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EDITORIAL COMMENT

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

Well, at last, the final issue of the year 2001 has been produced! Apologies to all those who have been waiting but the printing machine which has served 'The Friends' faithfully for a number of years broke down when only a few sheets had been printed. It took until Friday 7th December to get a replacement machine installed and, needless to say, it has 'gone like the clappers' to print the 18,000 sheets or so which constitutes the print run for 900 *Haydon News* for the Parish.

2001 will no doubt be a year to remember – for all the wrong reasons. Not long after the new year the worst crisis to hit the area arrived in the form of Foot & Mouth. I don't think anyone in this area has escaped its effects and one hopes that it has run its course and some sort of normalcy can return. Fingers crossed.

Then, another horror story arrived on Tuesday 11th September. At first, I thought I had tuned into a change of programme that afternoon and I was watching a Bruce Willis type of movie. How wrong was I? The repercussions of those terrorist attacks are still being felt across the globe but where and when will it all end? Afghanistan? or Iraq? or Syria? Of course if Bin Laden is taken alive then what? As a rather cynical reporter stated, "*As good and as efficient as our SAS are perhaps we should let the Americans have him!*" Was he making some obtuse remark about human rights?

Haydon Bridge has rights too. It has a right to certain services and facilities and those which it enjoys at the moment should only be taken away, or changed, if there are very good reasons for doing so. One could refer to the fencing off of the station platforms, the continuing saga of the A69 bypass, the Heritage Scheme, Arriva & Railtrack to name one or two. The Spa Well is now on the agenda so let's hope that it can be re-instated in time for our Queen's Jubilee in 2002. It will be some job but 'where there's a will ...'

Let's hope as many people as possible will turn out at 7pm on **Wednesday 12th December** for the LIBRARY meeting at the High School. Here is a chance to air your views about the proposed re-location of our 'central' Library to the new facility 'up the hill' and judging by the number of signatures in the book in John Clarke's the Hall should be packed! *Please refer to the inside back cover of this issue for more information.*

Will 2002 see a turn around in fortunes not only for the global community but for our community here? Wouldn't it be nice to get some really good news?

Have a good Christmas and see in the New Year in a positive manner.

Richard A D Snowdon (Editor)

*Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge)
Thursday 22nd November 2001 at 7.30pm.*

Present throughout were: 9 Councillors (apologies from 1), 'new' & 'old' Parish Clerks and 8 members of the Public.

The Chair opened proceedings by asking for any Public concerns. There were four.

1. David McVay asked about any Co-op update and that precious little seems to be happening to prevent vehicles parking on the pavement outside his house / the Co-op. Last month it was reported that the Police would be enforcing the No Parking Order! Also, rumours were circulating that the Co-op had applied for a lay-by to be constructed. Any truth in this? He thought that putting up bollards would be a better idea. A meeting would be arranged between Highways, the Co-op and David McVay as well as a letter being sent from the Council to Highways and to Roadlink. Councillor Mitchell suggested that County Councillor Horncastle be involved.

2. Mr Irving gave an eloquent speech on the diabolical state of the footpath alongside the A69 to the west of the village. In daylight it can be lethal – at night it could be fatal!!!. Overgrown brambles add nothing to the overall width of 26½" which is far too narrow. Roadlink will be informed but it could be some time before action is implemented.

3. The street lamp outside 21 Church Street has been burning day & night for some time. Why?

4. Millennium Mugs was the last item. Cllr. Charlton has tried to get an answer to this vexing question but seems to be being fobbed off. She assured those present that the mugs should be here in a fortnight but would be only monochrome rather than coloured.

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising: Cllr. Fletcher raised the question of Arriva & Railtrack who she felt were failing in their duties to deliver a satisfactory service. She had consulted with the Regional Manager. Concerns were expressed re: the accessibility of the Eastbound platform. *The answer seems to lie in attracting the attention of the Signaller who will throw down a key for one to open the gate so allowing the users of wheelchairs / pushchairs etc movement across the track.* It's a bit of a shame if one misses the catch – then what? RIDICULOUS – OUTRAGEOUS. It was suggested that our MP be contacted by letter.

Shaftoe Playground: A positive meeting had been held at the Railway Hotel to consider plans for the field above Shaftoe First School.

Village Appraisal: There needs to be another meeting to

sort out how the various funds can be best utilised. Example, transport East – West is fine, but what about North – South?

Audit of HERS: Further action is needed and an investigation is being carried out by the TDC Chief Executive. Cllr Parkin asked what consideration would be given to the whole management of the scheme? All funding areas would be scrutinised very carefully.

Brown signs: Cllr Parkin had done a bit of investigation and Cllr Garrow mentioned that it had been suggested that the signs might be multi-lingual! Which languages?

Tynedale Council Minutes: Innerhaugh development still on but Highways and the contractor are trying to sort out the access to it from the A69.

Heslop's Yard (Old Foundry): Planning has been turned down again this time the reasons seem to be that it is in a conservation area so has to 'fit in' with existing buildings on Church Street (detached not suitable), access is not suitable as well as parking. Cllr Stephenson queried why these reasons did not surface the first time?

The old buildings can not be demolished until plans have been approved!

Highways: No further developments but a recent article in the Newcastle Journal suggested that Cllr Richardson (Hexham) supported fully the idea of a bypass for the village.

Concerns were expressed at the placings of signposts particularly on Ratcliffe Road. Dangerous for pedestrians.

Cllr Smith mentioned that he had waited at 'Watsons Garage' junction with the A69 for 9½ minutes recently. We must keep pushing for this long overdue bypass.

Lighting: Church Street lamp – previously mentioned and looking for a quotation for a lamp at the corner of Belmont.

Planning: None forthcoming.

Correspondence: A longish list was read out which included; National Playing Fields Association, Rural Transport Partnership, an invitation to ADAPT's 10th anniversary party, Tynedale Sports Council Dinner, Changes to Audit procedures for Parish Councils, National Association of Local Councils, Standards Board for England and notification of three presentations by NCC for the benefit of Parish Councils.

Village Projects: Cllr Garrow had contacted Brian Bell (Civil Engineer) with a view to him casting his eye over the area of the Spa Well and to give his opinion on how, or if, it could be re-instated.

Initial estimates indicate that it would be possible to provide a new access to the Spa Well but which might not be suitable for the disabled. Rough cost: £12 to £20 thousand. This would be made up of a topological survey, consider two alternative schemes (re-instate present path OR provide a totally new path), evaluate the costs involved, submit a proper application which

would involve a number of different agencies, raise the funds and then construct. A big job.

Four hours had been spent in carrying out this initial survey which at £42 + VAT per hour meant that so far approaching £200 had already been committed.

Cllr Garrow feels strongly that every effort should be made to try to re-instate the well particularly since it is the Queen's Jubilee in 2002.

Village design Scheme: Cllr Mitchell felt that it might be a good idea to form a group / committee to decide what the village's priorities were. However this should not become a FOCUS group.

HERS: Following last month's indication that more funds were to be released to put right / finish off certain parts of the scheme a recent meeting had concluded that lighting had to be sorted out and that the floorscape had to be put right and extended down to the Chapel as well as the seat at the Church.

This fund had to be spent by 31st March 2002 or it would be lost. Not a lot of time to consider the planning required and the time to do the work.

A query was raised about the provision of 4 lamps on the Butcher's side of Church Street. As there are no cables on that side the road and path would have to be dug up. When was this suggestion made?

Shaftoe Playground: The Trust will help fund it but would the PC help maintain and insure it Cllr Garrow asked?

AOB: Cllr Parkin requested that another room be used for the PC meetings in future because the disturbance from the Youth Club upstairs is unbearable.

Dog Bins are appreciated but also being used for 'ordinary' litter. Any chance of another LITTER bin?

Date of next PC meeting: Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm

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!!

HAYDON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr D Charlton	684 505
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(Chair) Mr E J Faulks	Chesterwood Park
Mrs V A Fletcher	
Mrs E Garrow	684 324
Mrs L Gilhespy	684 632
Mr S B Mitchell	684 980 *
Mr M R Parkin	684 340
Mrs L A Philp	
Mr D C Smith	684 480 *
Mr T J Stephenson	

* also Tynedale District Councillor

PARISH CLERK

Mrs Carole McGivern 684 020 (after 6.00pm)

HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE – Dennis Telford

One of the difficulties I have during my historical research is concentrating on the subject in hand so often I am distracted by other articles or records that are of interest in building a social history of our village.

I have decided to end this year by LOOKING BACK to a number of unrelated events which have occurred during the month of NOVEMBER over past years and have attracted my attention during my research.

25 YEARS AGO – November 1976

LAZY DRIVERS (or short-sighted Councillors?)

Lorries, cars and vans parking on Church Street were creating congestion in 1976. Councillor The Reverend Alec Benniams, had an answer to most of our village problems in those days and this was no exception. Councillor Benniams was reported as saying, *"This could be avoided if the drivers parked in the Station Yard, but they are too lazy to walk the extra yards!"*

This option was soon ruled out however, as later in the month Tynedale District Council, supported by Councillor Benniams and Councillor Waite, recommended that the Station Yard be used for light industry. A decision opposed by many Haydon Bridge people, who rightly recognised the benefits of the only accessible level site in the centre of the village as ideal for homes for the elderly and a green park.

In 2001 there isn't even an automatic right of way to the station for vehicles and it is rumoured that our Library will have to be demolished to provide access.

CARTS BOG

George Dodd and his wife Kitty left the Carts Bog in November 1976 after a forty-six year family link with the pub.

The licence dates back to 1868 but it has been a favourite watering-hole for many a Haydonian since the 17th century when it was an inn on a local 'green lane' drovers' route. In my younger days the 'Bog' was a welcome stop for a refreshing drink during a walk or bike ride and has always been an ideal spot for discrete romantic liaisons!

On your next visit to the Carts Bog Inn be sure to check out the 'Bill of Sale' which hangs on the wall in the Bar. A notice for, "Capitalists and Others" advertising the auction of the property in 'The Anchor' at Haydon Bridge on 19th September 1868 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MRS ICETON

Mrs Icton went to Buckingham Palace on Thursday 18th November 1976 to receive a *Special Certificate* from the Duke of Edinburgh who was President of the Playing Fields Association. This was in recognition of her outstanding service to sport throughout Northumberland.

Mrs Icton moved to Haydon Bridge in 1940 and became Principal Adviser of Physical Education to Northumberland Education Authority. She still lives in our village of course.

My own recollection of P.T. lessons in the schoolyard is of being stripped off to our vests and shorts, or in the case of the girls, green knickers, stretching our arms repeatedly on command: *"Forwards – sideways – upwards – forwards – sideways – ..."* while Mrs Icton stood to one side with a careful eye on the proceedings, dressed in a fur coat and boots to keep off the biting wind.

Her presence is reflected in my own memories of Shaftoe Trust School published in the July 1997 edition of the *Haydon News*.

*Mrs Icton she had come,
To see what P.T.E we'd done,
We had to get out in the rain or sun,
Upon a Monday morning O!*

ROAD WORKS

A plan was approved in November 1976 to re-design the A686 Aiston Road at its junction with the A69. The proposal was to move the junction further east from 'Watson's Garage' which stood between the two roads, and to fill in the blind dip over the Crossley Burn.

In my younger days, P.C. Harry Mitchell would patrol this junction diligently and, 'book' any motorist coming down from the Esp Hill who failed to 'HALT' at the 'MAJOR ROAD AHEAD' sign.

My own memories of 'Watson's Garage' are not of cars being filled with petrol from the two-handed cranked pumps, but of Harry, Elsie of Nancy sitting in the wide doorway selling pop, crisps and sweets to passing motorists and those of us who walked on a Sunday afternoon around the Esp Hill and down to the Spa Well or from Threepwood and Eltrington through the 'Garage Woods'.

Councillor Benniams had something to say about these plans of course and declared that, *"Watson's Garage is an eyesore that should be demolished"*.

It could be argued that a more permanent and intrusive eyesore was erected in the Station Yard twenty-five years ago!

ROBERT WYLIE

To close my look back twenty-five years a mention should be made of Robert Wylie who lived down Martin's Close and died on 3rd November 1976, aged fifty-five.

A dedicated supporter of the Haydonian Workingmen's Club from its inception, Robert was a fine exponent of the Jew's Harp and we shared many nights on the 'club stage' along with Isabel at the organ.

It wouldn't surprise me if the ghostly strains of, *"Now is the Hour"* can still be heard on occasions drifting through the rafters of the 'Club Concert Room'!

50 YEARS AGO – November 1951

THE ROBINS

Haydon Bridge boasted a fine football team in the 1950's. 'The Robins' were leading the Hexham & District League going into November 1951 and preserved their 100% record, winning at Eltringham 5 – 2. Tommy Westgarth (2), Ronnie Marshall, Bobby Ross and a young Denis Oliver scored the goals.

On 10th November a large crowd at Allendale put £15 into the hat to watch our village team beat the home side 5 – 0 in a keen derby match. Norman Heslop (2), Ronnie Sewell (2) and Jackie Robson scored. In the return game on 16th November, Tommy Westgarth (3), Jackie Robson and Denis Oliver scored in a 5 – 1 victory.

By the end of November 1951 Tommy Westgarth had scored nineteen goals in nine games in a side that also included Lyle Herdman, Jackie Thompson, Jackie Harrison, Ralph Curry and

Peter Gradwell.

Haydon Bridge eventually won the League that season. Played 20 – Won 15 – Lost 2 – Drawn 3. Goals For – 69, Against – 28. Points – 33. Their nearest challengers were Wylam B.B.O. B. a team that had pipped our boys for the title the previous season.

As I was a young supporter in 1951 I had no difficulty in putting faces to the names of our footballers when writing these notes except for Ronnie Sewell. Ralph Curry tells me that Ronnie, a ginger-haired centre forward, played for Hexham Hearts and consequently didn't turn out for our village team on many occasions. Perhaps his brief relationship with the 'Robins' was due to his wife Jean (nee Armstrong) who lived on Shaftoe Street. Further enquiries revealed that Joan Benson is an aunt to Jean and Ronnie and she tells me that they still live in Hexham.

My own clear memory of this particular Armstrong family is of Jean's sister Enid who is closer to my age and lived with her mother Esther in Shaftoe Court.

Research for these notes brings back so many memories and links to the past!!

HAYDON BRIDGE SHOW

Haydonians will be aware that the Haydon Bridge Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society Show was held annually on the first Saturday in September. The very first show was held in 1840, probably in the Anchor Yard. The 1951 show was the 101st.

The Annual Meeting of the 1951 Show Committee was held on 28th November and it was reported that it cost £675 to put on the show and gate receipts were £312 – 16s – 6d. The Officers of the 'Society' in 1951 were, Lt. Col. Allen (President), Alan Moffat (Chairman), Wilf Dawson (Secretary), Billy Johnson (Asst. Sec.), Ernie Harrison (Treasurer) and Matt Smith (Publicity & Entertainment).

The 'Flower Show' as it was known locally, was one of the premier events in the North East. Competitors and spectators came from far and wide and for the specially named, 'Festival of Britain' Show in 1951, 3300 people paid at the gate into McDonald's 'Show Field' following a Fancy Dress Parade led by the Show Queen, Viola Humble.

As youngsters we looked forward to Show Day with great excitement and my own memories would fill many pages of the *Haydon News*. But do the official Minute Books of the 'Society' still exist?

It would be wonderful if someone still has these records and they could be made available, to allow an authoritative history of one of our village's most famous events to be written.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Under a heading, 'BELIEVE IT OR NOT' the Hexham Courant in November 1951 reported that for the first time Hexham Rural District Council were considering using their powers under the 1936 and 1949 'Housing Act' to furnish a house FREE for a poor couple whom they intended to re-house.

It wouldn't be quite such a surprise today would it?

TOWN HALL CINEMA

Finally in my look back to November 1951, were you a regular at our village Picture House?

If so, you will have watched, "Tillies Punctured Romance" starring Charlie Chaplin and Marie Dressler. Lex Barker in "Tarzan's Magic Fountain", "The Wicked Lady" with Margaret Lockwood and James Mason and Al Jolson's "Swanee River".

Unless of course you chose to do your courting in the back row of the plush green seats on the raised section at the rear. If so, you probably didn't see any of these!

75 YEARS AGO – November 1926

THE ROBINS

The Haydon Bridge football team of 1926 wasn't as successful as our local boys in the 1950's. In fact they ended the season bottom of the League. I can gain a glimmer of personal satisfaction however, from a 12 – 3 defeat by Prudhoe Wesley Guild in November. My Dad, Cecil Telford, played Full-back and scored a penalty! Our other goals were scored by Pearson and Kirsopp.

It was the Junior footballers of the village who covered themselves with glory seventy-five years ago. They won the League and the Unthank Junior Cup. Edward 'Curly' Kirsopp and Lance Spooner were in charge of the following team: T. Dixon (Capt), H. Phillipson, S. Halliday, G. Ferguson, T. Armstrong, J. Armstrong, T. Cowing, G. Moore, M. Rogers, G. Gibson and C. Rogers.

JUMBLE SALE

Haydon Bridge Cricket Club held a Jumble Sale in the Church Hall on 13th November 1926. J.W.F. Armstrong and F. Kent were on the door. A remarkable selection of articles were sold including pianos, gramophones and motorcycles!

MURDER!

In November 1926, 33 year old Alexander MacWilliam Cairns was charged with the murder of Stanley Dalton of Humshaugh who was shot and brutally battered to death. Dalton was employed on the estate at Walwick Hall.

Haydon Bridge's interest in this sad and rather mysterious murder, without any apparent motive, was that Cairns, an unemployed Joiner from Carlisle in Scotland, had come to the district in February to lodge with Mrs Bainbridge at Lipwood Well Cottages. He worked at Whitechapel and various farms in the district. Cairns professed an affection with Mrs Bainbridge's daughter, Hilda, and they became engaged on 31st August.

Stanley Dalton was murdered on Haltwhistle 'Show Day' 11th September 1926 and after a thirteen day search his body was found covered with bracken in a wood just of Limestone Bank.

Had Cairns mistaken the inoffensive 22 year old, 'without an enemy in the world' for someone else?

Cairns was arrested at Cupola Cottages on 8th October and was found guilty and sentenced in March 1927. Just six days before he was due to be 'Hanged by the neck until he was dead' the Home Secretary granted a reprieve and Cairns was sentenced to Life Imprisonment instead. He was released in 1939.

A double-barrelled shotgun and two cartridges were stolen on 16th September 1926 from the house of another daughter of Mrs Bainbridge, a Mrs Forster who lived with her husband at Denton Burn.

As far as I am aware the weapon with which the murder was

committed was never found. Is it still lying rusted or buried out of sight somewhere in our neighbourhood?

GUY FAWKES

In November, of course, we celebrate the defeat of a terrorist plot against our Parliament in 1605. It is recorded that in 1926, *"The lads and lasses of the village were saving up their pennies usually spent on Liquorice Allsorts, Hundreds & Thousands, Toffee Chocolate and such like, to buy boxes of Crackers, Squibs, Rockets, Roman Candles and Catherine Wheels"*

5th November was great fun for us. Bonfires built on both sides of the river for days beforehand and jealously guarded, sometimes even during the night if inside information had been received that the North-side lads intended a raid to burn our bonfire before the 'Big Day'. The riverside to the east of 'Store Bob' and Dot Armstrong's, 'Lighthouse' dueling was the scene of great activity.

I know that time dulls memory but I cannot recall many occasions when those North-side raiders gained an advantage over the Beavers', Browns, Corbetts, Duffys, Phillipsons and other members of the South-side gang!

100 YEARS AGO – November 1901

COUNCIL PICKINGS

Scrutiny of the Minutes recorded by our elected representatives gives an interesting insight into matters of concern to our parishioners in November 100 years ago.

Trains stopping and shunting in front of the crossing meant that great inconvenience was caused and sometimes one had to stand ten minutes, before one could cross the line. As the population 'up the bank-side' was increasing, Mr. Walton proposed an application for a footbridge over the railway.

(And the present day Bypass committee thing they have had a long wait!!!)

The Chairman also requested that greater caution be employed when letting off steam during shunting operations near to the East signal cabin. *"There is great danger to life and limb through horses taking fright there"*.

To emphasise the point Mr. Rutherford said that one of his horses had bolted, the shafts of the trap were broken and the horse returned to the Mill Hills itself while the men were thrown out. (A case for compensation from Railtrack perhaps?)

I am reliably informed by our foremost authority on the railways, my neighbour John Irving, that the East signal box stood just below, 'Springfield' and the foundations can still be seen.

Trains weren't the only topic of conversation. Quote, *"The water obtained from the pump at the Newsroom corner is of a dark colour and not particularly palatable"*. In plain English, not fit to drink!

INDOOR SPORTS

Mention of the Newsroom reminds me of some earlier research. On 23rd November 1901 a meeting was called, *'for the purpose of arranging about a Billiard table for the Newsroom, the means of getting it and making the building suitable for holding it when it's got'*.

As a result of this and subsequent meetings our single storey Newsroom was extended and an additional storey added.

125 YEARS AGO – November 1876

SHAFTOE CHARITY SCHEME

On Wednesday 29th November 1876, copies of the Charity Commission's Proposals, to replace the existing Haydon Bridge Grammar School with an Elementary School and High School in a new building, were distributed to the inhabitants of Haydon Bridge. The scheme contained a clause which had caused an outcry from the working classes of the neighbourhood, that all scholars shall pay tuition fees not less than 'two pence a week'. Since the school's foundation in 1697 – 98, tuition had been free. A new scheme was finally implemented in 1879.

RENT DAY!

It is unlikely that those present at the Anchor Inn on 8th November 1876 were overly concerned about school fees of two pence a week. This was the day on which the Lords of the Admiralty received the annual rents from the tenants of their estates in the neighbourhood. After the business of the day had been completed, a Dinner was held and glasses were raised to, *'The Lords, The Tenants, The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, Queen Victoria, The Royal Family, The Agents of the Estates, The Chairman, Vice Chairman and, presumably, Uncle Tom Cobleigh and All!!!!'*

Those attending this most auspicious occasion were: J. Davison (Bailiff), Rev. G. Cruddas (Vicar of Warden), T.W. Benson (Allerwash House), Jos Dinning (Nilston Rigg), G.W. Holmes (Haydon Bridge Curate), J.J. Harle (West Mill Hills), Jos Henderson (Esp Hill), Jas Bell (Lough Green), John Awburn (Lipwood Well), Mr. White Harsondale, Mr. Pigg (The Vauce), J. Walton and Jas Davison (Deanraw) and my Great Grandfather, Matthew Ridley (Peelwell).

Finally, to return to the year 2001. To thank all those individuals who have supplied sources of reference for my 'Notes' during the year and to record my appreciation to Northumberland Records Office, Newcastle City and Hexham Libraries and the Hexham Courant for allowing me access to their archives.

And to you, the reader of my 'Notes' enjoy Christmas and have a very Happy New Year!

LETTERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor

My name is John Sharkey. I went to school at Haydon Bridge and I boarded at Deneholm in Allendale. I am 31 and would like to get in contact with some old school friends. I lost contact with everyone I went to school with when I moved back to Newcastle when I left school – big regret.

Would appreciate any contact.

Sharkeyjaysa@aol.com

Dear Haydon Bridge,

Just a short note to let you know that I have, with great regret, sold The Old Vicarage.

My business commitments have taken me all over the world. I guess I am nomadic at heart, but I have come to consider Haydon Bridge my home and hope to return to live here again later in life.

Some of my best memories include my Wedding Day at St Cuthbert's Church, the Village Summer Fêtes in my garden, the Fireworks Display on the Old Bridge for Millennium Eve and the surprise birth of Tony Willis' dog in my spare bedroom!

My children, Jasmine and Hugo continue to live in the village so I'll be visiting often.

Regards,

Nick Bradley
(e-mail: nickbr@dley.net)

The Editor of the *Haydon News*

Dear Mr. Snowdon,

I'm ashamed of myself for not having sprung to the defence of the Post Office in the Co-op before now.

It was a standing joke with Tony that I was his nightmare customer, and he would groan and look at his watch as, trying to catch the last post, I staggered through the door with some unwieldy parcel destined for foreign parts and requiring much filling in of forms. I was very sad (for me, not him), when he succumbed to the inviting call of retirement, but so relieved when the P.O. was kept in the village. Driving seven miles, parking in Robbs car park if I was lucky, carrying my heavy parcel to the Post Office and then waiting in a long queue was a totally unappealing prospect, and what a waste of time.

Consequently, I would have been happy to make lots of allowances for teething troubles after the move, but so far I haven't experienced anything to try my patience. The staff at the Co-op have been unfailingly polite and helpful. On the odd occasion when a procedure has been unfamiliar, help has always been close at hand, usually from the cheerful, capable & unflappable Kerry. I don't know anything about behind the counter security and imagine it would be best kept secret, but the lack of privacy was always a factor, even in the old Post Office. Whilst a separate counter and staff

could have overcome this, I'm pleased with the bonus of more staff and only having to queue once for both Post Office services and shopping. I've bought more in the Co-op in the last three months than I have since my youngest left Play School 15 years ago.

I do hope the Co-op staff are not too disheartened by the criticism, which is obviously aimed at the system, not them personally. There are others I have spoken to who are also happy with things as they are, but we're obviously not very good letter writers.

Your sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Hunter
6, John Martin Street
Haydon Bridge NE47 6AA.
Tel. 01 434 684 547

One Happy Customer

The Editor, *Haydon News*,

Dear Mr. Snowdon,

On behalf of St. Cuthbert's Playgroup and Tiny Tots I would like to thank the Friends of Haydon Bridge for their kind donation of £130 which they raised from the Prize Bingo held in July. This money was very welcome indeed and will be put to good use. I would also like to add that not only did we benefit financially but having never been to the Bingo before a few committee members went along and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and will definitely be going again.

So thanks again for a great night all round.

Lysette Scudamore
Secretary.

Dear Editor

I am sorry I know this is a little irregular but I have been searching the www for an e-mail address for anyone who could help us.

I am trying to find the family of a former Officer Sergeant Gordon Wraith who served in Newcastle area and then moved to London around 1978/9 and served at Victoria Station and then Waterloo.

He was separated from his wife and then moved with new wife (my sister) to New Zealand in 1980. Gordon lost contact with his children Simon and Heather and consequently has not seen them since the

late seventies. He also has a brother Barry presumably living in the North East.

Gordon recently had a stroke and has not been well for some time.

I would like very much to get hold of any of his family. I believe his mother died a couple of years ago and that his father may still be living.

If you are able to contact any of his family - his address is:
30 Chatham Rd, Paremoparemo,
Auckland, New Zealand and his phone number is: 64 9 413 9389.

Maybe he has some old friends on the force who would like to catch up with him too so I would be much obliged for any help you can give.

Regards

Glenys Winchester

E-mail: gchance@ihug.co.nz

SUNSHINE PANNERS

SUPER PRIZE BINGO NIGHT

7.30 – 10.00pm

HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB

14TH DECEMBER 2001

**(In aid of Trinidad Trip
February 2002)**

**St Cuthbert's Church
Haydon Bridge**

Winter Fair – 17th November

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed towards the Winter Fair, to all who donated the Raffle prizes, cakes, produce and bric-a-bac. To everyone who sold and bought Raffle tickets and everybody who came along to support this event.

A total of £459.00 was made.

Joyce Armstrong (Treasurer)

HAYDON BRIDGE POPPY APPEAL

This year's grand total was:

£1173.01

Many thanks to all who helped.

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Date	Competition	H/A	Opponent	Result	Score
Saturday 20 October	Division 2	H	Univ. of Northumbria	D	1 - 1
Saturday 27 October	Division 2	A	N'Cle East End Ra	W	3 - 1
Saturday 10 November	Division 2	H	Otterburn	W	3 - 1
Saturday 17 November	Division 2	H	Wallsend Town	W	9 - 0
Saturday 24 November	D2C Q.F	H	Wallsend Town	W	2 - 1
Saturday 1 December	Amateur Cup	H	Rutherford Newcastle	W	2 - 0

'100 Club' Draw

NOVEMBER 2001

£30 009 O. Armstrong
 £15 264 J. Dryden
 £10 062 R. Oliver
 £ 5 185 R. Edwards
 £ 5 021 J. Fiori

FIXTURES TO COME IN DECEMBER

8th Away to Wallsend 15th Home to Newcastle Btel. (KO - 1.45) 22nd Home to Ashington Coll. (KO - 1.30)
 Also: Wednesday 19th December (KO 7.00pm Floodlit) v Wark at Wentworth Leisure Centre.

The 2000 - 2001 Clayton Cup Final**LANGLEY W. I.**

Langley W. I. met for the first time since August due to the second outbreak of Foot & Mouth. Members were delighted to greet old friends again.

The speaker was Martin Guerreror who was accompanied by his father from Poltross Enterprises of Gilsland.

They stock a wide range of wild bird foods and are members of the Bird Food Standards Association. The BSA was formed in 1989 to regulate the standard of products sold for wild bird feeding. Mr Guerrero recounted an interesting history of bird feeding beginning with the fattening of birds for the table. During a very harsh winter in 1890 people began to feed wild

birds for the first time. In 1916 a woman was charged with wasting food during the war and fined £2. Apparently she remained unrepentant! With a change in modern farming methods the birds have suffered drastically from a loss of natural food. Accompanying his talk with beautiful wildlife slides he explained the importance of providing a wide variety of food. Providing for our wild birds is not only important in winter when birds need a higher proportion of fats to maintain body heat but it is also important in spring and early summer when rain and frosts can kill off populations of larvae and insects. It was stressed that it was advisable not to feed whole peanuts when young birds are in the nests or on the ground as they can choke on

these.

We were all urged to leave a wild area in our gardens and ensure the birds have clean water. A most interesting talk and timely reminder.

The business meeting which followed was the Annual Meeting when we welcomed W. I. Advisor, Mrs Adelaine Burdon and raised concerns over the increased subscription to £17.25. The Dominoes team was congratulated on winning the Shield. The competition Cup was won by Mrs Peggy Daker, second Mrs Muriel Brown.

The Christmas Dinner will be at the Carts Bog Inn at Langley on 4th December.

Myra Bowen

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THE ADVENTURES OF AN OLD AGE TRAVELLER -- by S.E.P

The Christmas Spirit

Barbara pressed her nose up against the frost filmed window pane and peered into the lighted room. Her tired old eyes saw the welcoming glow radiating around the spacious living room, from the log fire, blazing high.

Barbara felt the crisp dry coldness numb her fingers where they rest lightly against the panes of glass. She watched as a jumble of young bodies played rough and tumble amongst the tangled tinsel, and paper streamers, littering the carpet. A large St Bernard dog, his nose sparkling with glitter dust, flopped amongst the disarray.



Someone cried "Timber", as the huge fir tree rocked to and fro inside the bucket, helped along by a freckled faced youth with a thatch of ginger hair, and a lop-sided grin. The other children cheered and whooped loudly as last years fairy teetered precariously over the top.

Barbara's whiskers scraped along the glass, and the feathers on her trilby hat

danced in the light reflected from the firelights glow. "Quick, The Dragon is on the war path", someone shouted and Barbara witnessed the disappearance of numerous small bodies under the furniture. The Dragon crashed through the living room door all hair curlers and apron strings; only the lolling St Bernard remained, his huge bulk sprawled amongst the debris.

"Call in the wood-cutter", cried the woman at the top of her voice.

A tall thin man with greying side whiskers, and a polished head entered the room. He carried a hand saw, and assessed the situation immediately. "The tree is too large for the pot", he cried to his wife, "Off with the top".

"No, No", shrieked the woman, gesturing with her hands, "Take off the bottom you fool!".

The man bowed to his wife's reasoning and Barbara watched as the children slowly emerged from their hiding places. The woman then went from one to the other, giving each child a sound smack around the ear.

"Clean up this mess", she roared, "while your father fells the tree".

Later Barbara saw the fir tree transformed into a kaleidoscope of tinselled brightness. Garlands of evergreen festooned with a multitude of red berries are draped across the fireplace and glittering baubles hang down from the ceiling.

It must be Christmas time once again mused Barbara, her nose prickling with the cold. The seasons come and go so quickly I loose track of the time she thought.

She drew back into the shadows when the man approached the window and pulled the heavy velvet curtains tightly together. Someone turned on music and the strains of 'Christmas Tree oh Christmas Tree' drifted into the night.

Barbara felt soft dampness touch her wrinkled and chapped old cheeks. Why it's started to snow, she smiled, and lifted up her face to the heavens watching the white flakes flutter down.

Quite appropriate she thought at this special time. She reached down to retrieve her bundle of rags from behind the bushes then swinging them over her shoulder began to retrace her steps back along the path. She imagined that she felt the warmth of the blazing log fire and heard the joyous laughter of the excited children, that she enjoyed savouring the sweetness of newly baked mince pies and drinking her fill of hot mulled wine.

Did a small tinge of envy creep unwittingly into her reverie. Barbara dismissed this immediately. Nature was her family and the open road her bedfellow.

"A Merry Christmas to you all" she whispered as she watched the snow flakes thicken and slowly cover the landscape in a soft white fluffy blanket.

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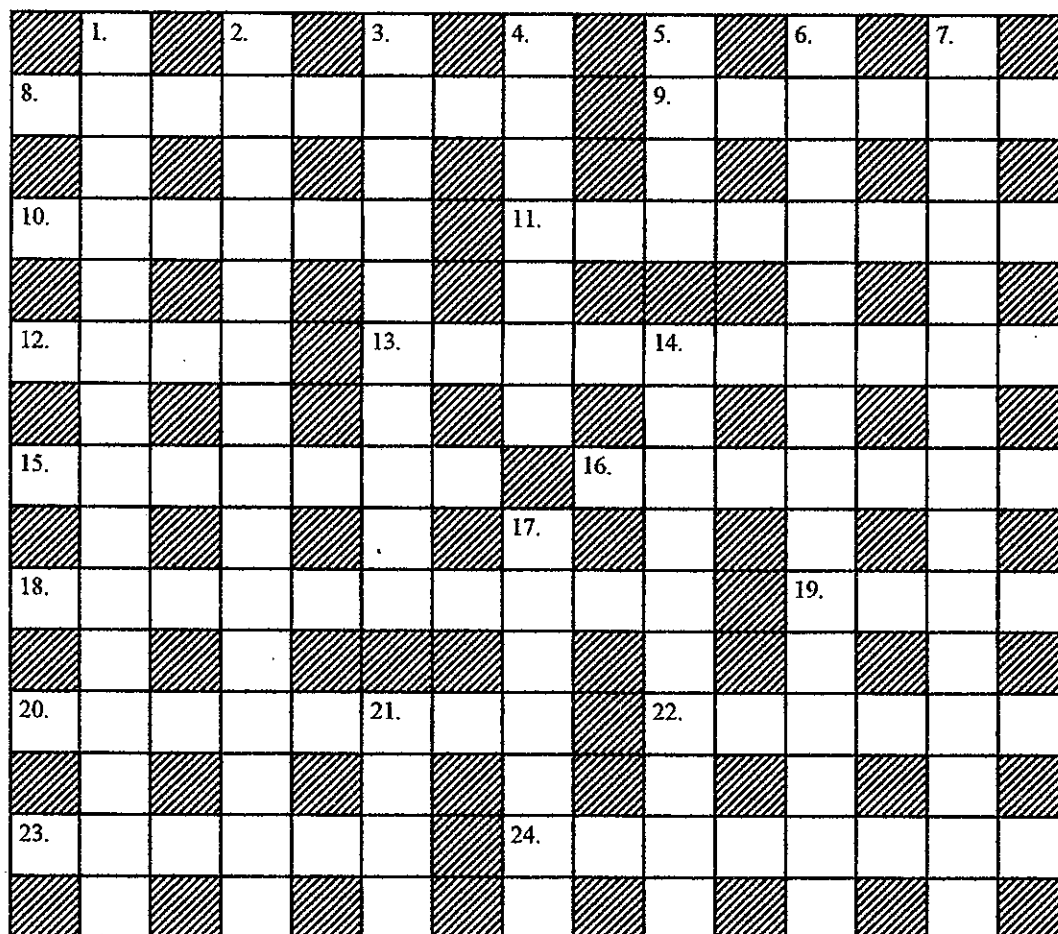
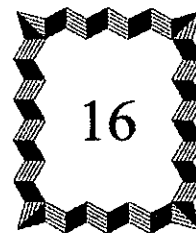
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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 21st January 2002.**Best of luck**

Please hand in your entry to:
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ACROSS

8. Snobbish. (3,5)
 9. Smokers requisite. (6)
 10. Air, team, cartoon. (6)
 11. Request for order. Almost makes preservative. (8)
 12. Precipitation reformed country. (4)
 13. Search. (5,5)
 15. Changed gradually. (7)
 16. Done with enthusiasm. (7)
 18. Last chimes make gold? (10)
 19. Irish island. (4)
 20. Car reverses arts award in cricket dismissal. (8)
 22. Scandinavians beneath the bridge fictionally. (6)
 23. Suit football team. (6)
 24. Helpful role. (8)

DOWN

1. Art loving animals. (7,8)
 2. Capital venue for 1 down. (8,7)
 3. Cheers for winning side. (6,4)
 4. Feudal slavery. (7)
 5. God of thunder. (4)
 6. Capital venue for 1 down. (5,5,5)
 7. Capital venue for 1 down. (8,7)
 14. Grammatically applied to verbs. (10)
 17. Smokers requisite. (7)
 21. Great river. (4)

Solution to Crossword number 15 will be found on page 14.

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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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(Everyone welcome)**CHRISTMAS WHIST***15th December 2001**Entrance = £1***Solution to crossword (15)***Ten (10) entries were received.
Sadly, two (2) were incorrect.**Philida Irving
A. Phillips
B. Pearson
Dennis Telford
A. M. Scott
Maureen Robson
Denis Bell
Susan Stephenson***TINY TOTS***From Birth to 3 years.*

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

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

For further information contact

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

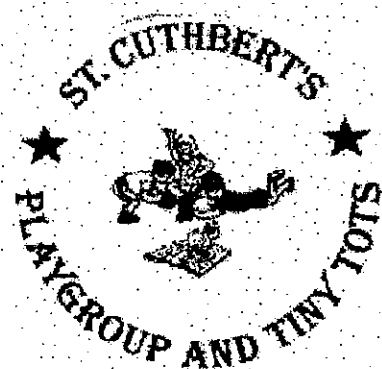
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For further information contact Helen Easby on: 01 434 674 371 or call in at one of the sessions.

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



£10 winner out of the hat:

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Charles Thomas, (Chairman)
South View, Hough House Lane,
Haydon Bridge, NE47 6ND

DEADLINE: All contributions to the *Haydon News* to reach the Editor no later than Monday 22nd January 2002.

TASTY RECIPES FOR ROAST REINDEER LEFT-OVERS.**Please tell us what we should do.**

There always has been a problem with people not turning up to appointments, with the nursing staff especially, and despite trying a variety of alternative approaches we have not yet found the best way to minimise this. To forget, pure and simple, is one thing or to be overtaken by some sudden last minute unexpected problem but we have sent some people three separate appointments and they have not only failed to attend any of them but they have not rung to say they cannot come or don't want the appointment or to ask for a better time or date. We can certainly understand and sympathise with people who have no wish to be seen and we will gladly accommodate their preferences - if we knew them.

If I failed to keep an appointment with anyone I would be absolutely mortified and grovellingly apologetic. It is the casual waste of precious NHS resources that so upsets us. We are at a loss to understand why or how people, who in every other respect may be model citizens, can bring themselves to be so unthinkingly disrespectful and, frankly, rude. Every non-attender costs the tax-payer lots of money and denies someone else an earlier appointment too.

Has anyone got any suggestions or ideas about how we can improve things? For the NHS to work well there has to be a dialogue between patients and carers, it's a two-way thing that requires the active participation of both for success to be achieved.

Revised information.

In the not too distant future a new edition of the practice brochure will appear. If you have any things that you would like to see added or subtracted from the brochure please let us know ASAP.

By the time this edition of the *Haydon News* hits the streets our website will have been updated too. There are any number of NHS sites and other third party efforts that now contain links to our site and it is gratifying to hear that these efforts are appreciated by people looking for information about practices in the area to which they have moved.

Yet another chance for some New Year's resolutions.

It's that time of year again folks! All those things that you enjoy doing most, as you know full well, are either illegal, immoral or fattening. Conversely, all those things that you most resist doing will make you healthy, wealthy, irresistibly good-looking with stamina to match and likely to live forever. Or so we never tire of telling you.

Every year I encounter a few people who, of their own volition, turn their lives upside down - they take up regular exercise, stop smoking, lose weight and reduce their alcohol consumption - all at once - just like that. So it can be done but not everyone is that strong.

If you can only accomplish one thing - GIVE UP SMOKING. (Now, even in India, smoking in public is illegal - let us hope the UK catches up soon.) Being a few pounds or even a stone or two overweight is not a significant problem by comparison. Some alcohol is good for you - teetotallers don't live as long as moderate drinkers.

If you are not used to doing exercise then you may feel reluctant to even try but it need not involve a major change in your life. Start by going for a simple walk round the block once or twice each day or change your shopping habits so that you have to walk to the shops every day instead of a couple of times each week. If you're going for coffee with a friend - go the long way round. If there is a choice of stairs or lift - use the stairs.

There is nothing that either you or we can do that will make you live forever but what we hope is that you will have a long life free of disease and disability. The person who can do the most to help bring that about is you - go on - give it a go! Ask if you want help or advice.

A great fun way to encourage exercise.

I was honoured a few weeks ago to be asked to adjudicate the High School's bid for a World Record for dancing. Seeing hundreds of

people exercising quite hard without actually realising it was a revelation. Dancing really is good exercise and there are hundreds of styles to go for. Break dancing with walking sticks might be a problem but perhaps a little gentle line dancing might be possible. Tea dances are run regularly by our Health Visitor Janet Moss and are very suitable for persons of a genteel disposition. Salsa and Tango are very fashionable and there are local belly dancing classes too. Give it a go, have a laugh, kick up your heels in pursuit of health.

At the School's record bid not only did everyone make a major effort and have a great time but I feel two commendations should be made; the member of staff who came dressed as Lara Croft is to be warmly congratulated on the ingenuity he employed in smuggling two contraband Smarties into school and the Rock Band who played in the lead up to the main event gave a great performance in trying and windy circumstances.

A great effort.

A personal request.

During the summer I lent a book called 'Where Are The Customer's Yachts' (it's about stock broking in the 1920's) to someone and now I cannot remember who it was. I would be most grateful for its return. Ta.

Roll Up! Roll Up! - over 65s especially required.

The Government target for flu jabs for the over 65s rises each year with the added refinement that now we can count-as-done those who positively do not wish to have one.

If you would like to have a flu jab please pop along and see either a nurse or doctor as soon as possible. If you are over 65 and do not want a jab then it would be very helpful if you could ring and say so - otherwise you may find that we ring you to encourage you to have one.

A new approach to warts.

Our recent locum Laura Anderson, to whom we are most grateful for her contribution, has introduced us to a new gadget for the treatment of warts, verrucae and other blemishes. Following the loss of our liquid nitrogen supply we had been rather stumped and, it must be said, when treatment with nitrogen was given one or two of the recipients had been conscious of a sensation remarkably similar to pain.

Time to go chaps?

In a recent edition of the British Medical Journal in the leading Editorial the question was posed; 'Will men be needed at all?' The context was a discussion covering the differences in life expectancy, work and social roles, health problems, behavioural traits and so on between men and women. Reproductive technology has reached the point where the time can be foreseen when men could have no role to play. Further, the existing gap between men and women, in terms of life expectancy and well-being, is growing in favour of women.

Men need to take better care of themselves but women must guard against adopting those behavioural traits that disadvantage men at present, otherwise their present advantage may be frittered away.

S.F

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Wednesday	26	Boxing Day	10.00 – 11.00
Thursday	27	Normal working day	
Friday	28	Normal working day	
Saturday	29	Normal working day	
Sunday	30	CLOSED	
Monday	31	New Years Eve	9.00 – 12.30 / 1.30 – 6.00
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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

Canon Vincent Ashwin

The world we live in can be very unsettling. In the last year, we have seen the devastating effects of Foot and Mouth Disease, which has affected all areas of village life – though thankfully the disinfection point in Church Street has now gone, and we are officially an FMD-free area. We have seen the attack on New York, on a scale that was unimaginable; and troops from several nations have entered Afghanistan, to try and prevent further acts of terror.

It has always been so. The last century witnessed two World Wars of unparalleled destruction, which the village remembered at the War Memorial on at around 11.00 on November 11th. Going further back, the Scots and British were involved in endless border skirmishes, and castles like Langley were needed to keep order in the chaos.

Some things stay the same, though, and Christmas is celebrated every year, whatever has happened. We invite you to worship with us in church this year. This is the season when we remember how God's Son was born into a messy world, where laughter and tears, war and peace, stability and challenge make up the rich pattern of human living. Donkey's dung, long weary journeys, the pain and relief of bearing a first child – these are the real Christmas. Haydon Bridge's three churches remind you that – long before presents were given and turkey was eaten – the religious festival of Christmas brought hope and singing to the world.

God is involved in every part of human life; that is what the churches celebrate. The little family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus shows He is at the heart of family life; He smiles when things go well, and is hurt when people are selfish and want only their own way. (Our God is vulnerable). Jesus God's Son was born into a small nation that had been trampled on for centuries; God understands from the inside what it's like to have homes smashed by bombs and guns, whether in the United Kingdom, Afghanistan or Israel.

Our services, detailed opposite and in the Christmas cards which every home should receive, are not an escape from the real world. Church services are a way of saying: 'God is here among us, and always will be; He cares.' The carols and readings and worship of Christmas try to put our beliefs into words.

Christmas is also a time to remember people in great need – others like Jesus who are homeless; people whose closest relations or friends have died since last year. Christmas is for God and for all people, as well as ourselves and our families.

Have a very good Christmas!

November/ December/ January
2001 / 2002



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
The Manse, Moorview, Haltwhistle 320.051

Father Leo Pyle, with St John's Catholic Church
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Canon Vincent Ashwin, with St Cuthbert's C of E
The Vicarage, Station Yard 684.307



O come, let us adore him TIMES OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday December 23rd

6.00pm United village Carol Service at S John's Church

Christmas Eve

4.00pm	United village Crib Service	St Cuthbert's C/E
10.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	St John's Church
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	St Cuthbert's C/E

Christmas Day

9.30am	Christmas Day Mass	St John's Church
10.30am	Festival Communion	St Cuthbert's C/E
10.30am	Christmas Family Service	Methodist Church

Sunday December 30th

4.00pm Year-end Carol Service; Haydon Old Church

Monday December 31st

8.00pm United End of Year service at the Methodist Church

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday December 2nd

10.00am Rev D Thomson; Toy Service.
6.00pm Rev David Perkins

Tue 4th 7.30pm Men's Fellowship

Sunday December 9th

10.00am Mr Stan Rowntree
2.30pm Service at Langley

Tue 11th 7.30pm Men's Christian F'sh
Wed 12th 12.30pm Luncheon Club &
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Sunday December 16th

10.00am Rev David Hasson, Family Serv
5.00pm Carols in the Park, Hexham

Sunday December 23rd

10.00am Mr Raymond Tipping



Christmas Services: See over

Sunday December 30th

10.00am Rev Janet Flawn
6.00pm Rev David Hasson (Sacrament)

Sunday January 6th

10.00am Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Rev George Ambler

Tue 8th 7.30pm Men's Christian F'sh

Sunday January 13th

10.00am Mr Brendan O'Neill
6.00pm Rev Brian Ridley

Sunday January 20th

10.00am Mr Tony Bird (Family S)
6.00pm Rev Vincent Ashwin

Tue 22nd 7.30pm Men's Christian F'sh

Sunday January 27th

8.30am Rev David Hasson (Sacrament)
10.00am Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Miss Christine Thompson

Remembrance Day was well attended again this year. It began with a service in St Cuthbert's at 10.15, taken by the Revd Alan Currie, curate of the parish; the Rev David Hasson the new Methodist minister preached. Timing is always difficult, as it depends on factors like the speed at which people sing hymns. So the 2 minutes' silence was a little before 11.00. The congregation ended in the Methodist Church for a rededication to the service of mankind for another year.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Dec. 2nd Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am All-Age Service

Wed. 5th 7pm Healing Service

Dec. 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Parish Communion

Dec. 16th 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am Morning Prayer (Mike Fry)

Thu 20th 6.00pm Carol singing in village

Sun. Dec. 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent

10.30am Parish Communion



Christmas Services: See over

Sun 30th 1st Sunday after Christmas

10.15 Benefice Communion, Beltingham
4.00pm Carol Service at the Old Church

Mon. 31st 8.0pm End of Year Service,
at the Methodist Church

Wed Jan 2nd 7pm Healing Service

Sun. Jan 6th The Epiphany of Our Lord

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am All-Age Communion Service.

Thu. 10th 7.30pm Church Council mtg.

Sun Jan 13th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Parish Communion / Sermon

Sun. 20th 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer & Sermon

Sun. 27th Epiphany 4: Education Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion / Sermon

Sun Feb 3rd The Presentation of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am All-Age Communion service

Collections at the Crib Service at St Cuthbert's this year will go to the Children's Society. This old charity was once called *Waifs and Strays*, and still deals with runaway children. A quarter of young people who run away from cruel or abusive homes are under 11 years old. Some of those very young children end up sleeping rough in parks and railway stations – lonely, hungry and frightened. The Children's Society runs a project called *Safe on the Streets*, acting as a link with parents, in family mediation, giving bathing and cooking facilities where the youngsters don't yet feel safe enough to go home. **Shaftoe Trust School** are holding a Christingle Service in St Cuthbert's; money given for that service will also go to the Children's Society.

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.



MORE ON MISSION 2002

The Tuesday Prayer Group at St John's Presbytery has been continuing to meet each week. Church members may also contact Ernie and Sylvia Swinburne of 2 Station Cottages about the prayer group on Thursdays in their home.

Many thanks to those who worked for the Winter Fair at St Cuthbert's on November 17th. The event made more than £450 for church funds.

An Advent Prayer by Kate McIlhagga:
Christ our Advent hope,
Bare brown trees,
Etched dark across a winter sky,
leaven falles, rustling,
Ground hard and cold,
Remind us to prepare for your coming,
Remind us to prepare for the time
When the soles of your feet will touch
the ground,
when you come to be one of us,
when you come to be one with us.

From Encompassing Presence, the Prayer Handbook
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Carols Galore!!

Twice we shall get together this year – members of the different congregations with those who maybe don't come so often to church. Twice we shall sing to God's own child, born 2000 years ago. St John's Church is hosting the main Carol Service, on Sunday December 23rd at 6.00pm. And the Crib Service, with children and their parents in mind, is at St Cuthbert's at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. As well as some input from the children, we shall walk on a 'pilgrimage' to the crib, each person carrying a lighted candle, to worship there.

<p>PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>PROPOSED RE-LOCATION OF</p> <p>HAYDON BRIDGE LIBRARY</p> <p>12 DECEMBER 2001</p> <p>A Public Meeting to consider the proposed re-location of Haydon Bridge Library to the Learning Resources Centre of Haydon Bridge High School will be held on Wednesday, 12 December 2001 at 7.00 pm at Haydon Bridge High School.</p> <p>You will have an opportunity to hear the views of both the Library Service and the High School and to ask any questions you may have.</p>	<p>PROPOSED RELOCATION OF</p> <p>HAYDON BRIDGE LIBRARY</p> <p>Haydon Bridge High School has received funding from the UK Online Centre Scheme to develop an enhanced Learning Resources Centre which will bring together traditional learning materials and access to ICT facilities.</p> <p>It has been suggested that we move the public library into that Centre to bring related community facilities on the school site into the one place. This would give library users immediate access to the extra facilities available in the school, and might allow longer opening hours, a larger stock of materials for loan and increased staffing.</p> <p>If there is support for the library's re-location, then nearer the time of opening we will also consult you on your preference for opening hours and any new services we might introduce to the library.</p>
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