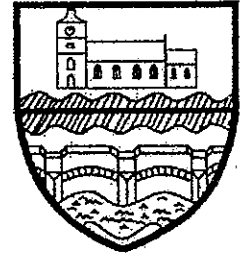


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## Haydon Bridge souhaite la bienvenue à l'équipe française de football The Village Welcomes the French National Soccer Team

Au nom de ses lecteurs, *Haydon News* souhaite à l'équipe française de football et à ses managers: bonne chance lors de cette compétition succès dans ce tournoi de football!

Comme vous le savez sans doute, les gens de la région du nord-east de l'Angleterre a produit beaucoup des meilleurs joueurs de football du pays.

L'éditeur du *Haydon News* profite de cette occasion pour vous demander si vous ne pourriez pas revenir sur votre décision de ne pas organiser un courte session publique d'entraînement à Haydon Bridge (un heure environ). Ce serait une formidable occasion pour nos jeunes - et nos moins jeunes - d'avoir la primeur de vos multiples talents.

Ce geste resterait dans les mémoires de toute une génération.

De tout coeur, merci!

**EDITORIAL** - Many apologies for not issuing this Haydon News until well into June. Yours truly was on holiday the last week in May and arrived back only to find the Vicar, who prints the 850 copies, went away for the first two weeks in July. I have delayed the July edition until 10th July, crossword entries need not now be in until 30th of June.

The delay in issuing this month's newsletter means I can give complete coverage to the proposal by Bellway to build 20 houses at the site west of Shaftoe School. Mitch

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R. High



On behalf of it's readers the Haydon News welcomes the French National Soccer Team and Management staff to the area.

We wish you well in the Euro '96 competition and hope you achieve some success in this wonderful football tournament.

As you may well know, the local populace are keen football supporters and the North-East is known to produce many of the best footballers in the country. Through

these columns the Editor of the Haydon News asks if you would reconsider your decision not to have an 'Open' Training Session for an hour or so in order that our youngsters, and those not so young, can see your skills and talents first hand.

This will probably be a once in a lifetime opportunity for such a gesture to be made to our community.  
Thank You.

As people in and around the village will know, The French National Soccer Team will be staying at the George Hotel and training on the High School's Pitches as part of preparations for Euro '96. This is indeed a great honour and privilege for the area and I am sure that everything will be done to ensure that the French have an enjoyable stay in the Tyne Valley.

One of the main reasons for selecting the school's pitches was the peace and quiet they would offer. The French management team have expressed a very clear wish for their training programme to be undisturbed by sightseers and spectators and they are not keen at all for a 'Public Open Day'. I can understand their position, as they need to have 'private practice' sessions - and ones without any security risk.

On the latter topic, I am in close contact with the police who have been given the responsibility of making sure that everything goes smoothly and that there are no visitors to the school site while the French are there. I am certain that it will all go according to plan and I know that the good name of the village and its school will be enhanced during this high profile occasion.

I look forward to your cooperation but should anyone have any queries, then please do not hesitate to call me at school.

C D Thompson - Headteacher

### THANK YOU

Rachel Carnaffin wishes to thank everyone for kindness, flowers, cards and gifts given to her in her recent traumatic time.

Special thanks to the Police and Doctor.

### NEXT ISSUE OF THE HAYDON NEWS

10th July 1996

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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

23rd May 1996

There were eight Councillors present.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Home Housing Association and Bellway Builders describing the proposed development on the Showfield (West of Shaftoe School). The intention, based on the results of last year's "Housing Needs" survey, is to build 8 old peoples' two bedroomed bungalows with garage, and 12 two or three bedroomed houses. The bungalows will be offered on 'shared ownership' (where you buy 25%, 50% or 75% of the property and pay rent on the balance), while the ordinary houses will be for rent only. People with local connections will have first option. Rents will be in the range £55 - £59 per week. The planning application will be issued shortly.

One member of the public present at the meeting declared his intention to object. The site has room for up to 50 more houses (though nobody is yet even talking about building them) and he is apprehensive about the general noise level and also the grim prospect of another 70-100 local cars trying to get along Shaftoe Street on a regular basis. The proposed access point from the road has already been moved to reduce problems with the collecting of First School children: it was suggested that a lay-by on the school side of the road would be a useful improvement anyway.

The Parish Council have decided to give £500 to support the High School's Community activities. However, Councillors felt that they (and other supporters such as the Shaftoe Trust) had too little direct influence on how their contributions were spent and decided to ask the School to revive the defunct 'amenity committee'.

A small body of Councillors had a fruitful and enjoyable meeting with members of the School Sixth Form. 'Generation Gap' problems were discussed and a better mutual understanding reached.

'Roadlink' has been approached to do something to eliminate the involuntary shower-bath suffered by Pelican Crossing users in rainy weather.

The Council has money put aside intended for the installation of a new street lamp. There is a proposal to put one to serve the last houses on Land Ends road, but it is not clear how strong the demand is, and the road to Railway Cottages might be a more urgent candidate. The Council would welcome views on this subject.

JPR

Please Note

See pages 7, 8 and 9 for some reaction to the Showfield housing proposal. Ed.

THE CROSSWORD

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

On the 8th June Linda Thomas drew the two winners who were Rene Armstrong and Mary Moore.

After four competitions the status of winners credits are:

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

> Four winning entries  
+ Three winning entries.  
\* Two winning entries.

Remainder have one correct entry.

Ladies Writing Workshop

Conundrum

From Bob to beehive her charger has jewelled eyes. Alone she walks the sun drenched sand before the spell inside.

Answers to Editor before 1st July

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## Readers Letters and Viewpoints - collated by the Editor

Dear Mitch,

I am more than pleased to respond to your last editorial concerning public participation and Tynedale Council, featured in your last issue.

Can I at the outset say that the importance of meaningful participation in local government is a significant feature of local democracy. However, the level and purpose of such participation inevitably varies from person to person.

The great majority of people need help with matters which are essentially personal in nature, such as housing, planning, money matters etc., which therefore need to be dealt with in a confidential manner. Others raise questions, often not concerning Tynedale Council, which can best be dealt with, either by the Councillor making representations on their behalf, or by putting them in contact with the organisation involved.

In recent years Tynedale Council has encouraged better access for it's customers and indeed is currently undertaking its largest public participation exercise to date, as part of the Local Plan Consultation.

On the question raised in your editorial, namely the right of the public to ask questions or make comments at meetings of Tynedale Council. I believe that this is not what the vast majority of people would want or more to the point have any intention of making use of. Rather more to the point is the importance of making the Council more accessible either by direct contact or through a local councillor. Most matters raised almost always need to be discussed at some length and are therefore better dealt with in the ways already available, although this needs to be continually improved.

As councillors democratically elected by the majority of the community, Marion and I have always demonstrated our willingness to be open on matters concerning all our community and to be accessible at all times. You have every right to express your own opinions on this matter. I for my part will continue to represent those who elected me (and also those who did not) to the best of my ability and am quite happy to be judged on this and other matters when the time comes.

In conclusion can I say that any suggestion that I am in some way advocating the suppression of individual views or the manner in which Tynedale Council comes to its decision is totally wrong and anyone who wishes to discuss the matter has only to contact me and I will be glad to talk the matter through.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Bill Howard

Editors Comment

Thank you for the comprehensive response which I am sure many readers will read with interest.

I should make it clear that in formulating the May 1996 Haydon News editorial I took into account the views of many other people who had read the Hexham Courant of April 12th.

Regretably I must differ with you on the view expressed in paragraph 5 of your letter here.

*'I believe that this is not what the vast majority of people would want or more to the point have any intention of making use of.'*

During the past 18 months on a number of different occasions individuals have presented themselves at Parish Council meetings and informed the Council of their own or group's views or proposals on a number of matters which included:

- Tynedale Local Plan.
- Stublick Open Cast.
- Geeswood Burn upkeep.
- Methodist Church development.
- The role of the High School.
- Provision of Community Education.
- Village Appraisal.

The meeting of the Parish Council on 6th June had a public attendance of about 50 people with some dozen or so speaking - hardly a lack of interest in public participation.

Repeating your words to the Hexham Courant

*"I cannot think that a public question time would enhance proceedings - and I can think of instances where the opposite would be the case"*

Your words frightened me then and they still do.

In paragraph 6 of your letter you say that wife Marion and yourself were:

*'... democratically elected by the majority of the community.'*

Only 446 people voted for you which is only 27% of the 1622 electorate. Your wife Marion received 488 votes (30%). This is clearly not the majority of the community.

Finally the public are not 'customers' of Tynedale District Council, TDC are servants of the public.

Mitch

To: The Editor

I was interested to read in last month's Haydon Newsletter about members of the public not being allowed to speak at Tynedale Council Meetings.

Tynedale is a public body paid by the public to service the public. As members of the public are allowed to attend and listen at Tynedale Council Meetings they should be allowed (time limit) to speak, I agree with the Editor that nothing but good could come out of it.

Mr Alan Batey, Chief Executive to Tynedale Council, states it would be of no advantage to introduce a public question time at Council Meetings as systems were already in place. His kind of system is not the same as public participation. I would remind him that it would have been an advantage if members of the public had been allowed to speak at Council Meetings when they gave away a large amount of ratepayers money to the Slaley Hall complex (a private profit making business), this money would have been better spent on housing or more deserving causes. Surely this was financial madness.

PS

Many people in the Village, including myself, are sorry to hear the Editor is to retire, we will miss his writings and outspoken views, he has served us well and we wish him well.

D. Thompson (Mrs)

Comment - I still have another five issues to go yet before my last in December. Glad you enjoy my style, which some people don't, however the Haydon News is not 'The Tatler' is it? In my view the robust style of the local community should be mirrored in its Newsletter. It will be interesting to see the approach of the new editor. Ed.

### PROVERBS

A man will never change his mind if he has no mind to change

Reason governs the wise man and cudgels the fool

*June Garden*

Visitors from British Columbia, Canada, joined the Village Garden Trail last month. Similar garden trails are very popular in their home town and they were very enthusiastic and complimentary about our trail. They enjoy (or endure) a similar climate to us but have a very acid soil which is responsible for the fantastic colours of the North American 'Fall' and where rhododendrons flower as huge trees. So they were impressed to find several of the local gardens growing rhododendrons and azaleas as well as plants which prefer an alkaline soil.

Most of us in Haydon Bridge will have a neutral soil (ph7) and it will be wise to test the ph of your soil before rushing out to buy rhododendrons which need a ph of 4.5 - 6 to thrive. If you are struggling to reduce the ph below 7 you will find azaleas are more accommodating. A tub filled with ericaceous compost (from the garden centre) is the answer if you just want to grow one or two plants but if you want to grow several rhododendrons the best way to lower the ph is to make a raised bed for them and fill it with soil mixed with well rotted manure and peat. A compost made with pine needles is the best and can be used as a mulch. Use rain water during dry spells as tap water may be alkaline. I grow rhododendrons very successfully this way although the rest of the garden has a ph of around 7. I water them with *Miracid*, a soil acidifier and plant food, twice a year and any plant showing signs of chlorosis - yellowing of the leaves - is treated with *Miracid* until it looks healthy again. The dwarf forms which grow to 3-4" are most suitable for small gardens and the beautiful yakushmanan hybrids flower in June and are amongst the hardiest.

**This Month** June has the longest days and plants grow the fastest this month. So do the weeds. Get rid of them before they flower. Hoe the soil between the plants weekly to kill germinating weeds.

Lawns - mow regularly - set blades higher during dry weather. Continue feeding and weeding. Rake out moss. Trim lawn edges.

Renew slug deterrents under hostas and other vulnerable plants.

Position plant supports now.

Water and feed hanging baskets and window boxes daily.

Clematis can be increased by layering. Take hydrangea cuttings about the middle of June.

Deadhead rhododendrons after flowering and feed. New growth starts after flowering.

*James Chin*

**A.D.A.P.T.**

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**PARISH GARDEN TRAIL  
MAY 18th 1996**

Members of the Methodist Church wish to thank the many people who helped to make the day such a happy and successful event.

Our special thanks go to the brave volunteers who opened their gardens. We do appreciate all the hard work that went on prior to opening and hope they now feel they can take a well earned rest and enjoy the benefits of their labour.

Secondly we were delighted by the response of the villagers and public from further afield. Not only were we pleased by your attendance but by your complimentary comments and expressions of real enjoyment.

To all those who contributed in any way whatsoever a heartfelt thank you.

Financially we hope to have raised in excess of £600 to be used for the Haydon Bridge Methodist Church Re-development fund.

Margaret Hindle

**LANGLEY W.I.**



Instead of the May outing, members of Langley W.I. opted for a games evening at the Village Hall.

Games to suit all tastes were on offer - including Pictionary, Bingo, General Knowledge Quiz, Beetle Drive and cards. These were played with great gusto and everyone agreed it had been a most enjoyable evening.

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**PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS**

**Extraordinary Meeting**

6th June 1996

There were eight Councillors present and about 40 members of the public.

The Chairman, Mr Michael Loyd, opened the meeting by explaining the reasons for calling this special meeting.

At the meeting in November 1995 the Council had received a presentation from Tynedale Council, as a result the Housing Needs Survey had been distributed throughout the Parish in January 1996. At that time, the information given was that development of the proposed Showfield housing site was probably ten years in the future. [The Draft Tynedale Plan showing 50 houses could be built there of which 10 must be 'affordable']. Some Parish Councillors were made aware in their personal capacity that the owner had been persuaded to sell this site for development. Apart from the Cragside Stables Planning application, there was no indication that development might be imminent.

When Home Housing Association proposed, at short notice, that a presentation be given at the 23rd May meeting of the Parish Council, nobody realised until the meeting took place that a planning application was about to be lodged.

[Planning Documents for the site in my possession show they were received at Tynedale on 29 April Ed. ]

Mr Loyd acknowledged that, with hindsight, it would have been better to have given wider publicity to the presentation at the May meeting, but its significance had not been appreciated by anybody at the time.

The purpose of today's meeting, said Mr Loyd, was to enable residents of the Parish to make a direct contribution to the Council's comments on the Planning Application for 20 houses now in the hands of Tynedale Council.

The assembled residents were then invited to voice their opinions. A dozen or so people spoke, and the opinions of the speakers boiled down to the following points: >>>

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

The Royal College of Physicians estimate that one fifth of British Death Certificates are incorrect, the cause of death being given wrongly.

1. Nobody was in any doubt that if the 20 'affordable' houses, which are the subject of the current planning application, were built another 30 more houses for sale would follow.

2. The proposed access to the site, opposite the First School entrance, was too dangerous for children and therefore unacceptable. There could be no question of an alternative access to the Land Ends Road.

3. Shaftoe Street is already badly congested (especially at weekends) and a large increase in local traffic cannot be tolerated.

4. The Land End's Road - Shaftoe Terrace junction is already a danger.

5. The sewerage system serving Land Ends Road and Douglas Gardens is already overloaded.

6. Surface water drainage is already inadequate and the position will be worsened by increased run-off from hard surfaces.

Mr Loyd promised that all these points would be made as strongly as possible in the Council's reply to Tynedale Council, and thanked all those present for their participation. He also urged individual residents to write to Tynedale Council with their own comments and objections, even if these only made the same points again: it is important that members of the Tynedale Planning Committee are made aware of the strength of local feeling on these matters.

At the Parish Council meeting itself, it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter incorporating the points made which were relevant to planning matters. This draft would be handed to all Councillors by Saturday June 8th and the Council would meet again on June 10th to agree to the final wording.

The Chairman asked that a copy of the letter be provided for publication in the Haydon News. [This is shown on page 9 Ed.]

JPR

**FOREIGNERS HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ENGLISH SAY THE EEC**

Having chosen English as the preferred language in the EEC, the European Parliament has commissioned a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between Government departments.

European officials have often pointed out that English spelling is unnecessarily difficult; for example: cough, plough, rough, through and thorough. What is clearly needed is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. The programme would, of course, be administered by a committee of EEC staff at top level by participating nations.

In the first year, for example, the committee would suggest using 's' instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, civil servants in all cities would restate this news with joy. Then the hard 'c' could be replaced by 'k' since both letters are pronounced alike. Not only would this clear up confusion in the minds of clerical workers, but typewriters could be made with one less letter.

There would be growing enthusiasm when in the second year, it was announced that the troublesome 'ph' would henceforth be written 'f'. This would make words like 'fotograf' twenty percent shorter in print.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling can be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated shanges are possible. Governments would encourage the removal of double letters which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling.

We would al agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful. Therefor we kould drop them and kontinu to read and writ as though nothing had hapend. By this tim it would be four years sins the skem began and peopl would be reseptive to steps sutsh as replasing 'th' by 'z'. Perhaps zen ze funktion of 'w' kould be taken on by 'v', vitsh is, after al, half a 'w'.

Shortly after zis, ze unesenary 'o' kould be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou'. Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinatins of letters.

Kontinuung zis proses yer after yer, ve vud eventuli hav a reli sensibl riten styl. After tventi yers zer vud be no mor trubls, difikultis and evrivun vud find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze dremms of the Guvermnt vud finali hav kum tru.

## THE HOUSING NEEDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE IN 1996 AND BEYOND

There is a proposal to build 20 new houses outside the village that may provide rented accommodation at £56 - £58 per week but how far will this go towards meeting the real housing needs of the villagers ?

When I was your GP I was gradually getting clearer ideas about what the housing needs of the village were, who were the 'needy' and what sort of accommodation could meet those needs in the kindest, most cost effective and most civilised ways; ways that would allow people to continue to live useful and happy lives in the village if they were, or became, handicapped in some way or another. Those 'in need' have one feature in common in that they need a degree of assistance, now or in the near future, if their present carers, be they parents, spouses, relatives, neighbours or friends, were no longer here to help them.

I am thinking of the elderly infirm, folk with strokes, arthritis etc. and those with lessening mental ability to manage their affairs; of younger people with M.S., Downes Syndrome and the like; young people with Post Viral Fatigue Syndrome and others who have lived with their parents long after they should have 'fledged' but who were left 'rudderless' when the aged parents died. We may also have to cater for people who are presently inmates in mental institutions who get discharged for 'care in the 'community', and there are young people with children, some of them 'single parents', who fell into the 'tender trap' of a strong sexual urge to find themselves prematurely imprisoned into the confines of domesticity before they had the chance to savour the outside world. They don't need housing in little boxes with pretty gardens to look after. They need simple and affordable accommodation with crèche facilities so they can go out to work knowing that their children were being safely cared for.

All these variously handicapped people need their own individual private rooms but should have access, under the same roof, to common rooms for socialising and games; restaurant facilities and bathing facilities all specifically designed so that nurses can deal with their patients most effectively.

Ideally such 'sheltered accommodation' would be situated near the centre of the village (Damn those blasted factories!!) and could be centrally heated with piped hot water from a central, highly efficient, pollution free, heating unit and be so constructed as to give maximum insulation and thermal efficiency to keep running costs low.

They would have a warden, probably married with children, who could be contacted at any time and who would provide that regularity of supervision that some residents would need while the residents themselves could do so much to help each other if the accommodation was right.

As I look around the village I see more and more people struggling on with increasing difficulty until they reach a stage when it is either Peelwell or Greenholme while others are stuck and isolated in little houses that deny them access to socialising.

It need not be like this. If we have a clear enough vision of what we want and can persuade enough people to join us, in whom I include Parish, District and County Councillors and both our MP and prospective MP's, then we could get it.

**But we will not get it if we let the property developers make the running.**

Dr. Robert High

## EDITORS' COMMENTS

Each of these letters, for different reasons, are against the housing proposal as it stands. I would welcome comment from someone who is actually for the development. In my travels around the village talking to people I find that there is a great amount of scepticism about any project which will bring change, however on this occasion many people are particularly riled at the thought that someone is trying to rush through a housing development without proper discussion. However let us hope that consciences are pricked after this newsletter.

We do seem to be kept in the dark about what is happening generally and I have views on why we are not being consulted as you undoubtedly will yourself.

As you already know the Showfield site was in the Draft Tynedale District Local Plan (September 1994) and earmarked for at least 50 houses. The site to the west of Langley Gardens was also in with plans for at least 70 houses.

The Draft Plan has now been amended as a **DEPOSIT DRAFT** (4 June 1996)

## PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON THE SHOWFIELD SITE

Here is a copy of the letter sent by the residents of Douglas Gardens and Land Ends Road to the Parish Council, it is dated 28 May.

*'As the residents and parishioners most affected by the above proposed development we are writing to express our great concern and annoyance at the lack of consultation afforded to us by the Parish Council.*

*We consider that the Parish Council has not acted in the best interests of the parish by not informing them of the presentation made by Bellway and Home Housing, the developers of the site. We believe that this presentation and consultation should have taken place prior to the application being made. We also do not believe that the Parish Council has seriously considered the affect that this development will have on the surrounding areas of Haydon Bridge and its affect on the parishioners particularly with regard to traffic congestion, noise and sewerage. Had this consultation taken place, then the developer may have been persuaded to provide certain community benefits required by the parish, should the development take place.*

*In conclusion we are very disappointed in the Parish Council in their dealings in this matter.'*

One of the Douglas Garden residents was at part of the presentation by Bellway who apparently indicated that it was their intention to expand the development to a total of 70 dwellings.

Furthermore the resident in a letter to the Parish Council on 3rd June pointed out that it was not only Douglas Gardens and Land Ends Road which would be affected but Shaftoe Street, John Martin Street, and the primary school.

which I have partially read. It will be issued later in the year and I understand that a Public Enquiry will be held to discuss proposals - good thing and I think that most of you will agree.

One notable change is the removal of the West of Langley Gardens housing site and the inclusion of the Innerhaugh site of 65 dwellings ( Located south of the A69 and opposite the removed site). Because of the importance of this I will write further on the subject next month. Bye for now see you next month. Mitch

At the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday the Haydon News was asked to print a copy of the letter which they intended to send following the lively debate afforded by the 'Public Participation' session which our representative on Tynedale District Council, Councillor Bill Howard, does not think is what we want. In fact Councillor Bill is actually a member of Tynedale Council's Planning Committee and he more than anyone should have been in a position to inform us of the Bellway proposals at an earlier stage, maybe he doesn't want us to know? If he himself did not know what was going on he shouldn't be doing the job. Either way I am disappointed that neither he nor wife Marion feel the need to inform us all, through this newsletter, what is happening. Either Bill or Mrs Howard are members of each Tynedale Council Committee, Mrs Howard is also Chairman of Tynedale Council. **We have a right to know! Mitch**

## HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:  
Mrs. C.M. Swaddle

10 June 1996

Mr. M.L. Smith  
Director of Planning  
Tynedale Council

Dear Mr. Smith

### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO: 960358 - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING OF 20 DWELLINGS AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ACCESS ONTO C229 ROAD, SHOWFIELD SITE, WEST OF SHAFTOE SCHOOL, HAYDON BRIDGE, NORTHUMBERLAND**

Although this site was agreed for development in the draft Local Plan, the Parish Council at the time thought that the size of the development should be restricted by its limitations of access.

The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the above application and a public meeting was held on Thursday 6 June 1996 so that members of the public would have an opportunity to communicate their views on the development to parish councillors. The meeting was very well attended and the Parish Council would be grateful if the following objections could be taken into consideration when the Planning Committee meets to consider the application.

1. Shaftoe Street is already severely congested and the increased number of vehicles resulting from this application would compound the problem. The junction at Shaftoe Street and Land Ends Road has very poor visibility and increased traffic would increase this hazard.
2. The C229 is a fast road and the new access would be a potential danger to traffic entering the village from the Langley Road. The access is also opposite the entrance to the Shaftoe Trust 1st School Nursery which is often congested with parents' cars and school transport; thus children's lives may be endangered by an increase in the number of vehicles using this road. Land Ends Road is too narrow for additional or alternative access.
3. The type of housing proposed is the wrong type and style. The bungalows for the use of older people would be located up a steep hill thereby causing problems walking to shops because they are too far away from the village. The houses are also not affordable in real terms and rents should be set within reach of the local population. The houses should be stonefaced with slate coloured roofs in order to be in keeping with the village.
4. The present sewerage system was designed for ten houses in Douglas Gardens and already causes problems. If this development was successful the sewerage system would be severely overloaded and the problem would be exacerbated. There is also concern that the present poor water mains pressure will be worsened.
5. Surface water on the C229 road causes problems, especially in winter, and residents consider that building works may disturb the water table, perhaps causing flooding damage to their properties.
6. The embankment, along Lands End Road should remain untouched and the present wild environment retained. Further screening would be appropriate.
7. A clarification of the letting policy would be appreciated.
8. The application prejudices the formal adoption of the Draft Local Plan.

Yours sincerely

C.M. Swaddle  
Clerk



## SAM SMITH'S HONOUR

They were singing their hearts out in the Haydon on Saturday 18th May and everyone was having a good time at the KARAOKE. A bit much for me to handle on my own on a Saturday evening so I trudged over the bridge to have my nightcap in the General Havelock where I had offered someone a lift home.

I sat myself down by Esmè Smith and Edna Rummey to drink my glass of wine. Promptly on time at eleven husband Sam, wearing his usual big grin, came in to collect his wife Esmè. Seeing me there Sam said: "Hey Mitch I've got something here for you to put in the Haydon News", pulling out of his pocket a letter from Australia, he continued, "I think someone is trying to con me out of ten quid - this came in the post this morning."

The main part of the letter is reproduced here. I agreed with Sam that there may be a 'story' in this and took the letter home to read as I didn't have my reading glasses with me.

Well Sam although you may have thought the letter a hoax I can assure you that it isn't.

The Hutt River Province is an Independent Sovereign State located near the centre of Australia 320 miles from Perth consisting of a total area of 290 square miles. Since shortly after World War II the Casley families have been farming the area. However in November 1969 the Western Australian Government determined a Wheat Quota which the inhabitants of the area considered unacceptable. They claimed that under this Quota it would have taken five hundred years to crop in the same average of wheat which they had harvested in the previous twenty years.

Various protests were made by the Casley families with appeals to the State Governor who took Ministerial advice. The Governor duly passed down the Ministerial advice that no alteration whatsoever would be allowed to the Casley's Wheat Quota. Various discussions took place, including an appeal to Her Majesty for Independence. On the twenty-first day of April 1970 Formal notice of secession was duly served on the Premier Sir David Brand and other officials.

Today the Administrator of the Hutt River Province is Prince George Leonard Casley and Prince Kevin is the Prince Regent. I have been in direct contact with The Province who tell me:

*"We have some 20,000 citizens scattered throughout the world, and some 500 of these have titles. . . . The Province is very close to obtaining an island with sovereignty and, of course, United Nations and everyone else will give us full recognition."*

I have also contacted the Australian Government who formally state :  
*Australian authorities have cautioned that the region in question is private property on the Australian mainland and has no other standing. The Attorney General's Office of the Australian Federal Government says: The self-styled "Hutt River Province" and its residents remain subject to the laws of both the state and the Commonwealth of Australia. The Australian Government does not recognise, legally or otherwise, the existence of self-styled "provinces" or "kingdoms" within Australia such as the so-called "Hutt River Province." For the purpose both of Australian law and international law, "Hutt River Province" is part of the territory of Australia (and also part of the territory of the State of Western Australia). If you wish to pursue any specific concern, you may wish to contact: State Director, Trade Practices Commission, PO Box 6230, East Perth, WA 6892. AUSTRALIA*

I think Sam that, on balance, for £10 you seem to have a good bargain there, if you had a UK title it would cost at least ten quid just to hire a waistcoat and tie !! With regard to the Australian Government's statement - they would say that wouldn't they ? For how many years did the Arabs not recognise Israel or the Americans China ? The North Koreans don't recognise South Korea, and what about Ian Smith's Rhodesia, the list is endless.

SBM

## Official Documentation of Recognition Presented to:

**S Smith**

*YOU have been brought to our ATTENTION  
Special people have taken notice of you ....*

*And want you to get what you really want ....  
For you are always so generous with your time, and yet, no one  
has time for you ?*

*Your life is waiting for you, S Smith.  
Take a breath for a minute .... and ask yourself out loud  
What am I getting out of my life?  
Do I want to feel happier, healthier, and more fulfilled?  
Am I respected and admired by all I meet ?  
Am I important?*

*Because You ARE, S Smith. You Are Important!*

*His Royal Highness, Prince Kevin, the Prince Regent needs you to  
fill a very important role for him. You have a very valuable,  
important roll to play. You are the only person who can be the  
Honourable S Smith of Hutt River Province Principality .... and  
represent the Principality in the best possible way. No one else can  
do this! You are the ONLY person for the job.*

*HRH Prince Kevin has had me order your Royal Award. Your  
Royal Award Certificate with your honourable name, and title, has  
been printed. You haven't gone unnoticed, S Smith, You are very  
important.*

*S Smith, at last you have been recognised and you will now get  
the respect and admiration that you deserve. Congratulations, I'm  
proud of you. This is such a great honour for you. You must  
respond IMMEDIATELY by returning the slip below. You will  
then be known by all as:*

*The Honourable S Smith of the  
Principality of Hutt River Province.*

*Congratulations once again, on your Royal Honourable Status!*

Signed

Lord Peter Regensburg

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## BICENTENARY FLOWER FESTIVAL

AT  
ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, HAYDON BRIDGE.

### **The Church will be open:**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6th, 7th & 8th June, 1996 from 10.30 am. to 5.30 pm.  
and Sunday, 9th June from 2.00 pm. to 5.00 pm.

(Admission by Programme - £1.)

(Evening viewing by special arrangements: 'phone Mrs. E. Garrow, (01434) 684324.)

### **Refreshments.**

Coffee, Lunch and Tea available in Church Hall.

(Party bookings 'phone Mrs. E. Garrow; (01434) 684324.)

### **Special Activities:**

*Preview Party: Wednesday, 5th June at 7.00 pm. £2. (Ticket only).*

*(Tickets available from: Mrs. J. Glenwright (01434) 684577*

*and Mrs. J. Herron (01434) 684594.)*

*Opened by Dr. Robert High.*

*Concert: Thursday, 6th June at 2.30 pm. by Shaftoe First School.*

*Concert: Friday, 7th June at 2.30 pm. by Haydon Bridge High School.*

*Concert Tickets £2 (Includes Festival Programme) available at the door  
or from the Schools.*

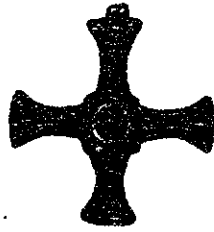
*Thanksgiving Evensong: Sunday, 9th June at 6.00 pm.*

*Preacher: The Revd. Alec Beniams.*

# Treasures from the lost Kingdom of Northumbria

1st June - 26th August 1996

The Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne.



Northumbria's early Christian heritage is explored in all its glory in this once in a life time exhibition. We are delighted to announce that the **Lindisfarne Gospels** will form the centre-piece of the exhibition, together with an array of priceless artworks. **Treasures from the Lost kingdom of Northumbria** is a unique and thrilling testament to the influence of the Church in Anglo-Saxon Northumbria.

It was in 635 that St Aidan, at the bidding of King Oswald, brought the Christian message from Iona and established a monastic seat at Lindisfarne. In the two centuries that followed, Northumbria became the centre of a remarkable flowering of Latin learning and artistic brilliance which radiated over early Christian Europe. The kingdom grew into a strong unit from a federation of small warrior tribes and covered a huge area from the Mersey and Humber in the south to the Rivers Tay and Clyde in the north. During this time the inspirational St Cuthbert became Bishop of Lindisfarne and **The Lindisfarne Gospels** was written in honour of God and his memory.

**The Lindisfarne Gospels**, one of the greatest masterpieces of Anglo-Saxon book painting, will cross the River Tyne for the first time in 1000 years. In addition, illuminated manuscripts, ornate sculpture in metalwork and stone and precious jewellery from collections throughout the country will be displayed, with highlights including **St Cuthbert's pectoral cross**, the **Franks Casket**, the **York Helmet**, the **Ormside Bowl**, and the **Jedburgh shrine**. Your imagination will be fired forever by the spectacular artworks and the Northumbrians who inspired them, over a millennium ago.

Admission to **Treasures from the Lost kingdom of Northumbria** £3  
Concessions £1.50. Family £7.

The Lindisfarne Gospels sponsored by Northern Rock

Exhibition sponsored by Proctor & Gamble, University of Northumbria, Securex Displays Ltd.

With support from TWM Corporate Patrons Scheme, Friends of the Laing Art Gallery, & Northern Arts.

## Tynedale Community Hospice

is opening a **Charity Shop** at 19, Battle Hill. They would welcome your support. Donations of clothes and bric-a-brac can be taken to 19, Battle Hill, or you can 'phone 600388 to arrange for collection.

Tynedale Community Hospice is a local charity providing a Hospice Service for the people of Tynedale. All the support that they give is free of charge.

## SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH

(including Beltingham & Henshaw)

### 2nd June - Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion at Henshaw

10.30am Worship for All

### 9th June - Pentecost 2

9am Holy Communion at Beltingham

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6pm United Evensong in Thanksgiving for the Flower Festival

### 16th June - Pentecost 3

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion at Henshaw

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Deanery Evensong at Lambley

### 23rd June - Pentecost 4

10am Morning Prayer at Beltingham

10.30am Parish Eucharist

3pm Evening Prayer at Haydon Old Church

### 30th June - Pentecost 5

10am Joint Holy Communion at

Beltingham

### 7th July - Pentecost 6

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion at Beltingham

10.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Evening Prayer said - no sermon

## From the Registers Funerals

1/5/96 Leslie Cooper

18/5/96 Henry R Nicholl

## Mothers' Union

June 1st to 5th  
Waive of Prayer

June 26th

M.U. Young Families Dept.

Maureen Nugent

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# HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

## CONTACTING THE SURGERY

As you might imagine, the busiest equipment in the building is the front desk telephone. Though we have separate lines for business calls, health authority staff, fax and computer modems the 684216 phone receives scores of calls every hour - all day.

To make the use of the phone more efficient we suggest that patients consider using different times of day for different types of phone call. For example:

**8.30 - 10.00 APPOINTMENTS AND VISITS**  
**10.00 - 12.00 REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS**  
**2.00 - 4.00ish TEST RESULTS**  
**3.00ish - 6.00 APPOINTMENTS**

Whilst we have no intention of being unnecessarily rigid about this, it would be very helpful if folks could try to make use of these suggested times.

Between 8.30 and 10.00 people need to be able to get through in order to make appointments for the morning surgery and to request visits. Requests for non-urgent visits at other times of day usually conflict with other work, whereas the second part of the morning is devoted to our home visit rounds.

Repeat prescriptions need to be in before lunch in order that we can assemble the order for the wholesaler for delivery after lunch - or get the prescription ready for collection/delivery to Peter.

Lunch time is for handling paperwork and other background activities of the practice. Sometimes, the staff take a moment to eat too. If patients could therefore not ring the surgery between 12.00 and 2.00, except for emergencies, it would be very helpful.

The day's post arrives in two parts. The usual Royal mail delivery at opening time and the health service internal mail at about 11.00. Both lots are opened and processed during the late morning to be seen by the doctors before or after lunch. Accordingly, results will not be seen, dealt with and ready for discussing with patients until the early afternoon.

People need to be able to phone in the mid to late afternoon in order to make evening appointments.

We hope that this suggested scheme will make use of the telephone more efficient for us all.

## HOME FROM HOSPITAL

We like to know when people come home from hospital. It is widely assumed that the hospital tells us when they discharge patients - this is NOT so. When there is a special problem, we may get a call but usually the hospital trusts the patient to take their own discharge note to the surgery or phone in.

Women coming home with new babies have far more on their minds than what to do with chits of paper from the hospital. Again, if you don't let us know that you are home, we won't know and we do like to visit new Mums as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, patients have been upset in the past when they are not visited or contacted after leaving hospital. This is always because we have not been informed of their discharge by the hospital.

## ITS THAT KLEENEX MOMENT

"Grown men don't cry!" - oh yes they do - frequently! In the drawer in my desk closest to the patient there is a large box of big man sized tissues which is constantly in and out for those moments when words alone do not suffice. Both men and women, old and young, bring an endless variety of problems to their doctor, often those problems are hugely threatening to them.

Tears are a natural and normal part of anguish, sadness, fear, despair, bereavement, anxiety, depression and, of course, relief or joy. Tears when broaching a painful topic, tears during or after discussion, tears during or after examination, tears with a diagnosis, tears with a normal test result, tears with a new baby - no one needs to justify tears.

The biggest, toughest, meanest man is just as deserving of an arm round his heaving shoulders as the terrified young girl with a late period.

The British are notoriously emotionally constipated, perhaps one of the benefits of becoming Europeans will be a shift in emotional culture and expressiveness.

We are keen that patients should feel completely free to unbutton emotionally during consultations. The value of simple uninhibited weeping is not to be underestimated, leading, as it often does, to easier expression of problems or coping with difficulties. The doctor too may get a little damp at the corners - we are not complete stones.

## NOT TONIGHT, JOSEPHINE!

A few times each year a man, woman or couple will attend surgery to seek help with a problem which can seem completely overwhelming to them. They cannot have sex - either they have never been able to or they have lost the ability or its too painful. Old or young, married or not, with children or not, none are immune. Usually, the patients will have been trying everything they can think of to overcome the problem. Often, the more they try, the less successful they become - failure feeds on failure and they are reduced to despair. They listen to their friends who are, if they are to be believed, never out of the sack. The media portray a society seething with endless passion - or endless carnality, to be more exact. What is normal? What should we be doing/expecting? What's wrong with us? Why are we failures? Is it possible for us to be normal?

"Normal" is least controversially defined as that which the couple agree is acceptable to them both. None should seek to achieve more than they desire nor should any seek to exceed the tolerance of their partner. It is not a competition or a race, there is no finishing line or target. One certainty is that sex should NEVER be painful for either partner.

Couples who have never managed to have intercourse are not as rare as you might imagine. There are many causes for such problems and, with almost no exceptions, they can be overcome. The youngest woman I have seen who was physically unable to have intercourse was fifteen - she brought her mother to the interview too. Her problem was resolved in minutes at the surgery. The oldest woman that I have encountered with this problem was in her late thirties and had been married for well over ten years - her problem was also resolved quite easily. Problems after childbirth are common and older children with sharp hearing can be very trying.

Men are not as "ever ready" as some might imagine. A man's ability to have intercourse is easily damaged. Physically, there are a many causes for difficulty for men and careful discussion and examination will often uncover the underlying problem. Psychological causes of impotence in men are much more common than physical ones. Much can be done to help.

There are local psycho sexual counselling services for those needing more detailed help.