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EDITORIAL

I normally go away for a week or so in February, usually on my birthday. This year we were booked up to go to Gibraltar for a bit of Mediterranean sun. Bitch Millie was booked into Frankham Kennels for Saturday 22nd February for 10 days, the holiday was paid for, however disaster struck suddenly at the end of January. My travelling companion was struck down with unbearable sciatic pain and five weeks later despite eight sessions with the Chiropractor is still feeling considerable pain. The end result was I had to cancel the holiday a few days before my birthday.

As they say, *all clouds have a silver lining*, in my case I managed to fit in a couple of activities I would not have been able to manage. The first was the Coffee Morning held in the Community Centre on Saturday 22nd which was on this occasion hosted by the *Friends of Haydon Bridge*. There was a bit of a hiccup at the start as some of the organisers thought that it was a 10:30 start when in actual fact in should have been 10am. I turned up at the Community Centre at 10:30 with escorted by a couple of lady friends for protection. There were plenty of people there, all enjoying a bit of gossip and putting the world to rights over their 50p coffee and biscuits. Fortunately at each of the tables in use I knew someone so was able to join in the chat with each group. I stayed until the end and was pleased I had attended this regular Saturday morning event. The ladies were all readers of the Haydon News and freely aired their concerns, subjects discussed were:

Village Appraisal; Bowling Green; Community Centre modernisation; Grass Cutting; Methodist Church rebuilding programme; Street lamp for Land Ends Road; Tynedale District Council representation. A supposed pirate's grave in the old churchyard at Haydon was also discussed - tell me more please.

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BY 29th March PLEASE

The views expressed will help me in formulating comment in future issues of the Haydon News. I shall certainly attend more of these coffee mornings over the coming months. If you have never been why not pop along have a natter.

It wasn't coffee they were drinking on the evening of Friday 28th February in the hall of the Shaftoe Trust School. The occasion was a fund raising Quiz Night organised by the P.T.A., the notices around the village said "We will provide food - bring your own drink." People certainly heeded that last instruction as they came trudging up the bank, carrier bags clinking. I would guess that there were nigh on 100 people there split up into 18 teams of four to six people. The quiz was well compered by Alan Borthwick assisted by wife Shirley.

As the evening wore on the actual quiz seemed to me to become of secondary importance as the 'refreshments' took effect. During the interval I observed that one well known and respected lady of the village had already finished what appeared to be weak cold tea, which had been placed in a conveniently sized whiskey bottle.

During the interval we all enjoyed a delicious cold buffet for which the organisers should be congratulated. In the second session most people joined in singing melodiously along with the musical section of the quiz however later there were cries of "Stick to your day job" when Alan unmelodiously tried unsuccessfully to give us all an extra clue by singing the words of a title no one recognised. The winners were a team called 'Teachers Pet' with 108 points, 'The Speckled Hens' were in second place with 101 points. The evening was considered a great success and I think most contestants are looking forward to a rematch.

If you want to practice please note that a Quiz is held on alternate Sundays in the Haydon Hotel starting at about 8:30pm.



Missing Cats

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

If you have seen, or taken in, any stray cat then please call us as it may be one of ours

A reward is available for recovery

Telephone 684 183

In last month's issue of the Haydon News the Chairman of the Friends of Haydon Bridge made an appeal for assistance in the production of the Haydon News. I am pleased to say that we had a good response and in future the actual production of the 850 copies will not fall on the Editor. Because of business, Tynedale District Council, and personal commitments Philip Carr has regrettably had to stand down as Chairman of the *Friends of Haydon Bridge* and we thank him for his efforts during the past 16 months. A new Chairman will be elected at the next meeting in on April 6th.

Someone bent my ear the other day and asked me the question "Why is it that everybody nowadays objects to anything been built, houses or factories, opencast mining, council tips, sports fields, bowling greens and latterly in Weardale a large wind-farm?" Everyone will have their own answers from my standpoint I have had a quarry turned into a tip less than a mile from my home which after four years tipping an ugly scar on the landscape was turned into a beautiful recreational area. In the same Somerset village a battery chicken farm was built a couple of fields away however it gave work to a number of village people. The airport was a mere two flight miles away with aircraft flying just a few hundred feet above my bungalow. The small village shop and small residence opposite my High Street home was turned into a VG store and four dwellings with no car parking except in front of my gate. In none of the developments did I object and for the life of me I personally cannot fathom out why people do so much objecting to new developments.

With regard to opencast coal mining should the county now be considering a total ban on all opencast activities by adopting the policy recently adopted by County Durham ?
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PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

7:30 pm - 27th February 1997

There were 10 Parish Councillors present. County Councillor Bill Purdue was also present. One member of the public was present together with reporters for the Hexham Courant and the Haydon News.

Police Constable Humble was introduced to the Council. He explained that he is one of two policemen covering the whole area of Haydon Bridge, Haltwhistle and Allendale. He is not the 'Village Bobby' but lives in John Martin Street Tel: 688699 and is available for emergencies. He is not on 24 hour call but P.C. Humble will try to do an hour or two foot patrol in the village. Coucillors pointed out the long standing worry about fast cars up the North Bank, troubles and noise around the War Memorial and recently a gang which have visited the Community Centre and behave rowdily and with intimidation. P.C. Humble said he has checked and will continue to check this but pointed out again that a report of names and/or car numbers is needed and that the community has a responsibility.

There was no public participation.

The bus shelter roof was discussed. It needs repairing and is the responsibility of the Parish Council. It is suggested that this is covered in 3/4" 3 ply and then felted. The cost will be around £500 but the Parish Clerk will get estimates.

The gate into the station yard was discussed again. It appears that the yard and land belong to Railtrack but of course the effect of rail passengers not using the train because of parking problems is likely to effect train operators who are not now Railtrack. A letter was received from Railtrack, York asking for complaints and threatening further action. [Please see separate notice on this page. Ed.]

Belways have been asked to get on with the guard rail outside the Nursery School which was included in the planning permission. It is not clear whether a lay-by is part of the planning agreement. The Parish Council is checking.

Everyone is reminded that the Annual Spring Clean Week is starting on 19th April. All help welcome.

A planning application to demolish and rebuild the Methodist Chapel has been given provisional approval by Tynedale District Council.

Under any other business it was pointed out that this year is the 300th anniversary of an educational establishment on the site of the Shaftoe Trust School. The summer fete of the school will take place on 12th July. There will be a series of events for the six weeks leading up to the fete which the school would like everyone in the village to get involved with. WATCH THIS SPACE for further details. W.E.N.

GATE TO STATION CAR PARK

We have been advised by Tynedale District Council to INFORM RAILTRACK if there are any problems with the gate being closed thereby preventing access to or from the station car park.

Please contact:

David Field at Railtrack

01904 524 087

THE CROSSWORD

There were 10 correct entries to the February crossword.

They were:

T. Alexander, R. Armstrong, D. Corbett, P. Irving, R. McVay, A. Phillips, N. Pretswell, M. Robson, E. Rumney, B&R Shout.

I know that many people complete the crossword but do not send it in, it would be much more fun for everyone if more of you could spare the time to send your entry to me. So how's about it folks give yourself the chance to win an easy tax free £5 or maybe £10 with loads more ££££££'s in the yearly competition. And I promise not to mention your name if you happen to get it wrong. Just hand your entry in to the Post Office and Tony will make sure that I receive it. No stamp is required

This month's winners were drawn by Louise Smith and Denize Howdon - they were:

Raymond McVay and Audrey Phillips.

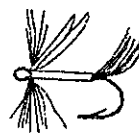
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>>> Editorial continued

It is well known that this part of the Tyne valley contains deposits of coal (and other minerals) near the surface which, using modern techniques, could easily be extracted should we be encouraging mining of these deposits these and forget about a blanket ban ?

The question of generating electricity using huge wind-farms in Weardale is currently being discussed. I am not one of those people who find the idea objectionable, indeed the present method of using nuclear power is causing problems when it comes to disposing of the radio active waste. Mishaps do, and will, occur and Chernobyl indicated what can be expected from such calamities. Should we not be opting for this clean alternative solution ? Mitch

Have you ever considered taking up fishing?



S.T.A.A.

As a resident of the Parish of Haydon you have the right to join your village angling club.*

The South Tyne Angling Club, founded in 1869, has approximately 5 miles of fishing stretching almost from Ridley Hall to below Spa Well.

In addition salmon there are sea trout and brown trout. Members can also fish our lake at Hindshield Dam which is stocked with rainbow trout and brown trout.

* As a result of a new lease we have had to agree to limit our senior membership to 40.

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If taken out before 1st June.	
After this date	£135
Senior Citizens	£25

There is a £20 joining fee for seniors.

Weekly holiday permits are available from the Secretary.

Senior members can purchase a day ticket for a guest from the Secretary.

It is hoped to offer beginners tuition at our lake during the summer.

We will be pleased to give help and advice to anyone who is interested.

Contact the Secretary
Malcolm Hogg 684 747

THE HOUSE OF ILL REPUTE

*Twas in the merry month of May
I met two men both happy and gay.
Come join our house of ill repute
secretly, by a back street route,
tarry awhile, stay the whole day
and with unbiased eye, just watch how we play.*

*They made me welcome admired my suit
agreed for a woman, I was really quite cute.
"You will write the truth about us different blokes"
"No pornographic pictures and no smutty jokes".
I gave them my promise to try and disperse
all public opinion either spiteful, or worse.*

*So from dawn till dusk they entertained guests
cheerfully enjoying new-fangled requests.
Shockingly, shamefully, scandalously outrageous,
were the antics of both the rich and the famous.
As the shadows lengthened we shared a last drink,
and watched as the guests into darkness did slink.*

*Gratefully madam thanked me, hoped I wasn't bored,
such open homosexuality I could only applaud.
I write this report with unrestrained glee
and wish our world was prejudice free.*

Jester

AMAZING BUT TRUE

In 1976 at an amusement park at Long Beach in California a dummy which had hung there for over five years was found to be a real corpse. The body was in an advanced state of decay when during the filming of *The Six Million Dollar Man* a camera-man noticed a protruding bone. The 11 stone corpse was about 5' 3" tall and like a mummy had been wrapped in bandages - it had been sprayed with a bright luminous paint. The amusement park owners said that the 'dummy' was bought from a wax museum.

Did you know that beheading of the Aristocracy was actually a snobbish rite. Ordinary working class folk were simply hung. The Aristocrats made a show of being beheaded and Anne Boleyn actually rehearsed her execution the night before.

Of Pandon or Pampendon.



HAVING done with what was anciently called *Newcastle*, we come now to describe the ancient Town of *Pampendon*, which was a Town of itself distinct from *Newcastle*; but was united to it in the Reign of *Edward I. Vide anno 1299*. There is some Doubt about the Reason of the Name, some imagining it came from *Pandana*, one of the Gates of *Rome*, which was so called, *quia semper paterit*, because it stood always open. But I dare say, this could never give Name to the Town of *Pandon*, which being in all Probability a Roman Place of Defence, was rather obliged to be always shut. Others imagine it came from one *Pandara*, a Scottish Virgin Saint; but for this Reason they know best. For my Part I never saw one yet; and

In the Haydon News Special Competition in December one of the questions was: *Pandon Lane is know generally known as Temple Houses - give a possible origin of the word Pandon.*

Some of the responses were: A beautiful place; Pampendon - Pamp's valley, Tinker's camp site selling pans (O.E. Pampis Valley); Named after Pandon Burn; A hollow or dene in the plain; Maybe derived from the Saxon word 'Pyndan' to enclose or shut in; A word derived from "The pan men's doon the pool"

To date I have not found any definitive origin although a 1600's reference (part of which is shown above) on the History of Newcastle upon Tyne (in Hexham Library) hypothesises on the origins on the name of the former ancient town of Pandon or Pampendon near Newcastle to which it was united in 1299 during the reign of Edward I. Possible origins postulated were:-

- (a) *Pandana* - one of the gates of Rome.
- (b) *Pandara* - a Scottish Virgin Saint.
- (c) *Pampendon or Pantheon* - After the Pantheon in Rome.

One suggested origin for the second syllable of *Pandon* was 'Deen' which signifies a *Hollow or Brook*, the ancient writer dismisses this suggestion on the basis that "*the Dean could not have that Weight with it, as to give the name to the whole Place; or should it be allowed, how is the former part of the name accounted for?*"

Rightly or wrongly the 17th Century writer also dismisses (a) and (b) for the following reasons:

(a) *Pandana* - one of the gates in Rome was always kept open whereas the Newcastle Pandon was in all probability a Roman Place of Defence and the gate would be always shut.

(b) *Pandara* - this claim is dismissed with the seemingly outrageous comment that for some unknown reason he'd never seen such a thing as a Scottish Virgin. He goes on to say that he believed that the Town of Pampendon/Pantheon existed before there was ever a Saint in Scotland.

Yesteryear's writer goes for option (c) believing that some building was erected there in imitation of the Pantheon in Rome. Following Romans' departure the Kings of Northumberland resided in Pandon. Another paragraph in the book describes Pandon-Dean as "*a very Romantick Place full of Hills and Vales, through which runs Pandon-Burn.*"

Apart from a couple of old maps showing the area Pandon on the south eastern edge of Haydon Bridge I have not yet found a comprehensive written reference to the place. In 1839 Hodgson wrote (Pt.II Vol.III p369): "*On September 23, 1494, John Lambton esq., conveyed Threapwood and Temple-houses(n)..... to Thomas Smith.*"

Do you think that perhaps we could encourage the High School to set up a small project for a student to research this subject ?

SBM

(n) *Temple-houses so called from a tenement in "Threepwode," which in 1294, belonged to the knights templar.*

BRANCH END OPEN CAST

You may recall that in the December issue of the Haydon News it was reported that at the last minute Clay Collieries had told Northumberland County Council Planners that the Company intended to make significant changes to their proposals and wanted more time to revamp them.

I have today (6th March) spoken to Northumberland County Council who say they have had no more information from the Company who have indicated that they are discussing matters with some of the objecting organisations in an attempt to satisfy their complaints.

Northumberland County Council have now placed a deadline on the Company. It is now intended to bring the proposal before the planning sub-committee on April 1st - the Executives recommendation is still to reject the proposal.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The last heard was what we all read in the Courant some weeks ago when it was reported that Mrs Howard had said that the booklet containing the results would be available at the end of February. I have attempted to speak with Keda Norman of The Community Council for Northumberland but despite numerous telephone calls to her office have been unable to make contact.

SBM

VILLAGE DRUNK DIES

A man who had been quite a boozier and ladies man, passed away. His wealthy brother said to the Vicar: "I hope you won't be too hard on my brother. In fact if you would refer to my brother as a Saint, I'll make a £10,000 donation to your Church."

The Vicar said he would have to think about it.

At the funeral service, the Vicar said:

"We all know that Mitch was a terrible boozier and was unfaithful to his wife, but compared to his brother here, he was almost a saint."

Readers Letters and Viewpoints

It is some time since we heard from Pat Parslow down there at Park Stile, she now writes.

Dear Mitch,

Here is a snippet for the Haydon News - like Miss Mansfield I believe things can get 'done' with a combined effort - but how often do we see our own efforts wasted by selfishness and a lack of Community Spirit as a result of irresponsible actions and the attitude of bureaucracy in pursuit of power and money!

How's that for provocative comment?

Perhaps I am too despondent with all the mess and nuisance going on that I have tried so hard to alleviate, (starting with the Best kept Village competition) around my own area since residing here; now aggravated with the new housing development which will do nothing for the village or the people living here. However, I for one am pleased you're going to continue even if for only a little while longer - so thanks and good luck.

*Yours sincerely,
Pat Parslow*

P.S. Perhaps ??? will make use of the skip provided this Spring Clean Week, to clear away the rubbish they have piled up at my gateway. They seem to have missed the chance for some years - judging by the state of their garden and should the 'authorities' step in to remove an eye-sore now we are in a conservation area ???

Thanks for your comments about me continuing in the Editor's chair for a while longer - I am pleased to say that a lot of people have said how pleased they are that I have agreed to stay on. In fact up to now no-one has said anything to the contrary although some of the Crossword competitors are still threatening to lynch me at the riverside on August Bank Holiday Monday! I have modified your post-script slightly to protect the Friends of Haydon Bridge from any possibility of legal action, the point you make still remains clear. Believe me dumping of refuse is not a problem peculiar to your part of the village.

I visit Land Ends Road two or three times a week on domestic matters and can sympathise with your irritation at the building mess - hopefully the installation of the sewage and drainage pipes will be completed soon. It will be interesting to see how the two large concrete drain 'pillboxes' now sticking their ugly heads up from the bank-side opposite No.'s 9 & 10 Douglas Gardens are landscaped to blend in with the bank.

It will also be interesting to see if the Contractor is made to rebuild the drystone wall at the same location it appears to have been re-built a little higgeldy-piggeldy. The residents are also frightened about a possible landslip of the bank which has been disturbed during the building of the sewers/drains. Councillor Bill has recently been seen in the vicinity so I am sure he will do all he can to see these points are rectified.

See you all next monthBye for now Mitch

The Facts of Life

Here is a story about four people. Their names are:

- Everybody
- Somebody
- Anybody
- Nobody

One day there was a job to be done. It was a very important job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got very angry about that because it was Everbody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised Somebody would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

THE STRONGMAN AND THE LEMON

The strongman at a circus sideshow demonstrated his power before a large audience. Toward the end, hesqueezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer £200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon.

A thin scholarly looking man came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the man and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?"

"Practice," the man answered. "I was the treasurer of the Methodist Church for thirty-two years!."

The Threepwood Case

Monday 24th February 1997 was a miserable day, high winds and intermittent heavy rain - I should have been sunning myself and celebrating my birthday on the Mediterranean but the illness of my travelling companion meant the holiday was cancelled. I was driving out of Hexham when there was a sudden break in the clouds and I thought "Now's the time to do it." I signalled right and pulled to a stop at the entrance to Hexham Cemetery.

Entering the Lodge behind the Cemetery gates I saw a man of about my age sat at his desk behind a pile of books, his quiet dog sitting patiently at his feet. "Wonder if you can help?" said I, he nodded and I continued "I'm looking for the grave of William Bewicke who died on May 10th 1889." Silently the man stood up and walked around the desk to where I was standing, the dog's eyes followed the feet of his master then gave me a doleful look. Quietly fingering through a well thumbed book, binding in tatters, the man eventually reached the page he wanted. Running his finger down the page he said softly "Here's the man you want, he's buried on his own in plot A429, I'll take you there."

After but a two minute walk we reached the plot where a tall granite memorial stood, we could just about make out the man's name and the word Threepwood I thought to myself "The story must be true." After a few moments we made our way back to the Cemetery entrance just as the heavens opened again and I had the feeling that Mr. Bewicke was saying "Off you go son and tell the folks of Haydon today that we had miscarriages of justice back in my day as well."

My interest in William Bewicke's case started by chance when I was reading through the 1861 census on my own genealogical research. For some reason I stopped at the entry for Threepwood Hall and the census entry said it was unoccupied yet the next entry showed the house to be occupied by:

Anne Lodge - a 29 year old housekeeper born in Darlington.
Mary Waugh - a 27 year old servant born in Wallsend.
Mary Latham - a 37 year old visitor from Cheshire.
Thomas Lodge - a 21 year old linen draper from Boldon.

Also in residence were **John Walker** - a Bailiffs Deputy and **John Burn** - a Bailiffs Assistant.

This is an odd mix of people to have attending an unoccupied building - the presence of the Bailiffs intrigued me. I think you may be interested in the story about to unfold.

William Bewicke, born in 1825, was a man of wealth and it is recorded that he was of an ancient family, Herculean frame and gentlemanly appearance but gifted with a violent temper and rather eccentric habits. He was also a magistrate. Bewicke married into the Tweddell family who owned Threepwood Hall and thus came into possession of the property in the 1850's.

In September 1859 William saw fit to take into custody Mrs Nancy Shiel the wife of a farm-worker accused of stealing potatoes. After questioning her in Threepwood Hall he despatched her to Hexham escorted by a county constable. On the way there they met a Mr John Grey of Dilston, also a magistrate, who on hearing the charge ordered the constable to release Mrs Shiel. Naturally William Bewick would have been annoyed at this. A couple of months later someone damaged some apple trees and he suspected Mrs Shiel so had her arrested again. He wanted her to walk to Haydon Bridge Police Station but her husband wanted none of that and even threatened to hit Mr Bewicke. Eventually Nancy was taken to the village on a dung cart.

A few days later the case came up before a meeting of Hexham magistrates who were to investigate the charges against Mrs Shiel. The rest of the magistrates did not want the case pursued and Mrs Shiel was released.

Mr Shiel brought charges against Mr Bewicke and was awarded £50 damages, he was also struck off the magistrates list by the Lord Chancellor. Bewicke refused to pay his lawyers expenses and they issued a writ against him.

On the morning of Thursday 10th January 1861 a Sheriff's officer and several followers turned up at Threepwood Hall to execute the writ. Mr Bewicke locked himself up in the Hall and threatened to shoot the officers if they did not leave his estate. Ann Lodge was William's housekeeper and was in the habit of helping him with his guns. On this occasion she had just finished cleaning a rifle and loaded it. Bewicke asked for the weapon and Ann handed it over warning her master that it was loaded - by this time night was falling.

Two of the Sheriff's men, William Hutchinson and John Daglish were left to watch the house overnight and they made themselves comfortable in a cart-shed partly filled with hay. Mr Bewicke fired off his rifle The guard was relieved next day and eventually on the Saturday William Bewicke was arrested, handcuffed, and tied to a dog-cart then taken to Hexham in that state. On the following Monday he was brought before the magistrates and committed for trial on 1st March 1861 at Northumberland Assizes charged with feloniously shooting at the two men in the cart-shed.

It was unfortunate that Bewicke decided to defend himself protesting that he should be tried by his peers and not a common jury.

At the Assizes the two bailiffs swore to the effect that they had been shot at and a spent bullet found in the shed was offered as evidence. Further evidence was also given that Bewicke had threatened to blow the men's brains out if they did not go away. It was also stated that he had dared the men to enter his home on peril of their lives.

William was found guilty as charged on a Saturday and was brought up for sentence on the Monday. The jury's guilty verdict contained the rider that mercy should be shown because of the excited state of his mind. Before sentence was passed Bewicke accused the bailiffs of perjury and made the statement.

"I think it is very hard for a gentleman to be convicted by such low, bad characters, all of whom have been either convicted or had accusations against them."

His Lordship passed the sentence which was that he be kept in penal servitude for four years. With cries of *"I appeal against this, it is infamous to send a gentleman ..."* The sentence was unfinished as Bewicke was taken down to the cells below.

William Bewicke Esq. of Threepwood Hall was consigned to Millbank Prison where he was treated as a debtor, and from there transferred to a lunatic asylum.

To be concluded next month

Don't miss the concluding part which discusses housekeeper Ann Lodge's roll and the reason why Bailiffs were at Threepwood on census night.

March Garden

Start thinking now about hanging baskets and window boxes. Instead of waiting until May to buy ready-to-flower plants you can save money and have a splendid display if you spend some time growing on the baby plants now in the garden centres. You can buy a pot of seedlings for the price of a packet of seeds or you can buy baby plants. A wide range is available; for example I counted six varieties of lobelia in one store. Seedlings should be pricked out and potted straight away; the baby plants also need potting into 3" pots. Remember the plants on sale are only half hardy so must not get frosted. If you don't have a greenhouse they will do very nicely on an indoor window sill. Feed and water and you will have strong plants for planting up your baskets in early May.

Pelargoniums (geraniums) are reliable fillers for baskets and pots and this is a good time to take cuttings. Cut a healthy shoot just below a stem joint. Cuttings should be about 2-3" long. Remove all leaves except the top two or three. Insert into soilless compost. Bottom heat is helpful but not essential.

This Month - Lift and divide herbaceous border plants which have been in the ground 3-4 years and didn't flower so well last year.

You can double the snowdrops in your garden by dividing congested clumps when the flowers have faded.

Plant summer bulbs like gladioli and lilies.

Prune all roses (except ramblers which are pruned after flowering in autumn) at the end of the month. They are best pruned before too much growth is produced but after the worst of winter, to avoid frost damage.

(a) - Remove dead or diseased wood.

(b) - Remove weak, thin stems.

(c) - Remove branches crossing others and any growing inwards.

Reduce the remaining stems to about half their length on an established rose. Newly planted roses should be pruned back to about 6". Shrub roses need no pruning apart from removing dead or diseased wood.

Lawns - Raking the grass to remove thatch and moss is the best way to rejuvenate the lawn at this time of year. Mossy lawns need aerating. I've bought some lawn aerator sandals (soles have spikes) from the new Argos shop in Hexham. The idea is to wear them when I mow the grass. I will report on their effectiveness.

Have you seen the lovely purple flowering shrub outside the Health Centre? It's called Daphne mezereum, grows to about 4', is fully hardy and is covered in very fragrant mauve flowers which clothe the bare stems in late winter and early spring. A welcome sight this time of year.

James Thin

LANGLEY W.I.



The art of Patchwork was the theme of Mrs. Barbara Killen's talk at Langley W.I. in February.

To illustrate her talk, Mrs. Killen brought along numerous items which she had made over the years and these elicited much admiration from the audience - the log cabin design and ribbon design being especially popular.

For the less skilful needle-woman, Mrs. Killen demonstrated how to 'cheat' by simply padding and stitching around designs and many of the members resolved to try this easier method.

The competition for an old pattern produced some gems, bringing back fond memories of knitted swimsuits and underwear, which must have been purgatory to wear.

Mary Nagel

Haydon Bridge Carpet Bowls

1996

Jean Oliver won the Singles Cup and Dennis Bright Runner-up

The Pairs Trophy was won by Winnie Golightly & Peter Tweddle. Jean Oliver & Joyce Tucker were Runners-up.

Well done to you all.

We welcome all who would like to join the Club.

We play on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm at the Community Centre

Carpet Bowls Club

SILLY STUPID BITS

GERBILS get really bored in their little cages and enjoy a stress free life - why should the little buggers have it so cushy. Why not hide a bowl of well soaked All Bran under the sawdust on the bottom of their cages with the message **Achtung! - Quicksand** prominently displayed nearby - this should keep the desert rats on their toes.

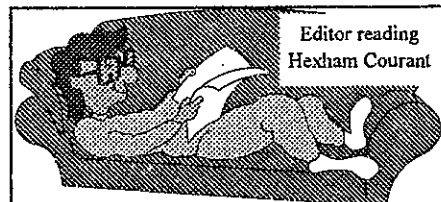
Do your kids hate having a bath? I have found the solution. Put a sign on the bathroom door saying **Seaside**, fill the bath with ice cold water chuck in a couple of bags of sand, some tar, a bag of cooking salt, two dog turds and a couple of condoms - the kids will have a whale of a time thinking its Whitley Bay.

MISS J TEASDALE BA

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Did you know the life of your carpets can be extended by rolling them up and leaving them in the spare room?



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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

An independent supplement to the Haydon News

MARCH 1997

Methodist Church and United Reformed Church Services

March 2nd

10:00am Morning Worship Mr J Green
6:00pm Evening Worship Rev V Briggs

March 7th

2:00pm Women's World Day of Prayer
Speaker - Mrs Christine Perkins

March 9th

10:00am Morning Worship Rev D Perkins (F)
6:00pm Evening Worship Rev D Arthur

March 11th

7:30pm Men's Christian Fellowship
Speaker - Mr R Ord (The Royal Navy)

March 12th

2:30pm Women's Own
Speaker : Rev D Arthur

March 16th

8:30am Communion Breakfast Rev D Perkins (S)
10:00am Morning Worship Rev J Errington
6:00pm United Service at the Anglican Church

March 23rd

10:00am Morning Worship Rev D Perkins
6:00pm Evening Worship Rev D Arthur (S)

March 25th

7:30pm Men's Christian Fellowship
AGM followed by:
Mr P Aldred (Sailing in the Baltic)

March 26th

2:30pm Women's Own
Speaker : Mr B Jackson

March 28th

7:30pm Good Friday Service

March 29th

10:00am to 11:30am Women's Own
Coffee Morning

March 30th

10:00am Morning Worship Miss N Garbutt
6:00pm Evening Worship Rev D Perkins

Prayers 12:45pm every Wednesday

Services at the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Haydon Bridge

March 9th - Mothering Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion (ASB) Rev V Ashwin

March 16th

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev V Ashwin
10:00am Morning Prayer (ASB) Lindsay Gray
(including Holy Baptism Rev V Ashwin)
6:00pm ECUMENICAL SERVICE
"Called to be One" - Praying Together

March 23rd - Palm Sunday

(no service at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge)
10:15am United parishes Communion at Beltingham

Easter Week

Monday 24th March

7:00pm Service at the Roman Catholic Church

Tuesday 25th March

10:30am Holy Communion Rev V Ashwin

Thursday 27th March

7:30pm Holy Communion Rev V Ashwin

Friday 28th March

10:30am Liturgy of the Day Rev V Ashwin
7:30pm Service at the United Reformed Church

Saturday 29th March

7:30pm Vigil at the Roman Catholic Church

March 30th - Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev V Ashwin
10:30am Holy Communion (ASB) Rev V Ashwin
3:00pm Evening Prayer at the Old Church

April 6th

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev V Ashwin
10:30am Morning Prayer (Service to be arranged)

Monday April 7th - Ladies Day

2:00pm Holy Communion Canon S Prins
followed by tea in the Church Hall

April 13th

10:30am Holy Communion (ASB) Rev V Ashwin

April 20th

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev V Ashwin
10:30am Morning Prayer (Service to be arranged)

April 27th

10:30am Holy Communion (ASB) Rev V Ashwin

FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear friends,

Many thanks for the very warm welcome which my family and I have received since we arrived in Haydon Bridge. Angela my wife, together with Andy our youngest son (and Kitty the elderly vicarage cat) join me in saying Thank You. Our two eldest children are away: Clare is doing a B.Ed at Cambridge, and Tim is teaching on a Gap Year project in Tanzania for 6 months. We very much look forward to living in the village. The South Tyne provided some spectacular amounts of water, as if to emphasize that - yes, we have truly arrived in the countryside where the weather really is important.

The Institution service was a wonderful occasion. The church was full. As well as Church of England members from Haydon Bridge, Beltingham and Henshaw - the three communities I am vicar of - there were so many others: local councillors from parish, District and County; clergy and church members from the other Haydon Bridge congregations; Readers and clergy from the whole of the Hexham Deanery (like Keith Fletcher before me, I am Rural Dean of Hexham); and a good number from my old parish and Deanery in Newcastle, here to wish us all well. Also, the Shaftoe Chorale sang two delightful anthems, to show this was a village event, not just a church one.

The words of the Institution service and the sermon the bishop preached showed that this wasn't the Enthronement of Vincent!! It was the celebration of a new chapter in the life of the church here, with all of us taking different but equal responsibilities. So I look forward to many years of working alongside you.

Yours in Christ's service,

Vincent Ashwin.



"PERHAPS I COULD EXPLAIN AGAIN WHAT I MEANT BY 'SHARED LEADERSHIP'..."

ST CUTHBERT'S PEOPLE

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Treasurer: Mrs Joyce Armstrong 684.094

ST CUTHBERT'S NEWS

PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

Members of the three congregations in the new 'Benefice' will celebrate together on Palm Sunday with a joint service. The parish of Beltingham with Henshaw is now formally linked with Haydon Bridge. So the able-bodied of each church will walk to Beltingham for a joint Palm Sunday Communion; that's on March 23rd, at 10.15 a.m.

Some of us will walk all the way from Haydon Bridge, which means an early start (Details later). Others will drive to the Allen Banks car-park, and walk along the path. Others will walk from Henshaw and from Bardon Mill. This also links up with the old tradition of walking with branches of shrubs and with flowers, to recall the first Palm Sunday; many churches now have a procession either round the church, or from a church hall to a church.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

St Cuthbert's AGM will take place on Tuesday April 22nd at 7.30 p.m. This is a chance to hear reports about the life of the church; to get a picture of how everything is going; and to hear the vicar's report - which is a fairly full statement of hopes, dreams and plans. We also have to elect churchwardens, PCC members and sidespersons. So it is an event for all the congregation. Some refreshments will (hopefully) be provided, to make it an enjoyable evening.

DEANERY EVENSONG

One or two car-loads will be heading off for the lovely church at Whitley Chapel on Sunday, April 20th for a Deanery service; Details from Vincent.

HAYDON & ALLEN MEDICAL NEWS

WHATEVER NEXT! - PART DEUX

We ended up with ten applications for the new post in the practice. Two of the applications were from men. In the advert we specified that we do our own out of hours work and a number of people who phoned for further details turned pale and fled when we confirmed that we do indeed work a one in three rota. We have lined up six of the applicants for interview. By the time the next edition of the Haydon News is published we should have a name or names for you.

TUBERCULOSIS - TB

One third of the world's population has TB! This disease is no historic oddity, it is a major world wide killer (approximately three million annually - the highest ever recorded death rate from the disease) from which we in the UK are not about to escape. At present the number of cases of TB in the UK has been rising steadily for almost ten years. In Newcastle the rate of new case notification in 1995 was 11.9 per hundred thousand people. Each year 40-50 Newcastle children show a positive response to the skin test - this means they have been in contact with the disease - not that they are actually infected.

TB is usually transmitted through the air from the lungs of an infected person. In the absence of effective treatment half of those who develop the disease will die. However, not all of those who are in contact with the bacterium will go on to develop the full disease. Most healthy adults will defeat the bacterium or at least keep it from progressing. They can also harbour the disease until they are weakened by age or infirmity when the TB can start to cause trouble again.

The treatment of TB is prolonged and can be a little unpleasant. This leads some people into not taking the full treatment which in turn leads to the development of strains of bacteria which are resistant to drugs. For some types of TB there are no effective treatments. In the old days, before antibiotics, there were Sanatoria for the isolation of cases (Wooley for example) and a variety of surgical procedures to "rest the lungs". We are not yet in a position where we need to re-open the Sanatoria but there is no room for complacency.

If in doubt about the devastation caused by TB in the early years of this century ask your 60-70-80-90 year old relatives - each will remember friends who died of TB. My grandmother had a boyfriend, a wealthy minor poet. They used to hurtle around Bristol in a scarlet convertible Isotta-Fraschini (a Spanish Rolls Royce equivalent) with Grandma's hair and scarf trailing in the slip stream - an Isadora Duncan of the provinces. Grandmother held his hand while he coughed his life away in a Sanatorium in his early twenties.

The World Health Organisation recommends "directly observed therapy" for all TB sufferers - this means that the taking every dose of treatment every day will be observed by a clinically trained person. This is to ensure that there is no avoidance of treatment - AT ALL!

The commonest symptoms of TB include: Lethargy, weight loss, cough, coughing up blood, temperature, shortness of breath and enlarged lymph nodes (glands). There are a number of other possibilities but I'll leave those for another day - let's hope that the efforts that are now being made all around the world are successful in controlling the disease - because if they are not then the problems could be huge.

DIZZINESS

Amongst the most common of complaints, especially in older people, is that of "dizzy turns". The medical

profession uses the term dizziness specifically to mean "an hallucination of movement" - that is, that the patient feels that either they or their environment is moving when, in fact, both are stationary. What a large number of patients mean is that they feel lightheaded - like fainting - or sometimes that they experience both movement and faintness together.

Keeping ones balance involves many different pathways within the nervous system. ① The main balance organs are located in the ear and provide three dimensional information to the brain on movement experienced by the head (somewhat like the gyroscopes in the inertial navigation systems of ships, aircraft and space vehicles) - that is to say information about up/down, backwards/forwards and left/right. ② The brain also takes information from what the eyes are seeing - this can confirm that the ear information matches - or does not - what is happening visually. ③ The brain information from all of the body's joints, telling it what position they are in. The brain can then construct an image of the body's position and compare it with what it thinks is happening from the ears and eyes information. ④ The brain receives similar information from muscles - are they contracted or relaxed - this contributes to the brain's internal image of the position of the body. ⑤ The part of the brain concerned with controlling coordinated movement - the conical ridged bit at the back called the cerebellum - passes on information about current activity and posture. ⑥ The part of the brain which originates commands for movement, the cortex - the bit lying approximately in an arc from one ear to the other over the top of the brain - sends information on current and planned actions.

All of these sources of information contribute to a steady posture and easy movement. When some bits of the information don't match - for example, if the ears indicate a right turn but the all the rest are saying "Full speed ahead - Both legs" then the brain will interpret this as a sensation of unsteadiness, loss of balance or dizziness. If the mismatch of information is great enough then the patient may fall over or vomit.

The balance organs are delicate instruments and deteriorate with age. Hearing is often affected too so that an older person can be both dizzy and deaf at the same time, a miserable combination of symptoms. Faintness on its own, a sensation of being about to pass out, is often due to a loss of blood pressure in the brain. This is common in adults and teenagers and can be brought on by standing suddenly or getting overheated with physical work.

There are dozens of other explanations for "dizzy turns", both of the true dizziness and faintness types, a full examination and possibly referral to hospital may be needed to be sure about the cause.

HEARING BELLS or QUASIMODO'S REVENGE

There are sloths, damned sloths and those who are still abed at 10.30 on a fine sunny morning. Bells ringing in the head (I only rang twice) must surely betoken some unbridled overindulgence (or being the bellringer in Notre Dame) - I recall delivering a particularly hellfire sermon on the very subject in the past!

As I am now getting a certain amount of stick about my obsession with paracetamol I will, instead, commend the benefits of drinking a pint or two of water before retiring after a heavy session. Many of the symptoms of a hangover are due to dehydration.