

THE HAYDON NEWS



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EDITORIAL

Hello everyone

Well, here it is, the first "post-Mitch" issue of the *Haydon News*. I don't want to bore you with too much detail, but there are a few things that I'm sure our readers and advertisers will want to know.

First, and fairly obviously, we want the *Haydon News* to continue.

Second, as we have not had to beat off hordes of prospective applicants for the Editor's job with a sharp stick, there is no new Editor yet. To carry on with the *Haydon News*, we have set up an editorial sub-committee, who will have responsibility for collating, editing and printing the news-sheet until a new Editor comes forward.

Members are Mike and Elana Parkin, Joyce Sim, Mary Nagel, Sue Harley, Richard Snowdon and myself.

Third, we are extremely keen to encourage everyone to contribute material, articles, letters or whatever – if there is no content, there can be no newsletter! We hope that the *Haydon News* will evolve naturally, and we are interested in widening its scope. With this in mind, we are approaching many clubs and organisations in the village hoping for regular or even occasional contributions.

I am at this stage not going to make promises about how often the *Haydon News* will be issued in future. We will begin by trying for an issue each month, as before, but that will obviously depend on what material we have, and what time the (voluntary) sub-committee can devote to it! Who knows, maybe someone will appear desperately keen to be the Editor!

Thanks for your attention. Can I please ask for your continued support, and patience – and please let us have articles or other items for inclusion; these can be handed to any committee member of the 'Friends', or left with Tony at the Post Office.

Charles Thomas, Chairman of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'



WANTED

The July 1999 issue of the *Haydon News* was the last by Mr S. B. Mitchell (Mitch) who has now resigned as its Editor.

If you have any interest in doing this job please contact either:

Chairman of the Friends: **684 022**
Vice Chairman of the Friends: **684 340**

Alternatively you can contact any member of the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' who are:

Elana Parkin, Joyce Sim, Mary Nagel, Alistair Bowen,
Pauline Tulip, Sylvia Mitchell, Chris Sim or
Richard Snowdon.

You can ring the former Editor on **684 035 / 684 980**
if you want to find out more about this ex-officio job.

EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE HAYDON NEWS

The editorial policy of the *Haydon News* is ultimately the responsibility of the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', although day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the Editor of the *Haydon News*. Our intention is always to ensure that the content of the *Haydon News* is as fair and factually correct as possible. Any complaints concerning editorial policy should be addressed in writing to the Chairman of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', and will be considered by and receive a formal response from the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'. Complaints other than those made above will not be entertained.

The Editor reserves the right to decide which letters are to be published, and to alter or shorten letters when necessary. Anonymous letters will NOT be published. A nom-de-plume may be used provided that the Editor has been advised of the writer's name and address.

Charles Thomas, (Chairman)
South View, Heugh House Lane,
Haydon Bridge, NE47 6ND

10 PENCE ONLY *** DO YOU ENJOY THE HAYDON NEWS ? ******* If so why not join the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' – the people who produce this newsletter? By supporting the 'Friends' you are also helping them fund various activities in the Parish. In the past year they have: Funded and built the Raymond McVay Memorial Seat at the Spa Well; Funded the 1998 Window Boxes Competition; Christmas Lunch and party for the over 60's. Held monthly Bingo Sessions to help financially support: HB Over 60's Club; HB Guides; HB Dancing Club; HB Indoor Bowls Club; HB Under 14's Football Club; HB Parish Church; HB Rainbow Writers; Arthritis Research Council; Langley Village Hall; St. Cuthberts Mothers Union. The 'Friends' would like you to consider joining as an **inactive** member by donating 10p a month or **active**, which means giving a commitment for occasional help in organising various functions. We have 39 active members (including 21 deliverers) and 149 inactive. Please see page 6 now and find out how to wisely spend 10p a month.

MITCH – AN APPRECIATION

It seems highly appropriate in this first issue of the *Haydon News* following Mitch's resignation that this appreciation and acknowledgement of his achievements should appear.

As well as being the Editor of the *Haydon News* for getting on for five years, Mitch has been my next-door neighbour (first to the east, then to the west – it could only happen with him!) and my friend for nearly seven years. It may as well be dragged into the open now; it was only through what could be construed as manipulation (on his part!) of that friendship that I became, to my own disbelief, the Chairman of the 'Friends'! Just over two years ago, on the pretext that he was trying to attract new members to the 'Friends'; he enticed (and I choose the word carefully!) me to attend a meeting to see if I was interested in joining. On arrival, I discovered that Mike Parkin and Werner Nagel had been similarly conned, and that this organisation in which we were showing interest consisted of a Treasurer, one Committee member, a Secretary (who then resigned the following day!) – plus Mitch! Before we collectively knew what had hit us, Mike was the Vice-Chairman, Werner was on the Committee and I was assured I had agreed to be the Chairman. Memory can be a strange thing!

This is typical of Mitch – he sees the 'Friends' and the *Haydon News* as interesting and important facets of the life of the village, and is quite prepared to take responsibility and direct action to protect and ensure the continuity of both.

Mitch initially undertook to be Editor of the *Haydon News* for two years, and ended up doing the job for over four and a half. It was only through my membership of the 'Friends' that I began to see the crucial and central contribution he made both as Editor and as a 'Friend' of Haydon Bridge. Mainly through his drive and energy, membership of the 'Friends' has increased from four or five just over two years ago to the present figure of almost 200. During his time as Editor, the *Haydon News* has increased in size from two or three sheets to ten or more, and there has been a considerable increase in advertisers. For most of the period, until the last couple of issues in fact, Mitch, in addition to his role as Editor, and most of the time, the sole reporter, has been responsible, with the invaluable help of Sylvia, for typing, printing and collating around 900 copies of each issue of the news-sheet. When I mention that this entails handling around 10,000 sheets of paper per issue, you perhaps get an idea of the size of the task – and it is all done by hand!

Both Mitch's personal and working backgrounds contributed to the unique set of skills he brought to the task of Editor. First and foremost, he has a local family background and a strong interest in people and their doings. His professional life developed his skill with words, and gave him wide expertise in electronics and computing, all of which have proven essential in the job. Lastly, he brought an almost incredible degree of enthusiasm, commitment and sheer dedication to the task – this last all the more remarkable when you realise that, like some of the rest of us, he ain't so young as he used to be. I also know that there are many things Mitch quietly takes care of from his own resources – for example, the cost of the *Haydon News'* monthly publication on the Internet is borne by him, and he has told us he will continue the practice. He will also carry on being a very active member of the 'Friends', and, I hope, an adviser and welcome contributor. I have asked him if he will continue with the Crossword (another of his popular innovations), and he has said he will consider this – I'm keeping my fingers crossed!

Mitch brought a challenging, frank style to the *Haydon News* – naturally not everyone agreed with his "take" on events all the time, but there can be no doubt that his – can I say occasionally provocative - style increased readership and readability. The amount of time and energy given by him were truly impressive – indeed, in a voluntary role virtually unique. In that sense, I fully sympathise with and endorse his decision to leave the job at last – after all, he did give it over four and a half years when he promised two at the outset! I think he is entitled to more of his own time to actually call his own – and I know Sylvia certainly does!

On behalf of all your readers (hardcopy or Internet) and friends, and the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', a simple and very sincere thank you, Mitch. Rest assured you are a daunting act to follow.

Charles Thomas (Chairman)

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Gary Thompson.

River House, Haydon Bridge, Northumberland, NE47 6XX
Telephone: 01434 688 199

Ladies,

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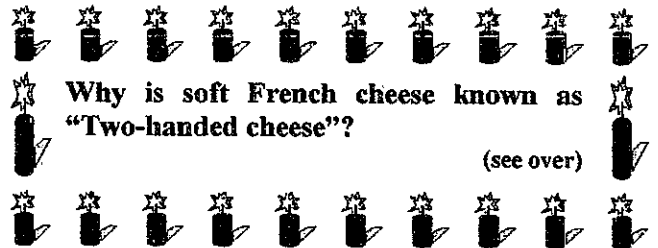
I have just received my Autumn / Winter Collection of skirts, trousers and jackets in the most wonderful colours.

All you have to do is ring me and I can either come and see you or you can come here.

I have only recently moved into Haydon Bridge so it would be a lovely opportunity to meet some new people.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gill Valentine.



Why is soft French cheese known as "Two-handed cheese"? (see over)

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**HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES
(January – Summer 2000)**

Meetings held in Methodist Church beginning 7.15pm.

6 January	Mr Colin Jewitt	Tracks and Signs
20 January	A. G. M. Mrs Margaret Jacot	Morocco
3 February	Dr. D. Collinson	Mars – Exploration of the Planet Search for Life
24 February	Mr & Mrs Jamieson	Mediterranean Flowers
2 March	Mr Richard Myerscough	Tropical Forest Project of Mexico
16 March	Mr P. E. Harrigan	Belsay Hall Gardens
30 March	Mr Eric Morton	Taxidermy

Summer 2000

A programme of evening walks and excursions are arranged in the Summer Months.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION		£7.50
HALF MEMBERSHIP	- Walks only:	£3.00
	- Meetings only	£5.00
FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS		£1.00 each meeting

Indoor meetings include coffee and biscuits.

For further information please contact:

<i>Dot & John DeStefano</i>	<i>Allendale</i>	<i>Telephone: 01434 683 124</i>
<i>Sheila Myers</i>	<i>Hexham</i>	<i>Telephone: 01434 607 267</i>

If you are without transport, please arrange a lift.

**DO YOU WANT TO SUPPORT
THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE?**

Membership is a nominal 10p per month so a subscription for the year is £1.20. If you would like to join please complete the form below and enclose with your membership subscription. You can give it to any member of the Committee or leave it in an envelope at the Haydon Bridge Post Office addressed to: *'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'*.

If you are a non-resident of the Parish of Haydon the annual U.K. subscription £6.00 which includes a postal delivery of the Haydon News.

Please send cheque for £6.00 or donations to the Editor, c/o The Post Office, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6ET, Northumberland

I wish to become an active / non-active member (delete as appropriate) of *'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'* for the period 1st January 1999 – 31st December 1999. Please find enclosed a cheque/cash to the value of

Name

Address

Phone

Please note that donations greater than minimum amount are welcome

All monies received will be used for the Benefit of Parish inhabitants.

Cheques payable to:
'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'

**PLEASE SUPPORT US
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

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The 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' meet regularly each month in Granny Irwin's Lounge in the Railway Hotel. This is usually at 7:30pm. on the Tuesday following the 4th Thursday of the month.

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd November



Up-date – ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT

**CHANGING WORK-FAMILY CONFIGURATIONS
AN ETHNOGRAPHY OF THREE RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Many of you will remember this project, which featured in the May, June and July issues of the *Haydon News*, and the visit here of Dr. Monika Strell, a member of the Project Team, in early Summer. A copy of the Project's newsletter has been received, in which is a report of the fieldwork carried out in the first of the two Scottish communities involved, apart from ourselves. The community is on Speyside, and the fieldwork ran from July to mid-August.

This month the Project Team is preparing for the main fieldwork in Haydon Bridge, and will be making a presentation of their proposals to the Parish Council. The core period of fieldwork here will be October and November. All three members of the research team (Dr. Natasha Mauthner, Senior Research Fellow; Dr. Lorna McKee, Director of Research, Department of Management Studies; Dr. Monika Strell, Research Fellow) will be involved in interviewing, with Monika Strell present throughout.

The team can be contacted at Arkleton Centre for Rural Development Research, University of Aberdeen, St Mary's, Old Aberdeen, AB24 3UF.

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Fax: 01224 273 902; e-mail: m.strell@abdn.ac.uk**



**Because you eat it with
one hand and hold your
nose with the other!!**

Letters to the Editor & Readers Viewpoints

Hi There,

Just surfed across your site as I was looking for Tourist Information on Northumberland!

About 17 years ago I moved from Haydon Bridge to Staffordshire with my Mum and Step Father but the area still holds many fond memories for me.

We used to worship at the little United Reformed Chapel just over the level crossing and shopped in the old Co-op on the corner by the subway until it closed down. I remember fondly being a member of the 1st Haydon Bridge Cub Pack which at the time was run by two ladies one of whom had the chip shop next to the VG store.

Our house was at 35 Ratcliffe Road. I remember how I used to climb the trees in the garden and watch over the high wall for people in the alley next to the house or to see who was wandering along the river bank.....

Happy memories!

Thanks for your great web site - good to be able to keep in touch with the goings on in my old area!

If it's not too much trouble do you think it would be possible for someone to e-mail me a few pictures of the town now and if at all possible a picture of our old house.

Keep in touch and I shall certainly be visiting your web site again soon (who knows maybe I'll even get back to see the town for real in the not too distant future).

Warmest regards,

Michael A. Allen.
(Age 28)

Note: Mitch will respond to Mr Allen via the Internet.

Out of Sight, Out of Mind?

Dear Editor,

During my recovery from an unexpected operation I have been overwhelmed by the number of 'good luck' and 'get well' messages that have originated in Haydon Bridge.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their kind thoughts and gestures. I am reassured that 'out of sight' certainly does not mean 'out of mind' as far as I am concerned.

A special 'thank you to Mam and Dad who returned early from holiday to visit me in hospital.

David Telford
Burnley
(well on the road to recovery)

Hi!

I'm a journalist writing an article for the International Herald Tribune about on-line communities.

The Trib has asked me specifically to talk to the people at haydonbridge.demon.co.uk as an example of a 'virtual community' that has brought people together through their common ties with the area.

I wondered if we could arrange a time next week (16th-20th Aug) for a chat on the phone about the web-site and the community who use it. Perhaps if you could let me know your phone number.

I could give you a call this week to explain a bit more about what I'm after. FYI, I'm a Brit based in California, so the time difference is a little tricky, but either the start or the end of the UK day would be fine.

Many thanks,

Sheridan Nye

Note: Brian Harrison and Mitch spoke to the Tribune Reporter at length. The article will be printed in a supplement to The International Herald Tribune during October.

6 Windsor Drive, Cleadon Village Nr. Sunderland
Tyne & Wear SR6 7SY

Dear Sir,

I read with interest in the August 6th. issue of the 'Hexham Courant' of the *Haydon News* news-sheet, and request, Sir, if a small message can be inserted in a forthcoming edition for which I would be indebted.

Could any reader please assist family history research with any information about the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs Jane Boyd? Mrs Boyd died in 1963, her husband pre-deceased her, no date known. She resided at Belmont Gardens. Her husband had two brothers, and there may be family yet living locally, including a niece Ms Nora Boyd (as of 1963 information). Mrs Boyd came originally from Harton, South Shields, though, when she married and moved to Haydon Bridge I do not as yet know. Her maiden name was Wray, and she was my Great Aunt. Assistance of any kind would be greatly welcomed and very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Robert F. Wray.

Note: Happy to oblige, Mr Wray. I have also taken the liberty of passing a copy of your letter to 'Mitch' Mitchell (our Editor for four and a half years until this issue, and a keen and very well-informed local genealogist). Mitch helped many readers - home and abroad - with this sort of family research, and is happy to carry on doing so.

Haydon Bridge Town Hall

I was interested in Edwin Charlton's article in the last issue of the *Haydon Newsletter*, about the late Charlton family of Allendale, who were cousins to my late husband, William Thompson. They were farmers and stone masons – and took part in the building of the Town Hall. It was built on waste land, and at the age of five years, as I made my way to the old Shaftoe First School, I can remember seeing workmen on the site. The late Joe Thompson of Haydon Bridge served his time as a stone mason with his cousin, the late Edwin Milburn of Allendale, who was also related to the Charlton family.

The late Doctor Murray and W. S. Walton of Haydon Bridge, provided the money to build the Town hall, and received rents from it. Dr. Murray lived and had his surgery in Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge. His housekeeper was the late Florence Dickson of Haydon Bridge. Doctor Murray's cure for his patients was, 'Drink plenty of Barley Water'. He used his bicycle to visit his patients wearing leggings and double peaked cap and as cars were appearing he preferred to use his bicycle. He also bought the Odd Fellows Hall and changed it into a dwelling house.

His partner, the late W. S. Walton lived up the North Bank and had two sons, one of them was the late Haydon Walton. He was a well known cricketer. His father, W. S. Walton built Linton House, Belmont Gardens. It is known that stone blasted from the river bed of the Tyne, at Haydon Bridge and removed by horse and cart, to Allendale to build some kind of Temperance Hall, and that the horses were rested at Langley before reaching Allendale, and that this was the only means of transport in those days.

I well remember the Farmers Ball was the event of the year in the Town Hall. Men were dressed in evening suits wearing white gloves, the ladies in evening gowns. Those were the days when I danced away the night at many of these occasions, before it became a cinema, and now a working men's club.

So much for the Town Hall.

Mrs D Thompson

Temple Houses.

Chinese Whispers at Hexham

The OXFAM shop at Hexham can be very busy – upstairs there are the unpacking / sorting / pricing rooms – a hive of industry (& hangers!). Downstairs in the shop, behind the till there is an intercom / phone connected with upstairs. This device saves endless trips up and down a steep flight of stairs. Enquiries in the shop for anything from a back scratcher to a toboggan are passed via this intercom and the search is made among the various cupboards, shelves and boxes. We really do 'try to please'.

Last Monday, there were three of us volunteers upstairs busy unpacking and sorting and one person in the shop behind the till. The intercom trilled upstairs and was answered. The handpiece was replaced and we other two looked expectantly at the one who had taken the message. We were ready to rush off in all directions to try to find the required item. But her face was a blank. At last she spoke. The request from the shop was, "A lady wants some blue material which must have sheep's eyes". We all stood rooted to the spot. What a specific request, what a weird one!!!! Where to start looking? But, ever true to the OXFAM volunteers creed, "*I'm sure we will find it if we look hard enough*" we searched through all our materials but found no blue material let alone with sheep's eyes. Then we struck a very busy few hours and forgot all about this strange request.

That was Monday. Today is Saturday and I was intrigued enough to ask the lady who had been behind the till on Monday, had she really been asked for blue material with sheep's eyes, and had she any idea what it was wanted for? After some deep thought she recalled the customer and, of course, the request had been altered in transmission over the intercom! An example of Chinese Whispers. What the customer had asked for was, "Some blue material, single sheet size". A far cry from the oft quoted classic Chinese Whisper when a forward Army unit sent back the message, "*Send reinforcements, we are going to advance*", which on being received back at base was translated as, "*Send three and fourpence, we're going to a dance*".

But we giggled on and off all day about our "sheep's eyes".

A Nanny Mouse – OXFAM shop – Hexham.

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

HBUFA hold their monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Haydonian Working Men's Club where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.

This meeting is also open to members of the public.

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FAMILY FUN RUN

Yet again it was cold and windy on the Old Bridge, but it was well worth the wait.

We had 38 entries this year, an increase of 8 over last year.

The overall winner was Mark Robson, in a time of 12mins. 43sec.

The results in the other categories were as shown as below with overall finishing positions in brackets.

The tremendous support from the sponsors enables a total of 24 prizes to be awarded, and all finishers received packets of sweets. We hope they will be able to continue their generosity in future years.

Sponsors were: Ribchesters Chartered Accountants, Maurice Armstrong Food Stores, Haydon Bridge Fish & Chip Shop, Anchor Garage, Cathryn Stirling-Hill, Jenny Banks, Christine Brown, Hexham Courant and Abbey Press.

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

Winners.

(1st.) Senior Male	Alan McVitie	14mins 20secs
(2nd.) Senior Male	Stephen Carruthers	16mins 20secs
(1st.) Senior Female	Rosemary Todhunter	16mins 09secs
(2nd.) Senior Female	Angie Clark	21mins 32secs

Ages: 13 – 17 years

(1st.) Boy (Overall Winner)	Mark Robson	12mins 43secs
(2nd.) Boy	Marc Findlay	12mins 45secs
(3rd.) Boy	Graeme Banks	19mins 39secs

Ages: 7 – 12 years

(1st.) Boy	Michael Liddle	13mins 28secs
(2nd.) Boy	Dan Kirkup	14mins 02secs
(1st.) Girl	Philippa Green	18mins 25secs
(2nd.) Girl	Faye Stockill	20mins 08secs

Ages: 6 and under.

(1st.) Boy	Jeremy Green	16mins 36secs
(2nd.) Boy	Michael Charlton	23mins 26secs
(3rd.) Boy	Edward McDonald	24mins 35secs
(4th.) Boy	Mark Todhunter	24mins 51secs

Family: (Parent and 1 child)

(1st.) Matthew and Chris Green	17mins
(2nd.) Andy and Stephen Carruthers	18mins
(3rd.) Alex and Chris Brown	23mins

The Armstrong / Browns

Dear Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to "The Sunshine Panners Steel Band" from Haydon Bridge High School, for making our float such a huge success.

"The Caribbean Cruisers" (The Haydon Hotel) won first prize for best float at Haydon Bridge Fair held on Bank Holiday Monday.

I'd also like to thank Miss Mansfield and helpers for transporting the equipment, Martin Oliver for the use of his wagons, McDonald's Farm for the bales of straw, everyone who helped dress the wagons, drivers Jav and Gordon, and finally, all who were on the float.

A great time was had by all!!

Maria Skeritt.

Dear Editor

Strother Close
Haydon Bridge

I would like to thank everyone who came to support Haydon Bridge Cricket Club at the Disco & Barbecue held in 'The Haydon Hotel' on Saturday 4 September.

Special thanks to Betty and Maurice for the use of the marquee, and to Tim at 'The Anchor Hotel' for donating a prize for the raffle.

A total of £200 was raised for the Cricket Club.

Many thanks once again

Barry Hope

On Wednesday 20 October at 7.30pm., Mr John Carrick will give an illustrated talk "A Peep Into The Past" on Bardon Mill Colliery, At Bardon Mill W. I. Hall.

Tickets £2, including tea and biscuits, will be available from:

Mrs Spence (01434 344 518),
Mrs Libby Scott (01434 344 582),
Mrs Val Gibson (01434 344 030).

There will also be a raffle.

Would anyone who has photographs, news cuttings or memorabilia relevant to the project, loan them to us for display that evening?

Any proceeds from the event will be used to improve the village.

OUT & ABOUT

Groups & Special Events

This Group which meets weekly at the Methodist Church Hall is now becoming established in the village. Participants come from Haydon Bridge and from Haltwhistle, Bardon Mill and even from Barrasford.

The activities offered are quite varied but are mostly "creative" in some form or other. People enjoy the opportunity to get out of the house and meet others, and to have a nice tea. Care is taken to assist people who may have problems with mobility or with creaky fingers or who cannot cope with standard Evening Classes.

The Group are needing the services of a local person who will be able to attend each week. This would suit someone who has had some caring role or who has a current First Aid Certificate. Expenses will be paid. The Group meets on Monday afternoons so hours would be from 1.15 to 4.30pm. This job could be shared between two people. They would find it stimulating, rewarding and fun.

Anyone interested please contact:

Elizabeth Grande

Telephone: 01434 602 418

Jennifer Banks of John Martin Street, Haydon Bridge, would like to thank everyone for supporting her Coffee Afternoon on Monday 19 July in aid of Priory School and Tynedale Summer Activity Scheme.

The total amount raised was £1430.

Special thanks to Sonia, Shirley, Pauline, Maurine, Joan, Alan and Laura and everyone who sold raffle tickets.

The list of raffle prizes are shown below:

Weekend B&B in the Lake District	4755	Steve
Mountain Bike	2389	Daniel McNeillie
Meal for Two at Langley Castle	1795	Brian Keen
Corbridge Larder	0063	Stewart Twist
Boots Voucher	4788	Sylvia
Champagne	3724	S. Sherwin
Bottle of Whisky	4835	Mr. Murray
Bottle of Whisky	3860	B. Stafford
Sherlock's Voucher	3175	Eileen Chapman
Family Swim	2224	Jeff Brown
Hexham Swimming Pool Voucher	5661	P. Thompson
Hexham Swimming Pool Voucher	0515	L. Grey
Hexham Swimming Pool Voucher	3855	M. Stafford
Football	5860	L. & E. Marsh
Cans of Beer	3661	Sam Phillips
Cans of Beer	4022	Nichola
Cans of Beer	4432	A. Borthwick
Cans of Beer	0510	L. Grey
Cans of Beer	5349	K. Bell
Cans of Beer	2276	T. Westjop
Bottle of Wine	2530	D. Parfitt
Bottle of Wine	3205	A. Reed
Basket of Fruit	3434	Jan (H.B.H.S.)
Mint Collection	3010	J. Sims
Basket of Sweets	1367	S. Watkinson
Small Basket of Sweets	3770	L. Scudamore

"Life Cycle



1999"

A few weeks ago I wrote to the news letter to announce our "Life Cycle" project which was to cycle from Malta to Haydon Bridge in order to raise money for the Renal Unit of St. Luke's Hospital in Malta. The challenge was to do it within 21 days averaging over 100 miles per day. We were fortunate to do it with two days to spare and arrived late in the evening of Friday 17 September 1999.

Two days previous I had told my parents that it would be Saturday, not Friday, when we would be arriving so a reception had been planned for then. When we reached Tow Law on Friday evening I decided that the pull of the village was too much and we pushed on,

having warned my parents of our unexpected arrival. Needless to say we did not expect much of a reception on the Friday due to the change of plans. When we came around Church Street we were totally gobsmacked and it wasn't only myself who was feeling overcome with emotion, the Maltese contingent could not believe the number of people who had turned up to greet us. They instantly, to a person, fell in love with the village. The hospitality shown by the host families accommodating my Maltese friends during the stay as well as the general warmth of feeling towards them in the village will live with them a long time.

The Saturday reception and Sunday's match at Newcastle has helped make it a memorable stay, but what has really come as a marvellous surprise to us all is the money donated to the cause by the villagers and

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locals. It was never our intention to raise money from the village as we realised the money was for the Maltese Renal Unit not the UK but it was obvious that my wife Carmen and my own connection with the village spurred people on to give generously. The amount raise has left everyone speechless because to date we will be taking back over £1000 from Haydon Bridge.

It was a difficult cycle and at times we were both mentally and physically exhausted but the thought of those patients back in St. Luke's made our own efforts minor in comparison.

We had some great moments during the whole event, crossing the Apennine Mountains, the sheer delight of reaching the top of St. Gothard Pass in the Swiss Alps and many more but I am sure I can speak for every

one of us when I say that our Haydon Bridge experience was the "icing on the cake".

To all of you, on behalf of not only the "Life Cycle" team but also the people of Malta, we thank you.

Alan R. Curry

21 September 1999



**The Rainbow Writers
Short Story and Poetry Competition 1999**

Entries are invited for stories of up to 3,000 words from both female and male writers on any subject.

Poems of up to 40 lines.

Short Story prize £25, Runner up £10.
Poetry Prize £25, Runner up £10.



Each individual poem or story must be accompanied by a £1 entry fee made payable to "The Rainbow Writers".

The closing date for the competition is 31 October 1999.

Winners will be notified by 30 December 1999.

The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

We are hoping to publish an Anthology of the best work submitted.

Name:

Address:

Short Story Title:

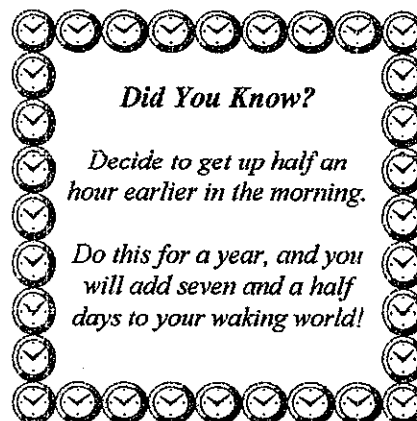
Approximate word count:

Poem Title:

Send your entries to the following address:

The Rainbow Writers
High Brindles
Heugh House Lane
Haydon Bridge NE47 6JH

Please send a S.A.E. if you require the return of your work.



Did You Know?

Decide to get up half an hour earlier in the morning.

Do this for a year, and you will add seven and a half days to your waking world!

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Don't use time or words carelessly.

Neither can be retrieved.

RAILWAY HOTEL PUMPKIN AND MARROW SHOW

*On Saturday 11 September 1999 at Haydon Bridge it was all go
The Railway Hotel was holding its Annual Pumpkin and Marrow Show*

*A monster Pumpkin had appeared, by wheelbarrow at the door
Then the task to carry it in, it took not three men, but four*

*The size caused much interest and created quite a fuss
It tipped the scales as the winner, weighing in at eleven stone plus*

*Gary Cunningham was the owner, as we soon found out
To acquire the seed of this specimen, he'd searched out and about*

*For winning Gary two hundred pound and feeling generous
Donated it to a charity of his choice, causing quite a buzz*

*The art of Pumpkin growing is not just done by men
As Joyce Brown proved in third place, women are just as good as them*

*Young Claire Marshall and Alan Barker got the prize for most improved
When Alan gave the lot to Claire many people were very moved*

*Kevin Marshall won the heaviest, and Best Marrow in the show
His green fingers run in the family, from his Dad and Grandad he got the know*

*The Fourth prize went to a young lad, Jamie Kirsopp is his name
It's good to see the youngsters interested in the horticultural game*

*There was also a show of onions, the biggest one to win who dare
Brian Burrows won this class, (a come down from last year)*

*The Cups and prizes were awarded by landlady Jackie, on that night
Followed by guitar playing and singing by that "Ol'd Swinger" Alan White*

*The Grand Raffle was drawn with many prizes being won
Proceeds starting the funds for next year's show, which we hope will be as much
fun.*

*Club members send grateful thanks for raising funds all year round
Arranging meetings and the show, Cheers to Jackie! No better landlady can be
found!!!*

WANTED: ACCOMPANIST

(Small remuneration available: sense of humour an asset!)

The 'Shaftoe Chorale' meet every Friday term-time in the evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm and sing a varied repertoire.

If you would like to join us as an accompanist please come along to one of our rehearsals in St. Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge. (Our temporary home whilst the Community Centre is rebuilt).

For further information, contact:

01434 322 096
or
01434 683 559.

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING!

New members are always welcomed. Just turn up to any rehearsal.

We would especially like some more tenors and basses!

Better Late Than Never!

During my twelve years in the village I regularly felt the urge to write/respond to articles in the *Haydon News*, but somehow, through various reasons, never quite got to the stage of putting pen to paper soon enough before the momentum was lost.

I can't believe how the years passed so quickly, but they provided me with many memories of Haydon Bridge. Sadly, several of the people with whom I first became acquainted with as a relative stranger to the village have since passed away. It is a great privilege and pleasure

for me to have known those special people and I will always carry fond memories of them all.

Although I made many friends, it was during the preparation for my house move that I realised just how thoughtful and caring people were around me. The staff on the Co-op who provided an endless supply of boxes to help with my packing; dear Barbara who cleared bagfuls of my "collector's items" to be donated to a more worthy cause; the frequent callers passing by to say 'good-bye' and 'good luck'. I received so many lovely cards and good wishes, it was quite overwhelming.

Fortunately, as I was so busy, I didn't get time to be too sentimental – otherwise I would never have moved house at all!

So, now I have the opportunity to say a big thank you through this letter. I hope everything is going well within the village and send my best wishes to everyone.

I trust that the new occupants of River House will be happily settled into their new surroundings by now, also the neighbours next door at No. 21, Rat-

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cliffe Road. I am sure everyone will make them feel welcome.

For those who might be able to visit Normandy for future holidays my address and telephone number is with Tony Willis. I will be please to accommodate Haydonians as a special thank you for their kindness to me during my stay in Haydon Bridge.

For those who don't recall my name - I'm the person who usually walked, sandwiched between my two black retrievers - Leanne and Ruby.

Pas woof woof maintenant. C'est le woof!!!

Louise Wilson

Formerly of: River House, Ratcliffe Road

LANGLEY W. I.

The A. G. M. for Langley W. I. was held in September and members were pleased to welcome Mrs K. Beale as their V. C. O. for the evening.

A delicious supper was provided by the Committee after which the Treasurer, President and Committee presented their reports on the previous year. These reports revealed a thriving institute which has taken part in numerous wide-ranging activities including Dominoes, seminars on Committee work, Staging Exhibits, Running a Cake Stall, Visiting other W. I's, sending delegates to both Spring and Autumn Council Meetings and attending the group meeting.

Trips included the Nursery at Longframlington, Dobbies Garden Centre at Ponteland and 'County Day' at Alnwick. All this in addition to the usual monthly meetings, where speakers entertained members with such diverse topics as Feng Shui, Hypnotherapy, Game-keeping, Floral Art, Independent Film Producing and many more.

All in all, a very successful year.

Mrs M Nagel.

HAYDON BRIDGE W. I.
No input received at time of going to press.

PARISH COUNCIL PICKINGS

Thursday 23 September 1999

Venue - Methodist Chapel

10 Councillors were present as well as five members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of residents from the West end of the village are complaining again about the state of the shrubbery. It is severely overgrown and full of litter, weeds and vermin. Housebound residents have also lost their view and would prefer the shrubs removed. The P. C. has agreed to have the shrubs cut back and the whole area tidied up. This decision will be reviewed next June.

St Cuthbert's Play Group are asking about the proposed play area on the riverside picnic site. Grants have been applied for and some money is already at hand. The first stage will involve providing a better access road, picnic tables and a general tidy up of the area.

MATTERS ARISING

Volunteers are being sought to help paint the sub-way.

Full consent has not yet been granted for the Old Bridge renovation. Work is expected to start next May.

PLANNING

The application for Hordley Acres House has now been approved.

The P. C. must decide whether to buy the picnic site from Greenwich Hospital or extend its lease.

The occasional sewage problem on the riverside is caused when the river floods.

Railings on Parker's Terrace are causing problems for wagons at the corner.

A derelict car and van parked on the riverside are to be removed by their owners.

The owners of the overgrown hedge by the High School are to be contacted.

An estimate has been received to repair the seat at the entrance to Hordley Acres.

The garage extension at Shaftoe House has been approved.

The level crossing will be closed from 11.00pm. on Saturday 16 October to 9.00am. On Sunday 17 October.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Two events are planned to help swell the Millennium Fund.

* 1st. October at the Railway Hotel - sing-a-long with Alan White + Buffet Supper.

* 8th. October at the Haydon Hotel - Northumbrian Night with Supper.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The concrete post fence at Strother Close is in a bad state of repair.

Some gravestones at the cemetery have been tampered with.

Complaints have been made about the number of bikes being ridden on the pavements throughout the village.

The dog bin is full and other bags of rubbish have been piled up since the end of August.

'Britain in Bloom' judges say Haydon Bridge has improved during the last 12 months. Please keep up all your good work. Ratcliffe Road was highly mentioned.

Research by Aberdeen University on balancing work and family life in rural areas is taking place in Haydon Bridge. During October and November, families and community figures will be interviewed on their views. Public transport, shops, amenities and difficulties of living in a rural area will be on the agenda.

PAT

**PLEASE SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL SHOPS -
THEY NEED OUR
CUSTOM
TO SURVIVE.**

STOP PRESS: The 'Herald Tribune' item on page 7 up-dated.

Article will appear in the supplement of the 2nd week in October. Part of the 'Telecom 99' show.

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

FLU JABS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR ALL PATIENTS OF THE HAYDON BRIDGE HEALTH CENTRE - FLU VACCINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN ON

FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER

IN THE

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

BETWEEN 10.00 AM AND 4.00 PM.

PLEASE REFER TO THE LIST FOR YOUR TIME TO ATTEND - IF YOUR SURNAME BEGINS WITH:

A - E	10.00 - 11.00 AM
F - J	11.00 - 12.00 NOON
K - O	12.00 - 1.00 PM
P - T	2.00 - 3.00 PM
T - Z	3.00 - 4.00 PM

If you are unable to attend these sessions please make an appointment with the practice nurse in the usual way during October.

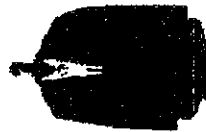
FASHION SHOW

OCTOBER 8TH

Show starts at 7.30 pm

AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

£3.50 (INC. WELCOME DRINK)



OPPORTUNITY AFTER FASHION SHOW TO PURCHASE QUALITY SECONDS FROM LEADING GRAIN STORES

Tickets available from Haydon Bridge High School PE Department (01434 684422) or on the door.

Money raised for Canada 2000 Tour

Entertainment by the 'Sunshine Farmers' Steel band,
Tombois prize draw

Haydon Bridge High School

Haydon Bridge
Hexham
Northumberland
NE47 6LR

Northumberland County Council

Telephone: 01434 684 422
Fax: 01434 684 226

Dear Parents / Friends / "Haydon News"

We are contemplating setting up an orchestra / band / ensemble for the benefit of players within the community.

Would you like to be involved?

We would like to find out the strength of interest for such a group, and it would help us if you could answer and return the following questionnaire. (Feel free to photocopy this sheet to pass on to others!)

1. Instrument(s) played:

2. Experience (grade or equivalent)

3. Which sort(s) of group would suit your interest?

Orchestra Windband Ceilidh Band

String Orchestra Jazz Band Other (please specify)

4. Which times would be best for you for a rehearsal?

Weekday (4pm) Weekday (7pm) Saturday (am)

Other (please specify)

5. Would transport to Haydon Bridge be a problem?

Name:

Address:

.....

.....

Telephone:

Please feel free to write (overleaf) anything else you think might be relevant or helpful.

Please return to "The Haydon Bridge Community Music Project" at the above address.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully

Martin Hoile

working

*learning
together*

C D Thompson MA
Headteacher

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from the Revd Vincent Ashwin
Vicar of St Cuthbert's Church

WORKING TOGETHER

At the end of July, a team of 30 leaders ran a Holiday Club for the churches in Haydon Bridge. Members of the team worked well together, and the 100 or so children enjoyed the sessions.

It was one of those situations where the Common Good (to use rather a pompous phrase) was more important than any differences of approach we may have had. We were delighted to welcome for the first time some of the children's mothers, who contributed their own first-hand knowledge of young children. They filled the gap between energetic 17-22 year-old helpers, and the over-45.s who made up the rest of the team. Members of the team were from Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Methodist denominations, and from two independent churches - Hexham Community Church and Canley Evangelical church in Coventry; it was from there that we welcomed five leaders, including Simon Brown who was over-all in charge. He was recruited by the Scripture Union.

The Scripture Union organises 100s of Holiday Clubs and Beach Missions each year. It is an evangelical organisation, dedicated to converting people to Christianity, based on a traditional interpretation of the Bible. Again, in the Holiday Club, it didn't matter at that the helpers were people who approach the Bible in different ways. Different churches and different ways of using the Bible - these were not important here in the week of the Holiday Club. We all wanted the children to see the love of God in the lives and words of the leaders.

Yes, it was a big event for the churches. Two leaders who had been with us for some years travelled huge distances to be here for the week, even though one (John Martin) now works in Salzburg in Austria, and another (Margaret Hindle) lives in Cornwall. That's how big an event it was. We hope that the children and young people who came to the Club will find a home in one of the village's churches.

The Club received generous support from the Shaftoe Educational Foundation. When the Revd John Shaftoe founded the Trust in Haydon Bridge, he lived at a time when it was assumed that all education would be Christian. Since then, the Shaftoe First School and the High School (its child!) have lost their direct Church links, though there are many Christian members of staff. Vicar Shaftoe would have delighted to see Christians in Haydon Bridge use some of his money in such direct Christian work.

People sometimes say that children are the *Church of the Future*. Surely they are an important part of the Church of the Present.



September 1999

AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

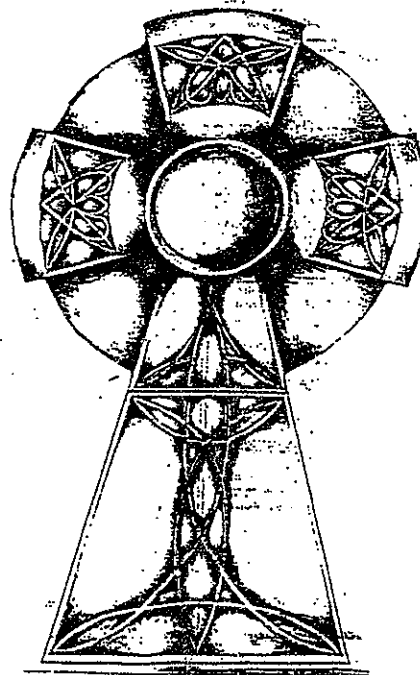
WHO AND WHERE

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

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



**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sept 12th

10.00 Family Service
Rev David Perkins

6.00 Mrs B Mearns

Sept 19th

10.00 Mr J Green

6.00 Mr S Todd

Sept 26th Harvest Thanksgiving

10.15 Ecumenical Harvest Festival
St Cuthberts

6.00 Ecumenical Harvest Praise
St Cuthberts

October 3rd

8.30 Communion Rev David Perkins

10.00 Barbara Rowarth

6.00 Local Arrangement

October 10th

10.00 J M Firth

6.00 Dickenson

October 17th

10.00 Rev David Perkins

6.00 Mr M Knowles

October 24th

10.00 Mr Wilson

6.00 Pinkney

October 31st

10.00 Rev David Perkins

6.00 Mr Elstob

**CALENDAR FOR
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

Mid-September to Mid-October

Sept 12th Trinity 15

10.30 Parish Communion
Canon Tony Duncan

Sept 19th Trinity 16

8.00 Holy Communion, BCP Canon Prins
10.30 Morning Prayer Mike Fry
6.30pm Deanery E'song,
Whitley Chapel.

Wed.22nd 7.30pm, Mothers' Union

Thu.23rd 7.30pm Exeutive of Christians
Together.

Sept 26th HARVEST THANKSGIVING

10.15 Ecumenical Harvest Festival
Communion & Sermon
(Revd C Elliott-Newman)

6.00pm Harvest Praise, St Cuthbert's,
Dr L Gray

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm PCC meeting.

October 3rd Trinity 18

8.00...Holy Communion, BCP Canon Prins

10.30 All-Age Worship Dr Lindsay Gray

4.00pm (NB) Old Church
Harvest Evensong & Sermon
Archdeacon Peter Elliott.

October 10th Trinity 19

10.30 Parish Communion & Sermon
Canon Duncan

October 17th Trinity 20

8.00 Holy Communion, BCP Canon Prins

10.30 Morning Prayer & Sermon
Mr Mike Fry

Mon. 18th 2.15pm Mothers' Union,
3 Deaneries Festival at Holy Cross,
Haltwhistle.

October 24th Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30 Parish Communion
Canon Tony Duncan

Wed. 27th 7.30pm Mothers' Union.

October 31st All Saints' Sunday

10.15 Haydon Bridge Benefice Holy
Communion Canon Stanley Prins

6.00pm All Souls' Servicee
Dr Lindsay Gray

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

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am.

Mass at 11.0 at Haltwhistle each Sunday.

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays), at
10.00am, either at St John's or at
Haltwhistle.

Did you wonder what the amazing cross is
on the previous page ?

If you watched BBC's Songs of Praise
recently you will have seen the Millenium
Cross. This is a specially commissioned
14" high glass cross cast at Sunderland
Glassworks. Consisting predominantly of
clear glass with streaks of purple and
carved in the Celtic tradition.

The cross will be blessed in Carlisle
Cathedral on Advent Sunday (28th
November) and will pass through every
Parish on Hadrians Wall before finishing
the pilgrimage at St Lukes Wallsend and
passing finally to Newcastle Cathedral.

It is anticipated to be in Beltingham with
Henshaw from Sunday 19th March and
Haydon Bridge from 26th March, passing
on to Warden with Newbrough on 2nd
April.

It is anticipated the permanent home after
the celebrations will be Hexham Abbey.

A SAWBONES' WRITES

A PIERCING SCREAM

Body piercing is now so commonplace as to be almost unremarkable, likewise tattooing. Scarifying (causing patterns of scars) and branding remain minority pursuits, often the territory of those with an interest in bondage and sado-masochism.

Ear lobe piercing is by far the most common form and even finds favour with the most sober and conventional of citizens. The chief problem is tearing of the lobe when the earring gets caught on something which leaves a ragged lobe. Happily this situation is easily remedied by a simple procedure that I have performed many times at the health centre. Piercings of other parts of the ear seem less susceptible to damage.

Piercing of the nose, either the sides or the central part is almost as common as ear piercing. Problems peculiar to this site include inhaling the stud or its retaining clip and a greater tendency to infection when new. Extracting the stud retaining clip from inside the nose can be a bit of a fiddle. Regrettably the only solution to infection, in any site, is removal of the stud and allowing the piercing to heal. After a few weeks a further piercing can be attempted if desired.

Lips and tongues, when pierced, are a source of mild vexation for dentists.

Piercings around the eyes need to be very carefully sited as there are nerves and blood vessels running quite close to the skin that could cause problems if damaged.

Nipple piercing is the only form of the body modification fashion that makes my toes curl in sympathy for the agony that must be involved. I would very strongly advise women to avoid piercings directly into the nipple or areola (the surrounding pigmented circle) until after they have finished bearing children. This is really quite crucial if breast feeding is to be trouble free.

Navel piercing is very common amongst young women and seems to be frequently accompanied by infection. Usually the piercing parlour will offer advice on wound cleaning but regular wiping with surgical spirit until the piercing is complete, which can take several weeks, is sufficient.

Genital piercing, usually of the labia minora, is not the new fangled development that some might imagine. It has been practised, in other places and at other times, for centuries. Piercing of the clitoris must surely be so painful as to deter even the most determined woman and cannot be recommended at all. Piercings that interfere with passing urine or which might be damaged at intercourse, such as those that join the labia together, should be avoided I feel. Replacing labial jewellery can be difficult for the wearer herself, if it has to be removed for some reason. Scrupulous hygiene after genital piercing is essential to avoid infection.

Piercings should only be done by a reputable and qualified person. All of the instruments and studs/rings/etc. should be **NEW** and opened in the presence of the person being pierced. New surgical gloves should always be worn by the piercer.

Allergy to the metal that is used in the studs, rings and jewellery is not uncommon - as with any jewellery. If in doubt use plastic or one of the precious metals (24 carat gold, iridium, platinum or silver). Alloys (such as less than 24 carat gold) often contain nickel and this is a frequent cause of problems.

Lastly, small practical point for travellers, it may be prudent to remove the more intimate items of jewellery before negotiating the metal detectors at airports!

FLU VACCINATIONS

Please look out for the notices that will be going up all around the place advising about the autumn programme of flu vaccinations. This is going to be done at the New Methodist Chapel and we shall attempt to stagger the flow of patients by suggesting different times of attendance according to an alphabetical listing of surnames.

We shall also be offering vulnerable groups an additional vaccine against *pneumococcus*.

MILLENNIUM FEVER

The energy that is being diverted into planning for all manner of millennium contingencies is simply staggering. We propose to circulate details of the plans when they are complete.

MENINGITIS A&C VACCINATION

We have made a brisk start on getting the most vulnerable groups immunised. The first group is older teenagers who are away to college or university. Other young people will be summoned shortly.

ACNE ROSACEA

By the time people reach their fourth or fifth decade or more they are likely to feel that acne is the last thing that need concern them. Up to a point there are correct but there is a condition called Acne Rosacea that is quite common in those of middle age or greater. It isn't, of course, the same condition that affects teenagers, it just has a similar name.

The condition starts as a reddish rash around the nose, cheeks and brow, that can sometimes be obviously spotty but more usually simply looks sore and irritated. It is often associated with the development a certain bulbousness of the nose that can be quite prominent. The eyes can also be affected to with a persistent soreness.

Treatment is very easy with long term low dose antibiotics. SF.