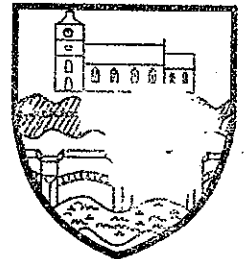


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EDITORIAL

8 am Monday 23 September.

Hi folks, 'tis me back again to bring a smile to your face or irritate the pants off you, perhaps you're flipping straight to the crossword page, or maybe you're a hypochondriac and switch straight to the Medical News page. On the other hand perhaps you're just here for the news and gossip - whatever the reason I wish you a hearty welcome and one suggestion, which is to join the hypochondriacs and go and read Doctor Steven's page first - I guarantee another good read, he's on about boobs and bums and, of course, Paracetamol. However this month he's got a prize tonic for someone, **A FREE BOTTLE OF WINE**, probably causes less damage to your liver than paracetamol if recent press reports are to be believed. Now away you go and I'll see you back here in a few minutes, while you back doing that I'll go and have another cup of tea and take my morning pills.

Welcome back, I hope you enjoyed reading it as much as I did and are now sharpening your pencils for your contribution to his Limerick Competition about the "pair of fair buttocked sisters of Syracuse". Mine is already done and is on page 6, I do hope that the Doctor actually reads the Haydon News and considers my entry.

When I switched my computer on there was an electronic mail letter sent by Tynedale District Council informing me that the Tynedale Local Plan (Draft Deposit) was now available for collection so I'll collect it later today when I go back into Hexham I've now returned (5pm) and I must say that yet again T.D.C. have produced a splendid document - well worth the £40 they have to charge for the 346 pages and two splendid maps.

You may recall that, as Editor Elect, I impudently introduced myself to you in the December 1994 issue of the Haydon News with a full page breakdown of the Consultation Draft insofar as proposals for Haydon Bridge was concerned. I'm now going to disappear for a couple of days and do a similar thing with this updated version - you can read my report on page 7. Those of you who are bored by such things can, I hope, have a good giggle at page 8 and at the various other smidgings about the newsletter. However it may be worth casting your eye over the report because, as those of you who tried to stop the Showfield housing can vouch, it is no good waiting until the bulldozers are on the way. Mitch

BRANCHEND OPEN CAST

The recommendation to the Northumberland County Council Planning sub-committee on Tuesday 8th October was to have been that the November 1994 application by the Clay Colliery Company Ltd should be refused. The main reasons being that:

□ The site is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the North Pennines:

□ A recent report shows that there are restraints for extracting mineral deposits.

□ There will be a serious impact on the ecology of the area particularly for the habitat of a large number of birds that live and nest in the area.

According to Northumberland County Council Planning the applicants were given extra time to produce a report saying how they would tackle the last item - this had not arrived when I spoke with them on Tuesday 24th September.

Earlier attempts to contact the Company's senior executive dealing with this matter, without success. However on Friday 27th Mr Ferguson, the Director responsible at Clay Colliery Co. rang and informed me that the submissions they had promised N.C.C. had now been sent to the County planners - the Company had also asked for the matter to be deferred for a little longer. The Director went on to say that the main concern seemed to be about the effect the proposed workings will have on the resident worm population. I understand that the Company have produced a report on this subject which includes details from a before and after study at another of the Company's sites.

On 1st October I spoke with Northumberland County Council who confirm that they are now looking at the revised proposals and it will now likely be dealt with at the Planning sub-committee meeting in November. Watch this space
SBM

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at
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The main purpose of the meeting will be to appoint new members to the committee as well as nominating a new Editor of the Haydon News.

Residents of the Parish are most welcome to attend, particularly those who would like to help support the production of your monthly newsletter.

Should you require any further information please contact:

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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS
26th September 1996

Nine of the eleven Parish Councillors, NCC Councillor Purdue five members of the public and the Hexham Courant reporter turned up for the meeting. The representative of the Friends of Haydon Bridge must have forgotten it was the fourth Thursday of the month as he was nowhere to be seen, fortunately the Editor was one of the five members of the public present and it just so happened he had his jotter pad and pen with him - and became your unwilling scribe for the evening.

A half an hour of public participation started with a couple from Douglas Gardens thanking the Chairman, Mr Loyd and Vice Chairman, Mrs Garrow, for attending the on-site meeting of Tynedale District Council at the Showfield site on 2nd August and putting the Parish case for those residents against the plan so well. Cllrs W.S.R and M.J Howard explained that they had not been able to attend the site meeting because of other long standing commitments. The residents explained that during the discussions at the entrance to Land Ends Road the group were nearly wiped out twice at this busy junction by large vehicles trying to access the Langley Road. This indicated the requirement for a traffic mirror to be sited at this junction. The Parish Council agreed to look into this request. The Douglas Garden duo said that they were disappointed that, in their opinion, the Tynedale Executive present at the site meeting had misinformed those present of pertinent facts.

The question of the sewer pipe discharging into the river was raised yet again, the Council agreed to bring it up with the appropriate authorities.

On the issue of grass growing in the rainwater drains at the side of the village roads was, said Cll W.S.R. Howard, a widespread one not restricted to Haydon Bridge. The cause, he said, was due to new restrictions on the use of strong herbicides in cleaning procedures the weaker solutions used in the past 12 months did not kill the grass as before. Tynedale Council are aware of the problem.

It was said that during a recent visit by the local constabulary no less than three policemen visited the village late at night to see if they could 'catch' the noisy teenagers. The noisiest thing they could hear was the maintenance compressor at the railway crossing. It was jokingly said that the aged couple seen walking up Church Street would have been pounced on by the Bill had they as much as made the slightest noise. The Police campaign continues.

The repairs to the pedestrian barrier at the end of the old bridge at Ratcliffe road was discussed and it was noted that there is a gap in the middle where old joins new, there is also a section missing at the east end of new section. This matter will be pursued. A quote is awaited from Northumbrian Water concerning the provision of a mains water tap in the Cemetery. Reports of objectional smells coming from the the river was thought to be caused by fact that the build up of pebbles to the west of the old bridge stopping water flow.

The Deposit Draft of the Tynedale Plan was discussed, the Chairman said that the public must be kept well informed of what is happening. [See report in this Newsletter. Ed] He then went on to say that the Plan's proposals see a population increase in Haydon Bridge of some 25% this will cause significant changes in the village. Tynedale Councillor Mrs M.J. Howard said that it was important to remember that most of the Plan is drawn up using Central Government Policy Guidelines - local input refers mainly to specific sites. In answer to a specific question from the Chairman she said that it was not important for the results of the Village Appraisal to be available before the Parish Council's comments to the Plan are sent off. The Chairman rounded off by saying that if necessary a Public Meeting will be held to discuss the updated Plan, however residents should be reminded that there is a copy of the document in the Library - The Plan will be discussed at the Thursday 24th Oct. Parish Council meeting. Your scribe recommends you attend as the plan is about **YOUR** village. **SBM**

THE CROSSWORD

Only 9 correct entries this month with 10 people now through to the special December competition.

On the 23rd of September the two winners were drawn, they were: R.McVay and P. Irving. After seven competitions the status of winners credits are:

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

- @ Seven correct entries
- ~ Six correct entries
- \$ Five correct entries
- > Four correct entries
- + Three correct entries.
- * Two correct entries.

Remainder have one correct entry.

Ladies Writing Workshop

Conundrum

Last month's - What am I ?
Picture me with golden memories held together by dreams past and present. Our heart-felt yesterdays locked inside life's miniature.

Answer: 'A locket'

The £5 winner is: Norman Pretswell

This month's - What am I ?

*Coldly I wander alone
High above mortal man's domain
I am seen but not seen
One of lifes mysteries.*

Answers to Editor before the 24th of October. From the correct entries a single winner will be drawn and will win **£5**

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Readers Letters and Viewpoints - collated by the Editor

Dr. High has written to clear up an apparent misunderstanding - he writes:

Dear Sir,

It would seem that my ideas on the housing needs of the village have given some people the impression that I had something against PEELWELL and GREENHOLME. This is far from the truth, indeed I found both places to be well and kindly run and there is no doubt that we shall have need for such places in the future as the problem of an increasing elderly population grows.

The point I wanted to make, which I still think is valid, is that specially designed accommodation, suitable for a variety of handicapped persons, including the elderly, makes it easier and cheaper to look after and give a better quality of life to more people who want to be near the centre of the village and its activities longer than they are able to at present when they are living in separate units scattered about the village.

Given that, we will still need our Peelwells and Greenholmes and I hope we will be able to afford them.

Yours Sincerely

R. High

There is, however, no misunderstanding in the minds of "Two Irate Taxpayers" who say ... "it sickens us that the Social Security scroungers amongst us are claiming benefits rather than getting off their backsides and should go out and attempt to earn a living like the rest of us, there are also those who do work and claim benefits to which they are not entitled. The scrounging society is not restricted and is spread throughout the community. The current 'anti fraud' campaign by the Benefits Agency in issuing their confidential freephone number is a help in cutting down on this fraud apparently it is estimated that some £3 billion is fraudulently claimed, this we think costs the average taxpayer about £6 per week in their deductions from pay This money would be better spent on facilities such as Dr. High has long been campaigning for over many years and also to pensioners who are being gypped. [sic]

The confidential telephone number to ring if you know anyone who by their fraudulent behaviour is preventing more funds being available for such facilities is 0800-85-4440. You will not be asked for your name and for added security if you dial 141 before the 0800 85 4440 nobody will be able to check who has called.

..... there are also those who are entitled to allowances and don't claim them, some people thinking that it is charity, others unaware of what they can claim. If you ring 610700 the Benefits Agency staff in Hexham will provide you with all of the information you need We hope that you will have the guts to print over, and a lot of other people's opinions in full !! "

Sorry but I haven't, as Jim Davidson would say "Too dodgy". I have printed about half of what you said. Saw a programme on the TV a couple of weeks ago featuring Mr Lilley the DSS Minister. They said that fraudulent claims were costing an estimated 1.6 billion pounds (£1,600,000,000) of which they reckoned 80% is wrongly claimed by people receiving Family Credit. Some years ago I was unemployed and a single parent with four young children to look after, pride stopped me approaching the Social Security people to ask about benefits however after a year or so getting deeper in debt I approached the DHSS who were sympathetic and helpful - I then received allowances sufficient to maintain a reasonable standard of living until my position had improved. I regretted not approaching them earlier as it took me about four years to pay off the debts incurred because of my foolish and misplaced pride. Bye for now see you next month.

Mitch

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October Garden

I've been going through the bulb catalogues and made out a 'must have' list. I particularly love early flowering bulbs which bring colour to the garden when the landscape is at it's bleakest and this is the time of the year for planting most spring flowering varieties and some summer ones. Gardens Centres and Woolworths, Hexham offer a good selection of bulbs but don't be tempted by dry snowdrops which will disappoint. Wait until spring and buy them 'in the green'. The following bulbs are hardy and easy to grow. *Chionodoxa* has small blue or pink flowers and will multiply slowly. *Crocus* - mine have decreased due to mice eating the bulbs. Some survived when I planted mothballs with them. *Grape Hyacinth (Muscari armeniacum)* increases rapidly and will make a blue carpet under trees and shrubs. *Daffodils* and *narcissus* - impossible to have too many - early flowerers like Peeping Tom and February Gold are a must because you must have noticed that everyone seems to have 'daffs' in flower while yours are still in bud. *Tulips* - I like the dwarf species and Kauafmannianna and Greigii hybrids. They can be left in the ground all year and are ideal for rockeries and containers. Top of my 'must have' list this year is *Erythronium Pagoda*, yellow flowers and mottled leaves, a woodlander needing moist semi-shade, looks delicate but is tough enough for a Haydon Bridge garden.

All bulbs require good drainage so work some gravel/sharp grit into the soil and add a dressing of bone-meal. Plant bulbs in groups of the same variety and cover the bulbs with twice their own depth of soil. If you have to store bulbs before planting out, keep them in the fridge. Daffodils, tulips and hyacinths are ideal for planting in pots and window-boxes. Line the inside of the pot (not the bottom) with bubble plastic to protect from frost. Cover the bottom with broken polystyrene to provide insulation and drainage and fill with a bulb compost or John Innes No. 2.

This Month plant all herbaceous plants and shrubs while the ground is still warm and moist. Best time to move trees and shrubs which are in the wrong place is between now and December.

Start tidying up borders. Remove dead growth, some stems can be cut almost to ground level. Divide overgrown plants and replant in refurbished soil. Some plants which might be vulnerable to frost like *kniphofias*, *scabious* and *agapanthus* are best left until spring.

Take hardwood cuttings of trees, shrubs and roses. The best time to take them is immediately after the leaves have fallen.

Continue mowing the lawn to winter height, about 2". Kill off moss with Tumblemoos and rake out the dead growth. Sow bare patches with lawn seed to prevent weeds filling in. Feed with an autumn lawn fertiliser.

James Chin

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have

I had been shopping for plants all day, and was on my way home. As I reached the road junction, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.

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As the birds fly home to their nest

The beauty of morn and sweet scented flowers
Tinged with dew in the chill morning air
The sheep trot around on the green hilly land
Of the rest of the world unaware

So wherever folks roam, maybe from home
Many memories will always be
In the little old village called Haydon Bridge
Where the river flows down to the sea

Alice

LANGLEY W.I.



At their A.G.M. on Tuesday 10th September, members of Langley W.I. welcomed Mrs Margaret Rourke as the V.C.O. for the evening.

The Institute looked back on a very busy and succesful year - the highlight of which was, of course, the highly succesful exhibition of 'Langley through the years', which was held as paart of the celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee.

Special mention was also made of the team who finished in the runners up position in the County Dominoes competition. However, participation - not success - was the main objective, as such activities promote contact with other W.I.'s in this widespread organisation.

It was agreed to donate £25 to Tynedale hospice and members voted to coninue their support of this charity for a further year.

There was no change in office - with Mrs M.Nagel remaining as President, Mrs K. Rutherford as Secretary and Miss E. Martin as Treasurer. Committee members agreed to retain the posts they had held in the previous year.

M. Nagel

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THE TYNE DALE PLAN

This has been updated and was issued as a 'Draft Deposit' on September 23rd, comments on the Plan have to be in by the 18th of November, in 1997 it is intended to hold a Local Public Inquiry sometime in 1997. Your comments, for or against, can either be made in writing or verbally at the Inquiry - however they must be received by the above date. Written or verbal representations carry the same weight. The Parish Council are currently reading the document and will discuss it at their 24th October meeting - they are prepared to hold a public meeting so they can take your views into account in any response they make to this update. If you have any comments, good or bad, why not pop along to the 24th October P.C. meeting? You can see the Plan at Haydon Bridge Library, Hexham Library, TDC Planning Office, Cllr Howard has one (Tel: 684535), The Editor (684035) has his own copy and is willing to loan it to anyone who wishes to know more. You can buy your own for £40 +£4 p&p from TDC.

The updated Plan is a legal document and introduces controls until the year 2006. It has taken into account public opinion in some cases and 'certain of the housing sites proposed in the Consultation Draft Plan which raised considerable public objection . . . have been deleted', they list the six sites in Prudhoe; Corbridge; Catton; Mickley; Wark; Knarsdale and Slaggyford.

Showfield: Despite objections from the Parish Council the Showfield site remains unchanged with 50 houses at a minimum density of 25 dwellings per Hectare (10,000 square metres or approximately 2.5 acres). In the event the density of the housing planned for the part of the Showfield, recently agreed, works out to be 33 dwellings per hectare. This indicates that eventually some **70 OR MORE** houses could be built on that site.

Innerhaugh: This site, on the south side of the A69 on the western exit of the village. At a minimum density of 25 dwellings per hectare the Plan shows space for 65 dwellings, however if the density is the same as Showfield some **86 OR MORE** houses could be built. Tynedale District Council will not normally permit development at this site before 1st July 2001.

Using the above figures this means that the village could experience a population increase of 300 - 390 people before the year 2006.

West Of Langley Gardens: Because of the Bypass this site has been removed in favour of Innerhaugh.

East Of Glenburn: This North Bank site is shown in the plan as being able to accommodate 5 houses although the steep terrain and style of adjacent housing indicates to the writer that no more than two houses could be built.

Tait's Yard: This is shown in the plan as an existing site with planning permission.

Affordable Housing: The term is defined as 'housing available for sale or rent at a price which those identified as being in need and unable, because of insufficient income, to compete in the local housing market, can afford to pay As a broad indication, to be considered affordable; dwellings must be available at a price or rent which is no more than 80% of the market sale price or rental value of dwellings of a similar type in the locality'. The Plan lays down strict criteria for the allocation of affordable housing in the District. Initially the housing must be offered to Parish residents meeting the defined criteria, however if rented accommodation remains unallocated after six weeks or shared ownership housing still available after one year, 'the criteria will be gradually widened to include occupants from elsewhere in Tynedale District'. T.D.C. expect at least 10 'affordable' dwellings at the Showfield site and 13 at Innerhaugh. The Plan states that the identified Haydon Bridge need is 30 houses. The first phase of the Showfield site is actually providing 20 'affordable' houses, 12 to rent and 8 to buy.

Economic Development: The existing site to the east of the allotments is shown together with the Station Yard site as being land allocated for 'Employment Development'. Both of these sites will be restricted to:
Class B1 Offices, Light Industry;
Class B2 General Industry;
Class B8 Storage and Distribution.

The Natural Environment: Mucklemoss is identified in the Plan as a protected nature reserve. Langley Woods, Honeycrook Burn, Settlingstones and Stonecroft mines are all shown as sites of special scientific interest.

Hexham Green Belt: This has been extended and now encroaches the Parish to a greater extent.

Retail Areas: Existing Church Street and Shaftoe/John Martin Street sites unaffected.

A69 And Bypass: The plan continues to support dualling of the A69 west of Hexham and the proposed Haydon Bridge Bypass.

Conservation Area: The map in the Plan shows the boundary encircling the Village but excluding the Strother Close, Greenwich Gardens, Langley Gardens estates also excluded are Douglas Gardens/Land Ends Road and the school on North Bank. The Northern boundary stops at the top of North Bank but includes Peelwell.

Community Services: NCC are responsible for providing Library services. No major changes are currently envisaged.

Please look at the well written and structured Plan for further information - it makes easy reading. **SBM**

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Due to improvements being made at our Church we are sharing services with the United Reform Church.

- Oct. 6th**
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6:00 pm Local Arrangements
- Oct. 8th**
7.30pm Men's Christian Fellowship
Speaker Mr. H.E. Prested
'Organ Building'
- Oct. 9th**
2:30pm Women's Own Birthday Party
Music by Jack & Audrey Shiel
- Oct. 13th**
10.00am Mrs. L. Marsh
6.00pm Rev. D. Arthur
- Oct. 20th**
10.00am Miss E. Gittus
8.00pm Praise, Prayer & Ministry
- Oct. 22nd**
7:30pm Men's Christian Fellowship
Speaker - Mr. D. Thompson
The visit of the French Football Team
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2.30pm Women's Own Meeting
Speaker Mrs. B. Mearns
- Oct. 27th**
10.00am Reader
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MEMORIES by Owld Tawny

The gentleness of the evening was enhanced by a dappled sky as I stood gazing in meditation from the old Showfield gate. Pictures of the mind came flooding back from more than fifty years ago, from just after the Hitler war when we were young and in our prime. The flower show had just started again and people long gone vanished as a mist before my eyes into the white ghost-like vision of a large marquee that materialised and vanished again. For one brief moment I could again hear Glen Miller belting out from the 'Waltzer' belonging to Walter Murphy's hoppings as with its bright lights under the velvet sky it tore its way in undulating flight with local screaming talent clinging on for dear life with one hand and desperately doing their best to protect their modesty with the other. They were a picture to see as they flashed past in their pretty dresses and rich ruby lipstick that reminded young Jerry Attric of Betty Grable as with eyes agog he belted round in up and down flight on a wide eyed flared nostriled fairground horse with his hair blowing, tab in the corner of his mouth like 'Bogart' sleeves rolled up, shirt front open and arms folded across the chest - clinging on by his knees, always a show off was Jerry Attric and still is! - but that was oh so long ago I thought as I set off towards the pub and thinking the Showfield will never be the same again - but at least I still have my memories.

As I entered the Lounge Bar I was glad to see the warm glow of a coal fire dancing shadows from ceiling to wall in the half light of this September evening, and could just make out the form of old Jerry Attric amidst a haze of Woodbine smoke as he lustily relieved himself of intestinal glasses causing Cliffy to splutter on his pint and said "Bah" before removing his loose change from the bar top where he stood to where clarity was better.

The rustling of a packet and the loud crunching of crisps drew my attention to an ugly looking youth sitting alone half way down the bar and who Jerry Attric nodded to as he came and sat at my table. "Wiys the lad?" said I to Jerry. "Wey man thuw shud naa him, err at least the lad's grandfatha" said he to me. "Yen time the family lived up the top end of Ratcliffe Road, near Charlie McKay's Garage, there was a son, aa bit older than us two, but what an ugly beast he was, far worse than yon sitting yonder." "Oh aye I mind noo Jerry" said I, "He turned out to be

a World Record holder at swimming and running at the Olympic Games long after the family emigrated to Australia." "Aye thats right." said old Jerry as I began wondering how he had achieved THAT station in life. "Hing on abit till I git mesel anithor pint and then I'll refresh your memory" said Jerry as he got up from the table on creaking joints and trousers hanging slack around what was once an athletic backside but now like the losse skin round an Eliphants hint end.

"Right noo! thats it, where were we," said old Jerry as he sat down with a groan. "Oh aye - can you mind that ugly little beast's mother? She was a real raver, in fact it was said that her and were lovers, well she was that ashamed of her ugly son that she never took him out for a walk in the daylight, rather it was early morning or late evening and always on the side roads or up the river side towards Limestone. Eventually the family left Haydon Bridge for Australia in 1937 after the father had cleared off to fight in the Spanish Civil War." "Aye just about the time Mrs Simpson was gettin hor paws on Edward VII aroond aboot 1936." said I. "By lad thuws right Tawny, thuws reet hinny" said old Jerry, "but how come the ugly little beast turned out to be such a fantastic swimmer and runner?" said I.

"Well nuw Tawny, I had thought long and hard about that one over the years until one day aboot June 1948 I got my eye on the ugliest bloke's picture I had ever seen in the North Mail, he was being interviewed by Australian and New Zealand Radio and they were asking him how he became a top name in swimming and running. Well he went on to say that from the age of two, as a special treat on a Sunday when everyone was at Church or Chapel his father would give him a ride up to Langley Dam in the Baby Austin, then get the boat from the boat house and row into the middle of the dam to toward the deepest point. There he would help the lad over the side of the boat into the water and leave him to swim through the weeds and reeds back to the shore, scramble out onto the bank then run back to Haydon Bridge as fast as his little skinny legs could carry him." "Then," continued Jerry Attric, "the North Mail said that the admiring Australian interviewer said

"That must have been hard work for a two year old?" "Oh aye," replied the laddie, "but I vara soon got the nack of fighting me way oot uv that sack - even though it was tied at the neck!"

Owld Tawny

A MALE BUTTOCK STORY

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A bloke decides to leave work early and go drinking. He stays until the bar closes at midnight by which time he is extremely drunk. When he enters his house, he doesn't want to wake anyone, so he takes off his shoes and starts tip-toeing up the stairs. Half-way up he falls over backwards and lands flat on his rear end. That wouldn't have been so bad, except that he had couple of bottles in his back pockets, and they broke, the broken glass carved up his buttocks terribly. But, he was so drunk that he didn't know he was hurt.

As he was undressing, he noticed blood, so he checked himself out in the mirror, and, sure enough, his behind was cut up something terrible. Well, he repaired the damage as best he could went to bed.

The next morning, his head was throbbing, his tongue tasted like the borrom of a parrot's cage; his bum was hurting and he was hiding under the covers trying to think up some good story, when SHE came back into the bedroom.

"Well, you really had a session last night," she cackled. "Where'd you go?"

"I worked late," he humbly muttered, "and stopped off for a couple of beers."

"A couple of beers? That's a laugh," she mocked. "You got plastered last night. Where the hell did you go?"

"What makes you so sure I got drunk last night, sweetheart?"

"Well," she scornfully replied, "my first big clue was when I got up this morning and found a bunch of band-aids stuck to the mirror."

MEDICAL MATTERS

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A guy walks into work, and both of his ears are all bandaged up. The boss says, "What happened to your ears?" He says, "Yesterday I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang and (hold iron to ear) shhhh! I accidentally answered the iron." The boss says, "Well, that explains one ear, but what happened to your other ear?" He says, "Well, I had to call the doctor!"

At the doctor's a woman complained that she had been experiencing constant breaking of wind. "Fortunately," she added, "they don't stink."

The Doctor did a physical examination, then instructed the woman "take two of these pills tonight and call me in the morning."

The woman did as he instructed. In the morning, she discovered that her pumping continued, but now the smell was horrendous.

She phoned the Doctor.

"Well," the doctor replied, "now that I've cured your sinus problem, I'll see what I can do about your wind."

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**One World Week
is on the Net!**

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Reverend Keith Fletcher and his family have arrived in Norfolk and have been in touch with us by letter. Some extracts of this communication follow:

Please convey our thanks for the gifts and the tremendous support everyone gave us at our leaving "do". It has been a wrench to leave Haydon Bridge but we are now finding our bearings down here. It is a very different landscape but we are enjoying the squirrels in the garden and the boats passing by on the river and no doubt we will soon be "in the swing."

We will hold the people of Haydon Bridge in great affection and remember the happy years we shared with you all as well as some heartaches and sadnesses.

We hold you in our prayers and trust that God and the bishop (!) will choose the right priest to take over.

October services and events at the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, Haydon Bridge.

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| October 6th | 8:00am | Holy Communion | Rev. C Elliot-Newman |
| | 10:00am | Worship for All | Mike Fry |
| October 13th | | Harvest Festival | |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion | Rev. C Elliot-Newman |
| October 17th | 7:30pm | Harvest Supper in the Church Hall | Tickets available from M Currie or A Marshall |
| October 20th | 8:00am | Holy Communion | Rev. J Linton |
| | 10:30am | "Living on the Edge" Morning Prayer | Lindsay Gray |
| October 27th | 10:30am | Holy Communion | Rev. J Linton |

In the last two years the OWW themes have included a dimension relating to rural areas in this country (as well as overseas).

There is a perception that in our rural areas, there are few links with the multi-cultural Britain of towns and cities - and hence that racism is not a problem.

However, talking to Black rural residents, reading research reports and listening to "The Archers" suggest otherwise. Racism is alive and kicking in many parts of Britain, both rural and urban.

Of course it is *not* the *presence* of Black people which causes racism. Racism depends on prejudice, power and wrong assumption of white superiority. Test for yourself just how **unthinkingly** we all use power when we have it, whatever the consequences for others.

Try 'The Power Game' below...

How we did it.

What is OWW?

One World Week is a special Week, set aside each year when we can:

- * ask questions about the world we live in (and set about finding the answers!)
- * go to places and speak to people not normally in our orbit.
- * take action on things that are important.
- * celebrate and have fun.

OWW was established by the Churches eighteen years ago. Anyone who wishes to can join in by organising a local event or action. You are welcome whether you belong to a faith group, or not. OWW is not party political, but seeks to encourage active citizenship on issues of concern to all those with an interest in one world concerns.

THE POWER GAME :

Make 4 groups and explain that the aim of the game is to win as many sweets as possible.

There will be five rounds and the rules will change slightly each round.

Rules for ROUND ONE

- * each person must take it in turn to roll the dice.
- * for a six you win three sweets; for a five you win two sweets; for a four you win one sweet. Other scores win nothing.
- * each person has four 'goes'.

At the end of round of ROUND ONE put the four people with the most sweets into the 'top group'. Then tell the whole group that during ROUND TWO the rules are that *the top group get double winnings* (i.e., six sweets for a six, four sweets for a five, etc.). Winnings for the other groups remain the same.

At the end of ROUND TWO tell the whole group that the game will now change slightly because all the sweets have been distributed, so that the aim of the game is to win sweets from one another.

The rule is that anyone rolling a six must be given three sweets by every other person in their group; anyone rolling a five must be given two and anyone rolling a four, one. If a person has no sweets when someone else has won from them, they must write an IOU note. Each person has six 'goes' this time.

At the end of ROUND THREE check whether the people in the top group still have the most sweets. If any of them don't they must exchange places with the person who now has more than them.

ROUND FOUR. Explain carefully that the only rule now is that the top group makes the rules. Give the top group five minutes to come up with the rules they want. Explain the game will now be played until you announce round five. Play round four for as long as possible.

When it is appropriate stop the play and explain that for round five the 'bottom group', i.e. the people with no sweets or the four people with the least sweets, will now make the rules.

Play ROUND FIVE for an appropriate amount of time or until the game breaks down. The whole group can then discuss the experience and be asked:

Was the game fair?

How did it feel to be in the top group/other groups?

Did the top group use their power fairly?

Did the bottom group use their power fairly?

How did people behave when they were given power?

How did other people react to the rules they imposed?

Ask small groups to come up with an agreed list of:

the ten most important things that the game shows about real life.

Six examples of how it relates to situations in Britain.

Three examples of how it relates to other situations round the world.

Then discuss the lists as a whole group.

From "Challenging Racism, Valuing Difference" activities books £7.00, written from Tower Hamlets (available from RISC)

HAYDON & ALLEN MEDICAL NEWS

BAND OF GOLD

Young people are often a source of interesting misquotations. A page of extracts from children's writing on religious themes came my way the other day and I was struck by the following: "Christian men are only allowed one wife. This is called monotony".

For many people an important outward symbol of marriage is the wearing of a wedding ring. So great is the importance attached to the wearing of the ring by some that it can remain on the finger from the marriage 'til death, never once being taken off.

With the passing of the years fingers can become plumper and joints more swollen. Eventually one can reach the stage where a ring cannot be made to come off at all. Sometimes, for example, when the finger is injured or infected it becomes urgently necessary to remove the ring.

We have at the surgery a special ring cutting gadget which can saw through a ring quickly without touching the patient's skin. Afterwards a jeweller will be able to repair and extend the ring with ease.

We shall be pleased to help anyone who has got a ring stuck on a finger and especially anyone whose finger is becoming swollen due to injury - this is something of an emergency as the finger can be lost if action is not taken in time.

LONELINESS

In a biographical program about Peter Sellers, the actor, one of his collaborators, Harry Secombe I think, recalled how on Seller's birthday he received a very sad phone call from him saying something to the effect that- "Here I am, on my birthday, one of the richest and most famous men in my big luxurious house - and I am all alone!"

Loneliness can be described as an unwelcome feeling of lack or loss of companionship, or feeling that one is alone and not liking it. Loneliness is undesirable and has important implications for mental and physical welfare in all age groups. It is important, however, to distinguish loneliness from solitude which can be very necessary at times and for some more than others. Contented aloneness and isolation in a crowd are both possible. There can be loneliness due to circumstances (bereavement) or loneliness which is a reflection of the persons personality type (shy, introverted).

Research suggests that about one tenth of elderly people feel lonely very often and one fifth lonely often. That means that there are about one million elderly people in Britain for whom loneliness is a real problem. How many of them live in Haydon Bridge?

Loss of spouse, disability, poverty, falling intellect and moving to unfamiliar surroundings can all make loneliness worse. In general rural areas still preserve an important measure of community spirit and social cohesion the value of which can hardly be overstated. Churches, WI, Luncheon and other voluntary clubs, MU and a host of other organisations all contribute to the care of the elderly and perform a wonderful service.

Housing schemes, such as those often advocated by Bob High, can provide asylum - in the true sense of that word - and a valuable, accessible and self supporting community within a community. The opportunity to mix with other age groups is also highly desirable. Adult education, clubs, pubs, trips out, theatre, cinema, sight seeing, meetings over coffee or something a little stronger, involvement with schools - the list is very extensive.

Local Councils for Voluntary Service, Social Services, The University of the Third Age, Contact, Age Concern, Saga Holidays, Cruse etc can all provide advice and help. There are also a huge number of self-help groups concerned with specific problems and illnesses.

Those who cannot get out and about with ease may benefit from regular visitors and can themselves be part of a telephone circle to others in similar circumstances. Contact can initially be made through the churches or other voluntary bodies. Letter writing is, I regret to say, becoming a dying art but one with which older people may be more familiar and it can be a valuable method of keeping in touch. Adventurous folk could try their hand at the Internet - this is nothing like so intimidating as it may seem and could lead to contacts all over the planet at very modest cost. A suitable pet can be very beneficial.

Age Concern has published a book called "Loneliness: How to overcome it." They can be contacted on 0181 679 8000 or at 1268 London Road LONDON. SW16 4EJ.

CALLIPYGIAN and other words in everyday usage.

I was scandalised to discover that the word callipygian had been dropped from the latest edition of a famous English dictionary. It means having beautiful buttocks.

It derives from the Greek Aphrodite Kallipygos - the goddess with the beautiful buttocks - to whom there were numerous temples in ancient Greece with statues depicting the goddess and especially her assets. The story underlying the adoption of the goddess by the ancient Greeks is related by Cercidas of Megalopolis in a manner which is somewhat reminiscent of Edward Lear - "There was a pair of fair buttocked sisters in Syracuse..." (I offer a bottle of wine to the person who provides a conclusion in limerick style to this opening line - providing that it is fit to print in The Haydon News!)

All of this is a very round about way of introducing the subject of plastic surgery. It may not be widely known yet but there is a general refusal on the part of this and many other Health Authorities to fund a number of plastic surgical procedures which are thought to be primarily cosmetic. These include buttock lifts, breast reductions and enlargements, face lifts and tummy tucks and such like. As it happens, in this practice there is a fairly steady demand for breast reductions and we have hitherto been keen that women seeking this procedure should be referred without delay. I am pleased to say that there is now a mechanism for overcoming the funding block and we can seek special permission from the Health Authority. To date we have not had a refusal.

THE TYNEDALE FORMULARY

A large and representative group of GPs, including Dr Mary, consultants and pharmacists are having a series of meetings to try to create a list of preferred drugs for Tynedale. This will help to reduce costs and improve the relationship between what the hospitals and GPs use. When the exercise is complete we may from time to time recommend a change of treatment. I hope that this will not cause any problems, we want people to understand what is being done and why. If in doubt please ask.

COUGHS, COLDS AND OTHER SEASONAL DELIGHTS

As I type this I have a sore throat, sneezing, blocked and dripping nose, coughing, a temperature and aches and pains all over. I have taken a total of six paracetamol tablets in fourteen hours and will definitely **NOT** be going to see my GP. 'Nuff said? SF