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In this issue: 'Haydon News is not covering issues that matter to us all - and even Councillors are human' - claims an anonymous Haydonian. Priest offers alternative viewpoint. Who tried to kill Roger Rabbit? Latest on Bowling Green. Who'd be your choice for King & Queen of Northumbria?

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EDITORIAL

Hi Folks, 'tis me back again - I didn't get sacked after all! Probably because they still can't find anyone else to volunteer to take the job over!

Well I don't know about you but Sylvia and I have enjoyed the excellent weather we have all experienced during August. Yours truly has had his batteries fully charged and is raring to go into the Autumn editorial season with more of what most of you like. I make the usual plea for articles, letters and viewpoints - have **YOUR** say. Other people are interested you know.

There's been some talk about the possibility (no more than that) of the Friends of Haydon Bridge merging with the Community Association rather than having two committees thereby utilising that commodity so hard to come by - willing helpers. The Friends have already had one meeting whilst the Community Association are planning to discuss the matter in September, as are the Parish Council. In any event this should not affect the Haydon News as it matters not which Committee runs it. The Editor is not a member of either committee. 20 years ago the Haydon Herald was produced by the Community Association.

One Saturday morning recently I walked in to the Community Centre and there was one of the regulars, arm in a sling, scrapes and bruises to face and hands. Cheeky as ever I asked "Been on the gin again Hinny!" She gave me a deserving scornful look and explained that she had fallen over on the pavement on Ratchliffe Road, next to the pedestrian crossing and opposite Marsh's shop. Most pavements in the village are acknowledged to be in a poor state of repair but this area is particularly bad as a lot of us use it as a car park when we go to collect the papers. Action please!

See you later Mitch

HEAVEN & HELL

No name or address given
Postmark 6th August 1997

Rev. Thomas Power
St. Johns Catholic Church
Haydon Bridge

7th August 1997

Dear Mr. Mitchell

I do hope the enclosed is not too 'long winded'! It is just a few brief thoughts before I leave. Since my work covered a very large and scattered area, to Cumbria on the West, Durham on the South (Allenheads area) and North as well as on the far side of the Military Road, (Greenhead) it has been very difficult to concentrate on the Haydon Bridge area. However, some may find it interesting!!

I congratulate you on the wonderful 'job' you do on this monthly Bulletin. I have always found it very interesting, and entertaining as well. It is very well set out and makes good reading.

If you could pop a copy to me in the enclosed envelope (September edition) I shall be most grateful, since I leave here on Sunday 31st August.

With my renewed thanks and good wishes

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Tom Power

Dear Editor

I feel compelled to write, having just got back to the village from holiday to read the June issue of the Haydon News, Your latest tirade (bad language, accusation of dishonesty and all) against Cllrs. Bill and Marion Howard can not, I feel, go unanswered. I do believe that your 'reporting' there sunk yet further into the myre of personalities when surely the role of the Haydon News should be to cover the issues that matter to us all. This is a trend which I and all of the villagers to whom I have spoken have noticed to be increasing of late.

Frankly, I (and I believe the majority of the village) am not remotely interested in what you think of Bill and Marion Howard, or vice versa for that matter. What I am interested in is to see the villagers (especially those in responsible public/representative positions) working together for the good of the community. I am not surprised that Marion Howard loses her temper when the local press are seeking to attack and goad her at every turn. Even Councillors are human. For you to print what you believe to be the qualities "desired in public figures", and whether the current incumbents possess them, is really rather arrogant - surely this is the judgement made by the people of Haydon Bridge every four years at the Tynedale District Council Elections - or, for that matter, at the County Council elections as appropriate.

I do hope that it is merely coincidence that your most vitriolic personalised attacks yet should come after your own defeat in the County Council elections, and not as a result of petty jealousy or a more political motivation. Either way the Haydon News is now suffering as a result, and is in danger of making our village, of which there is so much to be proud, into a laughing stock to all those who should choose to read it.

I have thought long and hard about writing this letter, and reluctantly must withhold my name, simply because I do not want to compromise the position of a mutual friend. I will be most interested to see whether your supposed editorial neutrality stretches as far as publishing this letter.

Yours sincerely

A Concerned & Frustrated Haydonian

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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS
Thursday 24th July 1997

10. Councillors present; 9 members of the public and the Hexham Courant reporter.

A representative of the Countryside Commission involved with National Trails in England as part of world Heritage gave a talk and showed slides on a four year plan to develop a trail to run alongside Hadrians Wall. The trail will be built, with the help of Lottery funding, and available for use by walkers, charity events and athletic events.

Public Participation

Plans for an all weather football pitch are under way. It is hoped that 90% of the total cost will be funded and the remaining £10,000 has to be raised. The pitch will be run by the football club which is a member of the Football Association however it is anticipated that other villagers will be able to use the area for recreation activities.

The Parish Council Chairman said that Temple House residents should be kept informed of these proposals.

Traffic calming measures were urgently requested for access to the football field via Martins Close.

The burn between Martins Close and Temple Houses is overgrown and attracting rats and other vermin.

Council

The Showfield development is now completed and all the houses have now been rented.

The Public Bowling Green meeting held on 14th July - this was poorly attended. [See separate article - Ed.] Anyone interested in the project will be invited to an informal meeting later in the year.

The picnic site on the riverside has been reviewed, car parking and nature conservation discussed along with play facilities.

The *Friends of Haydon Bridge* are actively looking for new members in either active or non-active roles. If you would like to join please fill out slip below, place in a sealed unstamped envelope addressed to Friends of Haydon Bridge and hand in at the Post Office. Please ring the Chairman, Charles Thomas, on HB 684 022 for further information. **Thank You**

I wish to become an **ACTIVE/NON-ACTIVE** (delete as appropriate) member of *The Friends of Haydon Bridge*
Please find attached membership fee of £1 for 1997/98.
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Five applications were received for the post of Parish Clerk. The appointment was decided in closed session. Susan Batey of Moralce Farm will fill the position.

Cllr Thomas Stephenson was elected as the Parish Council's representative as a Trustee of the Shaftoe Trust, a position formerly held by Mr. Thomas Bates.

Two dog bins have been restored and are to be emptied weekly. Leaflets are available regarding dog fouling and care of dogs in public places.

Costing of one pole lantern at Station Cottages has been received. Costing for Land Ends Road is still awaited.

Complaints have been received regarding the 'new bridge'. Expansion joints are causing uneven surfaces making the footpath dangerous.

Planning applications - an extension at Hordley Acres along with an application from Snape Farm were approved by the Parish Council. No comment was made on a proposed stone wall at Plankey.

A Parkers Terrace property owner has asked to buy part of a rear garden in Strothers Close. It was pointed out that Tynedale Council had no policy to sell off part of their properties to outside interested parties.

The Parish Council has been approached to take on part of the cost of repairing and cleaning the Public Conveniences. £3,500 per year is currently being spent on this part of the upkeep.

A new representative from the Parish Council for the Community Association will be required in October.

The slide on Langley Gardens is still causing concern. Wooden steps have been put on the side and children are getting their feet stuck. The steps also fall short of the top of the slide.
PAT

CROSSWORD

The number of correct entries was 16. After six competitions points standing is:

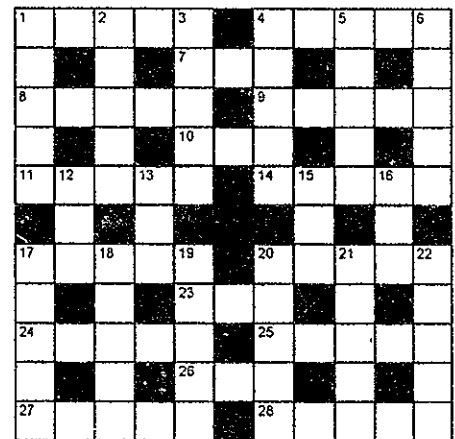
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| D. Corbett(6), | P. Irving(6), |
| R. McVay(6), | A. Phillips(6), |
| E. Runney(6), | B&R Shout(6) |
| R. Armstrong(5), | M. Robson(5) |
| A.M. Scott(5), | M. Hindle(4), |
| N. Gillholm(3), | M. Moore(3), |
| M. Nagel(3), | N. Pretswell(3), |
| M. Porter(2), | S. Stephenson(2), |
| P. Tomlinson(2), | J. Tucker(2), |
| P. Tulip(2), | E. Jukes(1), |
| | D. Telford(1) |

This month's winners were drawn and are R. Armstrong and B&R Shout.

Sorry about the error on my part for 32 down the answer was Marsha and not Marcia as the clue indicated.

By popular request I have included a quick crossword for those people who find the £10 Crossword too difficult - no prizes, just for fun. If you would like this crossword to appear each month please let me know.
SBM

THE QUICK CROSSWORD
Answers on Page 8



Across

1. Mrs. Ogden (5), 4. Verse (5)
7. Snooker tool (3), 8. Lord's house (5)
9. Bed-time drink (5), 10. Mrs. Peron (3)
11. Packs away (5), 14. Put (5)
17. Walks in water (5), 20. Strength (5)
23. Garden Tool (3),
24. Pope's head-dress (5)
25. House overhangs (5), 26. Crony (3)
27. Hates to go fast (5), 28. Refrains (5)

Down

1. Soil (5), 2. Non-standard speech (5)
3. Races to land measure (5)
4. Recall a caper (5), 5. Evergreen Plant
6. Parry (5), 12. Beverage (3)
13. Ross is on this river (3),
15. Posh netty (3), 16 Racer Sebastian (3)
17. Evil woman (5), 18. Trails behind (5)
19. Distort heaps (5), 20. Removes skin
21. Meander (5), 22. Gets up (5)

Readers letters and Viewpoints - 1

Haydon Bridge Bowls Club

On behalf of the Bowls club I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us on July 17th at our open night.

We had a succesful evening and raised £68.52. Also a big Thank You to Richard, Mary & Margaret for their donations.

S. Mitchell won the *Name the Place* competition.

D. Liddle won the *Guess the Sweets* competition.

A. Philips won the Target Bowls competition.

New members are always welcome so why not come along and join us.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Jean Oliver - Secretary

Dear Editor

I would like on behalf of myself, and I'm sure many other people of Haydon Bridge & district, to congratulate and sincerely thank the teachers, staff, helpers and especially the children of Shaftoe Trust High School who made the 300 year celebrations of the school a remarkable success.

The extremely hard work that had gone into the preparation was very obvious. A wonderful week with credit to all concerned.

Thank you again.

Yours Sincerely

Rene Armstrong
Church Street

Arthritis & Rheumatism Council

Once again the Strawberry Teas proved very succesful and £507 was raised for Arthritis Research. The teas raised £257.00 and a further £250 was given in donations.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Hilary and Robin Rutherford. Their hard work and delightful gardens have ensured the success of the event for the last ten years.

The Committee will be holding the event again next year, but in a venue as yet undecided.

The Committee would also like to thank those retiring members for their many years of work on behalf of the A.R.C. and would be glad to welcome new members to the committee. Anyone interested should contact Hilary Rutherford at Appletreewick, Brigwood.

Eleanor Parkin
The Rambler, Brigwood

A reader has been in correspondence with Northumberland County Council concerning priorities for the proposed Haydon Bridge Bypass.

Haydon Bridge Bypass

Thank you for your letter about the A69 and the need for a bypass at Haydon Bridge. As you indicate in your letter there has been clearly a targeted campaign for the improvement of the A1 and this has enjoyed the support of all MP's, Local Authorities and Business interests on either side of the border.

This campaign has at times given the impression that the A1 was seen as more important than the A69. However this is not the case and we have always pressed for provision of bypasses to settlements on the A69 as the first priority for improvement. We had an early campaign running with Cumbria and met Ministers several years ago to press the case but our view is that Cumbria see the A66 as being a more important route for improvement than the A69. This has prevented a clear push for upgrading the A69. With the completion of the Haltwhistle Bypass, Haydon Bridge is now the only settlement on the A69 in Northumberland that is not bypassed. The County Council has recently reaffirmed its commitment to press for a bypass to Haydon Bridge and the Chairman of the Highways and Transport Committee County Councillor Sydney Newton has written to Dr Gavin Strang the Minister of Transport on the issue.

Thank you for your support and you can be assured that a bypass for Haydon Bridge is recognised as a high priority by the County Council, Tynedale District Council and Haydon Bridge Parish Council.

Alan R Wann
County Highways and Transportation Manager

A reader writes about an illness I've never heard of.

Tuberous Schlerosis is a multi-system genetic disorder which affects about 7,000 people in the U.K.

The common symptoms may include epileptic seizure; learning disabilities; behavioural problems; facial rash of varying severity and other skin signs and tumours which may occur in the brain, kidneys, heart, eyes, bones, lungs or liver.

Anyone with TS has a 1 in 2 risk of passing the disorder to any of their children. In 7 out of 10 cases it is thought that TS has resulted from a new mutation and has not been inherited from either parent.

About 100 babies with TS are born in the U.K. each year.

The Tuberous Schlerosis Association raises funds to provide support to families and individuals affected by the condition, which include a Benevolent Fund, Weekend Family Conferences and weekend breaks for mildly affected young adults. It also provides money for research and services for professionals, such as multi-disciplinary study days in different venues across the country.

Last year Miriam and Doug Stephenson did a sponsored walk of nearly 100 miles and helped raise over £500 for the TSA.

During September I am hoping to raise money for the Association by offering relaxing facial massage treatments. All the money raised in this way will be sent to the TSA in October. If you are interested please contact me on 684 340 to book your appointment.

Eleanor Parkin
The Rambler, Brigwood

A Farewell message from Fr. Tom Power

By the time you receive your September copy of the Haydon News I will have left for my native Ireland, to retire, after 45 years in the Ministry in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, the last 15 years living at Haydon Bridge. My successor will have taken over as well, a Fr. Leo Pyle who comes from a large city Parish - St. Mary's, Sunderland. We welcome him, and wish him many long and happy fruitful years in his Ministry.

At the age of 12 years I heard God calling me to the priesthood and have never regretted responding to that call. It was clearly my vocation in life, as you are called to a particular vocation. I went to College and gave twelve years there, studying for a priesthood! After ordination I decided to come to the North East of England.

I've had a very happy priesthood, but I must say the happiest years have been with all of you in Haydon Bridge and Halwhistle. I loved and enjoyed every moment of my time with you. I've made many friends from people of all denominations, and with no faith at all.

I've seen many changes in the church throughout my Ministry. I considered my main task was to build up the local Christian community, and to encourage and develop the gifts of the people. We made great progress in these areas. Lay involvement has grown very strong and a very large number of people are now responsible for financial and pastoral matters which in the past were left to the priest.

The unity of Christians was very close to my heart as well, something I've constantly prayed for and worked for. We made much progress in this area, particularly in Haltwhistle when we signed an agreement to share the same church and become joint owners with the United Reform Members. This was a 'National first'. This is the way forward and is an excellent example of what can be done at local level.

The main task of the Clergy and the people is, as Jesus said, "We must bring GOOD NEWS to the poor." Who are the poor in our communities today?

All of us are in some way.

Those who cannot feel whole, who feel marginalised in some way, for any reason. Anyone who needs to be free from rejection, pressure or fear. Those without hope, with no purpose in life. The Homeless, uneducated, the sexually and physically abused. Gay and Lesbian people, the morally weak. People with marriage difficulties. Helpers, Carers, Handicapped, mentally and physically ill people etc.

What would be 'GOOD NEWS' to them? Giving people hope and positive feeling about themselves. Accepting everyone as part of our community. Respecting the dignity and value of each person. Good News is the recognition that we are all equal in God's eyes.

As a priest, I've tried to do just that, and encouraged others to do likewise.

As I come to the end of my faith journey with you, I thank all of you for your great kindness to me, for your love, support and encouragement. It was joy and a great privilege to be with you all. I am going to miss you all very much indeed, but leave you with many happy memories which I shall treasure for the rest of my life.

We are all on a journey through life, pilgrims on this earth, destined to be with God for all eternity in His eternal Kingdom, when we shall all meet again, never to be parted. In the meantime, please remember you in your prayers, and I shall remember you in mine.

If you ever wish to contact me by letter, or in person when in Ireland, my new address is:
Rev. Tom Power, St. Wilfred's Priory, Park Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

God bless you all,
Yours very sincerely in Christ,

Tom Power

Belated Mother's Day joke?

The Catholic Church's central heating broke down, so they had one of the village handymen crawl around in the roof space to find out what was wrong with the header tank - the cause of the problem. As the man peeked down through one of the vents in the roof, he saw a little old woman kneeling by the altar reciting her rosary.

The non-committed handyman was a bit of a wag and knowing the woman quite well he thought it would be great fun to play a prank on the elderly lady.

Cupping his hands around his mouth and in his best authoritative voice, he said:
"This is Jesus. Your prayers will be answered."

She didn't even bat an eyelid and just kept on saying her prayers. The man decided maybe she didn't hear him, and tried again:
"This is Jesus, the Son of God! Your prayers will be answered!"

Again, she didn't react at all. Muttering up a big breath of air, the man decided to try again and in a Rev. Ian Paisley booming voice said:
"THIS IS JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD! YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED!"

The lady looked heaven-wards and said: "SHUT UP WHILE I'M TALKING TO YOUR MOTHER!"

Who tried to Kill Roger Rabbit?

A pet white rabbit, (with brown ears) was abandoned near Joicey Shaft on Haresby Lonnen on Tuesday 9th August (or thereabouts).



It lived along the lane for two weeks, despite being vulnerable to attack by all manner of predators.

Our neighbours caught it and we have contacted the RSPCA. It looks rather thin and has a wounded foot. If you don't want your pet any more, please contact the RSPCA rather than abandon it to the wild. Animals which are used to living in captivity are not well equipped for such an existence.

Sue Harley
Joicey Shaft Cottage

BOWLING GREEN

The evening of Monday 14th July was balmy - walking from Church Street along the track leading to the Church Hall I thought that I was also barmy spending this lovely summer's evening to go to yet another meeting so as to keep you all informed of what is going on here and abouts.

Entering the 32 year old building (completed in October 1965 at a cost of approximately £7,000) I recalled that 35 people attended the first bowling green public meeting in February 1995. Two and a half years later I was disappointed, but not surprised, to see that only 8 members of the public together with Mr. Thompson and Miss Mansfield, head and deputy head of the High School had made the effort to come to a meeting to discuss a facility which would probably cost some £80,000.

Cllr. Bill Howard and John Ward, an executive from Tynedale Council's Sports & Leisure Department were at the table. Cllr. Howard referred to the 1995 meeting and explained the difficulties in finding a suitable site in Haydon Bridge. The original football field choice of site did not come off then the High School offered a possible site which seems to be suitable. Approval from County Hall is still awaited. The site is on a flat plateau above school car parking area and could house 2 greens each with two rinks - there is also space for a small club-house. The greens would be made from artificial turf which are more hard wearing and cheaper to maintain. The Bowls Association have indicated that the end to end arrangement for the two greens was satisfactory for competition bowls.

Following discussion it was agreed that a bowling green committee be established and interested villagers should contact Cllr. Howard (684 535) or Ray Lockhart (684 260). One of the first activities of the committee will be to draw up a business plan, a necessity for Lottery funding. Some 65% or more of the costs could be funded by the Lottery.

Mr. Thompson said that the High School weather station would need to be moved. With the departure from the village of the teacher responsible for the meteorological site the headmaster is asking for volunteers from the village to record readings from the instruments at weekends and school holidays. Please contact Mr. Thompson direct at the school.
SBM

KINGDOM COME

A reader sent in a couple of press cuttings from either The Journal or Evening Chronicle. The first cutting was a letter from G.S. Richardson.

As Scotland and Wales are seeking devolution, should we not look at other parts of Britain that would like to be their own countries?

The oldest kingdom in England was Northumbria from north of the Humber up to Edinburgh. It has its own language - Geordie - and national anthem - The Blaydon Races.

We can soon find a king for this ancient kingdom; the Duke of Northumberland or even Lord Durham.

The smallest county in England is restored to its proud name of Rutland. Now we demand our own 'Kingdom of Northumbria' again.

Another Journal/Chronicle reader responded.

Traditionally, Geordies are solidly working class. no 'king' of an Independent Northumbria would be welcome, even if you found an aristocrat who wanted the job!

We would be isolated from the rest of the UK, which would dissuade Japanese investment, currently keeping the North East afloat.

It's the worst of all possible worlds. We would become a banana republic within about three years and even more of an industrial wasteland.

No thank you Mr. Richardson!

MORE LETTERS

James Harold Brown of Filey in North Yorkshire writes.

My grandparents lived at New Alston 1870 - 1940's and raised 5 sons, two of whose names are on the HB War Memorial (E.J. Brown and W.R. Brown), the first named being my father who was killed in April 1918.

I spent many happy times at HB in the 20's and 30's and did attend the Shaftoe Trust School sporadically when visiting the village for long periods.

So if you accept "foreigners" as Friends of please enrol my wife and I as Friends.

Many thanks for your cheque James, this has been passed to *The Friends* - the Haydon News will be mailed to you each month as requested.
Mith

THE METHODIST CHAPEL 1863 - 1997

In the April edition of the Haydon News we included a sad lament, in verse, recording the demise of the Methodist Chapel in Church Street, which has now been raised to the ground and the new Chapel is now under construction.

Church of Scotland's Glencoe and Duror's church newsletter LINK has reprinted the verse as 'An Ode to the demise of my first place of worship'. I wonder how many copies of the Haydon News are sent on to other places each month? SBM

The Woman & The Sailor

A depressed young woman was so desperate that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the Tyne.

When she went down to the docks, a handsome young sailor noticed her tears, took pity on her, and said, "Look pet, you've got a lot to live for. We're sailing first thing in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day."

Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy."

The wretched girl nodded 'yes.' After all, what did she have to lose? That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a life-boat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn.

Three weeks later, during a routine search, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the Captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "He's taking me away from my worries and in return I give him favours - that's fair isn't it?"

"Sure is, hinny," said the Captain. "But this is the South Shields Ferry."

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September Garden

Another hot, dry summer. A lot of my garden is now under mulch which cuts down watering and weeding and the plants are happier with cool, moist roots. I've covered a lawn with a woven, plastic sheeting which suppresses weeds but lets in air, moisture and nutrients and I've covered the plastic with gravel. That's it. No more mowing and weeding this area again (I hope). A few large pots strategically placed and overflowing with summer bedding will look lovely and it could be left as simple and labour-saving as that but I've decided to plant a few ornamental grasses directly into the soil under the plastic.

Flower arrangers are familiar with the effectiveness of ornamental grasses in a composition and now gardeners are using selected grasses to compliment more conventional flowering displays. Grasses offer a variety of shapes to add contrast to the mixed border; they can be large and imposing, graceful and fountain-like or short sprays of broad blades. This month many grasses take on glowing autumn shades and wave large heads of feathered plumes or float airy oat-like flowers.

These are my favourites, all are hardy:

Hakonechloa macro alba-aurea - a beautiful golden Japanese plant with soft foliage. Height 12".

Ophiopogon planiscapus nigrescens - a black leaved perennial which, though not a grass, has grass-like leaves. This looks great against a pale background like gravel. Height 6".

Elymus magellanicum - The brightest blue of any plant. Height 14". Blue grasses like *Elymus* and *Festuca glauca* become more brilliantly blue in full sun and prolonged drought. Ideal for these hot summers.

This month - take cuttings of fuschias, petunias, pelargoniums and other tender perennials. Overwinter in small pots on window-sill or greenhouse. Take cuttings of rosemary, lavender, helianthemum and other evergreen shrubs. Root in pots of gritty soil in a cold frame or in a trench lined with sand in a sunny border.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs to three times their depth. Leave tulips until October. Plant lilies as soon as they are available. Add gravel to the planting hole to improve drainage or they can be grown in pots for flowering next summer. Lift gladioli when the leaves turn yellow and hang in a dry shed.

Trim conifers and hedges without delay so that any new growth will not be damaged by frost.

Rambler roses which have finished flowering should have all old stems to cut to the base. Continue to deadhead other roses to encourage repeat flowering.

Evergreen shrubs and conifers can be moved to new positions.

Apply an autumn lawn feed to lawns, not a summer one which is too high in nitrogen. Sow new lawns. Lay turf if the ground is moist

James Thin

With the trowel of patience
we dig out the roots of truth

Patience is a flower that grows not in
everones garden

MISS J TEASDALE BA

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Member of the Society Of Chiropodists**

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and at 25 Burswell Avenue, Hexham
Telephone 608 612 for Appointments & Enquiries

LANGLEY W.I.



"Yesterdays shopping was the theme of Mr. Brian Higgs' talk at the July meeting of Langley W.I.

Mr. Higgs spoke with great enthusiasm and humour of the vast changes that have taken place in the way we shop. Members were fascinated by the various items he brought along and not to be outdone displayed their own shopping artefacts for the competition.

Later in the month several members spent a memorable day at Doxford Hall as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Birnie, formerly of Langley. Their hospitality was overwhelming and members were impressed by the renovations which had been carried out, restoring the Hall and gardens to their former glory.

Mary Nagel
Westley Bank
Haydon Bridge
Tel: 684-419

**Actual Announcements allegedly
taken from Conformist Church
Bulletins**

Don't let worry kill you -- let the church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery in the Church Hall.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Next Sunday a special collection to defray cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet come forward and do so.

A pie and peas supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

WINTER WARMTH

Have you ever thought that if you fill a thermos flask with hot water and take that to bed the water will stay hot all night and in the morning you can use it to make a cuppa in bed!



A Tribute to Father Thomas Power

R.C.s and a host of friends of other faiths or no faith in the Parishes of Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle have shared mixed feelings during August's last week. Feelings of sorrow inevitable when goodbyes are to be said and thankfulness to see a priest entering into well-earned retirement after a lifetime of service to others.

Father Thomas Power is one of the numerous sons of Ireland who over the years have given devoted service to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. In Tom Power's case, forty five years as curate and parish priest in places as diverse as Bishop Auckland, the Scotswood Road area of Newcastle, a curacy in Hexham, parish priest of Blythe and for the last fifteen years, the parishes of Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle.

Under Tom Power's benevolent pastorate the two parishes have undergone a renaissance both spiritually and physically.

St Wilfrid's Haltwhistle had to relocate, sharing a new place of worship with the United Reform Church congregation, the old St Wilfrid's church having become too small to accommodate the Sunday Mass goes of Haltwhistle. St John of Beverley Church at Haydon Bridge has likewise seen a great increase in its congregation. On an average Sunday the pews have to be supplemented with numerous chairs at the back of the church - a church which has been largely renovated during Tom Power's years in charge.

He also did much to encourage the musical talent in the congregation. Music has become an important ingredient in church services. It is a popular element, especially for a large number of young the parishes, whose Christian upbringing and happiness has been of special concern to Tom Power, himself the product of a large and happy family.

This remarkable yet humble priest, probably because he would do anything to help others, won the affection and service of his parishioners. He was exactly the right priest to be here at a time when parish management in the Roman Catholic Church has intentionally passed into the hands of the laity, thus relieving the hard pressed and smaller number of priests to concentrate on the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people.

That this transfer of management has been achieved so smoothly and successfully in the parishes is due chiefly to Tom Power's persuasive but gentle leadership.

It is excellent that strong and united congregations are in such good heart to pass to the care of Father Leo Pyle, to whom best wishes are extended. He has a hard act to follow but will be assured of the support which Tom Power achieved in his fifteen years in the Tyne Valley.

T.A.B.

Community Association Meeting

There was a meeting of the Haydon Bridge Community Association on Monday 1st September.

Mrs. Mary Douthwaite said she was prepared to continue in the post as Chairman for another year, the bookings secretary Mrs. Valerie Bell said that she was prepared to be vice Chairman and Mrs. Marion Howard volunteered to be Secretary. There were no other nominations for Council posts and it was unanimously agreed that these people should fill the Community Association Council positions. Mr. Geoffrey Johnson had previously agreed to stay on a Treasurer for another year.

Mr. Charles Thomas, Chairman of *The Friends of Haydon Bridge* said that now that major posts on the Community Association Council had been filled there would be no need to consider further the proposed merger of *The FOHB Committee* with that of the Community Association.

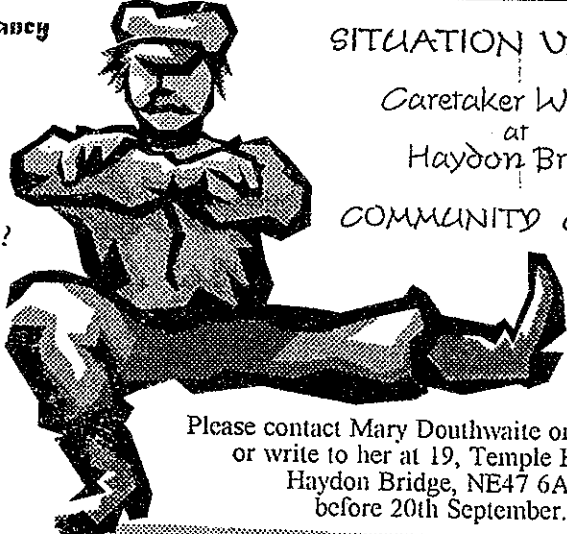
Mrs. Howard gave a view-graph presentation supporting a £3,000 feasibility study to ascertain if all building works to modify and repair the structure of the Community Centre, in line with Village Appraisal recommendations. The alternative was a piecemeal approach to the work which she did not favour. It was anticipated that completion of this study could be completed by the end of February 1998. It was unanimously agreed to go for a feasibility study.

A member of the Association said that with all the ambitious plans being put forward there was a danger that the rates for renting the rooms in the Centre would end up being too high for small groups to afford. Similarly with the proposed large amount of new expensive equipment being purchased there was a high risk that this equipment could easily be stolen or broken unless adequate security safeguards are taken. Another member said that the feasibility study should also take into account any new potential usage of the Community Centre before embarking on grandiose plans.

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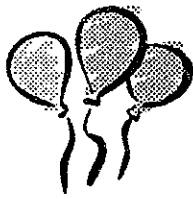
Editors Note - Space and time does not permit me to adequately address the points raised - I will do this after discussion with a wider audience.

Do you fancy
doing
something
really
different ?



SITUATION VACANT
Caretaker Wanted
at
Haydon Bridge
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please contact Mary Douthwaite on 688 - 807
or write to her at 19, Temple Houses,
Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AG
before 20th September.

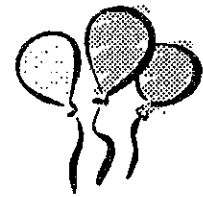
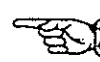


Haydon Bridge Fair

Monday 25 August 1997



£1,410 raised



HAYDON BRIDGE FAIR 1997

When the July issue of the Haydon News was printed Mitch reported that this year's Fair was still in doubt. We were very short of manpower and no one had applied for funds, so we did not know if we should go ahead, although the die-hards did not want to let this enjoyable day fizzle out.

Then I heard of the Footballers plans for a new Astro-turf games pitch with floodlights - realising they would be raising funds I approached them with the offer - help us put the Fair together and you can have the profits. Although time was short I think together we created a Fun Day.

This fair is a Fun Day to unite the village. The profits are always given to deserving causes in the village and The Community Centre, Church, Chapel and the Scouts have all benefited in the past. The footballers have taken part every year in the guise of Shirley and Alan Borthwick's cake stall. It's good that we can now return their support with ours, so getting their fund raising off to a good start

Special thanks go to Mike Tait, Manager of Hartlepool Football Club, who came along to help with the judging.

We thank everyone who supported this Fair; those who gave; those who worked; and those who came along, enjoyed the day, and appreciated the efforts by all. The purpose of this Fair will always be to create the opportunity for people to enjoy a fun get-together. This cannot happen unless all the individual groups and clubs take part, no matter how great or small their effort it is important that they do take part as together they create the united effort required to make the day a success.

Already people talk about next year's Fair - making suggestions for what we could do. To do this I say we know what we can do but what could you do?

Eileen Charlton

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

INCOME

Raffle - Friends of Haydon Bridge	£ 200 - 00
Ted's Birthday & Electric skill - Joyce Sim	£ 21 - 70
Tombola & Dance Club - Marion Howard	£ 69 - 50
W.I. - Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Spark & Doreeen	£ 45 - 22
Teas - Church's wonderful ladies	£ 94 - 45
Chapel - Doll & Football - Mrs Thompson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Coulson	£ 26 - 40
Football Dribble - Carl Philips & Mark Elliot	£ 2 - 30
Haydon Bridge's Mystic - ISA	£ 93 - 00
Jackstraw - Barbara, Cynthia, Doreen	£ 12 - 00
Fun Run - David & Pam Armstrong + helpers	£ 70 - 00
Produce - Ernest Edwards	£ 20 - 99
Bric-a-Brac - Margy Edwards - Petula's Salon	£ 48 - 33
Footballers cakes - Shirley & Alan Borthwick	£ 200 - 50
Toon Army Mascot - Jean & Billy Heron	£ 148 - 00
TUC Shop - Jean Heron & Ruth Boyd	£ 15 - 72
Bottle Raffle - Anchor - Jackie Willis	£ 201 - 00
Treasure Island - Mrs. Wallace	£ 6 - 25
Face Painting - Amy Kirsopp & Francis Moore	£ 12 - 00
Bran Tub - Rene Irwin, Ann & Pauline Burrows	£ 93 - 00
Books - Bill Howard	£ 23 - 90
Bar-B-Q - Harry Nimmo & David Charlton	£ 106 - 70
Ice Cream - Van	£ 10 - 00
Stocks - Gallant Martyrs	£ 16 - 25

TOTAL INCOME £1537 - 21 £1537 - 21

EXPENSES

Insurance -	£ 52 - 00
Engraving Cups -	£ 16 - 25
Courant Advert -	£ 31 - 02
Fair Costs - Bread Buns, hotdogs, sweets for fancy dress etc.	£ 24 - 25
Burgers donated by Andy Shield	
Prize Money Fancy Dress - 3x3, 3x2	£ 15 - 00
Prize money for paintings 1x3	£ 3 - 00
Gas for Bar-B-Q -	£ 16 - 75
Ted - Balloons - Prizes - Cash & Carry	£ 18 - 54
Face Paints -	£ 9 - 34
Fun Run expenses -	£ 4 - 59

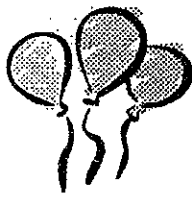
TOTAL EXPENSES £ 190 - 74 £1346 - 47

Additional Income

Not collected by the by-pass committee.

Line Dancing	£ 20 - 17
Picture Quiz	£ 31 - 00
Ladies Writing Class	£ 12 - 36

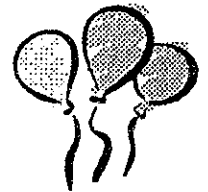
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INCOME £ 63 - 53 £1410 - 00



Haydon Bridge Fair

Monday 25 August 1997

Prizewinners



FAMILY FUN RUN

The Run got off to a magnificent start this year with 63 runners taking part; an increase of 24 over last year. The overall winner was Glen Hilton in a time of 10min 19sec. His wife Steph completed a family double as first female in third place with a time of 12min 3sec. The results in the other categories were as shown below, with overall finishing positions in brackets.

Junior Boys

1. Simon Porteous (2)
2. Mark Robson (4)
3. Ben Porteous (6)

Junior Girls

1. Philipa Green (10)
2. Lindsay Brown (12)
3. Stephanie Brown (15)

Families

1. Chris & Matthew Green (11,9)
2. Bob & James Yareham (16,19)
3. Steve & Andy Carruthers (21,22)

The tremendous support from the sponsors, too numerous to mention, individually, enabled a total of 20 prizes to be awarded and all finishers received packets of sweets - we hope they will be able to continue their generosity in future years.

Thanks to all those who helped with organisation on the day and to those who took part and made it such a success. We hope the stiffness has worn off and that we will see you all again next year, together with a friend.

Pam & David Armstrong
Christine & Steven Brown

FANCY DRESS

- 6's and under
1st Susan Blake - Little Bo Peep
2nd Elliot Wallace - French Onion Man

- 7-8's
1st Lee Lowdon - Skeleton
2nd Bridget Phillips - Bride

- 9's and over
1st Donna Fletcher - Indian Squaw
2nd Tracy Fletcher Hawaii Girl

- Overall Winners
1st Susan Blake
2nd Lee Lowdon
3rd Donna Fletcher

Friends of Haydon Bridge - RAFFLE

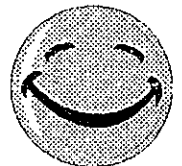
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| 1 Dinner for two at Langley Castle | - Gladys Robertson |
| 2 Sunday Lunch for two at Haydon | - Kathryn Hope |
| 3 Cream Tea for two at Oddfellows | - Lady in Hexham |
| 4 A Food Hamper | - Sadie Pickering |
| 5 £5 Meat voucher at Andy Shield's | - Pauline Tulip |
| 6 Tin of biscuits | - Mrs. Davis |
| 7 Home made cake | - Mrs. Fletcher |
| 8 ½ Bottle French Brandy | - Davey, Fell House |
| 9 1 Litre Bottle of Asbach | - Jean Oliver |
| 10 1 Bottle Smirnoff Vodka | - Mrs. Campbell |
| 11 1 Bottle of Australian Wine | - Mrs. Chapman |
| 12 1 Bottle of Hock | - Mrs. Spence |
| 13 Sweets | - Doreen Spark |
| 14 Sweets | - Linda Elliot |
| 15 1 Box of Quality Street | - Lynne Moore |
| 16 Talc + Powder Puff | - Raymond McVay |
| 17 Basket of Toiletries | - Graeme Marsh |
| 18 Basket of dried flowers | - Jean Heron |
| 19 Cross-stitch picture | - Sheila Buist |
| 20 Clown ornament | - Mrs. Robinson |
| 21 Teddy Bear | - Burswell House |
| 22 Shampoo/set or Wash/blow-dry | - Mrs. Robson, Hx. |
| 23 A Football | - Brian Elliot |
| 24 A garden wishing well | - Mrs. Oliver |
| 25 1 Bottle of wine | - Mrs. Hall |

STALLS

1st
Footballers Cakes
Shirley & Alan
Borthwick

2nd
FOIB Raffle
Sylvia Mitchell
Paulen Tulip
Kay Todd

3rd
Bric-a-Brac
Petula's Salon
Marge & Ernest
Edwards



PICTURE COMPETITION

Only 1 picture entered

6's and under
Jake Charlton

FLOATS - Only one

FANCY DRESS FLOAT

John Gillespies Wagon
Dressed by:-

- D. Charlton - Billy Irwin
1. Lowes - Barry Hope - Eileen

RIVERSIDE RELAY

David Armstrong
Lawson Robley
Ian Lowes
Kevin Bough

TREASURE HUNT

- | | | | |
|-----|--------|----|-------------|
| 1st | Orange | 23 | Toby Hill |
| 2nd | Green | 12 | A. Turnbull |
| 3rd | White | 9 | C. Robson |

FOOTBALL'S No. 27

Winner
Alex Irwin

All of the above raffle prizes have now been claimed.

The Friends of Haydon Bridge wish to thank all donators of prizes for their support

TED'S BIRTHDAY

20th January
Winner - Vera Hope

Contents of Anchor Bottle

Winner
Nuttly Brown (John)

PICTURE QUIZ

7 Correct
Draw for winner

Maureen Robson

TOON ARMY MASCOT

- Winner - Billy Heron
2nd - Charlie (Spar)
3rd - Colin Mockett

DOLLS NAME

Ellie
Winner
Danielle Steel

THE PLACE NEXT DOOR

Some cheps went doon te Hexham
te see the Council man.
He listened to them with good grace,
as they telt him of their plan.

"Noo there's a building that we knaa,
it's seldom used of late.
On the left hand side on Church Street
just afore the station gate."

"The slates are coming off the roof,
the plaster off the waal,
the stonework is se auld ye knaa
it surely soon will faal."

The Council man was filled with glee.
"I knaa this place ye mean,
I've been te Haydon Bridge mesel
and this building I hev seen."

"I'm sure this plan that ye hev got
is an answer te me prayer,
te mek Church Street a finer place
for aal the people there."

"Cos when this eyesore is removed,
in the place where it hes been,
the bairns can hev a park te play
or maybe a bowling green."

The job was done, the Council came,
imagine their surprise.
Johnnie's garage still was there,
reet afore their eyes.

But reet next door a fine auld Church,
removed that afternoon.
The Council man said
"Lord save me!"
"They've pulled the wrang yen doon!"

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NOTICE TO ALL ADVERTISERS

The *Friends of Haydon Bridge* advise that advertisement dues for the year 1997/8 are due on October 1st.

Please note that rates are unchanged and still only £12 per year for a single column block, £24 for a double and £48 for four blocks.

Should you wish to change the wording of your advertisement please inform the Editor otherwise send your payment for 6 or 12 months direct to The Treasurer.

We also welcome new advertisers and thank all current advertisers for their support without which the Haydon News could not continue.

Treasurer: Peter Davcy: 01434 684 786

Editor: S.B. Mitchell: 01434 684 035

Viewpoints of some villagers

There are a lot of people telling me of a few things they are unhappy about at the moment.

One subject that keeps cropping up is the new Methodist Chapel now under construction, in addition to the many who think the old one should never have been knocked down in the first place there are now those who don't agree with the design of the new one.

With regard to the former complaint all I can say is that it has been well documented in this newsletter what the intentions were with regard to the old chapel's demolition. I recall that in November 1994, before I became Editor, I presented a paper to the Parish Council with questions concerning the draft Tynedale Plan. Following me in the public participation session the Methodist Minister the Rev. David Perkins gave advance warning of their intention to redevelop the site rather than the £20,000 worth of repairs they had been previously planning to do. That was the time when people should have been registering their views however human nature being what it is most people now complaining were a little too apathetic - we now know the result of that passive attitude.

With regard to the design of the new chapel half a dozen people have complained that they are surprised that the Tynedale planners were a bit lax in approving a design which not only brought the building line forward all the way to the pavement but set the line of the building at an oblique angle to the existing line of houses in Church Street. Mind you I agree with some of you here - particularly the chap who said to me in the pub:

"Mitch if I had asked for planning permission to extend my house at the front at such a cockeyed angle to the rest of the houses in the street it would be turned down flat."

I must add that the Methodist Chapel plans have been on public display on a number of occasions, they have also been discussed and agreed at Parish Council level and left on deposit at Tynedale Planning Office. On this occasion no one has been trying to keep 'secret' any plans.

Having said that - I intend to continue to air, through these columns, any comments anyone or any group may have on any proposal even though it may mean another session in the stocks at next year's Fair!
Have a nice month . . . Bye bye. Mitch

LITTLE PILES OF LUCK

(In other words dog faces)



Little piles of luck are popping up in my front garden like mushrooms, so much so that I have trod on them and almost put my hand in them.

As a dog lover myself I am slowly turning against our four legged friends, as I now feel sick at the thought of going into my front garden. All I ask is spare a thought and take your poop-scoop when walking your dogs as these little piles of luck are not bringing me any good luck - just sadness.

J.E.S. Dog lover

FOOTNOTE from Eilcen's Fair report on page 10.

'The clean-up team found that they had just as much dog dirt to clear even though the Dog Bin has been installed - Dog owners be warned - use the bin or you will be fined.'

One thing at a time

Geordie went to sign on at the dole, the dole clerk says "I've got just the job for you, can you drive?" "I can anaal", says Geordie. "Well", says the clerk "Start tomorrow, driver/conductor on a corporation bus, that means you drive, also collect fares". Next day Geordie gets on the road with his double-decker bus. Two o'clock in the afternoon the phone rings in the bus depot. Geordie on the phone, "Can ye git oot here sharp to Porcy Street, the bus has gone through a shop window, broken glass aall ower". "Good God!" says the inspector on the other end, "How did it happen?" "I divvent knaa", says Geordie "I was upstairs taking the fairs at the time!"

Ask a Daft Question

Geordie was doon the toon, he sees a greet big funeral coming up the Haymarket. Brass band. Four plumed horses pulling the hearse. Six coaches and about 2,000 mourners in silk hats waalkin ahint! By Gox he thinks he must be a'n important bloke. That must be Lord Mayor or Chief of Police or something. I'll just ax this paper lad, he'll knaa whe it is. "Son", says Geordie. "D'ye knaa whe it is that's deed ower thonder?" "EE I'm not sure" says the paper lad, "but I think its the bloke in the forst carriage".

**** Geordie Songs, Jokes and Recitations** is a canny book. Published in the UK by Butler and Butler, compiled by Frank Graham, in 1986.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT
TO THE HAYDON NEWS**



We pray for children & teachers at the beginning of another year, especially for the pupils and staff of Haydon Bridge High School and Shaftoe Trust First School

METHODIST CHURCH AND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH SERVICES

September 7th	10.00am 6.30pm	Rev D Perkins (F) Circuit Service, Hexham
September 10th	2.30pm	Women's Own Meeting Speaker: Rev.D Perkins
September 14th	10.00am 6.00pm	Mr M Knowles Rev D Arthur (S)
September 21st	10.00am 6.00pm	Rev D Perkins (S) Rev A Gafford
September 24th	2.30pm	Women's Wown Meeting Speaker: Mrs Martin
September 28th	10.00am 6.00pm	Rev V Briggs Rev D Arthur
Every Wednesday, prayers at 12.45 pm		

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Every Sunday: Holy Mass at 9.30am

A prayer for teachers and children

May we explore together the territory of knowledge;
May we learn together the mysteries of truth;
May we share together the experience of beauty;
May we release in each other the spark of creativity;
May we always remember that you, the author of all knowledge, yourself Goodness, Truth and Beauty, delight to share all experience with us.
Amen

CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Pentecost 16	10.30	Worship for All (Mike Fry)
Wed. 10th	7.30pm	Church Council meeting
Sat. 13th	all day	Church Steeplechase for Northumbria Historic Churches
Sept. 14th	10.30	Parish Communion (VA)
Pentecost 17		(Racial Justice Sunday)
Thu. 18th	7.30pm	SEAL Club, church hall
Sat. 20th	2.30pm	Readers' Service, Cathedral
Sept 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
St Matthew	10.30am	Mattins (Lindsay Gray)
	6.30pm	Deanery Evens'g, Allendale
Thu. 25th	7.30pm	Mothers' Union, hall.
Sept 28th	10.30am	Parish Communion (VA)
Pentecost 19	3.00??	Old Church Harvest Thanksgiving service
October 4th	10.30	Parish Communion
Harvest Festival	6.00pm	Inter-church Harvest Thanksgiving service

(Please note, in October and November we've had to change the regular pattern of services, to fit in with Harvests, Remembrance Day, Baptisms, etc.: please always refer to the calendar in the Haydon News.)



THE STEEPLECHASE All Haydon Bridge's churches will be open all day on Saturday 13th September, to welcome visitors on the sponsored church-crawl to raise funds for the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust. This helps repairs on old churches; and half the sponsor comes back to the sponsor's home church; but come in anyway.

Any material to be included in the October Church Newsletter should be with Vincent Ashwin, who edits this page, by Sept.20th

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

There was a lot of talk last month about standards in education. All those extra 18-year-olds who had passed A Levels make us ask: Were their results good because they had worked harder and received a better education, or because the standard was not as high? Certainly, many young people work extremely hard. Equally, there are those who haven't had grammar and punctuation drummed into them, and are likely to write a sentence like: *The vicar should of wrote to Mr Browns Sister's in Hospital*, instead of *The vicar should have written to Mr Brown's sisters in hospital*. The debate will go on, whether or not it actually matters that written English is not what it once was.

September is the month schools and colleges open their doors again, from toddlers going to playgroup to students leaving home for university. Parents want the best for their children, and every government is committed to teaching the basics of education. Part of that basis in this country has always been moral and spiritual education.

In a country that is less church-going than it was, the moral and spiritual foundation is now less specifically Christian. It is probably less religious too, because it is unfair to ask an atheist teacher to pretend to children that he or she believes in God. Besides, it is not the job of a school to make children into Christians.

However, part of a spiritual foundation is to understand the words that religious people use in their beliefs. Children used to be taught the Lord's Prayer before they could understand what it meant, just as they learned the tables before they knew why they were important. I believe that children often understand the significance of things, though they may not understand their meaning. So there is a case to be made for youngsters learning the Lord's Prayer - and that's not just because people at weddings get embarrassed now because they can't join in!

It's tough being a teacher, because you get blamed for not being able to put right the

mistakes that parents have made in spoiling their children or neglecting them. They need all the support they can get.

It's painful to watch a tearful toddler waving good-bye at the door of her nursery - or to see an anxious 18-year-old unloading his luggage at a university where he doesn't know anyone. Youngsters too need support as they learn the basic facts of different subjects, and try to find a spiritual and moral basis for their lives.

Yours in Christ's service

Vincent Ashwin

FROM ST CUTHBERT'S REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

July 20th Chloë Louise Fitzsimmons
Langley Gardens

Holy Matrimony

July 26th Stephen Collin & Sarah
Fletcher, High Teppermoor

Funerals

July 9th Ivan Leader (69),
Strother Close
August 21st Mary Annie Ridley (87)
John Martin Street

CHURCH NEWS

Welcome to Father Leo Pyle.

The Catholic Church doesn't hang about! We said farewell to Father Tom Power last month (see separate tribute elsewhere in the Haydon News), and his successor is arriving this month. Fr Pyle comes from a parish in his native Tyne and Wear. As well as being priest in different parishes over the years, he was also chaplain at St Mary's College of Education in Fenham, Newcastle. We wish him well.



Keith Rutherford of Beltingham and Henshaw will be licensed as a Diocesan Reader at St Nicholas' Cathedral on Saturday, September 20th. A year ago, Keith had completed two-thirds of the three-year course, and was licensed as a parish Reader; this allowed him to preach only here. Now that he has completed the course, he will be free to go anywhere in the Diocese of Newcastle. In our Benefice he joins Lindsay Gray (currently spending most of her time with husband Chris in Aberdeen where he is working) and Mike Fry as fully-fledged Readers. The annual Readers' Service is one of those special occasions, when 100s of people, including a high proportion of men, raise the roof with their singing. It would be a great support to Keith if some of you joined me in the congregation there. Combine it with a morning's shopping; or go on the 1.15 train from Haydon Bridge. See you there! VA

Progress on the new Methodist Church.

No, it's not a modern steel sculpture, made of girders. It's the outline structure of the new Methodist church / community centre. It was sad to see the old building pulled down, but the plans for the new one have shown what an attractive and useful place its successor will be. We shall watch the building progress with interest.

Harvest 1997

The inter-church Harvest Festival will be at St Cuthbert's this year on Sunday October 5th at 6.00 p.m. All the churches are invited to this Songs of Praise, with all favourite hymns, prayers and readings. The church will be very fully decorated. Meanwhile a much smaller service will take place at Haydon Old Church at 3.0 on September 28th.

Parish Assessment

St Cuthbert's Church Council agreed at its last meeting to go ahead with a Parish Assessment, to find out what members of the congregation think is good and bad about our life, and what people in the community think of us. This will take place over the next few months. The report of the Village Appraisal will provide essential background information for our Assessment. We'll let readers of Haydon News know how we are getting on.

HAYDON & ALLEN MEDICAL NEWS

BAMBOOZLED

One of the biggest barriers between doctors and patients is language. In the same way, the biggest barrier between doctors and lawyers or accountants is also language.

To convey information between themselves, professionals develop a "secret" language that almost always alienates them from the rest of the people. Sometimes it may seem that the secret language is used deliberately to confuse and humiliate, such a feeling underlies the famous aphorism - "All professions are a conspiracy against the laity".

It is a great shame, that the act of communication, upon which almost the whole process of general practice depends, should at the same time be an impediment. Our language, English, is the most wonderfully rich and sensitive instrument of expression. Would crosswords or a game of Scrabble be half so much fun in any other language?

Pleonasm, zeugma, ellipsis, litotes and anastrophe - words to grace any Scrabble board and certain to be medical in origin, just their sound makes one think of a professor in full flow about some hideous disease. Does anastrophe mean terminal piles?

In fact, these are technical words about language itself and just as obscure to me as they are to 99% of the general population - or at least they would be if I had not had a copy of Fowler's Modern English Usage for my birthday.

Doctors get tongue tied talking to accountants or lawyers, so we know how it feels to sit in front of a professional who appears remote because of specialised language. Yet, when faced with a patient who is having difficulty expressing what is wrong with them, it can be a mistake to offer too much help as this can put the wrong words into the patient's mouth and confuse things even further. We need to know what you feel, not what we think you are trying to tell us you feel.

If in doubt about what to say or what words to use, stick to words that you know. There is no need to try to use an unfamiliar language. Doctors and nurses have met all the words there are for all parts of the body and all its functions and there is absolutely no way that you can surprise or shock us. If you want to use a technical or "correct" word and you are not sure about how to pronounce it, just do the best you can and we will know what you mean.

Best call a spade a spade!

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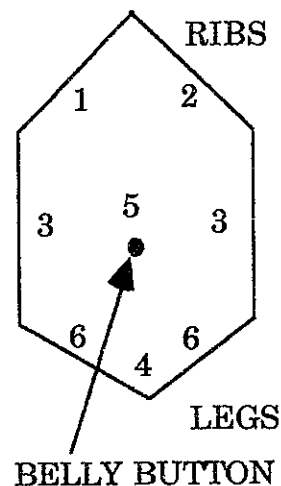
"What can you feel Doctor?" Every so often an inquisitive patient will ask this question whilst I am examining them. I am always pleased to give a short anatomy lesson, the more people know about themselves the better.

Examining any part of a patient involves some or all of four separate actions; inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation - or in English - look, feel, tap and listen. Applying these actions to the abdomen (belly):

One can SEE larger lumps - especially in thin people, organs move as the patient breathes and this is sometimes visible, rarely the pattern of blood vessels on the skin can be important. The writhing contractions of the gut can sometimes be seen as can the struggles of larger babies in

the uterus. Skin colour can be important, the presence of skin disease can point to internal disease. Obvious signs of weight gain or loss are important.

The organs which one can FEEL, or, more usually, hope not to feel, include the liver (1), spleen (2), kidneys (3), gall bladder (1), urinary bladder (4), uterus (4), ovaries (6), aorta (main artery) (5) and colon (several places).



Hernias can be either seen or felt at several sites around the abdomen.

We usually ask patients to take a breath in when feeling for liver or spleen. This is because as the lungs inflate they push the liver and spleen further down and one can feel them moving.

TAPPING one finger on another - that weird ritual that doctors do which no one understands - allows one to tell whether the place tapped is solid or filled with gas. This allows one to tell the difference between a gas filled piece of bowel and a bladder filled with urine - for example.

LISTENING can show whether the bowel is moving normally or is working against an obstruction or is paralysed. Very rarely one can hear blood flowing through an abnormal blood vessel.

Rectal examination is used to investigate things such as piles, persistent diarrhoea or troublesome constipation, prostate gland (size, texture or pain), the many causes of bleeding from the anus and some gynaecological conditions.

Vaginal examination allows assessment of the uterus (size, shape, position, tenderness), fallopian tubes (cannot be felt if normal), ovaries (cannot usually be felt if normal), the muscles and ligaments of the pelvic floor, the health of the vagina itself, the vulva and the bladder and urethra.

Examination of the testicles can detect tumours, cysts, problems with development of the testicle, varicose veins (yes - really!) and infections.

We are always willing to show patients what we are doing and to explain it as we go along. Some patients like to be helped to feel or see whatever we find, this is particularly easy in very slim (or double jointed!) patients. Understanding what is going on can be a great comfort and reassurance. Always feel free to ask questions - we'll give you straight answers. If you don't understand what we say, ask again.

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