

# Haydon News

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## HAYDON NEWS

Hi Folk of Haydon Parish and the exiled Haydonians and other readers from afar who read our monthly utterances from up here at 54° 58.4' North, 2° 15' West.

Did you know if two people left Haydon Bridge at the same time and walked at about the same pace in opposite directions along a line of latitude 54° 58.4' N they would most likely meet each other again on the International date line in the middle of the Bering Sea - *and not many people know that*. Can you work out which one would be in yesterday and which one today as they shake hands? Alternatively which one would be in today and which one tomorrow as they start bickering about this month's Newsletter being too stupid for words?

What's Mitch been doing then since the last time we spoke? Well I have my two minor operations booked in November and have been practising my Long John Silver voice by singing "Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum", "Pieces of Eight, Pieces of Eight", "Aye, Jim Lad", and other such nautical ditties. Why you may well ask? Well folks I've been told I have to wear an eye patch following surgery so please warn the kids to keep indoors during that time in November. Pity I wasn't called in earlier as I could have used the outfit on Halloween on 31st October.

I was speaking on the phone this morning to Alan Borthwick, Chairman of Haydon Bridge Football Club who informed me that the Auction in the Club on Saturday 25th October raised £726, the Quiz in the evening raised another £384 towards the money they have to raise. We didn't go to the Auction but did go to the Quiz and enjoyed the evening and the Pie & Peas supper - the impromptu cabaret of singing, story telling, knife bending etc. finished off an enjoyable evening - congratulations to the organisers. I reckon that if the HBAFC organising committee got themselves on to the local Council at the next elections we'd actually see things getting done in this village because they've got fire in their bellies.

Another group we shared some time with were the methodists who, as part of their fund raising campaign, had arranged an evening visit to Trinity House on the Friday 24th October - followed by a visit to the Maritime Museum next door - just off the Quayside in Newcastle. It was a good evening out where the 26 of us managed to temporarily break up the filming of an upcoming Catherine Cookson movie around the back of Trinity House. The buffet was great and yours truly must have put on a couple of pounds - mind you there was no sign of any booze but we made up for it the next night at the club!

The previous quiz we had been to was the one at Ridley Hall on Saturday 4th October organised by the High School PTA. Here the wine flowed all evening resulting in everyone joining in on the musical round - again the food was good. I thought that with all the highly intellectual teachers from the school in attendance that our team "The Floppy Disks featuring Windows 95" would really flop but not so as we were by no means on the bottom rung.

The Toddlers Group had a Quiz in the Church Hall which we attended. This was another good night - we smuggled a few bottles of wine in, others brought beer and some even whiskey. I think that this quiz was probably the cosiest of all - we didn't win but had a lovely evening. Once again the buffet was excellent. We did win a bottle of wine in the Raffle which offset most of the cost of the evening.

Who says there is nothing to do in Haydon Bridge? If you have never been to a quiz before why not consider setting up a team of four and have a good evening out, at little cost, and help the causes supported by the quiz organisers. You probably won't win, we never do, but it is fun.

If you want a bit of practice Betty Cousin in the Haydon Hotel has a quiz night every other Sunday evening starting around about 8:30 pm - why don't you give it a try - if you get there early you can pinch the regulars' seats. **Mitch**

### Remembrance Sunday 9th November 1997

Please see Church Newsletter for details of service and wreath laying at the War Memorial in Church Street.

It is suggested that you arrive well before 11am.

If you normally park in Church Street can you please consider parking your car away from the front of memorial.

It would also be nice if car drivers could avoid the area between 10:55 and 11:05 as some of us quietly remember the war dead of not only the two World Wars but all armed conflicts this century.

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**PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS**  
Thursday 23rd October 1997

5 Councillors present plus County Councillor Bill Purdue. There were 4 members of the public present together with the Haydon News and Hexham Courant reporters. Mrs Garrow, vice-chairman, took the chair.

**Public participation**

Martins Close residents are again complaining about speeding cars. Councillor Purdue confirmed that there were no funds available at present for calming measures. The Parish Council agreed to approach Tynedale Council about the problem. The football club is requested to request its members to take care when driving down Martins Close.

**Matters arising**

The County Council is to remove the overgrowth on the footpath beside the A69 towards the tunnel top.

The flashing light at Shaftoe First School will be repaired.

The by-pass committee has been invited to a meeting with the County Council!! - watch this space.

**Tynedale Council**

The aged persons' flats in Langley gardens have been redesignated and applicants over the age of 40 will be considered.

**Lighting**

The estimate has been received for the provision of a street light on Land Ends Road at a cost of £1520+ VAT ..... hooray! [Eds note You will gather from this jubilation that our reporter lives on Land Ends Road]

**Planning**

The Parish Council see no problems to an extension at the Haydon Hotel.

**Other Business**

The Church Clock is in bad repair and estimates are to be obtained. >>>

**TRAVEL TOKENS**

From Monday 10th November 1997 the office of issue will move from Prospect House to Hadrian House (the old Post Office) in Market Street.

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.  
Please print your name, address and telephone number below:

Financial support to be given to the Citizen's Advice Bureau - £100.

A request from Haydon Bridge Football Club for funding towards the all-weather pitch has been received and will be dealt with in the 1998 precept discussions.

A more formal lease may be required by the Parish Council before plans for the picnic area can go ahead.

Following a suggestion from a member of the public last month the provision of a Commemorative seat at the Spa Well was discussed. The County Council is to be approached regarding use of stone stored on the old Bush Bends highway. In the meantime the resident who made the suggestion will prepare sketches. **PAT**

**VILLAGE APPRAISAL**

1. An outline submission to the European Development Fund (ERDF 5b) has been made. It is not binding and can be updated when a final submission is put together.

2. The land ownership and long term permission for use are still issues that have to be resolved. A willing partnership will have to be entered into to fulfil the Lottery bid requirement. This issue is currently being negotiated. This is not the same as land purchase issues, although they also are not resolved.

3. The outstanding issue of ongoing maintenance must be decided, otherwise submissions will be flawed.

4. The County Council have put in a bid alongside Haydon Bridge's bid to the ERDF for the Old Bridge enhancement. This issue will need discussion and possibly a visit to look at other similar projects already funded through ERDF and Lottery money.

5. Mrs. Garrow has made a start on producing Draft Aims document.

6. Proposed Meeting of Councillors on 5th November.

Transcript of internal Parish Council Appraisal update note provided by their vice-chairman - very slightly amended to fit space available. **SBM**

**CROSSWORD**

The number of correct entries was 11. After 8 competitions points standing is:

- |                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| D. Corbett(8),    | P. Irving(8),              |
| E. Runney(8),     | B&RShout(8)                |
| R. McVay(7),      | A. Phillips(7),            |
| A.M. Scott(7),    | R. Armstrong(6),           |
| M. Robson(6),     | M. Hindle(5),              |
| N. Gilholm(5),    | M. Nagel(5),               |
| M. Moore(4),      | P. Tomlinson(4),           |
| N. Pretswell(4),  | J. Tucker(4),              |
| S. Stephenson(3), | D. Telford(3),             |
| E. Jukes(2),      | M. Porter(2), P. Tulip(2), |

Most wrong entries received had SEEPS and STEMMS for 5 down and 18 across respectively. STEMMS is not in my Webster's reference. In all cases I have allowed either CRUTCH or CROTCH for 28 across.

Details of the the yearly competition will be announced in December's Haydon News. All entrant's of one or more correct entries of the monthly crossword will be entitled to enter although access to higher prize monies will be restricted to those who have 5 or more correct entries. Never the less it will be worth your while entering this and next month's crossword to get an entry into the big competition.

I have not included a quick crossword this month as I haven't met anyone who admits to doing it regularly. If you would like this crossword to appear again please let me know.

Mrs Tomlinson's points adjusted up due to an error on my part.

This month's winners drawn out of the hat were D. Telford and A. Phillips.

**SBM**

**"CHRISTMAS CRACKER"**

Saturday 6th December 1997

United Reform Church

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**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

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come and see him

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**Readers letters and Viewpoints**

**Dear Resident**

*You may or may not be aware that the future of Hexham General Hospital is in the balance at the moment and closure would be a major disaster to all of us. We all know what a wonderful hospital we have, it's friendly and caring attitude the staff has towards us if we have to attend for whatever reason.*

*I for one have experienced many other hospitals and friendliness was non-existent, I was just a number admitted for treatment. The question is:*

**What can we do about it?**

*Well maybe if we all write to the following addresses it may help.*

Northumberland  
Health Authority  
  
East Cottingwood  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE61 2PD

National Health Service  
  
Management Executive  
Richmond House  
79, Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2NS

*If I may make a suggestion could you do it maybe the day after you receive this Haydon News*

**J.E.S.**

**Mitch**

*Could, I once again, ask you to include the enclosed in the next issue of the Haydon News. I can't believe the year has past so quickly.*

*Another Years end in sight.  
Another chance to thank the many kind friends who gave me a lift back into Hexham.*

*The lifts were very welcome.  
The Company - A real treat!  
The Thanks - Very sincere*

*Well done on your continued editor-ship of the paper. It really does make an interesting read.*

**Rosemary (Postic)**

**Local historian, author and former geography teacher at the Shaftoe Trust School writes:**

**Dear Mitch,**

*In Mrs. Daisy Thompson's "Memories" in the October Issue of the Haydon News, there are two inaccuracies you might like to correct. Firstly the young male teacher was called Southern - Matthew Southern, not Sutherland, who in the 1914 - 18 war joined up as a 2nd Lieut. in the East Yorks, and was subsequently killed. Secondly his photo is no longer hanging in the school corridor. There certainly was such a photo which stood above the war memorial surrounding the classroom door. However it is not there now, and nobody seems to know where it has gone. Although the original photo is now missing, there is in the Community Centre a group photo of all local men killed during the first war. Matthew Southern's photo is among these, a smaller but identical version of the original. Incidentally this group photo originally being in the now defunct reading room.*

*To bring you completely up to date, Matthew Southern nephew of the original Matthew, and now of Manchester, visited Haydon Bridge in the summer of 1995. He was able to visit the school, see his uncles name on the memorial in Church Street, as well as in the church, and on a memorial table in the United Reform Church, where he had worshipped. Later he was provided with photos of all there including one of his uncle, and left Haydon Bridge well satisfied with his visit.*

**C. Coombes**

**A former pupil of Mr. Coombes has written a complimentary note.**

**Dear Mitch,**

*'The Village Hop' [October] including Old Tawny's recollections of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall dances serves further to preserve the history of our village. How important the 'Haydon News' is in this respect and if I might say so Mitch, how well you present this aspect of the 'News'.*

*The story will have brought tears to the eyes of many a wistful Haydonian. My own memories - at least a generation later than Old Tawny's I might add - inspired the enclosed ditty which may strike a chord with your male readers and especially those, like me, with two left feet.*

**Dennis Telford**

**Editor's comments:**

I thank Mr. Coombes for his letter and drawing attention to the couple of errors in Daisy's article. The group photograph of the Haydon war dead is indeed hanging in the Community Centre. I do hope that following the refurbishment of the building both the photograph and the excellent mural, made by the schoolchildren of the Shaftoe School, are hung in prominent well lit positions.

Thank you Dennis for your appreciative comment - I am fortunate that all contributors to the Haydon News are so good with words that it takes very little effort on my part to set their piece so that it also looks good in print. As most readers will by now know I am most interested in local history and do my best to ensure that I record for, future generations, both the mood and flavour of modern happenings in the Parish in the '90's. All parish magazines will be archived so that in 200 years time Haydon folk will still be able to read the happenings of the last 40 years of the 20th century. To this end I hope to start indexing all of the newsletters in the possession of the *Friends of Haydon Bridge* - some pages are missing from some 1960's issues, please give me a ring on 684035 if you have a complete copy so I can make photocopies. Thanks - Mitch

If any non-resident of Haydon would like to join the Haydon News mailing list please let the Editor know. Current cost is £5 for 10 issues inclusive of U.K. postage and 1 year's Membership of the *Friends of Haydon Bridge*.

## Readers letters and Viewpoints continued

A letter from Parish Councillor G. Jackson

Dear Mitch

Your apparent innocent amazement at peoples' reaction to your editing style cannot be allowed to pass without further comment. It is no wonder that you receive a letter from a "concerned and frustrated" parishioner anonymously, when you adopt the intimidating style more akin to a national tabloid editor trying to crudely impress a bunch of readers at the expense of others.

Father Power's generous letter of thanks was heartfelt as it seems typical of a man trying to emphasise and assist the good in us. Of course your efforts are greatly received because you spend a great deal of time and energy putting together a lively and useful newsletter, however you should be aware too that your style is deeply divisive to many, and in gaining the obvious pleasure that you seem to from winding up those in public office, you do the village a disservice instead. Why is it for example that the support for the Friends of Haydon Bridge reached an all time low?

So keep the constructive comment and criticism coming please - we are all pitifully fallible, particularly my spelling, but don't underestimate either the consequence of continuing in the belittling vein that you sometimes do. For you will excite some and turn off many and what is the use of that in a parish that like every other, needs a much goodwill as possible to get by, day to day and year to year.

Yours sincerely - Geoffrey Jackson. 3, Nilston Rigg

Thank you for your welcome letter Geoffrey on which I presume you would wish me to pass comment. I must be achieving some success if I can persuade Councillors to put pen to paper and actually say something deserving of a reply. Your letter deserves more attention than the couple of minutes it is taking for this short response - I will do this in a future issue, although for now I will refer to a couple of points you make.

I have no desire to impress anyone crudely or otherwise, not being a trained journalist I sometimes may write in a way which is not to every readers liking, if this offends anyone I apologise. As far as tabloids go do you know that the most popular Sunday newspaper sold in the village is *The News of the World*, the most popular daily being *The Sun*? I would be a poor editor if I did not take this into account in the newsletter articles and editorial style I adopt - however the content of the Haydon News is such that many broadsheet readers actually do enjoy reading it.

Winding up people in public office gives me no pleasure whatsoever - I do have fetishes but this is not one of them. Our two Tynedale District Councillors between them claimed nearly £5,600 expenses last year (1996/7) then, in my opinion gave performances akin to *Wailing Dervishers* at a couple of Parish Council Meetings. By their own public reactions they do, in my view, deserve special attention.

Over many years the *Friends of Haydon Bridge* numbered about six or seven dedicated people falling to four in May, however the October 1997 membership list now shows a healthy total of 40 members, some will no doubt disagree with my editing style and some will, however either way this is not a prerequisite for becoming a member. It is not for me to discuss the reasons for the former Chairman and vice-Chairman of the Friends resigning just before and just after the General Elections - suffice to say that I am an ex-officio Editor appointed by the Friends who can ask me to leave at any time.

In the meantime I will certainly heed your remarks as I certainly do not wish to offend readers generally nor the people who voted you into office, and by the way Geoffrey - I have corrected your spelling mistakes! Mitch

Daisy's back again with another letter about Temple Houses Lane 'Right of Way', or not, as the case may be. Her 21st October letter reads:

*"I am concerned and must complain about a large sum of public money amounting to many thousands of pounds being spent on the Public Inquiry to have Temple Houses Lane made a public 'right of way' to the football ground and riverside. It's ridiculous and totally unnecessary when those other good public 'rights of way' are already in use. This is a waste of valuable time, litigation and public money.*

*It is time members of the Parish Council showed some respect for the residents of Temple Houses Lane instead of trying to establish a further burden of public access upon them. When will they realise that people are already struggling to pay their taxes and rates that such a large sum of money goes to pay for a very expensive Inquiry.*

*A 'Private Road' sign at the top of Temple Houses Lane has now been established for well over 25 years now and there is a big difference between the odd person going for a stroll on the river bank and groups of sports people and supporters extending the lane's hitherto contested usage."*

Mrs. Daisy Thompson

Sorry Daisy I have had to cut out your final paragraph where you discuss proof of ownership of the lane as this could put the Friends of Haydon Bridge at risk of legal action. Mitch

Electronic Mail from Melbourne, Australia - 21st October

[mitch@haydonbridge.demon.co.uk](mailto:mitch@haydonbridge.demon.co.uk)

*My name is David Humble formally of Hordley Acres (where my parents still live). I have just returned from a visit home and I was impressed with your Publication, the Haydon News. Would it be possible to receive a copy of this over the net. While I speak regularly to the old folks the conversation is of course family, the changes and happenings in the village as you can imagine get left out.*

*If you require any further information, please E-Mail me.*

Regards - David Humble

Reply 21st October - Thanks for your note - I am currently changing the software I use for the Haydon News and think that starting from the 1st edition in 1998 I may be able to do something for you - I may even put it on line. If it's any help I could perhaps e-mail the text in the meantime. First edition next year is in February but will keep you informed of progress. Thanks for your interest. Mitch

Since sending the above note I have had discussions with a neighbour of mine, Brian Harrison of Badgers Rise who is becoming a bit of a whiz designing pages for the Internet (see Medical News page). With Brian's help I am optimistic of being able to meet a February deadline for making the Haydon News available world wide for exiled Haydonians to browse at the touch of a button. This may also provide free benefits for restaurant and B&B advertisers and others.

HELP - I need some feedback on Councillor Geoffrey Jackson's letter, please consider helping me provide the Haydon News that you want. Please put a short note in an envelope addressing it simply Mitch, leave it at the Post Office, Johns Clarke's, or Marsh's. It can simply say either: *"I agree with Councillor Jackson's views"* or *"I disagree with Councillor Jackson's views"*. You may of course add additional comments if you wish. You may remain anonymous but in any event your name won't be published. See you next month ..... Bye Bye for now .... Mitch

## IS IT THUMBS DOWN FOR THE BOWLING GREEN ?

It looks like the proposal for a Village Bowling Green has been given the thumbs down by villagers who have shown a complete lack of interest in the project.

Following the poorly attended Public Meeting on 17th July the September Haydon News reported the meeting together with the request for interested people to contact Councillor Bill Howard (684535) or Roy Lockhart (684260). The request was again repeated in the October issue of the Haydon News but alas to date Bill and Roy's telephones have remained silent - the conclusion seems to be obvious.

Before funds can be applied for a Bowling Green Committee needs to be established. On the face of it the project now seems to be doomed.

A chap stopped me in the lane and asked me my opinion as to why Haydon Bridge seemed to be behind villages in the area in getting things done. My reply was "Apathy" - we ended up having a 15 minute discussion on what I meant. I explained that in my view Joe Public is generally apathetic when he sees things taking years to come to fruition.

The bowling green is such an example - it has taken nearly three years to get nowhere.

**SBM**

## IS IT THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN FOR TEMPLE HOUSES RIGHT OF WAY?

There was Public Inquiry held on Tuesday 11th October in Hexham. The purpose of the Inquiry being to consider objections to Northumberland County Council's proposal to add footpath 46 from the A69 via Temple Houses Lane to join existing riverside footpath at football field entrance. I arrived at about 09:40, as did others from the Parish, and we sheepishly entered the bar of the new Auction Mart. The lights were on in the bar and the room adjacent was set up for a meeting. As we entered we had to register and each of us was given comprehensive 'Proof of Evidence' documentation.

I thought the bar was open and asked one of the ladies behind the counter for a Bacardi and Coke - she pointed to the pile of Dewar flasks surrounded by cups and saucers and said "Sorry Sir the bar is not open yet, you'll have to make do with coffee." Waste of time putting on my Harris Tweed Jacket, Woolly Shirt, heavy country shoes and parking my 4x4 outside the window, thought I. Looking outside I saw scores of similarly dressed men of my age entering the cattle mart next door - the only difference being they had ruddy complexions and different colour noses than me - I wondered if they would have had their request turned down?

By 10am the room was full as the Inquiry was also dealing with other footpaths in Tynedale. Looking around the room I counted some 45 people there of which I recognised at least 14 from the Haydon Parish. The Inquiry Inspector was a Mr. R.G. Brown of the Lord Chancery's Office who introduced himself, explaining that he was not a Civil Servant.

Formalities were completed by 10:30 when the Inspector said that because of the high public interest the Haydon Bridge footpath would be the first on which he would take evidence. He had previously taken the names of all in the room who intended to give verbal evidence, three for the proposal and one against agreed to speak although in the documentary evidence some 16 people had signed evidence statements supporting the application. I was a little surprised to find that, although they were both in attendance, the former Chairman of the Parish Council who had applied back in 1981 for the path to be included in the definitive map nor the present vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, chose not to give statements in support of the application. This later deprived those who may have wished to ask questions of the application's originators.

The Inspector then clearly clarified for all attending that his terms of reference were solely to see that if a public right of way had in fact been established in the 20 year period between 1948 - 1968. The Inquiry was not about security, privacy or environmental matters etc. He declared that he had personally walked the route in dispute.

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### GANNIN ROOND IN SORKILS

*Diven worry if ye cannot de the Waltz or Quickstep te,  
'cos if your lukkin for a lass, the Bradford Barn's the dance for ye.  
A few steps in, a few steps oot, gan roon the best ye can,  
move on tiv another lass - and hor another man.*

*Mebee you're nee ballroom dancer - ower shy te leave yer seat,  
in case when dancing roon the roon she sees that ye've got two left feet.  
But ye divent need te worry thors nee fond steps te larn,  
and aal the lads in the Toon Haal can de the Bradford Barn.*

#### Chorus

*A few steps in, a few steps oot, gan roon the best ye can,  
move on tiv another lass - and hor another man.*

*Some'll de the Scottish Dancing - some the Disco Beat,  
Thors some'll stand in draughty doorways doon John Martin Street.  
But let us tell ye how ye best can larn,  
That's taalkin te the lasses when ye dee the Bradford Barn.*

#### Chorus

*Some'll come from up the bank - and some the Council Raw,  
thors some thors noses in the air and others like a jar.  
Some gan te Hexham Gramma Skeul - knaa things aall nivvor larn,  
but it meks nee odds yer browtins up when ye de the Bradford Barn.*

#### Chorus

*Some'll hug ye te thors breest till your heart starts te ache,  
others howld ye at arms length - as if ye've got the plague.  
Be cautious of the lass that ses she is sure te please,  
for thers nee doot, when ye gan oot, your feelings she will tease.*

#### Chorus

*Noo there's a moral in this story ye can tek through life,  
if after dancing roond the roon ye find yersel a wife.  
If the Waltz and Quickstep together ye can larn,  
then stick it oot - divent treat marriage like the Bradford Barn.*

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then stick it oot - divent treat marriage like the Bradford Barn.*

**D'**

## November Garden

I've been taking root cuttings of oriental poppies this week. This method of propagation is used for plants with fleshy roots, like Japanese anemones, gypsophilas, verbascums and delphiniums. The roots are lifted in the autumn and cut into pieces about 2" long. The cuttings are taken from roots about the thickness of a pencil. Make a clean flat cut across the top of the cuttings and a slanting cut at the base so there will be no problem knowing which way up to plant them. Root the cuttings in deep boxes of sandy soil with the top of the cutting only just below the surface. Stand the boxes in a cold frame or cold greenhouse for the winter. When top growth shows, usually by spring, pot them up separately. A cruder method of increasing by root cuttings is to move an established plant to a new position, leaving some of the roots behind. New plants will grow from the pieces of root. Fleshy rooted weeds like dandelions and docks multiply in this way. I'm taking root cuttings because in this case I want to reproduce the exact colour and characteristics of my oriental poppies - a cultivar called *papaver orientale choir boy*, which has huge white petals like crumpled satin with a central black blotch. Oriental poppies are hardy, easy perennials to grow, given a sunny position and reasonably good soil. They grow 3'-4' tall so could need staking.

There are other delightful varieties of poppies in many and diverse colours. In recent years I've noticed *papaver rhoeas*, the corn poppy, a once common weed of arable land, making a come-back in the fields. Shirley poppies, popular garden annuals, are derived from *P rhoeas*. They can be single or double in many colours, some with fringed petals and are very decorative. Sow seeds of annual varieties in April in patches where they are to flower. Thin the seedlings to 2 or 3 inches apart when quite small.

Blue poppies are most admired and are readily available in garden centres. These need light woodland conditions and do better in the moister climate of Scotland and Western Britain. Haydon Bridge has half the rainfall of the Lake District so blue poppies will need pampering to flourish locally.

The Welsh poppy, *Meconopsis cambrica*, is a British native which, with pretty golden-yellow or orange flowers will brighten sunny or shady places in the garden and will successfully seed itself, often in inhospitable places such as between the cracks in paving slabs or between stones in old walls.

### This Month

Plant bare-root trees and shrubs between now and spring when the ground is not frozen or waterlogged.

Cutting down herbaceous stems tidies up the border but may expose the crowns of roots to frost. Protect with mulch.

Buy and plant tulips now.

Divide perennials. This rejuvenates plants. Discard tough, woody pieces and replant small sections with healthy basal buds and roots.

Continue taking hardwood cuttings of shrubs such as forsythia, philadelphus and roses. Use 9-12" lengths of firm wood and insert in sandy soil where they can stay for about a year without disturbance.

Collect fallen leaves and store them in polythene bags to make leaf mould.

James Thin

## MISS J TEASDALE BA

State Registered Chiropodist  
Member of the Society Of Chiropodists

Treatment available at the Haydon Bridge Health Centre  
and at 25 Burswell Avenue, Hexham  
Telephone 608 612 for Appointments & Enquiries

## LANGLEY W.I.



For the October meeting Members of Langley W.I. spent a cosy night out celebrating their birthday. This was held in a comfortable eating room of the Hotspur Hotel Allendale.

The food was good and the atmosphere warm and friendly. Guests were invited and a lively night of laughter and conversation followed. Peggy Dakers, with Mary Nagel coming second won the competition of best napkin ring. A good night was had by all.

Sylvia Mitchell  
Tel: 684 035

## HAYDON BRIDGE W.I.



We had visitors from Bardon Mill W.I. at our October meeting where Mr. Lees from Island Cottage, Nenthead showed how to make some tasty savoury dishes for one or two people - using left over vegetables in a very interesting way - all dishes were costed none more than 90p! The Harvest stall raised £40 for the chosen charity being Air ambulance. A good night was enjoyed by all.

Haydon Bridge W.I. meetings held on 2nd Monday at 2pm in Community Centre. New members welcome.  
B. Clark  
Tel: 609709

## THOUGHTS ON A GARDEN

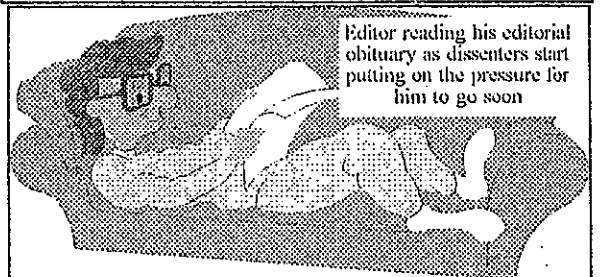
*A patch so small yet most supremely fair,  
May all who enter tread with tender care,  
This little sanctuary - Hushed by thy voice,  
Maybe this very night God makes his choice,  
And walks awhile in mine.*

*Dear friendly earth; Through coming winter hours,  
Guard well the roots, the seeds and then the flowers,  
So they may bloom and be with glory crowned,  
That once again sweet solace may be found  
When spring adorns the world.*

*I ask one gift as green leaves turn to gold,  
And all around me fades and earth turns cold,  
Remembrance of her beauty, peace and charm,  
All that I love, may these things still remain  
With me throughout the year.*

Monica

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Editor reading his editorial obituary as dissenters start putting on the pressure for him to go soon



**NEWS  
FROM  
THE  
SCOUTS**

The Bonfire Night this year will be on Sunday 2nd November, at 6:30pm at the riverside picnic area. We hope to have as good show as usual, so do flock down there and enjoy it.

We think the last couple of years have shown a great improvement in the quality of the fireworks, and thereby hangs a tale:

Over the years the Scouts have organised a bonfire as one of our contributions to village life. Our Penny for the Guy collections and money we make selling hot-dogs go towards the cost of the fireworks, and we have always been happy to pay a few pounds from the funds to make up any shortfall. A few years ago we got to the stage where these activities were more than covering costs, and with this in mind we decided to spend more on the display. I am sure that everyone will agree that the show has improved, but we are now finding it difficult to make ends meet.

To put this into figures, we usually raise between £250 - £280 on collections and food. Fireworks have cost an average of £450 per annum in the last two years, leaving us in the region of £200 short each time. This is a bit much for us to absorb every year, so we have been forced to consider two options:

1. Go back to the original quantity of fireworks.
2. Raise more money.

We would prefer to go for option 2, as the show now is much better than in previous years. The fireworks are already ordered for this year, so can I please ask for donations to help make up this shortfall? We will be putting a collection box in Clarke's, or you can give them to Ian Foster or Raymond Henderson. Any sponsorship from local firms would be especially welcome to keep the Roman Candles at bay. If we can raise enough this year, then we won't need to cut back next.

**Situations Vacant**

Just a quick plug for volunteers to take on the Cubs, currently resting owing to nobody in charge. Leaflets will be appearing around the village; just fill in the form and your life will change.

**Ian Foster**

**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

>>> The Inquiry then followed using the procedure.

- County Council Case
- County Council Witnesses
- Objectors to question CC witnesses
- Statement of objectors
- Statement of Supporters
- CC then question objectors

The Northumberland County Council Solicitor opened proceedings by saying that it was only after the football pitch had been opened that challenges to its use as a right of way occurred - the date of effective challenge was in 1968. Hence the reason for using the period 1948 - 1968, if it could be shown that unchallenged use had been made of the route through Temple Houses Lane during that period then there was no question that a public right of way had been established. The map evidence was insufficient in itself to prove the existence of a public right of way. O.S Maps dated 1860, 1898, 1926 and 1954 were included in the Proof of Evidence. The Inspector agreed with this observation.

Mr. Peter Howe, NCC Definitive Map Officer was called to give evidence. He stated that in March 1981 Haydon Bridge Parish Council had applied for the addition to the definitive of a footpath from the A69 at Low Hall along Temple Houses Lane to join footpath No. 36 at the entrance to the sports field. In November 1983 it was decided not to proceed with this action - this decision was made because of cash shortages.

In January 1985 Haydon Bridge Parish Council made another application including 8 evidence forms from witnesses claiming to have personally used the route for periods in excess of 25 years. Four letters of objection were received from Temple Houses residents.

In March 1991 Public Notices were placed in the Courant stating the intention to place footpath on definitive map. Some 11 letters of objection were received in 1991 followed by a number in 1997. Between 1991 and 1997 an additional 15 users of the disputed path submitted evidence forms.

The County Solicitor presented 3 of these residents to give verbal evidence which they all did in a confident manner. All were senior citizens who stated they had walked the contested route over many decades, 50, 60 and 70 years. It was only in relatively recent years that anyone had challenged their use of the lane.

The Inspector excused the main objector to the application giving verbal evidence because of her age (94) and accepted written evidence from her lawyer, together with the written evidence of another property owner - himself a Barrister. One resident of Temple Houses gave verbal evidence but as he had only lived in the lane for five years the County's solicitor indicated that little notice should be taken of this.

The Inspector read out the evidence of the Barrister chap who owns property in the lane the main points being:

At all times in living memory the lane has always been presented and defended as a private one and no public footpath.

The land is made up of private frontages with an implied licence for other dwellers to have access but there is no other prescriptive implied access.

A prescriptive right of way cannot be acquired by force. Those who have travelled the lane and support the application have done so against the will of a substantial number of the residents.

Privacy - The lane is not wide and runs right past windows, there being no gardens to separate the front of the houses from pedestrians.

Property values would diminish. Who would pay for increased maintenance of lane?

What is the quality of evidence relied on?

A public access down Temple Houses is not necessary where such good alternatives exist.

Floodlit football field will extend usage of lane.

*The writer said that increased usage "was a matter of law which would have to be challenged in the Courts if the application were granted."*

No questions were asked by the County's solicitor and this part of the meeting ended at noon. The Inspector will make his decision in due course.

This dispute over Temple Houses Lane has been going on now for over 30 years and if it is decided that it will be added to the definitive map the objector seems to indicate more legal challenges are ahead - who will pay? Is now not the time for compromise?  
**SBM**



## A TRAGEDY AT NEW ALSTON

Thirty-two year old Jacob Alan Brown (Alan) was the fifth and youngest son of Bessie and Jacob Brown, he was born at New Alston on 9th Dec. 1897. Two of his brothers had been killed in the Great War, brother Jim worked at Appleby's in Haydon Bridge before moving to the company's branch in Prudhoe. In July 1930 Alan and his brother Stanley George (known locally as 'Stigum') lived with their parents in New Alston. Stigum had a bike business in Church Street, Alan was employed at the HB Co-op and was engaged to be married to Laura Telford of John Martin Street.

For some while Alan had been suffering from chronic gastritis and was under the care of Dr. Bell of Ratcliffe Road who had arranged for an X-Ray at the R.V.I. in Newcastle on Thursday 17th July, the patient had personally picked up his Barium meal from the doctor on the Wednesday evening. At 7:30am on Thursday morning Alan took the Barium as instructed and immediately knew something was wrong. His mouth was burning and as the liquid rushed down his throat the pain intensified he turned to his brother Stan (Stigum) and said "I am dying, I am poisoned". he then staggered outside to the toilet feeling very sick. Relief to his suffering did not come as he groaned in agony. Fearful of his younger brother's well being Stigum rushed outside to find Alan in a collapsed state - somehow he was carried into the house and set on to a chair as convulsions started. Dr Bell was called to the house arriving at about 8:30 by which time Alan was past earthly help and was declared dead by his doctor.

On returning to his surgery and because of the nature of Alan Brown's death Dr. Bell informed the Coroner's Office who made immediate arrangements for a post mortem to be carried out. Without delay Dr. Bell checked his records to ensure that he had prescribed the correct chemicals for the Barium Meal - yes there it was 2oz (56grams) of Barium Sulphate. Dr. Bell clearly recalled that the previous evening a messenger had brought the Barium Sulphate direct from the Chemists, then located at 10, Ratcliffe Road.

As he had seen Alan Brown twice the day before and observed him to be well the doctor wondered how on earth his patient had had suffered such an agonising and sudden death - the tragic answer was not long coming. A Dr. Miller carried out the post mortem and his report stated:

*"Generally speaking the deceased's organs were healthy except for the stomach where there were signs of chronic ulceration. There was slight corrosion and a powerful odour of sulphuric hydrogen gas. Death was due to Barium Sulphide. The sixteenth part of an ounce was fatal."*

The Brown and Telford families were stunned and bewildered by this news - particularly Alan's fiancée Laura Telford. The Hexham Courant of Saturday July 19th 1930 recorded the event:

*"A young man named Alan Brown, residing at New Alston, died on Thursday under circumstances necessitating an inquest. A post mortem has been made. Deceased was a shop assistant in the village."*

The coroner released the body for burial and this was arranged for Sunday 20th July with a 3:15pm service at St. Cuthbert's.

Meanwhile the pharmacist in the chemists, a Mr. Bell - unrelated to Dr. Bell made a horrifying discovering. As he didn't have any Barium Sulphate available at his surgery an order had been sent to pharmacy who also had none in stock - the pharmacist had then ordered some from another source. Checking his order book Mr. Bell saw that he had unexplicably written Barium Sulphide on his order he wondered how on earth he could do this as Barium Sulphate and Barium Sulphide were diametrically opposite. When the order arrived back at the pharmacy the package was unmarked, not realising his earlier mistake Mr. Bell labelled the package 'Barium Sulphate' and despatched it to Dr. Bell. Coincidentally Alan Brown turned up at the Doctor's surgery at the same time as the package arrived - this was handed over to the patient together with instructions on how and when to take the barium meal. Alan's fate was now sealed and he had but twelve hours left of life - nothing could save him.

The tragic result of this error resulted in Alan Brown taking some 56grams (2oz) of a highly deadly poison where a fatal dose is less than 1gram.

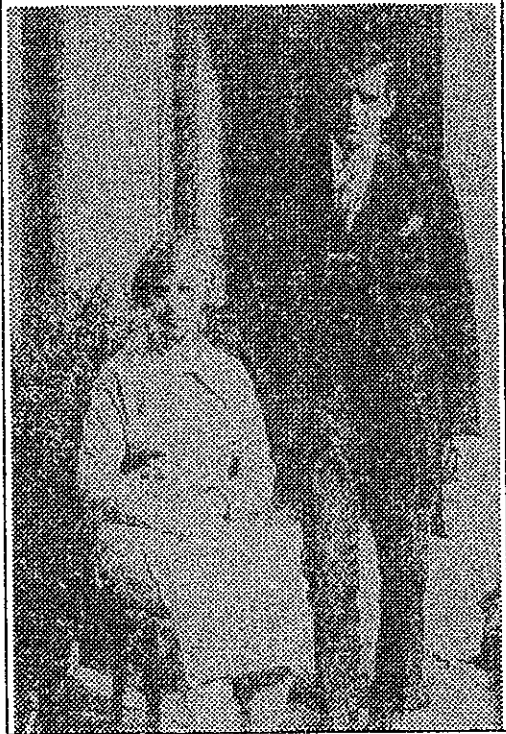
The Coroner said that the case was tragic and pathetic and the jury declared the verdict *"That the deceased died from the effect of Barium Sulphide taken by him, being supplied in error for Barium Sulphate."* Some of the jury thought that when the other chemist supplied the order it ought to have been labelled 'POISON'.

The Coroner agreed that if it had been labelled Mr. Bell would have at once seen that it contained Barium sulphide and not Barium sulphate. It was an unfortunate sequence of circumstances. He took it that when one chemist supplied an order to another chemist they did not put on their label. If they had supplied it to one of the general public it would of necessity have been labelled.

Laura Telford was heart-broken at the tragedy, never married and lived in Haydon Bridge until her death on Friday 12th September 1997. She was 95 years of age - a long time to mourn.

SBM

## ALAN BROWN & LAURA TELFORD



### PERHAPS

*Perhaps some day the sun will shine again,  
And I shall see that still the skies are blue,  
And feel once more I do not live in vain,  
Although bereft of you.*

*Perhaps the golden meadow at my feet,  
Will make the sunny hours of Spring seem gay,  
And I shall find the white May blossoms sweet,  
Though you have passed away.*

*Perhaps the summer woods will shimmer bright,  
And crimson roses once again be fair,  
And autumn harvest fields a rich delight,  
Although you are not there.*

*Perhaps some day I shall not shrink in pain,  
To see the passing of the dying year,  
And listen to the Christmas songs again,  
Although you cannot hear.*

*But, though kind Time may many joys renew,  
There is one greatest joy I shall not know,  
Again, because my heart for loss of You  
Was broken long ago.*

Vera Brittain

### Footnote to the story

Laura worked in the newsagents for Mr. Brogden, Mr. & Mrs. Harding and Robert Harding until she retired when she was was 60 years old. She lived at Tyne View on John Martin Street all of her life.

I would like to thank Laura's sister Alma (now Kirsopp) for the use of the above photograph and sight of other photographs and newspaper articles of the period. Mitch

**WHO IS MURIEL?**

The Shaftoe Trust First School was packed on the evening of Thursday 2nd October - a mix of proud parents and excited children milling about waiting for the start of a unique event. On large tables outside the hall were numerous bottles of champagne and delicious looking finger snacks - anyone approaching the tables, young and old alike were quietly discouraged from touching. At about 8pm the Head-teacher Audrey Cox introduced the various people involved with the project which had just been completed.

After some nice singing by the children and the Shaftoe Chorale we all joined in singing the song "Marking The Flow of Time" written especially for the school's 300 year celebration.

We were, of course, all there to witness the Mural ribbon cutting ceremonies by The Chairman of the School Governors John Wardle accompanied by our Parish Council Chairman Michael Loyd. John had us all laughing when he told us how, many a year ago, he'd always thought that they were called Muriels.

Mural or Muriel it mattered not as the small mural was 'opened' and handed over to Mr. Loyd for the Parish. Mr. Loyd thanked the School and Governors and said that initially the mural would be hung in the library - he anticipated that work on modernising the Community Centre would be completed and the mural could be transferred there to its permanent home.

Filtering down the passage towards the school entrance John Wardle did the ribbon cutting of the large impressive River theme mural. You may have seen the wall hung mural in the pages of the Hexham Courant. It needs to be seen in colour to fully appreciate it.

In early February 1997 the process of identifying how the school would celebrate 300 years of education on the site began and met with several artists to discuss possible themes and projects. It was important that every child in school took part in the project and that the school had some form of visual art which would mark the event.

Funding was sought from various local trusts and within a relatively short period of time sufficient funds made available for the project to go ahead. The theme chosen for the project was 'The Flow of Time'.

Two artists, Hans Ullrich, ceramic artist, and Keith Morris, musician, were chosen to work in school over a 6-8 week period for approximately two days per week. Keith worked with the children on song writing and performance skills each class composed and performed at least two songs.

Hans guided the children through the design stage, incorporating children's drawings into both the large and small murals. Every child was involved in the tile making stage.

Keith led the children on a procession through the village on 11th July - As they processed the children played percussion instruments and sang songs. Seeing the streets of Haydon Bridge lined with happy smiling faces will be long remembered. On the afternoon of 11th July the children performed original songs and poems in St. Cuthbert's Church during a service of celebration.

Celebration Day, Saturday 12th July, was a memorable day. The School Association committee and staff of the school donned period costume and the support from the community was superb. The project proved to be a rich and rewarding experience for pupils and staff.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*The Friends of Haydon Bridge*

**Annual General Meeting**

7:30pm

**Tuesday 2nd December**

**The Community Centre**

The purpose of the meeting will be to appoint Committee Members and present the Annual Report and a proposed new Constitution.

All members of The Friends are invited to attend as well as any resident who wishes to join either as an active or non-active member.

We are urgently looking for a **Secretary** to serve on the Committee.

For further information please contact:

**Chairman**

Charles Thomas - 684022

**Vice-Chairman**

Mike Parkin - 684340

**Haydon News Editor**

Mitch - 684035

**Haydon Bridge Football Club**

*Fund raising for All Weather Pitch*

**Christmas Coffee Afternoon**

**Saturday 29th November 2-4pm**

Tombola - Raffle - Cake Stall

Mince Pies

**The Church Hall**

The poem **PERHAPS** on page 10 is a one of a number sent in by Rosie the Postie last year was written by Vera Brittain in February 1916 and dedicated to R.A.L. who died of wounds in France, December 23rd 1915.

It is taken from 'Sears Upon My Heart'.  
By Catherine Reilly

**GUIDES**

**T**ABLE **T**OP SALE

Saturday 8th November  
10am - 12 noon  
£5 per table  
To-book ring 684059

Raffle - Games  
Tea & Coffee  
Home Produce  
Christmas Crafts

**Community Centre**

iwenttoblaydonracest-  
was on the 9th-  
of June eighteen hundred  
and sixty two on a summer's  
afternoon i took the bus from  
balmbrass and shewas heavy  
laden away we went along  
collingwood street to see the  
blaydon races. fall the fishes  
in the sea the mermaid rush  
into the round house nelly  
he cannot corner you there  
how do you know that there  
reflection you see is you it  
might be someone else?

## A SCHOOL TO BE PROUD OF

Haydon Bridge High was formally inspected during the week 15th - 19th September 1997. The conclusion reached was that HBHS has "considerable strengths and few weaknesses", with particular emphasis being placed on "teaching being overall, of high quality and students working hard and behaving themselves". In essence, then, it is a "good school in which to learn and grow up".

High praise indeed from the Ofsted Team of sixteen inspectors who were thoroughly professional in their work. They spent the equivalent of 51 days at school, saw 198 separate lessons, held 100 discussions with staff, looked in depth at samples of students' work, and had formal and informal meetings with many students.

In the important area of attainment and progress, it was stated that "students get off to a good start in Year 9 and progress well as they move through the school". The major reason for this was the "good quality of teaching, with the whole school having a workmanlike atmosphere - students, with rare exceptions, behave well, co-operate sensibly, listen carefully and pay attention to detail".

For the quality of education provided, students "generally experience a broad and balanced curriculum" and the school "prepares students well for their future lives". There is also a "wide range of extra-curricular activities".

In this context of educational quality, the inspectors were extremely forthright in stating that the "high overall quality of teaching is a considerable strength of the school, and is the major factor in the calm and purposeful atmosphere in which students learn and in the quality of education that they receive".

Furthermore, provision for students "social, moral and cultural development is good", with students generally "working and learning together in an atmosphere of trust and cooperation". The code of discipline is "simple, clearly stated and well observed, with students being secure in the school and showing trust in the adults around them".

As for the students themselves, their "good attitude to learning and their high quality of relationships are a significant strength of the school. They generally concentrate purposefully, take pride in producing work of good quality, and collaborate closely and successfully. The school is a calm and orderly community, and students generally behave well both in classrooms and around the school".

Such quality is reflected in the Ridley Hall boarding home which "offers attractive and spacious amenities. Students personal needs are capably met and social development is carefully planned".

The school is also an "important educational centre for its communities", with their being a "strong commitment to this role in community education. The wide-ranging programme of activities make a positive contribution to the needs of the area, with community education staff working hard to anticipate local needs". There are also "imaginative initiatives with local businesses".

Furthermore, the school "successfully gives high priority to establishing and maintaining good relationships with parents".

For the efficiency of the school, the Head Teacher offers "strong and effective personal leadership to the school and its wider community. The senior management team work well with the Head in providing clear educational values and high professional standards of leadership. The quality of leadership and management of subject departments is generally high". It was also pointed out that the "teaching load is above average and that support staff are generally well deployed and effective".

There is "little evidence of graffiti, vandalism or litter", and the "resources available to the school are managed efficiently and largely used effectively". The school's "day to day affairs run smoothly and governors work hard for the school".

Yet even though the report was good, there are areas which still need attention. The most important one is to thoroughly ensure that the "school's plans are always based on formulating precise objectives, timescales and costings, compiling and analysing performance data, and implementing aspects still needing improvement from the last inspection". The latter includes "increasing the amount and range of Information Technology in all subjects in Key Stage 4, providing adequate time for RE in Key Stage 4, introducing a planned programme of RE for Sixth Formers, allowing all students to experience a daily act of worship, and improving provision for spiritual development of students". There is also a need to "provide design and technology for all students at Key Stage 4, analyse the reasons for relative underperformance of boys and take appropriate remedial action, and give urgent attention to Health and Safety deficiencies in art, design and technology and fire exits at Ridley Hall".

We shall set about making these improvements in the same way as we have always given priority to the key areas in any good school.

Our aims are therefore being fulfilled, and this "very orderly and friendly community school adds value to students education and standards of achievement". We provide "very good value for money" and this is due to the High School staff, both support and teaching, to the parents, governors and wider community, to the area's First and Middle schools, but above all to the students themselves.

It is their school, and they have received a good report. They can be justifiably proud of that, just as we are proud of them. It is indeed a school in which the community can take great pride as we really are working and learning together.

Hi folks - it's me back again on your extra page. I hope you will join me in say "Well done" to Mr. Thompson and everyone at the High School in receiving such a good Ofsted report. I think that those of you with pupils at the school should give them a little pat on the back and let them read the press release.

At the Parish Council meeting last week I was asked to make a mention of Dr. High's departure and to say that the Parish Council wanted a farewell party for our erstwhile Doctor who I understand is in full agreement with the splendid idea. Please ask your Parish Councillor for further details of the proposed party.

Mitch

### HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Ridley Hall

Friday 5th December

7:30pm

Coffee & Mince Pies

Tickets cost £3 - Available from the school

Tel: 684422

## PANTOMIME

Oliver Twisted

Wed 10th to Fri 12th December

Prices from £1:50 to £3:50

FAMILY TICKETS AVAILABLE

Ring 684422 for tickets and enquiries

## HOST

Hosting for overseas students

HOST is a national charity which arranges for adult international students studying in the UK to stay in the homes of British people for a few days. The purpose is to help the students feel at home in Britain and promote international friendship.

HOST is looking for friendly families who would like to offer private hospitality to lonely students over Christmas or at other times of the year. Please help if you can offer a warm welcome to one or two guests to join your family; they are longing to make friends and be part of a family for a few days. Please ring 01670-813-769 or write to: Mrs. Denise Cameron, 14, Stakeford Lane, Stakeford, Choppington, Northumberland NE62 5JB

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## CLERGY MESSAGE

by Rev. D.J. Perkins

*The churches in Haydon Bridge are working together, and this month the clergy contribution is from the Rev. David Perkins, who has been Methodist minister for 8 years*

## A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

One of the potential drawbacks of my job is that I have to plan church services well ahead of their time - three months before, in fact! From October onwards I think of Christmas; from January, thoughts turn to the Easter addresses, and so on. Mind you, I seem to be keeping pace with the shops who introduce Christmas cards in late autumn, and Easter eggs certainly start appearing as soon as the January sales are over.

I know people whose jobs are particularly stressful - deadlines to meet, projects to initiate and manage all over the world - a world of budgets and bottom lines. Diaries are forever full months, even years, ahead, and the pressure is always on to balance family needs with family provision.

At the other end of the economic scale I also know people whose tomorrows are full of fear and uncertainty about changes to welfare benefits, about children coming home to ask for the impossible. They too have problems balancing family needs with family provision. Compared to both groups, my problems are miniscule, but all of us share the same danger that our todays are being adversely affected by our tomorrows.

Do you ever feel that the pressures and the worries of the future are hindering your capacity to live your life one moment, one day at a time; that days seem to roll by with nothing much achieved, and with little sense of worth or purpose about them, or you? Because of the inevitability of having to be forward-looking, I have to force myself to focus on the 'moment'. I have to leave aside thoughts of tomorrow, next week, next month, and simply enter into the now. That isn't easy, but think how ridiculous and worthless life appears if we are always concerned with the future and not the present. Think how difficult it would be with only a forward view, to value *each* moment as precious, to acknowledge that this current moment will be gone, never to return, and if I have not 'lived' it, then I have lost its worth.

Tomorrow, next week, next month - we have no control over them in the sense that, who can say exactly how things *will* be, and more soberly, we may ever have them. What we do

## AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

### WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

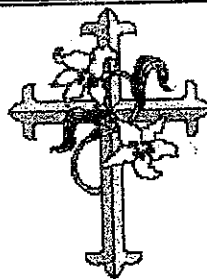
Rev David Arthur with the URC congregation  
2 Leazes Terrace, Hexham 604.379

Rev Vincent Ashwin, with St Cuthbert's C of E  
The Vicarage, Station Yard 684.307

Rev David Perkins, with the Methodist congregation  
39 Elvaston Road, Hexham 603.139

Father Leo Pyle, with St John's Catholic Church  
St John's Presbytery, North Bank 684.265

have is *this* moment. We have the opportunity as we exist at this moment in to *live* it; not to allow it to pass by unnoticed, unappreciated or ill-used. Whatever our circumstance, whatever are the pressures of life (and I am not discarding their power over us), whatever has been our past, this second is our moment, our life and as such it is a moment of intense importance; it is a moment that can make a difference to our living. *This* is the moment that is important to our children, our wife or husband, our colleague and to us because by *living* it we can be different, especially when tomorrow comes.



### On Remembrance Day.

November 9th, there will be a joint village Remembrance Service at the URC Church at 10.00. After a short service, the congregation will go in procession to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance, at 11.0, which includes reading the names of Haydon Bridge men who lost their lives in two World Wars. We shall also pray for world peace in our own time. And we will be invited to wear the red poppies that remind us of the cost of war, and the money raised still helps the wounded, and the women who were widowed.

**METHODIST CHURCH AND  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**November 2nd**

10.0am Rev D Perkins (S)  
6.00pm Rev D Perkins (Bible Teaching)

Nov.4th 7.30pm Men's Christian F'sh  
(Rev D Perkins)

Nov.5th 2.30pm Women's Own  
(Anne Hood - Salvation Army)

**November 9th**

10.00am Rev D Perkins (US)  
6.00pm Rev D Arthur (S)

**November 16th**

10.00am Mr M Fawcett  
6.00pm Miss E Gittis  
8.00pm Praise, Prayer, and Ministry

Nov 18th 7.30pm Men's Christian F'sh  
(John Wardle on Morocco)

Nov 19th 2.30pm Women's Own mtg.  
(Rev D Perkins)

**November 23rd**

10.00am Rev B Cooke  
6.00pm Rev D Arthur

**November 30th**

10.00am Rev D Perkins  
6.00pm Service at Corbridge

**Sunday School** 10.00 - 11.00am

**Prayer Time** Wednesdays, 12.45pm

**Youth Club**

11 - 14, Wednesdays 7.00pm in URC  
4 - 11, Fridays, 6.30, Community Centre



**HOST (Hosting for Overseas Students)** is looking for friendly people who would like to offer hospitality in their homes to overseas students studying in this country; especially at Christmas for students who dread the thought of spending Christmas on their own. People interested in acting as a host either over the 4-day Christmas period, or at Easter or a week-end, are asked to contact: HOST, 3 New Burlington Mews, London, W1 8LU, or phone 0171.494.2468.

**CALENDAR FOR  
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

November 1st Day conference on ministry

**November 2nd** 8th before Christmas  
10.30 Holy Communion & Sermon (MF)  
6.00 'All Souls' service for the departed.

Nov 6th (Thurs) 7.30 Deanery Synod

Nov 7th (Sat) 10.0 Diocesan Synod

**November 9th** 7th before Christmas  
(Also, Remembrance Day)

8.00am Holy Communion.  
**10.00am** United Service, URC Church  
11.00am Act of Remembrance

Nov 12th (Wed) Women's Fellowship

**November 16th** 6th before Christmas  
(Also, Prisoners' Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer & Sermon  
(Canon Stanley Prins)  
10.30am Sunday Club first meeting  
6.30pm Confirmation, Hexham Abbey

**November 23rd** 5th before Christmas  
10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon

Nov.26th (Wed) 7.30pm Mothers' Union

**November 30th** Advent Sunday  
10.15am (NB time) Joint Parishes' All-Age Communion, St Cuthbert's

**December 7th** 2nd in Advent  
8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Worship for All (Mike Fry)

**BELTINGHAM & HENSHAW  
SERVICES**

**Nov 2nd** 9.00 Belt Communion ASB

**Nov 9th** 10.00 Hens Communion BCP

11.0 Remembrance Bardon.Mill

6.0 Belt Evensong (VA/MF)

**Nov 16th** 10.0 Belt Communion/Bapt

**Nov 23rd** 10.0 Hens. Mattins BCP

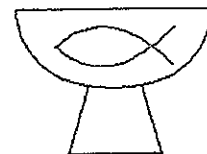
**Nov 30th** 10.15 Service, H.Bridge

**Hidden Treasure?** Have you ever wondered if something you have is worth a small fortune? Here is your opportunity to find out - for free. Phillips the International Auctioneers and Valuers have arranged with USPG the mission agency to give free valuations. This is part of a national 'Antiques Appeal': USPG will welcome any small donation for the valuations; or you can pledge your sale proceeds, or a proportion of them, to USPG. The vicar has details.

**SERVICES AT ST JOHN OF  
BEVERLEY CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

**Sundays** Mass every week at 9.30

**Weekdays** Mass most days at 10.00



**CHURCH NEWS**

**ALL SOULS SERVICE:** St Cuthbert's will be having a service on Sunday evening, November 2nd to remember those who have died. The vicar will visit those who have had deaths in the family during the last year. And people are invited to hand in the names of any of their departed relatives and friends they would like mentioned at the service.

**UNITED HARVEST SERVICE**

St Cuthbert's was the venue for the village Harvest Festival this year. About 70 people came to the service led by members of all the village's churches, and to join in hymns led by the Shaftoe Chorale. The Rev David Perkins preached. This month, there is a joint Remembrance service (see over the page). And next month, St John's Catholic Church will host the village Carol Service; details in the next Haydon News.



**GOAT PROJECT**

Vincent Ashwin did his 25-mile sponsored walk on October 7th, to raise urgent funds for a goat project in India. As Haydon News goes to press, people have given £444; many thanks to all who gave.

**PRIMAVERA** - a well-known local singing group - will be giving a concert in All Hallows' Church Henshaw on Sunday Nov 2nd at 7.30. Refreshments in the church school afterwards. Pay at the door

**ARTICLES** for the church page should be given to Vincent Ashwin at the vicarage by the 20th of each month. Otherwise, most of the news will be Anglican!

## HAYDON & ALLEN MEDICAL NEWS

### RELATE

The Relate organisation used to be known as the Marriage Guidance Council many years ago but the title was changed because it was somewhat misleading. Relate can help with an enormous range of problems including:

- difficulties making, developing and ending relationships
- separation and divorce
- sexual problems
- bereavement and other significant loss
- major life events - birth, miscarriage and infertility
- second marriage problems
- redundancy
- anxiety and stress
- self esteem problems
- coping with illness and other personal problems
- depression
- physical or psychological problems arising from emotional causes.

So, you see, it is a remarkably versatile organisation. However, there are some things with which they are less well able to cope:

- people under 16 years of age
- post traumatic stress disorder
- phobias
- eating disorders
- clinical depression
- drug and alcohol dependency.

Whilst we are very happy in the practice to discuss any of the above issues and will try to help, there may be a need for further help and some people feel more at ease discussing such topics with someone outside the immediate area. To contact Relate directly ring 0191 232 9109. Their postal address is Mea House, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 8XS.

Arrangements can be made for people to be seen in Hexham if required.

### THE DIGITAL DOCTOR

Some time ago I mentioned the existence of the Harrison Home Page on the Internet. This can be found by searching on <badrise>. It contains a great deal of information about badgers amongst other things and a transcription of the practice brochure, complete with pictures.

Michael Heap has also produced a web site for the practice. This can be found on:-

[www.users\\_dircon.co.uk/~sford-hb/hc/hc\\_1.html](http://www.users_dircon.co.uk/~sford-hb/hc/hc_1.html)

The Harrison's page scored very highly on a national rating system and Michael's effort was not far behind. Congratulations and Thanks to both. Michael is willing to construct web pages on request - contact him on 684081.

Searching on <Haydon-Bridge> on the World Wide Web produces 131 entries. These vary from personal pages to planning matters and accommodation. As ever, our little community is at the forefront of technological change and social development - Ahem!

I have had a number of consultations by email already, from as far afield as New York, Bulgaria, Iraq and Newcastle. Anyone expecting to make use of this may wish to make a note of my email address:-

[sford-hb@dircon.co.uk](mailto:sford-hb@dircon.co.uk)

I check my mail box several times each week, however do not expect a same day response. Urgent requests for help should be made by phone in the normal way.

### Dr ROBERT HIGH

The whole practice would like to wish Bob the Very Best of Luck in his new home in Bradford. His contribution to the community has been and will continue to be very important for decades to come.

The innovations which he introduced and the Health Centre which he organised, designed and built will endure and will, I hope, fulfil the hopes he had of them.

Good Luck Bob and Thank You.

### OUT OF HOURS

To avoid any misunderstanding about the changes in the out of hours cover I offer the following account of events:

From the time of the decision to dissolve the partnership until about 9 9 97 I had been under the impression that the arrangement we had had with Jim Miles would be continued. This was rejected.

On 15 9 97 I received an alternative proposal. I replied on the same day saying that I did not view the proposal with favour though I would confirm this with Mary when she returned from her holiday. Mary did confirm my view.

Accordingly, Mary and I are continuing to provide out of hours cover for our own patients in both the Tyne and Allen Valleys. The Allendale practice will make its own arrangements.

### OPTICIANS - VERY USEFUL PEOPLE

Several times each month we receive letters from opticians about things that they have found when examining people's eyes. They do much more than just provide spectacles.

They can identify many important conditions from viewing the interior of the eye - such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and a number of disorders of the nervous system amongst others.

Everyone should have regular eye examinations by an optician throughout their lives. Eyes change with age and it is as well to try to keep up with those changes. People who know that they have relatives with eye disease such as glaucoma should be especially careful and may qualify for free examinations.

Elderly drivers and those who have HGV or PSV licences should tell the optician about their driving habits in order that they can be reassured about their safety on the road. SF