

# The Haydon News



'The Railway Hotel'

by Tony Petts



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*(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.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Three 'new' issues of the *Haydon News* have been distributed throughout the Parish and to those who have chosen to have their copy posted. I am very much encouraged by the positive remarks over the layout and the content. It does look fresh and thanks must go to those who have assisted in this change for the better. I am also encouraged by the steadily increasing number of copies which Clarke's Newsagents takes for their passing trade. It's a pity the website couldn't be re-started then the whole world would get to know what is happening! Anyone wish to have a go at this?

The content is gradually showing signs of new 'blood' none more so than in the increasing number of crossword entrants. This month the number reached twenty including 'new' names to the collection. Sadly only eleven managed to complete it correctly. [ They slipped up on the 'BA nana' skin ]. Does anyone know our elusive Ted Castle person because I am sure he / she might be persuaded to compile a crossword now and then???????

I still feel that there are more stories, reports and the like out there which could find a very ready slot in the *Haydon News*. I have included a piece submitted by an ex-Haydonian (William Veitch) because there is a link with Haydon Bridge. Dennis Telford's usual high quality notes also centre around famous people who have had links with the village. Northumberland County Council and Tynedale regularly submit releases although many of them not really appropriate for this area.

One exception is to be found on *page 9* and draws attention to a *public consultation exercise* relating to the proposed *A69 Bypass*. Judging from the number of folk who attended the exhibition recently, the forthcoming meeting should attract a lot of attention.. As you will see from the Parish Council notes, there are concerns over the way in which junctions are to be laid out.

Finally, there are to be changes to the Parish Council after 1<sup>st</sup> May. On behalf of the 'Friends' - thanks Enid, Lesley, Laura and Mitch for all you have done for the benefit of the village.

*Richard A D Snowdon (Editor)*

## HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

*Meeting held Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2003  
Langley Village Hall*

### Present were:

Seven Councillors, the Chair, the County Councillor and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies were received from two.

Six members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

### Public Participation:

1. Mesdames Brown and Armstrong raised again the problem of overwhelming smells of sewage in Church Street and houses.

Efforts made to contact the Northumbrian Water have proved fruitless even though the 'consumer hotline' has been rung. Callers can not get through to the person quoted on leaflets. Like 'banging your head against a brick wall'

The Railway Hotel and the Co-op are also experiencing these smells.

Northumbrian Water say that works have been done to alleviate the problems, but have they?

The Parish Council will write in support of residents.

2. The above concerns will impact on the planned housing at Heslop's

Yard where it is understood twelve flats are to be built. [ As this planning item was on the Agenda, discussion was deferred until the appropriate time ]

3. Mr Bates expressed his gratitude to the PC for using Langley as a venue. He also expressed his thanks for the work done by those Councillors who were 'stepping down' and sympathised with the PC in having insufficient candidates to fill the vacancies. He thought it might be possible to have a co-optee from the Langley area.

He went on to express his disgruntlement with the workings of Councils in general and that the PC in particular seems to have lost its powers.

He cited cases where he had come up against bureaucracy which left him 'steaming'.

\* Tyres had been dumped on his land. TDC said that it couldn't help with their removal because they were on his land, not theirs!

\* Also, an abandoned car had to be moved to permit access onto his land. TDC and the Police seem not to be interested even though the registered owner is known. In moving it back onto the highway he is now told that it is illegal to do so!

He hoped the PC would take up these matters. We seem to be paying more in the way of taxes these days for less and less services!!

In conclusion he wished it to be known that the comment in last month's '*Haydon News*' (page 4, column 1, paragraph 7) with regard to objections and the Bypass might not happen as hoped for. He believed that there would be objections to aspects of the scheme.

### Minutes & Matters arising from the previous meeting.

A) The vandalised toilets are once again open for business.

B) Whilst a letter had been written to Mr Humble relating to the dumping of rubbish etc. no reply has been received.

C) Street lights. Both are to go ahead as planned.

D) No date has yet been fixed for the Riverside 'Spring Clean' as Cllr Charlton is still negotiating with TDC for a skip. She felt that it is not appropriate that the clean-up is carried out and then for the Council to come along to collect the rubbish. Not all rubbish can be put in black plastic bags. Hence the need for a skip to be left.

E) The Co-op has acknowledged the letter written by the PC concerning the delivery lorries and the problems caused.

F) The pot-holes on the Langley road are 'being looked into' (investigated).

G) The siting of a seat to commemorate Florence Turnbull is still to be considered. The PC will write to the grand-daughter indicating that the matter is on-going.

H) Thomas Fletcher Junior is to take over the 'flag flying' duties from Cllr Garrow who is stepping down from office.

### **Tynedale Council**

Cllr Smith reported on a meeting he had attended where discussions on the proposed Bypass took place. Particular concerns were expressed at the layout of the proposed junctions.

### **Highways matters.**

1. Cllr Stephenson raised the issue of the works going on at the western approach to the village.

Would there be a central area marked out for vehicles wanting to turn into the Innerhaugh from the west? Consideration should have been given to this, if no provision is being made.

2. Cllr Charlton also wondered whether the verge to the north of the workings – outside the bungalows – would be reinstated to its previous condition as this area was adopted by the PC years ago and it was becoming neat and tidy – almost lawn-like!

3. Cllr Parkin considered that the A69 Lowgate junction needed looking at as he felt it to be unsafe for vehicles wishing to turn right onto the Lowgate road. Some felt that the space marked was adequate, others not. Traffic speed will increase once the Bypass is open.

4. A letter had been received from the solicitors acting for Mr Straker (Spa Well) asking if it would be possible for the report commissioned by the PC and carried out by Brian Bell to be disclosed to the Highways Agency.

The PC found this rather strange to be approached in this way but felt that in principle disclosure would be facilitated but only if the Highways Agency paid

half of what the PC had spent on the report!

It was noted that works had been going on recently at the slippage area perhaps in an attempt to stabilise the remaining land.

### **Planning Applications:**

Plans were received relating to the development of the Old Foundry Yard (Heslop's Yard).

This is for the provision of twelve one/two bedroomed flats but no vehicular access. Hence the need to develop parking spaces outside of the development. Where and at what cost to the village?

In principle, the PC supported this application but with reservations.

HBUAFC has submitted plans for the erection of an advertising hoarding at Martins Close. The PC supported this application.

### **Village projects:**

How were the proposed 'village walks' leaflets coming on?

Apparently the various routes are being 'check-walked'

### **NOTE:**

1. The list of Councillors shown to the right is correct at the time of going to press.

*Local elections are taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2003.*

*Cllrs Garrow, Philp, Gilhespy and Mitchell are resigning from the Parish Council.*

*There will be three vacancies.*

2. I have enjoyed sitting in on the Parish Council meetings over the last couple of years or so and hopefully reporting on the proceedings to the satisfaction of most people.

Sadly, this month's compilation is my last.

**RADS**

### **Date / Time of next meeting:**

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2003 at 7.30pm

### **Venue:**

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 very welcome at the first part of every meeting. Have your say – *Brickbats and Bouquets!!*

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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### **DANCE CLUB NEWS**

Members of the Dance Club attended George's Charity Dance at Haltwhistle on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April when £200 was raised for the 'Rainbow Trust'

Thanks to two of our members, Ken and Walter, who have fixed a Dado rail around the Hall where the chairs were marking the wall.

One of our eldest members, Lily, will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at a party at Hexham Community Centre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Results of the competitions:

#### **Easter Bonnets**

1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Rutherford

2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Adams

3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Mains

#### **Dyed Eggs**

1<sup>st</sup> Connie Cleminson

2<sup>nd</sup> Iris Waugh

3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Lee

Prizes were donated by Sheila and Evelyn from Alston and 'Thanks' to Valerie Bell for judging, it was no easy task.

*DJ, Jim Biggs*

These 'notes' continue the story from the March issue of the *Haydon News*.

### LITERARY LOVE NEST

Monica Jones bought a house in Haydon Bridge in September 1961. It was her intention to become less dependent on the love of her life, Philip Larkin, accepted by many as being one of the finest poets of our time. Or perhaps Monica was testing Larkin and his love for her against his other relationships. She was determined to find out where she stood in Philip Larkin's life.

When Monica bought 1A Ratcliffe Road from the Richardson family it was in response to Larkin's romantic liaison with Maeve Brennan, which he encouraged at a time when Monica's own need for his love and support was greatest.

Philip Larkin's initial disapproval of Monica's decision to buy a house in our village, so far from his own home in Hull, was changed after his first visit here. In April 1962 he wrote to Monica:

*"I thought your little house seemed ... distinguished and exciting and beautiful: clever of you to have found it ..... it looks splendid, and it can never be ordinary with the Tyne going by outside. Others may have .... 'Theatre in the Round' around the corner, or a Picasso, or a Stereo Hi-fi, or a split-level Dining area – you have a great English river drifting under your window....."*

When Monica bought the property this view could be seen from the living room. After she sold the house a new kitchen was built across the south elevation replacing the old lean-to affair and the character of the house was altered.

Monica had persuaded Larkin to visit her in 1962. She needed him in spite of her show of dependency and the fact that he had hurt her. Philip Larkin also needed Monica in spite of his new 'innocent' love Maeve Brennan, and after all Haydon Bridge could turn out to be, *"An exciting escape – away from the world they both knew ...."* There would be few restrictions to whatever life they chose to lead on

Ratcliffe Road. Andrew Motion, Philip Larkin's biographer tells his readers that they *'lazed, drank, read, pottered around the village and amused themselves with private games'*.

In May 1962 Monica celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday as did Larkin in August of the same year. Their relationship was recovering from the trauma of early 1961, but away from Haydon Bridge Larkin's attraction to Maeve Brennan was just as strong.

Monica's life with Philip Larkin was soon back on familiar ground. A mix of secrecy and lies, hurt and happiness, apologies and passion. This emotional love affair continued in varying intensity until 1978 when, according to Motion, Maeve accepted that if anyone was likely to become Larkin's regular companion it would be Monica Jones.

Throughout the ups and downs of their relationship, it appears that Philip's visits to our village to be with Monica, invariably cheered them both up. Larkin's biographer tells us that when Philip drove up to Haydon Bridge from Hull, *'As always the place worked it's spell'*. Larkin would commit himself to Monica, Monica had him to herself and they spent many happy hours together in their 'Secret Hideaway' away from the complication of their real world. Monica and Philip lazed away their time together in the terraced cottage on Ratcliffe Road and also used it as a starting point for annual holidays on the island of Sark, visits to Skye and Scotland, the Lake District and occasional nights at the Lord Crewe Arms in Blanchland – a favourite retreat.

**My fundamental interest in Philip Larkin and Monica Jones is of course the Haydon Bridge connection and it is unlikely that anyone here knew Monica and Philip better than their neighbours on Ratcliffe Road, the Willis' family.**

A young Tony was understandably impressed by 'Philip's car'. When Larkin passed his driving test in 1963 he bought a Singer Gazelle Automatic so that he could take Maeve Brennan to places that she wanted to visit. It also allowed him to visit Haydon Bridge much more easily than using public transport. Tony's memories are more likely to have been of Larkin's next car however. A Vanden Plas Princess he bought in 1969 for his 47<sup>th</sup> birthday. Tony tells me that, 'there weren't many other

cars as smart as Philip's parked on Ratcliffe Road in those days!'

Tony and Jacqueline always took the opportunity to wash Philip's car when he visited and were grateful for the £1 he would give them!

In 1964 a collection of thirty-two of Philip Larkin's poems, "The Whitsun Weddings" was published by Faber & Faber. It was widely acclaimed and in 1965 he received the Queen's Gold Medal for poetry.

Larkin was basically a shy man and shunned public appearances, reviews, readings of his poems and the like. He was dubbed, 'the Hermit of Hull'. In 1966 however he was the subject of a BBC 'Monitor' programme. Andrew Motion in his biography, describes Philip on the programme as, *'a bald, slim, bespectacled man in the three-quarter length pale fawn Macintosh, nervously swallowing his stammer'*.

Philip was much more at ease in Haydon Bridge. To Werner Nagel, our village Newsagent, Larkin was, *'a nice man. At first glance a most unlikely womanizer in his rimmed glasses he epitomised an absent-minded professor when visiting the shop with Monica to buy the Observer and Telegraph'*. Maybe Philip Larkin was about to read his own Jazz column, another of his loves, which he started writing in 1961. In 1970 a compilation of his Telegraph reviews was published by Faber, "All That Jazz: A Record Diary 1961 – 1968". What a pity that David Brown, our own village Jazz authority, wasn't aware that he had another renowned expert in our midst!

In 1970 and 1971 Monica's relationship with Larkin was as comfortable as it had been for some time and for New Year's Eve 1971 he drove up to Haydon Bridge and the two of them went to the New Year celebration at Alledale as usual, for the, 'Big Town Bonfire, the band and Old Lang Syne' where, *'the men of the village walk in a procession carrying tubs of blazing pitch on their heads'*. Philip described the scene in a letter to Eva, his mother.

Another event in our locality that Monica and Philip Larkin visited on a number of occasions, was the

Bellingham Show. In 1973 after calling in at the 'Show following a holiday in Scotland, Larkin wrote his poem, "Show Saturday" describing the scene which to him represented 'Old England' through its ancient pleasures and customs.

*..... a man with pound notes round his hat ... a tent selling Tweed ... folks sit about on bales ... two young men in acrobats' tights ... four brown eggs, four white eggs, four plain scones, four dropped scones ...* His poem ends in hope that the time honoured tradition will 'Always be there'.

Perhaps 'Show Saturday' was composed overlooking the river Tyne in the south-facing first floor bedroom on Ratcliffe Road where June Willis tells me that Philip spent a lot of time writing when he stayed with Monica. John Ellis, a lecturing colleague and friend of Monica's recounts a story she told him. "Philip had 'looked broody' after their visit to the Bellingham Show, so she knew a poem was on its way".

"Show Saturday" is included in the last collection of Larkin's poems published during his lifetime, "High Windows" published by Faber & Faber in 1974. Almost 20,000 copies were sold in the first year enhancing Philip Larkin's already formidable reputation as a poet.

In November 1975 Monica accompanied Philip to Buckingham Palace where he received the CBE from the Queen. "I suppose I'll have to go and mix with the nobs", Monica told June, who is sure that if it hadn't been that she was accompanying Philip, Monica would have preferred to be in Haydon Bridge.

Monica Jones was by now at Larkin's side during most of his public engagements and his visits to her Haydon Bridge hideaway continued. He wasn't prepared to commit himself completely to Monica however. Maeve Brennan still shared his life, as did Betty Mackereith, his secretary since 1957 and with whom there appears to have been no previous romantic involvement, until a secret affair between the two of them started in 1975. Larkin also continued to visit his mother Eva regularly, until her death in 1977.

In 1978 Larkin and Maeve split romantically although they still worked together. Monica was Philip's regular

companion now and although she knew about his other intimate relationship with Betty his secretary, she apparently accepted it without too much fuss.

In 1982, 60 year old Monica retired from her lecturing position at Leicester University. She planned to spend more time at Haydon Bridge. To Philip Larkin, Monica was his, 'Bun' or 'Bunny' a reference to Beatrix Potter's stories. In this affectionate context Monica's Ratcliffe Road home was known to them both as her, 'Rabbit Hole'.

Next door, the young Tony and Jacqueline Willis had their own pet bunnies. June (Willis) tells me that Monica loved their rabbits, her favourite animal, and she would often ask to see them. On one occasion Philip knocked on the door and asked if he could take a photograph of Monica with Tony and Jacqueline's pets and the shot was taken in the small back yard overlooking the river Tyne. *Where are these photographs now??*

Monica had never learned to drive and unless visiting here accompanied by Philip, she travelled from Leicester and back by public transport. An indication of how much she enjoyed her time in our village.

Professor Dick Watson was a colleague and friend of Monica's at Leicester. He describes the house at Haydon Bridge as being, *'tiny, in a short terrace on the main road: it's chief delight was a little yard at the back, which gave onto the river South Tyne, with the bridge in the centre of the view'*. Professor Watson recounts a particularly moving moment as told to him by Monica. "On Boxing Day morning ... the Haydon Bridge Silver Band would go round the village playing. She (Monica) got them to play 'Lead Kindly Light' which made Philip cry".

In October 1982 alone at Haydon Bridge, Monica fell downstairs and was taken to Hexham Hospital where she had 'umpteens' stitches in a head wound. Larkin drove up from Hull and took her back with him to convalesce. From this time Monica appears to have had doubts about being able to live on her own. At the end of November however, they returned to Ratcliffe Road in the hope that she could manage herself.

Worse was to follow. Perhaps best described by Philip Larkin himself in a letter to Anthony Thwaite who was to become his Literary Executor.

*"... I am writing from Haydon Bridge (9<sup>th</sup>*

*April 1983) ... this is the end of what had been a ghastly week. Monica and I came up on Good Friday, really to see that the cottage had survived the winter and perhaps for Monica to look at houses. She was not feeling well and was worse on Saturday with pains in the head and neck. On Sunday these were so intense that I rang the local GP, who his eternal credit came the same morning and diagnosed Shingles ... it is an awful business, swelling of the face and left eye till it closed completely, and great feeling of lowness ... Tuesday Monica plummeted and was so silent and unresponsive I felt very unhappy about it all, even though doctor or nurse came daily ... the Haydon Bridge doctor is clearly worried about Monica's general state, and so am I ... At the risk of sounding self-centred I can add I've felt awful too. Worried, of course, and distressed at her state, but also trapped and terrified when it seemed we should be here indefinitely ... Even the cottage, which is very small, made me claustrophobic. Three nights I spent in an armchair drinking and smoking and dozing .... I have been isolated up here, though the doctor and nurses have been very good. I do hope I can get Monica up and off".*

Within a day or two Monica and Philip closed up the house on Ratcliffe Road and returned to Hull where Monica could attend the Royal Infirmary.

It was a year before Monica had recovered sufficiently to make an attempt to look after herself again and in March 1984 Philip drove her up to Haydon Bridge where she stayed for a few, 'freezing days'. Larkin described the cottage as, *'rather grim after a year's vacancy - spiders, and the telephone cut off'*.

When he returned home alone, Philip realised how much he was missing Monica and he wrote to her on successive days, enquiring about her health and general situation. When the telephone was reconnected at 1A Ratcliffe Road, Monica rang for Philip. He motored up to Haydon Bridge and they returned to Hull together.

This was to be the last visit to their Haydon Bridge 'Love Nest' which had served them so well for twenty-three years.

(To be continued.)

## CORRESPONDENCE

### LANGLEY W.I.

At Langley, after a brief Business meeting, the Speaker was Penny Jackson from Bardon Mill and the 'Bodywork Centre', Hexham.

She gave an interesting talk and demonstration of *SHIATSU*, a traditional Japanese healing art, the basic principles of which are similar to Acupuncture but without the use of needles.

She explained that *Ki*, (vital energy) flows around the body in channels known as 'meridians'. If this flow is interrupted, stress and tension may be generated. Such symptoms can be treated by various forms of *SHIATSU*.

After the talk, three members volunteered to undergo a brief session of *SHIATSU* treatment rounding off a most enjoyable evening.

The competition for a thimble was won by Myra Bowen and Eileen Martin. Mrs P. Stewart won the raffle.

### OVER 60's CLUB

This was the A.G.M and a vote was taken for a new Chairman. Hannah Armstrong was elected and the rest of the Committee remained unchanged.

The Treasurer's report was circulated and accepted.

The question of the Summer trip was discussed but it was left for members to think about it until the next meeting.

An invitation to the Station Garden at Langley with afternoon tea was accepted for the 9<sup>th</sup> July and a Garden Party in June arranged.

The meeting closed with everyone wishing Gladys Scott a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**.

Myra Bowen

### NATURAL REMEDIES FOR A HEALTHY BODY

#### Insomnia

Lack of sleep over several nights may be termed insomnia and it may cause tiredness, irritability, poor concentration and performance. It can also be caused by depression, stress, physical pain or shift-work.

*Valerian* traditionally is a herb used for the relief of insomnia and anxiety. It also normalises the central nervous system which means that it can act as a sedative in states of agitation or as a stimulant in cases of extreme fatigue. It can relax tense muscles and many people report it to have lowered their *blood pressure*. *Valerian* may be taken on its own or we find that it is popular when combined in an all-in-one tablet with *hops* and *passiflora*, (*passion flower*).

*Passiflora* is also popular with people who can get to sleep but then wake up later. Research has shown that this may be caused by low levels of *calcium* and *magnesium*.

A high strength *B vitamin complex* is recommended especially when the insomnia may be caused by stress.

The supplement *5HTP* is often taken to provide a good source of *tryptophan* which helps to produce the brain chemical *serotonin*. *5HTP* often has an appetite suppressant action too.

Many *aromatherapy* oils can be used in an oil burner to relax the mind and body including

*clary sage*, *patchouli*, *sandalwood*, *rose*, *marjoram* (a good muscle relaxant too) and *lavender* which is very popular with our customers.

The effects of *caffeine* can last for up to 20 hours in the body so it is best to avoid coffee, tea, chocolate and other soft drinks containing caffeine at ANY time of the day if suffering from insomnia.

*Camomile* tea or herbal teas containing blends of relaxing herbs are a good alternative. Alcohol and tobacco also should be avoided as they are stimulants.

Levels of *serotonin* can be increased by eating *carbohydrates* and it is often helpful to have a slice of bread before going to bed. Some people use the mineral *chromium* to balance blood sugar levels as falling levels may wake some people.

Gentle exercise is known to promote relaxation and help against insomnia. This usually works as long as you don't exercise too close to bedtime!

**IMPORTANT:** Pregnant ladies, people on prescription medication, and those under medical supervision ought to consult their GP before using complementary therapies.

Jill I Henderson

(Holland & Barrett - Hexham)

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2003

11<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### We believe in life before death

Christian Aid United Service  
St Cuthbert's Church of England  
May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

House to House Collection  
Haydon Bridge and area  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

#### What can we do to change the world?

##### Why campaign?

World poverty is such a huge problem that sometimes we're tempted to despair and think nothing can be done.

#### But there are things we can do.

Many of the decisions that affect poor countries and poor communities are made by politicians and business leaders in the rich world. And we can all use our influence on these people to make sure that the voices of the world's poorest people are heard.

The Christian gospel demands that we do all we can to challenge injustice and inequality, following the example of Jesus. Jesus said: *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives... to*



*let the oppressed go free' (Luke 4:18).* To do that ourselves is a major challenge. Campaigning is a good place to start.

### ***What difference does it make?***

These are some of the results of campaigning by individuals and groups over the past few years:

- More than £18.5 billion of poor countries' debt has been cancelled, leading to a 70 per cent rise in spending on health care;
- Sales of fairly traded products by supermarkets have increased more than 15-fold; seven of the UK's largest supermarkets have committed themselves to working for better standards for producers in developing countries.

The campaign for trade justice was launched in 2001 and action by individual campaigners has helped it grow in an exciting way:

- In the UK, 54 organisations have joined the Trade Justice Movement.
- Supporters have sent 57,000 postcards to the Department of Trade and Industry.
- More than 12,000 people turned up for last year's mass lobby of Parliament at Westminster, lobbying over half the MPs.
- More than 36,000 Trade Justice badges have been worn and the badge often appears on TV.

And that's just the beginning. But thanks to ordinary people who take the time to write a postcard or come to a rally, or who simply wear a badge, trade rules are be-

coming news. Politicians have been shown in no uncertain manner that people want to see change.

### ***What can we do next?***

Support Christian Aid with a donation in Christian Aid Week. If you sign the declaration as a taxpayer then Christian Aid will receive nearly 30% more!

### ***Become a Christian Aid campaigner.***

You can do as much or as little as you like, from organising big events to signing an occasional postcard.

Ring

***Christian Aid on 020 7523 2225*** and ask to be registered as a campaigner and be sent details of the latest action to take in support of the campaign.

***Moira Howard***  
***Local Area Organiser***



The names of those in the photograph are:

*Lois Arthur, Poppy Brewer, Jake Charlton, Michael Cunningham, Rhys Edwards, Keiran Robley, Jordan Robson, Charlotte Sadler, Carig Stammers, Daniel Teasdale, Helena Hall, Rachel Hall, Nathan Roberts, Curtis Roberts*

### ***Do you remember Holiday Club 2002?***

Can you spot any of your friends?

Simon Brown, our Leader from Coventry, entered this photo and won  
**First Prize**  
in a

Nation-wide Scripture Union Holiday Club Photo Competition.

***Well done Simon!***

### **HOLIDAY CLUB 2003**

This begins on:  
**MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY**  
( first week of the school holidays )

Preparations are already underway, but helpers are always needed.

If you feel that you could help even for just one morning during the week  
please contact:

***Kathleen Armstrong – 684 412***  
***or***  
***Joyce Armstrong – 684 094***

### ***The 'League of Friends of Haydon View'***

The 'League of Friends' would like to thank all those who contributed to the collection in memory of Florence Armstrong. £130 was collected and will be used towards summer outings for the residents.

The 'League of Friends of Haydon View' are celebrating the opening of the new Summerhouse with a Coffee Morning on  
***Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to noon.***

In addition to coffee and cakes there will be a cake stall, tombola and a raffle.

Come and celebrate with us, meet the residents and help raise fund to take residents on outings in the summer, enjoy entertainers and provide those 'extras' we all take for granted.

***Many thanks.***



# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

## PRESS RELEASE

### Bypass plans top Tynedale Area Committee Agenda

The public consultation for the proposed **A69 Haydon Bridge Bypass** will top the agenda at the next meeting of Northumberland County Council's Tynedale Area Committee.

Crime and Community Safety and the County's Fire and Rescue Services will also feature as part of the meeting's busy schedule.

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, 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:  
**Haydon Bridge Community Centre at**

**2pm, on Thursday 15 May 2003.** 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."*

Further information is available from: Nic Outterside, Press Officer, Northumberland County Council

Tel: **01 670 534 251**

Email: [nouterside@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:nouterside@northumberland.gov.uk)

list of men between the ages of 18 and 45 who were eligible to serve and the unlucky ones were selected by ballot. However a selected man could arrange for a substitute to take his place - upon payment - so anyone who had a bit of spare cash avoided the draft. The ballot for the Militia was obviously about as popular as conscription and National Service in more modern times.

Although the Militia were intended for home defence and were mustered at the time of the Crimea War (1854-6), the Indian Mutiny (1857-8) and the Boer War (1899-1902) some units did actually serve in Gibraltar, Malta and South Africa where they were used for guarding prisoners and lines of communication rather than actual fighting. They were finally disbanded in 1908 when they were merged into the Territorial Army.

Following upon this Militia Act of 1757 it was attempted to hold a ballot for the Militia at Hexham on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1761. This would include the West and North Tyne areas. Because feelings were running high (an understatement if ever there was one!) the local magistrates had taken the precaution of bringing a detachment of the North Yorkshire Militia into Hexham. It may seem rather odd to have a detachment of Militia set to control a ballot for the Militia but they probably had the attitude 'if we have to serve then so can you'.

However, the presence of the Militia in front of the Moot Hall only served to incense the 'mob' who had gathered in the Market Place and after about 4 hours of discussion - more likely a heated argument - between the Magistrates and the ringleaders of the mob, the Riot Act was read out. This only served to inflame the mob even further and they advanced on the Militia who had drawn bayonets. Panicking, the Magistrates ordered 'general fire' and by the time the Militia stopped firing their muskets the mob had dispersed leaving behind many dead and wounded. One source quoted 45 dead and 300 wounded although there were probably more than this as many wounded would have made their escape. The rounding up of suspected rioters went on for several weeks. There must have been some panic among the ranks of the Militia as two soldiers were actually shot by their own comrades. The 9<sup>th</sup> March 1761 was known as 'Bloody Monday'.

#### *What has this to do with Haydon Bridge?*

Well, among the wounded were John Hedley of Fourstones and William Lamb of Haydon Bridge who had a fracture of his right leg.

Less lucky were the ones who were killed and among them were William Watson and Henry Hoggart of Fourstones and 31 year old Nicholas Forster of Staward who was the son of James Forster and his wife Isabel (nee Hodgson) of Dean Raw.

### **THE MILITIA & THE HEXHAM RIOT** *W. Veitch*

The Militia were a cross between the Home Guard and the Territorial Army with the exception that they were forced, and largely unwilling, entrants rather than volunteers. The Militia had existed in one form or another since the 9<sup>th</sup> Century but they did not become effectively organised until the Militia Act of 1757.

The Lord Lieutenant of the County had to provide 1600 men from his county who were to serve for 3 years and train for 1 month each year. This training could, and did, be undertaken anywhere in the country which must have been a novelty in those times for men who had never been more than a few miles from their home. They were paid a retainer and received full military pay (a pittance) when mustered and could be called up for service at any time.

Each Parish had to submit a



**FLOWER DEMONSTRATION  
BY MRS PHILIDA IRVING**

*Theme*  
**LET'S CELEBRATE**

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
HAYDON BRIDGE**

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**TICKETS: £5.00**  
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refreshments afterwards

*in aid of*  
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**NE47 6EX**

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The standard subscription is only **£1.20** therefore if you so desire by all means increase the size of your donation. It would be very much welcomed.

All donations are used by 'The Friends' in supporting voluntary and charitable causes in the Parish of Haydon.

UK readers of the *Haydon News* may join 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' for an annual subscription of **£10.00**.

This will guarantee a posted copy for each of the ten months. Again you may donate more.

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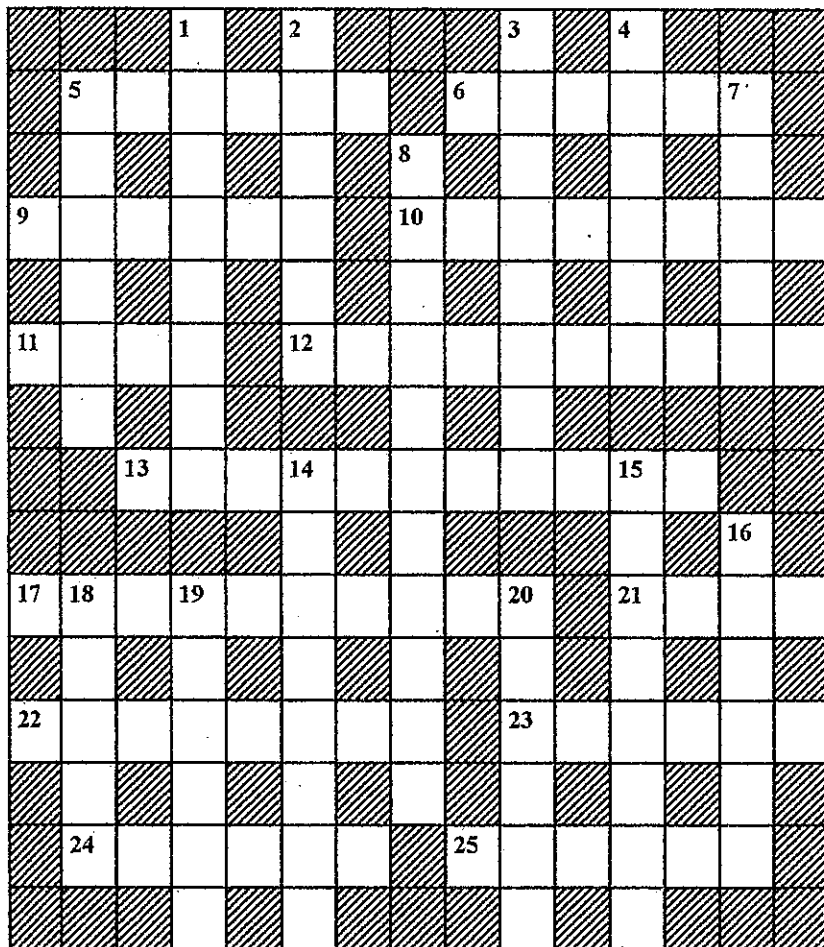
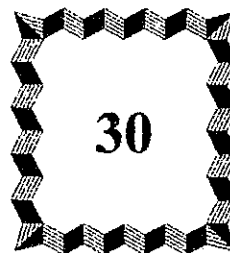
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## ACROSS

5. S.E. Suburban London. (6)
6. Business representatives. Special? (6)
9. State. (6)
10. For which eggs must be broken. (8)
11. Ink in view? (4)
12. Step backwards. (10)
13. Ukrainian city flight. (6,5)
17. Helper. (10)
21. Odious olfactory experience. (4)
22. Resort with Palace, West and Dome. (8)
23. Change poems for porcelain. (6)
24. \_\_\_\_\_ car, room, out. (6)
25. Claim. (6)

## DOWN

1. Allowed in. (8)
2. Woodworker, metal worker, painter. (6)
3. Cumbrian crabfair town. (8)
4. Like due to action taken. (6)
5. Rather less than a steady pace. (6)
7. Appetite satisfied. (5)
8. Different against bees weapon. (11)
14. Vertically catches ancient Greeks. (8)
15. South American. (8)
16. Protect. (6)
18. Mistook. (5)
19. River surrounding U.S. soldier provides force. (6)
20. Deters in period of calm. (6)



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E. Jukes  
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B. Pearson  
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Maureen Brown  
Rosemary Shout  
A.M.Scott  
Trevor Corbett  
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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003.

**Best of luck**

Please hand in your entry to:  
any of the businesses indicated at the top of  
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or by post to: The Editor, Wheelsteads,  
Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AS

£10 winner out of the hat:  
**Mrs Rene Armstrong**

### SPRING FEVER

#### A LITTLE PARABLE

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items in front of him. When the class begun, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'Yes'.

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and proceeded to pour the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now", said the professor, as the laughter subsided, *"I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things, your family, your partner, your health, and your children. Things with which, if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter in your life like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else? The small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you."*

*Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first--the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."*

One of the students raised his hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. *"I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."*

#### THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES.

Since 1996 and in many of the world's leading theatrical venues Eve Ensler's unique contribution to stage performance has been packing them in. The basis of the performance is the recounting of real women's stories and

views about their vaginas.

Last night I attended a performance in Newcastle's Theatre Royal with my wife and daughter. Unsurprisingly, the majority of the audience was female, from mid teens to the very elderly. An unexpected consequence of this skewing of the audience composition (and mass empowerment) was an acute shortage of loos, there being more women in the Gents than gents.

Truthfully, I have never laughed so much nor encountered a theatre audience so convulsed with mirth. There were moments when the laughter had an uneasy, brittle, defensive quality - too many home truths, too much reality, too much shared experience, too much information? There were moments of poignancy and a couple of purple patches too but what do you expect - perfection? The performance's American origins were betrayed by some of the word usage but rather than having to make allowance for them, they added a contrasting dimension that had the power to amuse. As in...

**Happy Fact!** The clitoris is the only organ in the human body whose sole function is to provide pleasure. It has 8,000 nerve fibres devoted to it, more than twice as many as the penis - *who needs a handgun when you've got a semi-automatic?*

It is illegal to sell vibrators in Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia and Ohio, the penalty being a huge fine or imprisonment. This fact may have something to do with Clinton's predilections. It is, of course, perfectly legal to sell, buy and possess firearms in these states.

By way of personal reflection: The relationship that women have with their genitals is so varied as to defy ready characterisation. A natural and becoming modesty is a fine thing but why do some women experience such deeply felt embarrassment, antipathy, self-loathing and unhappiness? Why do special modes of expression and behaviour need to be employed when dealing with the genitals and sexuality?

In an attempt to be of maximum use to the patients, my partners and I will discuss anything with anybody at any time with no limits. If you do not know the 'right' words then use the words that you do know - the chance of us not knowing what you mean will be very, very small. I am often moved by the narratives offered of the lives and experiences of women and feel honoured that so many feel able to share so much with me. Truly, there is nothing new under the sun and even in a small community the variety of experience, ambition and opinion is amazing. Whether it's serious, scandalous, humorous, mundane or exotic it's still a part of your life, still a part of you, still important and relevant and it's definitely OK to talk about it!

If you have a chance to see The Monologues, either live or recorded, I strongly recommend that you do so.

### SMOKING - AGAIN.

In New York it is now illegal to smoke in any venue open to the public. In a mid-Western town it is illegal to smoke in any public place with the result that there has been a sixty per cent reduction in sudden cardiac death - unbelievably, some fool is challenging the regulation in the courts.

Scores of people locally have given up fags and we are absolutely delighted to give maximum support to any more who wish to do so.

**Which will be the first non-smoking pub in the village?** Whichever it is will have as potential customers most of the village and Tynedale (until the rest catch up) as most people do not smoke and would welcome the chance to enjoy a smoke-free night-out. Then there are the secondary reasons for establishing a smoke-free environment - there are already legal cases in preparation of pub and club employees suing for injury due to cigarette smoke.

### THE EVIDENCE.

Some time ago I mentioned a website called 'clinical evidence' ([www.clinicalevidence.com](http://www.clinicalevidence.com)). It is mainly intended for professionals but is accessible to the public. Now there is a version of the same information written in less technical language called 'best treatments' ([www.besttreatments.org](http://www.besttreatments.org)).

An informed patient is the best kind.

### A NEW FACE

Michelle is away having her second baby and in her absence we will be having a doctor who has, until recently, been working in Stocksfield. His name is Pax, for short. I am confident that he will fit in well and be very happy to see any or all of the patients.

### EXTRA APPOINTMENTS

Karen Cousins, our community nurse, is almost at the end of her Nurse Practitioner training, which will allow her to join in a very large part of the work of the GPs. She positively welcomes the opportunity to gain experience in her new role. Please give her your support and make appointments with her as you would with any of us GPs.

### IS YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE RIGHT MEMBER OF STAFF?

The efficiency with which the practice runs depends on patients seeing the right staff member for their needs.

NEW MEDICAL PROBLEMS should be seen by a DOCTOR (or Karen).

Monitoring of existing conditions (blood pressure, asthma, contraceptive pill, cholesterol, etc.), blood samples, well person checks, ear syringing, wounds/stitches and dressings etc. should ALL be seen by the nursing staff.

# CHURCH PAGE

## CLERGY MESSAGE

### 'Doubt and Faith'

Canon Vincent Ashwin of St Cuthbert's

The Easter season is the time when doubt and faith, death and life, are focused on a group of confused Jews who said that Jesus was alive again. There is doubt here, because many Christian people say that resuscitating a corpse is the kind of thing that God does not do. It would have been quite out of character, they say, for Jesus to be well and truly dead, and then come alive again.

There is doubt, but there is also faith. Most church-goers have no problems about taking the Bible story which we heard today at face value, and believe totally that Jesus was dead, and came to life again in a physical way. Others say that they believe that Jesus Christ is alive, but in a different way. The strongest evidence for the Resurrection, they say, is the changed lives of the disciples; 11 frightened men and a few women like Mary Magdalene suddenly became confident again.

There is doubt, then, and there is faith: that God can change lives, as he changed the lives of Jesus' followers.

In Easter-tide, there is death and there is life. This year many of us have attended the funerals of people we know and love. Yet some of the funerals have been quite cheerful events. This isn't only because people have come to the end of long lives, but also because the particular people believed that death was not the end for them.

This is a strange paradox. For well over a century, people have been saying that the Church would fade gracefully away like a proud ocean-going liner taken to the scrap yard. But the funny thing is: 98 people out of 100 still want a religious service at a funeral. More people still go to church each week-end than go to football matches. Not so many go every week now; numbers are certainly down, and people do other things on Sunday mornings. But the Church is not dead; and God certainly isn't! The 40 days of Easter are a chance to celebrate that.

The different churches are a real mixed bag. But what we believe in common is that God is alive, and that faith is important. There is something bigger than the rights of individuals. The Christian faith is to do with God's community: He is the unseen guest, fully alive to us - as individuals, and in our families. The love of the living God is the glue that can bind society together into a more caring whole. God is not dead!



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

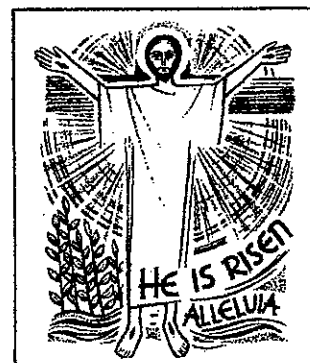
Father Leo Pyle, with St John's Catholic Church  
St John's Presbytery, North Bank 684.265

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

A final thought: Are we a Christian country? Was Easter anything more than a spring bank holiday week-end? Well, there's still a lot of Christianity about! Nobody was surprised when the bishops and other church leaders made a statement about the ethics of going to war, and when they speak about life-long loving relationships, and about caring for the needy.

Many people believe in something beyond the human race, though it doesn't so often express itself in regular church-going. The spiritual dimension is still there in many English people.

So, while being realistic about smaller numbers in churches, we can be confident that the Church will live on. Easter will still be celebrated. And we can affirm that Christ is alive in the human race, through the love of God, in a spiritual way.



## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mr R Anthony  
6.00pm Revd Vincent Ashwin

### Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Rev David Hasson  
6.00pm United Christian Aid service  
at St Cuthbert's C of England

### Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mr Mark Knowles (Family S)  
6.00pm Father Leo Pyle

### Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>

10.00am Mr Doug Hogg  
6.00pm Mr /Ms Jones

### Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>

10.00am Mr Patrick Eavis  
6.00pm Local Arrangement

Dates of the luncheon lunch, Women's Own, (Fortnightly on Wednesdays), and Men's Christian Fellowship (on certain Tuesdays) can be obtained from members.

## An Opportunity to explore the meaning of life

*Veronica Yarwood.*

Haydon Bridge Churches Together has run an Alpha course with 19 participants.

An Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner over 13 thought-provoking weekly sessions.

Alpha is especially for those wanting to investigate Christianity, for new Christians, and for those who want to brush up on the basics. Aiming to create an atmosphere of trust, where people feel free to ask questions about the Christian faith, or share their thoughts without emotional manipulation or pressure to join a congregation.

While the course recognises that not everybody finds Christianity terribly appealing, evidence from Alpha groups around the British Isles suggests that people of all ages have found the experience of some interest, if not fun. In fact, during the series in Haydon Bridge, similar Alpha course were running in other parts of the country, including Northern Ireland.

The evening event began with a leisurely evening meal, served by volunteers in the dining room of the Methodist hall. Then came the more formal part of the evening

## CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

### May 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30am All-Age Communion  
6.00pm Evensong at the Old Church  
Canon Stanley Prins.

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup>, Vincent Ashwin's  
sponsored walk for the Red Cross.  
Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Union Festival.

### May 11<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.30am Parish Communion.  
6.00pm Christian Aid Service.

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week begins  
Thur. 15<sup>th</sup> Flower Demonstration

### May 18<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30am Morning Prayer (Mike Fry)  
6.30pm Deanery Evensong, Haltwhistle

### May 25<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.30am Parish Communion & Baptism  
3.00pm Concert in church by the  
Rainbow Trust.

Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Mothers' Union  
(following 7.00pm Communion)

Thu. 29<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day  
7.00pm Holy Communion

### June 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30am All-Age Communion  
6.00pm Evensong at the Old Church

with a 40-minute video presentation on titles such as 'How can I make the most of the rest of my life?' Guests were then invited to comment, in small groups, and to pray before going home.

It was very encouraging to the organisers to find that - despite family and work commitments (such as farming) - there was 100% turn-out for the 'Away Day' held at Haltwhistle, with guest speakers from Harrogate.

Participants said how good it was to share together, and they felt more committed to their Christian faith, and to Christian values. Follow-up Bible studies, led mostly by Canon Vincent Ashwin, will begin on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church hall.



Another Alpha course is scheduled for the autumn. To learn more, phone Rev David Hasson or Father Leo Pyle. (Phones: over)

## 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.

## FLOWER DEMONSTRATION By MRS PHILIDA IRVING

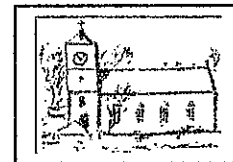
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
**Theme: LET'S CELEBRATE**

Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

Tickets: £5.00

from Mrs Joyce Armstrong (684.094)

Refreshments afterwards



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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This month sees Britain's biggest house-to-house collection, May 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>. It is nearly 40 years since the churches in Britain decided to launch its annual collection, to help the poorest of the world. The new organiser in Haydon Bridge is Mrs Moira Howard (Phone: 684.524). Nearly every house in the parish, which includes farms from Sewingshields to Stublick, will receive an envelope.

Whether it's war, drought or famine, Christian Aid works with local churches to establish projects to help farmers, buy medicines, educate about health, and make people aware of their God-given rights. So please give generously. And if your envelope is not collected, pop it through the door of the Methodist Church next time you are out in the village.

## CONCERT AT HENSHAW CHURCH

Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm

to celebrate the new Copeman Hart organ  
given in memory of Clive Tompkins

Ian Nicholson of St Peter's Monkwearmouth  
The Durham Singers  
conducted by Alan Oyston

Tickets: £3.00

from Vincent Ashwin (684.307)