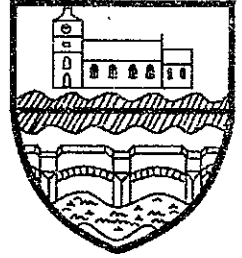


Haydon News

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EDITORIAL

Did you read the article in the Hexham Courant on 12th April? This reported that:

'A bid by Liberal Democrats to give members of the public the right to speak at meetings of Tynedale District Council has failed.'

'At the moment, members of the public can attend all council committee meetings to watch, but they are not allowed to take part.'

The Chief Executive Mr Alan Batey said that he *'felt it would be of no advantage to introduce public question time at Tynedale, as there were systems already in place which allowed the council to be fair and democratic to all inhabitants.'*

The subject was thoroughly discussed and *'When it came to a vote, the Liberal Democrats were comprehensively outvoted by the combined Conservative, Labour and Independent councillors.'*

I feel it appropriate to repeat the reported views of our own Tynedale District elected representative, Bill Howard, who is also a Haydon Bridge Parish Councillor.

'However, Coun. Bill Howard, of Haydon Bridge, felt that the public already had free access to officers, staff and councillors to put their views across.'

He said: "If my telephone calls and knocks on the door are any indication, the public already has more than adequate channels of communication open."

"If these channels are not being used, the fault lies with councillors in their own wards."

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

It is here that I must take issue with Bill, his words frighten me, let us read them again -

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

Erstwhile former Chairman of Haydon Bridge Parish Council, Thomas Bates introduced a 'public question time' for the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Parish Council meetings always start with a public participation session where any individual can make a statement or ask a question. As Editor of the Haydon News I have used these occasions to bring matters concerning us all direct to the Parish Council. In all cases I have been heard with patience and courtesy by the Council.

On the major issues of The Tynedale Plan and Stublick Opencast Coal Mining the result has been that wide ranging discussions and further meetings have resulted allowing other views to be taken directly into account.

Other people have also taken the opportunity to raise points during public participation sessions.

Whilst accepting Bill's statement about his own experience with visitors and telephone calls to his home I am not so sure that he can take a balanced position on all of our opinions. It is quite easy to support the views of individuals who have a specific problem but with more general matters elected representatives are often obliged to follow their political stance. Decisions may also be biased towards ones own personal viewpoint - which can often be at odds with the views of the majority.

It is disappointing that Bill has expressed such strong and, it is considered, out of date views against the proposal to let the public speak at Tynedale Council meetings. Doubt is also expressed that the views he has expressed really do represent those of us who elected him to office.

Meetings should not, of course, be open to frequent interventions by the public otherwise anarchy would be the result, however it is considered that if public participation were allowed at Tynedale District Council meetings in the structured but informal manner to the way that it is permitted at Parish Council meetings nothing but good would come out of it.

Should not elected representatives be supporting the interests of the community rather than, it would seem, the administrative convenience of Tynedale District Council?

I do hope that Bill will not press for a suppression of the practice of public participation at future Parish Council meetings as a result of the Tynedale Council vote. The Editor invites a written open response from Bill on this subject. If an answer is received it will be printed in full in the next issue of the Haydon News.

You may have also read in the Hexham Courant (4th April) that work on the A69 Haltwhistle bypass has started. The tree planting ceremony commemorating the start of the work was attended by Coun. Ian McMinn, Mr Watts (Road Minister), Mr Michael Martin (Chairman of the Contractor - Road Link), Mr Peter Atkinson MP and the appropriately named Laurie Haynes (Chief Executive of the Highways Agency).

Mr Watts had bleak news for Haydon Bridge when he said that there was no scheme in the bypass programme for Haydon Bridge in the foreseeable future. *"I can't at this stage agree to promote any new scheme for a bypass"* were his reported words.

MP Peter Atkinson, who was present at the spade holding ceremony said he would continue to plug away at the Roads Minister. *"We will not give up on this because it is the only place in the area that does not have a bypass, and in my view it needs one."*

Strong words indeed Mr Atkinson - just about as strong as the words my garden gnome uses on me when I accidentally knock him over whilst weeding the borders.

Has all the spunk gone from our Members of Parliament? Methinks that once elected they join the 'system' and adopt the political adage: *'To get along you must go along'* which basically means *'Don't rock the boat or we'll through you overboard.'*

However if you're a strong and competent swimmer you need have little fear of being thrown overboard.

We will be seeing and hearing a lot from prospective MP's of all political persuasions during the coming year - the promises will be there but once elected it's a case of YES MINISTER.

Hughie Green had a 'Clapometer' and Robert Mackenzie a 'Swingometer' So I think I'll invent a 'Spunkometer' to help me decide who to vote for.

Mitch

NEXT ISSUE OF THE HAYDON NEWS

29th May 1996

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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

26th April 1996

All councillors were present.

Like the council meeting itself, this report will be mainly concerned with discussion of the role of the High School in the Parish community, both now and in the future.

Mr David Thompson, the High School Headmaster, came to the meeting to explain the School's ambitions for future development. Direct Government or Local Authority funding for activities outside the National curriculum hardly exists. If money is to be found for broadening the range of school facilities, this can only be done in a 'community' context, in the hope of qualifying for European Union or National Lottery grants.

Mr Thompson's vision is of the School as a Community resource whose improved facilities and equipment will be accessible all the year round for the benefit of local residents. The precise nature of those facilities, and the arrangements for their management would be influenced by the results of the Village Appraisal, with the School and the Parish working together to construct a proposal to provide for the needs of the community as a whole.

The Parish Council very much welcomed Mr Thompson's ideas and it was decided that the High School should be formally involved in discussions arising out of the Village Appraisal.

As regular business the Council examined the planning applications, one of these is the proposed conversion of Cragside Stables to houses: the proposed new housing development on the adjacent site is incompatible with the continuation of the riding school.

D-day for the temporary residents of Thorngrifton is planned to be the 1st May when a judge will decide whether their claim for a judicial review of the County Council's eviction order is strong enough to argue in Court.

The village handy-man has decided to retire at the end of September. The Council will be looking for a replacement.

Railtrack has now decided that it won't be altering the level crossing gates in the foreseeable future.

On a more immediate time-scale, a small number of Councillors will participate in an informal exchange of views with members of the School's sixth form.

Facilities for members of the general public to participate in activities run by the School already exist and the School would welcome more extensive use of them. You can attend classes, take exams, play in the wind band, sing in the Chorale, join in the stage productions. All you have to do is ask about it.

PARISH APPRAISAL

It had been intended to distribute the questionnaire throughout the Parish in February, however the work was more complex than anticipated.

I have recently spoken to Keda Norman of the Community Council of Northumberland who says that the current intention is to distribute the form near the middle of May.

STUBLICK OPENCAST

The current situation with the discussions are that Northumberland County Council have now completed all of their preparatory work with numerous questions to the Clay Colliery Company Limited, most of which have now been answered.

It is intended that matter will go before The Environment and Planning Committee of Northumberland County Council on Tuesday 7th May 1996.

We have been assured that a decision will be made at this meeting.

THE CROSSWORD

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

On the 21st of April Linda Elliot drew the two winners who were Mary Moore and Neil Gilholm.

After three competitions the status of winners credits are:

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

+ Three winning entries.

* Two winning entries.

Remainder have one correct entry.

There were some more new names this month please encourage your friends to send in their completed crossword. This will help to make a more competitive competition. **SBM**

JPR

INTERNET

Brian Harrison of Badger's rise has written in concerning the possibility of local businesses maybe having interest in advertising on the International Network. His 23rd April letter arrived too late to give it the space it justifiably needs - it is my intention to write an article around it for next month. **Ed.**

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**TO ALL ADVERTISERS
and
Prospective Advertisers**

Due to the increasing number of Advertisers I have had to reshuffle the location of some advertisements in order that I can keep them grouped in some sort of classification so that it is easier for the readers to find their way around.

I do hope that you will accept these changes as being necessary. **Thanks**

CRICKET SPECTATORS

Why not take a tip from the fans of Barry Manilow at his recent Newcastle Arena Show.

Every time a run is scored strike a match. At the end of the game count up all of the dead matches to give you the final score.

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TO EILEEN AND HER CREW

After all our grumbling about the giant weeds outside our windows at Greenwich Gardens, I think it is only fair and just to say thank you for the lovely spring flower show we can look on to.

All your hard work is greatly appreciated and I feel sure I may speak for all of us to say a big 'Thank You' to all who worked so hard to make it so.

J.E.S.

To the Parishioners of Haydon

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me during my time as a Parish Councillor, especially those who were ready to help me when needed, to the many people who made enquiries during my stays in hospital and to those who have taken time out to thank me for my efforts during my 'Term'.

I resigned with some reluctance having enjoyed my time, but I have found it difficult of late to give my full support.

I have waited some time to write this in order that a new member could be co-opted and in so doing can I also take this opportunity to wish Councillor V. Fletcher a happy and fulfilling time.

R.McVay

MISSING CATS



3 cats have gone missing from Tofts Bank over the last few months.

If you have seen, or taken in, a stray cat then please call 684183.

The ginger and white cat has regularly been seen around Strother Close and Hordley Acres.

A reward is available for recovery.

J.H.

AN ANGRY LETTER FROM EILEEN CHARLTON

Each year on national spring cleaning week a team of volunteers has turned out to clean up the river banks - adverts were put up, a piece in the Haydon News and a mention in the 'Courant' this in the past has ensured a reasonable turn out of helpers.

I have just got home from this year's 'Clean Up' and put pen to paper while my ardour is running high - a total of four including myself turned out.

David Westall took some black bags from me and said he would go to the south bank. David [husband] and myself proceeded to gather rubbish starting at the new bridge. A mass of glass - beer bottles and take-away cartons were the first challenge, obviously thrown over the bridge. As we moved along the river-bank we were joined by Bill Howard and made good progress until we came to the sandbank at the picnic area.

Who could have made the mess that waited there for us? The site of the Scout's bonfire had been used for burning doors and windows with the glass in. We filled 20 bags with sand full of glass - this is the very place favoured by the children in the summer. How could anyone do this?

Eventually we were satisfied there was no glass left and decided to call it a day. We placed our bags in the skip and went across the bridge to pick up David Westall's. On arriving at the rear of Basil Young's Joiners Shop we found the bags filled by David, but no sign of him, we then realised what a disheartening effort his must have been.

Has Frankham Tip been moved to Haydon Bridge? We were disgusted by what we saw, builders rubble was accompanied by glass, rough metal and household waste, tins, bottles and even sinks. Looking all along the river bank from 'The Anchor' to the football field were sites where rubbish has been dumped. Those responsible should be ashamed of themselves.

I know the old excuse for dumping garden waste and rubble is that this stops erosion, but this tipping is being followed by the indiscriminate tipping of anything!

I had a form for 'BT Environment Week' in my possession - we intended entering the west end flower bed, but what is the point of having flower beds at the ends of the village and a tip in the middle?

So I'm setting a new challenge to those of you who purport to care about the place you live. I've sent the form off designating the cleaning up of this section of the river-bank as the Target.

'British Telecom Environment Week' runs from 17th - 27th May, now it's your turn to prove you care. We will get a skip in and provide gloves (money prizes are awarded to winners).

On reflection I must say that some areas are quietly kept looking perfect by those who care. Up river of the old bridge the river-bank hardly has a piece of grass out of place and projects like the cemetery, flower beds and Station Cottages roadway show what can be done.

If we can bottom this black-spot - Haydon Bridge will benefit by the improvement and once cleaned will be able to be kept right. So mark your calendar and don't leave it to the die-hards.

SATURDAY 18th AND SUNDAY 19th MAY

Many hands make light work!

And to those responsible - STOP DOING IT - the bin men will take your rubbish away from your door free, also Ken Tulip will supply skips at a reasonable price - that's what most of us do.

Eileen Charlton

April Garden

Some of Haydon Bridge's loveliest gardens will be open to the public for the first time on the 18th of this month. Your garden might not be on the Garden Trail but you can still help the village make a colourful impact by hanging a basket at your door. This is a good way to use a few plants extravagantly to give a lavish show. You can buy all the plants at the village Co-op or a garden centre and I don't think it matters whether you go for a rich mixture of purple and gold or a blazing clash of orange and pink; the important thing is to pack as many plants possible so that the basket overflows with foliage and flowers.

We'd all like to have baskets that look like those the Railway Hotel hang up every year. Josie adds a slow release fertiliser and water gel (which helps the compost retain the water) to the compost. He uses Miracle-Gro in the water and waters the baskets daily. On the other side of the bridge, Steven Brown in John Martin Street also has fantastic baskets which look good all season. Like Josie, he uses Miracle-Gro and he waters his baskets twice a day even if it's raining. Steven uses a spray for watering because he says it is important to spray the leaves of the plants as well as wetting the soil.

This Month - Weeds are already growing strongly so deal with them quickly and ruthlessly. Apply chemical weedkillers containing glyphosate which works best on weeds in active growth. Use the hoe on bare soil to prevent seedlings establishing.

Continue to treat moss and weeds on the lawn. Grass is growing quickly so start regular weekly mowing and give a spring feed. You can sow a new lawn in early May. The seed soon germinates and thrives in the warmer damp weather.

Squash or spray greenfly on shrubs and roses. Use slug pellets around hostas and delphiniums.

Cut back old flowering wood from spring flowering shrubs immediately after flowering. The new growth produced after pruning will carry next year's flowers.

Cut the fading flower heads from spring flowering rock plants like saxifrage and aubretia and cut back plants which are threatening their neighbours with extinction. Prune winter flowering heathers.

Never cut back the foliage of spring flowering bulbs or tie their leaves together for neatness. The leaves are feeding nutrients to the bulbs to ensure a good display next year.

James Thin

LADIES MAKING UP

Did you know that when you're putting your makeup on that the mirror reverses your image therefore your not seeing yourself as others do. You can get around this problem by putting a mirror behind you that can see the first mirror. By looking at yourself in the second mirror at your reflection in the first you will see yourself as others do.
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tongues wagged
some with a sharp edge
others with childlike curiosity.

The newcomers craved acceptance.
Begged entry into the tribal compound
willing to trade rituals and ideas.
But inevitably they froze to death
on the local glazier of ignorance
and lack of vision.

Joyce

1645

**SONG ON MAY MORNING
by John Milton**

Now the bright morning Star, Dayes harbinger,
Comes dancing from the East; and leads with her
The Flowry May, who from her green lap throws
The yellow Cowslip, and the pale Primrose.
Hail bounteous May that dost inspire
Mirth and youth, and warm desire,
Woods and Groves, are of thy dressing,
Hill and Dale, doth boast thy blessing.
Thus we salute thee with our early Song,
And welcom thee, and wish thee long.

-THE END-

IT HAPPENED IN MAY.

- 1933 - Joan Collins the actress born
- 1593 - Christopher Marlowe English playwright died
- 1957 - Britain exploded first nuclear megaton bomb
- 1941 - The House of Commons was destroyed in Londons heaviest air raid
- 1979 - Margaret Thatcher became Britain's Prime Minister
- 1961 - Betting shops became legal in Britain
- 1960 - Gary Powers U2 shot down flying over the USSR
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Imagine the scene if you will.

A not so young singer of love songs driving off to his next gig at Newcastle Arena, it is about 2 pm on Saturday April 13th 1996. The singer turns to his Manager and says:

" Say Chuck, I'm feeling rather hungry - can we stop and get a bite to eat someplace quiet ? "

Now there are few places quieter than Haydon Bridge at 2 pm on a Saturday afternoon. They were fast approaching the village when the Manager picked up a copy of the February issue of the 'Haydon News' that happened to be in the 'limmo'.

" Says here that Elvis had a couple of drinks in a place called ' The General Havelock ', if it's good enough for him it'll do for us. " replied the Manager. The limousine quietly stopped outside the place on Ratcliffe Road.

The Manager alighted from the car leaving the singer inside.

Ian Clyde was just finishing off tidying up in the bar when the singer's Manager entered. When asked if he could provide lunch for two Ian told him that he had stopped serving meals and they should try 'the other side of the river' vaguely waving his hand in a southerly direction. The Manager protested and as if to impress the >>>

restaurant mentioned the name of the singer outside. This impressed Ian not a jot as he said "Sorry no food".

The travellers then drove across the bridge and up John Martin Street where they parked by Harry's Fish & Chip Shop. It is mere conjecture as to whether, noticing the Chippie had closed at 1:30, the pair considered hanging around until it reopened at five. We shall never know.

What we do know is that the pair went into The Oddfellows Restaurant next door taking the corner table to the right of the front door.

The young waitress accepted their order for the meal of the day and took it into the kitchen where Proprietor Anna Coulson was preparing the food. The girl told Anna that she thought that one of the men in the restaurant was a famous singer of international renown. Anna took a sly peek and thought "mmmm" perhaps he is.

After she had prepared their meal Anna approached the singer and in a less than confident voice asked:

" Rrrr uuuu BBBBBBBBaaarry Mmmmaannniilloow ? " The man who writes the songs the whole world sings replied " Yes Maam I am Barry Manilow - are you this young waitresses mother ? " This comment quickly calmed Anna's temporary stammer and she was able to explain that she was the owner and chef.

Barry's Manager asked that photographs not be taken as they ate their three course lunch which they appeared to enjoy. Barry happily signed one of Anna's menus to record the occasion before the pair went on their way to prepare for the evening show.

A couple of hours after they had left, Mr Manilow's Manager phoned the Oddfellows and said that Barry had asked that complimentary tickets for the Newcastle concert be provided for Anna.

Husband Ian later bundled their children Lydia, Ashley and Bradley into the car for the evening show. Unfortunately Anna could not attend as she had the restaurant to look after. At least she did not now have to pay for a baby-sitter that evening.

At 8:30 that evening we went to the restaurant for a meal where Anna was still excited as she recounted the day's events to us - so excited in fact that I'm sure we both received double helpings of her delicious chicken pasta

As we left for our nightcap in the Haydon the haunting refrains of someone singing the song 'Mandy' could be heard drifting from the kitchen whilst in the restaurant one of the staff was dancing the 'merengue' and giving her all with 'Her name was Lola - she was a showgirl'. **The Happy Eaters**

PS I don't think the Manager's name was really 'Chuck'.

LANGLEY W.I.



Guests from Newton W.I. joined members of Langley W.I. for their April Meeting, where the subject was WOK cooking.

Mr Lees of Island Cottage Restaurant, Nentsberry, Alston, prepared simple but tempting stir-fries and also showed members a foolproof way of cooking perfect rice.

This was 'Fast Food' at its best - all the dishes were made with fresh ingredients and were prepared and cooked in less time that it takes to defrost and cook a ready meal.

Members and guests were then invited to taste the dishes and judging by the empty plates found them to be delicious. **M. Nagel**

CHINESE PROVERB

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For our last meeting the Editor of the Haydon News kindly invited us into his home where we enjoyed a convivial evening writing interspersed with good food and drink.

The evening was voted a resounding success by the members present - how about making it an annual event Ed. ?

Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 1st at 8, Strother Close.

So come on girls, sharpen your pencils and join in the fun at the:

Ladies Writing Workshop

Editors Comment

By the time your read this May 1st will probably have passed, however if you are interested please contact Joyce at the above address.

As for the suggestion of an annual event at the Editor's house I'm afraid that this is a non-starter for me as my stint in this chair finishes at the end of the year. Perhaps the new editor may consider it.

VACUUM CLEANER SALESMAN

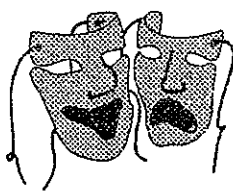
Doing the rounds of the area is a Salesman demonstrating a high quality American vacuum cleaner.

A couple in the Parish accepted the offer of a no obligation free carpet shampoo which was intended to last half an hour.

The demonstration and shampoo lasted about three hours when it was shown just how filthy the residents were as the high suction device (2 Horse Power Motor) sucked an amazing amount of dust and gravel through the carpet. It was then let loose on the mattress from which an obscene amount of dry skin and microscopic inhabitants were sucked.

If you want to be humbled in your own home and have £1200 - £1400 to spare have the free demonstration - its frightening.

Hacky and Happy



ROCKING AND BOPPING IN THE AISLES

If you had walked into the auditorium of the Queens Hall in Hexham at about ten on the evening of April 16th you would for one minute think you had been whisked back to the late fifties or early sixties with all the rocking and bopping that was going on to the live band on stage - literally everyone was up on their feet. A closer look at the people would reveal that most of the participants were middle aged - the people of the sixties who had come together in music and song.

The occasion was the appearance on stage of a group calling themselves 'The Imposters' with a performance of their show 'The Ultimate 60's Concert'. The group imitated and performed the work of The Beatles, Cliff and the Shadows, The Rolling Stones, Dave Clarke, Freddie & The Dreamers, The Everly Brothers, The Monkees, The Who, Bob Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel, The Searchers, The Byrds, The Beach Boys etc.

These chart topping names of the 60's were accurately portrayed not only visually, but with sounds that were so authentic it was frightening. If they come back again make a booking and join in the fun.

A week earlier it was more serious stuff when we went to see Dr Faustus written by Christopher Marlowe in the 16th Century. The performance by the Compass Theatre Company was excellent and well worth the visit. Why not pick up a brochure and make a point of seeing a show at the Queens Hall soon, you'll enjoy the experience.

BSE UPDATE

Who are the experts ?

The Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) consists of leading independent experts in this area of brain disease in human and animal health.

What do the experts say ?

The latest SEAC analysis of all available research suggests a possibility that a small number of CJE cases might be associated with access to the BSE agent came before the specified offal ban was introduced in 1989.

It says there is no direct evidence of a link between BSE and CJD.

What are Specified Bovine Offals ?

Specified Bovine Offals*, principally the brain and spinal cord, are the only tissues which have ever been found to naturally contain the BSE agent.

What does the law say ?

Since 1988, cattle feed containing any ingredients originating from cattle or sheep has been banned.

Since 1989, Specified Bovine Offals are required to be removed from all cattle and destroyed regardless of whether they show signs of BSE or not.

These measures have led to a sharp decline in the number of cattle with BSE.

* The Specified Bovine Offals are the head including the brain and eyes, spinal cord, tonsils, thymus, spleen and intestines.

What are these controls ?

BSE is a notifiable disease and all cases must be reported by law. On top of this, detailed checks by the Official Veterinary Surgeon are carried out at the meat plant. All animals diagnosed as having BSE are destroyed and no part can be used for either human or animal food.

How can we be sure ?

All meat plants are supervised by independent meat inspectors under the supervision of Official Veterinary Surgeons. The inspectors are required to check every carcass to ensure that the Specified Bovine Offals have been removed. Only approved meat receives a health stamp without which it is not lawful to sell the product for human consumption.

What happens next ?

Measures are continually reviewed and, if there is any doubt at all, strengthened to ensure that public safety is maintained.

We recognise that the industry must play its part in reassuring the public and will strive to ensure that all the regulations are vigorously policed and enforced.

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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.**

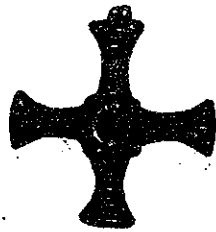
Thanksgiving Evensong: Sunday, 9th June at 6.00 pm.

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 centrepiece 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.

SERVICES AT THE PARISH CHURCH (including Beltingham & Henshaw)

5th May - Easter 4

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Holy Communion at Henshaw

10.30am Worship for All

6 pm United Service at Roman Catholic Church

12th May - Easter 5

9am Holy Communion at Beltingham

10.30am Parish Eucharist

3pm Rogation Service at Old Church

6pm Evensong at Beltingham

16th May - Ascension Day

8am Holy Communion

19th May - Sunday after Ascension

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion at Henshaw

10.30am Morning Prayer (ASB)

6.30pm Deanery Evensong at

Haltwhistle

26th May - Pentecost

10am Holy Communion at Beltingham

10.30am Parish Eucharist

3pm Evening Prayer at Old Church

2nd June - Trinity

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

10.30am Worship for All

From the Registers Baptism

21/4/96 Thomas Jewitt

Funerals

4/4/96 Ethel Barnett

24/4/96 Cyril Lamb

Christian Aid Week

12th - 18th May 1996

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 22nd May 1996

7.30pm in the Church Hall

"Tynedale Hospice" - Margaret Baumber

1796-1996

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

A 25 YEAR COURTSHIP!

A quarter of a century ago it was first mooted that the Haydon Bridge and Allendale practices should amalgamate. At the time, Allendale had had a rapid series of changes of doctor, a situation which Bob High thought undesirable. In the event, Dr Jim Miles was appointed to the Allendale practice and the situation has been stable ever since. As many will now know, either from local gossip or the Courant, Jim Miles is retiring soon and the post has been advertised in the British Medical Journal.

For the last couple of decades there has been the well known cross cover arrangements for Out-of-Hours work between the two practices and in the last four years we have also been associated for Fund holding. Both of these arrangements have been to the advantage of the

practices and patients and it has seemed to me, ever since I arrived here in 1989, that the amalgamation of the practices was the most logical next step.

How could amalgamating the practices help anyone? There is now a general assumption that small practices are disadvantaged politically, financially and in terms of the range of services which they can offer - there are only so many skills that one doctor can possess. And yet there is good published evidence that many people prefer the atmosphere of small practices - the personal aspect of care is most often mentioned. By amalgamating Haydon Bridge and Allendale we would gain the stability, economies and security of a larger organisation and yet retain the two small premises with their friendly staffs - the best of both worlds we think.

Following the advertising of the Allendale practice, Mary and I decided to approach Dr Mary Jo l'Anson, who has worked in Allendale as an associate for almost four years (a sort of hired hand - some of you will have met her when she has been on night or weekend duty), to see whether she was interested in applying with us to make the linked practices into a three doctor organisation. She agreed enthusiastically. We spent many hours composing our application which eventually ran to twelve separate multi-page documents - we even sent an index to help the examiners! We then had to sit back and wait to see if we would be called for interview. There were a total of four applications, including ours. Two were from single handed doctors and one from a married couple, we understand. All were very strong contenders.

We were called for interview on 19 4 96 and spent many hours in preparation of our presentation. We created eight page bound books of our reasons for applying and the opportunities and challenges for the new partnership for the interviewing committee. At the interview we took it in turns to speak on different pages of our presentation. We then spent a further hour taking questions from all of the committee members, many of which were searching in the extreme. Thank Heavens for modern deodorants!

A few hours later we had our answer - we had succeeded! Haydon Bridge and Allendale are now a single practice with three doctors.

The patients of both practices are now assured of the long term stable provision of the full range of medical services in both locations.

ITS A WOMAN'S WORLD!

This development means that the practice, meaning doctors and staff, is essentially an ALL WOMAN organisation, with me being a "lonely little onion in a petunia bed". There are few all or mainly woman practices in the UK and such a phenomenon in a rural area is even rarer.

All of the partners will be full time for the foreseeable future. It is intended that we shall all put in sessions at both premises, though Mary will take lead responsibility for Haydon Bridge and Mary Jo will take lead responsibility for Allendale. To provide for those patients who particularly want to see a male doctor I shall divide

my time more equally between premises. If, as we hope, the practice grows and prospers, it may be possible in the future to have a greater male representation - unless, of course, you tell us differently - your views count.

WHO IS MARY JO l'ANSON?

No shrinking violet she! The last time Israel invaded The Lebanon she was right there in the thick of it. She was in Beirut caring for the wounded, dying and dispossessed at the time of the Sabra and Chatila camp massacres. She has also worked in other remote corners of the world and is presently married to the president of a major computer manufacturer. She has four children and will shortly be moving into the practice area from Stocksfield.

She has very wide medical experience both in hospital and community work. I am confident that she will be a popular figure and a major asset to the community and practice.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR HAYDON BRIDGE?

First and foremost, this amalgamation is our best chance of securing stable future provision of local medical services, given the present environment of retreat and "rationalisation". Unless the UK's funding of its health services starts to approach that of its European neighbours - only Greece spends a lower proportion of GDP on health - then the smaller practices will be under increasing pressure.

There will be an increased choice of doctors at both premises. Allendale has its own physiotherapy sessions to which HB patients can soon be referred - with much less of a wait. There will be cross cover, for holidays, sickness and study leave, for nursing and reception staff.

We intend that patients shall be able to choose which premises they wish to regard as their normal place of attendance. Those who feel more comfortable receiving their medical care out of the village can do so and those who have something particularly sensitive to sort out can attend Allendale if they wish - and vice versa for Allendale residents of course.

Please ask any questions you wish about these changes - we are here to provide the service you want - talk to us - tell us what you feel and want! SF.

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