

# The Haydon News



Clydesdale horses of Sillywrea Farm

by Tony Petts



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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

I'd like to begin by putting right an error in last month's Parish Council notes which I compile. Although the error concerning Tait's Yard was pointed out to me on the Sunday following the meeting, it was too late to correct as we were busy collating the issue.

So, with apologies to David Tait for any inconvenience I might have caused, the true statement should be "*that Councillors supported the outline plan for residential development at Tait's Yard*". I have also written to him.

Talking of letters, or more correctly the lack of them, you will see, in full on page 7, one letter responding to my "*suggestion*" that yellow lines be painted along Shaftoe Street. Thank you to that correspondent. Some really intriguing points are raised. Does he / she speak for everyone?

In the vicinity of Shaftoe Street we have the public toilets which are a convenience, excuse the pun, for the public.

That also means people who come from out of the area. What sort of impression do they get when they find them unusable through the mindless actions of a minority. The latest fire doesn't help! If they are closed down permanently just think what might happen if a coach party or two comes through the village expecting to use them. Will they content themselves by 'hanging on' until they get to Haltwhistle or Hexham. I think not! They'll use whatever convenient hedge, wall or lay-by adding to the growing problem of litter on the A69. Then what? Keeping the toilets clean and tidy on a regular basis is one thing, but Billy Carruthers should get a medal for turning out for the second time that day, to clear up the disgusting mess.

Finally, as you will see from page 12 no-one got last month's crossword right. I have highlighted the two clues that had everyone stumped – apart from the entry from 'Ted Castle' that is. Nice one! Brings a little humour into an otherwise dull, and at times, frightening world.

*Richard A D Snowden (Editor)*

## HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

*Meeting held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2003  
Haydon Bridge Community Centre*

### Present were:

Six Councillors, the Vice-Chair, the County Councillor and the Parish Clerk.

Apologies were tabled from four Councillors.

Five members of the public were present throughout.

The Vice-Chair, Cllr Philp, opened proceedings by reminding Councillors, and other interested parties, that nomination papers for the forthcoming Council Elections had to be returned by noon 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003

Cllr Philp indicated that she would not be standing for re-election. Cllr Garrow also indicated that she also would not be looking for re-election.

### Public Participation:

1. After a walk, a week past Saturday, a couple had had the need to use the public toilets. However, they were in a deplorable state, totally unusable, absolutely disgusting!! Cllr Garrow was contacted and Billy Carruthers turned out to clear the mess. It appears that he had only done his usual clean-up at 3pm that afternoon!

The Council wanted it on the record that Billy was to be thanked for carrying out this task – not one to be relished.

The Council is becoming increasingly

concerned at the way the toilets are treated and, as they are Tynedale's responsibility, there will have to be a review of the situation and to look at opening times.

Cllr Garrow told the Council that the toilets are closed anyway due to someone having set fire to them!

2. The area down by the picnic area is becoming a dumping ground for all sorts of rubbish. Not only was a bed found there recently but there are now sheets of asbestos. Mr Humble is to be contacted to find out what he intends doing to about all the rubbish which would appear to be accumulating on his land.

Asbestos removal will have to be carried out by authorised firms.

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

A) Problem with bollards on Church Street has been passed on to Tynedale.

B) Graffiti has appeared on the wall next to the old Post Office. Perhaps the team who re-painted the underpass might be gainfully employed removing this.

C) The litter bin outside the cemetery is to be repaired. Geoff Jackson will undertake the job.

D) The salt bin in Station Yard does not belong to NCC therefore they can not service it. There is a need to have

one!

E) Parking on Shaftoe Street is to be looked at by an Officer from TDC.

F) The bridge over Honeycrook Burn will be replaced over the summer. Council apologises for the delay in seeing to this matter.

G) The ditch at Standalone is to be cleared.

H) Funds have been allocated to provide two lamps; one at Belmont where some tree trimming will be required before it can be put in place and one beside the school on the Langley road.

I) Trees are being cleared at the High School. Is this in preparation for the provision of a "Half-pipe" for skateboarders etc? Council will wait and see.

J) No news yet about the arrival of a skip, or indeed the date for the annual Spring Clean. Watch this space.

### Tynedale Council Minutes:

Cllrs Mitchell and Smith were not present but had sent a report.

Further to concerns raised by Cllr Charlton last month both Hordley Acres House and Heslop's Yard have been looked at by Safety Officers from TDC. In their opinion neither constitutes any danger to the public!!

It would be very interesting to know how they would respond if there were to be an accident caused by falling slates and masonry. And the property owners would be liable.

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1. Concerns are being expressed about the traffic build up and congestion on Church Street.

These mainly centre around the timings of the deliveries to the Co-op. Recently the lorry has been unloading at about 8.15 just when the buses are trying to get to and from schools. Gridlock develops causing chaos.

Can the Co-op arrange deliveries for later in the morning to avoid this problem? Cllr Charlton indicated that there was supposed to be a timetable of delivery times but, depending on the size of the delivery these times could not be guaranteed as they have to fit in with deliveries to other shops.

The Clerk is to write to the Co-op expressing concerns.

2. It was reported that there are a great number of pot-holes on the cemetery road, the road up towards Castle Farm, Plankey Mill etc. They are very bad and need urgent attention.

**Bypass:** The exhibition had been welcomed but Cllrs had had to point out some factual errors. The exhibition team were from Manchester and not Leeds which might explain the errors.

It is hoped that construction will begin as planned as the time delay built in is in case of objections to the scheme. Let's hope there are none.

Cllr Horncastle informed the meeting that at a recent NCC meeting the A69 was on the agenda with concerns about overtaking and the accident blackspots being highlighted. There seems to be a good case for dualling the A69 because of these incidents but senior officials don't seem to be interested in this as they seem to think it far better to concentrate on the upgrading of the A66. Enough said!

### Planning Applications:

Conversion of buildings at Middle Lipwood Farm.

### Correspondence:

Mrs Florence Turnbull's granddaughter has submitted a request for the provision of a seat to commemorate her grandmother. The Council looked favourably on this request dis-

cussing various sites up by the Toft's. However, TDC would need to be contacted to check on the safety of these places. Cllr Garrow has a catalogue showing the different types of bench.

Further discussion to be held at the meeting at the end of April.

### Play Area at Shaftoe First School:

Pauline Wallis has informed the Council that NCC has signed the agreement in principle but the next steps are crucial and time limited. Notably the date for site preparation. Three alternative dates were proposed but having agreed to the one in August things are very tight!

Money / funding was not discussed at this stage but it is believed that the PC has set aside funds for the scheme.

### Post Codes

Cllr Charlton raised this issue because of an apparently increasing number of enquiries from the public wanting to know where a particular house is. Example "Where is Springfield?" It is believed that there are more than two in the area so difficulties arise in trying to figure out which one.

So. Please try to use the **post code** so that a general idea of the area of the Parish can be given.

**Question.** Do You Know Your Post Code?

### Countryside Agency Map "Open Country".

The PC wishes it to be known that the only copy of this will be placed in the village Library for those wishing to consult it. Any reports, comments or queries should be addressed to the Parish Clerk in writing by the beginning of May.

### Village Projects

None seemed to be forthcoming except;

Cllr Garrow who intends standing down at the next election raised the issue of "*Who will fly the flags in the village?*"

Seriously though,; Someone will be needed to hoist the village's flags on the appropriate days. Let the PC know if you are interested.

### RADS



### Information (in case you don't get the Hexham Courant)

Work is to begin on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the west end of the village.

A new access is to be constructed onto the Innerhaugh site from the A69 in preparation for the new development.

Work is expected to last six weeks depending on the weather.

There will be some lane closures but these will be restricted to off-peak times.

During the works there will be a temporary 30mph limit connecting with the present 30mph limit in the village.

### Date / Time of next meeting:

24<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 7.30pm

### Venue:

Langley Village Hall

### 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!!*

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MARTHA HELEN DAVIDSON

Two amendments are required to the 'notes' of February/March 2003 (issue 02).

Martha Helen Davidson died aged 48 years, and she died on 9th September 1834

When searching among the dusty shelves at an antiquarian and second-hand book fair in 1998, a pleasure I enjoy on a regular basis by the way, I came across a biography which had numerous references to Haydon Bridge. Something of a surprise to me but a worthwhile purchase for someone interested in the history of our village. The £20 book was eventually knocked down to me for a fiver.

Reading in the national and local press, in January 2002, that an ex-Haydon Bridge resident had left a share of £1 million to Hexham Abbey along with Durham Cathedral and the National Trust, I decided that it was time to look again at my original purchase. After reading the book once more, I made my own note that. *"Here are a couple with Haydon Bridge connections whose exploits would make an intriguing film"*. Almost on a par with the Martin Family perhaps?

It occurred to me at the time that there was more than enough material in this life story to satisfy the modern producers pre-occupation with romantic liaisons, sex and explicit language.

You can imagine my interest then when in January 2003 the BBC started filming a world television drama called, *"To Love Again"* starring Hugh Bonneville as Philip Larkin, the poet, and Tara Fitzgerald as his 'muse' Monica Jones. The film explores Larkin's relationship with four women, the most important being Monica, a college lecturer with whom he was involved on and off for thirty-eight years, from his first sight of her in 1947 when he was an assistant Librarian at the University College of Leicester, until his death on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1985.

**Monica Jones occupied a house in Haydon Bridge from 1961 until 1984.**

Clearly I am not qualified to write an authoritative piece on either Philip Larkin or Monica Jones. I had neither

great knowledge of nor interest in Larkin and his writing before I became fully aware of his association with Haydon Bridge, although I have made an effort to read and understand his poems in recent years and a knowledge of his life and character helps considerably in this regard.

As for Monica Jones, I can remember seeing her as she went about her daily business, but never met her and was blissfully unaware of her private life carried out behind the door of her house on Ratcliffe Road. A life now laid bare in print and probably soon to be seen worldwide on television.

I wonder whether anyone in our village really knew Miss Jones, the occasional occupier of the stone-built terraced cottage opposite the Post Office, and her significance in the life of one of the greatest poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Of course she had neighbours, had her post delivered, her windows cleaned, general house repairs carried out and visited our village shops for her essential purchases, but maybe it wasn't until she left the property in 1984 and a number of inquisitive visitors turned up on her doorstep, and in one case retrieved unopened correspondence from behind the door opening onto Ratcliffe Road, that the rest of us suddenly sat up and began to take notice.

For these 'notes' my research into Philip Larkin's life centred around his relationship with Monica Jones and specifically the Haydon Bridge connection. To understand the story however it is necessary to consider some background information, Larkin's character and to dip in and out of his other relationships.

Philip Larkin was born in Coventry on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1922 to Eva and Sydney. Parents and a subsequent family life he strongly resents in his writing. For example in 1946 he wrote, *"Let me remember that the only married state I intimately know (i.e. that of my parents) is bloody hell"*. His upbringing

had a significant influence on his own lifelong attitude that, *"Human beings should not live together"* and that *"Children should be taken from their parents at an early age"*. And yet, Eva his *"Awful whining mother"* had a major part to play in shaping his poems, life and relationships. Her demands on his time and his regular visits to see her as a dutiful son until her death on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1977 aged 91, gave him a reason to maintain the independence he craved, while at the same time entering into a series of relationships with other women, often simultaneously.

After graduating from Oxford with a First Class Honours degree in English, Larkin became a Librarian in Wellington, Shropshire in 1943 where he met Ruth Bowman and on her eighteenth birthday they became lovers and were eventually engaged to be married.

Monica Jones was born on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1922 an only child. Her father Frederick was Welsh and her mother was Margaret Lily (nee Peart) from St John's Chapel near Stanhope. It was this north east connection to which Monica's move to Haydon Bridge in 1961 has been attributed. Monica read English at Oxford and in 1943 she applied for a job at Leicester University where she remained all her working life.

In 1946 Philip Larkin was appointed Assistant Librarian at the University College of Leicester and it was here where Miss Jones entered into his life.

In 1950 the embers of Larkin's seven year relationship with Ruth Bowman were cooling while his three year friendship with Monica Jones was becoming more intimate.

In October 1950 Philip Larkin moved to Queen's University Belfast as Sub-Librarian. An escape perhaps from his engagement to Ruth, his affair with Monica and the increasing demands on his life by Eva his mother with whom

he had lived since his father's death in 1948.

Larkin's life became more complicated as new relationships developed in Belfast. A flirtatious friendship with Winifred Arnott, a graduate working in the Library, and a promiscuous liaison with his friend's wife, Patsy Strang.

Monica's selfless commitment to their relationship surmounted any problems Larkin's affairs may have caused. They continued to meet regularly in Belfast and Leicester and go on holiday together. Theirs was a friendship described by Larkin as, *"intimate and undemanding"*. Monica was not intruding upon his independence!

In March 1955 Philip Larkin took up the position of Librarian at the University of Hull and in the same year 700 copies of a collection of his work, *"The Less Deceived"* was published. It was dedicated to 'Miss Monica Jones'. This wasn't his first publication but it established his reputation as one of the foremost poets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Apart from Eva, his mother, with whom he had a love-hate relationship, Larkin's main companion away from his work and literary friends was Monica who lived in Leicester. Monica Jones is described as suiting Philip Larkin as, *"their affair was always conducted at a distance, she was full of fun as well as his most intellectually stimulating companion. And she was willing to go to bed with him whenever he wanted"*. They both accepted that they were best off as they had always been, *"Loving but unmarried"*. I assume that this satisfied Larkin particularly, given his determination to live alone without threat to his independence.

Late in 1959 Monica Jones's mother and father died within two months of each other. The cosy relationship Larkin was enjoying was at once threatened. Monica's singular love for him meant that she had few other friends. Without her parents would she become more reliant on him? Would she want to move into his Hull home with him? She might even approach the subject to which he could never reconcile himself. Marriage!!

When Monica needed her lover most, Philip Larkin in his despair at what the future might hold with her, turned to a member of his staff at Hull University for succour. Maeve Brennan. Larkin and Maeve had worked together for five years but in early 1960 he encouraged a more personal relationship. A defence against Monica's sense of being, *"so alone"*. A new threat to his independent lifestyle.

Was Philip Larkin unfairly selfish for much of his life or did he truly believe that marriage and domesticity would have been detrimental to his writing?

Maeve Brennan was of a strong Catholic faith and her principles determined that she would not enter into a sexual relationship outside marriage. Her close friendship with Larkin is described as, *"sensual but not intimate"*. Philip Larkin was now dealing with the anxiety caused by three very different relationships. The two lovers in his life, Monica Jones and Maeve Brennan and his responsibilities to his widowed mother.

Monica had been in this situation before of course, only this time, her spirits low following the death of her parents, she tried hard to make a change. When she discovered Larkin's feelings for Maeve, feelings emphasised by hundreds of letters sent between them, she was particularly depressed and determined to have a house of her own, far away from Hull and Leicester where she would try to live a life less dependent on Larkin.

Monica was drawn to the north east where her mother Margaret had lived. In September 1961 she bought 1A Ratcliffe Road in our village, where she would live at weekends and during her University vacations.

The book I purchased in 1998 that introduced me to Philip Larkin and his Haydon Bridge connection was **Andrew Motion's** authoritative biography, *"A Writers Life"* published by Faber and Faber in 1993. The biography was written with Monica Jones' full support and help and Andrew Motion describes to the reader the small house in Haydon Bridge. *"Two up and two down, white painted, simple, on*

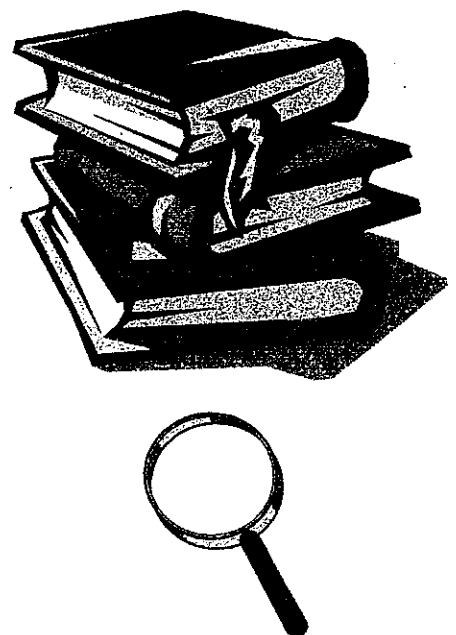
*the main Newcastle to Carlisle road, it looked nothing at all from the front. At the back (Monica) discovered a kind of miracle: the river Tyne, seventy five yards across at this point inland, rushing a few feet beyond the kitchen window – placid and muttering in summer, swollen and angry in winter, crashing branches against the old stone bridge which stands a short distance down stream. Monica wanted the house because of this view, because Haydon Bridge was an excellent starting point for holidays and sight-seeing in the north of England....."*

Philip Larkin wasn't impressed by Monica's move to become less dependent upon him. Haydon Bridge is over 150 miles from where he lived in Hull and Larkin didn't drive a car when Monica first bought the property. A journey by public transport via York and Newcastle was not one that he would have looked forward to. It is very likely that Larkin's first thoughts about our village in the *'Far North'* would have advanced his natural tendency to gloom and depression.

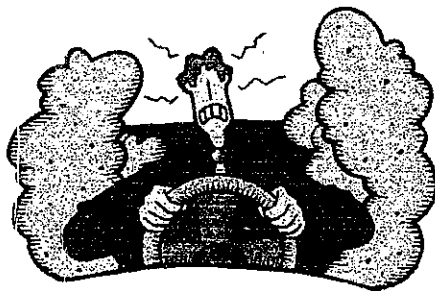
Not for long however. As soon as Philip Larkin visited Monica here for the first time, he changed his mind about her house and he soon began to appreciate its Haydon Bridge location.

*Who wouldn't!!?*

(to be continued)



## CORRESPONDENCE



Dear Editor

In reply to the complaints and Council concerns about the parking in Shaftoe Street.

As a resident for over 10 years I find it only fair that I comment on the parking/traffic situation that has increased dramatically in the last few years.

Anybody living in the street could tell you that through the week when the children are at school between the hours of 9.00am & 3.00pm the area is like a ghost street, relatively devoid of traffic. The times between 8.30 & 9.00am and 3.00 & 4.00pm this situation changes, hoping I am not the only one that recognises a possible pattern emerging here. Yes, it seems that if parents could walk their children to school rather than use their vehicles the problem of other parents crossing the road would be solved.

Now I realise that all parents can't do this. Living in a rural area the amount of children living in outlying areas is quite significant. But living in the street, seeing the faces behind the wheels of the cars that go past you soon realise that the vast majority of the traffic belongs to Haydon Bridge residents.

I feel as though I should take issue also with the Councillor that raised the point of the school bus getting stuck on numerous occasions in Shaftoe Street and the school children having to walk to school.

In my view there seems to be the use of artistic licence to dramatise the situation. Admittedly on one occasion the school bus was held up coming back from swimming lessons behind an oil tanker making a delivery of domestic fuel to a household in Shaftoe street (not the result of parked cars). With

the swimming already being late and the children at risk of missing their lunches the teachers present took the option of walking the children the last 300yds to school.

Although the majority of people living on the street will admit that there is a problem, the Council themselves only seem to be adding to this by approving planning permission to a further seven dwellings in what used to be the Antique shop and associated buildings thus creating the need for more parking. In this day and age of two cars per

household being the national norm rather than the one, the prospects seem to be even more chaotic. Even though assurances were made that ample parking would be available to the new homeowners, 5 internal parking places for seven dwellings seems inadequate.

Knowing that a lot of concern was expressed by local residents at the parking requirements of the new houses at the consultation stages of the planning permission, the Council still agreed to the development. So I find the situation even more ludicrous that the Council should find the parking in Shaftoe Street unacceptable now, even before the development is finished. (Incidentally one dwelling is complete and the family have moved in and their car is always parked out on the street!)

With a thriving local Grocery Store, a popular fish and Chip Shop, the ever increasing popularity of the Indian Takeaway and three busy Public Houses you don't have to be a rocket scientist to realise that with the added complication that all the residents cars are back from work the evening times and weekends are a nightmare with no easy solution.

I hope this letter has opened a few eyes to the fact that the residents parking their cars on the street is not the reason for the main of the congestion. In fact sensible parking by the aforesaid is the only reason that the road is not blocked more regular.

Yours Sincerely

*Anonymous*

[ Editor's note: the full name and address of the correspondent has been given to me]

### OVER 60's CLUB

It was with great sadness that the Over 60's met for the first time since the death of their Chairman, Mrs Florence Turnbull. A founder member of the Club together with Mrs P Stewart and Mrs Reynolds it started over fifty years ago.

It flourished for many, many years with a large membership but like other similar societies this is now much reduced. She will be greatly missed for her driving force, her expertise, her enthusiasm and her loyalty.

The Speaker was **Mrs Enid Garrow** who captivated her audience with tales of her early life as a very young teacher in charge of **Grindon School**.

Life there appears to have been very hard coping with very primitive conditions and many of the members could identify with her difficulties and thoroughly enjoyed talking over old times.

A delightful lady who brought a great deal of pleasure to a sad evening. We all hope that she will visit us again.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Iris Waugh.

During the business meeting by an unanimous vote it was decided that all meetings in future will take place in the afternoon from 2pm to 4pm.

The members wished **Mrs Sparke** a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**.

*Myra Bowen.*

### DANCE CLUB

Where did we go? Haltwhistle Masonic Hall where most of the dancers were from Haydon Bridge Dance Club.

A most enjoyable evening with a good variety of dances and George was DJ for the night.

These are going to be monthly venues until December with the exception of July and August.

Time is getting near to our Easter Bonnet and dyed egg competition to be held on Easter Monday. The judges will be Val & Brian Bell - so get busy!

The next dance we hope to show will be the Waltz Marie, a lovely dance and not too difficult.

*DJ Jim Biggs*



## LIFE CYCLE 2003

Dear Friends

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2003 a 50 strong team will be arriving at Manchester Airport from Malta to try and complete the "Life Cycle 2003 - Braveheart Challenge" a 1100 mile journey up into the Highlands and back in only 9 days. There will be 40 cyclists and a 10 person back-up team involved in the event which will be covered by both the Maltese and UK media as we try and raise money for charity.

Being a Haydonian by birth and having cycled to Haydon Bridge from Malta back in 1999 to launch Life Cycle in its first year, I always had intentions of bringing over a group to show them the breath-taking scenery and unique weather of the UK.

To date we have cycled to Lourdes, Assisi and a Tri Island Challenge around Malta, Gozo and Sicily apart from the Haydon Bridge adventure and have raised almost half-a-million sterling for persons suffering from Renal Failure.

If you would like to find out more then please check out our website:

[www.lifecyclechallenge.com](http://www.lifecyclechallenge.com)  
and sign the guest book.

The details of the route are still to be finalised but we will be coming through the village either staying overnight or staying nearby using the village as a checkpoint. I am trying to find suitable accommodation in the village for the group and have tried e-mailing the

High School to see if they could accommodate us in their large Hall. Shaftoe Trust First School or the Sports Centre also would be most suitable for our needs as there are adequate showers and room to put down sleeping bags. Obviously we will be arriving late and leaving early and the place will be left as it is found, that I can guarantee.

**Can you help use as we will be arriving on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003?**

I would also like to invite any of the cyclists over there (Zeb, Ernie, etc.) to join us on our route up towards Kielder and into Scotland, and anyone fancying a Sunday drive to follow the cyclists in order to give them morale support. I've told the group of the Geordie hospitality so they are excited at seeing the village. I can also offer to give a talk on 'Life Cycle' to any of the Institutions in the village should they wish to listen to me and the Committee and it will be a good chance for them to ask the team questions, and it would also please them!

I will be keeping you up-to-date with events as they unfold up to the start of the event and will be coming over in April / May to check out the route.

Keep up the excellent work and it goes without saying that "You can take the boy out of the village, but never take the village out of the boy"

Still miss it even after all these years.

Alan Curry

E-mail: [curry@maltanet.net](mailto:curry@maltanet.net)

## NATURAL REMEDIES FOR A HEALTHY BODY

### Menopause

This is a natural process in a woman's life but there are several ways to make the passage through it easier. The main treatment from a G.P is usually Hormone Replacement Therapy (H.R.T) however this is not suitable for everyone and many ladies prefer a more natural approach.

The menopause can begin at any stage of womanhood but most commonly occurs in the late forties or early fifties. This is usually when the balance of the hormones in the body starts to change with a lowering of *oestrogen* and *pro-*

*gesterone* production (and increased levels of *luteinizing* hormone - LH secretions).

These hormonal changes can result in symptoms such as flushing. As well as hot flushes we have ladies report symptoms such as night sweats, mood swings, depression, forgetfulness, fatigue, headaches, breast tenderness and vaginal dryness.

Some research has found that using *vitamin E* may help to reduce the symptoms of the menopause. We recommend that ladies begin with 200iu *Vitamin E* complex and (if needed) gradually work up to a higher dosage. Most ladies report back to us hav-

ing found relief at a 400iu complex dosage. Other studies have found *Evening Primrose* to be helpful because it contains G.L.A which is helpful for balancing hormones and is important for the production of *oestrogen*. We recommend *Evening Primrose* to be taken at 1,000 mg (3 a day) for the first couple of months then most ladies say one a day after that is usually enough to control the symptoms.

*Isoflavones* are substances chemically similar to *oestrogen* and they are found in many natural foods especially *soya*.

In some countries in the Far East where 3 -4 portions of *soya* are eaten per day there is no word for hot flush in their languages. They also suffer from fewer of the other menopausal symptoms too.

*Tofu* contains a good dose of the active ingredients of *soya* that balance the hormones. Other ways to increase your intake of *soya* are to eat *Soya mince, soya milk, soya cheese, soya yoghurts, soya desserts, soya ice-cream*.

Other herbs that help to balance the hormones are *Red Clover, Sage, Dong Quai, Agnus Castus*. One of the best researched herbs is *Black Cohosh* - clinical research has shown it to help with symptoms such as hot flushes, depression and vaginal atrophy.

It is believed that because of falling *oestrogen* levels postmenopausal ladies may be at a higher risk of *osteoporosis* and *heart disease*. *Isoflavones* may help to protect against the risk of these two diseases but dietary and lifestyle factors are also important.

Ladies going through the menopause should limit their intake of alcohol, caffeine, sugar and spicy foods as some ladies find these can set off hot flushes and mood swings. They may also cause the blood to become too acidic which increases the loss of *calcium* from the body. To reduce the risk of *osteoporosis* many of our customers choose to take a supplement containing *calcium, magnesium* and *boron* - the important minerals for bone health.

Moderate exercise may also be beneficial - ladies who exercise report fewer severe hot flushes.

Jill I Henderson  
(Holland & Barrett - Hexham)



Dear 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'

I am researching my family ancestors from Haydon Bridge.

I have little information except the following:

- 1) The surname is *Armstrong*.
- 2) My Great, Great, Grandfather was *George Armstrong*.
- 3) in a family Bible I found an inventory of household goods from a residence called "*Lipwood House*" - 1860.

I know this is sketchy but can anyone assist me in my search?

Yours sincerely

**David Pearson**  
(based in Florida - USA)

E-mail:  
[David@davidpearsondesign.com](mailto:David@davidpearsondesign.com)

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

### Your Chance to Celebrate or Name in Style

PARENTS wishing to celebrate the birth of their child in style or couples wishing to renew their marriage vows will now be able to do so in Northumberland.

From the 1 April 2003, Northumberland Registration Service, in partnership with Civil Ceremonies Ltd, will be offering naming ceremonies and reaffirmation of vows ceremonies.

The non-religious ceremonies can take place at any of the 43 venues in Northumberland - including country hotels and historic castles - that are currently approved for civil marriages. Both ceremonies offer a unique opportunity for families to celebrate these special occasions.

For further information contact:

**Morpeth Register Office on (01670) 513232/517111.**

Even further information is available from:

**Nic Outterside, Press Officer, Northumberland County Council**  
**Tel: 01670 534251**

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

See all our latest news at: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/press](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/press)

Haydon Bridge Community Association together with "**HIGHLIGHTS RURAL TOURING**" are promoting a show packed with extraordinary stunts, riotous comedy, chaotic clowning, dazzling juggling, mad mono-cycling and a hint of danger!

The show, given by "**Circus Berzerkus**" will be staged on:

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**  
in the Community Centre.



Reg Charity No. PH / 522069/R

Tickets for the performance are priced at **£4.50 / £2.50** and **Family tickets** are **£12.00**. These are available from **Valerie or Brian Bell** on: **01 434 684 705** or from **Clarke or Marsh** newsagents or **Iris Waugh**

Circus Berzerkus

### A Comedy of Errors

Two brilliant performers - Juggler Ben Cornish and Clown Steve Eldridge combine to bring you a show packed with extraordinary stunts, riotous comedy, chaotic clowning, dazzling juggling, mad mono-cycling and a hint of danger! Suitable for the whole family.



Grange Village Hall	Wed 2 April
Kirkby Stephen Grammar School	Thurs 3 April
Haydon Bridge Community Centre	Fri 4 April
Skiwith Social Hall	Sat 5 April



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**11 Tynedale Cottages**  
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**Haydon Bridge**  
**Northumberland**  
**NE47 6EU**

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## FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR 2003

As the subscription to cover the current year is now due please complete the box below, enclose it and the appropriate subscription in an envelope addressed to:

**The Membership Secretary (Mike Parkin)**  
**Friends of Haydon Bridge**  
**'The Rambler'**  
**Brigwood**  
**Haydon Bridge**  
**Northumberland**  
**NE47 6EX**

( If you live locally just use the top two lines of the address and leave it at the *Co-op, John Clarkes or Marsh's newsagents* from where it will be collected )

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.

#### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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New advertising or any queries should be addressed to **The Editor (address to be found on page 2)**  
or please phone: 01 434 688 871



### **NEW BUS PASS AGE LIMIT IS NO JOKE**

Joking apart, April Fools day this year will mark Tynedale Council's introduction of a new lower age limit for gentlemen on its concessionary bus pass.

From April 1<sup>st</sup>, men as young as 60 will now be eligible for the bus pass, which was previously only available to those 65 and older, women over 60 and disabled people of any age. The pass offers unlimited half price travel on bus journeys between 9am and 11pm every day and all day on Bank Holidays and at weekends.

As part of the requirements to meet the Transport Act 2000, the council introduced the scheme in 2001 and negotiated with bus operators to offer concessionary travel around Tynedale as well as to neighbouring destinations including Newcastle, Gateshead, the Metrocentre and Consett, Alston, Carlisle and Jedburgh.

Reduced taxi fares are also available for pass holders from many taxi firms in Tynedale.

Chief Executive of the council, Richard Robson, said: "This scheme encourages local people to use public transport to travel around the area more cheaply. The rural nature of the district can make it more difficult for people to travel around and beyond Tynedale but unlimited cheap transport costs on buses and in taxis is making nearby places much more accessible for all local residents who are disabled or over 60."

For more information or to obtain an application form for the bus pass please contact:

**Nicola Graham** in **Central Administration** at **Hadrian House** on **Market Street, Hexham.**  
telephone **01 434 652 205.**

You can also download the form and guidance notes from the council's website at:

[www.tynedale.gov.uk](http://www.tynedale.gov.uk).

Completed forms should be returned with proof of eligibility and two passport photos.

## **Check One, Check Two, Testing..... THE NEW 'SHAFTOE MUSIC CENTRE'!!!**



After many months of eager anticipation, the final pieces of equipment and furniture will soon be delivered into the new music area, creating a well-equipped resource for the school and its community.

- ◆ 2 large classrooms: one housing a new set of keyboards and computers complete with up-to-date music software and access to the internet; the other, a large flexible performance area with easily stacking tables and storage.
- ◆ 3 generous sized practice-rooms for use by peripatetic instrumental teachers and their students.
- ◆ 2 well-equipped music technology rooms: one devoted to recording skills, complete with cabling and sound-proof windows into each of the classrooms and state-of-the-art recording equipment; the other housing 3 computer work-stations.
- ◆ An array of new instruments, including Latin-American percussion, electric and bass guitars plus amplification

The Community Band, led by Justin Radford, continue to use the space on Tuesday evenings, while Jo James our new singing teacher has just started a vibrant new choir. The school ceilidh band has also enjoyed using the space.

More impressive is the ability for the area to successfully house many simultaneous activities and to allow GCSE and A-Level students to work on their projects in and out of lesson time.

All of this is only possible because of the generous funding from the County Council, and more locally with a very generous grant from the Shaftoe Educational Foundation for equipment.



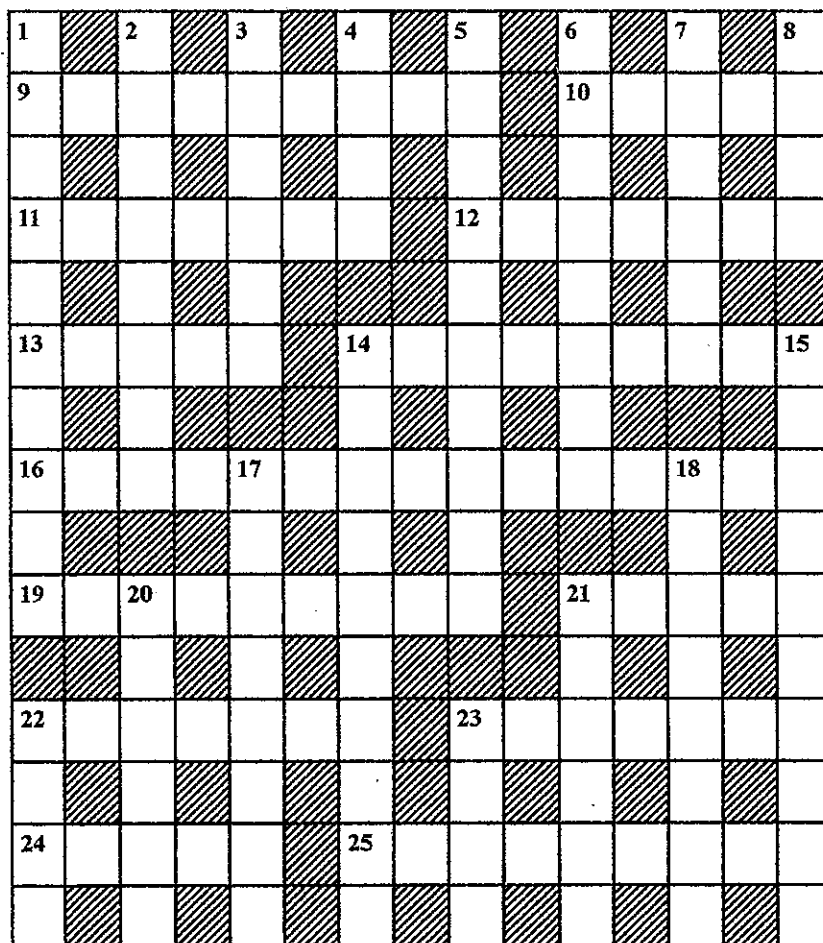
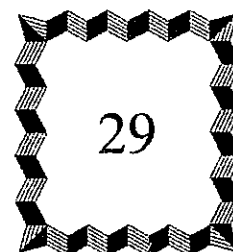
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From All of Us at HBHS!**



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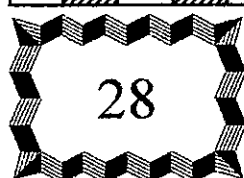


## ACROSS

9. Young animals. (9)
10. Site of American battle. (5)
11. Final contest between competing groups. (7)
12. Pacific islanders. (7)
13. There in Yorkshire. (5)
14. Residents of European capital. (9)
16. Aristocrat with Lyme connections. (15)
19. Severely. (9)
21. Many. (5)
22. Former residence of 16. (7)
23. W. African state. (7)
24. Comic. (5)
25. In which things may be hidden or lost. (4,5)

## DOWN

1. Famously in Newcastle but also in Haydon. (4,6)
2. Chilly stream, village in Cumbria. (8)
3. Whiten. (6)
4. Fairy tale beginning. (4)
5. Action taken by one lost. (4,3,3)
6. Sat upright with mental illness in island. (8)
7. Caribbean republic? Graduate grandmother's there. (6)
8. Stirling, but not on moving rock. (4)
14. Girl has main part in musical. (6,4)
15. PC, devoted to particular study liaises before tea? (10)
17. As someone may be read. (4,4)
18. Form of message. (8)
20. First for American novelist, last for cricketer. (6)
21. Household, often with three in France. (6)
22. Smokers island? (4)
23. Disappear without trace in kitchen. (4)



Entries were received from:

A. Phillips  
Rene Armstrong  
Ted Castle  
R. Shout  
A. Scott  
B. Pearson  
Maureen Robson  
Susan Stephenson  
Trevor Corbett  
Dorothy Tait  
Dennis Telford

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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before  
MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April 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:  
**NO WINNER THIS TIME**

## DR. STEVE FORD'S PAGE

### HOOPS TO JUMP THROUGH - KEEP FIT FOR GPS.

A little, probably apocryphal, tale from Bomber Command in WW2 illustrating the problem of hitting a target accurately: *Bomb aimer guiding the pilot as their plane approaches the target 'Left a bit.....right a bit.....back a bit....'*

Whereas there was a time, very long ago, when general practice was largely an autonomous phenomenon, played according to the rules that each individual GP made up for him or herself, we have now reached the point where prior approval in triplicate is required to scratch or break wind. Targets exist for a host of items, ranging from immunisations and smears to prescribing issues. The air is thick with paper, forms for every clinical eventuality swirl like a blizzard. If in doubt – sign a form – any form!

Improved performance, to which we all aspire, can only be achieved by measuring and recording things but I and many others suspect that the pendulum has now swung to the point where the bureaucracy has ceased to help and has instead become a direct threat to both the quality and quantity of care that can be delivered.

Here are a few of the current or recent items, they change about annually:

*Quinolones (a valuable and expensive group of antibiotics that need to be used with great discretion – lest they become ineffective). Target = less than ten prescriptions per thousand patients per annum.*

*Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs ('arthritis tablets' some of which are either of no proven advantage over older versions or pointlessly expensive). Target = more than 85% of those prescribed to be on an approved list.*

*Bendroflumazide (a mild thiazide diuretic that is peculiarly useful, especially in LOW dose, in the treatment of raised blood pressure whilst also being stunningly cheap). Target = more than 85% of prescriptions for thiazides to be for the LOW strength of bendroflumazide.*

*Generic drugs (Harpic [the brand name] is a proprietary bleach [the generic name]). For decades it has been preached that all prescriptions should be for the generic name of a drug. There are a few drugs to which this rule does not apply). Target = more than 72% generic prescriptions.*

*Antibiotics in general (of the scores of antibiotics available only a handful are required in almost all circumstances, this preserves the value of those that are less used and reduces costs). Target = more than 80% of prescriptions for antibiotics to be from the 'handful' specified.*

*Beta-adrenoceptor antagonists (commonly known as beta blockers, they end in -olol, as in atenolol. There are a score or more but almost all clinical needs can be fully met*

*with a handful of inexpensive ones). Target = more than 80% of prescription for this group to be from the specified 'handful'.*

*Pre-school booster immunisations. Target = more than 90% of eligible children.*

*Pre-school MMR booster. Target = more than 90% of eligible children.*

*Other childhood immunisations. Target = more than 90% of eligible children.*

*Cervical smears. Target = more than 80% of the eligible group of women – no allowance for women declining to be tested.*

*Written evidence of compliance with NHS complaints procedures. Yes or no?*

*Influenza vaccines. Target = more than 65% of the over 65s – including refusers.*

*Appointment system. 24 hour access to primary care professional. 48 hour access to a general practitioner. Appropriate written contracts of employment for staff. Appropriate 'human resource (HR) management' policies.*

*Fair recruitment and selection. Achievement of HR performance framework and 'Improved working lives' standards? GPs on Health Authority list. GPs hold appropriate qualification (JCPGT). GPs performing minor surgery hold appropriate qualifications. Nurses registered with UKCC. 'Professions allied to medicine' properly qualified? 30 hours per annum, minimum, continuing professional development. Practice and professional development plan submitted. Participation in audit. Health and safety considerations relating to premises. All of these are 'yes or no' questions.*

*That's just for starters. Northumberland is miles ahead of the rest of the UK in having a well set-up method for painlessly collecting a mass of anonymised clinical data from practice computers on-line. This is used, amongst other things, to monitor progress with some nationally agreed programmes called National Service Frameworks or NSFs for short. These currently cover coronary heart disease (CHD), mental health, cancer, diabetes, older people and sexual health.*

Detailed statistics are circulated to the practices quarterly, giving not only the numbers of people within the affected groups but also the progress that has been made in monitoring, treating them and keeping up with the targets given in our contracts of employment. This makes for fascinating reading but it's meaning is not always clear at first glance. Does a practice with few diabetics have a healthier population or does it mean that they have not yet been found? Does a practice with large numbers of people with coronary heart disease (CHD) really face a major problem or is it due to a doctor or nurse entering chest pain into the computer as angina and then forgetting to change it later when the patient remembers the curry they had the night before?

It should also be remembered that heart attack, angina, stroke, transient ischaemic attack (mini-stroke, TIA) and peripheral vascular disease (cold pulseless feet, PVD) are all basically the same disease, furred up arteries, showing up in

different ways. So considering them under different headings is actually a bit misleading. There are moves afoot to re-title stroke as 'brain attack' to match the more familiar 'heart attack'.

The targets for disease management are measured quarterly and there are set targets for the year. To add to the confusion there are targets set for both contractual purposes and for purposes of local 'clinical governance' – they do not always match, I have given the higher figures!

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients with blood pressure measured in the last six months. Target = 75%.*

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients with smoking status recorded in the last 5 years. Target = 70%.*

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients screened for diabetes in the last three years. Target = 70%.*

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients receiving aspirin in the last 6 months or who are known to be unable to tolerate it. Target = 80%.*

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients less than 70 years of age with a cholesterol measurement in the last six months. Target = 65%.*

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients less than 70 years of age whose latest six monthly cholesterol is less than 5mmol/l. Target = 25%.*

*Percentage of CHD, stroke, TIA and PVD patients aged over 60 with atrial fibrillation (an irregular heart beat) who are taking aspirin or warfarin or who are known to be intolerant of both. Target = 80%.*

*Percentage of patients who have had a heart attack who are taking a beta-blocker. No actual target but it would be 100%. If you have had a heart attack you really should be taking a beta-blocker and a cholesterol lowering drug unless there are compelling reasons not to.*

*Percentage of diabetics tested for sugar level and blood pressure in the last six months. Target = 75%. Accuracy of control of both also measured.*

*Percentage of patients with raised blood pressure who have been checked within the last six months and are satisfactorily controlled. Target = 85%.*

*Blood pressure and smoking status recorded in all patients over 15 years of age in last five years. Target = 60%.*

So you see – it is not all coughs and colds and haemorrhoids... There's actual real science going on too.

Then to add to the general state of rapturous excitement there is the 'New Contract', that's the one that's been touted in the press about GPs earning £100K+ per year and other airborne porcines. That contract has well over a hundred 'targets'.

# CHURCH PAGE

## CLERGY MESSAGE

*Some thoughts collected by  
Father Leo Pyle of St John's Church*

You are not a human being having a spiritual experience.  
You are spiritual being having a human experience.

*Wayne W Dyer*

**You will be called to account for all the permitted  
pleasures in life you did not enjoy while on earth.**

*The Koran*

Failure is only the opportunity to begin again  
more intelligently.

*Henry Ford.*

No loss by flood and lightening,  
no destruction of cities and temples  
by the hostile forces of nature,  
has deprived humanity of so many noble lives  
and impulses

as those which its intolerance has destroyed.

*Helen Keller*

**WE EXPECT THE WORLD TO BE AS WE HAVE  
EXPERIENCED IT.**

*KELLY DRIVER*

**Dear Mother. I'm all right.**

**Stop worrying about me.**

*17-year old Egyptian girl;*

*In a papyrus of 2000 b.c.*

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is a Burning Spirit.

It kindles the hearts of humankind.

Like tympanum and lyre it plays them,

gathering volume in the temple of the soul.

The Holy Spirit is the life of the life of all creatures

... that gives existence to all form ...

The Holy Spirit resurrects and awakens everything that is

*Hildegard of Bingen (Medieval German nun)*

**OLIVET TO CALVARY**, the well-known oratorio from 100 years ago, will be sung on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's. It is an excellent reflection on the history of Christian salvation. It will also raise money for our appeal, and tickets are £3.50 – half price for children of school age. Haydon Bridge's Shaftoe Chorale will join forces with the choir of Hexham West End Methodist Church to sing 'Olivet' here one night, and in Hexham on Palm Sunday evening at 6pm.

March / April 2003



## **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

## EASTER THOUGHTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Easter is the season of life and hope. In the Northern Hemisphere, it coincides with spring. In the Southern Hemisphere, where the majority of Christians now live, it is seen as a season of hope and peace.

Dinis Sengulane is Anglican bishop in Mocambique. He did a tremendous amount to end the 20-year civil war in his country – a surrogate war where communists and anti-communist guns killed 100,000s. Bishop Dinis Sengulane says:

- 'Peace is too serious to be left to politicians alone. It is *our duty and our joy* as Christians that the Church should engage decisively in working to end violence and work for peace.'

- 'Hunger in my stomach is my physical problem. Hunger in my sister or brother's stomach is my spiritual problem, because I am my brother and sister's keeper.'

- He quotes US General Eisenhower's words:

'Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger, a theft from those who are cold and not clothed.'

Bishop David Jenkins, former Bishop of Durham, says:

- 'The resurrection stories [in the Gospels] are far more about the encounters and namings and joyful recognitions than about the empty tomb.'

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch Club, Women's Own  
6.30pm Last Alpha meeting

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Quiet Garden ministry

Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am G. Wilson  
6.00pm United Service, Haltwhistle

Thu. 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Circuit Fellowship

Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday  
10.00am United service, St John's RC  
6.00pm Mrs W Huntsman

Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> Lunch club and Women's Own

Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am Mark Knowles (Family S)  
6.00pm United Songs of Praise

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Presentation by Haydon  
Bridge & Acomb chapel choirs  
'The Torn Curtain' by Roger Jones

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am A Reader  
6.00pm Mr S Rowntree

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> Lunch Club and Women's Own

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am Mr R Anthony  
6.00pm Revd Vincent Ashwin

### Quiet Garden

The garden at the Methodist Church has continued to be a place of peace. It was initially set up as a Memorial Garden, with plants bought in memory of former church members. But its ministry has grown. It is affiliated to the national association of Quiet Gardens – which are scattered round England, some large, some small, and all set up to be places where people can quietly pray outdoors. On Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm, there will be a Gardeners' Question Time, and tea.



### Palm Sunday

The united Communion service will take place again this year, but will visit only two of the village's churches. Members of all churches are invited to St John's RC church at 10.00 (half an hour later than their usual time). There, palm leaves will be distributed, and hear the Gospel story of the crucifixion. Methodists and Anglicans then come down North Bank, and straight to St Cuthbert's, where the Sunday School children will join us, and we have Holy Communion together.

## CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Thu. April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm. Church AGM

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon  
6.00pm Evensong, Haydon Old Church

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm *Olivet to Calvary*

April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
10.00am Joint service begins, St John's  
10.00am *All-Age Communion, Henshaw*

Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Holy Communion  
Tue. 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Stations/Cross, St J  
Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Compline, Devotions

Maundy Thursday  
7.30pm Communion of the Last Supper

Good Friday  
10.30am Liturgy with Holy Communion  
2.00pm *An Hour at the Cross, Henshaw*

Easter Eve  
8.30pm Easter Vigil, Renewal of Vows

April 20<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY  
8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
9.00am *Holy Communion (O1), Belt'm*  
10.30am Festival Communion & Sermon  
6.00pm *'BCP' Communion, Beltingham*

Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Mothers' Union

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10.30am Morning Prayer (Mike Fry)

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

### Haltwhistle Memorial Hospital

This popular hospital is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. There will be a special ecumenical Songs of Praise in the Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle on Sunday 4 May at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to that service.

### Luncheon Club

The fortnightly Wednesday Luncheon Club has operated in the Methodist Church since 1998. It has about 20 members who regularly attend for a 2 course lunch plus tea and biscuits for which a charge of £2 is made; also about 6 take-away meals are produced for home helps to collect. The two ladies who have organised the catering have decided that the time has come to hand over the cooker to others. So there will be 2 vacancies by Easter, which will have to be filled if we are to continue to provide these meals. If you feel that you could fill one of the vacancies then please have a chat with Patsy Gibson, Ethel Mason or (as a last resort) David Hasson.

## SERVICES AT ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am.

Mass at 11.0 at Haltwhistle each Sunday.

### HOLY WEEK

Passion (Palm) Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
10.00am Mass (ecumenical) HB  
11.30am Mass Hlt

### Monday of Holy Week

19.30 *Penitential Service, Confesns* Hlt

### Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00 Mass HB  
19.30 Stations of the Cross (ecumen) HB

### Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00 Mass HB  
10.30 Church cleaning HB  
19.30 *Penitential Service, Confesns* Hlt

### Holy Thursday

11.00 *Chrism Mass at the Cathedral*  
18.30 *Confessions* Hlt  
19.30 *Mass of the Lord's Supper* Hlt

### Good Friday

10.00 *Procession of Witness, etc* Hlt  
15.00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Confessions HB

### Holy Saturday

19.30 Easter Vigil HB

### Easter Sunday

09.30 Mass HB  
11.00 Mass Hlt

### Report on Youth work

At its meeting in February, the Executive of Christians Together in Haydon Bridge heard a report about youth work done in the village, under the umbrella of Haydon Bridge High School.

Anne Lambert, youth coordinator in the High School's Community Department, gave a very inspiring report on the work. 150 people in the 13-18 year-old age group are involved in the different activities. Some of these are at the school; others in village halls in the school catchment area. For example, 6th-formers are trained as counselors, to listen to younger students. 16-18 year-olds are trained as youth leaders, and are given certificates to prove what they have done. There are sessions on decision-making.

'I don't know how some of our young men and women squeeze everything in to their lives,' said Anne, when talking about 6<sup>th</sup> form students living in Haydon Bridge.

Church leaders attending the meeting were greatly impressed, and hoped that local people could hear this good news, when newspapers print so much that is negative about young people.