

# Haydon News

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## EDITORIAL

I wonder how many of you would have thought that the Editor of the Haydon News would one day admit through these columns to having a love affair ?

Well folks let me be the first, I will even let you know the name of my oriental sweetheart - Singapore. My love affair with this tropical island began many years ago when, as a young serviceman I was posted there for two and a half years flying out with my young wife and three month old son. Returning with a near three year old lad and his 14 months old sister.

Since that time I have been back on a number of occasions both on business and holidays, the last occasion being last year. My son, now an airline pilot, was based there, my Singapore born daughter who had previously not been back came with me.

In the ten days we were there we did all of the touristy things, ate and drank too much and spent most nights dancing with the local populace in the many places with bands and discos.

On the penultimate day we did what I always do when in Singapore and drove up the Bukit Timah Road to arrive at the Kranji War Memorial which is within sight of the causeway that links Singapore with Malaya. The memorial cemetery is immaculate and vast containing thousands of graves and a huge memorial paying tribute to the thousands of Commonwealth servicemen of all nationalities who lost their lives in that theatre of war over fifty years ago.

As we walked in silence through the identical rows of inscribed crosses of the dead we came across a European man in his fifties crouched over a grave, going through the motions of tending the already manicured sward. He started taking pictures of the grave and beckoned me to take a couple of pictures of him kneeling by the inscribed cross which I was glad to do.

The man spoke little English but fortunately spoke German in which we conversed. He explained that he lived in Eastern Europe with his elderly French born mother who during the war had married just before her husband was sent to the Far East when she was just three months pregnant: he perished less than a month after arriving there. The distressed man, who had saved for 20 years for this moment gently caressed the inscription of a 23 year old Scot who died in 1942 and proudly said "This is my Dad."

On Sunday 12th of November the 'Village Remembrance Day Service' will be held in the Parish Church, I understand that the Chapel and the other Churches will be holding similar services. The Parish Church service starts at 10:15am ending close to 11 when the wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial will take place.

On behalf of the Parish the Chairman of Haydon Bridge Parish Council, Michael Loyd will lay a wreath, Mrs Marion Howard, Chairperson of Tynedale District Council will lay a wreath on behalf of Tynedale District, a representative from the Scout movement will also lay a wreath.

Tommy has been cleaned up especially for the occasion so why not do him proud this year and go along to the ceremony to remember the sixty men and women of the Parish who paid the ultimate sacrifice in two world wars. On this 50th anniversary year of the ending of WW II I make no apologies for listing the Roll of Honour.

Mitch

### WW I

Anderson GH, Archbold J, Armstrong J, Barron JG, Batey J, Birnie JE, Birnie JJ, Brown EJ, Brown WB, Carrick W, Charlton N, Charlton W, Cowing TB, Cuffe B, Currey J, Douglas WI, Gibson J, Glendinning W, Henderson J, Heslop HL, Hutchinson JP, Irwin RG, Johnstone JW, Kennedy W, Kershaw E, Kindred T, Kirby F, Kirton E, Kirton M, Law C, Lee F, Little RG, McGurk F, Paxton W, Pearson H, Philipson AM, Rayner R, Reed JW, Robinson J, Robinson JE, Robinson W, Robson J, Southern M, Sowerby T, Spark L, Spark W, Stobart M, Taylor E, Thompson C, Todd J, Turnbull JN, Turner D, Willan A

### WW II

Armstrong J, Bates A, Bell TF, Brown JE, Brown P, Clemitson CS, Gilmore IT, Law J, Lax H, Mason JS, Patterson CJ, Patterson RG, Philipson JS, Reed BA, Ridley JH, Wardle O, Wylie JC

### A Distant Grave

*White flowers touch a distant grave  
with petals soft as summer snow  
daisies hide in grasses green  
hawthorn hedges softly glow  
lilies cold and stately stand  
a white rose blooms to scent the air  
a dove flies past and gently cries  
where white flowers grow  
and my sweet love lies*

Sylvia

## THE CROSSWORD

There was again an excellent response with 17 correct entries.

\$T.Alexander, \$D.Corbett, \$K.Heslop, \$P.Irving, \$B&R Shout >P.Burgon, >R.McVay, >M.Robson, +R.Armstrong, +S.Charlton, +M.Hindle, +E.Rumney, +A.Scott, \*C.Todd, \*J.Tucker, N.Pretswell, A.Phillips.

Previous correct entries: +M.Moore, +M.Nagel, \*T.A.Bates, J.Heslop, Mrs Jackson, E.Jukes, M.Porter, S.Stephenson.

\$ Five or more correct entries to date  
> Four correct entries to date  
+ Three correct entries to date  
\* Two correct entries to date.  
The remainder have one correct entry.

David Corbett, the Shout sisters Betty and Rosemary, Philida Irving and Kirsten Heslop are already sure of their places in the special competition having already completed five or more correct entries. All of those with two or more correct entries to date can still obtain four or five five correct entries as there are two more monthly competitions to complete. (See Rules page 6)

On the 21st of October the 17 entries were put into the hat and the two winners drawn.

### ALMSHOUSE CHARITY OF JOHN SHAFTOE

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Application Forms are required. These can be obtained from Mrs Wilkinson at West House, Shaftoe Terrace, or from the Post Office.

Completed forms should be delivered to the Office in Shaftoe Terrace by the 30th November 1995.  
Please ring 684 298 if you need further information.

JP Richardson  
Clerk to the Trustees

**PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS**  
Thursday 26th October 1995

Seven Councillors, one member of the public and the Hexham Courant reporter were present.

Correspondence has been received stating that the land behind Martins Close, through which Geeswood Burn runs, does not seem to belong to anyone. The Parish Council would be willing to spend some money on an initial tidying-up, but following discussion decided to consult adjoining householders first to try and establish what ought to be done.

The question of parking for cars displaced from the Ratcliffe Road parking strip during the November road works was discussed at some length. However as the Parish Council has no alternative space under it's own control to offer, it was agreed that the car-owners would have to find their own answers to the problem.

Some members mooted the idea that it should be possible to build a ramp on the land adjacent to Martins Close and another on the John Martin Street side of the A69 to enable safe crossing of wheelchairs and prams under the road. Following discussion it was decided to write to the County Council pointing out that access to the existing bridge underpass is impossible for wheelchairs and impractical for prams and buggies.

The English Heritage Draft Plan for Hadrian's Wall country was discussed. While the Parish Council agreed that many of the proposals seem unrealistic, it was decided that the Council's comments be limited to the proposed diversion of traffic from the Military Road to A69, which is the main matter affecting the Parish.

The proposed Hexham Green Belt extension was also mentioned, but no comment is to be made as no Parish land is involved. A plan of the proposals can be seen in the Hexham Library.

Six local Parish Councils, including Haydon, are invited to a November discussion on 'affordable' housing in Tynedale.

There cannot be many Haydon Residents who do not think that the cleaning of the War Memorial is a great improvement, but even those who don't will be just as grateful as the rest of us to Jake Forster and his son who did the whole job without charge. Please say a mental "Thank you" every time you pass.

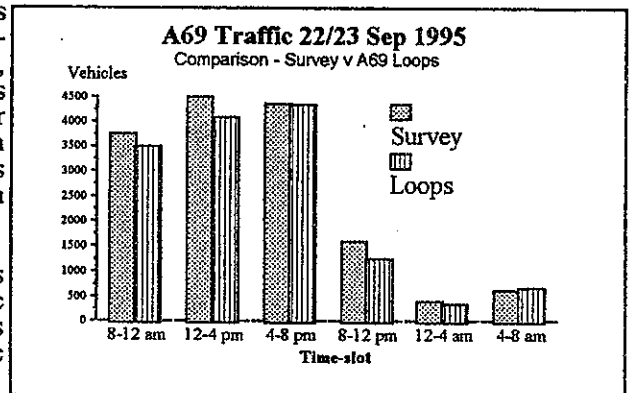
JPR

**A69 TRAFFIC**

You may recall that on September 22/23 the Bypass group carried out a 24 hour Traffic Survey which showed that some 15,235 vehicles passed through the census points near Church Street. 18% of the traffic was classified as 'heavy'.

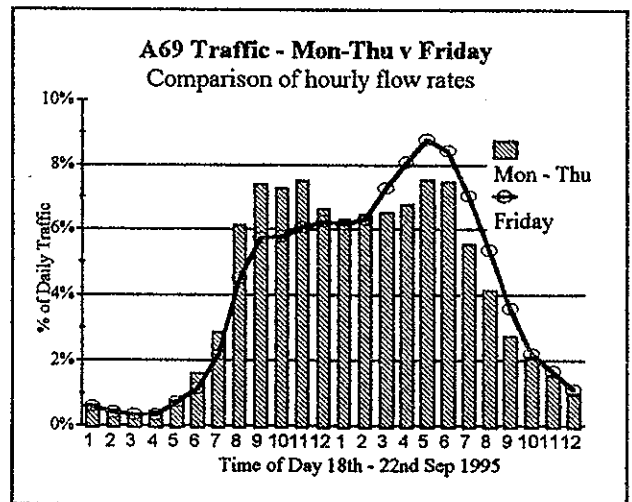
I have now obtained the hourly figures for September as measured on the A69 just outside of Hexham. These figures indicate that the road loops detected 14,199 vehicles, over the same 24 hour period, - some 7% less than the Village Survey. It is estimated that 16% of the traffic on this section of the A69 are HGV's. The 7% difference is not surprising as within the Village Traffic Survey cross village traffic was also counted and neither method of measurement can claim to be 100% accurate. There are also other factors

This first graph shows the distribution of traffic, from each source, in four hour time slots throughout the 24 hour period starting at 8am on the 22nd. There is a good match between the two sets of figures.



Each pair of columns shows 'Village Traffic Survey' measurements first, the 'Traffic Loops' being second.

This second graph uses hourly 'loop' traffic over the five main working days starting 18th September. The average Monday to Thursday traffic is shown by the columns and Friday traffic by the line. Please remember that this graph is showing the percentage of traffic of that particular day.



From the mass of data that I now have, a number of interesting facts emerge.

- (a) It can be seen that in the hour ending 4am on Friday 22nd that 0.3% of the daily traffic was on the road. As we know that total traffic on that day was 14,683 vehicles it is easy to calculate that 44 vehicles passed over the loops.
- (b) In the period 4-5pm some 9% of the daily traffic flowed which was 1321 vehicles or 22 per minute, **this is 1 vehicle every three seconds!**
- (c) The average Monday to Thursday traffic was 12,382 vehicles per day with Friday being 19% higher.
- (d) Monday was the quietest day with 11,548 vehicles followed by Sunday with 11,970, on the Saturday there were 12,541 vehicles.
- (e) The figures for the week before and week after show similar totals with flow and pattern consistent with the above.

Over the coming year I intend to continue to obtain traffic data for both the A69 and the B6318 and provide the occasional summary through the columns.

SBM

## Readers' Letters and Viewpoints - collated by the Editor

### Arthritis & Rheumatism Council

#### Settlingstones Mine & Frankham Quarry

The Haydon Bridge branch are pleased to announce that W. Nichol of Newbrough will be giving his talk, illustrated by old photographs and specimens, on Friday November 10th at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

Entry will cost £1.00 and this includes light refreshments. Additionally, there will be a Christmas Draw.

We feel sure this will be of interest to many.

### Hilary Rutherford

#### Parish Appraisal

Haydon Bridge's Parish Appraisal is gathering momentum with an exhibition of local sites and issues identified in public meetings and through informal discussions with community groups.

The exhibition, to be held in the Community Centre on Thursday the 2nd November between 10am and 2pm and Wednesday 8th November between 2pm and 9pm, will be an informal way for local people to pop in and have a look at what people have suggested so far. There will be plenty of time for residents to discuss the village informally over a cup of tea or coffee.

In addition to this, the Shaftoe Trust has sponsored a Youth Appraisal. Two Youth Workers will be out and about, talking to Youth Groups and young people about their perceptions of Haydon Bridge. Everyone feels it's very important to get young people involved.

Keda Norman  
Community Council  
for Northumberland

#### HAYDON BRIDGE

#### PARISH APPRAISAL

Come and see the

#### EXHIBITION

in the Community Centre

Thursday 2nd November 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 8th November 2pm - 9pm

Tea and Coffee available

Is there anybody out there? wonder Messrs. D Tulip, H Greener and A. Fulton and 'Small Pawn'. They don't really mean anybody but anyone with an interest in Chess, would be Chess players will be taught, sex and age are unimportant. The Chess Club was formed nine years ago thanks to a grant from the Shaftoe Trust. The club played in the Northumberland Chess League for a while travelling to Morpeth, Gateshead, Whitley Bay and Newcastle amongst other places. About seven or eight years ago the Chess Club joined the South Tyne Chess Association League as founder members, the travelling is not as far, Hall Bank Gate and Alston to the West and Hexham to the East. Of the original seven there are now five teams left in this league. The South Tyne Association was formed to encourage and promote friendly Chess at all levels from school onwards and have had some success and is constantly looking at areas where new clubs can be formed. The Haydon Bridge Chess Club membership has dropped from 12 to 3 with the odd player dropping in for a season or a few games thereby making up a team of four. The threesome meet socially at 9pm on a Thursday evening in the warm and comfortable lounge of the 'Haydon Hotel' where stories are exchanged; fibs told; local gossip is exchanged whilst at the same time play the latest up to date moves in world chess. If enough interest is shown the meeting time could be brought forward to 7:30pm. So don't be frightened give one of the above a ring (DT 688817) (HG 684761) (AF 684434).

There are certainly some good younger folk out there all raising much needed funds for their chosen organisations as the following two captions show

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RAYMOND HENDERSON  
ALISON TWEDDLE

Disco and Raffle on Friday 29th  
December at the Haydonian Club in  
aid of Marrow Transplant 2000

Any budding writers out there? ask Joyce and Sylvia. Maybe the ladies are ganging up to take over the Haydon News next year? Fellas please observe that according to their notice you are definitely NOT invited, in these days of equality of the sexes I disclaim any responsibility for this ban.

Both Joyce and Sylvia have small poems in this issue which we hope you will like.

I notice that the ladies are inviting 'closet' writers to join. This reminds me that many years ago I mentioned to one of my wives that I didn't understand how anyone could write poetic graffiti on the walls of public WC's, she replied that she could and did - she's not with me any more. Should I give her the phone number..I wonder?

See you next month

Mitch



#### LADIES WRITING WORKSHOP

We've been up and running now for six months and a very busy fun packed six months they've been.

Our five regular writers embrace their set tasks with great enthusiasm and individuality. However we would welcome new members (ladies only) to our monthly workshop.

So if you are a 'closet' writer why not break out and show us your talents.

Our next meeting will be at  
Tucks Holme, Wark  
on November 29th at 8pm.  
Telephone 684 704 for further  
information

Joyce & Sylvia

# November Garden

This is the time of the year we look for evergreens to furnish the garden and heathers can be one of the most colourful plants throughout winter. They come in a range of foliage colours from misty silver and sun gold to forest green and they look wonderful planted in groups as a carpet of contrasting foliage and flowers. They also make good companion plants with dwarf conifers or silver and gold variegated euonymus. I've combined them with dwarf Japanese azaleas which extends the flowering season. Partner heathers with winter-flowering pansies for winter window boxes and outside containers.

Heathers can be divided into two groups - lime hating and lime tolerant. Garden soil in Haydon Bridge is not particularly acid and lime can be present in old vegetable gardens or on the site of old stone walls so buy heathers which are lime tolerant and add peat or leaf-mould when you prepare the ground for planting. Erica carnea varieties and Erica darleyensis varieties are lime tolerant; all are winter flowering. Plant in an open, sunny position - they don't like overhanging trees or shrubs. The only maintenance required is to cut well back after flowering.

Turn over the soil this month to prepare a new bed or garden and leave it in clods for exposure to frost. Weathered soil is so much easier to cultivate in spring. Even heavy clay soils can be worked to a good tilth if well treated.

Most bulbs should be in the soil by now but tulips can still be planted in November.

Continue planting trees and shrubs. This is the best month for planting new roses.

Clean up borders, cutting back tall plants and removing rotten leaves. Fill plastic dustbin bags with fallen leaves, tie the top and leave to rot down to make leaf-mould compost.

Many trees, shrubs and climbers can be increased by hardwood cuttings taken in November and December. Cuttings taken several weeks after leaf fall root best. Choose current year's shoots which are hard and woody and cut into 6" - 9" lengths. Make the top cut just above a growth bud and the basal cut just below a bud. Dip in hormone rooting powder and plant with a half - two thirds of the length below the soil. Plant in a cold frame or open ground and leave undisturbed until next autumn.

*James Chin*

## Autumn's Brief Engagement

Inevitably you came for me  
 painting my coppery leaves  
 with icy delicacy,  
 enticing my submission  
 with promises of rebirth  
 You gave me a ring of crystal dew drops  
 wrapped in frosted tissue paper mist.  
 I took it and left happy,  
 but I am fey.

Joyce

To save you hunting out your dictionary 'Fey' means fated to die, or doomed  
 Editor

## IT HAPPENED IN NOVEMBER

- 1907 - First helicopter rose 2 metres above the ground in Normandy.
- 1916 - Battle of the Somme ended. with some 60,000 allied soldiers killed.
- 1918 - The armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany in Compeigne, France, effectively ending WW I
- 1919 - Rudolph Valentino married actress Jane Acker. The marriage lasted just six hours.
- 1921 - The British Legion held it's first Poppy Day to raise money for WW I veterans.
- 1938 - Tina Turner the rock singer was born.
- 1957 - Russian dog Laika in space - Sputnik 2.
- 1957 - Elvis had 8 singles in UK top 30 charts.
- 1965 - UDI declared by Ian Smith in Rhodesia.

## A USE FOR MANURE

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Margaret Thatcher - November 1987

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**LIBRARY SERVICES IN HAYDON BRIDGE**

Haydon Bridge has had a library for just 11 years. Until 1984 the village had been served by a fortnightly, all-day visit from the mobile library. This spent the morning on the south side of the old bridge, driving across the river for the afternoon and evening. Haydon Bridge itself was then too small to warrant a static library under the County Council's guidelines. However, in 1982, following representations from the Parish Council, the County entered into an agreement with the Parish Council and the Shaftoe Trust under which the Parish Council and the Trust would contribute towards the building, the County undertaking to stock and staff a library on a part-time basis. Community Task Force was recruited to renovate the building and, two years later, the library opened in its present location in the station yard, with Kim West as the Library Assistant. The branch rapidly became established as a popular meeting place for the village.

The library has a shelf stock of approximately 4,600 items, issuing 19,334 books in 1994. Insofar as is possible within a small collection, all tastes in reading matter are catered for and a basic reference collection is maintained to help with homework and other information needs. Other material can be obtained through the inter-library lending service from libraries throughout the country. Although small, the library has played an active role in the cultural life of the village, particularly since a rearrangement of some shelving opened out the limited floor area. Recent events have included a Coffee Morning and Demonstration of flower arranging techniques, run as part of the North Pennines Festival, and puppet shows for children.

Outside the village, the valley is still served by the Mobile Library which visits villages, hamlets and individual houses. Until this year all stops were visited every two weeks but unfortunately, cutbacks in local government spending have resulted in the reduction of the County's fleet of mobile libraries from 6 to 5. Accordingly, while visits to larger villages such as Bardon Mill will remain fortnightly, smaller stops will be visited only on a monthly basis.

One little known service offered by the County Libraries is a range of material available for hire at very reasonable rates. These include badge-makers, display boards, crockery (cups & saucers etc.) and a large tea urn. None of these are kept at Haydon Bridge itself but can be delivered to the library for collection by members of the community. Outside of library hours, the building itself is available for hire - from £5.50 per session, depending on the hirer.

Northumberland Libraries also provide the Age to Age re-binding service for any member of the public whose treasured book, be it the family Bible or favourite novel, is in need of care and attention. This service is available through any County library; a receipt will be given and the book passed to staff at Hexham who will contact the owner to discuss the necessary repairs.

The library service is always keen to learn how members of the public view the services offered. Each library has a Comments Book and all entries will receive a written answer from a senior member of staff. Haydon Bridge Library is part of the Hexham Group of libraries. If any members of the community wish to make comments but do not wish to do so publicly, they should write to Mr C Heane, Group Librarian, Hexham Group Library, Queen's Hall, Beaumont Street, Hexham NE46 3LS (01434 603156).

Each Library Group reports to a Libraries Consultative Committee made up of County and District councillors, together with co-opted members of the public. The Hexham Committee is currently chaired by Cllr W Purdue of Allendale, the local representative being Mrs D Easton of Haydon Bridge. They will be happy to receive, and pass on any comments and suggestions concerning any aspects of the local service.

NCC Amenities Division, Hexham Library

**THE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN**

Set up in 1984, the Library Campaign is an independent, non-party body representing library users and workers, dedicated to the defence and support of the publicly funded library service. In many instances Campaign groups have fought successfully to prevent the closure of their own local library, forcing councillors to look elsewhere to make savings. Subsequently, some groups have developed into 'Friends'-style organisations, raising money and generally supporting their local library in a variety of ways.

The Library Campaign is largely dependent upon subscriptions which start at £7.00, and produces a quarterly journal (edited in Hexham) carrying articles and news about library closures from around the country. If you would like to know more about the Campaign, please write to:

The Library Association, 2nd Floor, 1-5, Bath Street., London EC1V 9QQ.

Alternatively your local contact is Mark Benjamin at home on 01434-607746 - evenings.

MB

Mr Benjamin would like to make it quite clear that the above piece is written in a personal capacity and not as an employee of Northumberland County Council.

Editor



**LANGLEY W.I.**

Langley W.I.'s Diamond Jubilee celebrations in October were a resounding success.

Their exhibition of 'Langley through The Years' met with tremendous interest from the public and Langley Village Hall was packed out all day Saturday. In fact due to popular demand, the members decided to open the exhibition to the public again on Monday and were again overwhelmed by the response.

On the Sunday former members of Langley W.I. were invited to view the exhibition, after which afternoon tea was served and present and former members spent time reminiscing.

The climax to the celebrations was the 60th Birthday Party, where guests from eight neighbouring institutes joined V.C.O. Mrs H Abrahams in a toast to the continued success of the W.I. They were then entertained by Mrs Fenwick, who gave a hilarious talk on 'Life as a Vicar's Wife.'

After supper Alan White brought the evening to a close with music, songs and some fond memories of school-days at Langley.

Co-ordinator Mrs M Brown and Assistant Co-ordinator Mrs K Rutherford were thanked for their tremendous work on the exhibition and were presented with flowers and a framed certificate from members of the Institute.

M Nagel

## THEREIN LIES THE SECRET

Recently my wife and I moved from Gosforth where all the top people live, to spend our remaining years among the green fields and solitude of the South Tyne Valley at Haydon Bridge.

For 50 years I was in business in the city before unforeseen occurrences struck me down with a heart attack, back trouble, and oh yes that which every elderly gentleman dreads - impotence.

So, taking the jolly wizard's warning we found a nice little cottage on the north side of the river where life for us has turned out to be pleasant, free from stress and most of all to be jolly well accepted by the local rustics, peasant community and farming folk alike. My wife Pamela was 'invited' to become a member of Langley W.I. which in her opinion is 'thee' Institute for all the top people. As for myself, well I would be content to be put forward for the Parish Council some day in the future.

Now let me tell you this, that following the pattern of most retired gentlemen with time on their hands after morning coffee and a casual glance through the 'Financial Times' a sedate saunter down to one of the village hostelrys is in order. Having a couple of drams is 'thee' done thing amongst top people, be it lunch-time or evening, so after a number of weeks sniffing out the lunch-time atmosphere to that of the evening I finally settled on the one watering hole that appealed to me most.

Now this particular establishment appears to attract more local characters than the rest, and as one local said to me, in a round about way when trying to find out more about me - "Yer naa mistor, ivvory village is intitled tiv it's idiot, but this yen is full uv them." Well ! I ask, what could I say as he went on to tell me that he was greatly over-weight and at his latest blood pressure check at the Village Health Centre the Doctor had told him to lose weight and put him on a mushy pea diet, the result being that after a few weeks all that he had lost was his friends - "Well I arsk you what could I say ?" - as I turned around towards the plain woman serving behind the bar to serve another double malt.

Now, over the past few weeks I had began to notice that my pace had started to quicken and my back-ache had vanished completely, in fact for a gentleman in their eighties I began to feel like a 22 year old young blade as I lifted the water jug from the bar in order to top up my whisky glass.

It was then that I noticed a most pungent odour which seemed to be drifting from the corner where Gerry Attric stood unshaven gingerly scratching his bothersome piles whilst in deep conversation with a pipe smoking chap clad in a tweed jacket with leather patched elbows, bespectacled, having longish brown hair and smoking a pipe.

It was not from that direction that the unpleasant odour bore it's origin - but from the water jug that I held in my hand. Having noticed that both the aroma and flavour of the whisky was far superior in this establishment than in others in the Village, despite it being of the same age and brand topped up with the same water ....or was it ? Lifting up the water jug I had a deep sniff and filled my lungs with the revolting pungent smell of sulphur.

"What the jolly blazes is this ?" - I enquired of the lady behind the bar, who was getting more attractive by the minute. "It is Spa water", said she, and went on to explain how the landlord sought it fresh early each morning when the mineral and medicinal qualities are at their best. "You see Sir, my great grand-mother always said that Spa Well water added to whisky enhances the flavour of the drink." She filled up my glass again and continued "It is also a well known fact amongst the old folk of the Village that Spa Well water added to whisky is a cure for pains and - " she blushing added "old men's problems, just look at the large families folk used to have in and around Haydon Bridge at the turn of the century and into the 30's.....it's all down to Spa Well water." -"Ah ha well yes, I shall have another double and er yes pass the water please" said I to this damned attractive girl behind the bar.

I then began to meditate upon what one refined and well cut lady said to me one morning last week as I came out of Clarke's Newsagents with the Guardian and Financial Times - "Oh Nigel, how happy Pamela looks these days, it's as if she has found the secret of eternity as she stands there singing 'Jerusalem' at the W.I. a dreamy and far away look in her eyes with a pleasant and serene smile all over her face, quite something for a lady of 80 years, the Haydon Bridge air must be doing you both good." said she as I quietly smiled to myself.

P.S. Well I'm giving no secrets away -- but to you elderly gentleman look for a jug with Johnnie Walker striding out and therein lies the answer to your problems. **A.N. Incomer**

## A.D.A.P.T.

Action by Differently Aabled People in Tynedale

### WANTED

Volunteer drivers for minibus

To drive for co-ordinated accessible transport scheme for people with disabilities and those who have difficulty using public transport.

Preferably over 25.

Clean driving licence essential.  
All out of pocket expenses paid.  
Training and on-going support.

### VOLUNTEER ESCORTS

We also need people who will act as escorts on a minibus to transport 9 individuals with disabilities, between Haltwhistle and Hexham 5 days per week.

Please ring Olwyn Oliver, A.D.A.P.T.  
Co-ordinator 01434 600599  
for informal chat and further info.

### A.D.A.P.T.

20a Shaftoe Leazes  
Hexham, NE46 3DW

A married couple were having problems conceiving a baby.



The wife had many checks and all the necessary bits were found to be in full working order so an appointment was made for the husband to see a Consultant who specialised in these things at the RVI.

Off went the young husband meekly carrying a sample to the hospital.

After about four hours wifey was anxiously looking out of the front room window for hubby who seemed to be taking a long time. The bus arrived at the stop a few yards down the road and off stepped her beloved all dressed up in top hat and tails carrying a walking cane. He did a fair impersonation of 'Singing in the Rain' as he skipped up the street with a big grin on his face as he noticed his wife.

She ran out and asked him "Why have you bought all those posh clothes, and how did the tests go ?"

"He replied with an impish grin "The Doctor sed that am 'important' hinny so if that's the case from noo on am ganna look important"

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER

For many of us, Remembrance Sunday is the day that stands out as a day of remembrance during November. I remember being taught as a child the significance of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, and I remember that at that hour, on that day, everything stood still for two minutes silence. I regret that this particular act of remembrance has now been put to the nearest Sunday and that the day and hour are no longer commemorated. No doubt it is better for commerce and industry - but two minutes? - is that too much to ask? The annual Remembrance Sunday service will take place in the Parish Church on Sunday 12th November at 10.15 p.m. and will be timed so that the wreath laying ceremony may take place at the War Memorial as near as possible to 11 a.m.

Remembrance of a different kind took place on 1st and 2nd November. 1st November is All Saints Day. Christians recognise that it is not only the "official" saints that live lives of dedication to God and of loving service to their fellow creatures but that there are many unknown saints amongst us. All Saints reminds us that we are all called to lives of love and dedication to God and our neighbour and that the saints, far from being "stained glass window characters" were real people of many different kinds and personalities.

The day after All Saints Day is designated All Souls Day (2nd Nov) when the Church traditionally remembers those who have departed this life. This is usually marked by a service in which the names of departed loved ones are remembered before God and in which we pray for those who have died. All Souls Day crowns our celebration of All Saints Day because it reminds us of the great Christian hope. Death is not the end. God has more in store for his creation. Those whom we have lost for a time through death, are still with us, though in a different way, and there is still a future for them, as there is for us. God has created us to fulfil his loving purpose. His purpose for us reaches beyond this life into a future in which creation will be brought to perfect fulfilment. Because we believe that there is life beyond death it makes sense to pray for those who have died.

Remembrance looks not only to the past but also to the future. We remember the past, and hopefully learn from it. We remember those whom we have known and look forward to a future that is for us still hidden but which is promised by God. This we do against the background of our faith in Jesus Christ, who died and who rose again to show us the way to eternal life.

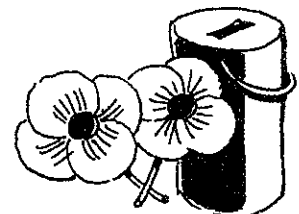
## FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism  
1/10/95 Dylan Antony Rowell  
8/10/95 Jack Peter Bell

Confirmation at Holy Cross:  
Haltwhistle on 29/10/95  
Alison Elliott  
Kerry Banks  
Kate Hunter

Marriage  
7/10/95  
David John Beecham &  
Margaret Jane Stacey

Funeral  
18/10/95  
Elsie May Watson



They shall not grow old, as we that are left  
grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
We will remember them.

## Many thanks

The Parochial Church Council of St. Cuthbert's Church wish to thank Mr & Mrs Harry Watson for the proceeds of the dance held on Saturday 21st October. £500 was donated to church funds. Thanks also to everyone who helped to make this a very enjoyable occasion.



**Mothers' Union**  
 Wednesday 22nd November  
 7.30 p.m.  
 Mr & Mrs Howard - "The  
 Caribbean"  
 In the Church Hall

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
 at the Methodist Chapel  
 6.30 - 7.30 Youth club for under  
 10's  
 7.45 - 8.45 Study Club for 11+



".....You're going to keep them awake this Sunday then?"

**STATEMENT FROM  
 JAPAN'S CHURCHES**

Amid the media headlines like 'Japan nearly apologises' did you notice that the Japanese churches in August issued a firm statement repenting of their country's wartime atrocities and for the failure to compensate British ex-prisoners of war and others who suffered brutality at the hands of the Imperial Army.

"We Japanese Christians must repent from the bottom of our hearts for these sins," said the historic declaration from church leaders representing around 800,000 of Japan's more than one million Christians.

The statement was signed by the Japan Roman Catholic Church, the National Council of Churches, evangelical groups and others. If you hadn't noticed, maybe the oversight was really that of the journalists who put together your newspaper and TV news bulletins.  
**CNS**

**SERVICES AT THE PARISH  
 CHURCH**

5th Nov - 8th before Christmas  
 8 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Worship for All

12th Nov - Remembrance  
 10.15 am Remembrance Service

19th Nov - 6th before Christmas  
 8 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Eucharist

26th Nov - 5th before Christmas  
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

3rd Dec - Advent Sunday  
 8 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Worship for All

**SERVICES AT  
 BELTINGHAM AND  
 HENSHAW**

5th Nov - 10 am Holy  
 Communion at Henshaw

12th Nov - 9 am Holy  
 Communion at Beltingham  
 6 pm Evensong at Beltingham

19th Nov - 10 am Holy  
 Communion at Henshaw

26th Nov - 10 am Matins at  
 Beltingham

3rd Dec - 10 am Holy  
 Communion at Henshaw

**HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL  
 DIARY FOR NOVEMBER**

November 5th  
 10.30 am Morning Service led by  
 Mr. Robinson

November 12th  
 10.15 am Morning Service led by  
 Rev. David Perkins  
 6 pm Evening Service led by  
 Miss Garbutt

November 19th  
 10.30 am Family Service led by  
 Rev David Perkins  
 8 pm Prayers, Praise and  
 Ministry with Rev David Perkins

November 26th  
 9 am Early Communion led by  
 Rev David Perkins  
 10.30 am Morning Service led by  
 Mr Trevor North  
 6 pm Evening Service led by Mr  
 Wilson

**Men's Christian Fellowship**

Tue. Nov 7th "South African  
 Journey" Rev. B. Cooke  
 Tue Nov. 21st "A Sapper's  
 War" Col. Johnson  
 at 7.30 p.m. in the Methodist  
 Schoolroom.

# HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

## DIARRHOEA

Don't you just love it! In the last few weeks we have been inundated, up to our ears, under pressure, fighting a rising tide.... OK then, you choose a phrase..... There's been a lot of it about.

Diarrhoea doesn't just happen on its own, it is almost always caused by failure to observe good hygiene practices in relation to food preparation or storage.

Are you safe in the kitchen? Try this little test:

1/ Which one is NOT suitable for a kitchen worktop?

a/ Formica, b/ Marble, c/ Stainless steel, d/ Bare wood.

2/ Which statement about bacteria is true?

a/ All types of bacteria can give food poisoning.

b/ Freezing makes food last longer by killing bacteria.

c/ Bacteria grow fastest when they are warm.

d/ All bacteria need air to live.

3/ The temperature inside your fridge should be...

a/ 10°C, b/ 4°C, c/ 0°C, d/ minus 2°C.

4/ The temperature most germs grow best at is...

a/ 7°C, b/ 17°C, c/ 37°C, d/ 67°C.

5/ Which one of these foods do bacteria grow best in?

a/ Mayonnaise, b/ Butter, c/ Honey, d/ Ketchup.

6/ Which is likely to contain most bacteria?

a/ Cooked chicken, b/ Tinned cream, c/ Frozen raw chicken, d/ Bottled mayonnaise.

7/ The main reason for banning smoking in food preparation areas is...

a/ because your fingers pick up bacteria from around your mouth.

b/ because ash might fall in the food.

c/ because you might start a fire.

d/ because your mouth has become contaminated with nicotine.

8/ Bacteria in your food can double in number in...

a/ 9 months, b/ 3 days, c/ 8 hours, d/ 20 minutes.

9/ A slice of meat contaminated with one million salmonella would...

a/ be green and smelly.

b/ have a slightly bitter taste.

c/ be rather slimy to the touch.

d/ be no different in appearance, taste, smell or texture

10/ which two methods will kill most bacteria in food?

a/ suffocating by removing all the air.

b/ heating to 80°C or more.

c/ adding chemical preservatives.

d/ freezing to minus 18°C.

11/ After how long should a cloth used to clean food preparation areas be thrown away or sterilised by boiling/bleaching etc?

a/ 30 minutes, b/ 3 hours, c/ 1 day, d/ 1 week,

12/ Through how many sheets of normal toilet tissue can the diarrhoea causing germs reach the fingers?

a/ 1, b/ 16, c/ 36, d/ 106

Correct answers are given in the lower right corner of

## GOOD NEWS 1

During the 1990s the numbers of patients registered with the practice has increased by one fifth. This has allowed us to be successful in applying for Dr Mary to be full time (she's three quarter time now) when she returns from maternity leave in mid February 1996.

## GOOD NEWS 2

Dr Rachel Buchanan, who has been working at Humshaugh and Wark, is coming to join us during Dr Mary's maternity leave. She is a very popular practitioner and I am sure that she will be a great asset to the practice. She will be doing one surgery every week day.

## GOOD NEWS 3

We shall shortly have a proper Ultra Violet B lamp for the treatment of skin diseases such as psoriasis and some kinds of eczema. This has been purchased through the Fundholding system. I do not know of any other practice in the UK with this facility. We shall have the advice and guidance of one of the hospital consultants on its use. It is intended that patients from all over Tynedale should have access to it to save them having to trawl into Newcastle twice each week - I know how tedious it can be!

## GOOD NEWS 4

Also purchased through the Fundholding system is a new heart trace machine (ECG) - we have worn the old one out!

## GOOD NEWS 5

In the next few weeks we shall be installing a ventilation system in the Health Centre which should improve the conditions for patients and staff as well as reduce heating costs. It is a system which sucks the tired and stale air from places such as WCs and heavily used rooms and replaces it with nice clean fresh air which is pre-heated, by a heat exchanger, from the out going air. The two air streams, in and out, do not mix but the heat is retained within the building.

winter when illness seems more common.

I would therefore be very grateful indeed for every scrap of help which you can offer by, for example, seeing the nurses for routine check-ups and procedures (Blood pressure, asthma, diabetes, contraception, ear syringing, stitch removal, minor wounds etc.) and remembering that virtually all coughs, colds, flu, sore throats, diarrhoea and vomiting are caused by viruses for which there is no treatment except rest, paracetamol and keeping a good intake of fluids going. We will, of course, always see anyone on request - usually the same day. Thank you for your help. SF

1/ d. 2/ c. 3/ b. 4/ c. 5/ a. 6/ c. 7/ a. 8/ d. 9/ d. 10/ b+c. 11/ a. 12/ b.

the page. If you score less than 10/12 you are running fairly serious risks and should give thought to going on a food handling course, for your own safety and that of your family. (Acknowledgements to Mr Peter Wright of the Tynedale Environmental Health department for this quiz. If any village organisation is looking for an excellent speaker I can recommend Mr Wright).

## NEW UNIFORMS

Our staff have got their new uniforms, we hope that you will think them smart. It has been rumoured, we are told, that the staff uniforms are purchased from money intended for patient care. This is not correct - the doctors pay for the staff uniforms out of their own pockets. The finances of general practice are hugely complicated and if anyone would be interested I could outline the arrangements.

## A PLEA FOR MERCY!

The three months of Dr Mary's maternity leave, mid November to mid Feb. are going to mean an enormous amount of extra work for me, despite Dr Rachel doing five surgeries each week. In the first place there are far more people registered with the practice than previously and secondly it is deep mid