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HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES (Winter Programme: November 2000 - January 2001)

(Meetings begin at 7.15pm at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church)

9th November 23rd November 7th December

21st December

Mr. John Hemstock

Mr Trevor Bridges Mr. John Proudlock

Dr. Angus Lunn Mr Zane Foster

11th January 2001 25th January

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7pm. - 9pm.

Community Centre

Book of tickets only 50p each session of 5 games.

Free Tea & Coffee at half time

RAFFLE

All age groups are most welcome to attend.

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Hello everyone

It is now increasingly clear that we are firmly in the middle of Autumn – an ever thicker carpet of leaves on the ground, strong and blustery winds and noticeably chillier temperatures. Mind you, that doesn't seem very different from July or August this year, come to think of it!

What it does mean, though, is that we are once more getting close to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday (11th and 12th November respectively). As I see things, these are very special dates in any year, but this year in particular has great significance. It represents the 60th anniversary of the evacuation at Dunkirk and of the immediately following Battle of Britain. Both of these events had almost miraculous outcomes against enormous odds in a situation where Britain stood alone in the world. I will always be unreservedly grateful to the many thousands who made sacrifices on behalf of us all. Can I suggest that we all make the best contribution we can afford this year to the Poppy Fund, that we observe silence at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month", and that as many as feel able to attend the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial try to do so. (see the Church page for times) The veterans of the Second World War, and their survivors, are not getting any younger.

"When you go home Tell them of us, and say For their tomorrow We gave our today"

- Inscription on War Memorial, Kohima

You will recall, I'm sure, the questionnaire seeking your opinions about a Healthy Living Centre for Haydon Bridge which went out with the July issue. I regret to tell you that, of a total of nearly 900 survey questionnaires issued, the number returned was – wait for it – 58!!! As such a low response – 6.5% – cannot be taken as in any way representative of village opinion, the matter will now rest. It is indeed unfortunate that so few of us felt strongly enough to express a view. Thanks to those who took the trouble to return completed questionnaires. A full report will be given the next issue of the *Haydon News*.

Charles Thomas, Chairman 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge) Thursday 26th October 2000

Present were:

9 Councillors (apologies tendered from 2) the Parish Clerk and 7 mem bers of the public.

Mr Nick Barrett, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Tynedale District Council (TDC) gave a presentation based on the Air Quality Report and the problems caused by domestic coal burning in the village.

The presentation was very detailed and included the types of pollutants considered along with the acceptable parameters a panel of experts has agreed for each.

The main pollutants considered were: Benzene, Butadiene, Carbon Monoxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Lead, PM¹⁰ Particles and Sulphur Dioxide and the parameters for each were outlined. In all, Tynedale considers that all bar the Sulphur Dioxide fall within the guidelines agreed. Hence the concern over the burning of coal.

Councillors raised concerns about the influence of traffic flow and attendant exhaust gases adding to the levels of pollutants. TDC says that the Nitrogen Dioxide & Carbon Monoxide levels are within the permitted parameters. However, further tests will be undertaken to clarify the situation.

As far as the Sulphur Dioxide is concerned, TDC will set up monitoring equipment in the village – probably at the Fire Station for ease of access & for power – over the months of December, January and February. If at the end of this period indications suggest that Haydon Bridge ex-

ceeds the permitted levels then action will have to be taken. This will include asking people questions about the type of fuel being burnt and on what sort of appliance (open or closed). Authorised/Approved Coal Merchants sell the permitted types of coal to be burned in a Smokeless Zone. Wood is not permitted unless burned in 'an approved appliance'

Leisure heating, that is, not providing essential heating of the home or water, would not add significantly to levels.

<u>Consultation will take place</u> and alternatives to coal/ wood have will be considered. Gas, Community Heating with centralised boiler feeding a number of dwellings, even Hydro-Electric!

Changes will be expensive, there are no grants available unless TDC agree on a 'Smokey Fires Initiative' but if Haydon Bridge is in breach of the agreed parameters action will have to be taken before 2005.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barrett for his presentation.

Public Participation: Nothing was raised at this point.

Riverside Project: The official opening will be 'down by the riverside' at 11.00am on Saturday 4th November. Refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall.

Heslop's Yard: Planning permission has been approved but as another offer has been received things have

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The £10 Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1. Participate. (7,2,5)
- 8. Prayer to Mary. (7)
- 9. Worn by 17 down perhaps. (7)
- 11. Unfamiliar. (5)
- 12 & 20 across. Northumberland place names. (9,9)
- 13. A job at Vickers? (4,5)
- 14. Scottish Lord murdered in Kenya. (5)
- 15. Bird. (5)
- 17. Traces Ian in search for facts. (9)
- 20. See 12 across
- 22. Belgian town. (5)
- 23. Whip. (7)
- 24. The bane of office workers? (2,5)
- 25. of Man for instance. (4)
- 26. Scottish marbles. (5)
- 27. Die, Der, ____ (3)

DOWN

- 1. Charles reacts, uninteresting feature. (13)
- 2. Imps age flighty footballers. (7)
- 3 & 14 down Northumbrian place names. (9,9)
- 4. Could refer to middle or distant lands. (7)
- 5. T.V. Actor with sting. (7)
- 6. Uninteresting. (5)
- 7. Farm owner/worker. (7)
- 10. Hiking blooms. (8,5)
- 14. ' See 3 down
- 16. Shouts. (7)
- 17. An example for 1 across. (7)
- 18. In the film it was a carry on. (7)
- 19. Inflatable aid in water. (3.4)
- 21. Sleeping sound varied by North European. (5)

Solution to September's Crossword (number 04) will be found on page 10

HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE: by Dennis Telford

ON THE MARTIN TRAIL - part 1.

As I flicked through the pages of a series of books written by a relative of mine, I was reminded that in 1965, author Nancy Ridley pointed out that the inhabitants of Haydon Bridge were extremely indifferent towards their famous son, John Martin. In 1968 she repeated the observation, telling the world that insufficient recognition had been given to the artist by his native village.

Little has changed in the intervening years. A STONE PLAQUE on the gable end of the building in which he was born and TWO STREETS named after him are the only outward signs of our appreciation.

I have a feeling that if John Martin had been born in the West Country, the Yorkshire Dales or the Lake District, his life and work would have been promoted vigorously to the benefit of the tourist industry and local businesses.

John Martin's background, his close family and his life is a remarkable story. It makes fascinating reading and provides enough material for the most demanding story tellers.

Consider this!

Richard Thompson, the owner of a smallholding down the Land Ends at Haydon Bridge, who's wife, Ann Ridley, was descended from the Protestant martyr Nicholas Ridley, rejects his daughter Isabella's suitor, a 'wild-spirited fellow' from Tow House at Bardon Mill.

Undaunted, they elope and ride together to Gretna Green where they are married over the anvil.

Isabella's new husband, William Fenwick Martin continues his 'wild life' of adventure and travel. After working in a large tannery in Ayr, his time is spent quelling the mutiny during the American War of Independence, keeping an Inn at Hartley on the coast road between Whitley Bay and Blyth, working as a woodman to a Mr Tulip at Highside near Lowgate, giving fencing lessons in the 'Old Globe' yard on Battle Hill in Hexham He was reputedly, 'the best swordsman in the kingdom'. He travelled the countryside as a peddler and drove cattle to London.

Fenwick must have spent some time at home however! Isabella had thirteen children! Only five of which survived.

At Haydon Bridge, Isabella continued her own family's obsessive Protestant traditions, holding two prayer meetings each day for her family and friends.

On her death bed Isabella said that she, 'heard heavenly music' and prophesised that her family's fame would spread 'throughout the world'

And how prophetic!!

William Martin (1772 - 1851)

The eldest son, born at Tow House but lived with his Grandparents at Land Ends from an early age. William became known as the 'philosophical conqueror of all nations' a title which he bestowed upon himself and in his adult life he became a notorious character in Newcastle. He had a mania for writing philosophical pamphlets and broadsides and published over two hundred which he sold and sent to 'the wealthy and the great'.

There is little doubt that William had a genius for invention and one of his earlier examples was a paddle boat, made at Haydon Bridge in 1802 while visiting his parents after his discharge from the Northumberland Militia in which he served for seven years.

In 1814 he received a silver medal and ten guineas from the Society of Arts for the invention of the spring balance, similar to those still in use today, but generally he was unable to carry through his numerous ideas to practical commercial usefulness.

William's peers were no such slouches in this department and throughout his adult life he harboured grievances against those whom he believed had gained fame and fortune at his expense.

William was particularly grieved in his belief that George Stephenson stole his design for a Miner's Safety Lamp, which was much superior to Sir Humphrey Davy's.

Amongst his other inventions were: a pneumatic leather jacket for life saving at sea, a metallic tin pen, a cure for dry rot in ship's timbers, a fan ventilator for coal mines, a flying machine and a travelling machine propelled along the ground with feet. A cure for cholera and an improvement to Macadam's method of road building.

Perhaps William was best known nationally for his attempts to discover the cause of perpetual motion. After thirty-seven experiments, his machine which showed a pendulum moving without any apparent source of external energy, was exhibited at 28, The Haymarket, London. The Exhibition remained open for twenty-nine years.

My research into the Martin family took me to the Bardon Mill W.I. local history event in September. I was interested to see an old photograph of 'The Fold', a thatched cottage standing adjacent to the tannery at Tow House and quite probably Fenwick Martin's family home and William's birthplace.

I was also fortunate to meet up with David Reay, who was peering intently through a magnifying glass at his copy of the first planned horse-drawn railway from Newcastle to Carlisle. The figure engraved on the plan was that of William Martin, described as 'the first inventor of railways'

There is some justification for William's claim.

In 1794 he was working at a ropery at Howdon Dock when it occurred to him that coal wagons would run with less friction if they were on cast metal rails rather than wooden rails and 'one horse would be able to draw three or four wagons'. By 1796 he had made a model of his 'metallic railway'. This was William's first known invention but as with most of his later ones he received no acknowledgement, when metal rails were eventually introduced.

He returned to his railway interests in later years and travelled on one of the trains which opened the Newcastle to Carlisle railway in 1838. He devised a plan for dealing with the sparks which were a source of danger to passengers in the open Third Class carriages. He advised railway engineers to make their engines sharp at the front end to cut through the air with ease. He recommended ten foot wheels, to enable the engine to go fifty miles an hour and he strongly advocated the broad gauge.

William delivered numerous lectures in which he was openly hostile to scientists, such as Faraday and Newton and religious noteworthies of the day.

William married in 1814 and he lived on Shields Road, Newcastle and at Wallsend. His wife died in 1832 and in his later years his eccentricity bordered on madness. He paraded through the streets of Newcastle wearing a tortoise shell mounted with brass as a hat and a medal 'as big as a saucer' around his neck.

(Continued from page 3) been put on hold.

Shaftoe Street: Approved but reduced to four houses.

Inner Haugh: There are to be a lot of houses to be built. Almost half the field will be taken up. Concerns were expressed by the Councillors as to the poor access to the A69, and why the sudden 'boom' in housing after nothing for a number of years. Of the 54 houses planned for the site, 10 would be begun soon and would be classed as 'social housing' the remainder being 2/3 & 4 bedroom private houses.

The Parish Council has to give a measured response by early next month which was felt to be too short notice so it was decided to call a special meeting for the public to discuss the implications in the Local Plan as well as for this particular area. (See below)

The Council will write to TDC expressing its concerns over the lack of notice for such important issues.

H.E.R.S.: The last meeting was poorly attended although the presentation was good. Next meeting open to the public is on Tuesday 7th November.

Greenwich Gardens: The light previously reported as vandalised has been fixed.

William Martin's final year was spent in London living with his brother John and he died on 9th February 1851.

Richard Martin (1779 - 1837)

Fenwick and Isabella's second son was born in Scotland but lived at East Land Ends from 1789 until he started his working life as a rope maker. He became an expert soldier with the Northumberland Fencibles in 1798 during the Irish rebellion and rose to become a Quarter Master Sergeant in the Grenadier Guards. He fought with the 'Guards in Spain, Portugal and Waterloo and yet was never wounded.

Richard wrote a book of three poems on Biblical Themes. 'The Last Days of the Antediluvian World' - a blank verse poem of 2600 lines divided into six books of dramatic detail, based on his own interpretation of the First Book of the Bible, Genesis VI and VII. A second poem was entitled 'A Forlorn Hope' and a third, 'Ishmael's Address To His Children' in which he denounces biblical characters such as Abraham and Jacob.

As a married man, Richard lived in London from 1827 and had one daughter who married a keeper of printed books at the British Museum. For many years he was sponging off his brother John, a debt which was never honoured according to John.

Richard Martin died in London in 1837.

Correspondence: Northumbria Police Mobile Office is now to be scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday in each month.

- * Cllr. Julie Gibbon (Henshaw) represents us on the Tynedale Community Partnership. She would like to have a contact in Haydon Bridge. Any offers?
- * TDC Recreational Open Space Consultative Document requires a reply by 22nd December.
- * In their final report, Price Waterhouse Coopers (Auditors) indicated that everything was fine.
- * 'Rainbow Writers' to distribute pamphlets to Councillors and to invite them to the Grand Finale on Sunday 26th November.

A.O.B: The Vicar had written to the Post Office requesting a later collection in the village (6.00pm). This has been agreed for a trial period.

- * Fence next to Disabled Bungalow is in a dreadful state. Can it be removed altogether?
- * Signpost indicating Strother Close needs fixing.
- * State of the road at Temple Houses. Concerns will be taken to TDC.

RADS

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING Haydon Bridge Community Centre – Thursday 16th November – 7.00pm To discuss the Local Area Plan including proposed development of Innerhaugh. Everyone is welcome.



Rainbow Writers Millennium Festival



It seems no time at all since the Millennium Festival got underway.

The first event on 6th October was the Youth Club Poster Competition. The children were encouraged and inspired by internationally renowned artist Sian Bowen of North Bank Studio.

The results were bright and colourful and can be seen in Maurice and Rene Armstrong's shop window on Church Street.

The prize winners were selected by local artist and teacher Kate Stenhouse who said she found it hard to decide the winners as all were very imaginative.

	4-5-6 age group	7-8-9-10 age group	11-12-13-14 age group
1 st prize	Jack Robson (6)	Jake Charlton (8)	Claire Brown (12)
2 nd prize	Hannah Kennedy (6)	Danielle Steele (8)	Cheryl Annan (13)
3 rd prize	Jack Brown (5)	Kayleigh Willis (10)	Debbie Brown (12)

The winners will receive their prizes at the Grand Finale on Sunday 26th November at 7.30pm.

Well done to the prize winners and to all the children at the Youth Club.

The Festival launch took place on Saturday morning 7th October at Maurice Armstrong's shop. The Chairman of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', Charles Thomas, ceremonially cut a pink ribbon and wished the Rainbow Writers success for their forthcoming Festival. This was a good start to the Festival with much laughter.

The Creative Writing Workshop took place on Saturday 14th October at the Community Centre. This was led by Joyce and Sylvia, both inspired much fun and lots of writing. Selections will be published in the Souvenir Booklet and will be available on Grand Finale Night.

At the 'Out and About' Club on Monday 24th October at the Methodist Church the group was again led by Sian Bowen who explained the technique of paint marbling. Everyone had a try with wonderful patterned results. This led on to a creative writing time with Sylvia Mitchell. The marbling and writing are to be combined in individual display cards and will be shown at the Grand Finale.

What next? Well, look out for:

Geordie Music Night Local Artists Exhibition - Friday 3rd November at 8,30pm in the Haydon Hotel.

- Sunday 5th November from 2.30pm to 5.30pm in the Methodist Church. (please note the change of time for this event)

John Martin Evening Story-telling with Punch

GRAND FINALE

- Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.

Thursday 23rd November at 8.00pm in the General Havelock.
 Sunday 26th November at 7.30pm in St Cuthbert's Church Hall.

We hope you will come along and join the Rainbow writers in these free experiences.

Please note: Archive 2000 & Reminiscence evening scheduled for 10th November has had to be cancelled.

DANCE CLUB NEWS

Our dance on Monday 16th October was marred by the fact that the heating was not working. In spite of almost non-stop dancing some people were having to sit with coats on. Also, the gremlins had got into the audio system and caused a bit of a nuisance. Both have now been put right.

The security light at the rear of the Community Centre is not working. I enquired about it being hopeful of it having been fixed before our dance on 20th October. No such luck.

Incidentally, our dance was well attended. Sixty being present and raising £254.50 for the Chair Fund. Thanks to all who gave food for the supper, and also for the raffles. A most enjoyable night.

In my last news letter it should have read, "Ken had a bit of a back ganning" which means not feeling well, or going backwards. A word had been missed out.

HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Since the last edition of the *Haydon News*, the Bowis club has played away matches at Slaggyford and Alston. We enjoyed close encounters in all of these matches although we were on the losing side each time.

The Alston match was difficult after we lost a lot of ground in the first round of games. We fought back well with some convincing team victories, but home advantage was always with Alston and we returned home without a win, but with a smile on our faces.

However, after almost beating Slaggyford at their place, they came to the Community Centre on Thursday 19th October for a re-match. This was an extremely close match with only a few points being the deficit one way or the other all night. Going into the final game of the evening, the home side had a 50 - 48 lead. Unfortunately for Haydon Bridge, the visitors came out on top at the death and won the match 59 - 55.

The social side of the evening was just as enjoyable. We all had a lovely supper and a cup of tea. I usually eat too much which makes it difficult to bowl, but we all did just as well with full bellies.

As a club, Haydon Bridge have made steady progress since getting back into business after a year out with the re-building of the Community Centre. A few players were lost during that period of time and we have managed to find some replacements who have come in and are enjoying themselves. They are all keen to help the club progress and win some matches.

The club have held a coffee morning in the Community Centre which was well attended. This raised £20 for the Bowl funds. I would like to thank everybody who helped organise the morning and pour the tea, do the raffle etc, as well as those of you who attended. The money raised was very much appreciated by the club.

If you would like to play Carpet Bowls just come along to the Haydon Bridge Community Centre at 7.00pm on a Thursday night. We'll make you very welcome and will show you the basics of playing the game. If you have never played before, don't worry, everyone of us was at that stage at one time. We have a sociable and friendly set of members who will encourage you. Playing bowls provides good socialisation. Come and have a cup of tea and a game of bowls.

White Jack

13th October 2000

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Langley W.I. warmly welcomed visiting members from Corbridge and Catton to their sixty-fifth birthday party

During the business meeting the President, Mary Nagel, read out a letter from Clarence House thanking us for the birthday card sent to Her Majesty the Queen Mother on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday. She also congratulated the Domino team on its recent success.

The speaker was Mr Peter Athay who presented readings of his own poetry and played his own compositions on his violin. His theme was 'Farming'. This he explained is where his roots are. The poems were reflections of his life and of the things he holds dear to him. He grew up on the land. His poems are his impression of country life years ago and his music his interpretation of the people and characters he knew. Great interest was added to his delightful performance by the dialect which he described as North Northumberland and the Borders.

The competition of a floral arrangement in a wine glass was won first by Peggy Daker and second, Muriel Brown.

The two raffle prizes were won by Maggie Dodd and Doreen Davidson.

Myra Bowen.

Volunteer Driver wanted

A volunteer driver is required on alternative Wednesdays to transport people to the Luncheon Club held in the Methodist Church beginning on 1st November.

Do you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to help by taking elderly, less mobile people to the Club each alternate Wednesday ready to eat at 12 noon?

Most also attend the subsequent Women's Own Meeting and require to be transported home at approximately 3.15pm.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact:

Mrs Eileen Liddle Telephone: 01 434 684 384

On behalf of the Community Association I would like to thank everyone who responded to our appeal for new members. It is not possible to acknowledge everyone who replied and made donations to the Association, however, collectively I would like to express my appreciation for their support and contributions.

Membership now stands at 139.

Thank you

Valerie Bell (Secretary)

HISTORICAL NOTES



by

Dennis Telford

I am reliably informed that on a summer's evening in 1988, the Lounge in the Haydon Hotel was the venue for an impromptu music session which will be forever in the memory of those who were there.

I was so disappointed to return from holiday to find that I had missed this special occasion, but now we can all listen to the wonderful whistle playing which so enthralled the Haydon 'residents' that August evening.

Bob Ballantine was born in 1928 at Simonburn. He went to Hexham Grammar School and worked at Spadeadam before moving, in 1961, to his present home in Australia. Bob recently sent a tape of his performance on a local radio show 'down under', to his sister Joan who lives in our village. A CD/Tape has been produced from Bob's recordings, in which he plays traditional Northumbrian tunes including those written by his father, and it is available from Joan (Benson) 57 Ratcliffe Road and GoJo records, Hexham.

A more significant Haydon Bridge connection is the musical partnership between Bob and Joan's father, Billy Ballantine, a fine self-taught piccolo player, and Jimmy Hunter, one of our own fine instrumentalists of the early and mid 1900's. Jimmy lived at 'Standalone' and played the mouth organ.

My first recollection of hearing Jimmy Hunter play was on a radio programme, maybe "Wot cheor Geordie". But of course many of our older Haydon News readers will have earlier memories of his playing at dances, concerts and informal gatherings during his life in the Tyne Valleys.

My own record collection includes recordings at Haydon Bridge in 1954 in which Jimmy and Billy Ballantine play together. The recordings were made by the BBC to document the traditional music of the North East of England and also include Tom Hunter (Fiddle) and Jake Hutton (Fiddle) and his son Joe.

Tom Hunter's son, Peter, farms at Coastley of course

and can recall many stories about our music makers of the 1950's. Peter himself played the accordion in his early years but sadly cannot be persuaded to give the box and airing now!

Joe Hutton was born at 'Rock House' south of Haltwhistle and became the leading Northumbrian piper of his day. Incidentally, Joe's cousin, George, has moved to our village and is now a committed Haydonian, although I understand that his concertina is gathering dust on top of the wardrobe!

The printed sleeve notes on the 1954 recordings inform us that, "not a lot is known about Jimmy Hunter". He played for local concerts in the war years and also broadcast with Willie Walker and his band! Jimmy was a woodman on the Whinnetley and Tedcastle estates and further research may provide material for a future issue of the Haydon News. Any relevant information and anecdotes from readers will be welcomed.

How fortunate that the wonderful playing of these traditional musicians of yesteryears was recorded for posterity. I never tire of listening to our North East musical heritage, especially when played (or sung) by those who lived in our Tyne Valleys. A heritage so ably kept alive locally by our own present day players including Henry Robson (accordion) who's father 'Young Harry' was another fine player of the piccolo when living at 'Town Shields', Francis Templar (pipes), David Reay (mouth organ) as of course on the other side of the world, Bob Ballantine.

Reference:

"Holey Ha'penny"

Classic Recordings of traditional music from the North East of England

(Topic Records Ltd)

"Northumbria Down Under"

Bob Ballantine

St Cuthbert's Church - Haydon Bridge Sponsored Steeplechase Saturday 9th September 2000

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored Mrs Nessie Marshall and myself for the Steeplechase. The sum of £204 was collected for the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust and half of this amount will be returned to St. Cuthbert's Church.

We visited 25 lovely churches, all especially left open for the day and enjoyed a day of sunshine and surprises.

Thank you all again

Mrs Joyce Armstrong (Treasurer)

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Solution to crossword (04) - Sept.

Eleven (11) entries were received.

Correct entries were received from the following 9 people.

Dennis Telford
Mrs A M Scott
B & R Shout
Denis Bell
Alan Telford
B Pearson
Maureen Robson
A Phillips
Rene Armstrong

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From Birth to 3 years.

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

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For further information contact Genevieve Stone on: 01 434 684 537 or call in at one of the sessions.



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Cost: £3 per session.

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

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

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'THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE'

Dates and Times of Meetings

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

Venue: The Community Centre, Haydon Bridge

Public Participation

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

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

Charles Thomas, Chairman,

Haydon Bridge FC

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CHURCH PAGE

November 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)

A friend of mine who had served overseas gave me a childs shoe on his return to the UK. It has a thick rubber base, with the old "Dunlop" motif still visible on the sole, betraying the fact that this part of the shoe is made from an old tyre. The top consists of thin strands and an old buckle to help keep the foot in place. It would fit a five/six year old and is a shoe from a Leprosy colony. Leprosy is not a dark ages disease, it is still with us and various caring and medical agencies are doing great work to combat its dreadful effects.

One of the effects of leprosy is that the disease attacks the nerve ends, especially on the balls of the feet. With these nerve ends destroyed the sufferer feals no pain - great? No. In the countries where leprosy still exists, not everyone can afford shoes and

a barefoot child is at considerable risk from gangrene and blood poisoning when a cut to the foot from a sharp rock, discarded piece of glass or a razor sharp thorn, goes unnoticed, unfelt and untreated. The consequences of infection can be severe. Hence the shoe, not feeling the pain does not help - in fact quite the opposite.

On Sunday 6th November at St Johns Catholic Church Haydon Bridge at 6 pm the Churches Together in Haydon Bridge will be holding a special service for the bereaved, to coincide with All Saints Day. Obviously all are welcome but particularly we would like to welcome those who still feel a sense of loss from bereavement. It is not wrong to feel the pain of losing someone you love. It is not wrong to still grieve for those loved and lost from many years ago. It is wrong that we encourage people to "move on" and "put the past behind us" without ever dealing with the hurt and sorrow, through comfort and healing. A hurt that is never dealt with, raises its head as anger and bitterness. a sorrow that is never comforted can cause damage to so many future relationships.

This service will be an informal and sensitive attempt on our part to share the grieving and by God's grace, bring some healing to some of the hurt and offer a way of hope. If you cannot join us, please pray for us and especially for those whom you know to be bereaved.

GOD OF LIGHT AND WARMTH

O God star kindler kindle a flame of love within us to light our path in days of darkness

O God sun warmer warm us with your love to melt the frozen hand of guilt

O God moon burnisher burnish the shield of faith that we may seek justice and follow the way of peace

Kate M McIlhagga

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Nov 1st

2.00 pm Womens Own

Nov 5th

10.00 am Mrs Gazzani

6.00 pm St Johns Service of Hope

Nov 12th

10.15 am Remembrance Service St Cuthberts War Memorial Chapel

6.00 pm Mrs B Hargreaves

Nov 14th

7.30 pm Mens Fellowship

Nov 15th

2.00 pm Womens Own AGM Rev David Perkins

Nov 19th

10.00 am Mr P Eavis

6.00 pm Mr D Forshaw

Nov 26th

10.00 am Rev D Perkins (S)

6.00 pm Rev T Oaklev

Nov 28th

7.30 pm Mens Fellowship

Nov 29th

2.00 pm Womens Own Jack and Audrey Shiel

Dec 3rd

10.00 am Rev D Driver

6.00 pm Mr D Matthews

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Wed.1st 7pm 'All Souls' service for the Departed.

Sun. 5th
8.00am
Holy Communion
10.30am
All-Age Service of the Word.
6.00pm at St John's: Service of Hope.

Sun. 12th Remembrance Day 8.00am Holy Communion 10.15am Remembrance Service

Wed. 15th7.30pm Church Council meets

 Sun. 19th
 2nd Sunday before Advent

 10.30am
 Parish Communion & Baptism

Wed.22d 7.30pm Mothers' Union meets
Thu. 23d 7.30pm Deanery Synod meets
Sat. 25th 2.00pm Church winter fair.

Sun. 26th Christ the King Sunday
10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon

Dec.3rd Advent Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word.

WINTER FAIR

St Cuthbert's Winter Fair will take place on Saturday November 26th at 2.00pm. Come along for some pre-Christmas bargains; also cakes and refreshments, and a time to natter with old and new friends.

NEW CURATE

St Cuthbert's welcomed the Revd Alan Currie last month. Alan was ordained as a deacon in Newcastle Cathedral on October 8th, along with five other people. He will continue to live in Hexham, and to teach full-time at Queen Elizabeth High School; much of his ministry will be there. But he will also be serving as curate in these parishes, taking services, and being involved in all aspects of church life. We welcome him warmly.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The annual Remembrance Service will begin at St Cuthbert's at 10.15 on Sunday November 12th, taken by the vicar. At around 10.57, the names of the war-dead of Haydon Bridge will be read aloud, and remembered in two minutes' silence at 11.00am. The service will conclude with 10 minutes in the Methodist Church, with prayers of hope and dedication for the future, taken by the minister. And we will stay for coffee there too. The timing will be taken from St Cuthbert's Church clock!

SERVICES AT ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CATHOLIC CHURC

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.

SERVICE OF HOPE

Christians Together in Haydon Bridge have planned a new service this month: a service for the bereaved. The special service will be at St John's Roman Catholic Church on Sunday November 5th at 6.00pm for those who still grieve over the loss of loved-ones. All three of the village's clergy will be taking part, together with Mrs Barbara Rowarth, who has experience in bereavement counselling. All are invited, whether your relative died recently or many years ago, and whichever church or crematorium the funeral took place in. It will be a peaceful service, with plenty of time to be still and to reflect.

There will be a chance to light candles, expressing thanks and hope, remembering our own departed. After the service, the clergy and Barbara Rowarth will remain in church, in case anyone wishes to talk quietly about their loss.

A PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

We remember today, O Lord, all those who have died in any kind of war: soldiers who perished in the horror of battle, householders buried beneath the rubble, men, women and children hacked to death in their villages.

Today we remember especially the victims of the two world wars, including those who were close to us,

or to our parents or grandparents.

We also remember those who came home

with terrible injuries; those who became mentally ill through the trauma of war.

and those who lost someone they loved. Have mercy on us, Lord,

for all the damage done to people by people in war.

and strengthen those who are striving to bring peace in our world now. Amen.

from Book of 1000 prayers, edited Angela Ashwin.

Lots of changes this month

PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS

The number of requests for repeat medication is very great, yet they still have to be received and processed within the existing working hours. We know that our request that phone messages about repeat medication be made after 10.30 was unpopular with some patients even though it did permit people wanting appointments to get through. A new method was needed.

We have decided to take the plunge and install a separate phone line for prescriptions ONLY. This is installed in the dispensary where all the requests are processed.

Henceforth, ALL repeat prescription requests should be phoned to:

688351 REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS ONLY

If you wish to speak to a real live dispenser/receptionist you should still phone 10.00-12.00 or 2.00-6.00 Monday to Friday on 688351. At all other times there will be an answerphone on which you may leave a message - all night, weekends, lunchtime, Bank Holidays etc.

If you wish to use the answerphone, this is the message you will hear:

Hello. This is the Haydon and Allen Valleys Medical Practice prescription service. From 10 am until 12.00pm and from 2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, your request will be taken by the dispenser on duty.

If you would prefer to record your request outside these hours please do so after the long tone. Be sure to state

1;your name

2;the reference number on the top right of your prescription counterfoil and 3;the names and strengths of the drugs you require.

Please spell any names that you cannot pronounce.

Patients whose prescriptions are dispensed at the practice need add nothing further. Patients who wish to collect their prescriptions from the practice or from a specified chemist should state their preference.

Thank you.

It is absolutely essential, for this system to work safely, that you state both the name and strength of the medication. It will be no good saying "I want all of 'em" or "just some of me pink ones" or "me blood pressure tablets".

For example:

"This is Mrs Euphemia Whaletrouser. Number one seven five nine. C-E-R-I-V-A-S-T-A-T-I-N one hundred microgrammes and paracetamol five hundred milligrammes. Please send the prescription to Peter's, Thank you so kindly."

or.

"Eeeh, Y'bugger! Wots t' crack then? Tis lack Badgersbum 'ere, five thousan' an' twen'y two. Gis me B-E-C-L-O-M-E-T-H-A-S-O-N-E two hunert MCGs spray an' me Zaedoc one fifty MGs. I'll pick 'em up tomorrow - Ta."

Well - you get the idea, I hope.

You can also still post an SAE, or fax or e-mail to request medicines. We deliver prescriptions to Peter Robertson's and Walker's in Allendale daily. We have a collection service from Boots in Hexham and, of course, dispense prescriptions to those eligible to use our own dispensing service.

Any questions about this new arrangement - just ask.

NEW OPENING TIMES



To bring ourselves into line with the opening and closing times of the out-of-hours service we are changing our opening times. This has the additional advantages of allowing office workers to see us on their way to work and creates a number of additional appointment slots every week.

From mid November we are open 8.00 - 12.00 & 2.00 - 6.00 Monday to Friday (no half day anymore)

Surgery times run from 8.00 to 11.00 and from 3.00 to 6.00 - the last appointment will be booked at 5.30. On Thursday afternoon surgery will run from 3.30 to 5.30 only.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff, Sarah McMillan, who will be spending most of her time as front desk receptionist. She joins us in mid November.

NEW HEALTH VISITOR

We were sorry to say good-bye to Elissa but a new Health Visitor will be starting in mid November. We are sure that she will fit in well.

One of the additional tasks that she will be undertaking is the children's immunisations.

EXTRA NURSE APPOINTMENTS

By shuffling round people's duties we have managed to find some extra hours every week for Nurse Mary to see more patients. This is an important development and one which we hope will be taken advantage of by large numbers of people.

There are many tasks that nurses do better than doctors, so we want to encourage a trend toward using the right team member for every task.

You should see the nursing staff for all routine medication reviews; especially blood pressure, asthma, cholesterol, thyroid disease, diabetes, heart disease, contraception etc., all dressings and suture removals, minor injuries (cuts and bruises), well person checks, over 75 checks, adult and travel immunisations, ear syringes and smoking cessation. See nurses for minor illnesses (sore throats, coughs, colds etc.) in adults and general health advice or questions too.

Sonia, the auxiliary, has a blood taking session on Wednesday mornings. We would like to encourage people requiring a blood sample taking to make a point of booking with her. Anti-coagulant (warfarin) users should see Sonia normally.

You should see the doctor for new illnesses, children's illnesses, problems with treatment and mental health problems especially.

You will always receive a welcome with every member of the team, so don't worry if you are unsure about whom to see. We will try to guide you concerning the best way to use the services offered.

Yes, it's here again folks. The snot season is upon us once more and we are up to our corsets in gelatinous green gloop already. Mmmmmm! Love it!

Almost all coughs, colds, sore throats, flu, chest infections and so on are caused by viruses. Antibiotics DO NOT kill viruses but they do give you diarrhoea, thrush and rashes and you know how much you enjoy those - especially all at once! Rest, plenty of fluids and pain killers are all you need. If you've still got symptoms after a fortnight you can always pop in for a check over.

Steve Ford.

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