxford, and from Gateshead he made his sensational escape through the Asylum roof.

From 27<sup>th</sup> December 1829 to 16<sup>th</sup> January 1829 Jonathan wrote four warnings to the clergy of York in protest against what he perceived as their degenerate and frivolous lives. He informed them that unless they repented of their excesses, that is their bottles of wine, downy beds, roast beef, plum puddings and card playing, 'your great Churches and Minsters will come rattling down'.

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1829 Jonathan went first to a Methodist Chapel to pray and then to York Minster where he hid until everyone had left. When the great doors were closed for the night, he used an old razor to cut away velvet and gold tasselling and the fringe from the Bishop's pew which he heaped up beside the woodwork of the choir stalls, then striking his flint, he set fire to them.

Jonathan had done 'the job that the Lord had bidden (him) to do'. From that day Jonathan Martin, who had lived his early life at Hexham and Haydon Bridge, became famous as the man who set fire to York Minster. The fire burned for twenty-four hours. It completely destroyed the 14<sup>th</sup> century woodwork, the roof of the Choir, the sixty-six stalls, the Galleries, the 'finest organ in England' and its valuable collection of music, the Pulpit and the Archbishop's throne. Fortunately the Great East Window of the Minster was spared.

It is recorded that at the height of the fire a lady was heard to say, 'what a subject for John Martin to paint!' Little did she know that what she was witnessing was the work of John Martin's brother.

A reward of £100 was offered for his capture and Jonathan was apprehended on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February four miles from Hexham, between Acomb Fell and the Military Road, at a friend's and distant relative's house, Edward Kell of Codlaw Hill.

At his subsequent trial his brother John undertook the whole of the expense of his defence.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1829 it took the jury just seven minutes to find Jonathan Martin guilty of setting fire to York Minster while in an unsound state of mind. Or more accurately, 'Not guilty on the grounds of insanity'.

Jonathan was taken to the Criminal Lunatic Asylum in St George's Field, Lambeth, popularly known as Bedlam, where he remained until his death nine years later on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1838.

The final sad post-script to Jonathan Martin's life concerns his son Richard. As a fifteen year old he moved into his uncle John's home when his father was arrested for the crime at York Minster. He stayed there and was educated along with John's own six children for eight years. Richard became an artist in his own right and had two paintings hung in the Royal Academy.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1838 three months after his father died, the poor boy went out of his mind and committed suicide, 'cutting his throat with a razor in a dreadful manner!'

At every turn in this Haydon Bridge family's story, I am faced with another fascinating, if in this case gory, event.

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**Ann Martin (1783 - ?)**

The difficulty in summarising the lives of Fenwick and Isabella's sons is deciding what to leave out. No such problem exists with their sister Ann. Biographers have seen fit to disregard her almost entirely. A great pity really, her views as an unremarkable member of an otherwise remarkable Haydon Bridge family would have been enlightening to say the least.

In 1776 Richard Thompson and his wife Ann (nee Ridley) left the family home at East Land Ends in response to the Duke of Argyle's request for English farmers to move to Scotland to teach the Highlanders husbandry and how to cultivate the soil. Isabella was at her parent's home at Kil-michael on the south end of Kintyre, when she gave birth to Ann. At the time, Fenwick was giving fencing lessons at the 'Chancellor's Head' Public House in Newgate Street at Newcastle.

The family returned to Haydon Bridge and the six year old Ann would be at home at East Land Ends with her brothers when the youngest son John was born in 1789.

The next we hear about her is as Mrs Atkinson who, when widowed, lived with her brother John in London from 1833 to 1848. Ann's only child was a daughter who married a Henry Warren, who was President of the Water Colour Society from 1839 to 1873.

It is interesting that all the Martin family eventually ended up in London. Quite unusual I guess, for a family from Haydon Bridge in the mid 1800's when men and women seldom moved further afield than farms and hamlets within their local parish. And especially so for a family who lived in serious poverty for so many of their early years due to the roving disposition of their father Fenwick.

*Part Three - John Martin - in January 2001 issue*

## LETTERS & REPORTS

### Haydon Bridge Over 60's Club

At the November meeting of the group, Mrs P. Stewart was wished a very happy birthday.

A discussion followed regarding the times of future meetings. It was decided and carried unanimously, that during the winter months, the times should be changed from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the evenings to 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the afternoons.

Plans were then made for the forthcoming Christmas Party. This will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th December when there will be a pool table and the sharing of small gifts.

After refreshments and the tray raffle, the evening passed pleasantly with Card Bingo.

The Over Sixties meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the Community centre. New members are warmly welcomed.

**Myra Bowen.**

### Press Report

The enigmatic Raymond Henderson, Scout Leader - 1<sup>st</sup> Haydon Bridge Scout Group has successfully clocked up 25 years Adult Service.

Beginning his Scouting in the village Troop at the age of ten, Raymond ascended through the ranks, from Scout to Patrol Leader to Venture Scout. Spending a number of years assisting Scout Leader John Dixon before introducing his own brand of leadership.

*"We gratefully appreciate all he's done for the young people of Haydon Bridge" - Hadrian District.*

**Bobby Hubbuck** Assistant District Commissioner  
(Fellowship & Relations)

### **Dear Mr Telford**

I was most interested to read about Jimmy Hunter in the October edition of the *Haydon News*, but there is one of his attributes, that you may not have been aware; he was a very good cricketer. As I recall, Jimmy bowled leg breaks and was a very knowledgeable player.

I remember in the 1930's when Curly Kirsopp's team played the Reading Room in the final of the Knockout Competition. My father captained the latter team, including Jimmy, who were victorious. Two other splendid sportsmen whom I recall were George "Puddy" Brown and Billy Cooper.

Two talented men in your article were the father and son, Billy and Bob Ballantine. Bob was in the same form as I was when I joined Hexham Grammar School in September 1939 and I can vouch for all you say about Billy and Bob. I have lost touch with Bob, but I can remember that he was in the Regular Army in the 1950's.

Your sincerely

**Ridley Coats** 49 Hadrian Way, Sandiway  
Northwich, Cheshire. CW8 2JT

### St Cuthbert's Church - Haydon Bridge Harvest Supper - Thursday 26th October 2000

Many thanks to all who came and supported this event.

Also very many thanks to the ladies of the Seal Club who worked so hard.

This was a splendid evening with the wonderful entertainment of "The Happy Hour". Our thanks go to them.

A total of £254 was raised for the Church Funds.

**Joyce Armstrong (Treasurer)**

**Dear Editor**

I'm trying to restore contact with Michael Leppington whom I last knew as a school friend on the train to QEHS (Hexham) in 1955 - 1956 when we were both 16!

He was the younger son of the then Station Master at Haydon Bridge and I believe took a job in Newcastle. He must now be 61.

If anyone can update me on the current whereabouts of the Leppington family please drop me a line at the address shown below.

I compiled a nostalgic recall of QEHS in the 50's - "*Hope of Our Sins*" for the school's 400th Anniversary in 1999 and from the boys' school viewpoint.

I still have a few copies left. Cost £4 including postage.

My Haydon Bridge contemporaries (I lived in Haltwhistle) in the 1950's were, Alan Thompson, David Routledge and Michael Leppington.

Yours sincerely

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A snippet from **HBFC** for the *Haydon News*.

The Prize Bingo held on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at the W. M.C. was very well supported with over £1,000 being raised.

Well done to John and Paula Kirkup for organising this event. Also for organising the Sponsored Walk which took place in July, which raised £2,000. Half of which was donated to the *Macmillan Nurses Trust* during the Prize Bingo.

A huge cheque was presented to Helen Wyllie, representing the Charity from one of the village's junior footballers, Jonathon Eames.

*If you plan using the Hexham Co-op during the weekend before Christmas for your shopping, then do it on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 8.00am-10.00pm (unless shop closes later or earlier than that), as the Haydon Bridge U13 footballers will be there doing the bag-packing.*

*I'm sure they'll offer a fast and friendly service, and one well-worthy of each donation.*

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Langley W. I. welcomed Mrs Elsa Jackson who gave an excellent talk on '**Corn Dollies**' which she has been making for some twenty years. She explained that she obtains her corn from an organic farm in Suffolk. The corn must be grown in this way otherwise the stalks split when bent. They must also be boiled for half an hour to make them more pliable. Describing the history of the corn dolly, incidentally not a dolly at all, she went on to explain that they are of pagan origin. For example, Ceres was the Roman god who looked after the harvest, hence the derivation of the word 'cereal'. Mrs Jackson listed other countries with other gods.

Different shaped corn dollies have different names; the Yorkshire Drop, Cambridge Bell and Umbrella, Somerset Bell and the Hereford Lantern. One of the best known is Cornucopia, the Horn of Plenty. There is a great deal of symbolism involved. Known as a fertility symbol, apparently there is no truth in the saying that buying a corn dolly leads to pregnancy!

At the business meeting which followed, plans were discussed for the Christmas Party and the forthcoming Pie & Pea supper. The Domino teams' next game will be against Rochester.

The competition for a Peg Doll was won by Peggy Daker and Myra Bowen. The raffle was won by Margaret Dodd.

**Myra Bowen.****DANCE CLUB NEWS**

It was bound to happen sometime to somebody! It was Connie and Pearson's bad luck to stand in the dog muck while getting into their car recently behind the Community Centre and carry it onto the carpets.

If the security light had been working the chance is it would not have happened!

My apologies to some of our dancers who have had to move their seats. As you know the audio system was playing up at the bottom of the hall due I think to some interference from the street lights. Things seem OK now that I have moved to the other end of the hall.

At the moment Daph is putting us through our paces with the "Sizzlers Samba".

Len and Doreen, Jim and Lily Hannant have been visiting us lately. Len is recovering from a prolonged illness. Some of you will remember that it was Len who got me into all this.

Our Christmas Supper Dance is scheduled for 11th December. Hope it stays mild!

Weather permitting, and all being sober, we will be dancing on New Years Night.

**Jim Biggs**



My musical notes last month struck a chord with a number of readers who worked with Jimmy Hunter or enjoyed listening to him playing the mouth organ.

One of our oldest residents, Mrs Florie Clarke, has clear memories of Jimmy when he lived at "Standalone" and she lived at Whinnetley.

Maurice Cousin tells me that as a boy his first musical instrument, after the comb and tissue paper, was one of Jimmy Hunter's mouth organs! And on a personal note I have been reminded that "Standalone" was at one time the Telford family home and my great, great Grandfather (George) was born there in 1791.

The responses to the article also included a letter from an ex-Haydonian who keeps in touch with the village where he was born, through the Haydon-News. (see page 6)

Ridley was born in 1928 at 25 Ratcliffe Road next to the building that was the old "Black Bull" public house. From there the family moved to 69 Victoria Terrace, a property which Lawson Robley has put so much work into renovating in recent months. Sid Thompson, Willie Rogan and John Milburn also lived on the terrace at that time and to the west would be Charlie McKay's garage.

Ridley's next move was to the Reading Room where his father was Secretary and then. In 1941, the short distance down the Eiland to the Old Gas Works house of which he has many happy memories.

*On 1st March 1940, as a result of a breakdown in part of the equipment, brought about by a spell of particularly bad weather, the Haydon Bridge Gas Company was wound up. The company directors felt that due to the scarcity of*

*materials and the length of time necessary to carry out repairs, there was no other alternative but to close down. Our village had been lit by gas since 2nd February 1860. The gasometer was at the end of California Gardens and the Wesleyan tennis courts were later laid on its eastern boundary. The subway under the railway gave access to the Gas Works house.*

*The manager in 1940 was Mr Cliff Brooks who moved to a similar position at Haltwhistle where he remained until his retirement. Cliff will be remembered as a very enthusiastic local cricketer.*

In 1948 the Coats' family moved to Fourstones from the Gas Works house, just before it was washed into the Tyne as our river changed its course. A few stones still remain of what was once a lovely riverside cottage. Maybe in time the site could be added to the recently opened Picnic Area.

Ridley Coats' last memories of his time in our area, before he moved to Cheshire, are of walking down the Newbrough road with Stan, Willie, Nelson and Edwin Bowman who lived at The Island.

Oh, and by the way Ridley! I passed on your kind regards to "Joe Wiggie's Lad" over a pint or two of Theakstones last night!!!

#### Denis Telford

P.S. Joan Benson (nee Ballantine) has had a rush of Tape and CD sales since last month's *Haydon News*. It is encouraging to learn that it does have some influence. More tapes will be produced shortly to satisfy the extra demand.



## Rainbow Writers Millennium Festival



There have been lots of events in November.

**JOHN MARTIN's birthplace** was visited on 1<sup>st</sup> November by the children of Class 4 from Shaftoe Trust First School, together with Mrs Cox and helpers. The children walked along Lands End Road to Macdonald's farm and were kindly allowed to view the cottage, and take in the lovely Tyne Valley countryside. Back at school Sian Bowen helped the children to paint dramatic pictures in the John Martin style and Jill Henderson inspired them to write poems titled "Solitude".

**The Geordie Music Evening** took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the 'Haydon Hotel'. The guest singer-songwriter was Johnny Handle and together with Henry Robson and Dennis Oselton on accordions, Denis Telford singing, this turned into a very lively and entertaining night.

**The Local Artists Exhibition** was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November in the Methodist Church. The sixty exhibits were most interesting and showed the wealth of artistic talent in our community. This was officially opened by Mrs Enid Garrow who really helped to get the exhibition off to a memorable start, or was it a memorable hat!!!

**The John Martin Night** on 15<sup>th</sup> November started with a computerised slide show with music, created by Stan "Mitch" Mitchell. A very informative and well researched talk and slide show followed by Gail-Nina Anderson, cultural historian. Afterwards there were John Martin prints and paintings to view, books and a John Martin Website created by Henry Swaddle.

**The Storytelling Night** on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the 'General Havelock' with Chris Bostock and Malcolm Green will have taken place.

**The Grand Finale** on 26<sup>th</sup> November, Prize Giving to the Youth Group children and the launch of the Souvenir Brochure will also have taken place.

There is a long list of people to thank for all their support and help for the Festival. Thank you all very much. It has been hard work but much fun.

We hope the Festival has been enjoyed by our community and has added to the Millennium celebrations.

## HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Late last month Haydon Bridge recorded their first win of the season. This came in the home match against Alledale. As you will know by now that many of our results go against us, this was therefore a truly great night for all who took part on the winning team. The final score was 72 – 62 to Haydon Bridge.

In November the club tried hard to keep up the winning formula with away matches at Corbridge and Bellingham. It is fair to say that we were not at our best at Corbridge and were beaten by a team who played better on the night. During the Bellingham match, we played a lot of good bowls with every player contributing, and we put up a strong challenge. We were leading by a couple of points at the halfway stage and there was never any more than three or four points between the two teams until late in the match. Bellingham, however, came out on top at 'the death' and took victory. It is fair to say that a high percentage of our defeats have come 'right at the wire' when it could have gone either way.

When this happens and luck is against us we just put it down to experience and get on with the next match. Each fixture is a good social occasion and that is what matters.

I cannot stress enough how much new members are appreciated at the club. We are improving all the time and I have every faith that we will be winning matches more regularly in the very near future. If you are interested, come along to the Community Centre on a Thursday night at 7.00pm.

In last month's article, I made the mistake of stating that £20 was raised for the club from a coffee morning. However, the money actually went to the Community Centre.

## White Jack

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**Inner Haugh:** No satisfactory response has been forthcoming from Bellways so it is being referred to 'Planning' recommending refusal. Tynedale says that they have not received a response from the Parish Council!! The Clerk stated that she had handed in the Council's response personally last week. This was the letter containing the feelings and thoughts of those present at the 'Special Public Meeting on the evening of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. For a brief report on this meeting. ( see page 12 ).

**H.E.R. Scheme:** see the report to be found on page 11.

**Henshaw Parish Council:** As reported in last month's *Haydon News*, Julie Gibbon represents the west of Tynedale and has linked up with Cllr. Fletcher (Haydon Bridge).

**Wentworth Fitness Equipment:** Indications that this would be passed over to Haltwhistle Pool but Cllr. Mitchell suggested that better use would be made of it in Haydon Bridge, but where? The High School had expressed interest but what about somewhere in the village more easily acces-

The whole been invited to around the ford Hall, near Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> proximately from about 40



school have sing carols maze at Dox-Alnwick on December. Ap-1000 children schools in Northumberland will be taking part and it is hoped that the event will be broadcast by BBC and/or ITV.

A sound recording is being made by the pupils at Shaftoe towards the end of November in the Community Centre. This is being done by Brian and Shirley Birnie, who own Doxford Hall, and who used to live at Langley and their children attended the school.

Our Year 4 children spent an enjoyable day at Doxford Hall last year when they planted Yew trees for the maze.

This event will be a wonderful experience for all of the children.

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair	10 – 12noon
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress rehearsal and tea for Senior Citizens.	2.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	]	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	] - Christmas Concerts 6.00pm	

## HELP!

Can you play the piano? Have you got some free time during the week? Would you be willing to come into school to help us out with our rehearsals for Christmas?

If your answer to these questions is **YES** then please contact Mrs Cox on **684 309**

sible by all? The re-development of the Antiques Shop?

It is obvious that Haydon Bridge is in need of a Healthy Living Area / Fitness Centre but proper supervision must be provided.

**Bypass:** Tynedale appears to be on our side as regards this vexed issue. There seem to be moves afoot to have the scheme dropped but the Head of Planning wants it left in the Regional Plan.

**Survey of Private Housing:** Results of this Tynedale initiative will be circulated to all Parish Councillors. Cllr. Mitchell proposed that there should be a reasonable number of what is referred to as 'affordable housing'. Discussion ensued over this matter but it was agreed that there should be avoidance of segregation of social groups and that there should be a range of buildings for a range of people.

**Highways etc. :** After the recent spell of heavy rains there are a number of areas in the parish susceptible to water ly-

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ing which might very well, in freezing conditions, lead to 'ice rink' situations. Gullies and drains should be checked and cleaned.

There would appear to be a **hole** at the "Anchor" end of the Old Bridge! And it is getting bigger! Any information about it?

**Sign posts** creating traffic hazards in various areas including John Martin Street. Any others?

**Lighting:** Cllr. Charlton reported that there are still some needing fixing despite requests over the last year.

Cllr. Mitchell informed the Council that the telephone number for reporting faults is now: **0800 850 029**

Cllr. Mitchell also drew the Council's attention to the fact that the County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use of a section of road at Moss Kennels Bridge.

This closure will come into force on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2000 and is scheduled to last for eight (8) weeks and is required to inhibit the use of vehicles at this section of the Military Road to enable bridge strengthening to be carried out.

Cllr. Mitchell indicated that the road closure would channel more traffic through Haydon Bridge as the alternative route

eastwards would be from Twice Brewed via the C307 and C309 to Henshaw then east via the A69 through Bardon Mill and Haydon Bridge then north via the B6319 and C228 through Grindon Hill and Grindon to rejoin the B6318. Vice versa for westbound traffic

**Planning Applications:** 1. "General Havelock" plans an extension at the rear. No objections raised to this.  
2. "Langley Castle" wishes to carry out internal alterations. No objections were raised to this.

**Waste Management Initiative:** All of Northumberland has been circulated with the County's plans. There needs to be a response by 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2001.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr. Charlton brought up the availability or otherwise of suitable play areas around the village. She intends to produce a questionnaire to help formulate plans. Sites to be looked at include; Langley Gardens, Strother Close, Riverside, John Martin Close at the river end, the big field at Shaftoe Terrace, Douglas Gardens and other grassed areas around the village.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2000 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm.**

**RADS**

### HAYDON BRIDGE HERITAGE & ECONOMIC REGENERATION SCHEME ( H.E.R.S. )

#### Church Street Project

Three community workshop sessions have been held in the Community Centre to discuss the second phase of the H.E.R. scheme.

The first phases, regarding improvements to the Old Bridge, is going ahead – well eventually!

Improvements to Church Street were the main focus of the consultation meetings for the second phase.

The initial meeting was entitled, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". A small but enthusiastic team of residents and local authority officers worked in three groups to discuss and list the good and bad points of Church Street, and its buildings and landscaping. The groups then focused on what they saw as the main opportunities for improvement.

Several ideas were suggested.

Following this initial meeting, Michael Drage, the architect and design consultant working on the scheme, produced a design options drawing based on these ideas.

The second meeting, "Examining the Options", gave the groups present the chance to discuss the initial design ideas and note their comments. Taking these comments into account finalised plans were prepared with budget costings ( see below and over the page )

The final meeting gave the groups the opportunity to discuss the plans, and consider priorities in case all the work cannot be afforded at the outset.

It is likely that the work will begin early in the New Year.

#### Church Street – Budget Costs Summary

BRIDGE END / POST OFFICE CORNER ( Paving, railings, feature )	£24,980	13%
OLD BRIDGE ( Surfacing, floodlighting )	£12,000	6%
CHURCH STREET SURFACING ( including Parking Bays )	£51,000	27%
CHURCHYARD ( Wall repairs, seats, path, floodlighting )	£12,100	6%
GENERAL STREET WORKS ( Electricity cables, tree work, lighting etc. )	£52,190	28%
BUILDINGS ( Houses, Church, pub, shops )	£32,500	17%
STREET END (NORTH) (Seats, planting, stone walls )	£ 3,600	2%

**TOTALS (\*) £188,370 100%**

*\* excludes fees, overheads and VAT*

### Church Street Haydon Bridge

This plan is the result of the two workshop meetings held to develop a community plan for improvements to Church Street.

The main features are:

- New focal point at junction and bridge head
- Traffic calming and parking in Church Street
- Traffic calming and focal point at Parish church/war memorial
- Stone walls as a design theme
- Churchyard improvements
- Planting improvements
- Traffic calming and focal point at Methodist church
- Improved access to Station car park area
- Use of traditional style surfacing materials
- Floodlighting the Parish Church, War Memorial and Old Bridge
- Individual house improvements
- Improvements to pub and shop fronts and library
- Parish Church: improved access and repairs
- Disused shopfronts, conversion back to house usage

Some points of detail (too small to show on the plan, but still included):

- New streetlighting in traditional style, and matching litterbins
- Improve landscaping and tree pruning
- Improve subway (lighting, mural, steps etc)
- Improve signage to shops, library and pub (more locally appropriate)
- Resident-only parking bays (after say 6pm) could be tried
- Concern to preserve the signalbox and crossing gates
- Use natural (or natural looking) materials
- Action needed on litter and dog fouling

Michael Drage: Architect and Designer, working on behalf of Tynedale Council

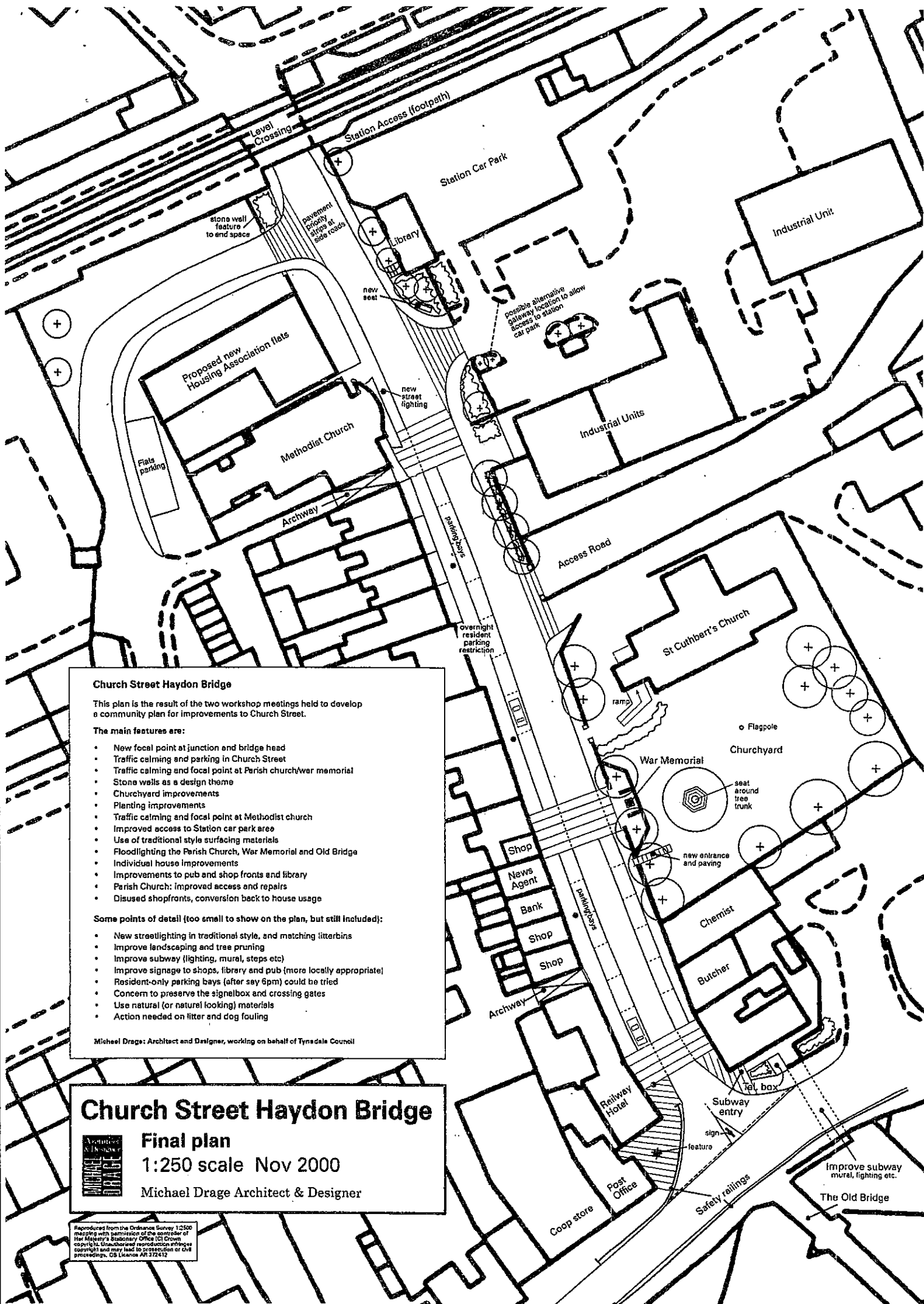
## Church Street Haydon Bridge

Final plan

1:250 scale Nov 2000

Michael Drage Architect & Designer

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*Notes from the additional 'Special' Public Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2000 at 7.00pm.*

The meeting was very well attended with 24 members of the public present.

The Chairman outlined the reasons for the meeting explaining that a very large plan had been submitted for house building on the Inner Haugh. Half of the available field would be used in the first instance with 54 houses being built. Forty-four (44) for Private Houses and ten (10) through the Home Housing Association. More to follow on the other half of the field.

The plan calls for:	8	2 bedroomed flats
	6	3 bedroomed terrace
	14	3 bedroomed semi-detached
	12	3 bedroomed detached
	4	4 bedroomed detached
	5	2 bedroomed semi-detached bungalows
	5	3 bedroomed semi / terraced.

The public is entitled to make its feelings known over this issue, hence this meeting.

There were queries raised about access to this site seeing that housing had been refused here 25 years ago for exactly this reason. How could it be allowed now? Cllr. Charlton indicated that as there had been little development over the years this application had been received. However, she did say that it would have been much better to build a few houses at a time rather than a huge batch all at once.

Could the present sewerage systems cope? Serious doubts

were raised as even now there are problems requiring clearing out every couple of weeks and there is a smell. It has been blocked on the estate before. When Langley Gardens were built a new pumping station had been planned but not built. Various fundings seem to have been lost over the years resulting in little or no work being done to rectify recurring problems.

Cllr. Parkin felt that the development was not appropriate in this conservation area and queries were raised as to the access to the riverside walk.

Those present felt that more housing was needed, but maybe only ten. Brown field sites and Tait's Yard were discussed but Cllr. Faulks pointed out that Bellways were only interested in the most profitable site.

There are problems with flooding and it was stated that the word Inner Haugh actually means 'flood plain'.

Some residents have already written to Tynedale with their objections. Cllr. Faulks said that the Parish Council would write a letter explaining the outcome of this meeting.

Cllr. Faulks thanked the public for their attendance saying that their concerns would be aired vis a vis sewerage problems, access to highways, the flood plain argument, house style and other matters raised during the course of the meeting.

**RADS**

## KRIS'S KWIZ KORNER

No prizes for this one but I bet you can't get them all correct? Answers given in the next edition.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Which British coin ceased being legal tender in 1970?              | 9. Which has teeth? FROGS; TOADS or NEITHER.  |
| 2. What is it that joins muscle to bone?                              | 10. Which Hollywood actress is the daughter of Debbie Reynolds? Melanie Griffiths; Carrie Fisher; Jamie Lee Curtis. |
| 3. What name was used for BINGO before it was called "HOUSEY HOUSEY"? | 11. If cats belong to the FELINE group, which animals belong to the CORVINE group?                                  |
| 4. On which tree does the Pecan Nut grow?                             | 12. In which film was the policeman, played by Jack Warner, killed?   |
| 5. In total, how many CALENDAR ISLANDS are there?                     | 13. Leonard Slye became famous as a COWBOY STAR. Which one?   |
| 6. Where would you find the HAVERSIAN CANALS?                         | 14. What is LEAD mixed with to make SOLDER? Is it: ALUMINIUM; ZINC; TIN.  |
| 7. How much does a Black & White TV licence cost?                     | 15. In which year was WITCHCRAFT made legal in Britain? 1851; 1901; 1951.   |
| 8. Which king did Guy Fawkes try to blow up in the Gun Powder Plot?   |   |

**COPY DEADLINE: All contributions to the Haydon News to reach the Editor no later than Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

## A Social Club For Everyone

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#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 2000**

Season Greetings from the committee to all members and to everyone in the Village. We look forward to your continued support during the festive period and into the New Year. Have a good Christmas and best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year to everyone.

#### **SAT 16<sup>th</sup> December - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY (1pm to 4pm)**

It's the biggest party of the year and is free to all members children. Santa will be giving out presents and sweets. DJ Sean will be playing the host of the disco. There will also be plenty of games and prizes. The fun starts at 1pm till 4pm.

To ensure your child receives a present from Santa, please put them on the list behind the bar and pay your £2 deposit per child. This will be returned to you on the day of the party. The deadline for children's names on the list is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Any child's name not on the list prior to the party cannot be guaranteed a present from Santa. Maximum age for children's party is 14 years of age.

#### **SAT 16<sup>th</sup> December - DISCO (Start 8pm till 11.30pm)**

Strictly over 18's admission. Entry £1 before 9pm and £2 after 9pm.

Please carry ID if you look under 18, otherwise you will be refused admission.

#### **SUN 17<sup>th</sup> December - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (6.30pm)**

The clubs yearly results will be discussed plus plans for the future. The voting of officials and committee members will also take place. New volunteers and committee members are always welcome. Your support will be appreciated.

#### **SAT 23<sup>rd</sup> December - PAULA (9pm)**

Top female vocalist singing live on stage in the concert room. As a Christmas special and a big thank you to everyone for their continued support, there is NO COVER CHARGE.

#### **SUN 24<sup>th</sup> December - (Christmas Eve) - BINGO / KEY DRAW**

Bingo at 8.30pm - EXTRA CASH PRIZES

Christmas Key Draw at 10pm, with £50 for winning ticket, instead of usual £25, plus your chance to open the box.

#### **TUES 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) - 70s & 80s Disco (8pm till 11.30pm)**

Disco for over strictly over 18's, £2 cover charge.

#### **WED 27<sup>th</sup> December - Bingo + Bottle Prize Draw**

Bingo at 8.30pm and bottle prize draw drawn at 10pm, your chance to win £100, plus other prizes.

#### **FRI 29<sup>th</sup> December - Family Karaoke / Disco Night - (Start 7.30pm)**

Let the music begin and the kids sing. Who will be the singer of the night. Will the adults be put to shame. The challenge had just begun. Only 50p entry. Under 18's must be accompanied by parent. Spot prizes all night.

#### **SUN 31<sup>st</sup> December - KEY DRAW & NEW YEARS EVE DISCO**

Key Draw at 10pm, (£50 for winning ticket, instead of normal £25, plus your chance to open the box)

New Years Eve Disco 8.00pm (£2 entry on door).

#### **FAMILY ROOM**

The club are pleased to announce that the concert room is now a family room on the following nights :-

FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> December, THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> December, SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> December.

There is now a Juke Box in the concert room so all families can relax together. Any games which you can donate to the family room would be gratefully appreciated by the committee and club members. All under 18's must be accompanied by parent.

**MEMBERSHIPS - ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE PAYABLE IN JANUARY. THE COST IS STILL £2 PER YEAR FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. ALL MEMBERS MUST BE AGED 18 OR OVER. PLEASE WATCH THE CLUB NOTICE BOARD FOR DATES WHEN MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE RENEWED.**

## SELAS' STORY

*February sunlight filters into the tiny sitting room.  
The smell of spicy pancakes subsiding, though the  
taste lingers and exotic wall flowers dance. I asked:  
"How did you first hear of AIDS?"*

I saw a T.V. programme,  
and They said, "Aids is come from Africa".  
I talked to my friend.  
I was worried -  
My boyfriend was from Africa,  
and They said,  
"Aids is come from Africa".

I wanted the best check I could get,  
I made my friend have the test too.

The first time, we give blood.  
Second time, was a counsellor.  
She talked,  
for an hour -  
I was so worried, nervous, I think  
They thought,  
I must have AIDS.

Third week, I went  
for the result.

"If you've got AIDS,  
you will die - sorry.  
There is no cure, will  
you tell your family,  
your friends?"

They said,  
"AIDS is come from Africa".

How can it be?

Die? -

"Well, not immediately.  
ten, fifteen years.  
Don't worry!"

If I've got it,  
I'll be dead from fear,  
Long before that.

They said, "If you won't tell anyone,  
not family, not friends,  
there will always be a counsellor to support you".  
Maybe I can help save somebody,  
if I have it.  
If I knew I had it,  
I wouldn't get involved again.  
I wouldn't go back,  
to my village in Ethiopia -  
Perhaps flies and mosquitoes will transmit ...  
I don't think I would invite  
People home ...

The Doctor, he talked to me,  
"Why did you come here?"  
"When did you last have intercourse?"

"Am I going to die?"

"Who are the people you go with?"

All sorts of people,  
Swedish, African, Asian -

"How long?"

I started in October, I finish in May.  
They said,

"AIDS is come from Africa".  
I am come from Africa,  
and I want to learn English,  
at Newcastle College,  
from October to May.

We say,  
"Don't show your weakness to the child".  
"Don't show your cut to the fly".

It hurts me when They say,  
"AIDS is come from Africa".  
We have Malaria.  
People stand in line waiting,  
for their injection.  
Again and again they use,  
THE SAME NEEDLE.

In fields, children play -  
Cuts and scratches and flies that suck blood,  
land on you and me.  
Everywhere people are crowded,  
in schools, buses, the city.

IF IT WAS SO, ALL THE PEOPLE  
WOULD BE DEAD BY NOW.

After I had my results,  
I opened my mouth.  
The Doctor smiled, spoke of Muslims,  
The Military in Mombasa,  
and Something about Agriculture.  
But I told him -  
People have brought back what they took.

I say:  
The horse is sick -  
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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TIMETABLE FOR BOWMAN'S PHARMACY

December 2000 – January 2001

Monday	25	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Tuesday	26	Boxing Day	OPEN 10.00 – 11.00am
Wednesday	27		Normal Working Day
Thursday	28		Normal Working Day
Friday	29		Normal Working Day
Saturday	30		Normal Working Day
Sunday	31	New Year's Eve	CLOSED
Monday	01	New Year's Day	CLOSED
Tuesday	02		Normal Working Day

### EMERGENCY ONLY

Prescriptions marked "URGENT" by the doctor please phone:

**01 434 684 442**

## '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 worth-

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## MUSIC and MOVEMENT

Calling all Mums! Did you know that there is a Music and Movement group running in Haydon Bridge?

We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons ( 1.10pm and 1.50pm ) during term time.

This is a fun get-together for Mums and pre-school children alike which involves singing, instrument playing and movement with coffee and orange juice served afterwards.

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while 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

### ***Solution to crossword (05) - Oct.***

Entries were received from the following people and all were correct!

B & R Shout  
A. M. Scott  
Rene Armstrong  
Denis Telford  
B. Pearson  
Denis Bell  
D. W. Corbett  
Edna Rumney  
E. Jukes  
A Phillips

**£10 winner out of the hat:**

**B. Pearson**

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**Please note:** The asterix indicates that the villages of Edlingham, Eglingham or Ellingham satisfy the clues.

### **TINY TOTS**

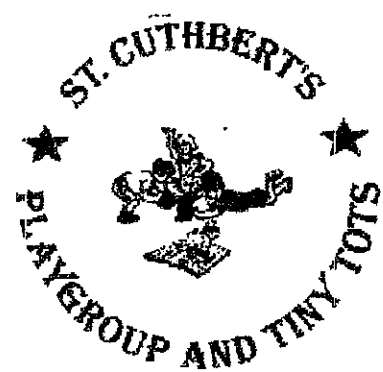
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**Thank You**

**S.B. Mitchell**

# CHURCH PAGE



## CLERGY MESSAGE

Rev Leo Pyle

Few of us can live without something to look forward to. Expectation gives lift and buoyancy. Even the pessimist nurses a quiet desire to be proved wrong. We can face anything if we have something - better still, someone - to look forward to.

It is normal to experience anxiety about the future. But anxiety can turn to fatalism. And we settle for "That's life." Perhaps many of us live somewhere between disquiet and despair. If we are rich enough, we can conceal our fatalism. If we are poor fatalists, we switch off, and say, "Life is pointless!"

So what is the answer? Advent is the beginning of the answer. In advent we tap into the universal expectation - the expectation of a saviour who will come to save and satisfy. Advent says: "The Lord is near."

So near, in fact, that Our Lord and Saviour is totally involved in our world scene: the answer to the hopelessness that broods over us. So we have an answer that starts with Advent, is celebrated at Christmas, and ends with Easter; an answer that seeks our response when it says, "Arise! Arise from sleep!"

We must relay to our world Jesus' verve and vitality; the fulness of hope. This is the reverse of fatalism. Joy and boldness are our Christian gifts to our worried world, to our anxious neighbour, to our despairing dependants, and our fatalists, rich and poor.

Advent is the time for appraisal, self-appraisal. How well are we delivering the promise of a Saviour? How well are we responding to the invitation to wake up - to be aware of the hopelessness that surrounds us in every guise, homelessness, unemployment and powerlessness? In so many guises! We cannot opt out when our God has opted in. Incarnate, our God is totally involved - in reality. And we cannot evade and avoid the real world either. Let's remember that before Christ gave the food of life, he fed the hungry with household bread.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE**

wish you all a very happy Christmas.

## AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

ready for

December 2000

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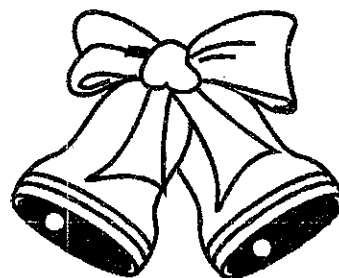
The names and phone numbers of the clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

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39 Elvaston Road, Hexham 603.139

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

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

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN HAYDON BRIDGE



#### Sunday December 17th

6.00pm United village Carol Service  
at the Methodist Church

#### Christmas Eve

10.00am Family Carol Service  
at the Methodist Church  
4.00pm United village Crib Service  
St John's R Catholic Church  
6.00pm Christmas Eve Communion  
at the Methodist Church  
10.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass  
St John's R Catholic Church  
11.30pm Midnight Communion  
St Cuthbert's C of E church

#### Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Day Mass  
St John's R Catholic church  
10.30am Festival Communion  
St Cuthbert's C of E church

#### Sunday December 31st

9.30am Mass of the Holy Family  
St John's R Catholic Church  
8.00pm United End of Year service  
St Cuthbert's C of E church

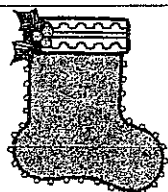
#### Sunday January 7th

4.00pm Epiphany Carols; the Old Church

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES



- Dec.3rd 10.00 Rev D Driver  
6.0pm Mr David Matthews
- Dec.10th 8.30 Rev David Perkins (S)  
10.00 Rev R Firth; Toy S'ce  
6.0pm Rev B Cooke
- Dec.12th  
7.30pm Men's Christian Fellowship
- Dec.13th  
2.00pm Women's Own, Carols, etc
- Dec.17th 10.00 Mr J Robinson  
6.0pm Village Carol Service
- Dec.24th 10.00 Family Carols  
4.0pm Crib Service, St John's  
6.0pm Rev D Perkins, Comm'n
- Dec.31st 10.00 Rev D Perkins, Family S  
8.0pm United Service, St Cuthb



**Methodist Church  
Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday Dec 2nd, 2.00pm**  
**Stalls and Afternoon Tea**



**Christmas Concert**  
**by Wall Ladies Choir**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Saturday December 9th, 7.30pm**  
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**JANUARY SERVICES AS  
ANNOUNCED IN CHURCH.**

### DID YOU KNOW....

that Haydon Bridge Methodist Church hosts activities for all ages; computer classes, coffee, music & movement .....

## CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

- Dec.3rd Advent Sunday  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word
- Mon 4th 2.15 Hexham, MU Advent carols
- Tue.5th MU Christmas Dinner
- Wed.6th 7.00pm Healing service
- Fri.8th 7.00pm Session 3 of Re:Vision
- Dec.10th 2nd Sunday in Advent  
10.30am Parish Communion
- Dec.17th 3rd Sunday in Advent  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Morning Prayer, Sermon (M Fry)
- Dec.24th Advent 4 and Christmas Eve  
10.30am Parish Communion
- CHRISTMAS SERVICES ON PAGE 1**
- Dec.31st 1st Sunday of Christmas  
10.00 Benefice Communion at Henshaw
- Jan 7th The Baptism of Jesus  
8.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 All-Age Service of the Word  
4pm Epiphany Carols at the Old Church.
- Jan 14th 2nd Sunday of the Epiphany  
10.30 Parish Communion & Sermon
- Wed 17th Parochial Church Council.
- Jan 21st 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany  
8.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 Morning Prayer & Sermon (M Fry)  
4.0pm Deanery Service led by young people from Hexham *Celebrating Creation*
- Jan 28th 4th Sunday of the Epiphany  
10.30 Parish Communion & Sermon

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE

are rededicating themselves for the next two years at the 8.00pm New Year's Eve service at St Cuthbert's. This 40-minute service will celebrate the end of Millennium Year (or depending on your way of thinking, you may think that it is marking the beginning of the real Millennium, beginning on Jan. 1st 2001!) Members of all the town's churches will take part.

### A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

*God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him, until the day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory for ever.*

## SERVICES AT ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am.

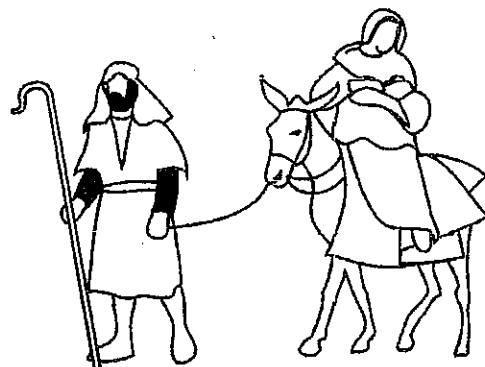
Mass at 11.0 at Haltwhistle each Sunday.

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

### Christmas Cards

Once again **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE** have got together to produce a card for everyone in the village; the card has details of all Christmas services at all three churches, including those run for the whole village. For many many years, it was John Wardle, farmer at East Haydon and steward of the Methodist Church, who organised the annual card. Building on his experience, others have taken over this year, to spread the load around. Thanks, John, for this great service to the community!

### Christmas services



The main village carol service will be hosted by the Methodist Church. Old and new carols will be sung. The singing will be led by the Methodist choir and by the village's Shaftoe Chorale, who will sing a couple of carols on their own. The Christmas message will be presented in a new and original way. This will be at 6.00pm on Sunday, 17th. Come and see! The Christmas Eve Crib Service for the village will be hosted this year by St John's Roman Catholic Church, at 4.00pm.

Many thanks to Richard Snowdon and all the Friends of Haydon Bridge for continuing to allow the Church Page to be included in the Haydon News. It is greatly appreciated.

## The Deep and Crisp and Even Mid-Winter Special

### A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Though converting existing solid fuel burning heating equipment to meet the clean air regulations would be costly, I am sure that the health of the community would be greatly-improved by the adoption of a clean air policy and there would also be safety gains too. Every day we see people with chronic (meaning long lasting) chest problems, some due to smoking, some due to mining, some due to heredity, some due to air pollution of all types. From time to time we see people with carbon monoxide poisoning and sometimes with burns. Does anyone really enjoy carting coal into the house and carting ash out? Then there's the continuous cleaning that goes with solid fuel heating....It doesn't have to be like this.

Anything that the practice can do to support the Parish Council in seeking grants or other forms of help for people who will need to change their heating systems we will be pleased to do.

Along with smoke-free heating the need for ventilation in dwellings must not be forgotten. The accumulation of moisture can lead to most unpleasant dank and mouldy living conditions.

Anyone who watched the recent Money Programme Special on BBC2 will be aware that within about five years there will be a genuine mismatch between the demand for oil and its production - real and increasing shortages are coming the further we get into this new century. Energy and transport in all forms will become dramatically more costly. Perhaps now is the time to invest in more insulation, heat-exchange ventilation equipment, solar power (yes - even this far north) or wind power - either on a community or individual basis.

The least costly means of keeping warm is increasing physical activity and more clothing. Is sitting veg-like in front of the box dressed in a T-shirt with a roaring coal fire really all that sensible? We may not be able to afford the luxury soon anyway.

And while we've got our ecological hair shirts on...

I applaud those who grow their own food on the village allotments or in their own gardens - not only do they know what they are eating but they've had some exercise as well. Get those wellies on and get out there Dimmocking with enthusiasm - let's see those spades and things swinging.

Are we all supporting the locally grown meat available in the local butcher?

LOCAL SHOPS (and other facilities) FOR LOCAL PEOPLE! It's your community, your dependency on its facilities is likely to increase in the future as trips out for shopping and so on become prohibitively expensive. Arriving in the future and finding that local facilities have failed due to lack of support - you might be vexed. Now's the time to act.

### JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST MONTH...

Health centre doors open 8.00am - 12.00 midday and 2.00pm - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday - no half day.

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### ITS A CARVE UP

My wife received a new set of kitchen knives for her birthday. We all now have shorter fingers! Modern steel knives can be razor sharp when new and remain so

for years with little attention. Every year we see people in the health centre who have injured themselves with knives, of one sort or another, in the home. Fingers and hands are the parts most commonly affected but we also see a number of instances where Stanley or boning knives are used in such a way that they pull free of the material that is being cut and stab the user - THIS CAN BE RAPIDLY FATAL (A MINUTE OR LESS) IF THE MAJOR LEG ARTERY IS CUT.

Never cut toward any part of yourself. Always use the knife guard on a carving fork. Consider using chain mail gauntlets and apron.

If you do cut yourself and there is appreciable bleeding, press hard on the wound with anything clean to hand - kitchen roll, handkerchief, towel - and either get someone to bring you to the health centre or - if you are very worried - dial 999 for an ambulance. Do not let go of the wound until an ambulance man or a doctor is with you.

If you succeed in stabbing yourself right through a limb or into your chest or abdomen do not attempt to remove the knife yourself - it might be the only thing that's bunging up an otherwise fatal perforation.

### WHIPLASH

Car accidents are common and one of the most common consequences is the so-called whiplash type injury that arises from the sudden deceleration that comes with impact. The victim's head keeps travelling, when the body is held by the seatbelt, and then recoils back again. This strains the ligaments that hold the neck bones together and may pull or even tear the muscles in the neck and shoulders too.

The usual advice has been rest, painkillers and patience. There is increasing evidence that prudent exercise may lead to more rapid recovery. There are two main recommendations. Firstly, whilst sitting upright and looking slightly upward, keeping your mouth closed, try to pull your chin back to touch your shirt collar. Secondly, for pulled muscles, strain against resistance in the direction the muscle normally works for a few seconds and then relax - repeat several times each day - damaged muscles are normally in spasm and by straining and relaxing you will be able to lessen the spasm and hence the pain.

### CONGRATULATIONS - ONE

There is a large and growing group of people in the practice that have given up smoking, whether by will power alone, with the help of nicotine patches or gum or with the new drug bupropion (Zyban). Our congratulations to them.

The New Year's resolution time is coming up again - how about it?

A long time ago I suggested that we might consider trying to become the first community in Europe to become entirely tobacco-free, perhaps its not so fanciful after all. If we could gain a completely smoke-free environment the health and wealth gains would be considerable.

With the savings the village residents might club together to buy a small island for holidays - like Hawaii perhaps - only joking about the island!

### CONGRATULATIONS - TWO

Karen Cousins, our District Nurse, has been awarded Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Award for Outstanding Service. The award will be presented to her on Friday 17th November 2000 in The Cafe Royal in London.

The whole practice team is delighted for Karen, that her exceptional qualities and commitment to care have been so wonderfully rewarded. Very Well Done!

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