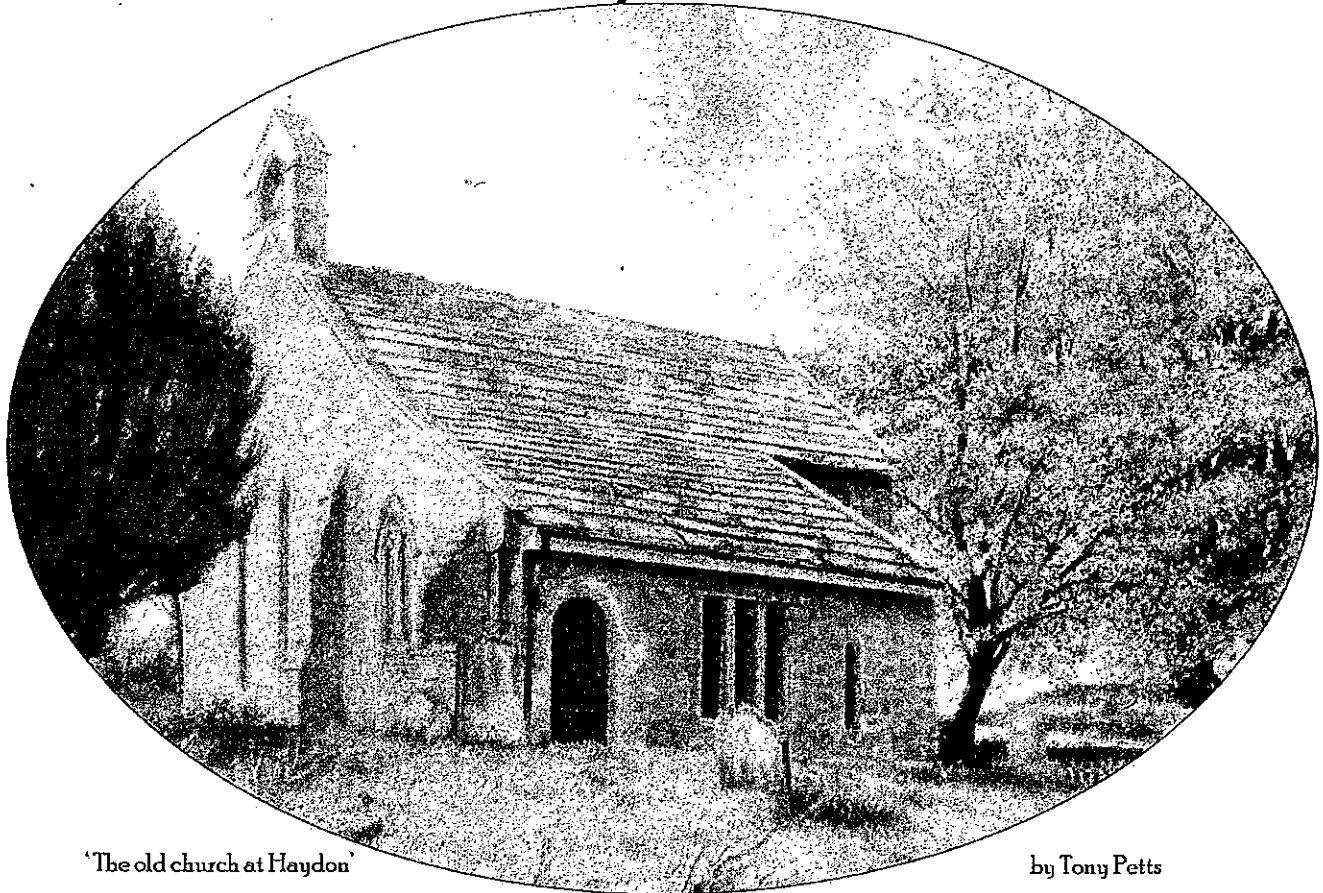


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'The old church at Haydon'

by Tony Petts



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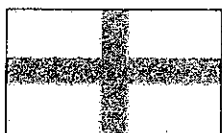
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Put the flags out!" Thus the cry went up when the road-works came to an end which, over the last few weeks, have caused us all inconvenience. I do wonder though when the traffic lights will re-appear?

'Flying the flag' on special occasions surely can't do any harm. Or can it? Is it wrong to show patriotism these days?

The observant amongst us might have noticed that the St. George Cross became the St Patrick Cross, lately, on the pole at St. Cuthbert's. Someone has a wry sense of humour, or is the reason more sinister? Whatever the reason, the Cross of St George has disappeared!

Nevertheless, the Parish Council has decided to bring to six its stock of national and county flags which will be flown on

the appropriate special occasions.

Perhaps, I also should **'put the flags out'** because I think I have discovered the illusive Ted Castle. He responded to last month's request and supplied a crossword. I would have used it this month but, at the moment, do not have an address where entrants' efforts might be checked and a winner chosen. Any chance Ted?

As you will see from the Parish Council notes put together by C. E.T this month (Thanks Ed) four 'new' ones have joined the illustrious band. I'm sure we wish them well on what can be at times, a thankless occupation when taking the 'brickbats and/or bouquets' but let's hope they can help **'fly the flag'** for the Parish and can count on your support.

Richard A D Snowdon (Editor)

HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meeting held Thursday 22nd May 2003

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Present were:

Ten Councillors, including four 'new' ones, one Tynedale Councillor and the Parish Clerk.

An apology was received from the Chair and eight members of the public were also present.

The Chair was taken by Cllr. E Charlton in the absence of the Chair; the former Vice-Chair not having sought re-election.

As this was the first meeting of the new Council, newly appointed members were introduced, comprising Cllrs. Duffy, Johnston, Petts and Snowdon. Cllr. Faulks was re-elected as Chair, and Cllr. E Charlton elected as Vice-Chair.

Public Participation

Parking and deliveries: David McVay raised the issue of parking of delivery lorries outside the Co-op on Ratcliffe Road and round the corner, also on double yellow lines, on Church Street. It would be 2 years in October since he first brought the matter up. Roadlink had promised to erect bollards along the pavement on Ratcliffe Road; there was no sign of this and lorries were still damaging pavements and also causing hazards in Church Street. What progress was there after

20 months?

Cllrs. replied that they had been told "months ago" that bollards would be erected on Ratcliffe Road. Mr McVay said that double yellow lines on Ratcliffe Road and Church Street were being ignored by lorries and other vehicles. In his opinion, the solution might be a dedicated parking bay for delivery lorries between the end of the double yellow lines on Church Street and the archway allowing private vehicle access.

The Council would write to Roadlink (responsible for the A69) to query lack of progress with bollards. They would also pursue with Northumberland CC Highways the provision of remote parking for delivery lorries, with actual delivery being undertaken by light (electric?) vehicles. The legal status of the existing double yellow lines would also be queried. Correspondence would be copied to both Roadlink and Highways.

Smells on Church Street: Residents attending said there had been no evidence of further problems for 2 weeks now. They were asked to notify the Council of any recurrence.

Cllrs. had met representatives of Northumbrian Water re drainage outlets into the river. They should carry overflows only, but the content had

been analysed and found to be sewage. This needs to be resolved. The solution proposed is to employ filters on both ends of the pipes to the river. The Council will write to request re-routing of the outflow pipes into the centre of the river, where there is always a flow of water, and consideration has been promised by Northumbrian Water.

Cllrs. had also met a representative of the Environment Agency regarding flooding on the south bank; including walking around the area of Temple Houses. The representative had agreed to prepare a plan, to include re-routing of Langley Burn and the strengthening and heightening of walls – a start might be possible in the next year or so.

Minute and Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- There had been a response from Northumbrian Water re the smells on Church Street. A CCTV survey carried out had shown some kinks in levels of drains. They undertook to carry out regular flushing of drains on Church Street, and asked for any further problems to be reported.
- With regard to siting of a new light on Langley Road, Cllr. Smith said a tree had been felled on the

position for the light.

- Regarding the siting of the skip for the village "clean-up", Cllr. E Charlton suggested that, instead of the riverside where other work was in progress, this year work might usefully involve clearing overgrown ivy, etc., from grave-stones in the Catholic Church cemetery.
- In relation to the proposal to find a suitable site for a seat in memory of the late Mrs Florence Turnbull, there seemed to be a suitable piece of flat land on the right-hand (south) side of North Bank, above Heugh House Lane. The council would arrange to contact Mrs Turnbull's grand-daughter, and write to TDC seeking the requisite permission.
- Regarding dumping on land belonging to Mr Humble, Mrs Humble had phoned to say how distressed she and her husband were that this issue had been given publicity. As the land was no longer enclosed by fencing, there was nothing to prevent further dumping. The Council would write to Tynedale Council and to the police as a matter of urgency about the problems of dumping and the presence of asbestos.
- Cllr. Snowdon said the Council's flags, also the key to the locked access hatch on the flagpole, had been passed to him by Mrs Garrow. These comprised a Union Flag, a Northumberland County flag and a St Patrick's flag. The St Patrick's flag had been left on the flagpole in place of the St George's flag actually owned by the council. This flag has not been seen since. Members agreed to seek to purchase a full set of flags of the UK and its constituent countries and to fly these on the appropriate occasions. Cllr. Snowdon was asked to cost the purchase of flags of St George, St Andrew and the Welsh Dragon. Cllrs. Mitchell and Smith offered to donate these to the village.
- Some concern was expressed about the recent 'road widening' at

the west of the village. Far from creating a smoother entry into the village, large lorries were having difficulty passing one another. Have others noticed this?

- the Chair had had a call from the Highways Agency regarding the Spa Well report, and as a result has agreed to release a copy to them.

Tynedale Council Meetings

The Annual General Meeting had taken place that week, followed by a brief TDC meeting. There was nothing to report, apart from approval being given to a development at Middle Lipwood.

Highways matters

Bridge refurbishment at Haydon Bridge – Cllr. Smith had been advised of this by letter – work expected to last a week!!

Planning applications

2 applications received – both passed to TDC without comment.

Insurance quote

The Council had been quoted a £10 annual premium increase to include 4 dog-bins. Agreed a replacement for the burnt-out bin to be ordered – preferably in reinforced concrete!

Correspondence

Salt bin on Church Street – reply received from Highways recommended 2 bins, one each end of Church Street, one of which to be placed at the former Post Office corner. Parish Council handyman wants the bin attached to the railings near the Old Bridge. Reply to be sent to Highways accordingly.

Any Other Business

Two Cllrs. had attended the opening of the Music Centre at the High School. They had thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The subject had been well presented, impressive and professional.

Back lane at Strother Close – potholes are causing severe problems for disabled residents and require attention.

Cllr Mitchell said he would take this up with TDC.

Dog Fouling – Cllrs. said this was still going on apace at all the usual locations, and the mess was filthy and horrific. Many villagers were extremely angry and fed-up. The Council discussed possible lines of action. At this time, they wished perpetrators to be aware that they will advise the Dog Warden of the names of any offenders already known or becoming known.

CET

Date / Time of next meeting:

26th June 2003 at 7.30pm

Venue:

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

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Held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

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MONICA JONES – Part Three

A VILLAGE LEGACY

Since I started my story about Monica Jones (Parts I & II, March/April 2003) and as my research has developed, it is quite clear to me that Monica, through her relationship with Philip Larkin, has left a wonderful legacy of literary note for our village. There is little doubt that significant interest in the poet's Haydon Bridge connection exists now and as the story unfolds we can expect increasing curiosity.

You may have already noticed the attention given to Philip Larkin and Monica in the National Press in recent months. I have mentioned in earlier 'notes' the BBC TV Drama, "To Love Again" which will be shown later in the year. Sir Tom Courtney has received ecstatic reviews for his one-man stage show playing Larkin in, "Pretending To Be Me" initially at Leeds and then at the 'Comedy Theatre' in London's West End. A Channel 4 documentary on Larkin, including the north-east connection, is being filmed in time for the Autumn schedules. Larkin's collected poems have been re-issued by Faber & Faber. Maeve Brennan has written her own account of the poet, "The Philip Larkin I Knew" published by Manchester University Press and disclosure that Patsy Strang, Larkin's friends' wife, (see 'Notes', March 2003) carried his child until she miscarried has just been revealed by Patsy's second husband, Richard Murphy, in his recently published memoirs.

Consider this also. Over 200 letters from Philip Larkin were sent to Monica at her Ratcliffe Road address, in addition to around 200 letters he wrote to her at Leicester. This correspondence is in the Hull University archives and has still to be fully researched along with hundreds of unpublished photographs of their time together, taken by Philip, a camera enthusiast, and left by Monica to the Bodleian Library at Oxford. There were no photographs in the house at Haydon Bridge when it was emptied.

Last month I asked, "Where are the photos taken in the small yard overlooking the river Tyne at the rear of 1A Ratcliffe Road". I think we know

now, and as the Larkin revival continues, many more aspects of the Haydon Bridge connection between 1961 and 1990 are likely to come to light.

THE PARTING

By the end of March 1984 following Monica's illness diagnosed by Dr. High as Shingles, she left Haydon Bridge for good to live with Philip at his home in Newland Park, Hull where they spent the last months of their time together.

Larkin's health was deteriorating. Throughout his life he has worried about, 'the moment of (his) death' and now he had convinced himself that he was making, 'steady progress to the grave'. Even though she wasn't in the best of health herself, Monica nursed Philip through his final illnesses.

The Philip Larkin story was not quite complete however!

On 19th May 1984, John Betjeman, the Poet Laureate, died and in December the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, offered Larkin the position. Perhaps due to his natural shyness in public, his unwillingness to accept the media attention associated with the role, or in his own words, "... the compulsion to write poems left me about seven years ago, since when I written virtually nothing. Naturally this is a disappointment, but I would sooner write no poems than bad poems ... I think the above circumstances disqualifies me for the Laureateship".

He declined the offer and Ted Hughes became Poet Laureate in succession to Betjeman. Perhaps the offer had come too late for Philip Larkin?

Mrs Thatcher was nevertheless determined to honour Larkin. His critical views on Trade Unionists, Socialists, Immigrants and anything foreign may well have appealed, and in June 1985 he was made a 'Companion of Honour'. Philip was too ill to attend Buckingham Palace to receive it.

Philip Larkin died aged 63 years in hospital at Hull on 2nd December 1985 of cancer of the oesophagus.

Monica was devastated by his death and too distraught to attend his funeral at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Cottingham near Hull. Despite her deep sorrow and own illnesses she attended a memorial service held at Westminster Abbey on the 14th February 1986.

Now Monica, who had given almost forty years to the man she loved, was alone. Andrew Motion describes her as, "Isolated at (Larkin's home) Hull, ill and virtually unknown to the outside world she had no existence without Larkin although she had all his possessions around her".

Monica did have one final act to carry out on Philip's behalf. To destroy his personal diaries which he had kept assiduously throughout his life. She rang Betty Mackereth, Larkin's secretary and another of his lovers, to ask for her help and over thirty A4 notebooks of a great poet's intimate memories, some shared in the terraced house on Ratcliffe Road, were shredded and incinerated at his 'Death Bed' request.

An unfortunate event for Larkin historians and literary sleuths, but a clear sign of Monica's undying love for, and commitment, to Philip.

We are not without record of Monica's and Philip's time in our community of course. From 1968 they decided to keep a diary together. This was not part of the material destroyed. Andrew Motion's fine biography includes Monica's memories of the Haydon Bridge connection. Larkin's poems reflect the life he led and further research may determine which of these are likely to have been written at Haydon Bridge. Don Lee, of the Philip Larkin Society, makes the point that Philip's visits to Monica were during the formative period of his mature poems and Haydon Bridge must have had a significant influence. Not least we have the personal memories of those in our village who remember Monica and Philip.

After Philip's death Monica seldom left

the house in Hull, becoming a total recluse in the final year of her own life and bed-ridden in her last months.

Monica continued to enquire about the Ratcliffe Road property however, although she was never well enough to return to it. *"How is my little house?"* she would enquire of June Willis by 'phone. *"How is my river, is it high?"* *"Have the storms in the north damaged my slates?"* *"The weather forecasts are rather alarming, has there been frost, are my water pipes alright?"* June was usually able to allay Monica's concerns and put her mind at rest, but she felt, *"Really sorry for Monica; her voice was so weak on the 'phone'."*

It was no surprise to June that Monica's Haydon Bridge cottage was still dominating her thoughts. She had expressed great sadness when she locked the front door for the last time and Philip drove her away from the village in 1984. *"I am afraid that it is most unlikely that I shall ever return to my little house"*.

VISITORS

I suspect that few in our community are aware that the present Poet Laureate, Andrew Motion, has been to Haydon Bridge and has published the memories of his visit.

In 1986, Monica Jones, herself very ill and frail in Hull and worrying about their house in Haydon Bridge, decided it was time to authorise a story of Philip's life and she asked Andrew Motion to write Larkin's biography.

Motion writes, *"Monica said nothing about the letters Larkin had written her. If I asked where they were she would shrug - lighting another cigarette, pouring another drink ----- one day, out of the blue, she said most of the letters were in Haydon Bridge"*.

Monica was too ill to travel with Andrew Motion to retrieve the letters, yet she didn't want anyone to visit the Ratcliffe Road cottage unless she was with them. Eventually, in the autumn of 1989, Monica relented and he drove to Haydon Bridge without her.

I'll let Andrew Motion take up the story.

He opens with a Northumberland climate stereotype we will all recognise, but firmly dispute as the norm.

"We roller-coastered the wet road towards Hexham, then on. Rain was swirling in from the North Sea behind us. So much had fallen in recent weeks, the moors were yellow and sour-looking. As we ducked down into Haydon Bridge, streams bulged in the ditches beside us. I got the key from a neighbour and opened up, the rain falling on my neck and back I shoved the door violently and we were in Outside the window at the back beyond a cramped cement yard there flowed a gigantic river. The Tyne; I saw a full-grown tree sweep past, then heard the trunk grinding against the bridge away to my left out of sight"

"Monica hadn't told me where I might find the letters, but it didn't matter. They were everywhere. In books, down the side of a chair, under a rug, on the window seat".

"Upstairs .. I went into the lumber room, into a jungle of clothes and hangers which had a small box at its heart, stuffed with letters. In the smaller bedroom, a bed with letters both inside and underneath it. In the larger bedroom; more letters in books, an empty cask of wine, an ironing board with a half-ironed dress draped across it".

Andrew Motion pushed the letters into plastic bags, returned the key to June Willis, climbed into his car and left to return to Monica - and sunnier climes no doubt!

June was left to reflect on Andrew Motion's visit and the questions he had asked her. Until that day she hadn't been aware of the fame and attention her neighbours were about to attract.

"A book about Philip's life with Monica! I just couldn't believe it", June said to me.

Monica's house had been unoccupied for five and a half years and Andrew Motion was probably the only official visitor during that time. Sadly, in the twilight of Monica's ownership, the property was burgled. Fortunately not a regular occurrence in our village although it was probably the third time

that number 1A had been broken into.

After the first incident, Monica and Philip responded to June's 'phone call by driving up to Haydon Bridge to assess the damage. Monica was particularly concerned that a secret compartment in the floor of the wardrobe had not been opened. To her relief, personal effects hadn't been taken. The intruders had apparently been satisfied with bottles of wine and spirits. Arrangements were made for a village joiner, Jim Carruthers, to fit a bolt to an inner door to deter unwelcome visitors in the future.

It is interesting that neither Monica nor Philip thought it wise to remove the correspondence which contained the story of their relationship. The 'love' letters belonged in the secret place they had shared, 1A Ratcliffe Road, whatever the consequences.

The second break-in was discovered by Andrew Motion on his visit. When he pushed open the door against a *'mound of junk mail on the mat'* he was confronted by *'drawers in a sideboard lolled open, empty books all over the floor, books flung about for the 'hell of it' and a broken window at the rear, 'a hole like a starburst and slivers of glass on the purple carpet'*.

If those responsible should by any chance read these 'notes' they may be interested to know that the real valuables which they overlooked, were the letters from Philip to Monica strewn through every room.

The third burglary which followed Andrew Motion's visit, was of a much more serious nature. The front door was kicked open, rooms were broken into and vases, China ornaments, silver and even items of furniture were stolen.

In June's words, *"The whole house was turned upside down"*.

To be continued.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir

With regard to Dr. Ford's comments in last month's issue of the *Haydon News* on the topics of smoking and vibrating, I would agree that smoking is a disgusting, unhealthy habit.

It also happens to be a habit which I love with a passion and from which I receive unbridled pleasure.

Unlike Dr. Ford, I do not drive a motor vehicle. The infernal (*internal*) combustion engine must surely be the ultimate form of destruction and pollution ever invented by mankind.

In driving from his surgery to the railway crossing, Dr. Ford is probably responsible for more pollution in one minute than I am in a lifetime.

One only has to walk along the A69, gasping for breath, while cars and lorries thunder by, expelling poisonous emissions, to experience the stench and gut-wrenching reaction created by drivers.

The motor vehicle is a weapon of mass destruction. Flora and fauna all succumb to the lethal wheels and outpourings of these mechanised murderers.

Children are rendered hyperactive by lead poisoning. Should not vehicles carry a Government Health Warning?

"This vehicle and driver kill, maim and pollute the whole planet"

Dr. Ford cites America as being in the forefront of legislation against smoking (and vibrating). *Good Old America* – the greatest polluter and decimator of our planet's natural resources and atmosphere.

Next time Dr. Ford chooses to enjoy a smoke-free night out, I hope he will walk to his chosen venue so that I don't become a passive victim of his devotion to the poison 'petrol'.

Perhaps then I can enjoy an evening without suffering the pungent mechanical odours of motorists and then I can walk home without the threat of mechanical mayhem.

Next time you are in a traffic jam – finger drumming, nose picking, blood pressure rising, exhausts fuming –

have a fag and calm down!

You'll already have done enough damage to yourself and others for it not to matter.

Yours suicidally

Brian Pearson

PS. What are vibrators?
Am I missing out?

14 March 2003

Dear Richard, 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' and all other Haydonians.

Well, we may as well start on a down note and save the good bits till the end.

The drought has broken in most parts of Australia, but here in Victoria, we are still suffering.

It seems at the moment the war is on everyone's mind, so I will pop in my 'two bobs worth' for what it's worth

As some of you will know I have travelled extensively in the Gulf countries. Though I'm not professing to be an expert on the current situation I have always said a war was the only thing that would bring peace to the region. And that any war would last a very short time. I won't get bogged down in the rights and wrongs of the situation as we all have made our own minds up in advance. But people cannot live forever in fear. It is the fundamental right of a democracy to speak one's mind without fear or repression. We have that right. The Iraqi people do not.

Many years ago on one of my frequent visits to Iraq, I found the Iraqi people very happy, well-mannered, clean and helpful. One finds their present situation to say the least, depressing.

All the talk in the world will not change things. The United Nations has been taken over by a bunch of people who cannot even run their own countries. Our western civilisation may not be perfect in many ways, but it is the best that is going at the moment. And we can always say what we want, when we want, about anything and everything. Without fear for ourselves or families. And that is why I think it is the right thing to do, so that the Iraqi people and all the other oppressed people of this world may have that right too.

One last word. For those so called experts who predict an outburst of terrorism, forget it! No doubt we will find the odd bombing for a while but it will not be widespread. I will not go into my reasons for saying this as it will take too long to explain. Time will be my judge.

Perhaps it could have all been avoided if some of our 'so called' allies had not been so interested in their own bank balances!! Who needs enemies with friends like them?

Well! We may be in the middle of a drought, but the weather at this time of year is second to none. The temperature stays between 70°F & 80°F day in, day out so if we can't have rain, we may as well have the sun.

This year I have decided to go back to school to try to make some sense out of these computers.

Last month I started a Full-time course at our local TAFE (Technical School). It lasts for one year and one presumes something will stick! Taking into account when I started school at Shaftoe Trust at the tender age of five, I took off four mornings in succession, the first after only ten minutes, must mean something. Perhaps it is some kind of poetic justice?

I just love the *Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge* by Dennis Telford. Dennis and I more or less grew up together although I left Haydon Bridge school when I was thirteen. We did have a few laughs and good times later on in life.

Keep up the good work Dennis.

In the 'notes' that I have read, I have never seen the Lavericks mentioned. They had a vegetable shop at number 14 Ratcliffe Road. I really don't remember them very well even though they only lived two doors down. We lived at number 18 at the time.

The Lavericks were both very old, or so they seemed to me at the time. During the War, they would keep us six bananas at Christmas time. Don't laugh because it was the only time we ever saw bananas in those days, along with most other things we take for

granted today.

When I was about four years old I said to my mother, "Why has Mrs Laverick got a beard?" So much for the curiosity of the young! I had forgotten all about it until my friend's little granddaughter said after peering at his nose for some time, "Grandpa! Why have you got more hair UP your nose than ON your head?"

Mr Laverick like to have a bet. In those days of course it was illegal. But one could always have 'six pence each way' with old Mr Routledge. It seems every year Mr Laverick picked out three horses to back and followed them relentlessly. It so happened on one particular day, all three horses were running. The bet placed was; 3 six-penny Each Way Doubles, six pence Each Way Treble and 3 Each Way Single bets on each horse. I don't have to tell you, but they all won! The Odds were; 20/1, 100/6 and 100/8. The Treble alone was around £120. That may not sound much these days, but in the mid-forties, it was a fortune! It almost sent Mr Routledge 'to the wall'. Fortunately he survived to live another day and those of us who enjoy a flutter were duly served.

28 March 2003

I never got my letter posted so I will add a little more.

Well, the war was short and fortunately not too bloody. Unfortunately there may be more of the same around the corner!

My computer skills are improving so perhaps my schooldays were not a total waste of time!

The rains have come - 2½ inches in all. A far cry from the ten or twelve inches we need. But it is the best rain we have had for three years and the grass is growing at long last. The Autumn is still very mild with 22°C every day.

I was watching "Dads Army" on TV a few days ago. My friend's twenty year old said, "How can you watch such rubbish as it cannot possibly be true?" I immediately set about re-education him!

Most people my age will remember Haydon Bridge's 'Dads Army'. They would practice where Hordley Acres now stands. It was built in 1946.

They would charge up and down with wooden rifles and most were not fit enough to charge back again!! Or young enough I should say. It was quite fun to watch and we would lob in a few appropriate 'cat-calls' which was perhaps not the right thing to do. But we were too young to appreciate the gravity of the situation. Fortunately, as it turned out, they were not needed.

Well, that's all from 'down under' Hoe you have a beautiful Spring and Summer.

Harold Humble
26 Wheatley Street
Kyneton
Victoria. 3444
Australia

WHO ARE WE?

What is good, and what is bad?
What is joy, and what is sad?
Subjects! We dwell on all our days.
It is the gift of human ways.

Throughout our lives we search for light,
A sign! To guide us through the night.
One ponders deeply who we are,
What lies ahead, both near and far.

This gift of 'thought' is man's alone,
A gift we use in vain.
It's ours to help the world survive?
Yet only used for gain.

Will we ever realise?
What destiny had in store,
Can't we see that we alone,
Hold keys that lock the door.

How much longer must we drive?
Down lanes so dark and bane,
Plunging down the mountainside,
In search of Gold and fame!

What are our dreams for days ahead?
Lives of joy and flower beds?
So be it! The way of man.
"Destroy" who cares?
Who gives a damn?

And when our children's children see,
This chaos! They inherit,
A world lay bare by senseless deeds,
And deeds of little merit.

And so the life of man goes on,
His thoughtless thoughts and selfish ways
Forever speeding through the night,
No thoughts at all, for future days!

Harold Humble
21 March 2003



Tynedale
COUNCIL

WALK BACK IN TIME TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE HADRIAN'S WALL NATIONAL PARK

For the first time in almost two millennia it'll be possible to walk the entire length of Hadrian's Wall.

Once the most northern outpost of the Roman Empire, it now attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world every single year.

But this is the first time they'll be able to walk along it from coast to coast: from Bowness on Solway in Cumbria to Segedunum on the North East Coast.

The 84 mile trail provides access to some of the best sections of the wall while revealing some of the region's most spectacular scenery.

To celebrate the opening of the National Trail the Haltwhistle Walking Festival beginning the 27th May will offer a two week long programme of events for all ages and abilities. From challenging walks to toddler rumbles there is something for everyone.

For the serious walker the festival will also be showcasing a selection of the Haltwhistle Rings - a series of 22 newly designed walks within some of the most fascinating parts of Hadrian's Wall country. The walks are designed for people of all ages and abilities and have been created by internationally renowned walk specialist Mike Swan.

Kirsten Francis of the Haltwhistle Partnership said: "We are surrounded by some of the country's most breathtaking countryside, which is steeped in history. Events such as the Haltwhistle Walking Festival and the Haltwhistle Rings will offer visiting tourists and the local community the opportunity to experience more of what this stunning area has to offer".

The Haltwhistle Walking Festival is being sponsored by the One NorthEast, Northumberland Strategic Partnership, Countryside Agency, the Northumberland National Park, and Northern Rivers.

For further details contact Haltwhistle Partnership on: 01 434 321 242.

The full programme is available on
www.haltwhistle.org

NATURAL REMEDIES FOR A HEALTHY BODY

ACNE

There are many causes of ACNE. High levels of hormones such as *testosterone* can cause the cells to enlarge and produce more *Sebum*.

Hormones produced in women after ovulation can cause pre-menstrual acne. Stress can cause hormonal changes that encourage acne.

The body eliminates *toxins* through sweating and this 'detoxing' process may cause acne.

Aloe Vera gel is very soothing and may promote healing. Our customers report that it reduces redness and swelling. *Tea Tree Oil* has antiseptic and antibacterial actions which may help to prevent infection and reduce redness and swelling.

Vitamin E Oil is popular to apply to

prevent scarring of the skin. *Evening Primrose Oil and Flaxseed Oil* are popular among customers who wish to balance their hormones. Many ladies also find *Vitamin B6* helpful for pre-menstrual acne.

Vitamin A is useful for strengthening the skin and for slowing sebum production. *MSM (organic sulphur)* and *Zinc* have been found to be useful for the prevention of scarring. Trials show that Zinc should be used for 12 weeks before expecting any improvement.

Herbs such as *Echinacea* and *Burdock* root have blood-purifying actions. Formulas are available for sufferers under 16 years of age.

Some people find that certain foods make their acne worse.

It is best to avoid the suspect foods for a

month to allow the skin to recover before re-introducing them. A high fibre diet is important for helping the body to eliminate toxins; *pumpkin seeds* and *sunflower seeds* are full of fibre and Zinc.

Natural shampoos, toiletries and make-up without chemicals should be used. Many dermatologists recommend 15 minutes of sunshine per day and regular exercise with plenty of sleep for acne sufferers.

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)

LANGLEY W.I.

"The Doulton and Beswick Story" as told by Mr C. Heslam proved to be of great interest to members of Langley W.I at their May meeting.

John Doulton sank his life savings of £100 into a venture at Lambeth which prospered beyond all expectations. Later, his son Henry became the driving force and moved the firm to Stoke-on-Trent, whilst still retaining Lambeth.

Success followed. In 1887 Henry was Knighted by Queen Victoria. In 1893 Doulton won the top seven awards at the Chicago Exhibition and in 1902 they were granted the Royal Seal of Approval by Edward VII.

In 1969 Royla Doulton bought out Beswick which coincidentally has been sold this year, together with other assets, as Royal Doulton try to rationalise their business.

Mr Heslam's story was illustrated by some of his own pieces of Doulton and Beswick ware.

Members also brought a good selection of their favourite pieces to the meeting.

Mary Nagel

St Cuthbert's Church - Haydon Bridge *Flower Demonstration by Mrs Philida Irving* *Thursday 15th May Theme: "Let's Celebrate"*

Many thanks to everyone who supported this lovely event.

What a treat to watch and listen to Mrs Philida Irving as she arranged flowers for six special occasions throughout the year.

£301 was raised for the Renovation Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who helped.

Joyce Armstrong (Treasurer)

Shaftoe Educational Foundation

Anyone resident in Haydon Parish, or their child, is entitled to apply to the *Foundation* for a grant to help them pursue a course of Further Education, either academic or vocational.

Applications should be made by letter in the first instance, naming the type of course, where it will be studied and how long it will last.

An application form
will then be forwarded to you
for completion.

You should also say to what extent you are able to obtain other grant aid - for instance, from the County Council or other Bodies.

The next meeting of Governors is scheduled for
Thursday 10th July 2003.

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

The Clerk
Shaftoe Educational Foundation
Shaftoe Terrace
Haydon Bridge
Northumberland
NE47 6BW

Applications should arrive at the Office by **Monday 30th June** at the latest. Applications received after this date may have to wait until the next Governors meeting in November 2003.

R A D Snowdon B.Ed (Hons) - The Clerk

**HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
DEPARTMENT**

ART EXHIBITION 2003

**BY STUDENTS OF THE
HUMSHAUGH ART CLASS**

AT

**HUMSHAUGH COMMUNITY
HALL**

SAT 14TH & SUN 15TH JUNE

10 AM - 4 PM

**ADMISSION
FREE**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

EXCITING NEW IDEAS TO CREATE A NEW GREEN FOR HAYDON BRIDGE

Public consultation for the proposed new Recreation Area for Haydon Bridge is now moving ahead. For those residents who have not heard about this plan yet - here are a few details.

Shaftoe Park Working Group was set up in November 2001 with the aim of helping to provide the village with a safe area where families and people of all ages and abilities can spend time together in the fresh air, playing games, having a picnic, relaxing and enjoying the environment.

When the possibility arose to use part of the field above the First School (around the football pitches), it was too good a chance to miss. After lots of teething problems we can now go ahead with the planning and design stage. We have the support of a Countryside Agency grant programme called Doorstep Greens, which is backed by money from the New Opportunities Lottery Fund. We also have the support of the Parish Council, Tynedale Council and other local groups have pledged financial support.

Our intention is to provide play equipment for all age groups, seating, picnic areas, pathways through trees and new areas of greenery planted with the help of the community. Most of all we want it to be clean and safe. It may sound idealistic but other communities have achieved it so why not Haydon Bridge?

The first phase consists of community consultation, which will result in a costed design by early Autumn. This will then be used to fundraise to actually create the new Green. It is imperative that the end result is what the community wants, not what the Working Group wants, so over the next couple of months we will be popping up at as many village events as we can, to get YOUR views, comments and ideas.

There will be a questionnaire to fill in [with a prize draw attached]. These will be available at events and in local shops [John Clarke's and Spar]. We want to hear from EVERYONE in the community who has any interest in the project. We would also be delighted if you feel able to help us in any way. It is a long-term project, which will happen in stages as money is raised, but it is a project for everyone, to enhance our surroundings and our lives.

Look out for us at these events:

June 29 th	-	St. John's Catholic Church Fair
July 5 th	-	Football Club Annual Fun Day and BBQ
July 5 th	-	St. Cuthbert's Church Fair
July 5 th	-	St Cuthbert's Playgroup & Tinytots Annual BBQ
July 12 th	-	Shaftoe Trust First School Summer Fair
July 15 th	-	Shaftoe Trust First School Sports Day

If you know of any more events where we could consult with the community please contact:

Pauline on 01 434 684 661

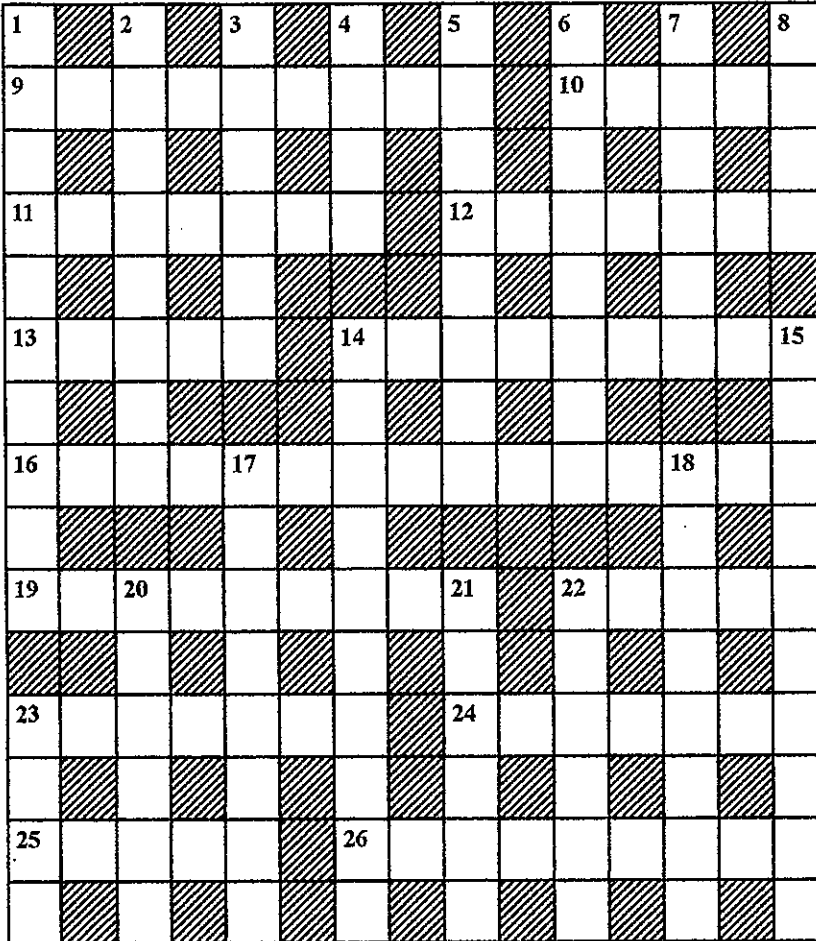
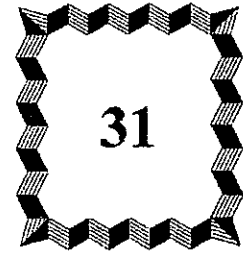
We will also be visiting local schools, groups and residents in the immediate vicinity of the field to find out their views on the project and we will try our best to answer any queries. We look forward to talking to you.

Shaftoe Park Working Group

The £10 Crossword

NAME:

ADDRESS:



ACROSS

9. Ancient temple poses questions? (6,3)
10. Henry Woods? (5)
11. Lower torso. Bad sign. (7)
12. Rocks off Wight irritates. (7)
13. Praise. (5)
14. Part of propeller? There that make it work.
(4,5 / 5,4)
16. Tyneside actor featured in film of 22, 23.
(5,10)
19. Called out. (9)
- 22, 23. H. E. Bates novel. (3,2,7)
23. See 22
24. Garden supporter. (7)
25. Yet?
26. Appear aristocratic. (4,5)

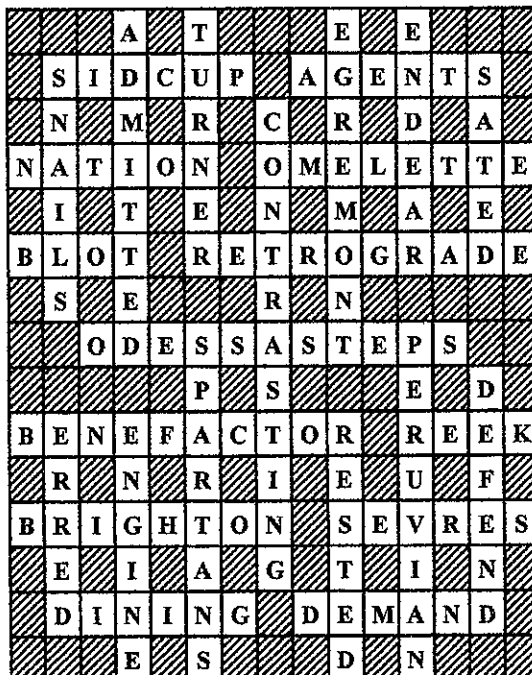
DOWN

1. Narrow vessel. (5,5)
2. Grew old gracefully. (4,4)
3. See 18.
4. Vestas? (4)
5. Laurel and aerial feature in Lancs town. (8)
6. Inclined to give in. (8)
7. A sportsperson's hat? (6)
8. Thames exists twice. (4)
14. Getting along just fine. (10)
15. Brandt confused with Downs ledge. (6,4)
17. How one may argue. (8)
- 18 & 3. Detected fictionally. (8,6)
20. Trees feline relative? (6)
21. Thames _____. In Kingston. (6)
22. _____ water, warily. (6)
23. Singer doubles as instrument. (4)



Entries received from:

Geoff Hopkirk
Irene Hopkinson
Ted Castle
Dennis Telford
Brian Pearson
Mrs Rene Armstrong
Bill Adams
Alan Borthwick
Richard Woodley
Alan Banks
Susan Stephenson
Liz Prentice
Maureen Robson
A. Phillips
Rosemary Shout
A.M.Scott
Ann Rooke
Neil Gilholm
D. Tait



Trevor Corbett: Diane Gamble: Denis Bell

Entries to be received by the Editor on or before
MONDAY 23rd June 2003.

Best of luck

Please hand in your entry to:
any of the businesses indicated at the top of
Page 2
or by post to: The Editor, Wheelsteads,
Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AS

£10 winner out of the hat:

A. Phillips

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Please complete the box below, enclose it and the appropriate fee in an envelope addressed to:

The Treasurer (Alastair Bowen)
Friends of Haydon Bridge
11 Tynedale Cottages
Ratcliffe Road
Haydon Bridge
Northumberland
NE47 6EU

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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

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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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Please find enclosed subscription of to
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or please phone: **01 434 688 871**

and other *divertimenti* for summer.

NAPPY CHANGING THINGY

At long last we've got a nappy changing table in the patient's toilet at the health centre. There's a notice on the door advertising the presence of the facility. Please make use of it.

PATIENT POWER (1)

We are being encouraged to take active steps to ascertain patient views of the services offered at the health centre. This is an initiative aimed at the whole of general practice in the UK. Soon we will be distributing questionnaires either to people attending the Health Centre or by post. In due course we will publish the results.

Formulating the questions to pose can be tricky. On the one hand, it's important to give meaningful choices about issues that are of direct concern to patients and on the other hand there are bound to be things that individuals wish to raise, of which we are unaware. We shall probably end up with about thirty questions and have a space for other thoughts. The last time we attempted such a survey, in about 1991 I think, we had over eighty replies. Could we do even better this time? Please help us to make this a success – help us to give the service that you require in your community.

PATIENT POWER (2)

We know, indirectly, that several Haydon Bridge residents have more than the regulation three Weetabix for their (low calorie, low fat, high fibre) breakfasts. This is apparent because our new high security, industrial strength, key pad operated lock, on the door between the waiting room and the main corridor, has been wrecked.

THE COMMUNITY BREASTFEEDING POLICY

A lot of effort is being invested in promoting breastfeeding. We are putting all our influence behind this policy and wish to do everything possible to help women to breastfeed successfully.

Benefits of breastfeeding for the Baby include:

Breast milk is the 100% perfect food for babies – no contest.

The action of breastfeeding develops muscles that keep the Eustachian tube open – reducing ear infections and the risks of deafness.

Possibly improves the clarity of speech.

Protects against tooth decay.

Breast fed babies are less likely to become obese adults. Reduces gut and lung infections. *Protects against the development of diabetes in childhood.* Protects against necrotising enterocolitis – an often lethal gut infection.

Promotes healthy gut development. Within ninety minutes of a breastfeeding mother encountering a new germ, protec-

tive antibodies appear in her milk to safeguard her baby.

Provides antibodies to many common infections. Breast fed babies have higher IQs.

Reduced heart disease in adulthood. Fewer childhood cancers. *Reduced allergic problems.* Fewer 'Sudden Infant Deaths' (SIDs).

Benefits of breastfeeding for the

Mother include:

Promotes bonding with her baby. *Reduces breast cancer before the menopause.* Reduces some ovarian cancers. *Reduces hip fracture due to osteoporosis.* Reduces fertility whilst breastfeeding continues. *Reduces the occurrence of abuse or abandonment of her baby.*

Baby cries less and is more easily settled.

Reduces post-natal depression.

Promotes quicker natural weight loss after pregnancy. *Night feeds are easier.* Travelling is easier. *Promotes the return of the uterus to its normal state.*

It's completely, absolutely and totally free!!!!!!

On two occasions in recent weeks I have been reminded of a quotation from a health visitor that I included in a *Haydon News* many years ago. It is very gratifying to learn what an enduring effect my humble educational efforts have had. So, for completeness, I repeat it here:

Benefits of breastfeeding for

Fathers include:

Dad gets to play with the empties.

It is not completely beyond the realms of possibility that at some point it may be possible to permit men to breastfeed too. As we know from our experience with men receiving a number of different kinds of treatment for hormone dependent illnesses, from transgenderists, from those receiving certain kinds of drugs for mental health problems and from some mind-meltingly rare hormonal disorders, men can develop breasts and can produce milk. New men indeed!

Extensive publicity about the policy will appear in the Press and in the Health Centre. In essence:

Total support and encouragement will be given to all women, with the hope that they will, at the least, try breastfeeding. It is recommended that as soon as possible (just seconds) after delivery, you and your baby are in skin to skin contact – with the cord still attached even. Bed-sharing and infant safety are to be promoted for new mums. Feeding when the baby is hungry is encouraged. Avoiding bottles, dummies and shields is best. Most babies require NOTHING other than breast milk until they are about six months old. Help with the timing and procedure for weaning will be given.

To emphasise the normality and routine nature of breastfeeding we are particularly keen to encourage women to breastfeed without hesitation in the health centre, whether in a public area or in a room apart.

As part of the initiative, all Health Centres will cease to sell formula milks, tokens being exchangeable at pharmacies instead. Nothing and no one, on health services premises, will promote bottlefeeding in any way. There will be no instruction given in the antenatal period about formula preparation.

BUT – and this is important – there is a tiny number of women who, sadly but genuinely, are unable to breastfeed. They will, of course, receive total support too. Instruction in the preparation of formula milk and the technique of bottle feeding will be given to those women who actually need it – when it is clear that they do need it.

It is hoped that the sight of breastfeeding women in any and all public places will become normal. Shops, restaurants, trains, buses, planes, public parks, cinemas, theatres, offices, churches, factories, garages, Houses of Parliament etc are all the right places to breastfeed.

There is one glaring omission from the policy. There is no mention of breastfeeding in schools becoming normal, whether for teenage mums or members of staff. This is the point in people's lives when they learn most and are most open to instruction and influence – no, really! If breastfeeding were to become the norm in schools not only would girls be wonderfully influenced for their future roles as mums but boys would start to loose their daft 'co-err' reaction to breasts that so infantilises and demeans men. Who knows, in time, tabloids might actually change into newspapers.

Gadzooks! There goes another flying pig!

THREADWORMS

A seriously aggrieved mum complained the other day that she seemed to be the only person in the community who was treating her family for threadworms. She secretly hoped that the entire community might be dipped simultaneously.

It is suggested, though no one actually knows, that as many as 40% of children have threadworms at anyone time and spread within families is rife. These little white thread-like worms, a centimetre or so long, inhabit the lower bowel and emerge at night, through the anus, to lay eggs on the skin. These nocturnal activities lead to the most prominent symptom – furious scratching of the anus that, in turn, lodges the eggs beneath the fingernails and so spreads the infestation to other people and back to the sufferer by direct contact.

Mebendazole (Vermox) is available as a quick and easy treatment for adults and children. The whole family should be treated at once. So, before there is fisticuffs in the playground between mums, can we please have lots of requests for treatment.

Thank you.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

Rev David Hasson of the Methodist Church

Since I became responsible for Haydon Bridge Methodist Church nearly two years ago there seems to have been a continual stream of roadworks occurring. For the traveller through the village this has meant many delays while for the villagers it has meant inconvenience and fumes. It makes life frustrating when getting from A to B is made more difficult and time consuming than normal. So much so that I guess there have been times when you have been put off travelling around the village and tried to combine journeys to cut down on the number made and hence the delays.

You have my sympathies for it all but just think what it must have been like a long time ago when there wasn't the transport available that there is now. The inconvenience with the hold-ups is nothing to what it was when people had to walk everywhere, there were no asphalt on the roads and no street lights. Many of us today would not venture very far from our homes in those sort of conditions and, perhaps, not at all at night with no lights.

Yet it was just these sorts of conditions which were the norm some 2000 years ago at the time of Jesus and His disciples after him. Imagine being so convinced about the truth of something, and so compelled to tell others, that you have to undertake long journeys in spite of the conditions. This was exactly what the disciples did.

They were so committed to the belief that Jesus was someone special, the Son of God, and that He wanted all people to know about Him, that nothing would stop them taking the news to others. The frustrations we have experienced with the roadworks and the way that has discouraged us from undertaking unnecessary journeys begins to give us some idea of the strength of the faith of the disciples. No one would have undertaken the journeys they did unless they were absolutely sure that the message they had was true. Their experience had shown them that Jesus was the Son of God, that He loved all people, and that He had been crucified and raised to new life once again so that people could be made part of God's family through Him.

If they were so certain that they were prepared to put up with the difficult journeys of their day then it must be a message worth considering.

The fact that down through the years since then many others have undertaken equally difficult journeys, and in some cases lost their lives, to take this message to others confirms its importance.

Perhaps as you are stuck in the traffic jam or waiting for a safe time to cross the road. You might like to ponder the message of God's love for you. Your response to it is important in this life and the next.

May / June 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

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It's the season for fund-raising for the churches, whether you call it a fete or a fair or a fayre.

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH have their Fair, and Grand Auction, on Sunday June 29th. The event will start at 2.00pm. If it's fine, it will be in the church grounds, lovingly mown by Father Leo Pyle and his team. If wet, everyone will go to the hall of Haydon Bridge High School. The auction is not only a place for buying what takes your fancy; it is also highly entertaining, complete with the auctioneer's patter.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND have their summer fair outside the church hall on Saturday, July 3rd. Tickets for the raffle are already circulating round the village, and the first prize is £50 in cash. There will be a bottle stall, book stall, etc., and teas (plenty of good summer fare); also, face-painting and games for children.

Come along to these events; we hope you'll have fun, as well as contributing to the funds of the two churches.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday June 1st

10.00am Mr Patrick Eavis
6.00pm Local Arrangement

Sunday June 8th

10.00am Rev David Hasson (Family S)
6.00pm Pentecost Praise, St John's Ch.

Sunday June 15th

10.00am Rev G Hall from Brampton
6.00pm United Service at Haltwhistle

Sunday June 22nd

10.00am Joyce A Short
6.00pm Rev David Hasson - Sacrament

Sunday June 29th

10.00am Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Valerie Anthony

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

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church: Bible Studies, following Alpha Course, led by Vincent Ashwin and John Wardle, using tapes by Nicky Gumbel: open to all.



scripture union holiday club

Haydon Bridge's churches will be running the annual holiday club for school-age children, in the first week of the school summer holidays. Get this date in the family diary:

Monday July 21st - Friday July 25th, from 10.00am.

There will be a commissioning service on the morning of Sunday July 20th, probably at St John's.

The closing service will be at 10.00 on Sunday July 27th.

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

June 1st 7th Sunday of Easter

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

Tue 3rd 7.30pm Christians Together

June 8th PENTECOST

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon
6.00pm Ecumenical Pentecost Praise
St John's Roman Catholic Ch.

Tue. 10th 7.30pm Church Council meet

June 15th Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am Morning Prayer & Sermon

Sat. 21st Possible Barbeque, church hall grounds, 4.00 - 6.00pm

June 22nd 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon
6.30pm Hexham Deanery Evensong
at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

Wed. 25th 7.30pm Mothers' Union

June 29th Trinity 2

10.15am Joint Parishes' Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH NEWS

Deanery Evensong

Church members from Haltwhistle, Greenhead, Acomb, Allendale and Hexham will come to Haydon Bridge for 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd June. These churches are all in the Hexham Deanery, and once a month in the summer we gather together for worship and fellowship.

Flower Demonstration

St Cuthbert's was transformed by flowers on the evening of May 15th, when Mrs Philida Irvine of West Rattenraw did a flower demonstration on behalf of St Cuthbert's Renovation Fund. Over £300 was raised for the fund, and a huge supper was eaten. The beautiful arrangements were raffled, and lucky winners took them home.

Church Visit to Norway

The Revd Alan Currie, honorary curate at St Cuthbert's, visited the Diocese of More in Norway last month. He went as part of a group of recently-ordained clergy, who were building up the official link that we have with the Lutheran Church of Norway. The cities of Newcastle and Bergen have had a link for many years; more recently we have established links with the church, further North in Norway.

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.

RED CROSS WALK

People from Haydon Bridge and Bardon Mill gave no less than £680.00 to the Red Cross's relief work in Iraq, following Vincent Ashwin's walk on the May Day holiday. Vincent walked the 24 miles from Brampton to Haydon Bridge. It rained on the Roman Wall at Gilsland, and drizzled during a lunch break in some woods near Blenkinsopp Hall. But past Plennmeller and Beltingham the sun shone and birds sang. Vincent is overwhelmed by people's generosity, and grateful to have sent a cheque for such a large amount.

PLANS FOR ART EXHIBITION IN HAYDON OLD CHURCH.

St Cuthbert's Church Council last month met Julie Livesey, an artist who has recently moved in to the village. She came to ask if she could create a temporary work which would be exhibited over three weeks. Her temporary works have been exhibited in many countries, including Australia, and most recently in Aydon Castle, Corbridge. We are waiting to hear from the Arts Council, to see whether funding is available for the project.

Meanwhile, the monthly summer evening services are taking place, at 6.00pm on the first Sunday of each month.

NEW HEADTEACHER AT HENSHAW

In our neighbouring parish, Mrs Denise Henry from Prudhoe has been appointed as head of Henshaw First School. She took up her position after Easter, having been deputy head at Archbishop Runcie School in Gosforth. Henshaw School now houses a morning playgroup in a spare classroom, and this is having a good effect on applicants to the school.

FAREWELL TO HEAD OF MUSIC

Mr Martin Hoil, the High School's music teacher, and good friend of the village's churches, is leaving for a post elsewhere.