

Haydon News

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EDITORIAL

I wonder if you remember last year's July Haydon News report 'In the Chamber' which reported my activities in the Council Chamber of Tynedale District Council and how I was kicked out on June 5th 1995? Well undeterred I've been back again and you can read the report on page 8.

When people speak to me with the intention of having a subject raised in this newsletter they generally prefix their first sentence with "What's your opinion on ...?" I invariably respond by explaining that it is not my opinion which is important but theirs. So if any of you have worries or concerns, brickbats or bouquets please pass them on to me and I will air them as forcibly as I can in this, the newsletter of the folk of Haydon Parish.

The Silver Band Memorial Fund announcement wrongly stated in last month's newsletter that there was £600 in the coffers. Just in case some of you thought that Dr High and the rest of the Trustees had nicked off with the funds I am pleased to say that the assets of the fund are currently valued at approximately £6000. Well spotted those of you who noticed the error I unwittingly made.

At the last Parish Council meeting one Councillor jokingly said that she wished they could bring back the stocks and put them in Church Street. According to some readers I should be the first candidate in them. These were the readers who thought that last month's issue did not contain enough humour - I have rectified the situation this month - sorry folks!!

The first issue of the Haydon News came out in January 1979 with an explanation by the first Chairman of the *Friends of Haydon Bridge* which read:

'..... it is not our intention to subvert the functions or responsibilities of the Haydon Parish Council who are after all, elected by those who care to exercise that right. However, we do feel that we can fill what we believe is a gap in the structure of the community in acting as a receiver of information, opinions and suggestions, providing a forum for discussions and when necessary taking action through the appropriate authorities.'

'..... little interest has hitherto been taken into the affairs of the Parish and District Councils and our Representatives more often than not have made their decisions unheard by all but a few. We think it is important that Parish Council matters should be brought to the attention of all Residents and with this in mind a number of us have been attending the monthly Parish Council Meetings'

These words were written by none other than a certain William Sydney Rimmer Howard.

The recent fiasco concerning the Showfield Housing project can, it is considered by some, be laid fairly and squarely on Councillor Bill's lap.

Alas the story does not end there as reports in this month's Haydon News will show, the proposed siting of the Bowling Green on the doorsteps of Temple Houses now being a cause of serious concern.

Haydon residents and Parish Council both seem to have been kept in the dark about the Showfield Housing and Tynedale Council's Sports and Leisure Departmental activities at the 'bowling green site'. Councillor Bill is a member of Tynedale's Planning Committee and also of the Leisure, Tourism & Economic Development Committee, he is in a position to know most of what is happening - why is he so reluctant to tell us?

Perhaps his own declared aversion for more public involvement in Tynedale District Council affairs shows an old fashioned attitude to today's need to involve and inform the public at all stages. Once the people lose trust in their elected representative suspicions of motive are natural reactions.

When I met with the Temple House residents (see pages 7 & 8) it was sad to find an angry group of people who felt let down and that something was going on behind their backs.

Councillors Bill and Marion Howard are very very busy because of their public and party duties, they have told me so on many occasions. I cannot disagree that the endless round of; committee meetings; presentations; seminars; conferences; courses etc. together with all of the associated travelling can be very strenuous. However they must not forget that the 2200 or so Parish inhabitants have a right to know precisely what is happening.

William Sydney Rimmer Howard's words of 1979 were relevant and well chosen, I do hope that they will be re-read in 10, Ratcliffe Road today.

Mitch

There is no issue of the Haydon News in August

VILLAGE HANDYMAN REQUIRED

A part-time employee is required by the Parish Council from 1st October 1996 to carry out various tasks such as litter picking; maintenance of public seats; strimming of grass; gardening and upkeep of Haydon Spa. Hours are as follows:-

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CHRISTIAN AID 1996

House to House Collections plus donation from Christian Aid Service totalled £736.22

THANK YOU

NEXT ISSUE OF THE HAYDON NEWS

4th September 1996

ALL COPY TO THE EDITOR:

S.B. MITCHELL,
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HAND IN AT THE POST OFFICE

BY 30th AUGUST PLEASE

© What did Batman say to Robin before they got into the car ? Robin get into the car !

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

23rd May 1996

Six Councillors and County Councillor Purdue present.

For the second meeting in a row, your observer had some difficulty in finding a place to sit. More than 20 residents were present, predominantly from Martin's Close and Temple Houses who wished make known their views on the proposed bowling green but also some who wished to pursue additional thoughts on the Showfield housing development.

As regards to the bowling green, it was contended that the proposed football field site was both unsuitable and unacceptable. Not only was the edge of the site within twelve feet of some houses - seen as an intolerable invasion of privacy, but the existence of the green would add to the existing well recognised traffic dangers in the area. The claim that it would not suffer from flooding, or even if it did, it would not seriously damage the artificial playing surface was seen as absurd. Finally there was no sense in spending £53,000 of anybody's money to create a green which would be too small for local championship games. These views will be conveyed to Cllr Bill Howard who was unable to attend the meeting himself. To reinforce their objections, the residents are organising a petition.

On the question of the Showfield housing development, a complaint was expressed that the statutory 21 days period allowed for the Parish Council to comment on Planning Applications was grossly inadequate. Such important questions deserved the canvassing of a whole range of opinion, including the views of the local MP and Parliamentary candidates, since Central Government clearly had powerful background influence on these policies. It was suggested that Tynedale Planning Department be requested to defer a decision on this development for 3 months to enable sufficient time for all views to be taken into account on this important development.

Cllr Mrs Garrow, in the Chair, pointed out that the Parish Council official views had already been sent in following a well-attended special meeting earlier in the month, but urged people who felt strongly on the matter to go to Tynedale Council before the next Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 17th July and make their objections known to the Planning Staff who would be duty bound to take note of them in their advice to the Committee.

'Public Participation' was thus completed after 45 minutes. There was, however, a 'matter arising'. The Council wondered why it was that nobody had complained to them about the sewerage problems in the Douglas Gardens area before they arose as a serious objection to the housing development. If Councillors are not told about such things they cannot try to help.

Councillor Purdue may have wished he had not attended the meeting; he went away with a long list of complaints to take up with the Highways Department in particular. A major gripe is the poor state of the pavements all over the village: he will ask the County Officer to inspect and report.

It now appears that Land Ends road residents may want their street-lamp after all. The Council will consult and make its decision next month.

A Hexham Police Inspector has been invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss how the level of unsocial behaviour in the village can be reduced.

Councillor Purdue said that the rumours of the village library closing and the High School Library taking over its role were unlikely to be true.

The A69 subway is to be painted by a group of High School sixth form volunteers - paint will be provided by the Parish Council.

JPR

THE CROSSWORD

A good number of entrants again this month, fifteen of whom had all of the answers correct.

On the 2nd July the two winners who were Rene Armstrong and B&R Shout.

After five competitions the status of winners credits are:

\$P.Irving, \$A.Scott, >T.Alexander, >D.Corbett, >N.Gilholm, >R.McVay, >M.Nagel, >A.Phillips, >N.Pretswell, >M.Robson, >E.Rumney, >B&R. Shout +R.Armstrong, +M.Moore, *M.Hindle, *P.Tomlinson, *J.Tucker, H.O'Brien, E.Jukes, S.Wardle.

\$ Five correct entries
> Four correct entries
+ Three correct entries.
* Two correct entries.

Remainder have one correct entry.

Ladies Writing Workshop

Conundrum

Last month's
From Bob to beehive her charger has jewelled eyes. Alone she walks the sun drenched sand before the spell inside.
Answer - Joanna Lumley

There were no correct answers. Prize money carried forward

This month's

Where am I ?

*Deep in the jungle
Duke searches
For the land of fabulous opportunity
Where lather 'Costas' a fortune*

Answers to Editor before 30th August

From correct entries a single winner will be drawn and will win £10

This competition is open to all.

*A womans advice is no great thing,
but he who won't take it is a fool.*

© Did you know that five out of three people have troubles with fractions?

Strange but true

Brazilian farm labourer Francisco Asis dos Santos was hospitalised near Sao Paulo afer he shot himself in the eye. He told doctors that he had had a bad toothache and tried to shoot the tooth out, but missed.

ERNIE SWINBURN - PHOTOGRAPHY

3. Station Cottages, Haydon Bridge

WEDDINGS: SPECIAL OCCASIONS

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Readers Letters and Viewpoints - collated by the Editor

Arthritis & Rheumatism Council

On Sunday, May 26th, an overflowing trailer left Haydon Bridge for the Corbridge Boot Sale. It was a fine morning, with showers forecast. These duly materialised but didn't stop us making our best profit ever - £186.06.

Our thanks go to all who contributed - nearly all the Mills & Boon books went - to make this a successful Diamond Jubilee year for funding arthritis research.

The Strawberry Teas, at Appletree-wick, Brigwood, will be on Saturday afternoon, July 20th at 3 pm. Contributions to the Tombola Stall would be gratefully received.

Hilary Rutherford

ALMSHOUSE VACANCY

No. 17 Shaftoe Terrace is being modernised and will be ready for occupation in September. It is a one bedroomed cottage.

Applications to occupy this Almshouse may be made by people who are:

- (i) Aged 60 or over
- (ii) Resident in Haydon Parish
- (iii) 'in need'

The term 'in need' is primarily related to the applicant's income: normally those selected for residence are eligible for Housing Benefit. The Trustees are, however, entitled to consider other circumstances which may be relevant to 'need'.

Application Forms are available at Haydon Bridge Post Office or from the Warden (Mrs M Wilkinson) at West House, Shaftoe Terrace. The closing date is **Saturday 17 August 1996**. I am also available to answer questions by telephone on 684 298.

For the Trustees
J P Richardson
Clerk

Strange but true

Mikael Phillips cut off both hands with a power saw in the maintenance shop at a psychiatric hospital in Arcadia, Florida.

He told authorities later that he wanted to hurt himself badly because he thought that would surely convince the authorities to release him from the hospital.

Water Water everywhere but not a drop in the Cemetery ! Mrs Taylor from Shilbottle writes:

'On previous visits to Haydon Bridge I have been annoyed at the lack of facilities in the Langley Road Cemetery. On each visit we bring flowers but I object to bringing water. Why has the tap in the cemetery been allowed to be out of use so long ? We have to rely on the facilities of a relative. I wonder how many people like myself want to see the supply of water for the flowers to be returned?'

I have no idea why it has been off for so long Mrs Taylor but the matter was discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 27th June when it was reported that the water supply conduit to the tank that feeds the Cemetery tap is blocked and may in fact be damaged beyond repair. An attempt will be made to clear the pipe, by the local farmer. If this fails and the system cannot be repaired consideration will have to be given to having a public supply laid on from the adjacent Cragside stables. Who will pay for this and when it will be done I know not - perhaps this reminder will help so that maybe on your next visit the water is back on - let us hope so.

Watering down of the next letter is what I haven't done - I wouldn't dare ! Daisy Thompson wrote to the Parish Council with a copy to me:

'I am an elderly Haydonian living in Temple Houses, and wish to bring the following to the notice of yourself and the members of the Parish Council.'

Residents in Temple Houses are very much against any further development taking place at the Football Ground. I refer to the proposed Bowling Green Site. In my opinion it is an offence to even suggest such a plan so close to the Historic Cottages (a distance of 10 feet).

The Councillors responsible for recommending the site seem to have no thought or respect for the people in Temple Houses. Firstly the Football Club got permission to develop one football pitch only. Secondly, they gave an assurance to the Planning Authorities that they would plant trees on the proposed Bowling Green Site - This promise has never been carried out. It should be noted that this area is liable to flooding, as is the water-side access to the Bowling Green Site.

There is no doubt that more land is being sought at the Football Ground for the purpose of creating a Sports Centre. We shall continue to object. I trust that you will note my comments.'

Your comments were certainly taken into account Daisy - in fact your letter was read out at the 27th June Parish Council Meeting along with another from your neighbours in Temple Houses. The meeting was very well attended by the public and views similar to your own were well aired.

Whilst it is true that many people in the Village would like to see a Sports Centre with Tennis facilities, and perhaps other sports, co-located at the football ground I can assure Daisy that the Football Club have no 'secret agenda' to obtain more land for expansion. I spoke to Alan Borthwick on the day he was re-elected as Chairman of the Football Club and he assures the villagers that the club have no intention of being the initiator of any expansion proposals and wishes it to be known that the controversial initiatives with regard to the Bowling Green came from Councillor Howard and his Committee. The Temple Houses residents were apparently 'warned' that if the green were not sited there they could end up with a '5 a side' soccer pitch, Alan totally refutes this as the area concerned is much too small. The provision of a second pitch was necessary as each weekend there can be as many as five or six matches. The Football Club meets on the first Monday of every month in the Haydonian W.M.C. and anyone can attend, the club welcome attendance to dispel any doubts or fears that the villagers may have. Alan also points out that the football ground was obtained by public subscription and it is the village who decide on the use of the area. Let us hope that a satisfactory solution can be found that will minimise the problems wherever the Bowling Green is positioned, and yet still enable the Football Club to improve their facilities.

See you in September, bye for now. Mitch

☉ What's clear and smells like carrots A rabbit pump !

☉ What does Mozart do now he's dead? Decomposes.

July Garden

LANGLEY W.I.



Members of Bywell W.I. were invited to join Langley W.I. for their June meeting where the speaker was Marina Wallace.

No garden is complete without one or two roses. Choosing a rose can be confusing to the new gardener because there are so many types available. It is fashionable now to grow roses in a mixed border, treating them as flowering shrubs. Floribundas and old fashioned shrub roses are the best for this purpose, combining well with other plants and shrubs. Old shrub roses have a short flowering season and the 'English' rose is a recent development to overcome this. These roses have the appearance of an old fashioned rose with the continuous flowering of a modern rose. I grow several English roses but have found some of them to be weekly plants, slow to establish. The best one I grow is *Gertrude Jekyl* (from Hall's of Heddon) which has good disease resistance, is strongly scented and very beautiful. It grows to about 4'x4'. Everyone can find room for Patio or Miniature roses which grow to about 12" - 18". Most of them are robust bushy plants, disease resistant and require the minimum of pruning. Flowering from early July to the frosts, they can be planted in the smallest of gardens and can even be grown in pots, tubs and window boxes.

Ground cover roses are 10" - 24" in height but have a greater spread. Pruning consists of a light yearly clipping with shears. These roses look very lovely hanging over a new wall, or at the front of flower beds. Use them in hanging baskets for a cascade effect. *Flower Carpet* (from Down to Earth, Hexham), top ground cover rose for '94, is said to produce up to 2,000 blooms throughout the season with up to 50 or more in flower at any one time. It is 2' high and 3' across.

This Month

July can be hot and dry. Make sure shrubs and flowers have enough water, especially if newly planted or growing in containers. Recently laid turf should be watered but established lawns will survive a dry spell. Spiking the lawn will help water penetration. Keep pools topped up if the water level drops. Mildew is a nuisance in a dry summer so spray mildew prone perennials such as pulmonaria and monarda with Benlate.

Lift tulip bulbs, allow to dry off and store away from rodents. Species tulips are best left in the ground but overcrowded clumps can be divided now.

Spray roses with a combined disease and pest control such as Multi Rose.

Bearded iris which have been left for four or more years will need dividing after flowering. Replant only short young pieces of rhizome and trim the leaves to aid establishment.

Clematis can be increased by layering. Remove seedheads from rhododendrons and lilacs to improve next year's flowering.

Deadhead roses, petunias and pelargoniums for continuous flowering. Cut back early flowering perennials for a second flowering in late summer.

James Thin

The proverb cannot be bettered	An old man's sayings are seldom untrue
Proverbs are the children of experience	Years know more than books
Common proverb seldom lies	It is good to follow the old fox
Proverbs cannot be contradicted	If the old dog barks, he gives counsel

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Mrs Wallace has, over the years, built up an impressive collection of old kitchen utensils and during the first part of her talk she explained the function of some of these items. The second half of her talk was more difficult as members were asked to identify over 20 utensils. This proved to be a test of ingenuity as some of the implements were decidedly peculiar looking, but most members fared extremely well.

After a delicious supper members and guests participated in some light hearted quizzes and games.

M. Nagel

IT HAPPENED IN JULY
1965 - Cigarette advertising on British television banned.
1971 - U.S. Astronauts David Scott and James Irwing entered their Lunar Roving Vehicle and went for a ride on the moon.
1966 - England won the Football World Cup at Wembley by beating West Germany 4 - 2.
1948 - The world's first radar station was opened, to assist shipping in the port of Liverpool.
1949 - The first regular televised weather forecast broadcast by the BBC.
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1925 - Mein Kampf, Hitler's political statement, was published.

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Or how to flood Temple Houses without thinking

Monday the 24th of June was a beautiful and sunny morning and I'd risen early to make a start on the garden. Millie started barking warning me that there was someone approaching the house, racing past me she sped through the kitchen and into the hall waiting to pounce on any intruder. A few seconds later the letter box flap clattered as the postie delivered some mail.

After finishing my toast and licking the marmalade off my 'claggy' fingers I picked up the correspondence, returning to the kitchen to read them over my second cup of tea, it was by now 9.00 am. I opened the usual bills then came across a letter, the writing on the envelope I did not recognise - the letter was short and to the point - it read:

Dear Mr Mitchell,

I would be very grateful if you could find the time to pay us a visit on the lane either Tuesday 25th or Wednesday 26th June in the early evening, to look at the site of the proposed bowling green.

We would invite your help with an article in the Haydon News.

*Yours faithfully,
The Residents
Temple Houses*

Now, as public spirited as I am, there was no way anyone was going to get me out of High Brindles on the evening of Wednesday 26th of June - England v West Germany being at that time more important than a bowling green so I arranged with the letter writer to meet them on Tuesday 25th at 7:30 pm.

Following a day of gardening on the Tuesday I had a good shower and liberally sprayed my face with JOOP! (well you never know who you might meet), then into my 4x4 and a three minute drive to Temple Houses. Driving down the very narrow Pandon lane at 7:30 I reflected that the last time I had been down there was when I was a lad of six - the lane seemed so much wider than it's eleven feet then. A group of the residents came out to meet me. Following the usual introductory banter we turned to the matter in hand. The residents pointed to the place where the bowling green may be built, following the line of their fingers I thought they were pointing to the second football pitch and believed that the area in front of the Football Club pavilion was where it was to go, nice place for a green, I pondered - so what is all the fuss about ?

My misconceptions were soon corrected by the residents who pointed out that the actual area being talked about was immediately behind the dry-stone walling by which we stood - some 10-12 feet from the windows of the cottages. For fifteen minutes or so a sad tale of lack of consultation with the residents and also, it would seem, with the Bowling Green Working Group set up in February 1995. The group consisted of 1 Parish Councillor (Mrs Garrow) and five residents plus Bill and Marion Howard representing TDC, their first task was to identify a suitable site from about half a dozen suggested places. One of the proposed sites was the football field. Mrs Mary Douthwaite, a resident of Temple Houses is a member of the Bowling Green Working Group.



Proposed Bowling Green Site - View from a resident's home

Mary provided me with the above photograph which due to reproduction may not be as clear as one would wish, however you should be able to see the dry-stone wall in the foreground then grass with flood waters beyond, the goalposts of the main soccer pitch rising out of the water (upper right). The black dotted line shows the far boundary of the proposed bowling green site. The slope of the land is downwards from Temple Houses which prevented flooding of the cottages, from which the picture was taken, during the 1996 floods. There have been at least five occasions in the past twenty years when flooding has occurred.

As the ground would have to be lowered to the same height as the football field this natural flood protection would be removed and it will be obvious to you what will happen in the Temple Houses cottages during the next flood. The site has been inspected by the Flood Defence Department (formerly N.R.A.) who is understood to have notified the residents that they will 'object to development on the grounds of creating further flood risk to properties in Temple Houses'.

The Sports and Leisure Department of Tynedale have been visited who stated that planning permission would not be needed to place a bowling green on the site and that residents had no right of appeal! However since then Tynedale Council Planning Department have been contacted and on June 18th wrote:

'.....Martin Eggerton spoke to Councillor Bill Howard who advised him that Haydon Bridge Parish Council have no firm proposals as yet for a bowling green. Whilst there are preferred options, no formal decision has been made.

If the scheme for an artificial pitch is to proceed, then an application for planning permission is required. I shall consult you on the receipt any such application.'

Following observed visits to the site in late 1995 of Tynedale Sports and Leisure Department together with an article in the Hexham Courant, which named the bowling green site, Councillor Bill was contacted in the December by one of the residents of Temple Houses who stated their concerns. The Councillor is reported to have said that the proposed bowling green had not got off the ground and it was in its early stages, but he did promise to meet the residents at Temple Houses in the New Year to ease their fears - but alas he never came!

Things were to get much more worrying for the residents as the saga of secrecy continued in 1996

BOWLING GREEN SITE
(continued)

It is as well to record here that the Bowling Green Working Group is understood not to have met for over a year.

In the March 1996 Haydon News the residents read, *to their horror* [sic], in Parish Council Pickings for February:

' The plan to have a three rink artificial bowling green on land near the football pavilion will go ahead in 1996/7. '

In May Sports & Leisure turned up with surveyors and did a proper survey of the proposed site. The inflamed residents objected and the Tynedale people advised them to raise a petition and perhaps even consult their lawyers which they now have done.

The Temple Houses resident's objections can be summarised:-

1. Intrusion into privacy with houses only a few feet away from site.
2. Increase in flood danger.
3. Site is too far from the majority of village residents.
4. A three lane bowling green is not suitable for competition bowls, it is believed four to six lanes are required.
5. Flooding will likely cause damage to artificial surface possibly resulting in frequent and expensive replacement or repairs
6. Possible extra traffic in Martin's Close not acceptable.

The residents have written to the Parish Council and a number attended the 27th June meeting and strongly presented their views. They are now raising a petition. **SBM**

THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT

I must express my gratitude for such a lovely gift. Your thoughtfulness and taste is matched only by your thrift.

It's clear that you spared all expense, if you catch my drift. Remove the anti-theft device when you again shoplift.

How many Einsteins does it take to change a light-bulb ? Well that depends on the speed of the changer, and the mass of the light-bulb. Or vice versa of course. Then it just might be easier to leave the bulb alone and change the room. It's all relative.

In The Chamber again

On June 5th 1995 you may recall that I visited the Tynedale District Council Chamber and reported how I was turfed out by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Marion Howard.

Well I couldn't wait to get back so I made arrangements to return on June 19th 1996 when the Planning Committee had it's meeting. My original purpose was to go and listen to the debate on the controversial Showfield development, however a week before the meeting I had heard that due to the recently generated public interest the Detailed Planning Application (960368) would not be discussed until the 17th July meeting.

Looking at the Agenda a few days before I noticed that the Outline Planning Application (960231) to build some houses on the Cragside Stables site was to be discussed. This application had been made because of the plans to build houses on the Showfield site so I thought you might be interested in how this would be dealt with - and give you a report 'direct from the horses mouth' you might say. The Tynedale Executive were recommending:

'The proposal would at present be still in the open countryside. However, given the Local Plan allocation of the intervening land [Showfield], it would be reasonable to grant permission subject to construction of stone and slate, with timber windows. The dwelling(s) hereby permitted shall be single storey, in the interests of the visual amenity of the immediate neighbourhood, given the existing variation of site levels of adjacent land.' The approval would be 'subject to Highway Authority consultation responses'

The ladies reading this will remember that last year I wore my green outfit with my burgundy waistcoat and matching tie for the evening full Council meeting.

Now knowing what you're sometimes like I didn't want you all gossiping like the aad Cullercoats fish-wives.

I can imagine it:

"Eee Hinny hiv yu hoord thit wor poor Eddita Mitch haas ownly thi one serra clays - aah think adl gan ti the OXFAM shop doon the toon and gerrim some mare - poor beggar"

It was very warm that summer's day so I wore a pair of light casual camel coloured slacks with a lightweight matching jacket. Underneath I wore a handmade, (James Custom Singapore) beautiful, gaily coloured silk, casual open necked shirt and matching boxer shorts. Camel socks and light brown shoes followed by a squirt of JOOP! completed the outfit.

I arrived at about 1:55 pm and sat myself down on the public bench. Just before 2 Councillor Bill, chatting happily to a couple of other Councillors, entered the Chamber, I gave him a cursory nod, seemingly mindful of last month's newsletter, he grunted back.

The first item on the agenda was an application to put two signs on the A69 informing motorists of an Hotel in Gilsland, the Executive recommended the application be refused. Cllr Sharp of Haltwhistle was having none of that and put up a fifteen minute well prepared argument other Councillors spoke in support of him. At 2:25 a vote was taken, the matter was deferred for further discussions.

The second item was for a house and workshop at Allendale which again the Executive recommended refusal however following a 20 minute debate the Council voted for the proposal and permission was granted.

Item 3 was the Cragside application, however the Executive proposed that this was deferred until after the Showfield application had been considered, this proposal was unanimously agreed.

As I left at 3:00 pm I was pleased that I had gone, that afternoon I saw democracy working as it should and will certainly be back in Prospect House at 2:00 pm on Wednesday 19th of July to witness how our District Councillor performs during the Showfield debate. If you have interest why not join me and the other residents who plan to be there. **SBM**

A NAUGHTY JOKE

A young couple met with their pastor to set a date for their wedding. When he asked whether they preferred a contemporary or a traditional service, they opted for the contemporary.

On the big day, a major storm forced the groom to take an alternate route to the church. The streets were flooded, so he rolled up his trouser legs to keep his trousers dry.

When he finally reached the church, his best man rushed him into the sanctuary and up to the altar, just as the ceremony was starting.

"Pull down your trousers" whispered the pastor. "Uh, Reverend, I've changed my mind," the groom responded. "I think I want the traditional service."

Haydon Bridge Library

At a time of financial cutbacks, Northumberland County Library would like to ensure that their reduced budgets are spent in the most effective way, providing value for money for library customers.

In order to achieve this, a survey is to be carried out at Haydon Bridge Library designed to consult people on the kind of books they would like to see in the stock of their local library, and seek their opinions on the service offered at Haydon Bridge.

In order to make sure that your views and opinions are heard, please take the time to complete the short survey questionnaire which will be available in the library at the end of July. Staff at the library will be happy to give assistance, and are keen to ensure that the opinions of as many local people as possible are recorded.

With thanks in advance for your help,
Yours sincerely

Chris Heane
Group Librarian, West

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

With this month's Haydon News you should also have found on your doormat a Village Appraisal form questionnaire.

This is the culmination of many meetings and hard work by the Village Appraisal Committee over the past 18 months.

Will you please complete the form in accordance with the covering letter so that **YOUR** views are taken into account.

Although *The Friends of Haydon Bridge* were not part of the Committee we fully endorse the need for such an appraisal and hope that most of you will make the survey representative of the views of the majority of the Parish and not just a handful of people.

Why not fill it in immediately you have finished reading the newsletter and return it as advised. I'm filling mine in now, before I forget.

Thanks

Mitch

Make a Doctors appointment and say:
Hi Steven I feel great today - and run

A Date For Your Diary

Saturday September 7th 1996

Fun Dog Show
in the field opposite the
Red Lion, Newbrough

11: 00 am

4 Pedigree Classes
judged by
Kennel Club Championship Judge

Mrs Alison Kennet

8 Fun Classes
for all the family pets
judged by the

Reverend James Gladhill

Entries on the field
£1.00 per class

Rosettes to 4th place

Token Prizes

This event is in aid of the local branch
of the

R.S.P.C.A.

Northumberland West Branch

Your support would be very much
appreciated.

Details and Enquiries to:

Mrs Redman
6, St. Aidans Park
Fourstones
Hexham NE47 5EB
Tel: 674 484

A Date For Your Diary

Monday 26th August 1996

Village Fair

Haydon Bridge

See Notices around the Village
nearer the time

WANTED

A NEW EDITOR FOR THE
HAYDON NEWS
TO REPLACE THIS MAN
IN DECEMBER 1996



BROAD SHOULDERS & GOOD SENSE OF
HUMOUR ARE DESIRABLE QUALITIES.
UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL DIALECT
BRINGS DISTINCT ADVANTAGES.
BULLET PROOF VEST ADVISABLE.
SEX IS UNIMPORTANT
(OR MAYBE IT IS !)

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The Editor's - 20 Ways to Cope With Stress

1. Jam miniature marshmallows up your nose and sneeze them out.
See how many you can do at a time.
2. Use your Mastercard to pay your Visa and vice-versa.
3. Make a list of things to do that you have already done.
4. Dance naked in front of your pets.
5. Put your toddler's clothes on backwards and send him to pre-school as if nothing is wrong.
6. Fill out your tax form using Roman Numerals.
7. Tattoo "Out to Lunch" on your forehead.
8. Pay your electric bill in pennies.
9. Drive to work in reverse.
10. Find out what a frog in a blender really looks like.
11. Tell your boss to "blow it out you Yahoo" and let him figure it out.
12. Sit naked on a shelled hard-boiled egg.
13. Polish your car with earwax.
14. Read the dictionary upside down and look for secret messages.
15. Start a nasty rumour and see if you recognize it when it comes back to you.
16. Braid the hairs in each nostril.
17. Write a short story using alphabet soup.
18. Stare at people through the tines of a fork and pretend they're in jail.
19. Make up a language and ask people for directions in it.
20. Read the newspaper backwards and look for subliminal messages.

SHELTERED ACCOMODATION

In response to Dr High's letter last month I received a letter from Mrs Eleanor Storey of Bellingham.

Her letter did not reach me until 3rd July by which time the Haydon News, with the exception of this page, was at the Vicarage ready for printing. I apologise to Mrs Storey for not placing her letter rather than on this humour page. It is just not possible, at this late stage, for me to recover the master copy from the Vicar and reshuffle the contents of the other pages to find a more appropriate spot for her letter ... sorry about that. The letter reads:

'In reply to Dr High's letter.

My sister lived alone in a self contained bungalow for a long time until it became necessary to move her to a care home as she could no longer cope by herself any more. She asked to go to the Peelwell Home, this took the worry off my shoulders and she was very well looked after until she died. These places are needed, and are a good thing too.'

**Mrs Eleanor Storey
Bellingham**

LETTERS TO THE SOCIAL

The following are some extracts from letters to DSS.

I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children, I had seven but one died which was baptised on half a sheet of paper.

I am writing to you to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?

Mrs Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited regularly by the clergy.

I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?

I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead.

This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?

Please find out for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't eat or do anything until he knows.

Unless I get my husband's money soon I will be forced to lead an immortal life.

STRANGE BUT TRUE (I think)

Pumping in Bangkok

"The government must crack down on this disgusting craze of 'Pumping'," a spokesman for the Nakhon Ratchasima hospital told reporters. "If this perversion catches on, it will destroy the cream of Thailand's manhood."

He was speaking after the remains of 13 year-old Charnchai Puanmuangpak has been brought into the hospital's emergency department. "Most Pumpers use a standard bicycle pump," he explained, "sticking the nozzle up their rectum and giving themselves a rush of air. Not only is that a sin against God, but it can be dangerous even for onlookers. Charnchai took it further still. He started using a two-cylinder foot pump, but even that wasn't exciting enough for him, and he boasted to friends that he was going to try the compressed air hose at a nearby gasoline station. They dared him to do it so, under cover of darkness, he sneaked in. Not realising how powerful the machine was, he inserted the tube into his body and placed a 1 baht coin in the slot. Of course, he died instantly, but passers-by are still in shock. One woman thought she was watching a twilight firework display and started clapping. We still haven't located all of him."

"Pumping is the Devil's pastime, and we must all say no to Satan," he concluded. "Inflate your tyres by all means, but then hide your bicycle pump where it cannot tempt you."

A young American golf fanatic six months new to the game decided to make the trip of a lifetime to Scotland, the Holy land of golf. Upon his arrival he quickly headed out to the course and arranged a teetime for a short time later. As per his PGA teaching professional's instructions, he requested and secured the best caddy the course had to offer: Olde Angus, the pride of the links for 53 years.

Happily the young American set off on his dream round but 15 holes later numb and disgusted, 43 strokes over par, he reached over, grabbed his clubs and bag from Olde Angus and tossed them over the cliff into the churning sea below.

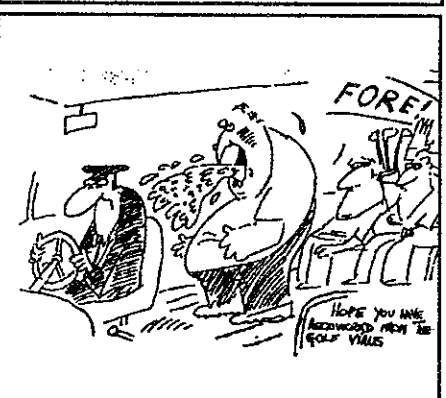
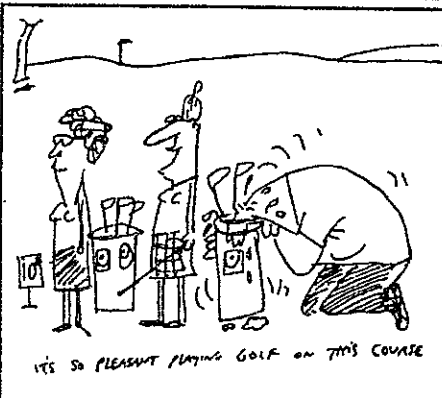
Turning to Angus and with the spittle of frustration coming from his mouth he says, "Angus, you are positively the worst caddy on the face of this earth," to which Olde Angus replied "Nay, I dunna think thats possible laddie, it would be far too much of a coincidence."

The first blood transfusions took place as long ago as the seventeenth century using blood from cows and sheep but were not a success. The first voluntary donor service began in the UK in 1924 with just 26 requests

Noo we went to Matfen Golf Course
For a game of golf to play
There wor but a few of us
Late on - in the month of May

HE likes pies - and some beers ah think
Not only the pies but aal of the drink
HE dooned the lot ower eighteen holes
Brought it aal back as a meal for the moles

Noo we went back the beginning of June
HE played good and was ower the moon
Though he had grown to an enormous size
HE beat us lot and won forst prize



CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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An independent supplement to the Haydon News

JULY 1996

20th July 1996
is the
200th Anniversary
of the opening of St. Cuthbert's
Haydon Bridge

SUMMER FETE & GIFT DAY

Fete opens at 2pm in the Church Hall Grounds
All the usual attractions

Sunday 21st July 1996
10.30am Special Eucharist
The Bishop of Newcastle
6.30 pm Special United Evensong

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reverend **KEITH FLETCHER**, Vicar of Haydon Bridge, Priest in Charge of Beltingham with Henshaw and Rural Dean of Hexham in the Diocese of Newcastle to be Rector of the benefice of Ashmanhaugh, Barton Turf, Beeston St Lawrence, Horning, Irstead, and Neatishead and Prior of St Benet's Abbey, in the Diocese of Norwich.

He will be instituted by the Bishop of Thetford and inducted by the Archdeacon of Norfolk on Friday, 4th October 1996 at 7.30pm in the church of St. Michael, Barton Turf.

+ Hugo Thetford

SHEPHERDS DENE



Retreat House and Conference Centre

ALIVE AND PRAYING 50 Years of Shepherd's Dene

Saturday 21st September 1996
11.00 am - 3.15 pm

Eucharist 12.15 pm

Preacher: The Bishop of Bradford

The Rt Revd David Smith

Celebrant: The Bishop of Newcastle

Celebration with Workshops, Events
and Children's Activities

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

(including Beltingham & Henshaw)

7th July - Pentecost 6

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion at Beltingham

10.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer said - no sermon

14th July - Pentecost 7

9am Holy Communion at Henshaw

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6pm Evensong at Henshaw

21st July - Pentecost 8

Bi-centenary weekend

10.30 am Parish Eucharist with the
Bishop of Newcastle

6.30 pm Deanery & United Evensong.

28th July - Pentecost 9

Gerry's last Sunday

10am Joint Holy Communion at
Henshaw

3pm Evening Prayer at Haydon Old
Church

All Change

At the end of July we will be sorry to be losing the services of the Revd. Gerry Price and Maureen his wife, who has also been very involved in the life of St. Cuthbert's; Haydon Bridge. Gerry attains the grand old age of 65 this month and is therefore retiring in Hexham, where after a rest, I have no doubt he will become active in Hexham and the surrounding parishes. During these times of change in the church we have been very fortunate to enjoy the services of an extra priest and we will be wishing Gerry and Maureen a long and happy retirement.

Readers will also see from the above formal notice that I am also going to leave the village after the summer. We have been here 11 years and have enjoyed the friendship of many of you and have many happy memories. If anyone had asked me six months ago if I was leaving I would have said "No" - it certainly was not in my plans. The job I have been offered changed my mind however - and bearing in mind the time I have been here we have decided that the right time has come for us to leave.

We know that we will miss Haydon Bridge enormously but we also look forward to new challenges. Haydon Bridge also will meet the challenge of a new Vicar. We pray that all will benefit from the change.

Keith Fletcher

Pilgrimage to St Oswald-in-Lee Heavenfield

Saturday August 3rd

This year it is the turn of Hexham Abbey to organise this annual event. The day begins with a brief service in Hexham Abbey at 10.30am and pilgrims then walk to St John Lee for a second service before having a picnic lunch (drinks provided). The pilgrimage continues to Heavenfield, where, after the final service tea is served. This will probably be around 5 pm.

This is an event well worth attending if you are fit enough to make the walk. Children are welcome is accompanied by an adult.

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HAYDON & ALLEN MEDICAL NEWS

HISTORICAL WHIMSY

I am indebted to a patient who kindly provided an extract from "Northumberland: Then and Now" by Nancy Ridley.;

"The village doctor at Haydon Bridge long ago resembled a medicine-man rather than one's conception of a medical man. His clothes were green with age and none too clean. He rode round his rather limited practice on a bone-shaker bicycle which, rather like its rider, had seen better days. If any of the pills and potions he had dispensed were left when the patient died, he collected them and gave them to his next victim, irrespective of the illness. He did not go in for diagnosis! He lived alone in a dilapidated dwelling which he used as a surgery and consulting rooms - one might say a self contained unit. Words were rarely exchanged between patient and doctor. When he had his stethoscope with him the dust had to be blown off before it could be used. I shudder to think what unhygienic state his thermometer must have been in. There are very few characters left now; perhaps in the doctor's case, so much the better."

Haydon Bridge's fate, it seems, is to attract generation after generation of non-conformist doctors. Sorry!

RISKS

Statisticians despair of the general public's lack of understanding of risk, at least in the rigorous terms in which they couch their particular brand of conspiracy against the laity.

The problems were highlighted by the recent concerns about the risk of thrombosis on some types of pill. An interesting table of comparisons appeared recently: [all figures are PER YEAR]

For every 100,000 women having a baby-

7 will die.

60 will have a thrombosis (one death).

For every 100,000 women on a "third generation pill"-

30 will have a thrombosis .

(3 in every 200 with a thrombosis die).

For every 100,000 women on an "ordinary pill"-

15 will have a thrombosis (no deaths).

For every 100,000 women -

4 will die due to a "home accident".

8 will die due to a road accident.

167 aged 35 who smoke will die of their smoking.

On a recent holiday our tour guide offered some advice which I believe deserves wider distribution - "BE KIND TO SMOKERS - THEY HAVEN'T GOT LONG!"

BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer is very common and is one of the most intensively studied types of cancer. Happily the scope for treating people (men get it too!) is increasing.

We have recently received some advice concerning those who should benefit particularly from screening before the usual starting age for screening:

Over 64 years - on request.

Previous breast cancer - would normally be automatic.

Family history - if mother, sister or father's female relative has breast cancer below the age of 50.

90% of breast cancer occurs in women over the age of 50. Early start to periods, late menopause, late first pregnancy, HRT for more than 10 years and high fat

diet are all associated with higher risk.

1 in 12 women will develop breast cancer but only 5 in every 100 cancers will be due to genetic factors.

ALLOWANCES

The rules and regulations concerning all the different benefits are horrendously complicated and I cannot pretend to have a detailed knowledge - but I know a man who has!

The Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) will offer advice on eligibility and will also help you fill in the forms. The DSS will usually be your first port-of-call, they have lots of leaflets on the different benefits. Some of the leaflets are on display in The Health Centre.

Two of the most useful allowances are Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and the Attendance Allowance. The former is for people with an illness or disability under the age of 66 and the latter for those over 65.

If you don't ask - you don't get! ITS NOT CHARITY.

ORE

This is not the polite half of a request, in an aristocratic tone, to "kindly move away". Orf is a virus disease most often caught from lambs. We have a steady trickle of cases, especially at or soon after lambing.

Usually a single blistery patch arises on a finger, hand or arm. It is painless and the blisters become filled with pus, there is a surrounding area of redness. Over a number of weeks healing occurs. There is no treatment and usually an attack confers lifelong protection.

REFERRALS AND SAMPLES

We have produced sheets of information for those who are referred to hospitals or who are asked to provide samples for analysis. They are available on request at the desk or from the doctor or nurse responsible and describe the processes involved in setting up a referral or providing a good sample.

IS COFFEE BAD FOR YOU?

King Gustaff III of Sweden conducted an experiment in the eighteenth century to answer this question. A pair of identical twins were awaiting execution for murder but had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment provided that one drank a large bowl of tea three times each day for life and the other three large bowls of coffee. The tea twin died first at the age of 83 - a very great age for the time. It was concluded that coffee was safer.

The King, meanwhile, had been murdered many years before but had the consolation of becoming the subject of a Verdi opera.

CONSTIPATION

Research in Israel has shown that people need not be concerned if they fail to open their bowels for as much as four days at a time. The average person performs once or twice per day but the range of "normal" is great.

Rather than take laxatives we would encourage people to

take SEVERAL items of fruit each day, generous helpings of vegetables and salads and wholemeal bread, pasta and breakfast cereals.

It is a constant source of amazement to me how little fluid some people, especially elderly women, drink and this will often make the faeces very hard and difficult to pass. Between six and eight pints of liquid each day (including all cups of tea, coffee etc.) should be about right for most adults. SF

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER IGNORE A PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY A LUMP, IN A BREAST. THE BEST TIME TO EXAMINE YOUR BREASTS IS THE WEEK AFTER A PERIOD. AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A PROBLEM MAKE AN URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH THE DOCTOR