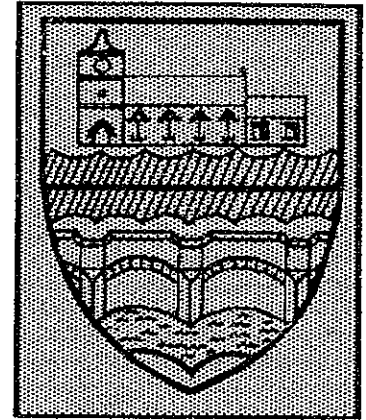


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HAYDON BRIDGE POST OFFICE

Putting the Customer First Survey

As explained last month, in spite of our very good result the survey did reveal some customer dissatisfaction, or room for improvement, in several aspects of this office's operation. Of some fourteen aspects addressed, the subject of "privacy" came top of the customer dissatisfaction list at this and other offices in the area.

At my mid-April meeting with Post Office Counters Ltd (POCL) the matter of "privacy" was discussed at length. It was concluded that the subject needed more research, or we need to know what our customers want and expect at sub-offices in regard to this. "Privacy" means different things to different people, so an acceptable definition has to be sought and adopted. Further, and I feel more importantly, POCL officials intimated that the business was unlikely to "throw money at the problem". In other words, solutions involving costly modification to sub-office layout, fittings etc. are not on the immediate agenda. We appear to be between a rock and a hard place.

I have told my POCL network manager of my intention to contact our customers through the "Haydon News": this has been agreed. Now, all I require is

response. Customers with suggestions and proposals regarding "privacy" and its improvement are invited to either discuss the matter with myself or put their ideas in writing and leave such at the counter. Please let us have your views.

Several other improvements need to be made: these have been identified and measures will be taken to improve their customer-satisfaction rating.

Thank you for bearing with me on this matter.

A Petts
Sub-postmaster

STRAY THOUGHTS

A Little Praise

As a matter of coincidence, shortly after reading the letter from the sub-postmaster last month I happened to be reading "Emma" by Jane Austen and came across the following passage:

"The Post Office is a wonderful establishment. The regularity and despatch of it! If one thinks of all that it has to do, and all that it does so well, it is really astonishing!"

"Emma" was published in 1816.

Crumbly



A BIG THANK YOU

Gail and Lilian would like to thank everyone who so generously responded to the advertisement in the Haydon News for wool for toymaking. It was much appreciated.

THE WHITE HOUSE

In last month's issue I asked if anyone could recall which property on North Bank had been known in the past as "The White House". The response was widespread and unanimous: Bank House!

So far so good. But being of an awkward turn of mind I pressed my informants for an explanation of the alternative name, since it is generally agreed that certainly within living memory the house has not been painted white, nor is there any reason to suppose the stonework was ever rendered and painted.

As might have been predicted, it is Mr Coombes who has unearthed a very plausible explanation of the mystery. In the 1851 census records the house, referred to as Bank House, was occupied by a Mrs White, a widow whose husband had been a "proprietor of land and house". So it seems likely that it became known as "The White's House", and in course of time the "s" got dropped. Mrs White was born in Haydon, and was still alive in 1881 so the family would have been quite well known.

My thanks to all who helped.
Gina Richardson



LANGLEY WI

Langley WI's annual outing had a distinctly local flavour as members took a guided walk around Hexham on a sunny but bitterly cold evening.

Although most of us travel into Hexham fairly regularly it was fascination to visit the Town as "Tourists" for a change.

Our guide, Mr Tony Jones, enabled us to see Hexham from an historic perspective and buildings and streets, which we had tended to take for granted, were seen in a totally different light under his guidance.

Members then adjourned to the Harlequin Restaurant in the Queen's Hall to thaw out and enjoy an evening meal.

M Nagel

VILLAGE FAIR 29 AUGUST 1994

Plans are in hand for the Village Fair to be held, as previously, on Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August.

Disposable proceeds will be donated to one or possibly two Village Organisations. As previously announced the Organising Committee wishes to take account of local opinion and suggestions as to possible beneficiaries are now invited from Organisations or from individual residents of the Parish of Haydon.

Please put your suggestions *in writing*, and add your name and address or that of your Organisation. Then hand it to any Committee member* or send it to me, Eileen Charlton, at 27 Greenwich Gardens, by *1 July please*.

Previous participants will be kept informed of general arrangements. In the mean-

SHAFTOE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 18 June

1pm

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time suggestions for new attractions and offers to provide stalls or help with the manning of stalls and side-shows on the day would be most welcome.

Eileen Charlton
Chairman

*Committee: Judy Brown,
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Raymond McVay, Barbara Wardle

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also on
**Thursday 23 June at Ridley Hall at 7.30pm
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(bring your own seats, cushions,
raincoats, midge cream etc.)**

£3.00 (concessions £1.00)

then on
**Monday 27 June
in the Queens Hall, Hexham at 7.30pm**

'ALLO, 'ALLO, 'ALLO WHAT'S ALL THIS THEN?

On Thursday 28 April, the Year 10 girls from Haydon Bridge High School took part in the national "Take Our Daughters to Work Day".

I had the choice of going with my mum, who is an accountant or going to Cramlington Police Station with my dad. I chose the second, and at two o'clock in the afternoon I arrived at the Station and went straight to the Police National Computer Bureau where my dad works.

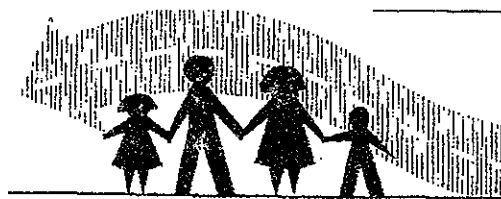
He showed me round his office, explaining his job and pointing out the jobs of the five computers he works on. He then allowed me to have a go and I updated information on a few missing persons and some stolen cars.

Later on, at about eight in the evening, dad took me to a different part of the station, called the Control Room where I got a guided tour. This is where 999 calls are received, also some enquiries about police information are dealt with here. I was allowed to listen to some of the calls which were really interesting. For example there were complaints about drunken youths and a stolen car.

At ten pm my day was over. I really enjoyed the experience and would love to go back again some day.

Leah Blacklock

The above article first appeared in the May edition of the High School Newsletter. Haydon Bridge High School was the only Northumberland High School to take part in this new initiative. Both the School and the students are to be congratulated on taking advantage of the opportunities available. Editor



Living on "HADES" road (alias Ratcliffe Road)

Come and sleep here the night
and you'll appreciate our plight
Talk to a neighbour at the front door
and you can't be heard for the traffic's roar

Lorries mount the pavement if they cannot pass
Walk over the road and mind your a'ss

Upstairs radiators packed at the back
to stop vibration - alas alack!
Cracks in the ceiling to be filled in
All day long a perpetual din

The river Tyne nearby flows along
not very often you can hear its song

Double-decker car transporters
Hazardous loads lead to slaughter
Children allowed by Council decree
to cycle on pavements for *their* safety

Please think of us in our plight
Noise by day and through the night

We are tired of this vexation
and feel you owe us an explanation
Why no "By-Pass" on your agenda?
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Robbie

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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Meeting 26 May

All the Councillors present: no member of the General Public even though it was the Annual Meeting.

The first task was to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Once again Mr T A Bates was returned to the Chair without opposition. Nevertheless he announced that he would not be available again after this term of office. The outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mr W J Drydon did not put himself forward for re-election this year. The Councillors decided that, given the need to find a prospective future Chairman, the decision on the Vice-Chairmanship needed time for consideration, so the question was postponed to the next meeting.

Questions were asked about the recent Government statement that the A69 is designated as a "Euroroute". Apparently, this designation is something over which the European Parliament has some influence, but there are suggestions that they know nothing about it! Clarification will be sought. At the same time questions are to be asked about the non-publication of the DOT report on the A69 traffic. One positive step: the DOT thinks that there may be a case for early warning of the 30mph speed limit. There has been a mention of "Gateway" signs, but it is not clear what they may be.

Cllr Raymond McVay has spent time with a representa-

tive of the River Authority inspecting the banks and the vagaries of the river bed. Several problems were pointed out and it seems there is agreement that some remedial work is desirable.

Finally, a matter on which it might be useful to hear a few opinions from around the Parish. How long should Remembrance Day Poppy-wreaths remain in position? At the moment, they stay until some disaster overtakes them and the remains are removed by public-spirited residents. Comments to your Councillor, please, or possibly a letter to the Editor.

JPR

**STRAY THOUGHTS
A Little Blame**

The dog pooh notices have not struck terror into the hearts of the beastly dog owners, who seem to have targeted Ratcliffe Road recently. At least two of their little darlings and one large darling have done their "business" on the pavements near the east end of the road.

If I was a dog, I would resent this function being referred to as my "business", as if that was all I had to do all day.

When I say "beastly" dog owners, I only mean them and not the responsible ones.

Crumbly



ADVANCE NOTICE
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Mike Fry

**STRAY THOUGHTS
A Little Colour**

I hope that other people as well as myself got pleasure from the magnificent show of blossom on the four flowering cherry trees in front of the Fire Station.

These were donated to the Village some years ago: in fact very near the time when the Friends of Haydon Bridge came into being. Indeed two members of the Friends undertook to look after the trees while they were young (the trees). All they did (the Friends) was to go and look at them now and again. The trees, as trees usually do, grew without help.

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**30 YEARS AGO
Parish Magazine
Vol.2 No.6 June 1964**

The Church Tower: except for the striking of the clock, the Church Bell has been silent during the year 1964, and this silence has been due to the fact that the tower is in such a state of disrepair that it simply is not safe to have a large weight of metal swinging in the topmost bay where the bell is. Lumps of masonry have been falling from the tower - both inside and out - so the less vibration it has to endure the better it will be. If there is any further deterioration it may become necessary to disconnect the clock from the bell for sound vibrations can do almost as much damage as hammer blows.

The bell weighs over a quarter of a ton and was made by Abbot & Co. in the year 1850. The clock mechanism was made by Gillett & Co. of Croydon in the year 1888 and the clock faces were installed on the 24 November in that year.

This was not the first clock: it is the second one. The first clock was installed when the Church was built, for contemporary records of the Dedication of the Church speak of it as possessing "the rare ornament of a clock". However, the faces of this first clock were not where the present faces are. If you will look closely at the centre bay of the tower, you will notice small, square windows which were put in when the tower was built to allow passage for the rods which drove the hands. If you look very carefully at the south front of the tower, you are able to see marks on the wall left when the first clock-face was removed - presumably in 1888.

The sundial over the main door of the Church was never designed for its present position: it has been taken from some other building - more than likely from the Old Church when its nave was demolished to provide building materials for the present Parish Church. We cannot be certain, of course,

that this sundial did come from the Old Church. All that is sure is that it is older than the Parish Church by many years and that it seems to have been designed for a building facing the sun in much the same way that the Old Church does.

Today a sundial is simply rather an interesting ornament, but in the period when this sundial was made it was a very essential piece of equipment. Before the days of the electric telegraph transmitting Greenwich Mean Time to every Railway Station and Post Office at 10 each morning, the sundial was the only means of setting clocks and watches. Even today you could, if you wanted to (and knew how) set your watch to within 2 or 3 minutes by the Church sundial.

**20 YEARS AGO
Haydon Herald
June 1974**

The Bridge Club: The brief spell of warm sunshine induced the members of the Bridge Club to leave their subterranean headquarters and assemble on the footpath on the South Side where they could lean their elbows on the top bar of the guardrails and watch the world and his wife (but chiefly "his wife") going about their lawful business and passing suitable comments of course on the speed of the traffic. . . . you can guess how suitable these comments were and the terms in which they were expressed. . . . then on to the subject of the repairs that were being made on the North Side where some demolition had taken place some time ago, when railings and telephone kiosk had been flattened and a huge ventilating hole punched in the Old Reading Room.

"Aye", said Jackie, "they're myekin' a canny job on't an' all. If owt gans ower theer now it'll ha' ter be a tank Aa wad think".

"Ye're reer", agreed Billy. "It myeks ye wonder if the syem lads had done it in the forst place whether there wad be any repairs ter be done now".

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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An independant supplement to the Haydon News

June 1994

SUMMER FETE & GIFT DAY

St Cuthbert's Summer Fete and Gift Day takes place on Saturday 11th June this year. As usual the vicar will be in the church porch between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to receive donations for the Parish Church. At 2.15 p.m. the Fete will be opened by Dr. Mary Henderson. Towards the end of the afternoon the Grand Prize Draw will be made. The first prize is a Candlelight Dinner for two with Bed and Breakfast at Langley Castle - so do not forget to get your Draw tickets. They are available from Any Shield and several other members of the Church.

The Summer Fete and Gift Day is of increasing importance to the Church as a source of funding. The cost of living continues to rise for everyone but even more for the Church. At one time the parish enjoyed a hidden subsidy from the Church Commissioners but this subsidy is now so diminished that we are fast approaching the position of having to be entirely self-sufficient financially. This puts a great strain on our budget and faces the Parochial Church Council with difficult decisions to make.

Our spending can be thought of as falling into two broad areas. One is the work of the Church and includes the costs of maintaining professional clergy and funding all the work we do with people. The other area of spending is the maintenance of our Parish Church which is not only the place where people worship but also is an historical building and part of our nation's heritage.

We hope that our Fete and Gift Day will be well supported. In former years people have given generously and shown that they do care for the Parish Church and all that it means and symbolises for Haydon Bridge. The Parish Church belongs to us all and we all have rights over it and within it. It is available to us for weddings and funerals and on special occasions as well as being open for regular weekly worship. Do help us keep it that way.
K.F

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

8th May 1994 - Michael John Charlton

The Children's Society

The House-to-House collections in April raised £245.77pence. Many thanks to all who contributed and a special thank you to the collectors for giving their time.

M. L. Curry.

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

5th June - Pentecost 2

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Worship for All

12th June - Pentecost 3

10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

19th June - Pentecost 4

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (ASB)
6.30 p.m. Deanery Evensong at Hexham Abbey

26th June - Pentecost 5

10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist
3 p.m. Evensong at the Old Church

3rd July - Pentecost 6

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Worship for All
6 p.m. United Service at U.R.C.

SERVICES AT BELTINGHAM with HENSHAW

5th June - Pentecost 2

10 a.m. Holy Communion at Henshaw
12th June - Pentecost 3

9 a.m. Holy Communion at Beltingham
6 p.m. Evensong at Beltingham

19th June - Pentecost 4

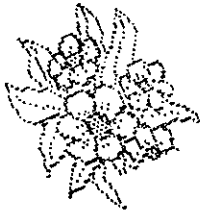
10 a.m. Holy Communion at Henshaw

26th June - Pentecost 5

10 a.m. Morning Prayer at Beltingham

3rd July - Pentecost 6

10 a.m. Family Service at Henshaw -
United with the Methodist Chapel



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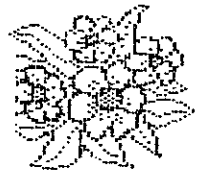
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Friday June 3rd

6.30 - 7.30 Youth Club for under
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Sunday June 5th

10.30 a.m. Morning Family Service
led by Miss V. Little

4 p.m. United Evening Service at
Haydon Old Church

Friday June 10th

6.30 - 7.30 Youth Club for under
10's

Sunday June 12th

10.30 a.m. Morning Service led by
Rev Trevor Staniforth

6 p.m. Evening Reader Service

Monday June 13th

1.30 p.m. Nurture Group will meet
at the home of Barbara Rowarth

June 18th - 25th

FLOWER FESTIVAL - Chapel open
every day. See notice.

Saturday June 18th

10.30 a.m. Opening of Flower
Festival

7 p.m. Chapel Anniversary Concert

Sunday June 19th

10.30 a.m. Morning Sacrament
Service led by Rev. David Perkins

6 p.m. Evening Celebration

Tuesday June 21st

7.30 p.m. Healthy Eating -
demonstration and tasting.

Saturday June 25th

7.30 p.m. Close of Flower Festival;
Concert to welcome Rev. David
Orendorf

Sunday June 26th

10.30 a.m. Morning Service led by
Mr J. Robinson

6 p.m. Evening Service led by Rev.
David Orendorf

CHRISTIAN AID HELPS WAR VICTIMS

Christian Aid has made grants of almost £2 million to help the victims of war-hunger and disease in Sudan and Burundi. United Nations estimates are that up to 4 million people could be at risk of starvation because of the Sudanese civil war.

By far the largest grant is funding the transportation of urgently needed food. The Sudanese diocese of Bor has received money for medical supplies particularly for refugees fleeing war zones for the second time in two years. It has sent EC funded grants to help provide for some of the 1 million Burundians displaced by civil war. This money is being used by the Anglican Church of Burundi, the Baptist Church of Rwanda and the Anglican Church of Rwanda to supply basic necessities.

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

STAFF UNIFORMS.

For a couple of years we have had staff uniforms, which change with the seasons. The staff and partners felt that the wearing of uniforms and name badges reflected the professional and modern standards which we try to bring to the Health Centre. We are slightly alarmed to hear that some folks are unclear about the source of the money used for the purchase of uniforms. To avoid confusion we would wish it to be known that the uniforms are purchased by the doctors from their own pay.

STRANGE RITUALS PERFORMED BY DOCTORS!

This is not a headline from "The Sunday Muckraker" but is prompted by a question asked by some patients. When a doctor examines a persons chest or abdomen, he or she will sometimes lay one hand on the skin and tap one of the fingers with a finger on the other hand, repeating this in several places. This is not the medical equivalent of water divining - the doctor is listening to hear whether the place under the finger is hollow or solid. Try it on yourself - tapping over a thigh gives a dull sound but tapping under the collar bone gives a drum like note.

DIABETES

The care of diabetics has usually been divided between hospital and general practice but, lately, there has been a move to get all of diabetic care into general practice. With the change in consultants at Hexham this is likely to be accelerated. Our existing diabetic patients will be familiar with the follow up routine and we hope to make this even more slick as we adopt the Tynedale Diabetic Card system. This will be a record card, kept by the patient, used in Tynedale by both hospital and GPs.

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

This troublesome syndrome, sometimes known as the Post Viral Syndrome or Persistent Virus disease, continues to lay people low and, despite intensive research, little is known of the nature of the condition.

Some new suggestions about possible treatments have been made: One of the new, slightly controversial, SSRI antidepressants, Marine fish oils (not on prescription), Transcendental Meditation and, in those with a positive test for certain viruses, injections of gamma globulin may help.

MEN'S PROBLEMS

More than three times as many men die from prostate cancer as women die from cervical cancer. As men get older they all notice a change in their waterwork's performance. Needing to pass urine more frequently, getting up several times at night, having to stand and wait before urine starts to flow, reduced flow, dripping afterwards or even being unable to pass urine at all.

There are a number of new tests for prostate problems and new treatments - if anyone reading this recognises their own problems in this list then come along and lets get you checked up.

IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN! With two people called Mary in the practice there was always scope for confusion. Last month's announcement of a pregnancy has been misunderstood by several people, so let's be clear about where the stork is landing in August. It is Dr Mary Henderson who is pregnant. Practice Nurse Mary Douthwaite is NOT pregnant. However, the kindness of so many people in wishing both of them well is much appreciated. Thank you.

HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME

Grants of up to £315 are available to certain groups to help improve the insulation of their homes. If you are over sixty years, on Income Support, Family Income Supplement, Disabled Living or Caring Allowance you may qualify.

PHONE: 0800 181 667 and ask for Mary Bewley.

NATIONAL CONDOM WEEK

No - I'm not joking! There really is a National Condom Week. Isn't it amazing what idle bureaucrats can dream up - I suppose it was risky too much to plan to make it a Bank Holiday. This festival stretches over the week August 8-15 - I'm sure we'll all have a swell time. Don't forget that they're FREE at the Health Centre - so no excuses - especially for Boy Scouts.

GET LEAN-N-MEAN

Some may have noticed a feature in the Courant a few months ago about exercise on prescription. We are in the process of setting up the same facility for our patients. The details will become clearer over the next week or two but if anyone would like to get exercise advice and facilities at the Wentworth for much less than the usual cost - maybe free for some - let us know. This is for all ages and is particularly aimed at those who would normally get very little or no exercise.

PAINKILLERS

One of the most frequent problems which people ask us for help with is pain. There is an enormous variety of ways of dealing with pain but the method most familiar is taking painkilling tablets. I often see people seeking help with a pain (any pain - sore throat to broken bone) who have done everything they could think of to help themselves EXCEPT TAKE A PAINKILLER. Paracetamol tablets (or elixir for children - much

ANNUAL REPORT

This year's Annual Report is being written and reveals that we have achieved the following:

Primary Immunisations	100%
Pre school Immunisations	100%
Smears	93.13%
Seen AM surgery	3843
Seen PM surgery	<u>3633</u>
TOTAL	<u>7476</u>
Failed to keep appointment	90
New visits	445
Revisits	617
Night/weekend visits	428

cheaper than Calpol and just the same) are cheap, effective, safe in the correct dosage and easy to get hold of. Tablets which mix paracetamol with other things may be useful for some but are more expensive. Take care not to mix different sorts of tablets if they both contain paracetamol - too much is harmful. In general I would NOT recommend aspirin in any

form and NEVER give aspirin to children. Ibuprofen is cheap and works in a different way to paracetamol, it is much cheaper than branded types like Nurofen. Ibuprofen suits most people except those with indigestion, ulcers and who are on certain other treatments. Ask the Chemist or us if in doubt. SF