

Haydon News

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EDITORIAL

Not too many weeks ago I was in one of the local hostelrys when one of the fellows at our table heard a mutual friend call me 'Mitch'. He asked me if I was related to the Editor of the Haydon News, this caused a bit of a guffaw at the table. When it was explained to him that I was indeed the 'Villain of the Peace' he looked at me astounded, naturally I asked him why.

He explained that he had always visualised me as pipe smoking wearing a tweed jacket with leather patched elbows; bespectacled; having longish brown hair and sporting a beard !

To correct any other readers misconceptions I hasten to say that I have never worn such a jacket in the Village; never smoked a pipe; don't have brown hair; never missed shaving on any morning of my adult life and only wear glasses to read the Haydon News.

Perhaps I should obtain a disguise kit comprising the above which I can wear for the five days after the issue of each month's Haydon News - my flak jacket is nearly worn out.

You will see on this page the announcement of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends Of Haydon Bridge. After a number of years with 'The Friends' Chairman Jim Cape, Secretary Enid Garrow together with Lesley Carey are stepping down. Their support to the group will be greatly missed as they have all been dedicated to maintaining the continuation of 'The Friends' and thereby 'The Haydon News'. Jim together with wife Doris also took on the job of collating and stapling the 850 copies of the newsletter, then delivering them to the various distribution points each month. Could you please consider coming to the meeting to give your support. Mitch

THE CROSSWORD

There was an excellent response with 18 correct entries, despite the fact that I made three clue errors.

\$D. Corbett, \$B&R Shout >K. Heslop, >T. Alexander, +P. Burgon, +R. McVay, +M. Moore, +M. Nagel, +M. Robson, *R. Armstrong, *T.A. Bates, *S. Charlton, *M. Hindle, *E. Rummy, *A. Scott, S. Stephenson, C. Todd, J. Tucker

Previous correct entries: >P. Irving, J. Heslop, Mrs Jackson, E. Jukes, M. Porter,

\$ Five 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 and the Shout sisters Betty and Rosemary are already sure of their places in the special competition having already completed five correct entries. All of those with two or more correct entries to date can still obtain five correct entries as there are three more monthly competitions to complete.

On the 23rd of September the 18 entries were put into the hat and the two winners drawn by a visitor to High Brindles.

STUBLICK OPEN-CAST MINING

Northumberland County Council Environment and Planning Committee are to complete their report soon. According to information received from the development control team manager it is just possible that it could go before the Council at their meeting on 30th October.

If this date is not met the next full Council meeting is not until the first week of December.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Since the last update on the Village Appraisal two further open meetings have been held, on 6th July and 12th of September.

At the July meeting the group discussed travel and tourism and came up with some interesting ideas. They also discussed ways in which young people could become involved in the appraisal and it was decided to ask the Shaftoe Trust to provide a small grant towards the cost of employing youth workers to help young people to carry out their own appraisal. The group are pleased to say that they have just heard that they have been awarded the grant. They have also applied for funding for the main appraisal to various bodies and hope to hear from them soon.

The dozen or so people at the September meeting were formed into three groups and discussed housing and social issues. Their written ideas will be collated and the results made known.

The Village Appraisal Group intend to make a display in the Village sometime in November which it is understood will show status of the appraisal. At some time they intend to carry out a comprehensive Parish survey to elicit views and opinions of the wider population, the inputs received at meetings already held will form the basis for a questionnaire.

All residents are reminded that the meetings of the Village Appraisal Group are open meetings where everyone is invited to air their views.

Should you require further information please contact Parish Councillors Mr or Mrs Howard together with Keda Norman of the Community Council of Northumberland on 684535 and 321242 respectively KN/SBM

My definition of a free society is a society where it's safe to be unpopular Adlai Stevenson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
The Friends of Haydon Bridge
will be held in the Community Centre
7 pm Monday 30th October

The main purpose of the meeting will be to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Anyone interested in joining the Committee is cordially invited to attend.
Jim Cape (Chairman)

Procrastination is the thief of time
No one was ever ruined by speaking the truth

NEXT ISSUE OF THE HAYDON NEWS
1st NOVEMBER 1995

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A wise man changes his mind, a fool never
The fool wanders - the wise man travels

SHAFTOE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Governors will meet on the 9th November 1995.

Applications for grants to promote the education of the individual residents of the Parish or that of residents generally, should be delivered to the Clerk at the Office on Shaftoe Terrace by **Saturday 28 October 1995.**

J P Richardson
Clerk to the Governors

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Thursday 28th September 1995

Nine Councillors were in attendance with two apologies for absence. Three members of the public were present.

Public participation - Gee's Wood Burn has problems with drainage, Martins Close and Temple Houses residents are unable to obtain any help. It is also understood that water rats are becoming problematic for some of the residents of the area. It appears that the National Rivers Authority are not responsible for the burn nor is Northumberland C.C. Who owns the land is not clear. The Parish Council will investigate further.

It was reported that Haydon Bridge were not placed in the Village of the year awards (There must be a mistake surely).

A representative from the Community Council of Northumberland spoke on 'Village Appraisal' and pointed out that the purpose is to plan the future development of the Village with local people being involved. The estimated cost of the Appraisal is £1213. This includes £320 for a youth appraisal which has been granted by the Shaftoe Trust, £200 has been granted from the Community Council of Northumberland and £443 by Rural Action. A grant application has also been made to the Rural Development Programme. The Appraisal has the support of the Parish Council who have been asked to grant £200. Everyone in the Village will receive a Questionnaire early in 1996 and the final report is expected in June 1996.

The Diary of Events which was prepared for the 'Village of the Year' competition is now available in the Library.

A letter has been received from Northumberland C.C. saying that the Ratcliffe Rd. roadworks will start in November. The installation of wheelchair ramps will be considered then.

The traffic survey carried out on 22nd September was discussed. [See report adjacent Ed.] The Parish Council commending those who took part.

Planning application for extension of, and extension to the Methodist Chapel received. This was discussed and approved by the Parish Council whose comments will be sent to Tynedale.

It is intended to clean and repair the War Memorial before Remembrance Sunday. **WEN**

BY-PASS UPDATE

On Friday 22nd September the By-Pass Group set out to prove that the figure of 9,500 vehicles a day passing through the village, currently being quoted by the Ministry of Transport, was wrong. A previous count by ourselves was in excess of 13,000, we were therefore quietly confident that we would show that figure to be false.

We called on volunteers and although I panicked when Raymond McVay was taken ill and visualised counting by myself for 24 hours, I need not have worried because as usual when needed the people of Haydon Bridge came forward and of 30 adults and a child turned out to help. **THANK YOU.**

To justify your efforts our total count was **15,235** broken down as follows:

SUMMARY OF 24 HOUR FLOW OF TRAFFIC	
0800 - 1200	3751
1200 - 1600	4517
1600 - 2000	4361
Total day-time	12629
2000 - 2400	1592
2400 - 0400	394
0400 - 0800	620
Total night-time	2606
GRAND TOTAL 15235	
East and west traffic evenly split. 17.4% (2656) was light traffic 82.6% (12579) was heavy traffic	

These figures were disappointing yin the fact that the heavy goods count was low, our previous heavy goods percentage had been 33%. Were all the lorry drivers on strike, or perhaps they avoided the A69 to keep clear of a large convoy witnessed passing through our counters at 3:45 pm ?

We know that an allowance has to be taken into account for local traffic, but being a busy village we feel that this village movement, if anything, justifies the need for a By-Pass. Junctions in the Village are all dangerous areas as villagers try to perform their manoeuvres threatened by the impatient through traffic.

MOTORING TIPS - If 500 of the motorists in Haydon Bridge were to drive to Hexham twice a day they would each cross the A69 traffic sensor four times thereby increasing the traffic flow by 2000 vehicles per day - we'd have a By-Pass in no time. Mean drivers leave windscreen wipers on fast when leaving car in Wentworth the Traffic Warden cannot put a ticket on the vehicle. Housewives should keep a stiff broom in their boot so that they can sweep glass to the side of the road every time they have a minor collision. Salesmen, did you know that if you press the middle pedal of your car it helps you slow down in built up areas ? Pensioners - try sitting on a pile of encyclopaedias the next time you go out driving then you'll be able to see out of the front window.

Mitch has done what I haven't been able to do and has acquired day by day traffic figures of the A69 traffic and analysed them as shown in this month's Haydon News. [See Page 8 Ed.] With these figures we again question how the figure of 9,500 was ever quoted.


WHAT NEXT ?

During October we intend to lobby the Minister for Roads Mr Steven Norris who will be sent a full account of our traffic sensor along with a pile of your letters which were received from the Newcastle Office of the MOT in reply to letters sent to him personally. If you want to include a letter from yourself please let me have it quickly. Our package to the Minister will be sent by registered post to him personally then perhaps he may give his own reply.

Our next move will be to lobby the group which will be taking over the running of the A69, their names will be released later this year. Haltwhistle By-Pass has been written into this contract to finance and build it. We should have been included too. We also intend passing out letters to the drivers of vehicles held up in the next lot of roadworks to be started in early October on Ratcliffe Road, if you can help with this please let us know - we do need your help.

Eileen Charlton
for the By-Pass Group

P.S. - We have received from Gina Richardson, via the Friends of Haydon Bridge, a large package of 28 lbs of assorted Daffodil bulbs, we are delighted with this gift, but it does put more urgency on getting the West-End flower bed finished. Weather permitting we will be working on this bed for several weekends to get the work done - if you can help we will be glad to see you - please give me a ring on 684-505.- EC



As a child Steven Norris always wanted a Cowboy Outfit - that's why he was given The Department of Transport (Roads)

Gina Richardson, our former Editor, who now lives in the Cotswolds, has very kindly sent to 'The Friends' a very large parcel of bulbs for planting in the flower beds at each end of the Village.

At Gina's request they have been passed to Eileen Charlton who will organise their planting.

When they bloom in the Spring give a thought for Gina who did a tremendous amount of work for the Village and continues to help us, not only with the bulbs, but by producing the souvenir issue 'Bridges III'

Jim Cape

LANGLEY W.I.



The A.G.M. for Langley W.I. was held in September and members were pleased to welcome Mrs K. Beale as their V.C.O. for the evening.

Mrs M. Nagel was re-elected as president, likewise Mrs K. Rutherford as Secretary and Miss Eileen Martin as Treasurer. The rest of the committee agreed to retain the posts they had occupied the previous year.

The Treasurers report revealed a healthy balance and members voted to continue their support for the Tynedale Hospice Charity for a further year.

Mrs Beale then gave a short, but informative talk on her work on the combined Arts sub committee and members expressed an interest in taking part in some of the events for 1996.

M.Nagel

LANGLEY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

An exhibition of photographs, artefacts, news and events depicting village life in Langley.

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LANGLEY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Light refreshments served all day

'A psychiatrist is a man who goes to the Folies Bergere and looks at the audience'

Check your grammar suggests Mr Bates of Nilston Rigg when writing in concerning the crossword. First of all he correctly points out that I made a couple of mistakes in the clues, which many others have also spotted, there were in fact three mistakes for which I apologise, in 48A I actually gave the answer instead of a clue. He then points out that he cannot find 'Arlene' in the proper names appendix to his Chambers dictionary but deduced correctly that it is a girl's name, I'm sure he must remember Arlene Daal (Dahl) the film actress. Unfortunately the clue was one of those where there was an error. He also says:

'I wonder how many of your readers have access to Websters 3rdDictionary (Hexham Library does not hold it). So any query I might raise cannot be checked by me with reference to Webster. The somewhat esoteric Xwords I do, Sunday Times - "Méphisto", Observer - "Azed" and The Spectator - all use Chambers as their database. That being said, does Webster give the word 'eviler' as a comparative of "evil ?" [The clue to 34D was 'More Wicked'. Ed.]. " Of Cain and Abel - Cain was the eviler - " does not seem right to my ear - "the more evil" surely - Chambers and the O.E.D. do not give the word.'

The comparative 'eviler' and superlative 'evilest' are indeed shown in my Websters Dictionary. There are certain adjectives which we all know (final, full, perfect, pure, torn, vital etc. etc.) do not usually admit the use of the comparative so 'more' or 'most' before them or 'er' or 'est' tacked on the end if not permitted. In your example you prefer "the more evil", this being so then surely 'eviler' is just as valid ? To my ear "Cain was eviler than Able" or "Cain was more evil than Able" have equal weight. However I am sure that there must be an English teacher reading this who will, I trust, clarify the situation for us.

Earlier in the year many other Haydon News crossword buffs complained to me about the use of Websters and I do now try to ensure that whenever possible I use words that are not exclusive to that dictionary and usually check against my 'Collins' which only contains 74,000 words compared to the vocabulary of over 450,000 words in my Websters. I now only use about 100,00 Webster words in compilation. Incidentally the alternative spelling for seizes (seises) in 40 down is not in my 'Collins', nor is 'eviler'. Perhaps if someone is generous enough to buy me a large 'Chambers' I could consider a change in 1996.

'No need to check the behaviour of the young ones' writes 'Ex Towny' who wants to complain through these columns about the people who knock the youngsters who hang about the village and race about in their cars and goes on to say "I see the kids on my nightly walks through the village and see no difference to my own youthful behaviour: I too hung around shop and pub doorways; raced about on my motorbike with no silencer and swore and smoked fags and had the odd under age off-licence drink, cuddled lasses and did other things. Alas I do none of these things now. Whilst not condoning the extreme behaviour of a minority I am fed up how people generally condemn them."

If you want to use these columns to air your views or comment on the subject please drop me a line, you can use a pseudonym. Recently I needed to get into Hexham late one evening and asked one of the lads if he would take me in his car - I was there within ten minutes. [Ed.]

'Check the dogs bashers' say a couple who wish to remain anonymous. They say "we own a lovely dog, who sports Newcastle United colours [dogs rarely come in red Ed.] and has the ability to 'do it' on the move without us knowing about it sadly the dog cannot read the gaudy notices attached to the various poles in the Village it's disgraceful behaviour could thereby cost us an absurd £500 fine. Fortunately our pet rarely visits the Village and to our knowledge has never 'done one' on the pavement, however we always carry a 'pop scoop' and would certainly use it should need be. If you see someone with a dog which 'does one' without the owner noticing catch them up and tell them - no one has punched either of us yet. So please friends be brave and do the same." Mr Editor bet you dare no not print this letter !

Bet you I do - Although I have changed your Anglo-Saxon words. I hear that in practice magistrates dish out fines of only £20. Incidentally last week I stood in 'one' at the Post Office letter box - some justice !

See you next month ... Mitch

If field gates were left open this would save farmers getting off their tractors too open them

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October Garden

The countryside is a blaze of autumnal colour. Beech, oak, sycamore, rowan and birch add crimson, russet and gold to the landscape. The rowan or mountain ash is a good choice of tree to bring some of this autumn glory into the landscape. It is hardy, easy to grow and suitable for small gardens. The berries may be white; pink; amber or red; birds prefer the red berries so I suggest you choose another colour which will remain untouched until well after leaf fall.

Not all rowans have fiery autumn colour. Those that do have an autumn show as spectacular as the Japanese maples but are much better suited to Haydon Bridge's climate. Here are some of the best rowans for reliable autumn colour:-

- Sorbus Joseph Rock - superb tree, turns to copper, red and orange. Berries yellow.
- Sorbus Hupehensis - glowing red in autumn. Berries pink/white.
- Sorbus Sargentia - rich red autumn colour. Berries scarlet.
- Sorbus Vilmorinii - smaller than the above trees, turns to red and purple. Berries white flushed rose.

Plant trees and shrubs this month. Although container-grown trees can be planted any time of the year it is generally agreed that autumn is the best time. The soil is moist and warm enough for the plants to establish better if planted now.

Lawns are looking green again after the rains. There is still time for a last autumn feed. Continue to scarify (remove dead grass with a wire rake). This is a good time to sow a new lawn.

Night temperatures are decreasing and we'll probably get the first frosts this month so bring in non-hardy plants you want to keep for next year. Pelargoniums (geraniums) and fuchsias can be kept almost bone dry. Tender plants such as dahlias, begonias and gladioli should be stored in frost free conditions for the winter months.

Garden Centres have a good selection of spring flowering bulbs to plant now. All bulbs like a well-drained soil so if you have a heavy soil add two buckets of grit per square yard. Bulbs which are naturalised in borders or in the lawn can be left undisturbed for many years. Plant some bulbs such as narcissi, hyacinths and tulips in containers for the patio. Plant two tiers of bulbs in the same pot for a cheerful spring show.

James Chin

The Farmhand

With calloused hands he guides the plough
and works until the dim light fades
to earn a meagre futile pittance
then trundles home a broken man

Their crying mouths and angry faces
and eyes that peer through slatted windows
are waiting, watching to see him coming
bringing home the daily bread

Body bent and life in tatters
they look upon his weary face
he tells them that his job is finished
then trembles as they weep with shame

The night draws in at journeys end
another farm with new beginnings
he'll earn the shillings to feed their bellies
and toil until he drops.

Sylvia

IT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER

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- King Harold slain at Battle of Hastings. 1066
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- Columbus sighted first land in the New World calling it San Salvador. 1492
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- Coronation of King George I. 1714
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- Gunfight at OK Coral Tombstone Arizona. 1881
-
- Getaway car used for first time. Paris. 1901
-
- Editor's mother born Deanrow Cottages. 1902
-
- Rampant inflation in Germany caused the Mark to drop to an exchange rate of 10,000,000,000 to the pound in 1923 - in 1995 it is 2.3
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- First iron lung used. 1928
-
- Julie Andrews born in 1935
-
- First Morris Minor produced. 1948

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Third - Joe Bass

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Second - J. Kanes
Third - G. Nichol

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A WILL

The Lord of the Manor was lying on his death-bed with not very long to go.

He called up his Valet Geoffrey and said to him "You have been a loyal and faithful servant so I am leaving you Lipwood Hall which has 14 bedrooms, please send up the Butler."

Butler Sidney duly arrived and the Lord said to him "You have been a loyal and faithful servant so I am leaving you Threepwood Hall which has 10 bedrooms, please send up the Gardener."

Gardener Philipson arrived and the Lord said to him "You have been the worst bluddy Gardener I have ever had working here in the past 50 years so I am leaving you Sod All !"

Philipson replied "Thank you Sir and may I ask, how many bedrooms has it got ?"

HADRIANS WALL MILITARY ZONE

Many of you may have read that English Heritage have wide ranging plans for the Wall and it's environs. These are detailed in a Draft Management Plan for the World Heritage Site.

The draft proposals show that the Parish of Haydon may be effected to a great as the proposed site boundary can extend as far south as Chesterwood, the north side of Heugh House Lane up Tofts Bank then right to Haydon thence eastwards through Brokenheugh to Allerwash.

English Heritage want to divert traffic off the Military Road and define access points to the zone the Village could therefore also be effected.

If the suggested boundaries were agreed and the plan adopted, it would have a significant effect on those who live and work in the area.

The solicitors Dickinson Dees held a meeting at Chesters on 7th September where 75% of the owners and occupiers of the Wall and Vallum and adjoining areas turned up.

Dickinson and Dees were asked to prepare and submit to English Heritage comprehensive comments on the draft plan. These will make the following points:-

- the area designated should be kept to a minimum
- no proposals should be implemented until they have been fully costed and the cost justified
- restrictions on farming, forestry and landscape management should be kept to a minimum and owners and farmers fully compensated

- except close to the Wall and Vallum where they still exist

- conversion of arable land to grass land is impractical financially and development should not be restricted unjustified

- traffic management schemes should include the dualling of the A69 west of Hexham

Speakers at the meeting were Paul Finch of Dickinson Dees' Planning Unit, Hume Hargreave of Dickinson Dees' Agricultural Law Unit, Tom Ward-Aldam of Lowther Scott-Harden Chartered Surveyors, Stocksfield and Peter Atkinson MP.

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THE ANNALIS QUARTET



Formed in 1975, four players from the Northern Sinfonia, now freelance, gave their first concert in Old Haydon Church, lit only by candles, torches and invitation tickets.

The following year they moved to Warden where they have played for the last twenty years.

To celebrate their 20th anniversary they will be playing two works involving eight players. (See advert)

Tom Waddington, founder of the quartet, moved to Plunder Heath in 1970.

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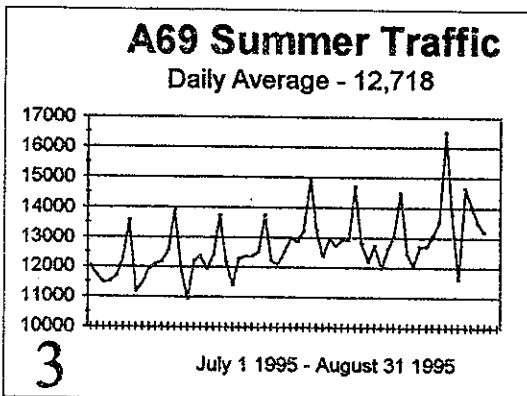
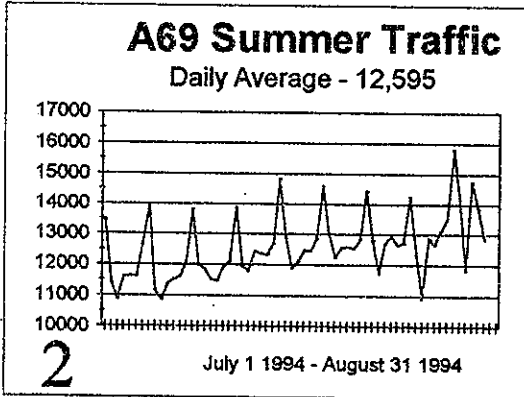
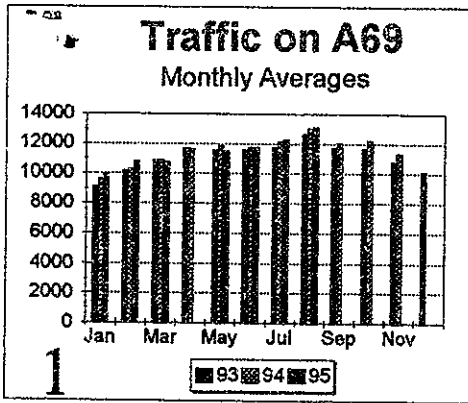


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EXPLANATION OF ABOVE GRAPHS

1 This is a graphical representation of the 1993, 1994, 1995 monthly average figures. The chart shows quite clearly how the average daily traffic builds up from a January low of under 10,000 to an average August count of over 12,500 vehicles thence decreasing to a December low of 10,000.

2 This shows the 62 day period from Friday July 1st 1994 until Wednesday 31st August 1994. The daily pattern clearly identifies the Friday peak traffic and even more spectacularly the 15,801 vehicle count on Friday 26th August followed by the Bank Holiday Monday high count of 14,748.

3 This shows the 62 day period from Saturday 1st July 1995 until Thursday 31st August 1995. The peak of 16,503 vehicles on Friday 25th August and 14,644 on Bank Holiday Monday 28th August are clearly shown.

TRAFFIC ON THE A69

THE REAL FIGURES

At the By-Pass group meeting in June I offered to try and obtain the actual traffic flows on the Haydon Bridge section of the A69. This was because on 23rd May Mr Atkinson MP had responded to a letter from Mr Thomas Stephenson enclosing a Highways Agency letter stating that the average annual daily traffic was only 9500 vehicles per day, the Haydon Bridge By-Pass Group have surveyed the traffic themselves and on a single day counted over 13000 vehicles. Another count was made by the group on Friday 22 September and is reported elsewhere in this newsletter. It is understood that the criteria for by-passes is about 12,500 vehicles Annual Average Daily Traffic.

Driving out of Hexham on the A69 and just after the 60 m.p.h. signs, adjacent to the Coastley Farm track, are traffic loops fitted into the road where continuous 24 hour traffic measurements are being made of both East-bound and West-bound traffic. Additionally on the West-bound carriageway is a speed loop.

Recently I have made contact with the Northumberland County Council Highways and Transportation Department, Technical Services Division who have been extremely helpful and co-operative in providing all data requested. I have processed some of this data so that simple graphical models of the traffic numbers can be show in this newsletter.

ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC ON A69

	Eastbound	Westbound	Total
1990	5573	5750	11323
1991	4958	4934	9892
1992	5282	5355	10637
1993	5528	5611	11139
1994	5751	5760	11511
1995	5681	5769	11450 Forecast

For 1991 the traffic figure is artificially low.

It can be seen by simple examination that the traffic flows significantly exceed the Highways Agency quoted figure of 9500. Of course from the above table figures we must deduct local Hexham - Haydon Bridge traffic when considering the by-pass, I have no idea how much this is.

Using the comprehensive data available it is not possible to identify any significant increase in the A69 traffic over the period. The figures may of course be effected by the frequent roadworks - however between the years 1990 and 1994 there was a 1.7% increase.

I will leave it up to the readers to draw their own conclusions, what does seem to be clear is that the 9,500 average quoted by The Highways Agency is woefully low and the single day 'snapshot' survey previously carried out by the by-pass group (over 13,00 vehicles) is correct. My examination of the July and August 1994 and 1995 data shows that on 15 occasions in 1994 and 17 occasions in 1995 the daily traffic exceeded 13,000 vehicles with a high of 16,503 on Friday 25th August this year.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Let the children come to me
These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ to his disciples when they had made the mistake of thinking Jesus was too busy and important to be bothered by children. Our Lord, however, saw children as being even more capable than adults of having a real friendship with God. He said: "Let the children come to me, do not stop them, for of such as these is the Kingdom of God". Since very early times in the history of the Church, Christians have brought their children for baptism in obedience to the teaching of Jesus. This is right and proper and priests of the Church of England are required to encourage parents in this practice. Bringing our children to Christ through Baptism, however, means more than having the ceremony performed. Parents and godparents undertake to raise their child within the life and teaching of the Church and to encourage the practice of public worship and private prayer. It is this last part that seems to be breaking down today. I have no doubt that parents and godparents try to encourage all good things to grow within their children, but the number of baptisms we have do not seem to relate to the number of children we see in public

There are, no doubt, many reasons why there are so few children in church - as there are many reasons why adults do not have the time nor inclination. What is so worrying is that we are raising a generation that is so unfamiliar with the worship and ritual of the Church that they are complete strangers to the Church of which they are members through baptism. People who have become familiar with worship, ritual, and Christian thought forms find that these are an important personal resource at various times through their lives. It also means that they feel easy about going into a church almost anywhere in the world - and "tapping in" to the spiritual resources available to them. In recent times the Church has tried to become more "consumer friendly". While it is right that we should try to make it easier for people to join in, there is no easy way to make the richness of Christian worship and spirituality available on demand. A church service is not entertainment, it is something done by a congregation and each person has to learn how to take part. Such a treasure of our Faith, our culture, and our heritage, we should make available to our children.

K.F.

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Steeplechase

The sponsored Steeplechase held on 9th September 1995 raised £90. Our thanks go to Mrs. Joyce Armstrong who took part in the Steeplechase and who visited 31 churches. Thanks also to the folk who kept St. Cuthbert's Church and the Old Church open, also to everyone who sponsored this event.

M. Curry

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

24/9/95 Elliott James Wallis

Holy Matrimony

9/9/95 Geoffrey Oldham & Susan Armstrong

Funeral

3/9/95 Charles Glenwright

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 9th September. £504.30p was donated to church funds. Thanks also to everyone who helped to make this a very enjoyable occasion.

Believe nothing against another but upon good authority; nor report what may hurt another, unless it be a greater hurt to others to conceal it.

William Penn

Mothers' Union

Oct 16th & 17th
Retreat at Shepherd's Dene

Wed. Oct 25th
7 pm Holy Communion

Departed but still remembered
For many centuries the Church has kept 2nd November (All Soul's Day) as the day when we remember our departed friends and relatives. For the first time St. Cuthbert's Church is holding an All Soul's Service (7pm on 2nd Nov) when we will have the opportunity to pray for, and to light a candle in remembrance of "those whom we love but see no longer". If you would like to remember a departed loved one on this day write their name(s) on a piece of paper and send it to the vicar, or write the name on the list which will be in church from mid-October. Then please attend the service where your prayers may be added to others and you may light a candle as a symbol of your prayer and remembrance.

EVERY FRIDAY

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

Craft Fair

In aid of Haydon Bridge
Methodist Church Re-
development Fund

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MOOT HALL

HEXHAM
(Lockhart Room)

Sat. Oct 14th.
2.00 pm onwards

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Men's Christian Fellowship

October 10th - Speaker: Rev.
Harold Wilkinson
at the Methodist Church at
7.30 p.m.

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

8th October - Harvest
Thanksgiving
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
3 pm Harvest Evensong at
Haydon Old Church

15th October - Pentecost 19
8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Eucharist

22nd October - Last Sunday
after Pentecost
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

29th October - 9th before
Christmas
no service at Haydon Bridge
9.30 am Confirmations at Holy
Cross, Haltwhistle
10 am United Holy Communion
at Henshaw (Feast of All
Hallows)

SERVICES AT BELTINGHAM AND HENSHAW

8th October - Harvest
Thanksgiving
10 am Family Communion at
Henshaw
6 pm Evensong at Henshaw

15th October
10 am Holy Communion at
Beltingham

22nd October
10 am Mattins at Henshaw

29th October
10 am United Communion at
Henshaw
6 pm Special Candle Service of
intercession at Henshaw.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHAPEL DIARY FOR OCTOBER

8th October
10.30 Morning Service led by Rev
A. Buglass
6 pm Evening Service

15th October
10.30 Family Service led by Rev D.
Perkins
6 pm Evening Service at Lowgate
8 pm Praise, Prayer and Ministry at
Hexham Trinity

22nd October
9am Holy Communion led by Rev D
Perkins
10.30 Morning Service led by Rev B
Cooke
6pm Evening Service led by Rev D
Perkins

29th October "One World"
10.30 Morning Service led by Mrs B
Mearns
6pm Evening Service led by R. Reay

5th November
10.30 Morning Service led by J Robinson
6 pm United Service at the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert

Tolerance is accepting people on your
terms. Acceptance is accepting people
on their terms.

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

MUSHROOMING PROBLEM

Fungi, such as mushrooms, are especially prolific in autumn. Our erstwhile senior partner, Dr Robert High, has noticed some "Death Caps" (*Amanita Phalloides*) growing locally - they are appropriately named and to the inexperienced eye look like ordinary mushrooms!

UNLESS YOU ARE TOTALLY CERTAIN ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAFE AND DEADLY VARIETIES OF FUNGI - NEVER PICK OR EAT ANY OF THEM!

A longer article by Bob, about this subject, will be published ahead of the season next year.

BEING EXAMINED

Examination without consent is an assault! No person may lay hands upon another without their consent - Police Officers and the like excepted. This fact of legal life could completely paralyse medicine were it not for the generally lenient view taken by courts. Submitting to, often intimate, physical contact takes a large measure of trust in the examiner and sometimes a measure of bravery. If an examination or procedure is proposed to which you do not consent you are free to decline. It is important for us to listen to what patients say and make examination as pleasant and unafrightening as possible, to take time to explain and act gently and thoughtfully.

Freezing cold hands or instruments are guaranteed to cause a sharp intake of breath when applied to patients, especially if the patient is unclear about the procedure. We aim to explain what is going to happen, have warm hands and warm instruments (or at least off chill) and ensure that the patient is comfortably positioned. If we are going to do something which we know is going to hurt a little, such as blood taking, we will say so. Somewhat un-natural procedures, such as rectal examination, cannot really be adequately minimised by simple discussion but we try to make them as brief and trouble free as possible.

There are a number of things which patients can do to make examination easier and more informative:

Ears - hair and earrings can get in the way and are best arranged/removed in advance. To help us look further into the canal we will usually pull upwards and backwards on the ear - if this hurts do say so.

Eyes - thick makeup and contact lenses should be removed. If we look into the eye with a special instrument it is helpful for you to focus on a spot on the wall ahead and keep your eyes as still as possible. If we need to look under your upper eyelid we have to turn it inside out - sounds gruesome - but follow our instructions at the time and it is surprisingly easy.

Mouth - opening as wide as possible would seem obvious but can be overdone - just as wide as you would open to get a big bite from an apple will do. If asked to put your tongue out - try to put the tongue tip on your chin. Conventionally, we ask you to say "Ahhhhh!" but actually we can see more of your throat if you take a huge deep breath in through your mouth - rather like the breath in for a yawn. Dentures have a tendency to come adrift - slipping them out, briefly, for the examination is much appreciated. Lastly - and with the greatest possible delicacy - those with a serious garlic habit can make things so much more humane with Polos or chewing gum - Sorry - but it must be said!

Hair/scalp - the ingenuity with which hair is arranged

never fails to amaze. Examination is aided by an absence of clips, combs, pony tails etc.

Neck - ties and scarves can be removed whilst waiting and a few buttons undone. We may ask you to tilt your head forward or back but otherwise just sit in a normal, relaxed, looking straight ahead position.

Chest - the main reason for examining the chest is to check on lungs and heart - this can be done by looking, feeling or listening. When people describe having a cough or sore chest they point at an area by the second and third shirt button and open that area of shirt for examination. Lungs go from above the collar bones to the lowest rib edge (side to side and back and front), the heart is under and to the left of the lower part of the breast bone. To some people's surprise I may spend more time examining the back of the lungs, this is for three reasons: it is usually the most easily reached bit, one can listen to a lot more lung area there and women find it less undignified (breasts muffle sounds well too). When listening we can hear the air passing through the tubes - it is that sound of movement that we are seeking. Asking people to breathe deeply can result in either vast deep and very slow breaths or rapid shallow panting, neither of which produces the best sounds for diagnosis. The best way is deep brisk breaths in and out through an open mouth, rather like deep panting after a long hard run.

To listen to hearts we really do need to have the whole of the front of the chest and neck (major blood vessels there) exposed and so bras do need to come off.

Abdomen (belly) - this extends from rib edge to pubic hair, not just to the belly button. Accordingly, all belts, corsets and other varieties of upholstery need to be removed. Top centre is stomach, top right is liver and gall bladder, top left is spleen, bottom right is appendix or ovary, bottom centre is bladder or uterus, bottom left is large bowel or ovary. In the middle is small bowel - chitterlings if you like. We may ask you to take deep breaths whilst pressing - this is because, as your diaphragm is pushed down by your lungs, it pushes things like liver and spleen down, making them easier to feel. Relaxation is crucial to successful abdominal examination, ticklish customers are a real challenge but can be helped by getting them to bend their knees up. Lying with head resting on the bed and hands by your sides also helps. Deep slow breathing usually aids relaxation.

Back - we will usually want a clear view of the part of your back where you are experiencing symptoms.

Corsetry - especially the "button under" variety - is a great challenge, as are braces.

Limbs - it is helpful to have access to the whole of a limb, all the way from where it joins the trunk. If the problem is in the hand or fingers then at least the forearm should be exposed.

A Village magazine is probably not the correct place to discuss gynaecological examination in glorious Technicolor detail, as it is still an issue of excruciating sensitivity to some people. I offer the thought that successful gynaecological examination takes both a careful and gentle examiner and a relaxed (!) and confident patient. Confidence and relaxation can be helped by explanation at first and familiarity later in life. Mothers, older sisters and friends can do so much to help by giving reassuring explanations and, if asked, by accompanying the patient. Patient's "friends" are always welcome.