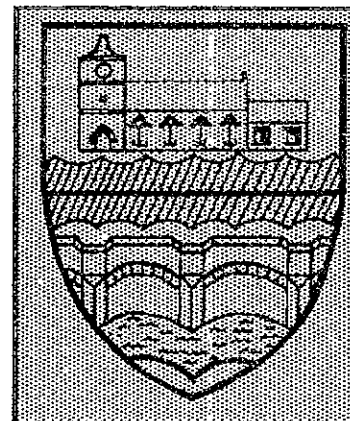


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## HAYDON BRIDGE POST OFFICE

### Putting the Customer First Survey

The result of this recent survey has been published and a leaflet summarising our performance is available at the counter.

In my opinion the result is excellent: Pat, Margaret and myself are delighted and most appreciative of an obviously good response from our customers and for their generous attitude towards the questionnaire.

I should advise that the timing of this survey and an announcement that Hexham Post Office is to be both relocated and lose its "Crown Office" status was purely coincidental. However, I think that the public outrage this announcement caused probably served to assist our survey. Nevertheless, it is a reminder that the Post Office continues to be under scrutiny and threat of privatisation and is being forced to make unpopular changes to its operation.

The Post Office has invested a lot of money in the "Customer First" survey. Some twenty thousand offices nationwide will be included in surveys identical to ours and it is planned to be an on-going feature - probably annually. But the system could be flawed when customers get tired of responding to the questionnaires. Some feel the money could be better spent.

It should be explained that it is an ambition of Post Office Counters Ltd (POCL) to modify and modernise its public image. It aspires to obtain uniformity of facilities, standards etc. in a network of diverse offices, but with apparent scant consideration to an office's size, location or volume of business. Much of this ambition is achievable, but not cheaply, and at whose expense? However, I maintain that the future of this office and others similar to it will not wholly depend upon the rating in the "Customer First" chart but, as in the past, upon its profitability to POCL. "Use it or lose it" is an appropriate slogan.

I would like to end by informing those customers who made suggestions for improvements that I am obliged to discuss these with POCL officials in mid-April. I shall notify you in due course of the outcome of these talks.

I repeat my thanks for your custom and support and hope it will continue.

A Petts  
Sub-postmaster

### CONGRATULATIONS

**This publication is pleased to record that Eileen Charlton's recent letter to the Journal on the subject of our long-awaited By-pass was judged**

**Best Letter of the Week and thereby earned her the prize of a pen.**

**For writing more letters?**

### COFFEE AFTERNOON (FOR PRIORY SCHOOL)

Many thanks to everyone who supported my coffee afternoon. The amount raised to date is £232.00, this will go towards specialised equipment for the School.

A big thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes and to all the girls who helped with the dishes. Special thanks to:

Shirley Borthwick,  
Sonia Armstrong  
and Ann Bell.

Raffle prizes were won by the following:

M Dooly,	Petrol vouchers
B Ballintyne,	Fish and Chip supper
M Gibson,	Cream Teas and wine
Mrs Charlton,	Fish and Chip supper
R. Boyd,	Chocolates
A Wright,	Postage Stamps
D Wright,	Blow dry or Shampoo & set
Mrs Driscoll,	Wine
P Routledge,	Wine
K Tulip,	Wine
A Shield,	Wine
S Buist,	Cream Teas
L Elliot,	Moisturising cream
J Chapman,	Bubble bath
J Lamb,	Bubble bath
Mrs Black,	After Eights

Once again, many thanks.  
Jennifer Banks



## LANGLEY WI

Mr G Scholey and Mr E Vietch gave an entertaining talk and video show entitled "Tall Ships" to members of Langley WI.

However, the ship in question, "the Lord Nelson", is no ordinary Tall Ship. It is run by the Jubilee Sailing Trust with the aim of integrating able bodied and physically handicapped people through the medium of Tall Ship sailing. The "Lord Nelson" has many special facilities to enable everyone - whatever their disability - to take part on equal terms as part of the ship's crew. Applications from people aged over 16 and under 70 are welcomed - so age is no bar.

Mr Scholey related many amusing anecdotes as to how he overcame some of the problems involved in carrying out the tasks set him - in the end it all came down to team work and that was the watchword for the whole trip.

On a closing note, the speakers remarked that at each talk they had given, at least one person had applied to "sign on" for a trip on the "Lord Nelson" and they hoped that Langley WI would be no exception.

M Nagel

## DOES ANYONE KNOW?

A lady from Woking who once had family connections with the Village needs information connected with a property known as:

"The White House"  
North Bank.

Can anyone please enlighten me as to which house was so called? I recall that the term was still in use as recently as twenty years ago, though I never located the exact spot.

There is a sae in my possession, awaiting a reply. Please help!

Gina Richardson  
Editor

## MUSIC at HENSHAW

Another concert in this series will be held:

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## IMPROVING OUR VISUAL IMPACT

Work on these projects continues to be hampered by the soggy ground, to say nothing of detours to do a bit of litter picking!

The trench round the East end raised bed is to allow the grass to be "strimmed" more easily. It will be gravel-filled to deter weeds. As soon as is reasonable, some large pieces of stone and a few prostrate conifers will be set out in this bed and peat will be forked into the remaining surface in preparation for heather planting. It is likely that existing funds will cover the cost of only half the heathers needed. Contributions, in cash or kind, to complete the planting would be much appreciated in due course.

On the West end shrub border, a 12 inch deep plastic barrier is to be inserted in an attempt to control the ingress of wicken from the grassed area. Volunteers to help with digging the trench for this - again when ground conditions permit - would be welcomed with open arms!

E Charlton

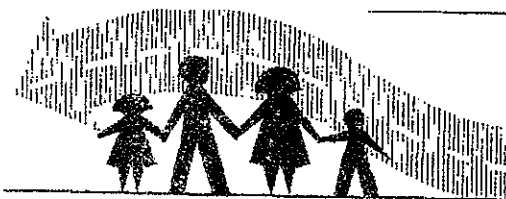
## ENVIRONMENT WEEK 20 - 30 MAY

National Springclean week was only for starters!

Please look around the area surrounding your property and take all rubbish or unsightly items to the skip. Then consider helping to clear the accumulation of litter from the usual black spots: riverside, bus stops, shopping area, factory yard, play areas and flowerbeds.

Rubbish bags may be obtained and protective gloves will be available on loan from the Community Centre Caretaker, Jack Heslop

**SKIP WILL BE ON RIVERSIDE AT ENTRANCE TO PICNIC AREA**



### BY-PASS LOBBYING

In the continuing struggle to maintain official interest in our need for a By-pass, I was extremely pleased by the response to my appeal for letters to be sent, simultaneously, to our local Euro MP and also the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Roads.

Each of the targeted recipients will have been made aware of the opinion of a wide cross section of the members of our community and can no longer pretend that the problem is non-existent. I await the replies with interest.

Two contributors took the time and trouble to present their offering in verse. My thanks to them and everyone else who contributed to this stage of the ongoing campaign.

Eileen Charlton  
Chairman, Action Group

**Note** It was not possible to find room for both poems in this issue so the Editor tossed a coin to decide which should be printed first. Look out for the other next month.

### WAITING

We wait at the crossing my old dog and I  
and watch all the traffic go thundering by

**we wait**

street houses shudder as the vehicles roll on  
juggernauts loaded and speeding along

**we wait**

the air all around us is smoke filled and thick  
pollution abounds I feel physically sick

**we wait**

noise levels are high as the cars whiz on by  
overtaking at speed just watch how they fly

**we wait**

I look for a space or a moment of grace  
between the cars and the wagons in their furious pace

**we wait**

they stream on past us at a dangerous rate  
dare I press the button and settle our fate?

**we wait**

the lights are on red but for some it's too late  
they cannot slow down for their speed is so great

**we wait**

cars screech to a halt with engines still burning  
dare I step out now? or think about turning?

**we wait**

the road through our village is a major debate  
so by-pass us now, we've had one hell of a wait!

**STILL WE WAIT!!!**

SS

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## NEW DOG FOULING BYELAWS

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- \* pavements beside roads.
- \* footpaths, if they are "maintainable at public expense", i.e. tarmac or paving. All public footpaths of this type are covered, except those in Council Housing estates. Tynedale hope to introduce special Byelaws to cover such footpaths.
- \* grass verges beside public roads or beside the footway of the road. The verge must be "maintained in good order" by the local authority - *verges which are trimmed to improve visibility only are not included.*
- \* road "gutters", where the speed limit is 40mph or less. The gutter is the 1m. wide strip running along the bottom of the kerb.

**The Byelaws also make it an offence for a dog to foul a roadway.**

For safety reasons you do not have to clear your dog's faeces from the roadway, but you can be prosecuted if it does foul the road.

### Notes

The maximum fine is £500.

Tynedale must provide an adequate amount of signs to raise awareness of the Byelaws.

It is **not** a defence to claim:

- that you didn't have a poop-scoop, *or*
- that your dog escaped, *or*
- that you didn't see your dog fouling, *or*
- that you aren't the owner - if you normally look after the dog, or are walking it for a friend **you** are responsible.

The Byelaws do not apply to registered blind people.

(continued in next column)

## PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

### Meeting 28 April

Eight Councillors present and County Cllr Purdue.

In Public Participation concern was again expressed about the effluent from a septic tank discharging into the burn which then runs down through the High School grounds. It was not known whether the proposed improvements had been implemented and this was to be investigated yet again!

The area of the cemetery entrance has been targeted\* for special attention within environment week activities. Helpers please meet at the cemetery:

*Saturday 21 May  
10.00am*

Some councillors were concerned about the status of the A69 as mentioned in recent press releases and the possible effect on by-pass plans. The recent letter writing campaign targeting the Euro MP, and also the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Roads was discussed.

(continued from previous column)

Dogs **in any public area** must wear a collar and a plate or tag with the owner's address on it - the person in charge of the dog can be fined up to £5,000 for not ensuring this.

Information supplied by:  
TYNEDALE COUNCIL  
PROSPECT HOUSE  
HEXHAM NE46 3NH

A fault in the electricity supply has been responsible for the lights being out on the Old Bridge for over a month. NEEB have been informed. County Cllr Purdue stated that the lighting of Alexandra Terrace should be in place within the next 6 months. Similar works for Lands End Road and Strother Close are further down the list.

The old best kept village competition has been given a new format as the "Village of the Year" Competition. It will no longer depend entirely on physical attributes but will also take into account a variety of factors such as Community involvement, planning and village activities. Councillors still intend to enter the competition.

One councillor requested a permanent skip facility for the village.

Proposed changes to the level crossing which never proceeded in 1989 will now begin this year. The old-style gates will disappear to be replaced by modern-style barriers.

JC

\*This is in connection with a British Telecom Competition. The idea is to demonstrate how much can be achieved by Community effort, *during environment week*. The plan is to make good the end of the existing wall, clear out the wooded area and underplant with bulbs and donated shrubs. Also to prepare the main area for grass seeding and plant a few ornamental trees within that area.

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HAYDON NEWS  
JUNE 1994  
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PLEASE**

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**Parish Magazine**  
**Vol.2 No.5 May 1964**

**Church Council News**

And when can you expect to see your new Hall? Only a fool would try to give a definite date - or even an approximate one - but we have had contractors inspecting the site in order to get out tenders for the work .....

We have been asked by Mr L C Coombes, the Secretary of the local Community Association, to publish the following statement:

My attention has been drawn to a rumour which alleges that the Community Association has suggested that the Church should hand over to the Association certain money set aside for a new Church Hall. No such suggestion has ever been made by the Community Association. We have received help in the past from the Church; we welcome any help in the future, but our enthusiasm has never got the better of our wits.

(Signed) L C Coombes

We are more than glad to publish this, for it is nothing but the literal truth. At the same time we would deny an equally wicked and unwarranted rumour that representations also have been made that the Community Association ought to hand over its funds to the new Church Hall Fund.

We deplore the circumstance that there are those who make up these malignant lies almost as much as we grieve that there appear to be those fools who believe them!

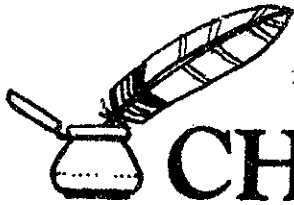
**20 YEARS AGO**  
**Haydon Herald**  
**May 1974**

The second issue of the new magazine appears under a cloud - the death of Robert Harding has robbed us of one of our main supports, and the Village itself of one of its leading figures.

Robert Harding worked for many years to establish a home for the Village football teams. As Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer he kept football very much alive in Haydon Bridge: changing from one field to another according to the seasons when friendly farmers were able to accommodate him.

.....Robert had set his heart on providing a settled home for his teams. It is common knowledge that land was purchased at Low Hall and levelled at high cost. His many friends are pleased that Robert did see a start on the erection of a Football Pavilion.

By coincidence, in the series "It Happened Long Ago in your Village", S G Brown, stated that Haydon Bridge formed its First Football Team in 1881. The newly formed Club held its first practice in a field loaned by the Landlord of the Anchor Inn. As the reporter stated in the evening, "there being a full moon and the sky cloudless the ball was sent rolling and a good number took part in the game". The next day the Club received their first challenge for an inter-village match from Allenheads but on accepting and checking on their opponents discovered their rivals only played Rugby.



# CHURCH Newsletter

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May 1994

## PENTECOST

Of the three main festivals of the Christian Year, Pentecost or Whitsun, is the least celebrated today. Christmas celebrated the Incarnation - God coming to us in the birth of Jesus. We all enjoyed a public holiday, gave presents, sent cards and generally tried to enjoy ourselves. Easter celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and most families gave Easter eggs to the children, and a public holiday was kept. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit but there is no public holiday (apart from May Bank Holiday a week later) and few people mark the festival in any way at all.

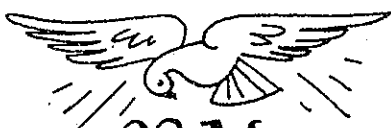
Perhaps one of the reasons Pentecost is the least well celebrated festival is that most people today find it difficult to relate to the Coming of the Holy Spirit. We can relate to the Birth of a baby even if we do not believe he was the Son of God. We can relate to the message of death and resurrection because whatever we believe about Jesus Christ, death and resurrection is a theme echoed in nature. The Coming of the Holy Spirit however, means nothing unless we can relate it to our own experience.

For the practising Christian, Pentecost is not only a past event, but part of our living experience of God. The Holy Spirit is given to us in baptism and when we try to live a life of faith we become aware of the Holy Spirit's presence with us. Through worship and through our attempts to follow the Way of Christ and through our participation as a member of the Church we soon become aware of a conflict within ourselves. It is a conflict between what we know we ought to do as Christians and what our lower instincts prompt us to do. The desire to live as God wants us to live is the prompting of the Holy Spirit within us. The Holy Spirit will not allow us to be satisfied with a life which is centred on material things, worldly success, or the appetites of our human nature.

The Holy Spirit prompts us to "seek the things that are above". This does not make life more comfortable, indeed it is bound to cause a conflict within us because we are by nature rooted to this world and this life. It is, nevertheless, a cause for celebration. To have our vision of what human life means, lifted from the material and purely physical, is to add value and meaning to life and is to inject a "sure and certain hope" into the trials and tribulations of life.

K.F.

# PENTECOST



22 May

# WHITSUN

COFFEE EVENING  
CAKE STALL  
BRING & BUY  
to launch a project to  
make kneelers for the  
Parish Church

Friday 6th May  
7 pm - 9 pm

Please come and see a  
kneeler and hear about the  
project.

Maureen Price

TABLE TOP SALE  
&  
CAKE STALL

in the Church Hall

Sat. 14th May 1994  
at 10.30 a.m.

Proceeds to Toddler Club

**HAYDON BRIDGE  
METHODIST CHAPEL**

Diary for May 1994

**30th April - 2nd May**  
Acomb Chapel "Say it with  
Flowers" - 10 am - 5 pm

**Sunday 1st May**  
10.30 am Morning Service led  
by Rev. Gerry Foster  
6 pm Evening Service local  
arrangement

**Thursday 5th May**  
7.45 pm Bible Study at the  
home of Trevor North, Tofts  
Bank. Cars 7.30 pm from  
Chapel

**Friday 6th May**  
6.30-7.30 Youth Club for  
under 10's  
7.30 pm Rev Chris Hughes-  
Smith at West End. "Managing  
Parents"

**Saturday 7th May**  
7 pm Warden Chapel  
Anniversary Concert by Wall  
Ladies Choir

**Sunday 8th May**  
10.30 am Morning Family  
Service led by Rev. David  
Perkins

6 pm Evening Service led by  
Mr.C.F.Dodds

**Wednesday 11th May**  
2.30 pm Women's Own,  
Speaker Captain Daniels,  
Salvation Army

**Friday 13th May**  
6.30-7.30 Youth Club for  
under 10's

**Saturday 14th May**  
7 pm Fourstones Chapel Gift  
Night "A Touch of Harmony"

**Sunday 15th May**  
10.30 am Morning Service led  
by Mr G Wilson  
6 pm Evening United Christian  
Aid Service

**Monday 16th May**  
1.30 pm Nurture Group meet at  
the home of Delma Plumb 11,  
The Terrace, Setlingstones

**Thursday 19th May**  
7.45 pm Bible Study - venue to  
be arranged

**Friday 20th May**  
6.30-7.30 Youth Club for  
under 10's

**Sunday 22nd May**  
10.30 am Morning Service led  
by Mr P Eavis  
6 pm Evening Communion  
Service led by Rev David  
Perkins

**Wednesday 25th May**  
2.30 pm Women's Own,  
Speaker Mrs Milner from  
Wylam

**Thursday 26th May**  
7.30 pm Circuit Rally at  
Wylam

**Friday 27th May**  
6.30-7.30 Youth Club for  
under 10's

**Sunday 29th May**  
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 Jo Clemson

**Thursday 2nd June**  
7.45 pm Bible Study - venue to  
be arranged.



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

16th - 21st May 1994

During Christian Aid Week a collection will be taking place throughout the country as well as here in Haydon Bridge. Christian Aid is the Christian Churches of our nation working together to fight poverty throughout the world. Most of the money is spent in projects to help people to become self-sufficient. In other words the policy of Christian Aid is to enable people to feed themselves so that they are no longer dependant upon hand-outs. Please give generously during Christian Aid Week.

Our Annual Christian Aid Service is on Sunday 15th May at 6 pm at the Roman Catholic Church. At this service the collectors will be commissioned.

**SERVICES AT THE  
PARISH CHURCH**

**1st May - Easter 4**  
8 am Holy Communion  
10.30 Worship for All  
**8th May - Easter 5**  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
**12th May - Ascension Day**  
8 am Holy Communion  
**15th May - Sun. after  
Ascension**  
8 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am The Eucharist  
**22nd May - Pentecost**  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
**5th June - Pentecost 2**  
8 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Worship for All

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH**

**Sunday 8th May**  
3 pm Rogation Service  
**Sunday 22nd May**  
3 pm Evening Prayer

**BELTINGHAM with  
HENSHAW**

**1st May 10 am Holy  
Communion at Beltingham**  
**8th May 9 am Holy  
Communion at Henshaw**  
6 pm Evensong at Henshaw  
**15th May 10 am Holy  
Communion at Beltingham**  
**22nd May 10 am Holy  
Communion at Henshaw**  
**29th May 10 am Holy  
Communion at Beltingham**

**SPECIAL SERVICE  
SUNDAY 29th MAY  
TRINITY SUNDAY**

10 am Holy Communion  
at St. Cuthbert's :  
Beltingham

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a  
United Service for Haydon  
Bridge, Beltingham, &  
Henshaw. There are no  
other services on this day.  
Please come and take part.  
If you have difficulty with  
transport contact the vicar.



## **HEALTH CENTRE NEWS**

### **APOLOGIES**

Due to overwork and the general stress of life, my computer at home put a terse and mildly offensive message on its screen before leaving the field of play on a stretcher on the way to an early bath. Hence this rather less elegant News section - our apologies.

### **MARY'S LITTLE SURPRISE**

Mary (that is to say Dr Mary - La Douthwaite insists that there should be no mistake!) is expecting her first child in August and consequently will be on Maternity leave from July to September inclusive and possibly a little longer. During this time Dr Ambrose will be working at the Health Centre. She will be working for five mornings each week.

### **HAYFEVER**

Now that spring has arrived many people will be dreading the start of the hayfever season. Hopefully this year should not be as bad as the last (so the weather men say!). For those of you who suffer there are several things you can do.

Firstly on really bad days and the weather men are fairly accurate at day to day pollen levels try to stay in doors and keep the windows and doors shut. If this is not possible the main treatment is antihistamines taken orally. These can be brought from a chemist but need to be taken regularly regardless of the pollen levels to improve their effectiveness they can also cause drowsiness so you need to be careful driving or operating machinery. If you are taking antihistamines and need a prescription for other medicine you must let us know as some of the antihistamines can interact with other medicines.

Never take a higher dose of the antihistamines than the recommended dose as this can be dangerous and it will not improve its effectiveness. If antihistamines do not work well enough there are a number of nasal sprays and eye-drops available on prescription most of these need to be used in conjunction with the antihistamines and again work best if used on a regular basis. Try to start using antihistamines before you expect to start suffering with your hayfever.

### **DRIVING**

When your driving licence is issued you are then under statutory obligation to notify the licensing centre if you develop any health condition which could affect safe driving either at the time or in the future.

Simple disabilities not expected the last more than three months are exempt from this. If you fail to do so and have an accident it may affect your insurance. Therefore it may be relevant to discuss conditions that may affect your ability to drive safely. Some of these do not stop you driving but you still have to inform the licensing centre. These apply to private cars but for holders of other licenses the criteria are generally stricter and if in any doubt come and ask.

**HEART PROBLEMS.** Patients with the following conditions should notify the licensing centre:

a) when they have had a heart attack or if they have had one in the last two months. They are advised not to drive for two months.

b) when angina is easily provoked by driving or by emotion.

c) when medication for any cardiac condition, including anti hypertensive drugs, has caused vertigo, transient faintness, loss of consciousness, lack of alertness or easily induced fatigue.

d) when there have been one or more unexplained episode of fainting.

e) if you have heart block. If you have a pacemaker you are permitted to drive 1 month after its successful fitting.

**DIABETES.** All diabetic patients must notify the licensing centre. They will require additional information as to whether you require insulin or not and will probably request information from your doctor as to whether the control is good.

**FITS.** Anybody suffering a fit should stop driving until it has been investigated. After a single fit you may need to notify the licensing centre this is best discussed with the doctor. If you have epilepsy you must notify the licensing centre. There are some conditions you have to fulfil before you can drive again:

a) free from attacks over the last two years.

b) if you have attacks whilst asleep you must have only had attacks whilst asleep for the last three years. You may be on or off treatment.

**HEAD INJURY.** After severe head injury or brain surgery many advise that patients should not drive for 12 months because of the risk of developing epilepsy. This does not apply to all head injuries so if in doubt ask.

**STROKES.** After a stroke the patient must inform the licensing centre. Depending on the residual disability they can often resume driving after three months but need a medical exam.

Similarly, transient attacks should be reported and patients may be barred from driving for 3 months after 1 episode or 6 months after more.

**NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS.** Ongoing ones must be notified, even if initially the patient is still fit to drive. Long standing, unchanging conditions depend on the type and the disability but may need adaptations to drive safely.

**VISION.** If you lose the sight in one eye you must notify the licensing centre, this does not mean that you are unable to drive but you may need to have a test before a license is issued.

Double vision and defects of dark adaptation should also be reported.

**LIMB DISABILITIES.** These should be reported to the licensing centre and patients may have to undergo a driving test and may only be allowed to drive specifically adapted vehicles.

The above are only guidelines and do not cover everything. If you are in doubt please ask and also remember that a number of conditions may preclude you from driving safely for a few weeks. You are not required to tell the licensing centre but must use common sense especially after operations.