



THE HAYDON NEWS

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Editorial comment

Welcome back! It seems like a new term is beginning and that means, if we can remember our school days, we can start again with a clean sheet and with new equipment, new ideas etc. etc.

Somehow it doesn't feel like that in the village because the old things continue. I refer, of course to issues surrounding:

- * The saga of Church Street – new water pipes work disrupting everyday life as well as spoiling much of the work done earlier on the pavements and so on. Are *Kentons* in control or is *Northumbrian Water*? Who decides when a trench can be filled in? And who decides, a day or so later, that that same trench has to be opened up again? This is real! I've seen it happen.
- * The issue of the Spa Well has again been raised. Will anything happen to correct this sorry site?
- * The Bypass issue has not gone away. Might this not be complicated by the proposed up-grading of the A66?

Another issue which is again rearing its head is CYCLISTS. There will be a serious accident one of these days because youngsters will insist on riding on pavements, riding without lights and, more worryingly, seem to be oblivious to traffic. A friend of mine almost hit two cyclists who 'burst' onto the road running by the Fire Station, after careering down the steps from the east-bound platform of the railway station! Do they not think? Who would be to blame had an accident occurred? Might this be a tricky question considering the 'Compensation Culture' we seem to have adopted?

However, all is not doom and gloom, I am glad to say. This edition is a credit to the contributors and I hope you enjoy the contents.

Our next edition will be 'hitting the streets' around about 4th November.

Richard A D Snowdon. (Editor)

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge) Thursday 26th September 2002 at 7.30pm.

Present were: 9 Councillors (apologies from 3), Parish Clerk and 8 members of the Public.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Peter Mogridge of the *"Rural Transport Partnership"*.

He gave some insight into accessing different types of service including, Transport, Support for services to other people, buying of suitable vehicles, car sharing schemes and co-ordination with train services.

Projects are difficult to cost but small grants up to £3,000 can be acquired providing action plans are forthcoming.

A **Parish Transport Grant** is also possible this time up to a maximum of £10,000 but available until March 2003. It is possible to combine with other Parishes to make schemes more viable. However, whatever the scheme, three elements must be complied with:

1. A need must be seen to exist.
2. The scheme cannot compete with another provider.
3. It must be demonstrated that it can be sustained beyond the initial stages of setting up.

Consultants would be available to assist in the process at no charge to the group's possible grant.

The background to this whole issue is that there is a lot of money 'sloshing' around which has to be spent on trying to improve the services to people living in the more rural areas of the country.

In Tynedale for example, a scheme in Blanchland has enabled a bus to be laid on to connect with Hexham once a month – on Market Day. In Kirkwhelpington a similar

scheme has been set up but also to provide a bus to Morpeth. One or two other schemes see buses being laid on a more appropriate times for the particular community.

All well and good, but Cllr E. Charlton pointed out that what was needed more than anything was **"A Person"** who would co-ordinate all local information on the services being provided.

In this village maybe what was needed was a link to Hadrian's Wall or to Allendale etc.

Peter Mogridge ended by informing the Council that the new contact number is: **01 434 602 702**. The office being above the Registrar's Office on Market Street (Hexham)

The Chair thanked him for his time.

Public Participation.

1. Jackie (Railway Hotel) began the process by asking if there was any news on the Church Street farce! What progress is being made? Why is it taking so long? What can the residents do to indicate their disgust at the way they have been messed about, and continue to be messed about! Do we push for compensation? Do we take stronger action like with-holding water rates?

Jackie continued by suggesting that the issue of moving the lamp-post outside of the building had uncovered a series of lies being told by 'those in authority'. So have any others been told?

Everyone present concurred with the horrendous state of things and that something had to happen to bring to an end

this farce.

2. **The new seat at Langley road ends.** Nettles are making it rather uncomfortable to remain seated. Cllr Smith said that he would cut them back.

3. **The old Cemetery** on Alexander Terrace is in an awful state. Can the litter etc. be moved please?

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (July 2002)

1. **"English Gate"** - reference to the Market Cross. The Clerk had visited both churches mentioned in the book but could find no trace. What now? Perhaps the new seat in the Church yard could be dedicated as the 'Jubilee Seat'

2. **Peelwell/Hill House path.** Is blocked by erosion.

3. **The damaged gate** on the crossing. Not know what state it is in at present.

4. **"ARRIVA"** vouchers. Despite mention in previous *Haydon News* reports, no-one has taken up the offer of the 2-for-1 travel vouchers. (see the notice in John Clarke's window). Incidentally, you don't have to go to Whitby or Whitehaven, just anywhere on the Arriva network.

5. The Parish Council was thanked for its prompt action on the 'rat runs'. Cleared up but a query was made as to whether the weight of freight on the line was increasing. House vibrations seemed to indicate that it was. However, Cllrs pointed out that there was no weight limit.

Village projects: Cllr Garrow once again spoke of the apparent need for a toilet on the north side of the river and that grants are available. Separately, but connected, the door to the disabled toilet has now been put right.

Tynedale DC Minutes: Cllr Mitchell told the meeting that the 'Standalone' appeal had been turned down.

Also that a 'senior' member of the Bypass Committee has been invited to future meetings when discussing this issue. First meeting Tuesday 1st October.

Cllr Smith mentioned the **DOG problem** and in particular the extremely wide area only one Warden has to cover - Haltwhistle to Prudhoe, Kielder to Allendale. Also any stray picked up has to be taken to Newcastle Cat & Dog Shelter. A stray is any dog found wandering unaccompanied and without any means of identification i.e. a collar and name tag.

Cllr Mitchell said that there was nothing more on **Innerhaugh**.

Cllr Smith indicated that work to begin on upgrading the **A66 might put more traffic on to the A69**. In a round-about way this might add more strength to the need for a Bypass.

Highways matters: The speed of traffic coming down from Esp Hill is excessive. An accident waiting to happen. Can the '30' sign be moved further up the hill please so that more time can be given to slow down - perhaps rumble strips could be added to the road surface.

Spa Well: Has anything been received from Roadlink on how things are progressing? No!

Lighting: The lamp at Belmont is in the process of being installed but the lamp outside the First School will only be fixed next year.

Planning Applications. Two have been received. A replacement antenna on Langley Fell and plans to provide an extension at Ivy Cottage on Heugh House Lane. No comments were given.

Correspondence: A number received including; Ethnic Monitoring, DEFRA information, Limits to size of house extensions (33% maximum).

Other Issues. The paving around the corner by the Methodist Church will need replacing. Damage caused by wagons turning into the Spar warehouse. Road works make it very difficult for them not to mount the pavements! Also the Church entrance way is getting worse by the day.

How do students get to Newcastle? Wright's Buses are not convenient yet passes can only be obtained for this bus service - why not the trains? Parish Council will take this up.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 24th October at 7.30pm

RADS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

The meeting is usually held in the Community Centre but occasionally goes elsewhere. The notice board, next to the Butcher's shop on Church Street always shows the likely agenda for each meeting and the venue.

The General Public is welcome at the first part of every meeting. Have your say - Brickbats and Bouquets!!

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HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE – Dennis Telford

Ridley Woods, along with Plankey Mill, hold wonderful memories for me, as I'm sure they will for many other readers of the *Haydon News*. Whether camping with the Scouts, diving and swimming in the deep pool beneath Raven's Crag, playing football and cricket within sight of the 'swing' bridge or simply rambling as a free spirit among the trees and ferns.

I can hardly imagine a more enjoyable childhood!

I doubt whether there is a better description of this place of beauty in which I spent so much of my early and teenage years, than that written by *W.W. Tomlinson* in 1888.

"Nowhere in the county has nature arranged more harmoniously her wonderful effects of wood and rock and water than these beautiful and extensive grounds. ... grassy walks that afford, at different times, enchanting glimpses up and down the .. mossy green-arched glade that forms such a long and lovely vista as it follows the (river).

(Gaze) on the green-robed banks of Birch and Larch and Rowan scaling the opposite heights, or allow the eye to linger on some weather-stained crag, covered with trailing creepers and overhanging ferns ... while through the light, fresh leaves, the soft glints of sunlight flash on the faceted ripples of the Allen ... as it hastens to the Tyne.

Crossing (the Allen) by a narrow suspension bridge, and ascending the steep bank, follow a shady pathway that gradually winds up to the top of the ridge where, surrounded by young Firs and Larches is a small lake. Water Lilies float on its still surface... By a winding staircase cut in the rock, descend to the bridge again.

About a mile from the Hall, the river makes a bend underneath the Raven's Crag, a bold cliff of yellow sandstone. Half a mile further on, approached by a lightly-built chain bridge, is Plankey Mill, underneath a semi-circular hill, which in Summer is one mass of Whin and Broom.

A varied walk through Fern meadows, along the side of a steep scar, over a romantic little cleugh and by the shady margin of the stream will lead to Starward Peel"

After reading Tomlinson's 19th guide, I can close my eyes and I'm back in the Ridley Woods. It could be fifty years ago as a schoolboy. Forty years ago on a romantic liaison, or even just yesterday with my grandchildren, so little has changed

and long may that remain so.

I remember the Ridley Woods and the River Allen as being very much the playground of the young Haydonian, even though the western banks of the Allen are just outside our Parish, perhaps because we approached them by way of Land Ends, the old Drover's road crossing Robbs Dene and Plankey Mill.

The Hall was different. The mysteries beyond the Lion- (or should that be Lyon?) topped stone pillars were out of bounds to us, and in my mind, 'Ridley Hall' was part of Bardon Mill rather than Haydon Bridge.

A fine building without doubt, but one to enjoy from a distance when scrambling up, or down, the path from the gorge bottom to the Lily Pond or a Hermit's Hut, the name we gave to the Summer Houses, one of which had sheep's bones fastening the roof – and my initials carved into a supporting post.

It wasn't until I was older, when I became more interested in my own family's 'Ridley' connection that I began to take a greater interest in the history of the Ridley Estates and Ridley Hall.

It is doubtful whether the date of the first house on the Ridley Hall site can be determined for certain, although it is clear that in 1270, the Ridley family lived on what was to become their fortified Manor at **Willimoteswick**, and occupied a Bastle House at Ridley. Certainly, in 1567 they were "*in possession*" of Ridley Hall.

In any case, it isn't my intention in these 'notes' to provide a history of the Riddleys or Ridley Hall, but to share with you my research into the connection between the Ridley Estates and our late Queen Mother's family line.

So, here goes!

It is necessary to commence the search in the early 17th century when the Lowes' family, originally of Thorngraston, were tenants of the Ridley

lands. Michael Lowes who died sometime before 1620 was recorded as being, 'of Ridley Hall'.

RIDLEY / NEVILLE families.

The downfall of the Riddleys as land-owners, was a result of their Loyalist support for Charles I in the conflict with his Parliament. Following Charles' execution on 30th January 1649, the ruling Commonwealth Parliament, or 'Republic', found Musgrave Ridley of Willimoteswick guilty of treason and in 1652 ordered that his estates be dispossessed, "*for his loyal adherence to the House of Stuart*".

Soon after that, the South Tyne and Allen properties were conveyed to the Neville family of Chevet in Yorkshire as a favour for their Republican support.

*So fell the Ridley's ancient line,
Lord William's ancient towers,
(i.e. Willimoteswick)
Fair Ridley on the silvery Tyne.
And sweet Thorngraston's bowers.*

- Richard Surtees

LOWES, (from 1653)

In, or about the year 1653, following the sequestration of the Ridley Estates, John Lowes or Beltingham purchased from Francis Neville that part of the estate of which he was a tenant, including Ridley Hall, Beltingham and probably Moralee. All or part of the estates were subsequently inherited by his son William, then in 1732 his grandson John and eventually his great grandson William who was baptised in 1711.

The Lowes family of Ridley Hall were of significant standing and wealth in 18th century Northumberland. William Lowes (1711 – 1783) was High Sheriff of the County and in 1773 he built a Georgian-style Manor House at Ridley Hall. The previous building had been destroyed

by fire and although I don't have any information about it, it may be that the cellars in the current Hall date from that period.

One year later on 16th May 1774, William Lowes laid the foundation stone of the (Old) Assembly Rooms in Newcastle.

You will have to take my word for this. I have recently visited the Old Assembly Rooms in Finkle Street but my search for the foundation stone was in vain. It has been completely covered by a built-up, tarred road which provides access to the adjacent "Quality Hotel" car park. I do have a copy of the inscription. The laying of the foundation stone was held, *'in an age when the polite arts have advanced to a state of perfection. In the presence of a great company of Ladies and Gentlemen'*.

This event was considerably more sedate than the experience which befell William Lowes' grandfather, also called William, who lived at Crowhall. This William was County Keeper and in 1700 had to answer the charge of arranging to have William Turner of 'Cringleydykes' *"dismembered of his tongue and ears!"* (That's another story for another issue).

Another foundation stone we are unable to see is that of the Ridley Hall bridge which spans the Tyne just off the A69 road. This stone was laid by William Lowes' son, John, *'at a depth of nine feet below the surface'*

The bridge replaced the structure washed away in the great flood of November 1771. An inscribed stone to the completion of the bridge in 1792 is built into the parapet and can be seen today.

(Unless of course our dreadful summer 2002 storms have washed away the 1792 bridge before you read this!)

But I digress. Let me return to the Lowes family of 1749.

The Lowes' family connections may well have provided opportunities for William's elder sister Eleanor to court the high flyers of Northumberland rather than the rustics of Bardon

Mill or Haydon Bridge and on 17th May 1749 Eleanor Lowes married Thomas Davidson, Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland.

JOHN LOWES (Beltingham)
Purchased lands of Neville 1653.
(originally the Ridley Estates)

WILLIAM LOWES
Lived at Crowhall in 1700
County Keeper 1705/06/09/10
Will dated 1732.

JOHN LOWES
Eldest son.
By his father's will, had lands at
Ridley Hall, Moralee, Beltingham.

WILLIAM LOWES (1711 – 1783)
High Sheriff of Northumberland
Built Ridley Hall in 1773
William's sister was Eleanor Lowes
(she married Thomas Davidson)

We leave the Lowes' family here and for the purposes of our search, concentrate on the Davidsons.

DAVIDSON (1749 – 1824)

On 18th July 1750, Thomas Davidson and Eleanor (nee Lowes) had a son, John. Like his father before him John Davidson was also to become Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland.

In 1818 John purchased West Otterburn and other estates and had succeeded to some of the freehold estates of the Lowes family on the death of William C. Lowes in 1810. By this time, John Lowes had married Anne Hutchinson on 28th February 1797, and had a son born on 1st September 1797, named after his father. He was another John Davidson.

It is at this point that the direct connection with the Earls of Strathmore, our late Queen Mother's ancestors occurs.

John Davidson, son of John and Anne and a tenant of part of the Ridley estate at this time, married Susan Hussey-Elizabeth Jessup on 21st December 1824.

Susan's father was Henry Jessup and significantly in our search, her mother was Lady Anna Maria Bowes, sister of the 10th Earl of Strathmore. The marriage was held at Gibside Chapel on the Bowes Estate.

In 1830, John Davidson purchased Ridley Hall.

ELEANOR LOWES (1718 – 1803)

Thomas Davidson (married 1749)
Died 1781
Clerk of the Peace, Northumberland

JOHN DAVIDSON (born 1750)
Clerk of the Peace, Northumberland
Married Anne Hutchinson (1797)
Succeeded to freehold estates of
Lowes family in 1818.

JOHN DAVIDSON (1797 – 1842)
Purchased Ridley Hall in 1830.

Susan Hussey-Elizabeth Jessup
Married 1824.

STRATHMORE / BOWES (connection)

I shall return to the Davidsons next month (October), however, it is relevant now to back-track and trace the lineage of the Earls of Strathmore whose families have owned Glamis Castle in Scotland since their ancestor, John Lyon, lived there in 1372.

Why then was the ancient family name, "Lyon" replaced by the surname "Bowes"?

The Bowes family were wealthy Durham Colliery owners who had lived at Streatlam Castle, near Barnard Castle, since the 14th century. The remains of Streatlam Castle were demolished in 1959. In 1691 the Bowes family added to their substantial wealth, acquiring the Gibside Estate through marriage.

In 1722 the family estate passed to George Bowes and when he died in 1760, his daughter Mary Eleanor became the sole inheritor of her father's wealth, reputed to be between £600,000 and £1 million.

£1 million in 1760 – phew!!!!

On her eighteenth birthday, in February 1749, Mary Eleanor Bowes married John Lyon the 9th Earl of Strathmore.

In compliance with his Father-in-Law's Will, the 9th Earl took his wife's surname, "Bowes"

A price worth paying, no doubt!

The Ridley Hall connection continues next month when we meet John and Susan Davidson and John Bowes.

SHOULD
BE
1767.

LANGLEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Langley WI welcomed WIA Kathleen Jones to their AGM.

This opened with a supper of home-made soup and a delicious array of sweets made and provided by the Committee and was greatly appreciated.

The President welcomed the Secretary, Sylvia Mitchell back after her long illness. A special tribute was paid to the late Maggie Dodd, a very long-standing member of the Institute, a sad loss and much missed.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The yearly subscription has now risen by one pound to £18.25. This was discussed at length as it seems to escalate every year. Attention was drawn to the new image of the 'Home & Country' magazine.

Details were announced of the Autumn Meeting on 24th October, to

be held at Morpeth. Participation in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' will be at the Cart's Bog Inn at Langley on 27th September. In aid of Macmillan Nurses, members will provide a cake stall.

The President and Committee were re-elected without change. The Charity for the year will be the *Jig Saw Appeal*.

The Competition Cup for the year was won by Peggy Dakers with, second, Myra Bowen. The competition for a motto was won by Peggy Dakers - "Face Your Fear And Watch It Disappear" - and it was decided to adopt this for the year.

An interesting account was then given by the WIA of her attendance at the Brighton Conference.

The raffle was won by Kathleen Jones.

Myra Bowen



"What did you have for lunch today?!"

For some older members of the community, their main opportunity for a hot meal is to have it delivered under the scheme that you may have heard of called '*Meals on Wheels*'.

In Haydon Bridge, this is run through **Age Concern Northumberland** and has been cheerfully and efficiently run for the past few years by a team of willing volunteers.

Both **Age Concern Northumberland** and the clients are very grateful for their time and efforts but the organiser now feels that it is time to '*put away her pinny and stand down*'.

We therefore need a new organiser to take on the role from the end of September.

You will need to be able to arrange the delivery rota for the volunteers and liaise with **Age Concern Northumberland**.

Without help, the older people may not be able to enjoy the hot meals.

If you feel that you can spare some of your time, please contact:

Anne Shilton

Volunteer Development Officer
Age Concern Northumberland
Tel: **01 670 528 220**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

AGE
Concern

Haydon Bridge "Out & About" group

At Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

Mondays 2pm 'til 4pm

The "Out & About" projects aim to create opportunities for people with disabilities and ill health to get involved with the Arts and Creative Activities.

The "Out & About" group needs Volunteers to assist for a few hours during outings and creative activity sessions.

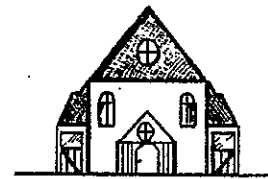
*For more information contact Catherine at
A.D.A.P.T. on:*

01 434 600 599

"Out & About" group projects supported by the Northern Rock Foundation.
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Action by Differently Abled People in Tynedale

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



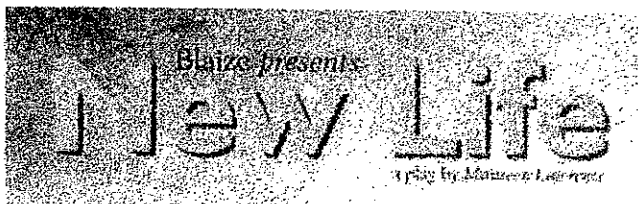
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Haydon Bridge Community Association together with North Pennine Highlights are promoting a play by The Blaize Theatre Company.

The play is called "*New Life*" and it will be staged on:
Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm
in the Community Centre.

Tickets for the performance are priced at **£4.50 / £2.50** and Family tickets are **£12.00**. These are available from Valerie or Brian on: **01 434 684 705** or from John Clarke (Newsagent)

Refreshments will be available during the interval and the evening will also feature an exhibition of the photographs of **Richard Grassick**.



"*New Life*" has been written by Maureen Lawrence in close consultation with representatives of the farming and tourist industries across the northern counties as a response to the Foot & Mouth crisis.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAY

It is summer 2001 and we're into the new millennium. Caught in the wake of the crisis, John, Stella, Diane and Kevin confront each other in need and hope; they share a destiny. But then so do we all.

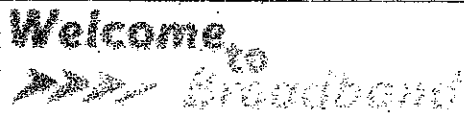
So what happens now? "New Life" shows how four people work out what to do next.

This is a local drama with global implications. Millions of animals have been killed, millions of pounds spent; but we all know that's already history. Or is it? There are no easy answers, but when Nature takes a hand, anything can happen.

More information can be found at:

www.blaize.uk.net or by contacting:
**General Information, Garsdale, Easby Drive,
Ilkley, LS29 9BE**

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE is available for private lettings, group meetings etc
Telephone: 01 434 684705 email valerie@btbell.co.uk



BT are saying that they won't upgrade exchanges unless economically feasible. That is, if we in Haydon Bridge want to have Broadband we need to tell BT about it.

While large cities and towns, who already have ready access to resources such as Libraries and museums, a wide variety of shopping possibilities and many other facilities, are/have been routinely upgraded.

However, rural populations which could benefit from the internet are being denied decent access (as with other things ... pricing advantages, public transport etc...) by BT.

BT has introduced a Demand Registration Scheme which lets people register, via a Service Provider, their interest in buying ADSL. If enough people register their interest then the exchange will be reviewed and investigate the cost to upgrade it.

Have a look at **www.bt.com/broadband** or see what your ISP has to say.

* As at 28th September registered interest in Haydon Bridge stands at **10**

Does anyone know if Cable & Wireless (who dug up from Newcastle to Carlisle laying a fibre trunk for internet I believe) 'popped up' to the Haydon Bridge exchange? Article initiated by **Simon Curry**, John Martin Street.

**I DON'T
THINK
SO!**

OVER 60's CLUB

At their September meeting, members wished Mrs Ohlsen and Mrs Reed very "**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**"

The TRAY raffle for October was announced:- Mrs Armstrong, Reed, Sparke, Stewart and Turnbull. Fourteen members attended.

The speaker was Jill Henderson, the Manageress of **Holland & Barratt, (Hexham)**.

A delightful speaker, members were fascinated by her wealth of knowledge and the useful facts and information which they gained. Their appreciation was obvious by the number of questions which followed the talk.

After tea and biscuits, the meeting closed with Card Bingo.

MYRA BOWEN

*Almshouse Charity of John Shaptoe***ARE YOU IN NEED
OF A MORE SUITABLE HOME?**

- * Are you a resident of Haydon Bridge?
- * Are you at least 60 years of age?
- * Are you able to show a genuine need for more suitable accommodation?

IF SO

** we can offer you a delightful one bedroom unfurnished cottage in pleasant and friendly surroundings on Shaptoe Terrace.*

For more detailed information and an application form please ring:

01 434 688 871

*Shaptoe
Educational
Foundation***(Educational Grants)**

Applications from residents of Haydon Parish will be considered by the Governors at their meeting on 14th November 2002.

If you wish to make an application to that meeting, please write to:

*The Clerk
Shaptoe Educational Foundation
Shaptoe Terrace
Haydon Bridge
NE47 6BW*

Applications received after Saturday 2nd November may have to wait until the next meeting in March 2003 before they can be dealt with.

Clerk to the Governors/Trustees:

R A D Snowdon B.Ed (Hons)

*Clerk to the Trustees: Mr A. B. Snowdon, 1501 St. St. St.
Clerk to the Trustees: Mr A. B. Snowdon, 1501 St. St. St.
Telephone: 01 434 688 871*

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VILLAGE IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2002

First Category: 6, or over, baskets/tubs

- 1st: 51 Ratcliffe Road
- 2nd: Scotch Arms
- 3rd: 4 Shaptoe Street

Second Category: 5, or under, baskets/tubs

- 1st: 22 Shaptoe Street
- 2nd: 6 John Martin Street
- 3rd: 69 Victoria Terrace

**THE
'FRIENDS OF
HAYDON BRIDGE'
WISH TO CONVEY
THEIR THANKS TO
ALL WHO DISPLAYED
THEIR BASKETS
AND/OR TUBS.**

WELL DONE.

UNDER SIEGE

If you are interested in History or Horticulture, then "*Under Siege*", Julie Livesey's intriguing, imaginative, subtle and humorous installation at Aydon Castle in Northumberland (1½ miles north of Corbridge) is an experience not to be missed.

Travelling the length of the border from the Debatable Lands in the west to Newcastle in the east, to assemble material for the exhibition, Julie's recreation of the lives of the **Reivers** within the castle is compelling.

Not only can I not sleep for a sense of excitement and wonder at the simplicity and brilliance of the idea, but I will never look upon dandelion heads in the same way again.

Elena Parkin

DANCE CLUB NEWS

On behalf of the Dance Club I would like to thank the '*Friends of Haydon Bridge*' for the sum of £130 given to us from a recent Bingo Night.

I am sure it will be put to good use.

Our friends from Throckley paid their return visit to the Club on 2nd September. There were forty-eight of them and fifty-two of us.

May Batey who runs the Throckley Dance Club sent me a 'Thank You' card saying they had had a most enjoyable evening and were looking forward to their next visit.

I mentioned a while ago that I would like to come and live in Haydon Bridge as travelling in the Winter time was not good. Club members said that they would keep their fingers crossed for me.

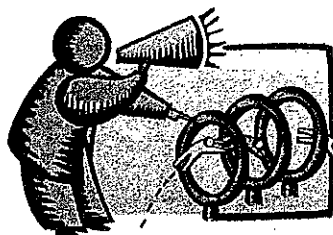
It appears that a lot of fingers have been crossed as I am moving to 17 Greenwich Gardens about the second last week in October.

SO BEWARE!

DJ, Jim Biggs

**A
LITTLE BIT OF
MICKEY TAKING**

**NO OFFENCE
INTENDED**



*Illustrated
by the
Editor*

This is the actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995.

(Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations, 10-10-95).

CANADIANS: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

CANADIANS: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

CANADIANS: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

AMERICANS: This is the Aircraft Carrier, US LINCOLN, the second largest ship in the United States Atlantic Fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels.

I DEMAND that you change your course 15 degrees north. I say again, that's one-five degrees north, or counter measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

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In these modern times it may be a matter of weeks from when fruit and vegetables are harvested, stored, transported to supermarkets, and stored again before it hits the shelves. All that time it is losing its **vitamin** and **mineral** content.

People with active or stressful lifestyles use up more nutrients than those with inactive lifestyles, so taking a **multi-vitamin** as insurance against developing a deficiency is a popular idea. There are many strengths and various ranges of **multi-vitamins** available so it is best to seek advice upon selecting one to suit your own individual diet and lifestyle.

When choosing a tablet there a couple of questions we are frequently asked about the labelling.

"WHAT ARE R.D.A.s?" The **Recommended Daily Allowance (R.D.A.)** of just 18 **vitamins** and **minerals** was set in 1941. They were estimates of the levels children needed for healthy growth, and to prevent deficiency disease in normal healthy adults. They are NOT the safety levels of **vitamins**. It is now believed by many scientists that to maintain optimum health (i.e for us to be at our best!) that the ideal levels of **vitamins** and **minerals** are higher than

the **R.D.A.s**, so **many multi-vitamins** contain higher levels than the **R.D.A.s**. People experiencing stress, alcohol, pollution, smoking, medication, pregnancy or menopause all need different levels of **vitamins** and **minerals**.

"WHAT DOES TIMED RELEASE MEAN?" Some **vitamins** pass out of our bodies 4 – 5 hours after we have eaten, with our water, because our bodies can not store them. Fortunately there is a way around this problem with **timed release tablets**.

The term **'timed released'** or **P.R.N. (Prolonged Released Nutrition)** just means that tablets are coated so that they will be digested more slowly (8 – 12 hours) so you will be protected for longer, than taking an ordinary **multi-vitamin**.

Recently we have been receiving many enquiries concerning the new E.U law on **vitamins** and **herbal supplements**. More than 300 safe ingredients are not on the list that the E.U will allow. Our customers are worried that the natural and safe supplements that they take may be banned in this country. If you take **vitamins**, **minerals**, **oils** or **herbal medicines** and you wish to continue doing so, please feel free to contact us for more information.

Important: Pregnant ladies, anyone under medical supervision, or taking prescription drugs should always consult their doctor before taking complementary medicines.

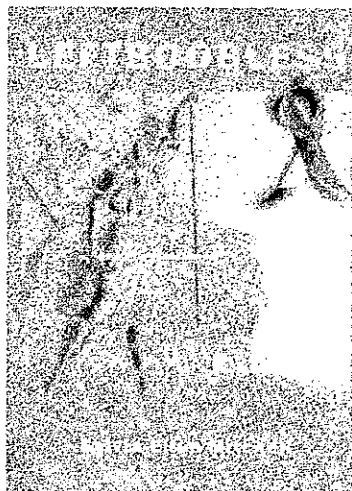
'LEFTBOOBLESS' Author – Sylvia Mitchell **A Review by Dr. Steve Ford**

Confronted by unwelcome intimations of mortality, the temptation to wallow in maudlin self-pity or angry breast beating (no pun intended) must be considerable. Sylvia Mitchell however, in her book **'LEFTBOOBLESS'** takes a typically independent route by weaving three distinct strands of prose (and poetry) together to make a very readable whole, devoid of negative sentiment.

Firstly, there is the central narrative, told in a downright plain-speaking voice, incorporating authentic personal and homely reminiscences. The moments of negative emotion are balanced by serenity and levity, making for a realistic portrayal of the journey she has travelled. From diagnosis, through operation and chemotherapy, to the point where the future beckons again there is a fund of anecdote, reflection and drama.

Secondly, there is an educative facet to the book. The stages of the journey are laid out as a map for others to follow, as, regrettably, many must. Those who go after, will find their route helpfully illuminated by the experience of a woman who could be their friend or neighbour or just a passer-by, just as normal and with the same broad range of emotions as they. Sylvia articulates the experience in easy to read short pieces with feeling and veracity.

Thirdly, the reader is not allowed to fall asleep because there are writing exercises to do. The therapeutic value of



the creative process is genuine, it deserves wider employment. This book sets tasks for the reader which draw out a range of responses and emphasise the value of reflection on the present experience against the perspective of life lived before and life to be lived following serious illness. Even a cursory response to the questions that Sylvia poses is likely to invite the

reader to look more constructively into the issues at hand.

I commend this book to women especially but men can benefit from a thoughtful perusal of its pages too.

The book is called **'LeftBoobless'** by Sylvia Mitchell (Price **£5.99**). Proceeds will go to The Northumberland Cancer Support Group.

Copies can be had from:

The author:	Sylvia Mitchell
John Clarke & M. Marsh	(Newsagents) in Haydon Bridge
Forum Books	in Corbridge
Cornmill Books	in Hexham
Gaia	in Hexham.

NORTHUMBERLAND

PRESS RELEASES

Council's Mobile Information Unit hits the High Road

NORTHUMBERLAND County Council's Mobile Information Unit (MIU) is about to begin an Autumn road show taking in all corners of the local authority's vast 2,000 square miles.

The MIU is packed full of information on County and District services. Leaflets and information sheets are on board and councillors will be on hand to give help and advice. There is a quiet area set aside where private conversations can take place between councillors and individuals.

The unit will be visiting:

4 October	Wooler – Wheatsheaf public house carpark
9 October	Seaton Sluice – Community Centre
14 – 18 October	Local Democracy Week:
	Monday – Amble – to be confirmed
	Tuesday – Berwick – Town Hall
	Wednesday – Morpeth – outside Town Hall
	Thursday – Hexham – Market Place
	Friday – Blyth – outside Keel Row
1 November	Alnwick – Market Place
7 November	Guide Post – Parking bay adjacent to shops

Each MIU visit will begin at 10am. Everyone is welcome and there will be balloons and sweets to keep the children amused while parents chat to Council representatives.

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership welcomes new Tax Credit system for parents

The Government has announced a new Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit, starting in April 2003. It will provide a simpler and more streamlined system to support families and make work pay.

The Northumberland Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (NEYDCP), which is responsible for supporting and developing high quality early years education and childcare provision in Northumberland, has welcomed this new move to help parents.

The new integrated Tax Credits will also include support with the costs of childcare but this will be paid directly to the main carer, usually the mother, rather than through the wage packet.

NEYDCP Chair Denise Byrom, said: "Parents eligible for the childcare element of the new Working Tax Credit can claim up to 70% of their childcare costs up to £135 per week for one child and 70% of childcare costs of up to £200 per week for two or more children. In addition the new system will include extending eligibility of the Child Tax Credit to students and student nurses and a higher rate of Child Tax Credit that will be paid to parents with children under one year of age or with a disability"

1. To qualify for childcare costs, you, and your partner if you have one, must work at least 16 hours a week. You will also need to use an approved childcare provider (one who is registered with OFSTED). You can receive help towards childcare costs of up to £135 a week for one child, or £200 a week for two children.

2. For details of where to find OFSTED registered childcare, please contact the Children's Information Service Tel: 01 670 534440 Fax: 01 670 534366. email neydcp@northumberland.gov.uk or visit the website: www.childcarelink.gov.uk/northumberland.

3. For more information about how you can claim these tax credits, contact Helpline staff at Inland Revenue: 0845 300 3900, open from 8am to 8pm. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have. They can also provide help if you need the form in a different format, such as large print or if you need help in another language.

Data Protection Act Registration Warning

NORTHUMBERLAND County Trading Standards Officer, Mick King, is warning businesses to be extra careful of any communication they may receive concerning the need to register under the Data Protection Act.

It is a legal requirement for those who process personal data to notify the Information Commissioner (formerly the Data Protection Commissioner) so their details can be added to the Data Protection Register. **This incurs a fee of £35.** But some businesses are offering to carry out this work for a much higher cost, in some cases over £110.

Although these businesses have no connection with the Information Commissioner, the paperwork they use - unless read very carefully - appears to be a warning letter from the Commissioner threatening legal action unless the demands are acted upon straightaway.

"I advise all businesses in Northumberland, particularly small businesses, to be wary of any demand for payment they may receive from an unexpected source," says Mick King.

"Any business with suspicions about the legitimacy of any demand for money to contact their local Trading Standards Department. If anyone wants information about their responsibilities under the Data Protection Act, I would urge them to contact the Information Commissioner's Office directly on:

01 625 545 745."

Further information is available from:

**Nic Outterside, Press Officer,
Northumberland County Council
Tel: 01 670 534251**

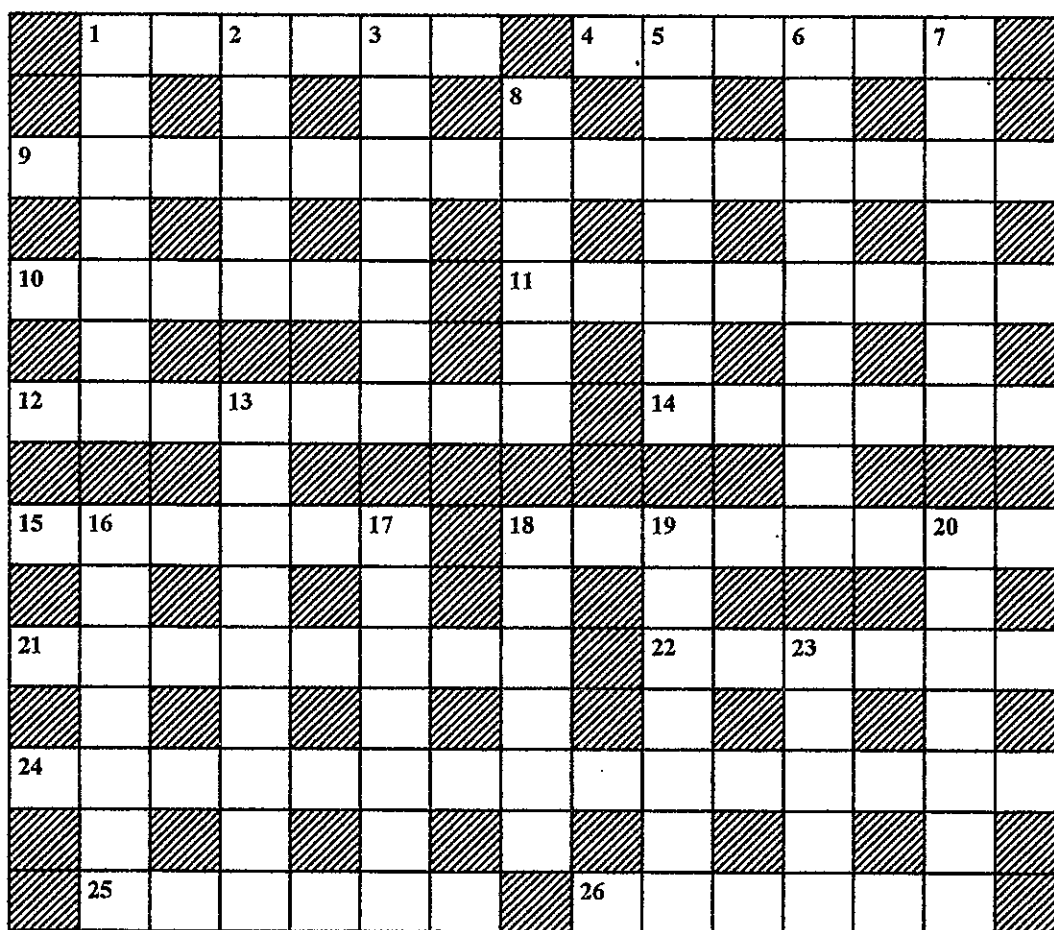
Email: nouterside@northumberland.gov.uk

See the latest news at:
www.northumberland.gov.uk/press

The £10 Crossword

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Entries to be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 21st October 2002.**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

ACROSS

1. Danes capital pleasure grounds. (6)
4. Run for Cumbrian river. (6)
9. This author preferred to write standing. (6,9)
10. Royal railway man? Almost. (6)
11. One's fiancé? (8)
12. Restricts freedom. (8)
14. Rest. (6)
15. Blows. (6)
18. Of the crown or of state. (8)
21. Skill. (8)
22. Quick reply. (6)
24. _____ sea by '9'. (3,3,3,3,3)
25. Sort Wirral town for poem. (6)
26. This William's return requested in song. (6)

DOWN

1. His Cumbrian lake may damage reputation. (7)
2. Serve leads to change in direction. (5)
3. Side in a way of thinking. (7)
5. Circuit – no wires. (7)
6. Innocent. (9)
7. Journeys. (7)
8. Clever to use gin. (6)
13. Med' island + grain = star? (9)
16. Fish in Staffs climbing ground. (7)
17. End slip in thread making. (7)
18. Emergency in USSR celebration. (3,3)
19. Ran in vain to achieve bliss. (7)
20. Quite the opposite of '19'. (7)
23. Disastrous wave. (5)

Solution to Crossword number 23 will be found on page 16

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Web-site: ***www.sford-hb.dircon.co.uk/hc***

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

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

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 Diane Gamble
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 B. Pearson
 Philida Irving
 Dennis Telford
 William Huddart
 A. M. Scott
 Rosemary Shout

TINY TOTS*From Birth to 3 years.*

The sessions, run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9.15 to 11.15 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

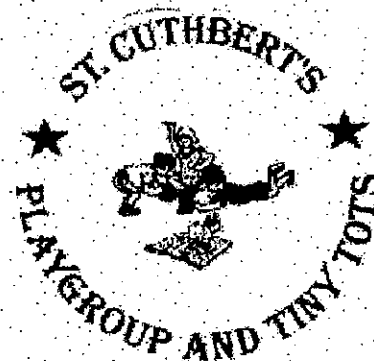
Gina Davidson on: **01 434 684 918** or call in at one of the sessions.**PLAYGROUP - From 2 years 6 months**

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 Gina Davidson on: **01 434 684 918** or call in at one of the sessions.

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



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Formal Committee Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the **MONDAY** before the fourth **THURSDAY** of each month at The Community Centre, Haydon Bridge.

(The General Public is welcome at the first part of every meeting.) Any items for discussion must be notified in writing to the Chairman one week in advance of the meeting so that Committee members can be advised, enabling worthwhile discussion to take place. The Chairman will then advise the person concerned of the right to attend.

EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE HAYDON NEWS

The editorial policy of the *Haydon News* is ultimately the responsibility of the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', although day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the Editorial Committee of the *Haydon News*. Our intention is always to ensure that the content of the *Haydon News* is as fair and factually correct as possible. Any complaints concerning editorial policy should be addressed in writing to the Chairman of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', and will be considered by and receive a formal response from the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'. Complaints other than those made above will not be entertained.

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to decide which letters are to be published, and to alter or shorten letters when necessary. Anonymous letters will NOT be published. A nom-de-plume may be used provided that the Editorial Committee has been advised of the writer's name and address.

Charles Thomas, (Chairman)
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DEADLINE: All contributions to the *Haydon News* to reach the Editor no later than Monday 21st October 2002.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

Canon Vincent Ashwin

The 'Liberty and Livelihood' march on London was very well supported. This was the biggest demonstration for over 100 years, and raised questions about individual freedom, animal welfare, the low incomes of hill farmers, and the urban/rural divide. This is a reflection from a Christian point of view about those issues.

'Liberty' has always been valued in Britain, and this concept is based on the way in which Jesus reached out to minorities. As a country, we have welcomed minorities, and we don't have religious conflicts like our Irish neighbours. Our history is full of tolerance towards immigrant minorities: Irish labourers, German Jews, immigrants from Pakistan and many other countries, and more recently the welcome given (or not) to asylum seekers. We increasingly give equal rights to the minority born homosexual. Not everyone welcomes these liberties. Should the majority who say hunting is cruel treat the minority who hunt foxes and hares, in the same way that other minorities are treated?

Animal welfare has grown as a concept over the centuries. Badger-baiting has been banned. Farm animals have to be kept in reasonable conditions. For Christians, the welfare of animals is based on a sophisticated understanding of Genesis, chapter 1, where the parable of creation tells us to 'steward' God's world responsibly; that includes animals. There are strong practical arguments about the best way to control fox populations, and I'm not qualified to speak on those. Animals do count. How can our laws best do justice to that fact?

What about Livelihood? We all want to pay less for food, and the supermarkets exploit that. Many farmers have very low incomes, and the price paid to farmers for milk – for example – is disgraceful. It's a Biblical principle that people should be rewarded for their work; paying people gives them value. Also in the Bible, we learn that the poor should be cared for: hence the subsidies which farmers receive (£3bn p.a.), to enable them to live; and that is right. The government must address the whole issue of fair pay for farmers, and work with the NFU, Country Landowners Association, etc, to work out the best way to enable farming to continue.

Finally, the rural/urban divide: I believe this is the biggest problem at present, with too much talking and not enough listening. It's too simple to say that hunting with dogs is supported by country people and opposed by city people. There are city people who follow the hounds, and some born and bred in the country find fox-hunting and beagling a distressing way of killing foxes and hares. In that way, it is not a conflict of country against town. That's too simple.

It seems to me that the gap is one of understanding. Urban people do not understand that the countryside they enjoy at week-ends has been shaped by land-owners over centuries, and that it is farmers who still mend the walls they love to see, and game-keepers who burn the heather to make sure moorland

September / October 2002



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AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the
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Rev David Hasson, with the Methodist congregation
The Manse, Moorview, Haltwhistle 320.051

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

Advance notice about Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day will be kept on November 10th, and Haydon Bridge will once again remember the tragic loss of many young lives in the 20th century's destructive wars. Our small community lost dozens of young men. The service will begin at 10.15 in St Cuthbert's; names will be read at the War Memorial before the two minutes' silence at 11.00. Be there by 10.55! And a final ten minutes will be in the Methodist Church, to pray for peace in the future.

birds can nest. They must accept that the countryside is not a playground, but a place where real people work and bring up their families.

Rural people do not always understand that city dwellers increasingly feel the need to get out into the country to stretch their legs and breathe fresh air, and see hares, skylarks, clean streams and dry stone walls. They want to enjoy God's world. More people have cars; there's a greater interest now in the wild life which country people have always enjoyed.

Part of the Christian message is that Jesus put himself in other people's shoes, so as to understand and experience what our human life was like. Maybe rural and urban people, and those who see hunting with dogs as sport and those who don't, need to try and get into each others' shoes, to understand what makes for different opinions and approaches.

Let's hope the Big March results in closing that gap of understanding, so we can find a way of living together again, in the way which makes England continue to be a tolerant country.

AN AUTUMN ASSORTMENT OF ARCANA **MUMS - SAVE UP TO £1,250 PER YEAR!!!!**

Dr. Michelle, being the partner currently up to the eyeballs in nappies, has come across a really useful project aimed at helping mums and babies whilst also saving the environment.

Disposable nappies have been viewed by many as a huge benefit for both mums and babies. There is, however, another side to the story. One baby will produce twelve wheelie bins full of nappies per year. 4% of household waste in landfill sites is disposable nappies - the plastic parts of which, effectively, last for ever, they never break down. Between 8 and 9 million nappies are thrown away EVERY DAY in the UK - this amounts to 85 tons of faeces PER HOUR!

For every £1 spent on disposable nappies, the taxpayer has to stump up 10p to cover the cost of disposal after use. Every pound spent on disposables is, quite quickly thrown away - unlike re-usables, which last for several children and could be passed on or used a polishing clothes eventually.

What about the effect on the baby? All babies get nappy rash but... careful study has shown that nappy rash does not depend on the type of nappy used but is related to not changing often enough. Paradoxically, super-absorbent nappies need to be changed just as often as ordinary ones. This is because the cause of nappy rash is ammonia which is released from urine and faeces by the action of bacteria which breed in the wet nappy and feed on the contents, the longer they are allowed to remain in place - the more ammonia will be released.

Cotton nappies allow air to flow through the weave thereby dispersing the ammonia. Plastic lined nappies do not.

The chemicals in some disposable nappies have been implicated in the development of chest problems. These chemicals are not present in reusable nappies.

The temperature inside a plastic lined nappy has been found to be higher than in a cloth one. It is possible that this might have an effect on boy's future fertility.

So what are the alternatives? Re-usables, of course. There's shaped and fitted, All-in-ones, Flat, Prefold and traditional Terries. Being a man, readers will appreciate that I am the original fount of all knowledge about nappies...NOT! There are, however, some real experts out there. Try: **Nationally:** The Real Nappy Association, PO Box 3704, London. SE26 4RX (www.realnappy.com)

Tel: 020 8299 4519.

Locally: Real Nappy Network Northeast.

Ann Pedlar, Tel: 0191 285 4519.

The following is a list of manufacturers - look in *Yellow Pages* or on the net for more info (or ask Dr Michelle).

Alami, Bambino Mio, Cheeky Rascals, Cotton Bottoms, Cuddlebabes, Daisy Diapers, Earthwise Baby, Eco-Babies, Ella's House, Ellie Nappy Company, Green Baby, Greenfibres, Kooshies, Little Green Earthlets Ltd, Lollipop Children's Products, Lotties, Modern Baby, Molli Koddles, Nappi Nippas, Nappy Nation Ltd, Naturally, SAM.I.A.M, Schmidt natural Clothing, Snuggle Naps, Twinkle Twinkle, Zorbit Babycare.

FLU JABS The flu jabs this year will be given on 4th October in the Methodist Chapel - all day. Keep your eyes open for notices giving the times to attend. If you can come to this venue please do, it makes it much more efficient for us. If, by chance, you are unable to attend, then make an appointment **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** at the health centre. Thank you.

LOOK OUT! MANAGEMENT'S ABOUT. Confusing excessive growth in managerial activity with progress in improving the NHS is, perhaps, the central folly of this administration. Notwithstanding the smattering of hair-raising aberrations such as PFI, many of their declared aims, together with the underlying policy impulses and

actions to date, have been and continue to be regarded with warm appreciation by many in the service.

An especially toothsome example of unbridled managerialist bizarerie shimmered into view this week. *Deep in the crusted bowels of the NHS managerial Bedlam some goggle-eyed apparatchik looked up from the foam-flecked section of table leg he'd been biting, a thought bubble containing a guttering candle popped into existence above his bobble hat, he rubbed his hairy palms on his loin cloth before reaching for his chalk and slate... The outcome of this prodigious feat of planning is that I find I have to have an affidavit from an orthopaedic consultant, to confirm that a woman requesting an operation to reduce her breast size has backache, before referring her to a plastic surgeon.*

Amrrggghhhhh!!!!!!!

HEALTH AND SAFETY Another gem of wisdom picked up on the streets of this bustling metropolis.

Whilst admiring an almost finished extension to a house, I enquired if it was intended for the storage of spare floosies. The proud mortgage holder, taking pity on my naivety, gently emphasised to me the importance of keeping spare floosies not only far off but also far apart - so as to forestall any unflattering comparisons, amongst other things.

HOT BODIES I was most grateful to the Parish Council for the opportunity to address them the other day on the subject of ecological housing in the parish. My hope is to foster, in due course, a sympathy towards the use of new solutions in the design and construction of new dwellings in all price brackets.

Most householders are somewhat vexed by the cost of energy, whether it be solid, liquid or gas fuel or electricity. It does not have to be like this anymore. Though scepticism was expressed about my claim that houses could be built which required no heating, above that provided by the occupant's bodies, lights and cooking, this is an objective fact and examples exist in most countries - even some farther north than us. The average human body produces around sixty watts of heat - one moderately bright tungsten bulb's worth. Cooking can produce several kilowatts for a proportion of the day and lights, even fluorescent ones, produce some heat. The heat from the sun coming through the windows obviously depends on the prevailing weather and the season but on a sunny summer's day (Ha!) it can amount to six hundred watts per square metre - that's over half a one bar electric fire.

Milton Keynes may be the butt of some humour but in recent years it has hosted major competitions for architects and housebuilders allowing them free rein to produce the very best of modern design. Without the constraints of outmoded planning regulations the results are simply spectacular.

Wouldn't it be a major coup for the Parish if we could host a similar event and lead by example for the North of England?

Much can be done, of course, for existing buildings. Insulation of walls and roofs, double or triple glazing, draught proofing, heat recovering ventilation, low energy appliances, effective heating controls, efficient boilers, wearing extra clothes indoors, showers instead of baths etc. etc.

THE JOY OF FAX! Not anymore I'm afraid. We have, until recently, been very happy to fax prescriptions to pharmacies for the convenience of patients. This has now been stopped because there are fears for the security and confidentiality of the transmissions. As has been reported in the press from time to time, there have been instances of messages arriving in the wrong hands. I have no first hand knowledge of such an event but the risk has been considered sufficient that henceforth all prescriptions, other than those delivered or posted by us to pharmacies, must be sent by SAE or picked up from the surgery.

For those to whom we dispense there is no change.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Tuesday October 1st

7.30 Men's Christian Fellowship.

Wed. 2nd 12.00 Luncheon Club
then, Women's Own

Sunday October 6th

10.00am Inter-Church Harvest Festival

6.00pm Inter-Church Harvest Praise
both taken by Rev D Hasson

Sunday October 13th – World Peace Sunday

10.00am JA Short

6.00pm Mrs H Pinkney

Tue 15th 7.30 Men's Christian Fellowship

Wed 16th 12.00 Luncheon Club
followed by Women's Own

Sunday October 20th – One World Week.

10.00am Mr B Scorer

6.00pm Jim Robinson

Sunday October 27th

10.00am Envoy E Blakey

6.00pm Rev David Hasson (Sacrament)

Tue 29th 7.30 Men's Christian Fellowship

Wed 30th Luncheon Club & Women's Own

Sunday November 3rd

10.00am Mr Patrick Eavis

6.00pm Rev Janet Flawn

Prayers for Harvest

written by children in Henshaw

Thank you, God, for all the food of the
harvest, for fruit and berries and corn.

All Thank you, Lord of all the earth.
for oil, coal, salt and water. Thank for all
the animals and birds of the earth.

All Thank you, Lord of all the earth.
Thank you, God, for new starts: for new
babies, and people going to college.

All Thank you, Lord of all the earth.

Dear God, bless the farmers in their work.
We pray for cows and calves; for sheep and
tups and lambs. Be with vets, and all who
help animals when they are ill.

All God, bless your people everywhere.

Dear God, help us to share your world, so
that hungry people get food to eat, and
thirsty people get water.

All God, bless your people everywhere.

Dear God, bring peace to your world; help
men and women and children everywhere to
be happy and safe.

All God, bless your people everywhere.

God our creator, you have made us one with
this earth, to tend it and bring forth
fruit: may we so respect and cherish all
that has life from you, that we may
share in the labour of all creation, to
give birth to your hidden glory.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Thu. Oct 3rd 7pm Renovation Committee

October 6th Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

8.00 Holy Communion (Order 2)

10.00 Inter-church service at Methodist Ch

6.00 Harvest Praise, Methodist Church

Thu. 7.30pm Parochial Church Council

Sat 12th 9.30 Hexham Abbey: 'Worship
that Works' morning workshops

October 13th 20th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion

Thu 17th 7.30pm Harvest Supper

October 20th 21st Sunday after Trinity

8.00 Holy Communion (Order 2)

10.30 Morning Prayer (Mike Fry)

Wed 23rd 7.30pm Mothers' Union

Fri. 25th 7.30pm Dance in the
Community Centre

October 27th Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion & Baptism

Tue. 29th 7.30pm Worship Group

November 3rd All Saints Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion

5.00pm All Souls' Service for the departed

Michael and June Rumney

are grateful for the donations and collection
given at the funeral of Edna Rumney. They
had asked that money should be divided
between the Health Centre & St Cuthbert's
Church. £72.00 was sent to each.

BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW SERVICES

Oct. 6th 10.00 Belt'm, H Comm ('BCP')

Oct 13th 9.00 Belt'm H Comm ('BCP')

6.00pm Belt'm Evensong

Oct 20th 10.00 Henshaw, H Comm (CW)

Oct 27th 10.00 Henshaw, All-Age service

UNDER AGE WEDDINGS?

Don't phone the police if you see a 14-year-
old bride entering St Cuthbert's Church on
October 29th. It will be part of a day-long
programme about human relations and
family life run by the High School for their
Year 10 and Year 11 pupils, on two
consecutive Tuesdays. Head of R.E Fran
Philipson from Allendale, together with
Haydon Bridge's own Mike Fry, have
planned a day that will visit all the
churches, and also have discussions among
the young people about their present and
future relationships. Father Leo Pyle will
baptize several dolls that day too.

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.

STATEMENT OF FAITH for Racial Justice

This we believe:

goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness,
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours through him who loved us.

We believe in one God
who created all the world,
who will unite all things in Christ
and who wants all people to live
together as one family.

We believe in God the Son
who became human, died & rose in triumph
to reconcile all the world to God
to break down every separating barrier,
and to unite all people into one body.

We believe in God the Spirit,
the pledge of God's coming reign
who gave the Church power to proclaim
the good news to all the world,
to love and serve all people,
to strive for justice and peace
and to summon all the world
to accept God's Reign here and now.

MEMORIES OF TERRORISM PRAYERS FOR WORLD PEACE

Two dozen people of all ages met on the
evening of September 11th, to remember the
3000 people killed by Al-Qaida terrorists
last year; also innocent victims of
subsequent bombing raids in Afghanistan.
Prayers and readings were led by members
of the village's churches. Everyone there
wrote a prayer for world peace; these are set
up in a semi-permanent display in St
Cuthbert's, and will be moved after
Remembrance Day next month.

FUN(D) RAISING EVENTS

St Cuthbert's have two fund-raising events
this month; Harvest Supper on October
17th, and a Dance in the Community Centre
on Oct. 25th. The Methodist Church have
invited auctioneer Maurice Reed to sell the
Harvest produce on the evening of Monday
October 7th: come along for a laugh, a
bargain, and a chance to help the church.