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## EDITORIAL

Hello everyone,

As I write this, the sun is shining brightly, there is a gentle, cooling breeze and the forecast for the next few days is optimistic – is it possible after the past grey and rainy weeks that Summer has decided to pay a visit? Here's hoping.....!

The topic of conversation and general comment which surfaces most commonly when people chat these days seems to be the new Post Office arrangements. The new system has been in place for at least a couple of months now, and you would expect things, after a few teething problems, to be starting to settle down. This, however, does not seem to be the general view. I would have to say that the situation has cropped up in dozens of conversations in which I have been involved, and that I have yet to hear a single favourable comment. And yet, the *Courant* recently published a story in which the Haydon Bridge Co-op seemed only aware of praise for the new system. It should also be mentioned that I have heard absolutely no criticism about the staff members at the Co-op – the problems people have seem to be with the system itself and how it is managed. I understand that many folk now conduct their business at Hexham. Sadly, if enough dissatisfied customers vote with their feet and take their Post Office business elsewhere, it may mean that the Co-op and Post Office authorities will feel that there is not enough traffic to make the arrangement viable and close it permanently! I think this is an issue of concern for the people of Haydon Bridge, and I believe it is important for us all to have a convenient, efficient and secure local Post Office service. Do you believe the new system is satisfactory? What changes need to be made? What do you think? Drop us a line or an e-mail and tell us – your opinions are important!

Our next issue of the *Haydon News* is at the end of September.

**Charles Thomas, Chairman**

'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'

*Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge)  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2001 at 7.30pm.*

**Present throughout were:** 8 Councillors (apologies from 3), the Parish Clerk and 4 members of the Public. Representatives from Shaftoe Trust First School and the Showfield Estate were present for part of the time.

1. Mrs Cooper and representatives from Class One of the school gave a small presentation concerning the children's points of view on the need for a Playpark in the village. Backed up by facts and figures taken from recent research the children had produced a Project Book and this was presented to the Chair of the Parish Council who accepted it with thanks. At this point the group left the meeting.

2. Residents were very vocal in expressing their disgust at the overall state of parts of Haydon Bridge. Concerns over rubbish, litter were voiced as were continuing worries over the state of the Old Bridge and Church Street. On walking around the village, some residents felt that parts of the estate were almost immaculate (gardens, pathways etc.) whilst others, including Church Street, were atrocious! If the HERS scheme was going to make such a difference why was this street in such a state? It just seems as if the village is being 'fobbed off' and there is not one person who seems to be co-ordinating the whole scheme. WHY?

Suggest that a very strong letter be written to Tynedale District Council.

3. Some Showfield residents had attended the meeting as they felt that something had to be said about the proposals to construct a Playpark in the area (as mentioned in the notes of last month's *Haydon News*).

The Chair had contacted the landowner of the particular bit of land who had, in essence, no objections to the scheme. However, he had suggested that part of the school's football field would be better. Residents expressed their con-

cerns about access and the crossing of the busy roads. Other parties would have to be contacted including Shaftoe Trustees but the Chair assured those present that they should have no fears for the time being as nothing had been decided yet. But he did recognise their concerns. At this point the residents also left the meeting.

**Presentation by "2 Castles Housing Association"** The Principal Housing Officer for TDC made introductory remarks regarding the Housing Strategy for Affordable Housing and the Planning Processes and how funding has to follow a Grant Regime. He then introduced the development Manager for "2 Castles".

He opened by stating that they had no specific site in mind but that people should have a feel for what is appropriate for the needs of a rural community.

**Tenure Options:** Looking at 2/3 bedroom properties with rents £56/£61 weekly, Shared Ownership or Leasehold for the Elderly (over 55!). At this point Cllr Fletcher pointed out that perhaps it should be 'older' people and not 'elderly'.

There must be seen to be a **need for such housing** and the political support of the Parish Council in allocation of suitable sites, its acquisition and procurement going through to Completion and being ready for occupation. This is not a quick process!

**Categories of Need:** Newly married, those leaving a Tied property, on retirement etc. and perhaps for those needing to live close to the community as regards work.

The Chair asked if a 'needs' survey had been done in Haydon Bridge by TDC? Yes was the answer. And? Well, indications from the recent survey seemed to show that about 100 people had expressed a need! Equating to some-

thing like 30 units. Makes you think about the Innerhaugh development, doesn't it!

If there is seen to be a need then the way forward has to be undertaken by a partnership including the Parish Council, District Council and the Housing Corporation.

The Chair thanked both contributors and they left.

**Minutes of the previous meeting were deemed accurate.**

**Matters Arising:** 1. The Village Appraisal Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** had to be postponed as the date clashed with another important meeting, strangely enough, about the same type of concern. A Regional Appraisal which needs to be carried out and completed in a very short time. Cllr Charlton would undertake the passing on of information, and its collation, to fellow Councillors

A re-arranged **VILLAGE APPRAISAL** meeting is now scheduled for **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST** beginning at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

2. The Tree Planting went very well. It looks nice and the children were very enthusiastic in carrying out the task. Well done! (Good picture in the **Courant**)

3. The Clerk informed the meeting that a new Dog Bin had been ordered direct from Glasdon. £133.98 + VAT. A post also. Expensive!

**Tynedale Council Minutes.** Nothing exciting to report as there had been a short meeting.

**Highways/Bypass:** The meeting was informed that this was now back on the agenda. Cllr Charlton said that it had never been OFF the agenda contrary to what others had believed.

The footpath on North Bank is in a dangerous condition. Chippings recently laid have now got on to the pavement as traffic passes by.

The footpath alongside the A69 out of the village is overgrown and needs cutting back.

The Council is to be informed on both matters. However, it was suggested that as **Road Link** now 'look after' the A69 perhaps they should be contacted.

Anyone with concerns about the A69 should contact:

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**Planning Applications:** Single storey extension at Standalone and extension to Haydon Bridge High School. Also the Innerhaugh development.

An up-date was given on the Innerhaugh. As the new plans have to be discussed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August it is highly unlikely that they will get to the Planning meeting by then.

Issues over land ownership, the raising of floor levels, the type of stone to be used for facing the road-side houses are being addressed. The Water Board feels that the flow for sewage is OK but that the pumping station is to be improved. There were some mutterings of disagreement on these two last issues. Only recently, the sewage pipe had to be rodded/jetted again because it was blocked. Putting another 48 houses on the same pipe won't cause problems????

Councillors felt that the scheme was far too big and unsuitable.

**Correspondence:** Briefly these included arrangements for the Auditing of Accounts, CrimeFree Initiative (see also page 8), Hadrian's Wall Heritage Plan and Local Agenda 21.

**AOB.** Councillor Parkin enquired about process of getting Brown Tourist signs for placing on the approaches to the village. How? Who? Cost?

**Finally.** Our Parish Clerk (Susan Batey) has tendered her resignation from the post to take effect September/October.

Any gallant soul fancy the job?

## RADS

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Please see the notice board, next to the Butcher's shop for the venue. The General Public is welcome as the first part of every meeting invites Public Participation. Have your say – Brickbats and Bouquets!!

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## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE – Dennis Telford

Can you guess which well-known local landmark Robert Brogdon, a Haydon Bridge newsagent and author, is describing in 1900?

*'We pass from the dusty road to the well-kept footpath with overhanging trees. After a short descent where we catch pretty glimpses of the river beneath we emerge by the side of the Tyne. Here a scene of rustic loveliness presents itself. The river flows somewhat rapidly on its winding course amongst the boulders which bestrew its banks and bed. The sloping hillside is covered with flower and foliage whilst away in front spreads the woods of Brokenheugh and Capons Cleugh.'*

In the early 1900's the beauty and benefits of this walk were publicised across the North of England. Those village people seeking to promote their businesses, took advantage of its popularity by mentioning it in their publicity material.

Haydon Bridge was a regular stopping off point for those visitors from the town or, 'Doon Bye' who availed themselves of the wonderfully scenic journey on the Newcastle to Carlisle railway. Postcards of the time depict views of a pristine scene. An immaculate white painted post and rail fence bordering a beautifully kept path, painted iron railings and coursed natural stonework. The whole fitting perfectly with its natural surroundings.

**You will have guessed by now.**

YES! It's the Haydon Spa, or the Spa Well as it's more likely to be called by Haydonians. Along with Langley Castle, the Derwentwater Cross, Geeswood Waterfall and Haydon Old Church, our most popular attraction for tourists and locals alike in the first half of the twentieth century.

It had been known for many years that a natural Sulphur Spring ran out of the hillside about a mile east of our beautifully situated village. It wasn't until 1863 however, that an organisation called the Haydon Bridge 'Picnic Committee' got permission from the Receiver of the Greenwich Hospital Estates to tidy

the area and build a basin to collect the water. The small well provided a focus for the pleasant walk from the village.

Funds were raised privately and a stone lintel was inscribed and placed above the basin. That stone, with a simple but attractive curved soffit, is still visible today and it provides us with the date of the first improvements. 6<sup>th</sup> June 1863. The 'Picnic Committee' continued to maintain the basin, and access to it, for many years.

Towards the end of the 1800's the picnic spot was suffering from neglect. The earth had slipped down from the bank above the spring. The path was almost impassable and the basin was covered. The water continued to run however, and Robert Brogdon, who commenced business on Church Street about 1888, described the scene. *'For years there was nothing more than a rude hole scooped in the bank-side to catch the water'*.

1897 was the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Ten years earlier Haydon Bridge had celebrated her Golden Jubilee in fine style and provided a permanent reminder with the new 'Double Dial' clock in our Church Tower. (see my reference in the *Haydon News* - May 2000).

Towards the end of April 1897, the Haydon Bridge Parochial Council appointed a committee to determine how the day would be celebrated in the village. It was also agreed to provide a permanent memorial to the Queen's reign. Ideas included the 'old chestnut' which had been proposed ten years earlier, and for which we are still waiting, one hundred and fourteen years later! A public park or public recreation area, but also on this occasion the restoration and improvement of the Spa Well.

The official Jubilee celebrations on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1897 were a great success. Almost every house in the village displayed bunting and there was a procession which stretched one quarter of a mile long. The route this procession took in was from Church

Street to Ratcliffe Road, John Martin Street, Whittis Hill, Smith's Terrace and then to Crook Hill Field where sports and various events took place, and a 'knife-and-fork' tea was provided free for all parishioners.

The day ended with fireworks on Crook Hill and a bonfire on the horizon at The Tofts.

The committee continued to work towards providing a permanent memorial. Mr. Straker of 'The Leazes', now the owner of the land, gave his support to a scheme to restore the Spa Well that would make its *'curative waters comfortably accessible to visitors and residents alike'*

Six shillings was spent on an investigation. The well was cleaned and the stone lintel with its original date was found. There was still an excellent supply of water.

By November 1897 it was agreed that the restoration of the Spa Well would be the village's permanent memorial to Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and a committee was empowered to carry out the improvements. W.S. Walton, Irving Reay, Peter Scott, Joseph Lawton and J. Hamilton set about their task.

A balance of £1-13-0 remained from the Jubilee celebrations and this opened a public fund which was to reach almost £100 in cash and kind. Three hundred circulars were sent out to people living in the district. Greenwich Hospital's representatives refused to contribute but this didn't deter the committee and donations included £5 from Mr. Straker, £2 from W.D. Cruddas MP, £1 guinea from C.J. Bates, a promise of a subscription from Hon. F. Bowes Lyon and promises of a loan of carts and horses for carting.

A Diamond Jubilee Social held in the Shaftoe School on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1897 when, *'dancing continued until the early hours of the morning!'* raised £4.

By February 1898 Mr. E. Davidson had prepared the plans for widening the path from the main road, reducing the gradient, tapping the Spring at its source and bringing the water

to the surface in metal pipes. The committee was instructed to receive tenders for the work.

Mr Irvine Reay supervised Messrs. O. Lee, J. Nelson and J. Reed who were the workmen responsible for the restoration and they started their task in the first week of March. They were paid three shillings and sixpence a day.

The village people appear to have been genuinely excited by the project. Many of them visited the Spa Well and watched the work being done. The businessmen were full of hope that Haydon Bridge would match the success that Gilsland Spa was experiencing as a rural retreat.

The work was completed by the third week in May. *'A well-made footpath laid and railed off from the high road to the Well and a substantial stone erection with a cemented square enclosed with a metal paling.'*

The grey granite plaque with inscribed gold letters, which you can read today, was built into the wall as was the stone lintel from 1863. Immediately below was a tablet of wood, long since rotted away, extolling the virtues and purity of the waters as determined by scientific analysis.

On Whit Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 1898, the Opening Ceremony was performed by Mrs. J.C. Straker. Councillor Davidson informed those present that there had, *'been no lack of personal testimony from gentlemen and ladies too, who had taken the water in past years and were able to speak of its good qualities'* And that, *'some people had gone on to prophesy that Haydon Bridge would become a second Harrogate'*. This was treated with some scepticism by the gathered throng, perhaps they were aware that Harrogate was dispensing over 2000 glasses of sulphurous water a day at that time. That there was a demand for its properties there seems little doubt and our councillors can be forgiven for being a touch over optimistic. Mr. Davidson continued, telling them that there was no reason why it should not *'equal rural Gilsland'*

It was pointed out that Haydon Bridge did not have a Popping Stone which was (and still is) an attraction at the Cumberland Spa made famous by Sir Walter Scott who wooed and proposed to his wife Charlotte Carpenter there. But it was agreed, amid laughter, that there were plenty of young people in the village who could find one!

Neither of course did Haydon Spa have an hotel. Gilsland Spa Hotel had been built in the 1700's. If Cllr. Davidson's vision had been realised, maybe the Woodhall Mill site would have looked much different than it does today. Come to think of it, a residential home of sorts was built just across the road. The hostel which housed the Land Army Girls supporting the War Effort. If the Popping Stone was ever found I don't doubt that it was well used in those days!

An inscribed silver cup, in a handsome case, was presented to Mrs. Straker from which she drank the waters of the Well and then formally declared it open.

The vicar, the Rev. J.H. Mandell, moved a vote of thanks and said that Haydon Bridge had aspirations to be looked upon as a health resort and with this in mind weekend tickets for visitors were to be granted by the North East Railway Company.

In 1863 the Opening Ceremony had taken place in a thunderstorm. On this occasion the sun shone, Haydon Bridge Brass Band played the National Anthem numerous times and everyone adjourned to a marquee for tea.

In the evening a dance was held and no doubt the village hostels would be filled with revellers.

The only difficulty I have found in recounting the various speeches and votes of thanks in 1898 are the vivid and probably accurate references to a 'handsome erection' at Haydon Spa, made by councillors blissfully unaware that a local history researcher over one hundred years later would find such a phrase a touch risqué for a family News Sheet. Unless it was hidden away in the Health Centre

notes of course. Maybe part of 'Steve Ford's Fertility Feature!'

Our readers in the year 2001 will probably be aware that the path has suffered a major collapse in two places and now it is impossible to visit the Spa Well without scrambling down the over-grown bankside from the old Hexham Road.

I still take this arduous route but do not recommend it to others. I sit on the seat built in the memory of Raymond McVay, a great friend to the village and the Spa Well, who died in 1988. I revisit old memories. Plodding with arms outstretched to keep our balance on the stony bed. Splashing about in shallow pools, hoping to catch Minnows or 'Beardies' while Leonard's dad, Henry, pulled Salmon or Trout out of the river on a line almost at will. A skill Leonard himself learned with great success, leaving me to my crumbs of bread in a jam jar with a hole punched in the lid. Moving large stones in the hope of seeing a Trout or an Eel. The Eel, if caught, would be taken home in an old tin can to last only a few days. How cruel this seems now. Swimming and diving off the shelf of rock further downstream and more recently watching the Kingfishers in the sandy banks opposite, prepared for their home by the late-lamented Billy Tait.

The Sulphurous water was never an attraction to me nor to my friends and it isn't now. In any case the old iron cup has disappeared. As children we were told that the water was good for us but I don't ever remember those who told us, drinking it themselves!

What is of concern to me now, as I write these 'notes' sitting on Raymond's seat on a simply beautiful July evening, is that the landowner and those responsible for the decision making will deem it an unnecessary expense to repair or renew access to the Spa Well. Recent Council reports do not fill me with confidence. It appears all too easy to write off this place of beauty and solitude.

I will continue to visit here, with or without the easy access, but I hope  
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**THOUGHTS ON INNERHAUGH – or PARADISE LOST!**

***"This application is being advertised because it is a major development"***

So concludes the public notice in the Hexham Courant of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2001, regarding the proposed housing at Innerhaugh, Haydon Bridge.

For the third time, Bellway has submitted plans to Tynedale Council for 48 housing units at Innerhaugh. On the previous two occasions Bellway's proposals were turned down mainly due to poor pedestrian access to the site. (You will have noticed how the pavement narrows as you leave the village passing Innerhaugh). Undeterred, their plans now include re-aligning the A69 so that it runs closer to the Greenwich Garden bungalows, giving more room for a wider pavement on the south side of the road. This re-alignment will also have the effect of straightening that section of the A69 between the tunnel top and the village. As in the previous proposals the 30 mph sign is to be moved westwards. Street lighting is to be extended westwards too. The development also includes a small play area.

***What does this mean for Haydon Bridge? Should the village welcome such a 'major development'?***

Well, let's face it. The development isn't for the people of Haydon Bridge. There are some villagers with accommodation needs, but 48 houses? No! This is as dormitory development for commuters that will help Tynedale Council meet its housing targets. Hexham, and places east along the Tyne Valley – Corbridge, Riding Mill, Stocksfield, Ovingham, Prudhoe etc. have already been extended, and extended again, with dormitory commuter developments. Now it's our turn.

The present District Plan identifies the Innerhaugh as a potential housing area and housing it will get.

Cries from locals about:

***"The sewer pipe serving the development being inadequate"***

***"Fast traffic approaching the village from the west making the Innerhaugh access hazardous"***

***"Possibility of flooding"***

***"Increase in traffic volume through the village"***

***"Housing not needed by local people"*** ..... All will go unheeded.

The houses must go somewhere otherwise targets won't be met.

The planners know this 'major development' will:

***'.. extend the built area of the village'; '.. be detrimental to the character of the village'; '.. adversely affect the rural setting of the village'; '.. be out of keeping with the stone-built conservation area of the village'***

***So What?*** Haydon Bridge is ripe for commuter belt development and more commuters it shall have.

But then, when will it stop? Where will it stop?

Having filled the Innerhaugh with houses, where will the planners look next? In-fill developments on the North Bank perhaps? Not the odd house constructed here and there filling gaps in the existing housing, or in grounds of larger houses. No. It's the fields behind the present houses and above Peelwell. All conveniently outside the conservation area.

Take a walk along the lane towards West Land Ends and look at the North Bank. You can visualise the development potential up there. No longer will Heugh House Lane look so out of place. 'Tofts' will no longer stand in grand isolation. Chesterwood and West Rattenraw will be suburbia. A sort of cloned Prudhoe or Causey Hill. Once we have the Innerhaugh houses further developments of 30, 40 houses won't seem so bad. By then the moans from native Haydonians will count for even less – well, they'll be outnumbered by the expanding population from outside. It has happened in so many other places. Why not Haydon Bridge?

One final thought. With all this new development and a much increased car user population, the village will become a traffic bottleneck again.

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## Tynedale COUNCIL

The rural public of Tynedale can now benefit from the new initiative, "CrimeFree Countryside - Tynedale" which provides easy access to information and advice concerning crime prevention and community safety.

"CrimeFree Countryside" launched at Newbrough Town Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, will provide a website - [www.crimefc.com](http://www.crimefc.com) - with easy access to local and national information on a wide range of subjects including burglary, theft, vehicle crime, arson, domestic violence, drugs misuse, anti-social behaviour, personal safety and issues concerning young people. This will be supported by an information telephone line.

The project, co-ordinated by Tynedale Council, Northumbria Police and Northumberland County Council, came about when a Tynedale Community Safety Partnership review report identified a need to improve promotion of the work of the Partnership amongst agencies and the community. It is supported by the Home Office Crime Reduction Strategy and Crime Free Zone through the North East Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman of Tynedale Council, Cllr Mrs Audrey Hutchinson launched the scheme. She says, "Tynedale, being one of the largest district council areas in England, has many remote stretches, where rural residents are hard to reach. Despite the very low levels of crime in Tynedale, our research shows that many people are nevertheless worried about crime, and it is very reassuring that additional positive help is available to enhance community confidence. It is also exciting that Tynedale is co-ordinating a pilot project for an initiative that may be rolled out countrywide, and possibly further."

John Scott, Assistant Chief Consta-

## PRESS RELEASE

### *CrimeFree Countryside Initiative Ploughs a New Furrow*

ble of Northumbria Police added, "CrimeFree Countryside will complement and support the current Home Office Targeted Policing Initiative in Tynedale by providing publicity and pre-arranged visits to outlying villages and hamlets by the Police and Community Safety Mobile Unit."

Members of the 52 Parish Councils in Tynedale (and the other 86 across Northumberland) will benefit from a section on the website dedicated to Parish Councils. Pat Harding, Chairman of Newbrough Parish Council said, "Communication with the authorities, particularly the Police, is one of the most important ways to help prevent crime in the countryside. This initiative gives us another opportunity to work together to help stop problems. It complements the work of the Police and Community Safety Unit, which is one of the best initiatives that the Police have introduced. The website will be an invaluable information source, with details of Parish Council responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act, and information on the many ways in which we can support community safety."

It is hoped that funding will allow public access to the internet in the new computer suite at Newbrough Town Hall in the future where not only the CrimeFree Countryside website could be accessed, but also other related linked sites, such as the Home Office Crime Reduction Unit, Crime Concern and National Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Logging on to a computer is all very well, but how do you do this when you are on your tractor in the middle of a field? Uniquely, emergency telephone numbers and options to help you deal with your emergency will be available via WAP mobile phone facilities. It is envisaged that information about local services and suppliers will also be added to the mini version of the site that can be accessed remotely with the content determined by what is most useful and

relevant to rural communities. Tractor-man Brian Hall works for an established local farming family. He feels that CrimeFree Countryside will be a bonus to the farming community, giving them the opportunity to make suggestions for a resource that is tailor-made to the needs of rural users.

Cllr John Whiteman is Deputy Leader of Northumberland County Council and Vice Chairman of the Northumbria Police Authority. He added, "Nationally, work on rural crime reduction is in the early stages of development and the Tynedale Partnership is leading the way in developing a response to rural crime issues. At a time when research shows 42% of Tynedale's population has access to a home computer, the launch of a dedicated information site is very timely."

For further information about "CrimeFree Countryside - Tynedale" please contact Gavin Breeze on:

**01 434 652 343**

Website address:

**[www.crimefc.com](http://www.crimefc.com)**

### **HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

On behalf of the Bowls Club I would like to thank the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' for the £160 we received from the Bingo on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

It is very much appreciated and a big help to our club as we will need some new carpets in the near future.

I would also like to thank Pauline and Linda and also the tea makers and not forgetting George who was the caller when Chris was away.

Thank you all once again

**Jean Oliver**  
Secretary

### HAYDON BRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB SPONSORED WALK – RAFFLE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Football Ticket (NUFC) match TBA	Blue 216 – 220
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bottle of Gin	Blue 456 – 460
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bottle of Sherry	Yellow 126 – 130
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Bag	Green 236 – 240
5 <sup>th</sup>	A football	Yellow 171 – 175
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tattoo Ticket	Blue 86 – 90
7 <sup>th</sup>	Shin Pads	Blue 286 – 290
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bottle of Red Wine	Blue 316 – 320
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bottle of White Wine	Blue 171 – 175
10 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolates	Yellow 66 – 70

All prizes to be claimed by 12<sup>th</sup> August 2001

Telephone 01 434 688 863 to claim prizes.

### "100 Club" Monthly Draw

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2001

£30	James Brown	149
£15	T Dent	187
£10	J Burns	141
£ 5	H Edwards	116
£ 5	D Corbett	88

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that our elected Councillors and business people are far-sighted enough to recognise that one of the main attractions in our Parish are the wonderful walks, which can be undertaken by young and old alike, and if managed adequately provide an enviable basis for Haydon Bridge as a rural resort.

### A few appropriately placed seats and judicious grass cutting isn't too much to ask from our Council Tax is it?

This is not a provision which need involve hours of meetings, pages of reports, architects drawings, complicated planning permission and teams of administrators etc, etc.

I can picture a return to the values of yesteryear. A reduction in the number of administrators and a return to village people, employed through our taxes, tending with pride their own length of country road or path would be a good start.

### OR is this heat, as I sit here in 85° on 3<sup>rd</sup> July going to my head?

Perhaps I should partake of the waters of which a cupful is supposed to increase life expectancy, prevent flatulence, cure diseases of the skin and Kidneys. Indigestion and Ulcers, Gout and ..... far-fetched notions brought on by too much sun!!!!

THE END



The Shaftoe Trust First School Fair held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July was a huge success despite the awful weather.

Everything took place inside the school, with only a couple of events having to be cancelled. Unfortunately we didn't have the room for the *Splitz Dancers*, it was too wet and windy for the Balloon Race and the teachers all breathed a sigh of relief when the '*Soak the Teachers*' stall was scrapped. **THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT YEAR!!!**

There was a lovely atmosphere at the Fair and a magnificent total of **£1408** was raised which will go towards the School Computer Suite, due for completion in the Autumn Term.

The balloons for the Balloon Race were released at 3pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July to mark the end of term. The owner of the winning balloon will win electrical goods to the value of £30. Last year's winning balloon ended up in France. Where will the winner be from this year?

There were some wonderful prizes in the Raffle and the list of winners is:

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Dinner for 2 at Langley Castle             | Laura Cox             |
| 2. Cut, Blow Dry & Manicure at SAKS           | Marion Jewitt         |
| 3. Day of Leisure at the George Hotel         | Harland Storey        |
| 4. £50 M&S Hamper (UK Industrial Tapes)       | Nora Tailford         |
| 5. £25 cash (PTA)                             | Angela at Hexham Pool |
| 6. Sunday Lunch for 2 at The General Havelock | Jack Brown            |
| 7. Meal for 2 at The Carts Bog Inn            | Harland Storey        |
| 8. Plant display '1' (Tony Willis)            | Helen Hines           |
| 9. Plant display '2' (Tony Willis)            | 'OXO'                 |
| 10. £15 M&S voucher (Dickinson's)             | Ann Bates             |
| 11. Family Day out at Wallington Hall         | Dora Fletcher         |
| 12. Porcelain Doll                            | Amy Flanagan          |
| 13. Cafetiere                                 | Mrs A Thompson        |
| 14. Electric Juicer                           | H. Anderson           |
| 15. Bottle of Vodka                           | James Brown           |
| 16. Bottle of Wine (Spar)                     | Norris                |

Congratulations to all the winners and Thank You to all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair.

Social and Fundraising activities will continue in September. Until then – Happy Holidays.

**Pauline Wallis** – on behalf of  
Shaftoe Trust First School Association

**LANGLEY W. I.**

Members and friends of Langley W. I. Spent a happy evening as the guests of Mrs Jane Torday at 'The Garden Station' Langley.

This is a restored 19<sup>th</sup> century railway station and garden surrounded by woodland, a unique and tranquil place.

On arrival we wandered around the garden admiring the unusual perennial plants, many of which were for sale. The garden is open at weekends for tea and coffee.

There followed a display of flower arranging by Mrs Philida Irving, a member of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) and of the Hexham and District Flower Club, and transported us on an exciting journey which stimulated everyone's imagination. Arranging the flowers in themes we were whisked away to such exotic places as Desert Islands and Arizona sunsets. Her enthusiasm stirred our imaginations and her many tips were most welcome. We were invited to join the Hexham Flower Club which meets every second Thursday of the month at 2pm at the United Reform Church, Beaumont Street in Hexham

At the end of the evening four flower arrangements were raffled to the delight of the lucky winners.

The competition for a 'Flower Button' was won by Mrs Muriel Brown.

The outing in August will be to the Longframlington Flower Gardens.

*Myra Bowen*

**OVER 60's CLUB**

The two speakers at the July meeting were members Mrs E. Ohlson and Mrs P. Stewart who brought along embroidered pictures and various other crafts which they had made over a period of time.

Mrs Ohlson explained that some years ago they belonged to an embroidery class where they had learnt their craft. She then showed some of her pictures which were very beautiful and very fine having been executed with single strand silken threads. Her tablecloths were a joy to see but one was outstanding having been intricately embroidered in 'Hedebo' work in ecru coloured silk. She also showed some

lovely lampshades she had made and some quilting demonstrating her wide range of skills and expert ability.

Mrs Stewart's pictures also brought gasps of admiration. In one large picture she had embroidered a map of Northumberland illustrating it with very fine stitching. There we saw all the castles, churches, tiny villages, animals and even a Roman soldier fully clad! There were detailed Coats of Arms. Apart from the sheer beauty of the finished picture, the patience required filled us all with admiration. Another picture with a Chinese flavour left us all wishing it was ours! In addition to the many pictures on show, Mrs Stewart brought along her decorated goose eggs. Like everything else these were beautifully crafted, dainty and delicate.

A most enjoyable evening and our many thanks to two very talented ladies.

A discussion followed regarding possible venues for the August outing with Morecambe being the favourite. Arrangements are to be made later. A vote of thanks was given to the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' Family Bingo Club for the generous gift of £100.

*Myra Bowen*

**DANCE CLUB**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July we had a very enjoyable evening with our friends from Throckley. Forty-four of them and forty-three of our members. The dance floor was quite full. A lovely spread for the supper bags of food and plenty left for Kevin the caretaker's bait the next day. Forty Raffle prizes with the visitors taking home quite a few.

Thanks to all for giving to the Supper and to the Raffles.

The new Music system is working well. Costing £600 it should do!

Incidentally, half the money was raised by our two Dances. The rest out of the Club Funds. Having paid for them, on behalf of the Club, I handed the receipt over to Iris to give to whoever has to do with obtaining a grant towards half the cost of the equipment. She was told that we should have applied for the grant before buying the equipment!!!!

It seems we have missed out somewhere yet there are hundreds of pounds waiting to be claimed.

Can anyone suggest something to help other than MORE dances?

**Jim Biggs**

**Dear Mitch &  
'Friends of Haydon Bridge'**

Many thanks for all the things you have put in print. I hope you have enjoyed them. At the moment I am busy with a short story about Adult Learning. Its short-comings, pitfalls etc. The competition closes at the end of the month and assessed in August. The winners will be announced the first of September. I have no doubt I will win. Because if I do not believe that no one else will. I will let you know the outcome and send you a copy of the final proof. If you wish to print it you may do so. It's very funny.

I hope you have made some progress with Major General Gordon? It has certainly caused a flurry of activity at 'Gordons School'. Roy Newman almost fell off the end of the phone when I told him. Makes life a bit more interesting. So, I hope everyone is making a bit of headway in solving the mystery. It's great to have the *Haydon News* back on the internet again and I am pleased your health is improving. There is nothing worse than feeling ill all the time. Keep up the good work. Weather here has been unbelievable. We are well into Winter and still the sun shines. We do have quite cold weather in Victoria - June, July & August and quite often snow. But usually it only lasts a day or so.

If there is anything the *Haydon News* would like me to write about, or short stories you would like written on a particular subject, feel free to ask. It will be no problem. I love writing but I must admit my English is no great shakes. Never-the-less it is readable. My motto is: "obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off your goal"

G'Day, Yours sincerely

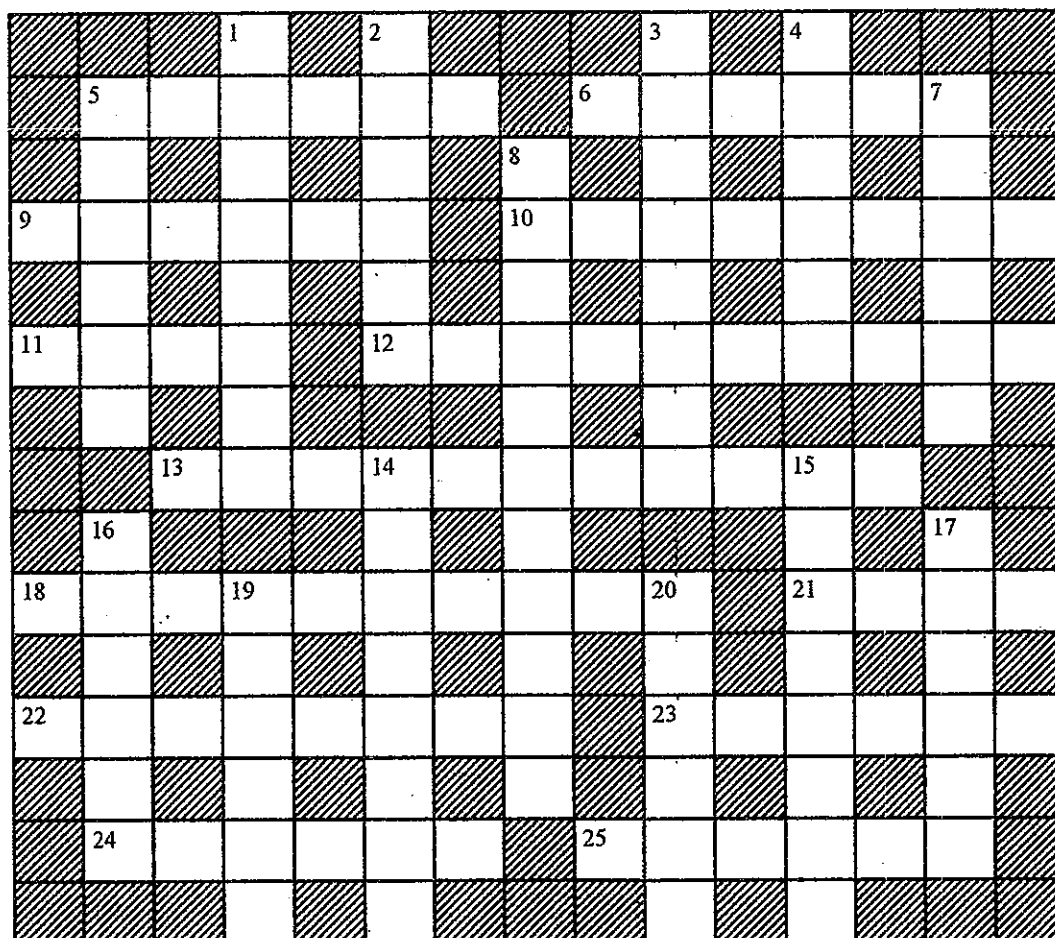
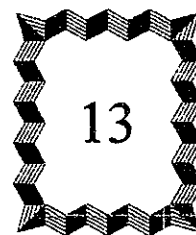
**Harold Humble.**

PS. I would love to hear from anyone who feels like writing. My address is:  
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Victoria. Australia**

## The £10 Crossword

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

Entries to be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September**Best of luck***Please hand in your entry to:**any of the businesses indicated at the top of Page 2**or by post to: The Editor, Wheelsteads, Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge,**NE47 6AS**Several clues have liquid connections.***ACROSS**

5. Gerry crossed in the 60's. (6)
6. Remove lock. (6)
9. So tide turns in S. Carolina. (6)
10. Admired. (10)
11. Where a 1 down might start in Italy. (4)
12. Valley of the birdies? (10)
13. Expected on outlay. (1,4,6)
18. South coast anchorage. (10)
21. Ogmere, York, Evesham. (4)
22. Animal sound in cliff hollow. (4,4)
23. Wheel town? (6)
24. Dismissed. (6)
25. Holds. (6)

**DOWN**

1. Journeying over. (8)
2. I ape king in S E Asia. (6)
3. Lazy. (8)
4. Sport. (6)
5. Yew made in S E. (6)
7. Shrub in upturned thoroughfare. Greek. (6)
8. Yorkshire town's named after this one. (5,6)
14. Fearful above Scottish lake. (4,4)
15. Cumbrian, Yorks & often Scottish. (5,3)
16. Aged parent? (6)
17. Upwardly mobile spoils. (6)
19. Bend the knees in Essex. (6)
20. Could be one of Adam's initially in Lancs. (6)

Solution to Crossword number 12 will be found on page 16

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

Committee Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the **TUESDAY** 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.

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HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Community Association will be holding an Autumn Fayre on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2001. If any clubs and organisations would like to help at this event please contact Valerie Bell, 684705

Annual membership subscriptions for the Community Association are now due. If you feel able to continue your support or would like to become a member please complete and return the form below enclosing your contribution. The minimum amount is £2, you can of course contribute more than this if you wish. Envelopes can be left at John Clarke's Newsagent.

Valerie Bell  
Haydon Bridge Community Association

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Please find enclosed my membership subscription of £..... for the Community Association.

Name .....

Address.....

Send to: Valerie Bell, 3 Rocksprings Crescent, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland NE47 6AT.

*Cheques can be made payable to: Haydon Bridge Community Association*

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**VILLAGE IN BLOOM COMPETITION**

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

**Certificates of Merit** will also be awarded.

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

There are **two categories** of judging.

5 containers and under. 6 containers and over.

Happy planting and good luck.

**Prizes in each category** are as follows:

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*The Friends of Haydon Bridge.*

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## ITALIAN TOWER RISES AT KIELDER

The sunshine and high temperatures which have bathed the Kielder area last month have been more akin to that of the Mediterranean than North West Northumberland. So the timing could not have been better to unveil the latest addition to the Kielder Art and Architecture programme, the Italian Tower.

As part of Year of the Artist in the Northern Region, the Kielder Partnership's Art and Architecture programme, have commissioned Scotsman Nathan Coley to create the temporary work. The Italian Tower is located opposite Leaplish Waterside Park, just off the north shoreline of Kielder Water and close to the route of the Kielder Ferry. It is expected to remain a feature of the landscape until mid-September 2001.

Nathan Coley's residency aims to explore the unusual nature of the area, using locations that will lead to strong interaction between the artist and the visiting and resident population.

Curator Peter Sharpe said, *"Our intention to create a sculpture that would be constructed in a very public place has been highly successful. Nathan Coley's Italian Tower attracted a great deal of attention as it was being constructed at Leaplish Waterside Park. Now complete, the Tower has become an elegant temporary addition to the landscape and also to the Art and Architecture at Kielder's growing collection of contemporary art."*

Following the public construction stage, in a careful operation spanning four days, the Tower was dismantled and transported by pontoon to its final location.

The Italian Tower is the latest addition to the visual arts programme which has already established thirteen (13) pieces of artwork throughout Kielder Water and Forest Park, including the award winning Kielder Belvedere and the highly acclaimed Kielder Skyspace, by American artist, James Turrell. Plans are already well advanced to add further pieces of art and architecture, including a contemporary Maze to be located at Kielder Castle.

Art and Architecture at Kielder is promoted

by the Kielder Partnership, which is concerned with developing the area as a major sustainable tourism resource, thus boosting the local economy. Established in 1994, it has worked on a number of successful development and marketing projects. To deliver these projects it has gained substantial external funding awards from funding bodies including the European Regional Development Fund, the Rural Development Programme and the Arts Council.

The Kielder Partnership's core funding partners are Northumbrian Water, Forest Enterprise, Tynedale Council, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park and the Northumbria Tourist Board.

For further details contact:

**Peter Sharpe, Kielder Curator on: 01 434 250 312 or Paul Nichol, Kielder Partnership Officer on:**

**telephone/fax: 01 434 220 643.**

**Or by e-mail: [kielder.partnership@tynedale.gov.uk](mailto:kielder.partnership@tynedale.gov.uk)**

### *Sand Gap Farm*

There's a little place called Foxfield, as well as I recall,  
But one could easily miss it, for it's very, very small.  
It's right there in the Lake District, so beautiful and calm,  
With winding roads, and mountains fair and lots and lots of charm.

Broughton is another town not so far away,  
Its narrow streets and little shops to browse in every day.  
Or wander round the countryside with good friends Ann and John,  
Up mountains steep with little creeks that just go on and on.

There's Lake Coniston water and Windermere not too far away,  
Where poets reminiscence and had their little say.  
They wrote about the Daffodils, Blue Bells, lakes and more,  
Steep mountains and deep valleys and other sights they saw.

Yes, the Lake District's a beautiful place and much I can recall,  
As I stood upon that mountain top and gazed down on it all.  
The towns are quaint and beautiful as their great lakes deep do flow,  
And daffodils in Spring time, like yellow carpet grow.

This land of Peter Rabbit and Beatrix Potter's mouse,  
Of Wordsworth and his poetry, as he lay upon his couch.  
Some say it's close to heaven and that could quite be true,  
Yes, it's very close to paradise, the Lake District I knew.

### **Harold Humble**

*The Lake District lies in the far north west of England. It is renowned for its beautiful mountains and lakes. It was here that William Wordsworth wrote some of his best poetry. It was also here that Beatrix Potter wrote many of her beautiful children's books which are known throughout the world and have been translated into some fifty languages. It is not always the best place to find the sun but the scenery, lakes and mountains are breath-taking and it is a must for anyone holidaying in the U.K.*



**WHIST DRIVES**

Langley Village Hall

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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
DUE TO F&M CRISIS

**Solution to crossword (12)**

Eleven (11) entries were received  
by the closing date.

Correct entries (10) were from:

**Mrs E Jukes**  
**Mrs Rene Armstrong**  
**Dennis Telford**  
**Denis Bell**  
**D.W. Corbett**  
**B. Pearson**  
**Alan Telford**  
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**Maureen Robson**

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

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

For further information contact

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

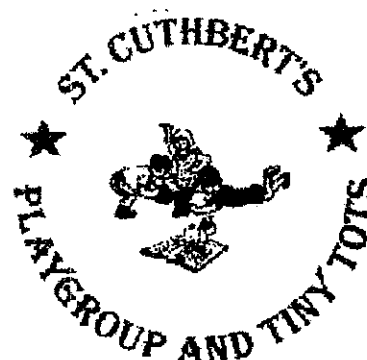
**PLAYGROUP***From 2 years 6 months*

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

**Cost:** £3 per session.

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

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



£10 winner out of the hat:

Philida Irving

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# CHURCH PAGE

## CLERGY MESSAGE

Vincent Ashwin, vicar of St Cuthbert's

If there was a Top Ten of Bible Stories, I bet many people would include the parable of the Good Samaritan. If you were asked to preach one sermon in your life-time, many of you would preach on the Good Samaritan. The phrase 'good samaritan' is part of our English language – about helping people at a time of need.

Jews and Samaritans didn't get on. That's the point of the story. The Good Samaritan story today might involve a Pakistani in Bradford giving first aid to a National Front activist who had been injured in a riot. Jesus took day-to-day situations, and made stories to fit those situations, to teach important points. Instead of the Good Samaritan, he might have told a story in our day about a member of the Real IRA finding an Ian Paisley supporter in Belfast lying in the gutter with gunshot wounds, and taking him to hospital.

The Good Samaritan makes sense for obvious reasons. In the story that Jesus tells to illustrate his answer to 'Who is my neighbour?' the wounded man is bypassed by two of the most respectable representatives of the community, a priest and a lay assistant. They pretend they don't see the dying man. It is easier to pretend not to see, much less bother. They are both so busy; their hands are clean, their clothes proper, they must not be soiled with blood and mud. It is easier this way; we don't need to have our time taken up by unexpected distractions -- better not to dirty our hands and clothes -- we are respectable people. But the Samaritan, the known outcast, is not bothered by outward niceties. He stops and offers help -- the kind of help that takes responsibility.

We've all been troubled by seeing pictures of riots in Blackburn and Bradford, with white and Asian youths throwing bricks at each other, and pushing burning cars at the police. The Church is keeping September 9<sup>th</sup> as 'Racial Justice Sunday'. Each year a Sunday is designated to concentrate on good relations between whites and blacks, between those who've lived here for 100s of years and those who have only been here for 20 or 50 years.

Those of us who are religious have to accept that religion lies behind certain wars and disputes. We are ashamed of that. The situation in Northern Ireland is not only a kind of tribalism; the suspicion of Paisleyites towards the Roman Catholic Church is an element in the conflict. In earlier centuries in this country, Jews were discriminated against. The strict Muslim regime in Saudi Arabia, for example, does not make for a pleasant society – where the rich have their alcohol and pornography behind high walls, and the poor live by strict Muslim laws. Rigid religion, without godly warmth and humanity, does more harm than good.

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### **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS**

#### WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev David Hasson, with the Methodist congregation  
Moorview, Haltwhistle 320.051 from Sep.1st

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

*God, give us the grace to accept with serenity  
The things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things that can be changed,  
And the wisdom to know the difference.  
(Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971))*

What I discovered living in the West End of Newcastle was that understanding and respect are the keys to good race relations. Our daughter and sons went to a primary school where half the children came from Muslim homes. Race and religion were not a divisive issue, because the school made a point of teaching children respect for each other's faiths and customs.

The Good Samaritan is an uncomfortable story, because it tells us to help those we don't normally associate with; it also tells us to receive help from people we think ourselves superior to: it was the Samaritan, the outcast, who rescued the Jew.

Have a good summer. I hope we meet lots of interesting people on our travels.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mrs M Gazzani  
6.00pm No service.

### Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Rev David Hasson (Sacrament)  
6.00pm No Service.

### Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Rev David Perkins.  
6.00pm Mr C Ford

### Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mrs E Charlton  
6.00pm Songs of Praise

### Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

10.00am Mr S Rowntree  
6.00pm Circuit Service at Trinity Ch.

Wed. Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Women's Own

### Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mrs Barbara Rowarth  
6.00pm Mrs J Firth

### Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>

10.00am United Harvest } Saint  
6.00pm Festival Services } Cuthbert's

Wed. Sep 19 2.00pm Women's Own

### Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>

10.00am Mr Mark Knowles  
6.00pm Rev David Hasson

### Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mr J Robinson  
6.00pm Mr Archer

**Thank you, David; Welcome, David!**

### *Methodist Reorganisation*

From September 1st the three circuits of Allendale, Haltwhistle and Hexham will join together to form a new circuit to be called Tynedale.

One consequence of this is that Haydon Bridge will become part of the Haltwhistle section of the new circuit and leadership will pass from the Rev. David Perkins to the Rev. David Hasson of Haltwhistle.

We will be very sorry to lose David Perkins who has led us through the excitements and trauma of developing our new Church Centre as well as ministering to our spiritual needs. The good news is that he will remain in Tynedale for another three years with new responsibilities in Allendale

We welcome David Hasson who has ably led the Methodist Church in Haltwhistle for several years and look forward to his ministry here in Haydon Bridge.

Alan Howard - For The Leaders

## CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm Healing Communion  
7.45pm Church Council meets

### August 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity 8

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word  
6.00pm Evensong, Haydon Old Church

Thu. 9<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Mothers' Union  
Service and Prayer Walk.

### August 12<sup>th</sup> Trinity 9

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon

### August 19<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am Morning Prayer & sermon  
6.30pm Deanery Evensong, The Abbey

### August 26<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon

### Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word  
6.00pm Evensong, Haydon Old Church

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Historic Churches steep'chase

### Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon  
6.00pm Deanery Evensong, Garrigill

Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Healing Communion

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Deanery Synod

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Christians Together

### Sept 16<sup>th</sup> HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00am Joint Harvest Communion.

6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise

Thu. 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Joint PCC

### Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am Morning Prayer & sermon

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm Communion & M Union

### Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.15am Joint parishes' Communion

Many thanks to all who helped at St Cuthbert's Church Summer Fete & Gift Day. Thanks to a lot of hard work, the Fete made £965.76; Gift envelopes: totalled £720.50. We were very grateful to Nick Bradley, owner of the Old Vicarage, for letting us use his garden, and to *Happy Hour* for providing the folk music that gave a good atmosphere.

A Millennium Yew Tree was planted in the churchyard on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> by children of Shaftoe Trust School. Every church in England has been offered a yew tree. They live for 1000 years and are thus thought to be an obvious way to celebrate the first 2000 years of the Church, as a sign of hope for the next 1000.

## 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.

### Modern paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13

Though I live in the most select neighbourhood and have all the latest labour-saving devices, without love I might as well live in a shack in the desert. I have fitted carpets in every room and wardrobes full of clothes, but without love they are all rags.

I may have cable television and two videos and go on holiday four times a year, but without love I am nothing. Love is a doormat well-used by welcomed guests; a settee well used. Love puts up cheerfully with teenagers' pin-ups on the bedroom walls.

Love is sad when the doorbell is silent, when the phone does not ring, and when there is no one to share things with. Love does not come to an end when there is mud on the carpet, when father spills paint in the sink, or when the dog scratches the lounge floor.

Bricks and mortar will one day be beyond repair, the gilt, the chrome and polish will quickly vanish; but love goes on for ever.

Qualities – not things – remain. Faith, hope and love: these are the qualities, and the greatest of them all is love.

*(quoted from Alston Moor church magazine)*

### NOTICE BOARD

Harvest Festival will be celebrated at St Cuthbert's this year, on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The morning service is a Communion; at 6.00pm there's Songs of Praise, with favourite hymns and readings for the season. Flowers, fruit, veg, packets and tins can be brought to St Cuthbert's the morning before, to decorate the church. We hope that the service will be a rededication of farmers after a terrible year.

The Children's Holiday Club was kicking off as the *Church Page* went to press; more news next time.

The Revd Alan Currie, self-supporting minister at St Cuthbert's, will be ordained priest at 6.00pm on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> at Hexham Abbey. A bus has been ordered, and will leave Church Street around 5.30.

Autumn Activities at the Methodist Church will reopen in September.

## Legless on Cranberry Juice and Other Curiosities

### CRANBERRY JUICE

- The use of Cranberry juice to treat or reduce the occurrence of urinary tract infections (cystitis) is long established but until recently I had not encountered an explanation. The British Medical Journal has now provided definite evidence of the usefulness of the juice and a potential reason.

The bacteria that most frequently cause cystitis have little "legs" that allow them to stick to the bladder wall. Cranberry juice interferes with the growth and development of these "legs" and so prevents the bacteria sticking, allowing them to be flushed out. Over time this leads to a change in the population of bugs carried by the person to those that have no "legs" at all, giving prolonged freedom from symptoms.

To achieve this effect you need to drink a minimum of 100mls every day and keep this up for several months, perhaps for life. I am now thinking of buying shares in a Cranberry farm.

### CLINICAL EVIDENCE

The DoH has decided to send copies of a book called Clinical Evidence to all GPs in the UK. This is a compendium of current "best evidence" for what works and what doesn't in a huge range of conditions. This is an excellent plan and to be very much welcomed. The last edition was 1200 pages, this month's is 1400 pages and the growth will continue almost undiminished for years to come.

In the past, ten or twenty years ago, there were fewer treatments available and a worrying proportion of those that were available have subsequently been shown to be ineffective or even harmful. This leads to a certain amount of egg-on-face when a patient says "But you said...". For example; over the years I have prescribed enough lactulose liquid (a constipation treatment) to float a battleship. Now we find that, whilst it is in no way harmful, there is actually no good evidence that it helps save for some patient's anecdotes.

Another common example; children's ear infections. Whilst it has been known for many years that in other European countries far fewer children receive antibiotics for ear infection than do in the UK, without evidence of worse outcome, it has been difficult to persuade doctors here to change their prescribing. The conclusions in Clinical Evidence are that acetaminophen (paracetamol) and non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (such as ibuprofen) are truly beneficial. Antibiotics may reduce pain in the first few hours but are associated with several adverse effects (rashes, vomiting, diarrhoea) and at ten days there is no longer any difference between those treated with antibiotics and those not. Children under two years of age with simple ear infections are unlikely to benefit from antibiotics. Introducing this change in treatment is going to require a certain amount of resilience in parents as well as boldness on the part of doctors.

In the recent past there has been a tendency for the use of quinine in the treatment of leg cramps to be ridiculed. I am happy to report that Clinical Evidence declares it to be a beneficial treatment, just like I always thought. Not so long ago everyone recommended rest for the treatment of back pain, whether a short or long term problem, whereas now everyone should remain active and AVOID rest. Interestingly, in the smaller Baltic States, where there is no public concept of whiplash injury, following car accidents, none of the problems so commonly brought to UK doctors and lawyers seems to occur.

Mouth ulcers are a trouble to large numbers of people and yet even now we still do not know what causes them. Clinical Evidence informs us that the only effective treatment is chlorhexidine mouthwashes. Foot rot and fungal infections of toenails are very common. Treatment with creams and lotions may work for the former but nothing applied directly to the nails works.

How can we or you keep up with this torrent of information? In due course we shall have it appearing on our computer screens automatically or on demand. The public can access the information on <[www.clinicalevidence.org](http://www.clinicalevidence.org)> but bear in mind that it is written in technical language: We can translate if required.

### HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVE

I am indebted to a patient who lent me a copy of a compendium of Obituaries recently. Truly, most of us don't know we're born compared with some of the characters portrayed. Not that all of them are role models in the usual sense. Though I initially misread an entry as concerning Lady Newbrough my interest was aroused and I managed to acquire a copy of her autobiography. It turns out that she was Lady Newborough which negates the local interest but even so...

She knew absolute poverty, living underneath bridges in Budapest with tramps and becoming the child bride of a gypsy. Within a few years she was living in Paris in the sort of unimaginable luxury that only the most extreme wealth can command. She was "maintained" in five luxury houses in Paris by five of the wealthiest men on earth who are termed her "shareholders" in the book.

She was a pilot, an nude dancer in Paris clubs, a singer, an accomplished equestrian, confidante of Hitler and Mussolini, a painter and, of course, a writer. Nobody's got any style anymore!

### SMEAR TEST CHANGES

We are taking part in a trial to improve the value of having smears done. There is excellent evidence that women carrying a particular kind of virus (human papilloma virus - HPV) are at very high risk of developing cervical cancer. A test now exists to detect the presence of the virus which should, in theory, allow those women affected to be more closely monitored and those not affected to be less frequently monitored.

When attending for smears women will be told about the test and asked for their consent. The actual smear is exactly the same as ever but the tests done on it are different.

### MEA CULPA

'When I ask for a watercress sandwich, I do not mean a loaf with a field in the middle of it.' Oscar Wilde.

In writing in last month's news letter that water cress is a particularly good source of plant derived iron I was not wrong but it should be borne in mind that the volume of water cress required to achieve the recommended daily intake is probably most readily measured in bales - the giant round kind! The best non-meat sources are the iron fortified breakfast cereals (Ready Brek, Bran Flakes and Special K), baked beans, Muesli, Weetabix, red kidney beans, eggs, plain chocolate (Yumi), butter beans, chapati, wholemeal bread, pulses, dried fruit and sprouts.

### HEADACHE

Perhaps amongst the most common of complaints and yet one which can raise the greatest fear in some people. It is a well known fact that doctors never have tension headaches like normal folk but only brain tumours. Whilst it can be difficult to be sure, sometimes there are some general pointers that can help distinguish between serious and not so serious causes.

Pain that: comes on slowly over days or weeks and never resolves  
comes on so suddenly that it feels as though someone has hit you  
(some people even look round to catch the culprit)  
wakes you from sound sleep  
is associated with rash, vomiting, temperature or double vision  
is associated with change in consciousness or loss of use of limbs or speech or change in personality or behaviour  
pulsates with heartbeat  
came on with head injury  
- all these should cause the sufferer to seek help as soon as possible.

Pain in the head sometimes arises because of disorders of teeth, eyes, sinuses, neck, and ears. Most headpain, especially if it comes on during the day, in response to stress, is across the brow or the back of the head is a muscle tension headache and will respond to rest and ordinary painkillers. Always - if in doubt ask.

Steve Ford