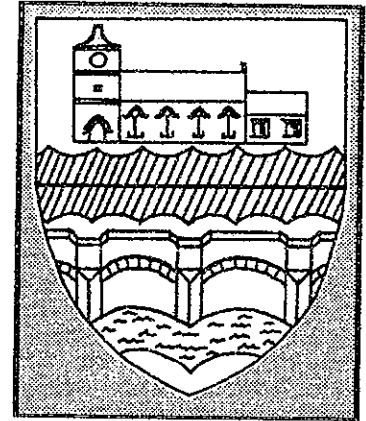


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EDITORIAL

As I write this the scene from my windows is of almost unbelievable calm. The village is bathed in bright sunshine, the sky is blue, the fields have a sprinkling of snow, the river is sauntering along calmly and it is once more possible to walk upright on the old bridge or even pause to study the ducks.

The recent gales have been prolonged, noisy and frightening - their possible return is forecast. In the meantime we can all sleep quietly in our beds at night and those of us who are able to cope with the treacherous pavements can enjoy going about our normal business in the greatly improved conditions.

It is the aim of the Haydon News to keep everyone in the parish aware of what is going on and to give everyone a chance to "have their say" on matters of concern to us all. As Editor, I consider that the debate on Community use of the High School facilities has now gone far enough and Dr High's letter on the meeting of 14 December will close the correspondence.

What has come to light is the comparative paucity of facilities for *informal* outdoor sports activities in the village. We live surrounded by glorious countryside but it all belongs to somebody. We lack the municipal parks and play areas which

we observe are available to "less favoured" town and city dwellers.

Anyone who feels strongly on this score is at liberty to attend a parish council meeting, take part in the public participation session and make our elected representatives aware of the problems. There is not likely to be an instant solution but as the old Chinese proverb says - even the longest journey begins with a single step.

Gina Richardson
Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have to report that the meeting between Mr D Thompson, Headmaster of Haydon Bridge High School, and members of the public at the school on Monday 14 December 1992 indicated that the school's policy of sharing its grounds and playing fields with local residents, when the school was not using them, has altered from what it was in the past.

I have always had great respect and pride in Haydon Bridge High School and for the three Headmasters whose work for the school I have witnessed and admired and believe this view is widely held in the village. Indeed I believe that it was by joint fund raising between the school and the



village that the Edward Waite pavilion and travel foundation were established. I believe there is a feeling among local residents that these notices seem unnecessary and offensive and they now feel debarred from using the school's facilities with the same welcome and freedom they enjoyed in the past.

I feel that these notices will sour relations with the local community and I hope that the School Governors, the County Solicitor and the Headmaster will consider their early removal.

Dr R High

This correspondence is now closed. Editor.

THANKYOUS

Children's Society Boxes 1992

The sum of £383.69 has been sent to the Children's Society; this is an increase of £68.26 on last year's total. Thank you all very much for your generosity.

M L Curry
Box Secretary

Watson Family Fund-raising 1992

The Watson Family would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sold Christmas Draw tickets and those who bought them and also the many kind people who subscribed in various ways in making the Christmas Dance and Draw such a success.

The profit for the year was

£500.00

donated to

Haydon Bridge High School
and

£3214.00

donated to Tynedale

Hospice at Home Fund

The latter sum was handed to Mrs Mc Fadzean who is in charge of the fund.

H Watson

VILLAGE FETE 1992 Application of Proceeds

It is generally known that these funds are to be applied to "improving the visual impact at the entrances to the Village, as approached from East or West on the A69".

With the approval and encouragement of the Parish Council detailed plans are now in hand. The necessary formalities have also been completed in relation to who else may lay claim to the pieces of ground (or claim a say in what can be done with them) and what services, such as electricity, phones, water and drainage may cross the sites.

At the west end:

A low growing shrub border will be created against the fence behind the old people's bungalows.

At the east end:

A raised bed will be constructed in the grass triangle at the end of John Martin Street and planted with heathers.

To make best use of the funds it is planned to call on volunteer labour in the construction and planting stages. Offers of help in "kind" have also been received: for instance the Parish Council has agreed that stone for the raised bed may be extracted from the derelict wall at the cemetery - which will tidy up that site at the same time! The loan of a tractor and trailer has

been promised to move that stone and Egger have promised to supply forest bark at minimal cost provided they have it available when it is needed.

Even so it will be necessary to purchase sand and cement and possibly a load of top soil for the heather bed. A rotovator will be hired for the preparation of the shrub border and that and the tractor will need to be fuelled. It is likely that sections of the shrub border will have to be left bare for a future project. Quite a few local gardeners have offered to take cuttings to help with this scheme. In thanking them I would just like to point out that to create a bold effect we are planting groups of 5-7 of a kind and the Department of Transport is insistent on a *maximum height of 3 feet*. This will restrict us to *Dwarf and Prostrate varieties*.

To get to the nitty gritty, the first working party is to be on *Saturday 6 March*. Please study the separate notice and consider whether you are able to help with this project which should ultimately delight us all.

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Entrance Fee £2
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Tea and biscuits will be
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**NEXT ISSUE
MARCH 1993
ALL COPY
TO THE EDITOR
14 SHAFTOE STREET
BY 20 FEBRUARY
PLEASE**

**PARISH COUNCIL
PICKINGS**

**17 December and
28 January meetings**

There were five councillors present at the December meeting but they were all there in January. Having a "full house" presents a problem for your reporter, because the larger the number present, the greater the level of background noise through which he has to try to listen to what the discussions are about. If these notes are deficient, I apologise in advance, but I cannot report what I cannot hear.

"The Public" was in evidence at both meetings. In December there was complaint about the coverage of the "back-lane" controversy by the Courant - about which the Parish Council could do nothing. In January, the Council's attention was drawn to the increased tendency for drivers to overtake while passing through the village - a result, it was claimed, of higher speeds encouraged by the Watson's Garage road improvement. The County Council has refused double white lines before, but it was agreed to try again, citing the changed circumstances and asking for hatch-marks at the various junctions.

A consortium of well-wishers at Langley has arranged to erect a shelter to protect the huddled children waiting for the school



buses. Tynedale Council has approved, subject to the Parish Council accepting nominal ownership of the structure.

A scheme for village improvements has been settled by the By-Pass Committee. Volunteers who work on this project will be covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy.

Further modifications to the Martin's Close gate are to be made. The money for this comes out of the housing budget and it is not likely that any further suggestions will be listened to. Cllr Mrs Howard, as a member of the Housing Committee, is to have a site visit with councillors resident on the estate to discuss the re-lighting programme, with particular reference to the Greenwich Gardens garages.

There was also a complaint about dangerous stunts by car-drivers on the North Bank - to add to the worries about oversize lorries driven by non-local drivers.

Outside the meeting, I was asked to warn you to wear galoshes if you are walking along the Newbrough Road. The dogs have made it their own!

JPR

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**VILLAGE FETE 1993
Preliminary Notice**

In response to popular request the Organising Committee has decided to hold another August Bank Holiday Fete this year. The date will be:

Monday 30 August

In keeping with the general aim of showing what Village life should be like, it is proposed that the disposable proceeds be donated to one or possibly two Village Organisations with a special project on hand.

In the April issue of the Haydon News we shall be calling for suggestions as to possible beneficiaries. The organisations themselves may submit details of a current project or individual local residents may put forward proposals.

The Organising Committee will review the proposals and select those items considered appropriate to the spirit of the event. Thereafter, those groups or individuals committed to taking part in preparatory work or the provision of services, stalls or entertainment on Fete Day will be invited to vote on their order of preference for the suggested beneficiaries. The outcome of the vote will be announced in the June issue of the Haydon News.

In this way it is hoped that the sense of common achievement will again extend

beyond the day of shared enjoyment into the satisfaction of seeing the local application of the disposable proceeds of the event.

Eileen Charlton
Chairman

**WEST END SHRUB
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Saturday 6 March

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The construction team will next move on to the wall building on the east end triangle



I'M FINE, THANKYOU

There's nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I walk, I talk with a wheeze,
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me, night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral of this, as my tale I unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine," with a grin,
Than to let folk know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my "Get up and go" has got up and went.
But I don't really mind, when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my "got up" has bin!

Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I get into bed,
With my ears in the drawer and my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up,
'ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red,
I could kick my heels over my head.
When I was older my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through.
Now I am old, my slippers are black,
I walk to the Store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the "Obits.,"
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

Anon.

Editor's note; We have to thank Mrs Joan Hawley for reminding us of this poem. Perhaps other readers would like to share some of their favourites with us. Or better still put pen to paper to create a new masterpiece. There is always room!



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CHURCH Newsletter

No. 11

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FEBRUARY 1993

~~~~~ QUITE RIGHT! ~~~~~

I FIND it quite surprising that the world should be in such a mess when there are such talented people as myself about. Sorting the world out really is quite a simple matter: analyse the problems, evaluate possible solutions and then implement them. No unemployment, poverty or hunger. Yes, if I were given a free hand I would soon set the world to rights.

Fortunately, my talent is constrained by a knowledge of my own limitations and weaknesses. However, many of the world's problems stem from people who - at

least to begin with - were trying to improve the human condition and believed they knew how to do it. Even the most vicious dictator often started off with a vision of the greater good before being blinded by a perverted view of what is right.

Often our objectives are right but our means are wrong. Tackling oppression and injustice has resulted in ruinous civil wars in Liberia, Ethiopia and Sudan. It is no surprise that these countries are now racked by famine and have ruined economies. Where now is peaceful, prosperous Lebanon? Being right is no substitute for having compassion.

So, how do we change the world? Surely it is by being willing to risk ourselves for others instead of risking others for the sake of causes. We need to listen to our consciences and feel for the needs of others. We need to challenge the thinking of those around us without presenting an apparent threat to them. God calls on us to act rightly and justly for the sake of others. For the sake of redeeming a fallen humanity, Jesus was prepared to risk and lose his life. His resurrection is a sign to us of the rewards we gain for trying to follow in his footsteps and for showing his love.

DAVID BRADSHAW

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

Sun 7th Feb.
9th before Easter
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. The Eucharist
6 p.m. United Evensong

Wed 10th Feb.
7 p.m. Holy Communion
and prayers for those
who are ill or in
trouble - the vicar
is pleased to receive
requests for prayer.

Sun 14th Feb
8th before Easter
10 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Sun 21st Feb
7th before Easter
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. The Eucharist

Wed 24th Feb.
ASH WEDNESDAY -
LENT begins
7 p.m. Eucharist for
Ash Wednesday and
ceremony of Ashes.

Sun. 28th Feb
Lent 1
10 a.m. Parish Eucharist

Wed. 3rd March (Ember)
10 a.m. Holy Communion

Sun 7th March

Lent 2
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. The Eucharist
6 p.m. United Service at
the United Reform Church

PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

2/12/92
Vi Barron
8/12/92
Pat Bell
16/12/92
George Willis Thompson
31/12/92
James Taylor
13/1/93
Bertha Welch
26/1/93
Benson Brown

Our condolences to
all who are bereaved
We pray for those who
have died.

RESPONSE

The mother of an (Anglican) four year old struggling to get him into a pair of leggings said 'James, lift up your legs'. To which the child promptly replied: 'We lift them to the Lord.'



Haydon Bridge Methodist Chapel



Diary for February

2nd February

7.30 pm Mens Fellowship
speaker Mr W Foster

6th February

7.00 pm Rally at Warden
chairman Rev A Buglass

7th February

10.45 am Morning Communion
Service led by Rev David
Perkins

6.00 pm United Evening
Service at St Cuthberts

10th February

7.30 pm Bible study in
School room

14th February

10.45 am Morning Service
led by Mr R Tipping

6.00 pm Evening Service
local arrangement

17th February

7.30 pm Bible study at
West End Hexham

20th February

7.00 pm Rally at Fourstones
Chairman Rev A Buglass

21st February

10.45 am Morning Family
Service led by Rev David
Perkins

6.00 pm Evening Service
led by Mr K Lowdon

24th February

7.30 pm Bible Study in
School Room

28th February

10.45 am Morning Service
led by Mr M Stone

6.00 pm Evening Service
led by Mr C Dodds

3rd March

7.30 pm Bible Study at
West End Hexham

7th March

8.45 am Early Communion
led by Rev David Perkins

10.45 am Morning Service
led by Rev J Errington

6.00 pm United Evening
Service at U R C

DIGITAL PIANO

St Cuthbert's Church
Choir are following
the Royal School of
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scheme and many of
the members are now on
to their third grade
in the training
programme.

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training purposes.

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great asset to our choir
equipment.

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asked that the instrument
be made available for
wider use - so is their
are any bona fide musicians
choirs, or singing groups,
who from time to time
can benefit from this
instrument - it can be
borrowed by contacting the
vicar.

BREAK-IN AT HAYDON

Sadly we report that
Haydon Old Church was
brokep into during January
Nothing was stolen - there
is nothing to steal - but
entry was forced through
a window of hand-made
glass. Will, would-be
thieves please note -
there is nothing at
Haydon Old Church worth
stealing - all you are
doing is damaging an
ancient and irreplaceable
building that some of us
love.

LENT GROUPS

Lent is a time for self-
discipline and prayer, and
also a time when we make a
special effort to study our
faith.

Groups will meet during
Lent to study and discuss
matters of faith and
Christian concern.

On Thursdays meetings will
be held both in the evening
and in the afternoon.

Evening meetings will be
held at Tofts Bank House
beginning on 4th February
at 7.45 p.m. Lifts are
available - contact Dr. Gray.

Thursday afternoon meetings
begin on 11th Feb. at
Springfield - the home of
Mrs Garrow, and start at
2 p.m.

A meeting will be held on
Monday 1st Feb at 7.30 p.m.
at the vicarage to see if
there is sufficient
support for a third group.

Other meetings during Lent
are as follows:-

Ash Wed. 24/2/93 after the
Ash Wed Eucharist the vicar
will talk to the Mothers
Union about Lent in the
Church Hall. This is a
meeting open to everyone.

Other "one off" meetings
will be arranged for March.

St Cuthbert's Women's
Fellowship :-

10th February in the Church
Hall at 2.30 p.m.

Speaker:- Mrs MacLean

COFFEE MORNING

in the Church Hall
10 a.m. till 12 noon
Sat. 13th February

THANK YOU to everyone
who helped to deliver
the Church Christmas
Cards around the
village and parish.



NEWS

KIELDER FOREST EDGE

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CATTON

A FRIENDLY WELCOME - SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS - CHILDREN'S PLAY ROOM - DISPENSING
FAMILY PLANNING - WELL PERSON CLINICS - CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - YELLOW FEVER CENTRE

HELP WITH SMOKING

Wednesday 17th February at 7.00pm at the Health Centre there is a special session to help smokers to give up. We shall have a smoker's version of a breathalyser to show how much carbon monoxide is in your breath, videos, pamphlets, a chance to talk about stopping and an opportunity to see the nicotine patches which many are now using. We want to help - do drop in for a chat!

FOOD HYGIENE

In the last few years we have all been made aware of the importance of food hygiene in the prevention of illness. Diarrhoea and vomiting are miserable symptoms to have at any time but in small children and the elderly there can be very serious consequences. The lengths to which the food industry goes to ensure the safety of the food we buy are quite extraordinary and even then there are still occasional problems. A programme on the BBC showed how a sandwich factory bathed all incoming packages in pure alcohol before opening, clothed the workforce in "space suits" and kept the entire factory, all the delivery vans and all the shop display cabinets at 4 degrees. After all this care a customer can buy a sandwich and leave it in his car for a few hours and then complain when it has not retained it's freshness! Each of us, especially those who buy and prepare food for our families, shares responsibility for keeping up high standards. Frequent thorough hand washing and disinfection of areas where food is prepared is important. Do not use the same implements and chopping boards for raw and cooked items. Be careful how, where and for how long food is stored. Is your refrigerator working properly, is it set low enough and defrosted regularly? How can you tell if it is working properly? - use a fridge thermometer! Raw meat and cheese should not be stored where they can drip on or touch other food. Keep all foods for the shortest possible time before eating, pay attention to the "Best before -" and "Eat by -" dates, never eat raw meat or eggs, never reheat food twice and make sure that on the first reheat the food becomes "piping hot" all the way through. If microwaving, follow the instructions carefully every time.

LISTERIOSIS

The Chief Medical Officer has asked us to continue to be aware of the risks of Listeria infection for pregnant women. The listeria organisms are found in a wide variety of foods and though the food industry has done much to reduce the problem, care is still required. Pregnant women and those trying for pregnancy should avoid soft ripened cheeses (Brie, Camembert and others with coloured veins in), all types of pate, cook-chilled meals and ready to eat poultry unless they have been reheated all the way through until they are "piping hot" - too hot to eat straight away! Silage also contains listeria so contact should be avoided.

LAMBING

It's that time of year again! Women who are pregnant or who are trying to be pregnant should avoid all contact with sheep and lambs as they can carry listeria, toxoplasma and chlamydia - all things best avoided.

FOLIC ACID

Recently President Bush recalled how as a boy he hated broccoli. Now, being president nobody could make him eat it -so there! Folic acid - one of the essential ingredients in our diet which we get from green leafy vegetables mostly - is particularly important for women who are or are trying to be pregnant. Taking extra folic acid - as a tablet - and making sure that green leafy vegetables are increased in the diet is now recommended. For more information please ask the doctor or midwife.

THANK YOU

We are very grateful for the most generous donations given to the Health Centre Equipment fund by the friends and relatives of the late Mrs Viola Barron and Mr George Thompson. The fund is used to purchase items of equipment for the treatment of patients and is a registered charity now - which means we don't have to pay VAT, which means the money is made to go even further. Thank you!

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

We try to use medicines and tablets as little as possible but some people need to take things every day. Usually we provide a prescription for a months treatment at a time, unless the person pays treatment tax in

which case we make the prescription for two months. The amount of paperwork has to be seen to be believed! Following a regular six month check up we plan to give enough prescriptions to last until your next check up. You would know that if you were running out of prescriptions it was time to make an appointment. Would anyone like to make a comment about this idea?

FUNDHOLDING

The Haydon Bridge, Allendale and Bellingham practices become Fundholders together from April 1994. This is in order to allow us to continue to provide the best possible care in the years ahead. Fundholding is very complicated, I shall try to explain over the coming months. Already a surgeon has offered vasectomies at the Health Centre for less than half the price a hospital would charge and straight away as opposed to in a years time! If there is going to be a two tier NHS then our three communities must not be disadvantaged. We do not approve of the development of a two tier system and will seek to share the benefits which we create with others. I feel that it is important for this issue to be debated and understood and will be pleased to answer any questions.

SUPERGLUE

Whilst walking round Kew Gardens the sole of my shoe came off. A short trip to a local shop, a quick squirt of glue, a five minute sit down to let it set and even now - 8 months later - the shoe is as strong as ever. Clever stuff! There is a variety of Superglue for sticking people together, called Histoacryl. We have some for holding the edges of cuts together - as it avoids stitching the result is neater. Superglue can cause problems. People have mistaken Superglue for nose or eye drops with horrid results. Always look carefully at the label - don't rely on the size, shape or colour of the container! If you find yourself stuck - DON'T PANIC! The problem can be sorted out, don't pull furiously or cut at the affected part. There has been a report about a man who stuck the cheeks of his bottom together with Superglue....???...Don't ask me!!! I am sure HM The Queen was thinking of something else entirely when she spoke of an *Annus Horribilis!*

SF