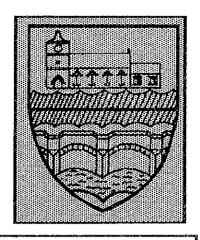
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#### **EDITORIAL**

It was evident from the first meeting, on 1 May 1991, that the instigators of the By-pass action campaign had stout hearts and boundless enthusiasm for hard work. These have proved to be essential attributes for those undertaking such a task.

One thing inevitably leads to another and by July 1991 the By-pass Action Committee had been formed - and found itself organising an August Bank Holiday Fête, to show what Village life *should* be like. It is now ancient history that the success of the event led to the establishment of this as a regular date in the calendar of Village Life.

The members of the Action Committee would be amongst the first to admit that the excellence of the Village Fair, as it is now known, is totally Community based. Nevertheless it is organised by a comparatively small group of people, working over an extended period, and each year brings suggestions for how to do things even better next time. There are times when the "learning curve" seems to be climbing away out of sight.

In addition to the load of these activities, the same committee shouldered the burden of the application of the funds raised by the 1992 Fair "to improve the visual impact at the entrance to the Village as approached from East or West on the A69".

It must now be admitted that the schemes for East and West and the Cemetery entrance were entered into with more enthusiasm than experience - or perhaps with too much trust in the "experts" who claim that shrub borders and heather beds are easily maintained!

The disenchantment of the occupants of the Old People's bungalows at the West end of the Village is easily understood. When the shrub border was first prepared and part planted the almost instant invasion of docks, thistles and "wicken" had to be seen to be believed. The hand weeding between plants and spraying for weed control in other areas was not helped by the apparent lack of communication between the Parish Council and the grass cutting teams. Nor, I might add from bitter experience, by the contribution of the local canine population!

Larch poles were donated to set in trenches along the edge of the shrub border to discourage ingress of weeds from the grassed area, but working parties were repeatedly rained off. The second summer season has exacerbated all the previous problems and still no realistic approach to grass cutting - and no sign of any will within the Parish Council to reach a solution. It is hardly surprising that the By-pass Action Committee, with so much else on its hands, has been driven to turning a temporary Nelson's Eye to that part of their scheme.

Though the construction of the raised bed at the East End of the Village went more smoothly, and last year's bedding plants were a never to be forgotten sight, the planting of the heathers has revealed that there will be more effort to be expended on weeding in that bed than had been anticipated, at least until the heather growth has formed a dense screen.

Finally the entrance to the Cemetery is not without its critics, in spite of the vast improvement wrought there. Yet again it is clear that the upkeep will be more labour intensive than ever imagined.

There has been a great deal of individual and collective effort devoted to these schemes and much help received from the Community as a whole in the form of materials and loan of equipment. If it is not all to go to waste there will have to be some more formal arrangement made to deal with the ongoing maintenance.

It is totally unrealistic to expect the Parish Council to adopt the whole scheme. Quite apart from the cost, the state of the many grassed areas within the Parish is indicative of the level of expertise lavished on such work.

On the other hand there are doubtless those in the Village who would be willing and able to make some contribution to the work, provided they could pick their time to fit in with weather conditions and the work load in their own gardens. Indeed several individuals have been observed "having a go", but no doubt were soon daunted by the enormity of the surrounding wilderness.

Unless there is substantial coordinated help forthcoming in the very near future the Village will not only lose what has already been gained for our visual impact: we are in danger of killing the geese that lay the golden eggs.

The West End shrub border is due for major re-assessment. Elsewhere one way forward might be to subdivide the heather bed and the planted areas at the cemetery entrance into very much smaller (imaginary) plots. Volunteers could then be sought to adopt one or more plots, to keep them weeded and generally looking cared for.

Eileen Charlton would no doubt be delighted to hear from anyone prepared to adopt even the smallest plot and there are at this stage plenty to choose from!

Gina Richardson Editor



#### LANGLEY WI

The dreary month of November was enlivened by two meetings at Langley WI

In the first, members were given a pictorial journey through Northumberland when Dr Chaytors showed his slides of Natural History in the region. Dr Chaytors' enthusiasm and knowledge of his subject ensured members had a most enjoyable evening.

The second meeting was the annual Pie and Peas supper where, as usual, the hall was filled fapacity. After supper Eddie Milligan compered the entertainment and kept the audience amused with his seemingly endiess repertoire of jokes.

Vocal entertainment was provided by Alan White, a local singer much in demand, who delighted the audience with both his music and his humour. The youngest entertainer of the evening was talented schoolgirl Jill Blackburn, an accomplished accordion player who has just returned from playing in America. Her talent and enthusiasm enthralled the audience and set their feet tapping.

Members of the Committee Eileen Martin, Francis Wise and Laura Gilhespy rounded off the entertainment with the monologues and sketches of local life which are an integral part of this annual event and are thoroughly appreciated. The evening ended with the by now traditional auction which was carried out with great humour by Maurice Reed.

Members and guests alike agreed that this had once again been a remarkably successful evening.

M Nagel

#### TAMBOURINE

Now that it is nearing Christmas and the time for dressing up parties, will the lady who was loaned a tambourine, by Mrs Ohlson, please return it as it is needed once again to compliment a gipsy costume?

As this tambourine is of sentimental value its return will be much appreciated.

Many Thanks

E Ohlson

#### HAYDON NEWS A NEW EDITOR

As the time for my departure from the Village draws near I am delighted to be able to assure readers that not only has a New Editor been found to keep the show on the road, but his computor is bigger and better than mine, so look out for an improved lay-out!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the contributors who have made my Editorship of the magazine such a pleasurable task over the last 4 years. And also to thank the members of the Committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge for their unfailing support.

Long may you all thrive!

Gina Richardson

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FEBRUARY 1995
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#### 1994 POPPY APPEAL

The Honorary Organiser, Mrs Loyd, reports that the sum of £831.04p was collected in the Haydon Bridge District. Collectors and Givers alike are to be congratulated on this.

#### PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Meeting 24 November

There were 9 Councillors attending. This was an extremely long meeting, hence the need for the small typeface.

Under Public Participation Mr S B Mitchell submitted a list of 7 questions about the Tynedale District Local Plan and its effect on Haydon Bridge. There was considerable discussion. The Plan is to provide parameters for future development - what will and will not be allowed. It will run until the year 2004.

The full effects of the Plan and questions relating to the proposals are set out on another sheet of this edition of the Haydon News.

Please read it carefully.
There will be a Parish
Meeting on Thursday
8 December at 7.00pm
in the Community Centre

so that your Parish Council can find out local feelings about the Plan. Cllrs Bill and Marion Howard will arrange for the exhibition from the Library to be available at the meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 22 December, when the feelings of the Parish meeting will be considered and the Council will then make its submissions about the Tynedale District Plan to the District Council.

The Rev. David Perkins told the Council of the Methodist Chapel plans for redevelopment. There has been a two year discussion period within the Church and they have decided to go further than spending the £20 000 on repairs and to redevelop the site. Final plans have not yet been made, but

a wide range of agencies have been consulted about use including the Health Centre, Social Services and an enormous list of others.

The proposed facilities are a considerable extension and the Rev. Perkins is confident that the funding will be forthcoming largely from within Methodism. His purpose was to inform the Council of the direction in which they are moving and to point out that although this would be a major development in the Village centre, they would try not to duplicate any facilities already present. Several Councillors seemed dubious about such a development having no effect on other centres within Haydon Bridge.

Clir Mrs Howard reported that the Dept. of Transport office which is concerned with the A69 is to be moved to Leeds. There would not therefor be any local representation. The Parish Council is writing to express its disquiet.

The Council agreed to renew its annual grant of £75.00 to Age Concern and the Chairman offered to look into repairs to the War memorial. It was also pointed out that the Tynedale District Local Plan suggests a Bowling Green for Haydon Bridge. Before any funding can be considered there must be a Public Meeting organised by the Parish Council to consider all aspects of the idea. Whether or not such a plan goes ahead depends on public interest. There will be a Public Meeting in January to discuss the whole matter. Watch out for local notices of date, time and place. [There is no January Haydon News]

**Remember:** Thursday 8 Dec. 7.00pm, in the Community Centre.

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#### **BY-PASS UPDATE**

Peter Atkinson MP and his advisors are busy compiling information at the moment to highlight our need for a Bypass. It is their intention to make a major push in the New Year. To this end they have asked us to pass on any information we receive on dangerous incidents and accidents so please report anything you witness to us.

In the New Year we intend to run another letter writing campaign, as new Ministers have taken over from the ones targeted last time. Please watch the next Haydon News for details.

We must also report that we are about to lose a valuable member of our Committee - Gina Richardson is leaving Haydon Bridge in the near future - we wish her well in her new home and take this opportunity to thank her for all her work with the many projects we have undertaken. She will be greatly missed.

#### JOB VACANCY

Active Committee Member(s) to replace Gina.

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QUALIFICATIONS to want to help in our fight for a By-pass and Must Care about our Village

If you fit these qualifications join us! We meet at 7.30pm in the Church Hall on the first Wednesday of the month.

Eileen Charlton Chairman



"How are you these days?" said the Old Bridge to the New. "It's a great many years since we had a chat but, truth to tell, I thought I wouldn't disturb you until your legs got better."

"That's very considerate of you, old chap," replied the New Bridge, "but now that you ask, I must say I'm much better now my legs have had some steel pins put in and another layer of concrete added. I hope I don't have to go through that operation again for a very long time."

"Yes, I must say the folks around here were getting a bit fed up," said the Old Bridge, "you had the traffic held up both ways for how long? The fumes, the noise, impatient drivers jumping the lights!"

"Well, it wasn't entirely my fault you know," said the New Bridge. "You see, the firm that came to start the operation didn't have the "Bridge Club" to give them their expert opinion and they got underway just as the bad weather set in, and you know what it's like trying to hold water back in winter."

"Indeed I do," said the Old Bridge, "the time I've stood here up to my - - - sorry, carry on."

"Yes, well, the more they tried to dam back the river the more frustrated they became. Then they had to keep climbing over the top of me to get down to their scaffolding."

"Well, yes, I'll accept that," said the Old Bridge "but let's hope they have put sufficient strength back into your legs to carry this new weight."

"What do you mean, new weight?" asked the New Bridge.

"Haven't you learnt anything since last we had a chat? Just because you've got the traffic whizzing to and fro across your back now doesn't mean you can sit back and rely on me for information," chastised the Old Bridge.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said the New Bridge, "but you once said you were old enough to be my great great grandfather, so who else should I turn to?"

"Now don't try and butter me up like that," retorted the Old Bridge, "but you see its those people in Brussels. They have decreed that waggons can soon carry an overall weight of 40 tons." "Thank you very much," said the New Bridge, "as though I didn't have enough to carry as it is! Is that why the County has altered the markings at the East End, so the traffic can get across me a bit faster?"

"No," said the Old Bridge, "I think it was those Parish Council People who were afraid there would be more accidents if something wasn't done at the cross roads. What they wanted was the 30mph signs putting further up the bank and with those 3-2-1 countdown signs before them. And lines right across your back, but you know what they're like at County Hall."

"Well, let's hope for everyone's sake the Parish Council keep trying, for it's no fun for me watching so many near misses day by day," said the New Bridge.

"Look," said the Old Bridge, "there's that chap with the wheelbarrow. He'll be off to weed that nice garden the By-Pass Committee put in - and let's see - yes there's Gina - you know, the woman who does the Haydon News. She'll be away down to help him with her spade and things. Elleen, David and the rest of the gang must be at work."

"They could be up at the Cemetery," said the New Bridge, "for I've heard they've been busy up there as well."

"Yes. Then I suppose they'll get around to doing the West End," said the Old Bridge, "the bushes up there will be well established by now."

"I'm very sorry," said the New Bridge, "here we are chatting away and I've never asked how you are."

"I thought you'd never ask," said the old Bridge, "I miss old Stan who used to keep me nice and clean. This new chap, Cecil, does his best but some people don't seem to know what litter bins are for: and then again if there is work to be done to my electrics or water pipes they never seem to leave the job nice and tidy and even. But I must say those ubiquitous By-Passers give me a real good clean up once a year, so I can't complain."

"Here," said the New Bridge, "Those ubicky things---"

"Oh, never mind now," chuckled the Old Bridge, "the Complements of the Season to you!" And off to sleep he went, presumably for another twelve months.

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#### 30 YEARS AGO Parish Magazine Vol.3 No.1 Dec. 1964

We are glad to be able to report that the Church Commissioners have given their approval to the building of the new Church Hall in part of the Vicarage garden.

Before the old hall burned down, the Church Council had its plans for the rehabilitation of the Parish Church well advanced. The needs of the new hall have slowed down these plans, but they have not been scrapped.

Work in the Church boiler room has been completed: the interior walls have been pointed and cement rendered and a fire-proof ceiling has been put in. All that remains to do now is maybe a little bit of painting here and there and our new boiler room will be a model for other churches to copy. This work has been done by Mr C Edmunds, Captain Jeffrey, Mr Wm Foster, Mr Anderson Robinson and the Vicar.

The same team, augmented by new volunteers, will next turn its attention to the Church porch which is overdue some loving, tender care. Little by little, things are getting done, and they are being done properly. The benefits of this work will endure for many years to come - and the work itself will move ahead just as quickly as funds allow.

#### 20 YEARS AGO Haydon Herald December 1974

How to Cook a Husband: A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement in cooking and so are not tender and good. Some women keep them constantly in hot water: others let them freeze by their carelessness and indifference. Some keep them in a stew with irritating ways and words. Some wives keep them pickled, while others waste them shamefully. It cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good when so managed, but they are really delicious when prepared properly.

flame of love, warmth and cheerfulness. Set him as near this as seems to agree with him. Season to taste with spices, good humour and gaiety preferred, but seasoning must be done with great discretion and caution.

Avoid sharpness in testing him for tenderness. You cannot fail to know when he is done. If so treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing with you perfectly: and he will keep as long as you choose unless you become careless and allow the home fires to grow cold. Thus prepared he will serve a lifetime of Happiness.

Taken from a cookbook of the 1800's.
Mary Margaret McKee

### December 1994

# Haydon Bridge Parish Council PUBLIC MEETING

To discuss Tynedale Draft Proposals for a 24% increase in the number of dwellings in the village. Other proposals in the Local Plan consultation document may also be considered at this public participation meeting.

Community Centre
Thursday 8th December 1994 at 7 p.m.
Please come along and air your views

## Background

The Tynedale District Local Plan (Consultation Draft) was issued in September 1994 and responses are required to be submitted by 23rd of December.

On November 15, 17, and 22nd the Draft Plan was available in the Library for perusal,, it is not known how many people took advantage of this.

It is understood that The Parish Council intend to submit a formal response taking into account your opinions. Individual comments on the plan can, of course, be sent direct to Tynedale District Council.

#### HOUSING FACT SHEET

Outline planning permission has already been given for plots on North Bank and the south Ratcliffe Road site. Up to 26 new dwellings (6 + 20) can be built on these two sites.

The Draft Local Plan shows two new sites:-50 new Dwellings West of Shaftoe School 70 new Dwellings West of Langley Gardens

which 24 are planned to be 'affordable', of which only 10 (West Shaftoe site) can be started before the year 2001. This is because permission will not be granted prior to then to develop the proposed site west of Langley Gardens.

#### **CONSERVATION AREA**

A new conservation area is proposed. This encompasses large parts of the village.

## POPULATION DECLINE

Between 1981 and 1991 the Haydon Bridge population decreased by 70 people.

### COMMENT BY NEW EDITOR

In the November Haydon News Editorial we were reminded that twenty years ago, in 1974, the Haydon Herald was trying to stir up interest in the future of the Station Yard, for whatever reason interest was not forthcoming. In 1978 the outcome became apparent.

The main Commuter Pressure areas have new housing allocations of Prudhoe - 680 (114), Haydon Bridge - 120 (24), Hexham - 117 (40), Corbridge -50 (20), Allendale - 0. The figures in brackets show the minimum figure for 'affordable' housing on sites in each area.

It is generally recognised that there is a shortage of affordable housing in the village yet the Plan indicates that this need has been given a low priority with the vast majority of the proposed new housing being for the needs of Tyneside commuters. Both types of housing are called for but does the proposed mix and timescale have the correct balance? This is for you to decide.

We should all consider making use of this opportunity to express our views or participate by hearing others comment on the proposals. It will probably be too late once the Tynedale Plan has been finalised.

SEE OVERLEAF FOR EXTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSED LOCAL PLAN

## EXTRACTS FROM TYNEDALE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN - CONSULTATION DRAFT

#### BACKGROUND:

6.6 . Haydon Bridge experienced a population decline with a loss of 4% (70) people.(1981-1991)

6.17 In Haydon Bridge only 16 new dwellings were completed between 1981 and 1990, an increase of 2%, which was one of the lowest ratesof increase for local centres in Northumberland. A further 12 new dwellings were completed by 1st May 1994.

#### AIMS AND STRATEGY

3.2 In bringing forward such proposals [Development Strategy] consideration has been given to maintaing the role of Corbridge, Haydon Bridge, Allendale and Bellingham as secondary housing, employment and commercial centres for the local area;

#### BUILT ENVIRONMENT Advertising Signs in the Open Countryside;

Policy BE9 (h) that where two or more facilities require signposting only a joint sign will be allowed.

Policy BE18 proposes 15 additional conservation areas of which Haydon Bridge is one.

#### HOUSING

.....Equally Haydon Bridge, which has seen its population decline and few new buildings built over the last decade, could well benefit from Controlled growth.

#### Housing Provision in the Commuter Pressure Area:

3.2 Although the local centre of Haydon Bridge and the Parish of Newbrough have seen their population decline over the past ten years pressure for housing development are still apparent in both. It is recognised that these pressures will no doubt increase as a consequence of restrictions else - where in the Tyne Valley. Consequently both Haydon Bridge and Newbrough are to remain within the Commuter Pressure Area

3.4 The majority of new develop ment will continue to focus on the main towns of Hexham and Prudhoe and the local centres of Corbridge and Haydon Bridge but at a level appropriate to the services and character of the settlements.

3.8 Over the period 1981 to 1991 the local centre of Haydon Bridge actually experienced population decline and very few dwellings were completed.

The census shows a total of 660 dwellings in the settlement in April1991 with fairly low vacancy levels. Given past population decline in the settlement and the availability of a relatively wide range of services and facilities in the town it is considered appropriate to encourage new residential development in Haydon Bridge. It is therefore proposed to allocate sites for 120 new dwellings which together with dwellings completed to 1st May 1994 and existing planning permission for dwellings on large sites will give a 24% increase in the number of dwellings in Haydon Bridge over the 15 year period 1991 - 2006.

7.4 [Affordable Housing] House prices in the District, especially the Commuter Pressure Area are high compared to the rest of the Region...... only 30% of dwellings in Tynedale fall in the lowest banding (£40,000 value or less) compared to 51% in Northumberland as a whole. The value of property is particularly high in Corbridge, Hexham, Allendale and Haydon Bridge......

Policy H19 Tynedale District will normally expect an appropriate proportion of affordable housing to be included in all housisng developments for over 18 dwellings. To assist towards meeting the identified need for affordable housing Tynedale District Council will expect at least the following number of dwellings to be provided on allocated sites:

H4.9 West of Langley Gardens Haydon Bridge H4.10 West of Shaftoe School Haydon Bridge 10

9.1 [High Quality Housing over £160,000] Haydon Bridge and Hexham have just more than the County average [3%] Editors note - No specific proposals for Haydon Bridge are made.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1.4 ...limited development will be directed towards Havdon Bridge. ED1.22 North of Station Road Haydon Bridge 0.5 Hectares allocated.

TOURISM No specific mention of Haydon Bridge.

RETAILING
Policy RT2 Within the Commercial
Areas of Allendale, Bellingham, Corbridge and Haydon Bridge, proposals for retail development will normally be permitted provided that the pro-posal complies with the General Development Policy.

Policy RT3 ... permission will not normally be granted for small scale retail use outside the Commercia Areas identified on the Proposa map...unless purely for local needs etc

#### LEISURE AND RECREATION Policy LR12

(d) Haydon Bridge - Bowling Green See Haydon News re a proposed meeting in early 1995 to discuss.

#### TRANSPORT

2.4 Tynedale District Council's Corporate Plan for 1994/95 seeks major improvements to the A69 through dualling its entire length within the District, combined with a bypass for Haltwhistle and Haydon Bridge.

Policy TP1 prohibits any development which would affect this.

#### Policy TP2

Tynedale District council will not permit any development which is likely to adversely affect the lines of the following road schemes:

A69(T) Haltwhistle Bypass A69(T) Haydon Bridge Bypass A696(T) Otterburn Bypass B6320 Wark Bypass

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

4.1 Libraries No major changes are currently envisaged

7.1 [Buildings for Community use] It is not envisaged that there will be a new requirements for new facilities, however existing provision may need to be upgraded.

#### DISCLAIMER

These extracts have no legal standing and you are advised to refer to the Consultation Draft for official use.

The above are, in the main, selected verbatim extracts from the Consultation Draft which is available from Tynedale District Council at a cost of £35. The document contains some 260 pages and two large maps.

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Number 30

An independent supplement to the Haydon News

DECEMBER 1994

## **GOD'S WAY OF GIVING**

When you were a child how often did your parents say, "If you aren't good, Santa won't bring you any presents". But what is goodness? Children can at times be exceptionally good because they have been promised a present ass a reward. Sometimes they are good purely for the sake of being good! - but this doesn't happen very often. So, how do we give Christmas presents? Do we grade presents according to people's niceness?

Christmas is not about people being nice and good, but about love. We don't give presents to people to reward them for being good but to say that we love them. Christmas is very much about unselfish giving cause it is the time we remember God's great gift to mankind - Jesus Christ. Jesus is the greatest gift that God has given us. The birth of Jesus is a sign of God's unconditional and boundless love for us.

God loves us, not because we are good, but because we are part of his creation. Our lack of goodness separates us from God, and that is a gulf that only God can bridge - and that bridge is Jesus. God's willingness to take human form and to come down to our level shows the extent of his love for us.

Jesus calls us to respond to God's love for us. Our relationship with God is not dependant on goodness, but on love.

As we give and receive our Christmas presents, we should emember that they are meant to be signs of love. Love is something that is not to be limited to those we like, but should embrace those who make us feel uncomfortable. Often it is those that we consider to be other than 'good' who are most in need of the good things we can offer.

We do not deserve the love that God has for us. Then surely we should not judge the worth of others but simply share God's love with them.

DAVID BRADSHAW

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God has two dwellings: one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart.

-Izaac Walton.

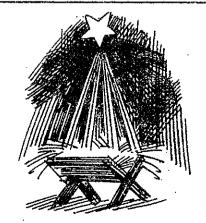
#### FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM
13th Nov. - Martyn Laurence
BELL

20th Nov. - Jordon Paul PENDER

"Let the children come to meof such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

CONFIRMATION
by the Lord Bishop of
Newcastle at Hexham Abbey
20th Nov. - Nikolas LITTLE



Make room for God this Christmas

### SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

4th Dec - Advent 2

8 am Holy Communion 10.30 Worship for All 6 pm United Evensong

11th Dec - Advent 3 10.30 Parish Eucharist

18th Dec - Advent 4
8 am Holy Communion
10.30 Eucharist
6 pm United Carol Service at
Methodist Chapel

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 4 pm Children's Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist

25th Dec - Christmas Day 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

1st Jan - Christmas 1 8 am Holy Communion 10.30 Covenant Service at Methodist Chapel

### SERVICES AT BELTINGHAM AND HENSHAW

4th Dec - at Henshaw 10 am Holy Communion

11th Dec - at Beltingham
9 am Holy Communion
6 pm Evensong

18th Dec - at Henshaw 10 am Carol Service

25th Dec - at Beltingham 10 am Holy Communion

1st Jan - at Henshaw 10 am Holy Communion St Cuthbert's: Haydon Bridge

## WHIST DRIVE

Tuesday 6th December 7.30 pm

## in the Church Hall

Highest Score wins a Turkey (other seasonal prizes) Admission £1 (includes light refreshments)

#### INFORMATION

Vicar: Rev Keith Fletcher - Tel 684307 Asst. Priest: Rev Gerry Price -

Tel: 609861

Both priests use answering machines when they are not in their office -simply leave your name and telephone and they will get back to you.

Hall Bookings - Mrs Marshall 684454



### EVERY FRIDAY

at the Methodist Chapel

6.30 - 7.30 Youth club for under 10's 7.45 - 8.45 Study Club for 11+

## HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES IN DECEMBER

#### December 4th

10.30 am Morning Service led by Mr
H Henderson
6 pm Evening Service led by Rev. B.
Cooke
8 pm Prayers, Praise, and Ministry

#### December 11th

10.30 am Morning Service led by Mr M Stone 6 pm Evening Service led by Mrs M Gazzani

#### December 18th

9 am Early Communion with Rev
David Perkins
10.30 am Morning Service led by
Rev David Perkins
6 pm Evening Service led by Rev
David Perkins

#### 23rd December

6.30 pm Christmas Nativity with the Youth Club

#### 25th December

9 am Christmas Morning Service
with Rev David Perkins
6 pm Christmas Evening carols and
communion with Rev David Perkins

GALILEO, the pioneer Italian astronomer, was asked how he could reconcile the vastness of the universe with the idea of the care of God for every one of his creatures. He replied: 'The sun, which has all the planets revolving around it, is able to ripen the smallest bunch of grapes as though it had nothing else to do in the universe

#### GOD'S ANSWER

So there was this family in Ethiopia.....starving to death.... and mankind prayed 'Save them Lord!'

So the Lord sent a glut of wheat to Kansas... They burnt it!

So the Ethiopians got thinner and mankind prayed 'Lord, feed them!'

So God sent a beef mountain to Brussels.... They burnt it!

So the Ethiopians died of hunger and the vultures picked over the corpses. And the World was shocked at the pictures.

And mankind prayed 'Lord, how can you allow such suffering?'

-from Christ Church Virginia Water magazine

# HEACTH CENTRE NEWS

#### DRUG USE

In the talks with students from the High School, which I mentioned in these columns some months ago, the subject of drug usage has come up several times. I have been impressed by their quick and accurate response to the question: "Which of the following recreational drugs is the **LEAST** harmful?

Ecstasy solvents barbiturates LSD tobacco heroin alcohol morphine

amphetamines temazepam cocaine designer drugs

cannabis magic mushrooms

The answer - by an enormous margin - is cannabis.

The use of intoxicating substances is very ancient and shows every sign of increasing. A pity then that there is no sign of an effective strategy for minimising the harm which results. Our erstwhile senior partner, Dr Robert High, has penned the following thoughts:

#### THE DKUG MENACE

It is clear that the drugs of addiction are a serious threat not only to the health of users but also to the prosperity and stability of the whole nation. The extent of the problem is unknown but is probably large and certainly growing.

Persent attempts to control the problem are inadequate and ling and a new strategy is required if the problem is to be controlled and the menace removed. I would like consideration and wide public debate of the proposition that: "DRUGS O7 ADDICTION BE MADE AVAILABLE JREE TO USERS JROM DOCTORS UNDER THE NHS".

That may sound outrageous and daft but I believe the consequences would bring immediate benefits and could offer prospects of long term success for the following reasons:

11 It would immediately put the drug barons and pushers out of business. Thereby:

219mmediately reduce drug related crime. It would: 31 Reveal the extent of the problem and who are the

41 Users would be brought into contact with doctors (and perhaps later other professionals) whose interest was in their health and welfare and not in their money. 51 Doctors would be able to offer health checks including tests for H9V, hepatitis, liver function etc. and be in a position to offer help and counselling for users with personal, financial and social problems - which means almost all drug users. Doctors would be well placed if a user asked for referral to therapeutic services, as any such referral would start from the known, self confessed basis of the extent of the user's problem.

61 Users would be assured of clean drugs of known strength.

7! The cost to the NHS of these drugs would be small. the cost to the nation in police time, crime, customs measures, insurance claims for theft etc. is huge and arowing.

81 The glamour of drugs would be reduced; forbidden fruit always seems more attractive, especially to the young, than what is legitimate.

There is an analogy with making alcohol and abortion illegal, in that it did not stop the problem but just put its supply into the hands of criminals and unskilled, dirty amateurs.

I would stress, and any campaign on these lines should make clear, that in no way do I approve of the use of drugs of addiction for pleasure but recognise that there is a problem and suggest that action on these lines could offer the best hope of beating the menace.

It has been suggested that an evening for parents to discuss the issue be convened at the High School. Anyone interested should pass their views to the Head or the member of staff that they most frequently encounter.

#### GLUE EAR

This is not the technical term for the results of a fight developing during a primary school art lesson. Infections in the middle ear are common in childhood and can sometimes lead to the accumulation of secretions - glue - behind the ear drum, which in turn leads to reduced hearing or even deafness.

Glue ear is the most common cause of childhood hearing loss. In 1993 in Northumberland it was diagnosed in 335 children who were referred to ENT clinics. 304 children had grommets inserted in their ears making this the most common operation on children under the age of 15.

The condition is more common in winter and spring. It is estimated that in children between the ages of 2 and 7 between 10 and 30% of children are affected - this means that there are a lot of undiagnosed cases around. If you think that your child is not hearing properly please let us know. Children between the ages of 1 and 3 are particularly sensitive to the effects of poor hearing as this is the age at which they are developing their ability to speak and understand language.

#### **NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT!**

An interesting snippet appeared in the British Medical Journal recently: American vets have reported a series of deaths from cancer of the lung in pet dogs - the owners were smokers!

#### **ARTHRITIS**

Almost everybody gets aches and pains in their joints from time to time. In young people it is usually because of injury but middle aged and older people are troubled very commonly by wear and tear in the joints - sometimes diseases, such as Rheumatoid arthritis, can cause damage and pain too.

Just like any machine which is in regular use our bodies will wear. People who exert themselves to extremes at work or play can run into trouble before their more averagely active neighbours, people who are greatly overweight will obviously put a greater strain on their bodies, severe injuries such as fractures can lead to earlier onset of arthritis but a family history of arthritis is not an accurate predictor of problems.

There are a number of things which can be done to limit or delay the development of problems - regular but not severe exercise involving the FULL movement of all joints, keeping to a normal weight, good posture, avoiding situations which provoke pain and sensible precautions to avoid injury - especially at work.

Painkillers such as paracetamol or ibuprofen will often help a great deal and are cheap to buy. X-rays may be useful to show the degree of damage to a joint. Physiotherapy can make a useful difference sometimes and ultimately most joints can be replaced.

#### MAGAZINES

The extreme age of magazines in doctor's waiting rooms is frequently remarked upon. We are very grateful for the clean and tidy cast off magazines which people donate from time to time. In general we aim to have no magazines more than six months old. Thanks!