



THE HAYDON NEWS

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Editorial comment

It is interesting to note that the various sagas concerning us in the village continue to bother us. I understand that Kentons was sacked to be replaced by Charltons. For a while things seemed to be looking up and a lot of the bollards disappeared but work still goes on contrary to what seems to have been said at the Parish Council meeting on the 24th. Incidentally, I was not able to be there so the notes have been kindly produced by Elena P. *Thanks.*

This issue seems to be a bit disjointed in that Press releases, letters, articles and the like have had to be juggled about for space. Hence the more than usual use of the phrases "*continued on page ...*" and "*continued from page ...*" hope this doesn't spoil the content too much. Anyway, you might see a little more of the whole issue rather than just your 'favourite' bit!! Ooh! There's cheek! Also there are one or two new advertisers to look out for. Can you spot them?

On the matter of advertising, the forthcoming presentation of "*New Life*" is highlighted again on page 8. This is the first of a programme of events promoted by Haydon Bridge Community Association and North Pennine Highlights. Future events will include music, dance and theatre.

North Pennine Highlights is a network of 40 village halls, schools and Community centres who are committed to offering professional, entertaining and exciting events.

To be part of this network, all we need to do, as a Community, is to provide enthusiastic support. We can then negotiate for further events and provide high quality entertainment for all ages and the opportunity of a great night out on your doorstep.

So, putting it bluntly! *If we don't use it, we'll lose it!!*

Richard A D Snowdon. (Editor)

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held in the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge) Thursday 24th October 2002 at 7.30pm.

Present were: 9 Councillors, Parish Clerk and 3 members of the Public.

Public Participation:

1. Mr T. Bates put forward the idea that Parish Councils should have more control over local footpaths; that footpaths should be diverted from farmyards and that the process of diverting footpaths be simplified.

He proposes to take this idea to the NFU and requested that the County Councillor present discuss this issue at County level.

2. Mr Bates went on to remind the Parish Council that the Parish owns a strip of land south of the cemetery, for future extension to the cemetery, and this should be taken into consideration when proposals for the By-pass are being considered.

3. Mrs Armstrong informed the Parish Council that the Church clock no longer strikes the hours and requested this to be dealt with.

Matters Arising:

Councillors discussed the By-pass and the formation of a Tynedale District Council group to study proposals and produce a report by December in preparation for a meeting with officials.

Problems of replacement of water mains in the village were discussed. A request by the Parish Council for Water Rates to be reduced for residents of Church Street have been rejected by Northumbrian Water. Work is now completed and the Parish Council is to write to Northumberland Highways regarding re-surfacing of Church Street. Need for Public Toilets on the north side of the bridge re-stated and possible grant application considered.

Highways: Discussion of dualling of the A66 and consequent increase of traffic on the A69 while this work is in progress. As a result it was felt that the need for a village By-pass would receive more sympathetic consideration.

Lighting: Problems regarding lighting in Temple Houses were brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

Concerns were expressed over the cost of the base to the Churchyard seat built by Tynedale Council. It was felt that this should have been paid for from the Heritage scheme.

A letter received from Road Link stating that any change from non-standard railings at the end of the Old Bridge would not be considered by them as they would be too expensive to replace in the case of accident. Furthermore, should the Parish Council wish to paint the railings they would need to pay Road Link £500 to close a section of the road while work is carried out!

Concern was expressed about the state of the bus shelter at the end of Strother Close. Parish Council to look into the cost of re-roofing the shelter.

The Parish Council wish to draw people's attention to the revised *Tynedale Key Issues Local Plan*.

Planning Officers will be available for discussion with members of the Public on:

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER in THE COMMUNITY CENTRE (Haydon Bridge) between 1.00 and 8.00pm

Copies of the Key Issues Report are available on the Council's website: www.tynedale.gov.uk and at local Libraries.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th November – 7.30pm

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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!!

HAYDON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCILLORS

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	Mrs L Gilhespy	684 632
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	Mr T J Stephenson	

* also Tynedale District Councillor

PARISH CLERK – Mrs Carole McGivern 688 020
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In a recent case, an older adult paid in excess of £1,200 to unknown callers, for incomplete, poor quality gardening work to be carried out. A second incident, involving a neighbour, resulted in the same 'trader' receiving £1,100 for less than one days work.

County Trading Standards Officer Mick King said: *"I would urge people not to deal with unexpected unknown callers ... if you are in any doubt, get a second opinion or quotation from a reputable trader who will be only too happy to make an appointment to see you. Remember they want to see the back of these rogues too. Bogus Traders commonly demand payment in cash, often before work is complete or in some cases not even started ... they are only after your money and once they have it, they will not return".*

Detective Constable Garry Prentice, Crime Prevention Officer of Northumbria Police, added: *"These people are criminals, they are known to move around...if you have any doubts whatsoever, please contact your local Police for help and advice ... a genuine trader will not object."*

Residents can report their concerns or seek guidance from:

Northumberland Trading Standards

Department on: 01 670 534 585 or:

Northumbria Police on: 01 661 872 555

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Committees still have surplus funds to distribute as part of this year's Small Grants Scheme.

Alnwick, Castle Morpeth and **Tynedale** Area Committees have more than **£80,000** in their accounts set aside for local groups to use for community activities.

The Small Grants scheme is open to any voluntary or community group based in Northumberland, which is properly constituted with a bank account, providing their main activity is to the benefit of their locality.

This year (2002-2003) Northumberland County Council allocated a total of £300,000 to its Area Committees on the basis of the population each represented.

Coun John Smith, Executive Member for Community Governance said: *"I urge any group in the Alnwick, Tynedale and Castle Morpeth areas who is in need of funds to broaden or develop their community activities to apply now for one of our Small Grants. The funds could make a real difference on the ground for local people and local initiatives."*

Applications forms for Small Grants awards are available from:

Tracy Hollan, Chairman's Office, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF. Tel: 01 670 533 054.

The final deadline for submitting application forms is: **1st April 2003.**

Applications should also be made at least 12 weeks before a funded activity is due to take place.

Joint Warning over Bogus Traders

In response to a number of incidents, Northumberland County Council Trading Standards Department and Northumbria Police, have issued a joint warning to residents to be aware of bogus traders operating throughout the county.

Chief Fire Officer calls on Public to Protect Firefighters

NORTHUMBERLAND'S Chief Fire Officer has called on the public to help protect firefighters and fire engines from vandalism and attack.

Chief Fire Officer John McCall warned that one *"senseless act" of aggression or vandalism could result in the loss of innocent lives.*

On Friday 10th May a fire engine from Ashington Fire Station returning from a fire call was subjected to stone throwing by a local youth. The fire crew requested the attendance of the police and a 10-year-old was arrested and charged with the offence. Following an appearance in court recently the youngster was found guilty and is waiting for sentence to be passed.

"We would reinforce the message that fire crews are on the streets to help save life and property," said CFO McCall. "Any actions that might disable a fire engine or member of the crew could mean that the attendance to a fire or road accident is delayed until a fire engine from another area attends. The delay might mean the difference between life and death for any persons trapped, at very least it would mean their suffering is prolonged. We ask all citizens to take an active and responsible role in the community to help reduce these types of incident. It is only by everyone working as a team to help youngsters understand their responsibilities in society that we will prevent such incidents in the future. The fire service takes no pleasure in seeing a youngster serve a sentence, but any person who might be tempted to carry out a similar attack should take notice that we will not hesitate to use the legal system to protect our workers and make sure they are able to provide a service to the public."

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HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE – Dennis Telford

I continue my 'notes' this month with my search for the connection between our late Queen Mother's family and Ridley Hall.

Last month (September) I ended my notes with the Strathmore – Bowes connection and particularly the marriage of Mary Eleanor Bowes and John Lyon, the 9th Earl of Strathmore. You will recall that John Lyon took his wife's surname, 'Bowes' to comply with her father's Will.

John Bowes (née Lyon) and Mary Eleanor Bowes had five children, the third of which, Anna Maria born in 1770, married lawyer Henry Jessup after eloping to Gretna Green before her eighteenth birthday.

As a result of this union, Susan Hussey-Elizabeth Jessup was born. A grand daughter of the 9th Earl of Strathmore and niece of the 10th Earl. In 1824, Susan Hussey-Elizabeth Jessup became the wife of John Davidson and, as we saw last month, they owned Ridley Hall from 1830.

A recap!

George Bowes	- died 1760
Mary Eleanor	- born 1749 - inherited her father's wealth.
John Lyon	- married 1767 (The 9 th Earl of Strathmore who took his wife's surname, 'Bowes')
Anna Maria Bowes	- born 1770 - sister of 10 th Earl of Strathmore
Henry Jessup	
Susan Hussey-Elizabeth Jessup	- (1794 – 1877)
John Davidson	- (1797 – 1842) - married 1824 - purchased Ridley Hall 1830

RIDLEY HALL 1813 – 1830

During the eighteen years prior to John Davidson's purchase of Ridley Hall, ownership of the property changed hands on a number of occasions. *I am indebted to the writings of Haltwhistle historian Tony Storey for the basis of this resumé*

In 1812 three members of the Lowes family died within a few weeks leav-

ing Ridley in the possession of a daughter, Miss Mary Ann Lowes. In 1818 she sold the mansion house and the grounds on the west side of the river to Thomas Bates on Halton Castle in North Tynedale for £12,000. Bates made improvements to the house and lived at Ridley Hall until 1830.

Thomas Bates conducted an endless wrangle over tithes with the Reverend N. J. Hollingsworth, Rector of Haltwhistle of which parish Beltingham was a Chapel-at-Ease. Bates ultimately sold the estate to Hollingsworth in turn sold Ridley to John Davidson of Otterburn.

JOHN & SUSAN DAVIDSON

From 1830 to 1877

We return to the Davidsons! (see also, September's *Haydon News*)

John and Susan Davidson (née Jessup), a niece of the 10th Earl of Strathmore and thereafter an ancestor of the late Queen Mother, had married in 1824. John Davidson purchased Ridley Hall in 1830 and lived there with his wife where they made some improvements to the 1773 building. In 1839 John Davidson served the Office of High Sheriff of Northumberland.

The marriage ended in 1842 after seventeen years. John hadn't been well for some months but the problem wasn't thought to be serious. On Saturday 29th January 1842 however, in the early hours of the morning, forty-five year old John Davidson died in his wife Susan's arms at Ridley Hall. There were no children from the marriage.

Susan was left in shock from which it took her some time to recover and her condition was of much concern to her cousin, John Bowes of Streatham. John was the illegitimate son of Susan's uncle, John (Baron Bowes of Streatham, the 10th Earl of Strathmore) and Mary Milner of Stainton.

The younger John, Susan Davidson's cousin, is best known in this locality as the founder of the Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle.

JOHN BOWES

10th Earl of Strathmore

As an interesting aside to the story so far, let me mention an incident in the life (or death) of John Bowes Senior.

It is written that on 2nd July 1820, the day before his death, the 10th Earl of Strathmore went through a marriage ceremony with Mary Milner, his village girl from Stainton and the mother of his son John.

John Bowes, the Earl, died on the afternoon of 3rd July, but not before he had altered his Will to refer to Mary Milner his new bride as 'Countess of Strathmore'.

The son from the union could now claim to be a 'legitimate' heir and as such make claim to the title of 11th Earl of Strathmore.

The legal struggle which followed was resolved in 1825, when fourteen year old John Bowes of Streatham was allowed to keep the 40,000 acres of English estates left to him, and was allowed to adopt and use the name and coat-of-arms of the family 'Bowes'. The title of the 11th Earl of Strathmore however, was confirmed on his father's brother Thomas Bowes, the second child of Mary Eleanor Bowes and John (Lyon).

SUSAN HUSSEY-ELIZABETH DAVIDSON from 1842 to 1877

In his boyhood, John Bowes had spent a great deal of time in the company of his aunt, Lady Anna Maria Jessup (née Bowes), and Susan, her daughter, whom he regarded as an elder sister as much as a cousin. This explains the concern and support offered by John Bowes to Susan upon the death of her husband.

Susan Davidson outlived her husband by thirty-five years and we have a vivid description of the lady who was at Ridley Hall until 1877, and

STREATHAM.

did so much to fashion the Ridley woods which gave us so much pleasure as children in the 1950's.

An active bright little woman, always beautifully dressed with the most perfect figure imaginable. No one except Mr. Bowes (her cousin) knew how old she was and he would not tell, but she liked to be thought very young and still danced at the New-castle Ball. She was a capital manager of her large estates, entered into all business questions herself, and would walk for hours about the woods, marking timber, planning bridges or summer houses and contriving walks and staircases in the most difficult and apparently inaccessible places.

Mrs Davidson took a leading part in the life of the district and loved to be thought of as the 'Great Lady of the Tyne'. One of her happiest memories was of being drawn in her carriage by the men of Haltwhistle, six miles away, after attending a church bazaar there!

Mrs Davidson enjoyed entertaining her many friends and relations and had, 'numerous little dogs living with her at Ridley Hall'.

In January 1877 John Bowes visited his cousin at Ridley Hall, her health was failing and towards the end of May she collapsed. Susan Davidson died on 14th June 1877 aged eighty-three years. She was buried at Belt-ingham.

JOHN BOWES

From 1878 to 1885

Following Susan's death in 1877 a letter was found in her writing desk dated 1859 and addressed to John Bowes Esq.

My Dearest Bowes

You have ever been the one of my male relations for whom I have had the truest regard and affection. I have therefore the more gratification in giving you what I value most ... I have been so fond of my sweet place that I could never bear to think of its being sold or of its passing into hands not understanding my great attachment to it

God Bless you, my very dear cousin

S.H.E. Davidson

In 1878 Susan Davidson's Will was proved at £56, 818 and John Bowes was her heir.

The Ridley Estate was to be his for his lifetime and he became the owner of the contents of the hall.

Most of the Oriental porcelain in the Bowes Museum came from Ridley Hall and the Museum Library is furnished with books which bear John Davidson's book plate.

Although John Bowes owned the, 'Estate in the Manor of Ridley' he never lived there but it was used on occasions by his friends.

His interest in the estate ceased upon his death in 1885 and it passed to the main line of the Bowes-Lyon family. The Earl of Strathmore of Glamis Castle.

SUSAN DAVIDSON's LEGACY

Mrs Davidson's recorded legacy benefited John Bowes and the Bowes Museum, but for the generations who have followed her she will be remembered for her enlightened enhancement of the natural beauty of the River Allen and its steep wooded slopes. The introduction of exotic trees, the creation of paths, stone stairs, shelters and bridges. Projects that have made the Ridley Woods such an interesting and enjoyable place

to be for me, my own children and now my grandchildren.

Susan Davidson laid out sixty-five flower beds in the formal gardens and her plans and designs apparently kept sixteen servants very busy. I am sure that all who are acquainted with Ridley Hall and the Ridley Woods will understand why she was so attached to the, 'Sweet Place'.

So, 'sweet' in fact that I'm about to visit there now, to re-live my youth!

Down the Land Ends, quickening my pace when I reach the Gatesettle Plantation where the Land Ends Boggle was reputed to be a nightly visitor. To Robb's Farm - it will probably always be 'Robb's Farm' to mine and earlier generations - past 'Wayside' where I spent happy times when it was occupied by my uncle and aunt, George (the Postman) and Vida Taylor, and along the Lomin to the top of Moralee Banks.

Once at the bottom of Plankey Bank, a bag of Smith's Crisps and a bottle of Dandelion & Burdock from Eric Renwick at the farm shop, will sustain me as I follow the River Allen up to Staward or down stream towards Ridley Hall.

A RECAP!!

MARY ELEANOR BOWES

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JOHN LYON

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JOHN BOWES (1769 - 1820)

- brother to Anna Maria Bowes (she married Henry Jessup)
- Uncle to Susan Davidson (Anna Maria & Henry Jessup's daughter)
- 10th Earl of Strathmore after his father's death.
- Married Mary Milner the day before his death.

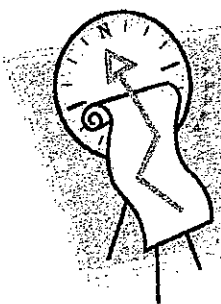
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JOHN BOWES (1811 - 1885)

- A son by Mary Milner and the 10th Earl.
- Susan Davidson's cousin.
- Lifetime heir to S.H.E. Davidson's estate at Ridley Hall, 1878.
- Founder of the Bowes Museum.

On John Bowes' death the estate reverted to the main line of the Bowes-Lyon family.

Next month I follow the Bowes-Lyon story



A number of people have commented to me that they enjoyed my recent article about the *Scottish Island Peaks Yacht Race*, which went to print over the July and August issues. They may even be telling the truth! Just in case they were, I thought that they might also enjoy an article I wrote about another event that also should have been thoroughly enjoyable, but was anything but.

It was a two-day mountain marathon event, known as the Karrimor International Mountain Marathon (or KIMM for short), which is held each October over the weekend that British Summer-time ends. It is the longest running event of its kind and is an annual pilgrimage for hundreds of hardy souls from the UK and further afield. It involves two days of entirely self-sufficient orienteering, in rugged and extreme locations, which are not disclosed until close to the event. I can only claim to have competed in it twice, although a fellow resident of Haydon Bridge has competed in many more, and in fact won the Elite category for three consecutive years from 1997 to 1999. *I'm not really a wimp, if you're reading this Steve!!*

As I turned back my clock at the end of October I spared a thought, as always, for the 500 or so hardy souls, out on the fells, cold and exhausted and so thankful for that extra hour of sleep that they will have gained as they wake at 6.00am to start the second day. This year it is in the Cheviots, and no doubt many will be wondering, not for the first time, why on earth they are doing it all over again. Here are my reminiscences of KIMM 2000.....

So how do you fit 36 hours of hell into a short(ish) article? Well let's give it a try.

It all began on the Thursday morning. A message to ring Morgan Donnelly.

"Hi, remember that you said you would stand in at short notice for the KIMM?"

"Did I?"

"Yes, and my partner's dropped out. Can you do it?"

Has his partner heard the weather forecast I wondered?

"OK. What Class are we in?"

"A"

Oh dear. Perhaps "What class are we in" should have preceded "OK"?

So off we go to South West Lakeland. Registration at Millom. The start is just below Black Coombe at 8.55am. Amazingly Michael Fish is wrong and it's dry. But clearly it hasn't been, given the water on the roads and the state of the parking field. It was hard to imagine anything more roadworthy than a tractor being able to get out. But we've got more pressing things to worry about first. Like survival!

As it's dry, we set off in shorts. First checkpoint no problem. At least not after we worked out whether to turn the compass dial clockwise or anti-clockwise to compensate for magnetic north. Stop laughing you experienced orienteers! Lessons in the finer navigational skills would be gratefully received.)

OK Michael Fish, we take it all back. Half an hour in, and just setting off for checkpoint 2, and the rain came in with a vengeance. Blown in on what seemed like force 7 or 8 winds. And of course the clouds came down too just to complete the set. After we were shivering so much that we could hardly read the map, we decided that it was time for windproof trousers and balaclavas. Warmth is relative, and we felt wonderful, even if we were still so cold that we could hardly run.

Checkpoint 2 posed a bit of a problem in the mist. Well a lot of a problem actually. After about 45 minutes of searching we reviewed our position and decided that we must be somewhere other than where we thought we were. We were right, and set off for where we should have been all along. By this time we were close to the back of the field as we had had quite a late starting time anyway.

We ran what we could, but given the sodden ground and freezing muscles, it wasn't as much as we would have liked. The next few hours seemed to pass with hardly seeing a soul, and then whenever we did Morgan seemed to know them.

After about 9 hours, we descended to Seathwaite tarn and were faced with Tarn Head Beck in full flood. We were assessing how brave we were, when two others who had been out even longer than us joined us. While search-

ing for a possible crossing point one of them disappeared up to his thighs in the bog caused by the swollen water. It took two of us to pull him out. I bet he was dreaming of a nice warm tent after that. Eventually we took a chance on a jumping point, after it became clear that our legs were getting so numb with wading knee deep in the icy water, that we may not get out at all if we didn't get across soon. Made it. A mighty relief. The real possibility of falling in and soaking our rucksacks, with sleeping bags and dry clothes in, when we were already so cold and wet didn't bear thinking about.

For the first time in my life my legs started to suffer thigh cramp as we ascended again. Finally we made it to the 2nd last checkpoint above the cliffs, and by divine intervention, found it just before it became too dark. Another ten minutes or so and we would have had no chance.

As we started the descent, the last of the light completely disappeared and it was on with our head torches for the slow dark walk off the slippery and rocky mountainside. We knew that once we reached the bottom we would be able to find a forest track down which we could run to the last checkpoint.

As we reached the bottom we saw two head torches approaching. For a brief moment I foolishly wondered whether they were looking for us. It must have been the cold. Or the hunger. Or the tiredness. Or all three!! This is an event for men, idiot. They don't come looking for you. You've got a tent and food and a sleeping bag!

Sure enough it was no search party, but two competitors looking for the checkpoint on the cliff top that we had reached just before it got dark. The conversation went something like this.....

"Are you doing the "A"?"

"Yes"

"We're looking for checkpoint 7. Is it easy to find?"

"Well it might be in daylight, but we only just found it by chance in the dusk. And it's dark now. And it's a very slippery and rocky climb up and descent....."

"We'll give it a go" said competitor 1

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HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



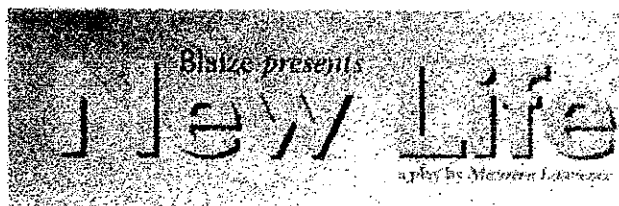
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Haydon Bridge Community Association together with North Pennine Highlights are promoting a play by The Blaize Theatre Company.

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.

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www.blaize.uk.net or by contacting:
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LANGLEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

Langley WI welcomed visitors from Horsley and West Allen to their 67th Birthday Party. During the business a warm welcome was given to a new member, Mrs Amy Young. Tickets were announced for the Pea & Pie supper on the 22nd November. Everyone wished the Darts Team **"GOOD LUCK"** in their first match of the season.

The Speaker was Mrs Carron Craighead from Old Farm House, Middle Cold Coates, Ponteland.

Mrs Craighead described enthusiastically, the Farmers' Marts in which she participates and proceeded to demonstrate some imaginative 'stir-fry' recipes. The aroma of lamb, garlic, ginger and fruit filled the air. There was

much appreciation when visitors and members were encourage to taste the finished dishes.

After a very special supper, the meeting ended with hilarious games of Card Bingo.

The competition for a plate was won by Mrs Peggy Dakers with Mrs P. Stewart second.

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Apologies were received from Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Lockhart. In her absence, members wished Mrs Lockhart a very **"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"**

A warm welcome was given to our speaker, Jane Torday from The Garden Station, Langley.

After tracing the history of the gar-

den, members were treated to a delightful slide show of the garden's various features which we all thoroughly enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Olhsen.

After the business meeting which followed, the Tray Raffle for November was announced - Mrs Roughledge, Mrs Lockhart, Mrs Benson, Mrs Bottomley and Miss L. Pickering.

Arrangements were discussed for the Christmas Lunch and the Christmas Party. The Speaker at the next meeting will be Sylvia Mitchell assisted by Joyce Sim.

Because of the coming dark evenings, future meetings at the Community Centre will take place from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Myra Bowen



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beginning
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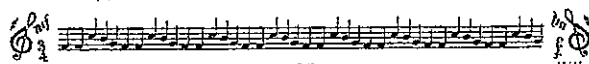
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Rejoice in the Lord always,
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St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge
FOR THE RENOVATION FUND

TICKETS £4.00
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NATURAL REMEDIES FOR A HEALTHY BODY

POOR CIRCULATION

With the onset of the cold weather our natural remedies for poor circulation problems are disappearing off the shelves quicker than you can say "Jack Frost"!

There are many problems associated with poor circulation and it is wise to have a check up with your GP to rule out any underlying health condition.

Vitamin P, also known as the 'bioflavonoids' and sold under the name 'rutin' is important for strengthening the walls of the capillaries. Many of our customers start using it now to prevent chilblains – it may also help with bruising. Vitamin P works hand-in-hand with **Vitamin C** in the body which is also important in the growth and repair of blood vessels. Some of our customers use **Vitamin C** to fight high blood cholesterol and blood clots. **Vitamin E** is popular amongst customers wanting to increase the flow of blood and oxygen especially to the heart. The best type of **Vitamin E** to buy for this purpose is natural **Vitamin E Complex** capsules. Small amounts of **Vitamin E** may be found in nuts, seeds and wheatgerm which can be sprinkled onto meals.

One of the most well-researched herbs in the world – **Ginkgo Biloba** – is our most popular herb for increasing circulation. Studies have shown that increases blood flow to the extremities – hands, feet and brain. Known as the 'memory plant' we have customers who use it to counteract Tinnitus, cold hands and feet. **Reynauds Disease** – even students use it for the memory. **Bilberry** capsules are used by people wanting to strengthen capillaries and improve blood flow. Many people with **Varicose** veins use them and also people suffering from **Macular Degeneration** – eye illness.

Horse Chestnut is one of the most popular herbs to be used to treat piles or **Haemorrhoids**. We also have customers who use it who suffer from poor circulation due to having to stand for long periods and who suffer **oedema** – **watery build-up**.

Gota Kola is a herb which studies have shown helps circulation by strengthening capillaries, the connective sheath that surrounds veins, and reducing hardening of the veins. We have customers with **Phlebitis**, leg cramps, swelling and 'heavy leg feeling' who have reported benefit from taking **Gota Kola**.

Both **Linseed Oil** and **Fish oils** contain '**Omega 3**' which is a good fat to lower **cholesterol**. People also use either of the above to prevent hardening of the arteries and to regulate blood pressure.

Pycnogenol is a useful extract for maintaining healthy blood vessels. It is often used by people who can't take **Aspirin** to thin the blood.

Some people find putting **Rosemary Essential Oil** in a warm footbath gets them warmed up again, and if you've already got **chilblains**, **Tea Tree Oil** is recommended by customers.

Finally, it's nearly that time of year again when worried pet owners come in to buy '**Rescue Remedy**' to calm nervous animals on Bonfire Night.

IMPORTANT: Pregnant ladies, people under medical supervision or those taking prescription medication should always consult their GP before taking complementary medicines.

Jill I. Henderson. Holland & Barrett.

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as he set off toward the mountain closely followed by competitor 2, who could be heard to mutter "I don't think this is a very good idea....." We agreed with competitor 2!!

We ran to the finish by the light of our head torches assisted by hundreds of sheep's eyes, and clocked our time as 10 hours 21 minutes. What a disaster!

Next problem. How do you put up a tent on a sodden field, in the dark, in a gale force wind? Answer. With great difficulty. After trying every possible angle, getting colder and colder, (at least on the hills you can move to keep warm!), we finally achieved the impossible and dived inside the tent for a slap-up four course meal. Unfortunately we were so tired that we forgot to drink the 21-year-old malt, which I'd lovingly nurtured around the fells for a late night treat. (Thanks for the tip, Mike). Still, not to be wasted, it turned into an early morning treat to boost spirits just as we approached the start of day two. Yum Yum.

It may have been the whisky, or maybe the lack of rain, but it almost seemed enjoyable as we made steady progress through the first four checkpoints. Then it all started to go wrong. The rain returned, feet, ankles and knees getting very painful and the first navigational blunder of the day. We discovered that we were about 1.5 km beyond checkpoint 5 that we were looking for, heading for checkpoint number 7. Do we forget numbers 5 and 6 or retrace our steps? Neither of us has ever dropped out of anything before and, after serious consideration, we decide we are not about to start now, and reluctantly go back. The lost time initially searching, and the time retracing, only to return to where we were, costing us at least an hour. Plus adding around four extra miles.

By now, blistered feet, swollen ankles, strained Achilles and sore knees were making enjoyment difficult for us both. Add to that, the bleak featureless landscape, hail driving in, with no shelter to be had, and the remaining enjoyment soon disappeared altogether. The final descent to Black Coombe was the last

straw for the soles of our feet, which felt as if they were only remaining on because our shoes were fastened. At last it was over. 6 hours 44 minutes. A total of more than 17 hours of hell over two days for a course with a direct distance of 35 miles and ascent of 12,900 feet. We wonder how much further we have been, given our navigational mishaps.

"There must have been some high points" I hear you cry. Well, OK, there was the brief moment looking back from the climb up Little Stand on Saturday, when beautiful late Autumn sunshine bathed the opposite fell side of Hard Knott in a wonderful orange glow, accompanied by the most striking rainbow I think I've ever seen. And the egg sandwich was nice at the finish.

We escaped the mud of the car park with surprising ease, and set off longing for a hot bath. Morgan set the air-conditioning to the maximum 27° and reclined the seat to have a nap. It was just like being on a tropical beach, except that he still had his woolly hat, gloves and fleece on!!

David Armstrong

NORTHUMBERLAND PRESS RELEASES

Crime Reduction tops Tynedale Area Committee

Agenda

CRIME reduction will top the agenda at the next meeting of Northumberland County Council's Tynedale Area Committee.

Other items to be aired include the ROC Oil planning application at Bingfield and future plans for Greenholme Residential Home in Haltwhistle.

In addition members of the public are being asked to get fully involved in the Committee's Public Question Time. Tynedale residents, Parish Councillors, voluntary groups and others will be given the opportunity to ask questions, air grievances, discuss local issues and become interactive in helping form Council local policy. Questions should relate to services provided by the County Council, such as: education, social services and highways.

The Tynedale Area Committee meeting will be held at: **Allendale Village Hall at 2.00pm, on: Thursday 7th November.** Questions may be put orally at the meeting.

The Area Committee meetings are an important part of the modernisation of the Council's decision making process. An element of the work of Area Committees is to provide councillors with the opportunity to identify and discuss significant local issues.

Coun Michael Davey, Leader of Northumberland County Council said: *"The Area Committees are an important part of the consultation process as we bring democracy closer to the people we serve. They provide people with a chance to see the County Council working alongside them and addressing local issues in the areas in which they live. The public Question Time sessions are a key to this process and I hope as many people as possible take the opportunity to lodge questions."*

Children's Information Reaches Out across the County

The Children's Information Service, part of the Northumberland Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (NEYDCP), is teaming up with the County Library Service, Wansbeck Toy Library and Children in Focus at Hexham, to improve services to parents and carers about children's information and family advice, including the new Working Tax Credit.

Pam Blair, Jill Clark and Karen Absalom, from the Children's Information Service team, will hold drop-in sessions, starting in November 2002.

NEYDCP Chair Denise Byrom said: *"We are delighted to further expand our communication links with parents and carers, reaching out on a face to face basis. Special thanks go to Kathleen Urwin from Wansbeck Toy Library in Ashington, Lesley Hutchinson from Children in Focus in Hexham and librarians Joan Armstrong and Lesley Kelly who have joined with Rosemary Hendry and her Children's Information Service Team to make this possible."*

[HEXHAM 'Children in Focus' - 1st Tuesday of each month from 10.00 - 12 noon]

This is an additional service, to eight venues throughout the county, ensuring many families can access accurate information regarding childcare, including childminders, pre-school playgroups, day nurseries, out of school care, crèches and early education places, in addition to the existing **Children's Information Services** provided by telephone on:

01 670 534 440 or

website www.childcarelink.gov.uk/northumberland.

Area Committee Small Grants still up for grabs

THREE of Northumberland County Council's six Area

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I would just like to thank everyone who has supported my book **LEFT-BOOBLESS**, and helped raise money for the Northumberland Cancer Support group.

A cheque for **£1,110.97** was presented to the group from proceeds of the launch and book signing day.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the launch day such a resounding success and a **special thanks** to Dr Steven Ford for reviewing my book and giving it such a glowing report.

Sylvia Mitchell

Hello , I 'd like to give my congratulations and my respect, to Sylvia Mitchell upon her amazing feat. Despite all she endured, Sylvia is an inspiration. (though we always knew it) , not only to anyone who has experienced cancer, whether personally, or together with our loved ones , but to any budding or 'closet ' writers out there.



Sylvia shows us that whatever life throws at us there is always something amazing round the corner just waiting for us to discover.

I read your book over and over and I wish I had had your book when my Mum had breast cancer as it might have made a world of difference. Thank you for writing this great book....can't wait to read the next!

THANK YOU SYLVIA.

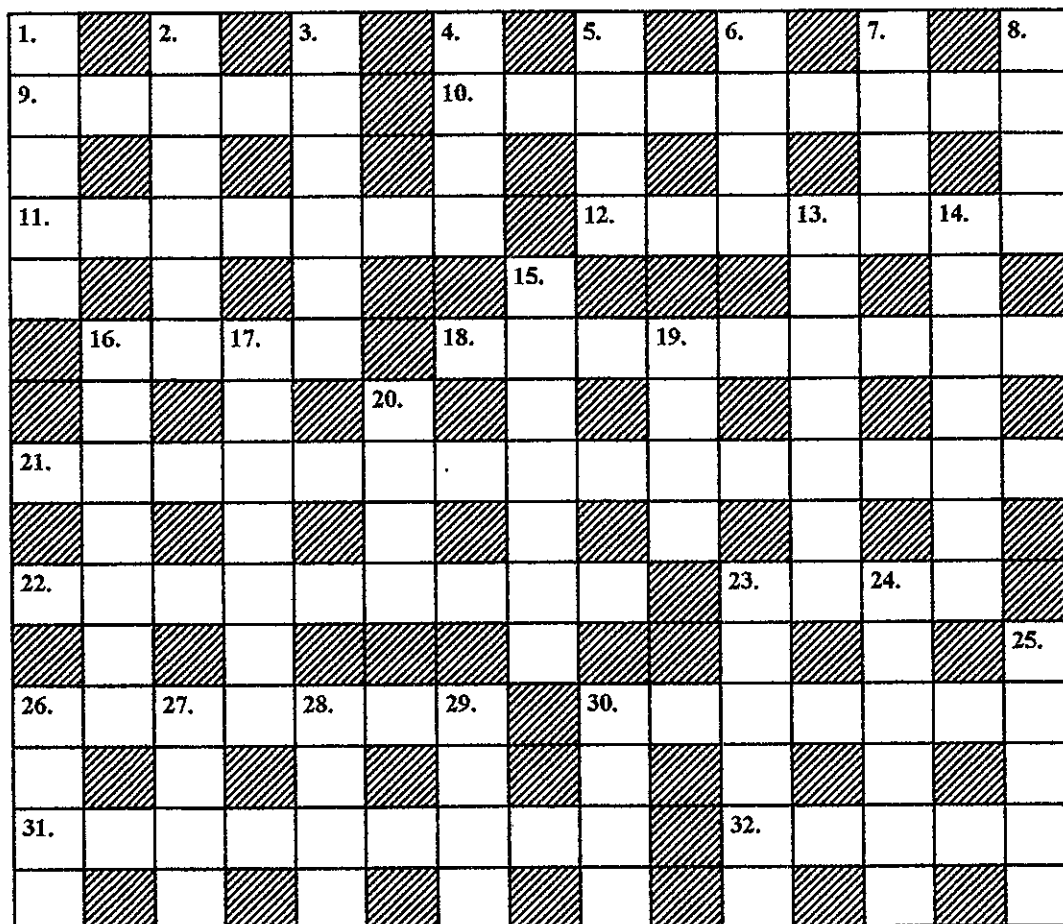
Pauline BURROWS (by E-mail)

The £10 Crossword

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ACROSS

9. I figure twice in and around extremes. Corny. (5)
 10. I get a ten and nought in diplomatic talk. (9)
 11. Obviously polished. (7)
 12. Sound barrier? (7)
 16. Pick papers completed. (4)
 18. Cry near me fighter. (9)
 21 & 32. Poultice applied after nursery fall. (7,3,5,5)
 22. Guarantee confuses United Nations and special fight force in race. (9)
 23. Eaten by young arachnophobic. (4)
 26. In Norfolk it's little, in beds it may disturb. (7)
 30. Object. (7)
 31. Mix socially. (9)
 32. See 21 across.

DOWN

1. Him as religious sect. (5)
 2. Island for scanty clothing. (6)
 3. Left marking liquids. (3,3)
 4. As small creatures in floor covering. (4)
 5. Fever. (4)
 6. Agitate. (4)
 7. A vehicle for actor. (4)
 8. Ear turned to ignore. (4)
 13. Short day and architectural feature for Elizabeth (8)
 14. Could be over the hills? (7)
 15. Rented period. (7)
 16. Pentecost. (7)
 17. With ex makes chancellor. (7)
 19. Musically end with a fish. (4)
 20. Festive Scottish river. (4)
 23. A daisy! (6)
 24. Initially together Devon river and politician duty free. (6)
 25. Could be tall when related. (5)
 26. Cumbrian summit. (4)
 27. House more common in Kent. (4)
 28. In Spain capture old civilization. (4)
 29. Pleased. (4)
 30. Look. (4)

Entries to be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 25th November 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, Wheelstands, Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AS

Solution to Crossword number 24 will be found on page 16

WHIST DRIVES*Langley Village Hall*Fortnightly on Saturdays
at 7pm.50p entrance
(Everyone welcome)*Solution to crossword (24)**Entries were received from:**Angela Corbett**A. Phillips**Susan Stephenson**B. Pearson**Rosemary Shout**A. M. Scott**Denis Bell**Maureen Robson***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.



£10 winner out of the hat:

SUSAN STEPHENSON

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'THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE'

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)
South View, Heugh House Lane,
Haydon Bridge, NE47 6ND

DEADLINE: All contributions to the *Haydon News* to reach the Editor no later than Monday 25th November 2002.

**OH TO BE IN NORTHUMBERLAND,
NOW THAT WINTER'S HERE!**

COLD HANDS AND FEET.

Because they do not contain much muscle tissue (the main heat source in our bodies) our hands and feet rely on the circulation of blood to keep them warm. Cold hands and feet can be miserably uncomfortable in winter weather and, if persistently very cold, problems can develop with the skin and flesh.

Clearly the first step in dealing with cold hands and feet must be appropriate warm coverings – note that I use the plural of covering. Just as many thin layers will keep our bodies warmer than fewer thick ones, so it is with shoes and socks and mitts. Avoid coverings that are too tight – loose mitts are much better than gloves.

Women suffer dreadfully from the shoes that fashion dictates – bunions, callouses, deformity, pain, chilblains AND COLDNESS. Cotton socks next to the skin with thicker woollen socks on top and good, flat, wide fitting, round toed boots with thick soles are the correct coverings for feet that are cold in winter. Dainty little high heeled scraps of leather that fit like a tight elastic band, with soles thinner than a credit card and just tight over the skin – this is a guaranteed recipe for foot misery and damage.

If wearing the right coverings does not cure the problem then other causes must be sought.

In older people the vessels supplying blood to the limbs may become furred up with fat, preventing the blood from flowing fast enough. Diabetes can also lead to problems with the circulation. Smoking is notorious for causing reduction in circulation of blood to all parts of the body. A particularly severe form of smoking related problem is called *Buerger's* disease, it affects young men especially and leads to amputation of whole limbs.

Raynaud's phenomenon is a condition, commoner in women, in which the small arteries supplying fingers and toes (and nose and ears occasionally) become temporarily squeezed shut by the muscle layers in their walls – this leads to the fingers and toes going first white (no blood flowing), then blue (all the oxygen used up) then flushed red and painful (as the flow returns suddenly). This can be treated best by sensible hand and foot wear and, if necessary, with a variety of drugs.

There are a small number of rare diseases that can interfere with blood flow too but they require specialists to diagnose and treat.

Keeping physically active is an important part of keeping warm. Getting muscles moving and working, even if only for a few moments, can increase heat output enormously. Sitting in a sullen chilly heap, inside a mound of blankets, huddled round a fire, is an expensive, unhealthy and not terribly effective way of keeping warm.

A PAIN IN THE NECK

We have lately had a little flurry of people developing a condition called *polymyalgia rheumatica*. This mainly affects senior citizens and is very important to correctly identify as, if left untreated, it can cause permanent blindness.

A persistent and often severe aching pain in the shoulders, neck, head and arms is the main symptom. This comes on over a day or two and is not much helped by ordinary painkillers. There may be tender places over the shoulders, neck, scalp and temples – if these are present it is a very helpful diagnostic finding.

The diagnosis is confirmed by a simple blood test.

Because of the importance of treating the problem quickly, to prevent damage to the vision, steroids are usually given before the blood test result is back. If the steroid treatment turns the pain off, almost like throwing a switch, it confirms the diagnosis.

EYE CASUALTY.

It is very difficult to overstate the importance of treating eye problems quickly. Simple infections, like conjunctivitis, are easily managed here. Most bits of grit etc, stuck to the eye surface or lost under lids can be removed at the health centre. Problems with the eyelids are also easily treated here. Bright red blood shot eyes are best seen here, as most are *subconjunctival haemorrhages* – awful to look at but totally harmless.

Anything more than the most trivial injury to an eye and most other problems not mentioned above are best dealt with by going straight to the EYE CASUALTY department at the RVI in Newcastle. There, specialists with the correct instruments can deal with the problem more rapidly and effectively than we can.

Pain in an eye should never be ignored. Direct blows to an eye can cause severe damage that cannot be seen without special instruments. Sudden partial or total loss of vision is always an emergency.

IS IT FRACTURED?

We are now into the falling down season. Fractures are common and can occur in the fittest as well as the elderly. If you have a fall and find that some part of you hurts badly as a consequence then check whether the part looks the right shape (compare it with the other side if possible) and whether it works normally.

If it hurts, is the wrong shape and doesn't work then it is probably fractured and you should take yourself to the nearest casualty department straight away.

THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to all of those who turned up to our flu jab session at the Methodist Church. We seem to be reaching a larger number of people this year, which has to be a good thing.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Astonishing numbers of people are having a go at stopping smoking and many are succeeding. Sometimes whole families are quitting. This is wonderful.

Nicotine patches, gum and tablets help some people and are available on request. We are taking very seriously indeed the business of helping people to give up the horrid weed. If you want help or just want to discuss whether or how to go about stopping smoking then see Mary Douthwaite or Karen Cousins.

FROZEN TO DEATH!

After much faffing around we are at last on the cusp of getting our own freezing machine. It will be much more versatile than just for treating warts and *verruca's*. We should now be able to make a much more neat and tidy job of sorting out all manner of skin problems. In particular those roughened, crusty, dark patches that appear in some numbers on older skin.

SKIN CANCER

This year we have found a large number of people with skin cancers of various kinds. These sorts of problem are becoming much more common. If you have any thing on any part of your skin that was not there before or which is changing in any way come and get it checked IMMEDIATELY! Get your spouse, lover, significant other, neighbour, parent or child to check the bits you cannot see and then repay the compliment.

CAPS AND COILS

Gail is now fully up to speed on fitting coils. Those shy retiring violets who were unenthusiastic about me fitting one for them now have a choice of doctor. Likewise with caps. There seems to be a bit of a revival in cap usage at present but I remain of the view that a well developed sense of humour is required for their use – trying to grab a wet bar of soap comes close to reproducing the dexterity required.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

Rev David Hasson

The harvest celebration season is now over the suppers and sales are completed and church congregations have returned to their normal size. We need to ask ourselves the question 'Why is it that we feel the need to thank God for the harvest each year and yet not for our ordinary every day lives?' Just as the fruit and vegetables are a gift from Him so to are our lives and all that happens in them. We came into this world as a baby, a gift from God to our parents. All that we have or are is, again, a gift from God. We need to rejoice in that and give thanks to God, the giver.

As we rejoice and give thanks so our minds are concentrated on what we have rather than what we don't have. In this way our thoughts are focussed in a positive way rather than a negative way because we are not constantly wanting what we haven't got. We also begin to realise just how much God has to give and how much he wants to give in his love for us.

This love of God for his people fulfils a basic need for all people. If we are honest with ourselves we will admit that we all have the need to be wanted by someone. For most of us that need is partially realised in the relationships we develop with other people. For some that need is not met through others because of an inability to commit to relationships on their part or on the part of others. Humanly speaking they end up lonely and neglected. But for all of us we can have that need met through a relationship with God. It doesn't matter to God how unlovely, how ugly, how beautiful, or how attractive we might be to others, He loves us unconditionally and wants to have a relationship with us. A relationship in which he can pour out love upon us and make us valued people in our own eyes as well as his.

If you are in a position where you don't know that you are valued and loved by God then perhaps it is about time that you discovered that you are. This is what churches are seeking to help people to discover so that they can commit themselves to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and become complete in His love for them. If you would like to explore this possibility further then perhaps it would be helpful to you to attend the Alpha Course which the churches in Haydon Bridge are organising in the new year. If so, watch out for details and come along, no one will laugh at you or your ideas, no one will reject your contributions to discussions, no one will force you to speak, but you will discover just how much God loves you.

David

October / November 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
St John's Presbytery, North Bank 684.265

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



REMEMBRANCE DAY

The village Act of Remembrance takes place this month. The Revd Alan Currie will take the service in St Cuthbert's at 10.15. The names of those who lost their lives in His Majesty's Forces in two World Wars will be read out at 10.55, before the two minutes' silence which will be at 11.00 o'clock. The final part of the service – the Rededication for the future – will be completed in the Methodist Church, where tea and coffee will be served at 11.15.

Many thanks from St Cuthbert's to those who have, in different ways, raised money for the Renovation Fund: a shaved head at the Havelock, a shaved beard in Church Street, a successful Harvest Supper, a dance at the Community Centre, a sponsored walk, a fashion show, plus many individual donations.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday November 3rd

10.00am Mr Patrick Eavis
6.00pm Rev Janet Flawn

Remembrance Sunday, November 10th

10.15am Joint service at St Cuthbert's
with 11.00 prayer at Meth Ch
6.00pm A Reader

Tue 12th Men's Christian Fellowship

Wed 13th 12.00 Lunch Club & Women's O

Sunday November 17th Prisons' Week

10.00am Mr A Bird
6.00pm Mr John Green

Sunday November 24th Youth Week

10.00am Rev David Hasson (Sacr'mnt)
6.00pm Mr Ridley Reay

Mon 26th Men's Christian Fellowship

Tue 27th Luncheon Club & Women's Own

Sunday December 1st Advent

10.00am Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Rev P Walker

British Church Growth Association

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church will be hosting a service for the whole Tynedale Circuit on Sunday evening, December 1st. The visiting preacher is the Rev P Walker from the British Church Growth Association. The Tynedale Circuit covers a huge area, from Halton Lea Gate to Stocksfield, and from Bellingham in the North to Sparty Lea (near Allendale) in the South.

Youth Work

David Matthews, the churches' youth worker in Haydon Bridge, will be leaving early in the New Year. The churches have been unable to find funds for the project beyond the initial three years, which end on February 1st 2003. We will be paying tribute in a future edition of the *Haydon News* to David's ministry in Haydon Bridge and in a dozen schools in the area. Some parts of his work will continue, thanks to input from the Youth and Community Department of Haydon Bridge High School. Sadly, other parts of the work will have to close, as we have been unable to find volunteers from the village. This has been a problem for some time now.

Holiday Club Reunion

All children and their parents, invited to the Methodist Church, Nov. 2nd, 6.00-8.00pm.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

November 3rd All Saints Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion
5.00pm All Souls' Service for the departed

November 10th Remembrance Day

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.15am Remembrance Service

Thur 14th 7.30pm Deanery Synod

Fri. 15th 7.00pm Concert by Shaftoe
Chorale.

November 17th 2nd before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am Morning Prayer & Sermon
(Mr Christopher Sayers)
10.00am Confirmation, Hexham Abbey

Wed. 20th 7.30pm Church Council meets

November 24th Christ the King

10.30am Parish Communion and Sermon

Wed. 27th 7.30pm Mothers' Union meets

Thu. 28th 7.30pm Christians Together

Sat. 30th 2.00pm Winter Fair.

December 1st Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word
(Dr Lindsay Gray)

SHAFTOE CHORALE CONCERT

Haydon Bridge's own popular choral society is presenting a concert in St Cuthbert's this month, in aid of the church renovation fund. On Friday 15th, Alan Armstrong their conductor will lead them in a concert of popular classical music, to include the well-known *Zadok the Priest*, sung at the Queen's coronation, and at the Golden Jubilee. Tickets at £4.00 each will be available from church members.

Farewell to church preacher

Dr Lindsay Gray and her husband Chris will be leaving Haydon Bridge at the end of the year. After years living in Haydon Bridge, and serving as a 'Reader' at St Cuthbert's, Lindsay has a job as Adult Education Officer at Scargill House in Wharfedale. Scargill is a church conference centre, visited by hundreds of people each year, and Lindsay is becoming part of that team. They will be keeping their house at Settlingstones for holidays, but we shall not see much of them. Best wishes to them both.

Another Concert will be given in St Cuthbert's on December 30th by Andrew Ashwin, a student opera singer. More details next month.

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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.

Best wishes to Ben Thornhill, who will be confirmed into the Church of England at Hexham Abbey on Sunday November 17

November 11th this year is the 10th anniversary of the vote in the Church of England to allow women to be ordained priests.

PRAYER FOR OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES

God of love and trust,
bless our hopes,
our risk-taking and our commitment;
make us sensitive and forgiving,
and give us wisdom
to allow each other freedom and space
Let our love be for the world around us
as well as for each other,
and keep us centred on you, Lord.

PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lord, as we remember with sadness
the horror of war,
help us to work for a better understanding
between races and nations.
Open our eyes to see our own part
in discord and aggression now;
forgive us our pride and divisions,
and renew in us the search for peace,
so that trust may replace suspicion,
friendship replace fear,
and your spirit of reconciliation
be known among us.

*Both prayers by Angela Ashwin ©, Book of
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Beltingham & Henshaw services


Nov. 3 9.00 Belt'm Holy Communion (1)
6.00 Belt'm All Souls service

Nov. 10 9.45, Hens Remembrance service

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