



# THE HAYDON NEWS

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## EDITORIAL

Rather a lot has happened in Haydon Bridge since the last Haydon News appeared. We have moved into the 21st century, celebrated with a spectacular firework display, thanks due to Eileen Charlton and her Millennium team, and experienced the illumination of St. Cuthbert's Church over the Christmas and New Year period thanks to Enid Garrow whose idea and organisational skills brightened our darkest winter days.

For those who joined the Burns Night Party at the Haydon Hotel further pleasures were in store. Not only the delights presented by the assembled musicians and singers but, during the ceremonial addressing of the Haggis, the beast leapt from the platter, just as the knife was poised above, and hurried away across the floor, making it a truly memorable event.

In this edition we have a long letter from Cyprus in which Marion and Bill recall their eventful times in Haydon bridge. Work on the Community Centre, begun before their departure, is mentioned – perhaps now is the time for the Community Association to give us a progress report. How about one for the next Haydon News?

Dennis continues his history of the Wesley Chapel, Angela Ashwin writes on her forthcoming visit to America and there are several contributions and letters from readers far and wide.

Have you 'visited' the Haydon news website? I am informed that it is well worth viewing. Details on page 15

Happy reading

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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. Cuthbert's 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 15 now and find out how to wisely spend 10p a month.

**COPY DEADLINE: All contributions to the Haydon News to reach the Editor no later than Tuesday 22 February.**

### TINY TOTS

*From Birth to 3 years.*

The sessions, run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9.30 to 11.30 at St. Cuthbert's Church Hall, aim to provide a friendly environment where parents / carers can meet, have a coffee and chat, whilst the children play and have fun.

**Cost:** £1 for the first child, 50p for each additional child.

For further information contact Genevieve Stone on: **01 434 684 537** or call in at one of the sessions.

### PLAYGROUP

*From 2 years 6 months*

Playgroup currently runs on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.15 to 11.45. Each session provides your child with the opportunity to learn through play and to experience a wide range of activities. Children learn, through play, to communicate effectively and happily, at their own pace, with other children and adults. Playgroup is run by a qualified Nursery Nurse Teacher plus assistants.

**Cost:** £3 per session.

For further information contact Helen Easby on: **01 434 674 371** or call in at one of the sessions.

**St Cuthbert's Playgroup is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.**



### CAN YOU HELP?

Mr Robert Wray of Sunderland is looking for information about his great aunt:

MRS JANE BOYD, of Lintley, Belmont Gardens, who died in 1963, aged 85.

Another relative, his cousin, was NORA BOYD,

Mrs Elizabeth Edgar of Fife is looking for information about relatives of:

MRS SARAH HENDERSON, who died in 1940, aged 52 years.

The family lived at 19 John Martin Street, and then on Whittis Hill.

Another relative was JOHN HENDERSON, and the family had owned a saw-mill in Haydon Bridge.

**If you are able to help with the above please phone the Vicar (Vincent Ashwin) and he will give you the information, so that you can make contact with them.**

**Telephone: 01 434 684 307**

### The Vicar's wife, writes about her forthcoming trip to America.

"What?! Off to the States for five months? People will think you've left Vincent!" This was the response of some friends when I told them about my plans. So, let me stress that I do intend to return next June!

Now that Vincent is back from his Sabbatical, I am lucky enough to be going on a study-leave of my own next year. I've been given a research scholarship to go to the R.C. college and seminary of St. John's, Collegeville, Minnesota, for the first semester of the year (January to May).

A series of chance meetings led to the offer to go to the Ecumenical Institute at St. John's, to study spirituality and worship. In spite of my initial hesitation, the family encourage me to spread my wings and 'Go for it!', especially as the children are now all at University. Vincent has promised me that he will be all right in my absence - luckily he likes cooking! And we'll be able to keep in touch with e-mails, which will help.

My work there will be part of the research project I have been doing for the last year or so. My time will mostly be spent studying, but I am also asked to do some teaching and lecturing to seminary students, members of the huge monastery and convent that are also there, and in the Ecumenical House of Prayer. All of this makes up the lovely campus of lakes, fields and buildings.

I shall have an apartment with a log-fire, and, hopefully the odd radiator, as it is the coldest place in the USA apart from Alaska, and the book says, "In winter it hurts to breathe". I look forward to coming back to the hot English summer!!

**Angela Ashwin**

Dear Editor

We are researching the history and products of the *Barony of Langley Coal & Fireclay Co. Ltd.*, which operated from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century at Langley-on-Tyne. The products were mainly white-glazed sanitary wares, but smaller and more interesting items were also produced including white pigs, inkstands, bed-warmers and bread-crocks.

If anyone is able to help with our research, all information would be gratefully acknowledged. We would particularly like to talk with people who have had a connection with the firm, and / or possess examples of the wares, which they might allow us to photograph.

We can be contacted via the *Haydon News*, or directly.

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**IT HAPPENED ON SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1934**

In the **Hexham and District Quoits League**, Haydon Bridge beat Anick by 6 points to nil.

It was played on the Anchor Inn pitch before a good company, when the Haydonians, all being in tip top form, gained the maximum possible 6 points over the visitors, and the victory has placed them at the head of the table making them league winners by one point over their near neighbours Acomb M.A. The visitors must have given a moderate display, this being the only league game in which they have not raised a flag.

The **Haydon Bridge team**, who all scored maximum points were:

A. Thompson, J. Thompson, J. Birnie, T. Thompson, R. Thompson, H. Bowman.

The teams in the **Quoits League** were:

Haydon Bridge, Acomb M.A. Mickley B.B. Anick, Tavern & Stagshaw.

On the same Saturday, the **Haydon Bridge Cricket Team**, who lost to Tyne-dale by 54 runs in a friendly match, were:

J.W. Brown, S. Holliday, A. Graham, C. Bates, W. Cooper, J. Taylor, W. Johnson, G.E. Coulson, W. Rutherford, D. Temperley and G. Brown.

**WHO CAME FIRST?**

There has been intense competition throughout the country to see who could produce the first baby of the Millennium. No doubt there will have been some cheating in order to try to be the first, and the winner may well owe success to the surgeon's knife rather than to the laws of nature. No doubt there are many couples who planned to be married at one minute past Midnight in order to claim their brief moment of fame.

We can look back in the records of the Parish Church to find out who were the first 'achievers' in the past three centuries (obviously the records do not go back as far as the last Millennium).

**BAPTISMS**

18 January 1700	Nicholas, the son of John Maughan of Whinnetly.
24 January 1800	Jane, first daughter of Thomas Sheel, a pitman, and his wife Jane, of Page Croft.
07 January 1900	Diana, illegitimate daughter of Elizabeth Mary Hindmoor a servant of Bush Cottages.

**MARRIAGES**

25 April 1700	Andrew Armstrong and Elizabeth Graham
06 March 1800	John Maughan and Margaret Pattison
10 March 1900	John George May, a coalminer from Wylam, and Catherine Johnson, a domestic servant from Haydon Bridge.

**DEATHS**

10 January 1700	Elizabeth Ord
19 January 1800	Margaret Whitelock, an 82 year old widow from Lipwood
18 January 1900	George Henry Good, aged 79 years, from Tynemouth.

The events of 1700 would take place in the Old Church, Haydon Bridge and the others, most probably, in St. Cuthbert's Church.

**William Veitch: 'Haydon', Darwen, Lancashire.**

**MILLENNIUM NIGHT**

The celebrations for 'New Millennium Eve' seem to have been appreciated by all who took part. They were viewed from numerous vantage points around the area, but those who lined the bridge and streets all agree the atmosphere of community spirit across all generations was wonderful.

We have been asked since if we are doing it again next time. YES, we will if we are still around in 1,000 years time!! The atmosphere was created by the build-up and anticipation of the special occasion – you could not repeat it.

If the author of 'The Old Bridge and New Bridge Conversations' had still been here he would have had a meal of it in the Haydon News.

The Old Bridge would have claimed supremacy by having the fireworks on its majestic structure while the 'New' one would have said IT was invaluable as the best viewing point. But both would have agreed they were the centre of attention on the night with only the floodlit church with its service broadcast outside competing at all.

The night was only possible because of a small group who have worked to raise the funds, and the support given to them by those who have gone to Disco's, Quizzes, Folknights, Beetle Drives, the Bank Holiday Fair, or been a member of the Sweep.

Thanks to the Haydonian Working Mens Club; The Railway and The Haydon for the use of their premises and for making it possible for families to be catered for on the night. Their hard work was appreciated.

I'm sure everyone joins in thanks to the Firework Team who did a fabulous job, the preparation team for their hard work, the sound and lighting technicians, the soup ladies, the stewards and church helpers. They all played their part.

Two non-Haydonians visiting for the weekend who got roped in to help, Bruce and Rajit, will not forget where they brought in the Year 2000, nor will quite a few of you too.

Questionnaires for the House Survey and names for the May Day Celebrations – also mugs, are being delivered now. Please fill in and we will collect them at the beginning of February.

**Eileen Charlton.**

## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE

By Dennis Telford

*'Whether you knew it as the Wesleyan Chapel, the Wesley Hall or the Community Centre, memories are all that remain as the old stones are re-built for a new Millennium. A new beginning!'*

### *Part 2 (continued) - Wesleyan Chapel 1874 - 1946*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>. June 1945 it was announced that the Haydon Bridge Central and Elmfield Churches were to merge.

This "important event in the religious life of the village" was heartily acclaimed at the Hexham Circuit Quarterly meeting and for a while services were held alternate months in each church.

A more permanent role had to be sought for the old Wesleyan premises and on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1945 the leaders and Trustees meetings resolved that "in the interest of the work of God, the Elmfield premises should be used for public worship and the Central premises adopted for Sunday School and Youth Activities".

There will still be a few amongst us who remember with great pleasure, the field party held on the central tennis courts down the back of the railway station, to celebrate the inauguration of the new Society.

It was Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. September 1945 and tennis competitions, quoits and side-shows were organised by a committee of William G. Thompson, Eddie Dinning, Stan Armstrong, Tommy Thomson and Johnny Bates. A wonderful tea of salmon and cucumber sandwiches, home-made cakes, jelly and trifle and, afterwards, a service in the Central Church with George Dodd of Langley as Chairman.

The merger which brought together the Methodist worshippers in the village was not completed without rancour. Village people such as John Willie Hamilton, George Davison and Ted Armstrong were loathe to surrender their Wesleyan traditions to worship in the Primitive's Chapel.

Bobby Todd, the first Secretary of the Union Trustees, well remembers the many meetings, often lasting well into the night, which were needed before agreement was reached and correspondence to the Hexham Courant suggested that, "Closing a Chapel was an act of which the authors should be ashamed" and asked, "What would become of the old Central Methodists whose life interest was their Chapel?"

In spite of its critics, the union of the two Methodist Churches was completed in 1946 with the renewal of the trusts and the vesting of both properties in one Board of Trustees.

Twenty three years after the proposals had first been discussed!

The Reverend Cyril Rowntree Ransome presided over the last service of public worship in the Ratcliffe Road building on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. January 1946, so it will only be the eldest of our village people who have clear memories of the Wesleyan and Central Methodist services.

In August 1946 the building was dedicated as a Community Centre to be known as 'Wesley Hall'. Many more of us will have memories of this period of new activity in the building.

*Part 3 - The Wesley Hall ( will appear in its entirety in the next edition – February )*

PLEASE SUPPORT  
YOUR LOCAL SHOPS.

THEY NEED OUR CUSTOM  
TO SURVIVE.

### **HAYDON BRIDGE POPPY APPEAL**

This year's grand total was:

**£1021.85**

Many thanks to all who helped.

**A letter from Cyprus****11<sup>th</sup>. December 1999**

This letter is an expression of thanks of memories and of hopes for the future.

We would like to extend our thanks to all those who sent us good will messages and cards. The cards sit proudly on the shelf above our fireplace. The fireplace is an unusual feature for a top floor apartment.

It is impossible to put into words the deepest feelings that we have for Haydon Bridge. We lived in the village for 25 years and made friends with and knew nearly everyone. It is our hope that many of those friendships will continue and develop as the years pass.

We have been lucky enough to see Catherine and Peter grow up in Haydon Bridge. They went to Shaftoe Trust School, Allendale Middle, then Haydon Bridge High School before going off to University. Their affection for Haydon Bridge still exists, and they always enjoy news about the village.

Our first friendships were made through the children; this is often the way. A very special friendship with Sylvia and Ernie Swinburn came about when Peter went to Playgroup. New friendships with Eileen and David Charlton, Ken and Pauline Tulip and David Whitehead soon developed, as did a friendship with Mabel Hutchinson (now Teasdale), which lead to a major involvement in Guiding.

Guides became a major part of our lives and remained so until 1990. New friendships were formed with the Brownies, Scouts and Cub Leaders and their families. Wonderful memories of Christmas Concerts, and who could ever forget the joint Hallowe'en parties that Bobby Hubbick, Hank and other Scout Leaders shared with the Guides. These Guides are now grown up and have families of their own. I am sure they will remember the day we went down the slipway on the New Lifeboat at Cullercoats, or the many midnight hikes to Plankey and Ellfoot Farm.

Later Guides will remember camping at Goosehome, or staying in Luxury Chalets at Glenridding. I am so pleased that Diane Lowes and Maureen Haney are continuing Guiding in Haydon Bridge. I am even more delighted because Maureen was one of the Guides when I was first involved in Guiding in 1975.

Other activities ran concurrent with Guiding, The *Haydon News* and the 'Friends' Committee were also present in our lives. Bill became the first Chairman of the 'Friends' and I took over editing the *Haydon News* when Martin Scudamore stepped down. In practical production terms those were often difficult times. The village should always remember the dedicated team who made the first issues possible.

When I was editor we had no 'new technology'. Liz Jukes typed the pages on old fashioned stencils, using the bright pink correction fluid as little as possible. Joan Hawley hand turned the printer, producing 800 copies and an excess of ink. It was a red-letter day when Joan took charge of a second hand electronic printing machine. John Richardson and other 'Friends' collated and stapled the

Newsletter before distribution by a network of willing helpers.

I want to say 'THANK YOU' and best wishes to all those who helped with the *Haydon News* when I was Editor, including Tynedale Council Staff who often stepped in at the last minute to print and collate.

Then there was Tynedale Council and the Parish Council, where memories abound and new friendships were made. Without decisions made by the Parish Council the grass cutting at the west end would not have taken place, or extra lighting, and new litterbins and a village handyman are just a few things that you now take for granted.

The Parish Council initiated the Parish Appraisal, which is of great value to a Community because it is the foundation, which allows access to major funding. The committee of the Community Association deserve the gratitude of the village for their vision and dedication as they work towards the completion of a New Community Centre. Their decision enabled officers of the Association to seek funding for a new building. Thanks should also be extended to Val Bell whose dedication to the project has made it all possible.

Soon the riverside Picnic Area will be upgraded and the Old Bridge given a face-lift to take you into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Parish Council supports all of these projects and the village should be very proud that it has such dedicated and hardworking Parish Chairman in Enid Garrow. Enid is ably supported by the other members of the Parish Council. As we start a New Millennium it is worth remembering that people who sit on the Parish Council, or on club committees, run youth organisations or sports teams; not to mention organising village Fetes and Millennium Celebrations, often do so at a cost to themselves of sleepless nights and disruption to family life.

Our hope for you in the New Year 2000 is that you approach the future with positive thoughts and ideas, while keeping your precious memories of the past. Don't allow negative thoughts from the past to interfere with the future, and remember that everyone in the community is important to that future.

Those who have chosen to come and live in the Parish contribute as much to the character of the place as do those who have had village connections for many generations.

To continue on a more personal note. Bill sends Best Wishes to Jackie and the 'residents' of the Railway Hotel. Our new local is the Hamlet Pub, where the beer is similar but conversation has to compete with football on the TV.

As I finish this letter (sitting in the sun) we THANK YOU for your support over the twenty-five years we lived in Haydon Bridge and for all your good wishes, presents and Christmas Cards.

Very special greetings to our ex neighbours, Joyce, Edna, Iris and Michael and Margaret, and special thanks to  
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Dawn, David, Lee and Melissa McVay for being the best neighbours anyone could ever wish for.

We are embarking on a big adventure looking into the New Century with our eyes wide open. We wish that Haydon Bridge will have a peaceful and prosperous future.

Best wishes and good luck to everyone.

**Marion and Bill Howard.**

## ANY VIPONDS OUT THERE ?

**From:** Marion Churchyard

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**To:** genealogy@haydonbridge.demon.co.uk>

**Date:** 24 January 2000 22:34

**Subject:**

Family history regarding the name Vipond

I am currently researching my family history for the name Vipond. Although my direct ancestors originally came from Alston/Garrigill area I believe some of the family did settle in the Haydon Bridge area. This would probably be around the late 1800s and early 1900s. Does anybody know of any Viponds having settled or still living in the area who may be interested in family history.

**Marion Churchyard**

*The only Viponds Mitch knows live in Hexham*

Can readers help?

## LIFE CYCLE ORGANISATION

(Charity Number: 67 018 46 04)

Life Cycle was founded a year ago with the aim of cultivating awareness and support towards patients suffering from end stage renal failure. Climax of this year's events was the European Cycle Marathon from Malta all the way to Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK.

Below we show a statement of affairs of all the income and expenses as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 1999.



### STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 1999

<i>Income:</i>	<i>Lm</i>	<i>Lm</i>
Four Kidney Machines donated by KFH KURATORIUM (Germany)		
	( estimate )	36,000.00
Three Home Choice CAPD Machines donated by the Maltese Association		
Sovereign Military Order of Malta ( S.M.O.M.)	( estimate )	12,000.00
Cash Donations	9,176.20	
Income from Fund Raising	3,985.68	
Phone-in Donations	4,612.00	17,773.88

### *Expenditure:*

Stationery Expenses	154.67	
Advertising Expenses	150.40	
Fund Raising Activities Expenses	1,903.46	
Marathon Expenses	3,719.55	(5,928.08)

***Excess Income over Expenditure*** **65,773.88**

***equivalent Sterling:*** **£106,085**

We would like to thank the general public and all commercial entities who gave generously towards LIFE CYCLE.

Those who wish to give their contribution, please send all donations to:

LIFE CYCLE, c/o Renal Unit, St. Luke's Hospital, G'Mangia, Malta.

**THANK YOU – LIFE CYCLE Executive Committee**

## DANCE CLUB NEWS

The Dance Club numbers hold steady, when Iris 'cracks the whip' you have to go, after all, she is a founder member and she tries hard to keep us happy.

Unfortunately the Party Night had to be cancelled as the forecast was bad, the pavements were treacherous and we did not want any broken legs. A later date will be arranged.

The Millennium Dance went well considering a lot of people had 'flu. Even Daph went down just hours before Kick Off time. Nevertheless we raised £127.50 for the Church.

Thanks must go to the Church and Club members for the lovely spread at supper time. As always there was enough to do again. Thanks too, to all who gave for the Supper and donated prizes for the Raffle.

Not forgetting Nessie, Margaret, and Ralph for all the hard work they put in to getting the hall ready.

At the time of writing, we have not had a Monday night Dance since 13<sup>th</sup> December.

By the time this is published we hope to get those feet tapping again. Mine especially!

**Jim**

**Haydon Bridge Carpet Bowls Club**

## News Update

As I am sure you are aware that because of the re-building of the Community Centre, the Bowls Club has had to sit out much of the season. Things however, have not been all that bad as some players have managed to get a game at Newbrough on a Wednesday night to keep in the swing of things. It was at Newbrough, where a friendly match was arranged for the two clubs on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. As we had not faced defeat at all this season (!! ) we went into the match with our usual enthusiastic approach which was not affected by the Millennium celebrations, or indeed the dreaded Millennium bug.

Haydon Bridge took fourteen players to Newbrough Town Hall that night and were arranged in the following teams:

‘A’	‘B’
Joseph Tulip	Peter Tweddle
Philip Newton	Winnie Golightly
Doreen Taylor	Susan Taylor
Audrey Phillips	Doreen Spark
‘C’	‘D’
Michael Rumney	Gladys Henderson
Ike Tallantyre	George Hutton
Edith Benson	Jamie Eales

*It was suggested beforehand that because the visitors had not played since May last year, they should have been given a ten point head-start. This was a civilised discussion which involved the use of several handbags, umbrellas and the occasional black eye.*

On a serious note, the match kicked off with two heavy defeats for the ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams, which the ‘C’ and ‘D’ teams could only follow suit. This was probably due to the lack of recent practice of the Haydon Bridge team. However, the ‘A’ team found their footing with a fine 9-0 victory in their second game to take them into what was a lovely supper enjoyed by all. The ‘A’ team gained some gratefully received confidence from this victory and with the help of some corned beef sandwiches they produced another shock, an 8-1 win which helped them to reduce the deficit from the poor start. The final game for the ‘A’ team ended in a hard working 2-2 draw.

The ‘B’ team had a bit of an off night and after three poor results, they lost 4-2 in their final game which showed they still had their fighting spirit and were not disgraced here.

The ‘C’ team fell victims to three defeats but managed a closely contested 5-4 win in their second game.

Despite losing twice, the ‘D’ team’s Millennium gift was two wins for the Haydon Bridge’s total score of 9-5 and 4-3.

Win or loose, every team put together enough points to please any visiting club to Newbrough. The final scores:

NEWBROUGH      79      HAYDON BRIDGE      48

Newbrough came out on top on the night, but when the Community Centre re-opens and we get practising regularly, Haydon Bridge will prepare to take on the world again. Since I began playing bowls about six years ago, I have

taken part in many intriguing matches which are far more interesting than they sound. If you read my reports you must either already play the game or you must have a slight interest in it. You may be curious as to what it is about.

Don’t be shy, new members are always made very welcome at the Club and even if you feel you would like to try out the game, just come along to the new Community Centre when it opens.

Keep reading the excellent *Haydon News* for details of Club nights and general information

**White Jack**

PS. On behalf of Haydon Bridge Carpet Bowls Club I would like to wish Jean Oliver a quick recovery. Jean is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Club and has been unwell of late forcing her to miss the Newbrough match.

*LANGLEY WOMEN’S INSTITUTE*

For their first meeting of the new Millennium Langley’s President, Mrs Mary Nagel, welcomed members with warm wishes for the New Year. Despite appalling weather there was a good turn out to greet the evening’s speaker, Mrs Heather Wedderburn, who gave a most interesting talk and slide show entitled “Roman to Contemporary Glass”.

Mrs Wedderburn began by describing her art training and how she gradually came to specialise in glass. An enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker, she traced the history of glass-making beginning with the Romans two thousand years ago and surprised us with some early slides which looked very modern. After a detailed account of how glass is produced, members were shown colourful slides of stained glass which covered a wide range of countries many designed and produced by well-known contemporary artists.

The speaker also brought along a selection of her own work including some beautiful plates in glowing, vibrant colours. She draws her inspiration from nature and at present is influenced by Islamic designs which she finds fascinating. She never tires of the thrill of opening her kiln. Her work sells in many countries including America, Japan and Germany.

After the business meeting when we were reminded that subscriptions were due, everyone wished Mrs Maggie Dodds a speedy recovery from her recent illness. One new member was welcomed. The Christmas Dinner in December at the Carts Bog Inn was a huge success despite the snow.

The Spring meeting will be at Morpeth on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This will be discussed at the next local meeting.

The competition was for a piece of decorative glass and was won by Mrs M. Brown and Mrs Bowen. The Raffle was won by Mrs Kate Rutherford.

The next meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> February when the talk will be on “**Police Air Support in the North East**”

Everyone is welcome.



Dear Editor

In renewing my membership I am ensuring contact with the village of my school days and later, 20's and 30's. The *Haydon News* does just that, by, now and again, printing a letter referring to the early years and of course people's names I knew, crop up too.

Unwittingly, Mrs D. Thompson has stirred quite a few memories by her September issue letter with her mention of Dr. Murray doing his rounds on his bicycle. I remember both the doctor and his bike quite clearly, dark green frame with double crossbar.

Dr. Murray was a big man. I was thankful for his attention in 1926 when he set my broken right wrist (splints in those days) and later in 1930, his replacement, Dr. Bell sent me to the Hexham Memorial Hospital for x-ray when I broke my left arm in the Showfield.

I wonder if Mrs Thompson knew that, when making his calls, Dr. Murray carried a bag of currants and raisins for the children. My sister remembers that too. Yes! Barley Water was the noted remedy for some ailments, and plenty of it!

In a more recent issue, Maurice Armstrong's retirement caught my eye. I have good reason to remember Maurice as he and my younger sister came into the world on the same November night. Maurice before midnight, sister Marjorie after. His parent's shop in John Martin Street was just two doors from us. I have a clear recollection of his father loading the flat cart outside the shop preparatory to going on his round.

I have just looked back to the May issue of the *Haydon News* and Mrs D. Thompson's letter on the topic of a certain lane's name.

As children, rightly or wrongly ( and we wouldn't know) we used the name Pandon Lane, regardless of the nameplate, Temple Houses, on the first house, fairly high up. Along the water-side was a longish stretch of standing water, which we knew as Pandon Pool, a source of great pleasure when it froze over.

I think it was 1929 when the Tyne froze over and was strong enough to take skaters, that is, above the bridge.

I'm not sure if I would have known Mrs Thompson in those far off days, or if she would have known me, but what we must surely have in common are memories of the bus-less years, the silent films in the Town Hall, the gas lamps strategically sited throughout the village, the peace and quiet, broken only by the occasional car or the clank of railway wagons being shunted in the good's yard.

In conclusion, I trust that you and the Committee members will receive the necessary support and encouragement to keep alive a wonderful news medium.

Yours truly

**Mr R. H. Veitch**

5, Bardeswell Close, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4TJ

### ***"SPENDER" inspects 'Meeting Place'.***

At noon on 13<sup>th</sup> January the ladies at the Methodist Church "*Meeting Place*" were just packing up when in walked Jimmy Nail – TV Star of "Aufwiedersehn Pet", "Spender" and other series. He'd been up on the Roman Wall ( so he wasn't wearing his "Crocodile Shoes" ) and was dying for a coffee and had seen the welcoming sign outside.

The ladies were delighted to oblige and Jimmy spent some time learning about the Church and what we are trying to do in the Community. His parting shot was that he was a "secret inspector of Methodist Coffee Houses".

So why not drop in to the "*Meeting Place*" yourself, open 10 – 12 each Tuesday and Thursday, you will be made very welcome and, you never know, you might meet "Cracker" next time!

**Alan Howard**, Woodhall Mill Farm.

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Does the attraction wear off when you get home and have to contemplate assembling the flat packs you have just bought?

If so, turn to page 13



Dear Sir

I was very pleased to find your website on Haydon Bridge since, as a former pupil at the High School I am trying to locate any of my 1984/85 classmates or teachers. Please pass on my regards to Maurice Armstrong on his retirement and I would be grateful if he could let me have a contact address or E-mail for his daughter Carolyn who was in my class.

If you could also publish an appeal for any other information on other classmates in the Haydon News I would be very grateful.

Thanks

**David Konig**

Replies to: [djkonig@hotmail.com](mailto:djkonig@hotmail.com)

**NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2000**

**Haydon Bridge High School Sports College Project** - A presentation about the Sports College status of Haydon Bridge High School was made by David Thompson, Headteacher of Haydon Bridge High School, and Barbara Mansfield, Deputy Head. Only 36 schools in the country had gained this privilege. David thanked both the Parish Council and the community of Haydon Bridge for all their help.

The project is initially funded for three years, during which time an outreach network with the feeder schools will be developed and extra PE staff will be appointed and trained. The intention is for pupils to begin learning new sporting activities e.g. gymnastics, trampolining, at an earlier age than at present, and then to be able to go to the High School for more specialist training. At present, a gymnastics club has been established at the High School to provide training for pupils in outlying Middle Schools. The school has also just erected a climbing wall and have made links with Alan Hinks, a mountaineer, with whom they can create projects for the school that are linked to his climbing expeditions.

The school are now putting in a £200,000 Lottery bid so that their Sports College status can make a bigger impact than at present. This money will also enable them to build better links with the community. The Parish Council offered to write a letter of support to enhance the bid.

**Village By-Pass** A new feasibility study is being undertaken for the by-pass. Concern was expressed that there is too much focus on the A1 and the A66, and that the profile of the A69 needs raising. The by-pass group needs reforming so that it can become active again and volunteers will be sought in the near future.

A suggestion was made that traffic calming measures would be useful. Extra pelican crossings, a chicane system, and new speed limits would both help road crossing in the village and help to draw attention to the need for a by-pass.

**Water lying on the Grindon Road** between New Alston crossroads and Hall Bank is a hazard to motorists. This was referred to the District Council.

**Road below Langley Castle** There is currently no money available to repair this road. Warning signs will be put up instead.

**Vandalism** The notice board outside the library has recently been smashed, as has a recently repaired streetlight in Hordley Acres.

**Letter from Mrs Thompson** She does not intend to alter the railings in front of her properties. It was pointed out in the subsequent discussion that she had resurfaced the lane in front of the properties and put in road humps which were not clear to see and were a danger to passing pedestrians. Mrs Thompson also expressed concerns about the unsightly state of the old foundry yard.

**Letter from Mike Rowarth** The churches wish to appoint a youth worker to undertake Christian youth work in

the village. They have already raised a substantial amount towards the cost of this project and are now requesting help from the Parish Council. The discussion raised concerns that not all young people would respond to a religious approach and it could be exclusive of other religions. It was decided to suggest that the initiators of the project broaden the scope of their work in order to secure help from the Parish Council.

**Letter from the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' re: the development of Tait's yard** The letter proposed that a Healthy Living Area be established in the yard, for which funding may be available from the Health Action Zone. Concern was expressed for the existing business which is located in the yard and supports three village families. The Council agreed to ask the 'Friends' to provide more information on this project.

**West Tynedale Community Fund** are still asking for possible projects for which they could allocate funding. The suggestions were made for an old / young age project and play equipment for the children's play area. The grants are of £2,000 each and any suggestion will be welcomed.

**National Spring Clean Week** The skip for the village will be ordered for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

**School children's visit to North America** The PE department at Haydon Bridge High School requested help with this visit. £25 was allocated.

**Planning Applications**

- A two storey extension in John Martin Street.
- Agricultural buildings at High Staward farmhouse.
- Double garage, stable and access at Staward - resubmitted
- Detached garage in Belmont Gardens.
- One dwelling at Sunnybrae on Ratcliffe Road. There are possible drainage and access problems at this site.

**Hadrian's Wall Management Plan** is being revised. There will be a public consultation during 2000. They will make a presentation to the Parish Council.

**Millennium Celebrations** The tremendous success of the New Year celebrations was applauded and all the organisers thanked for their time and effort. The next event will be the May Day entertainment on Strother Close for the village children and elderly people.

**Riverside Development** The contractor is not happy about putting down matting because it will sink into the mud. The new plan is to put three sleeping policemen down at a cost of £8,600. The members of the Parish Council will study the figures.

**Community Centre** The Chair had visited the site. The building works are behind schedule due to modifications and bad weather. The Parish Council will provide £5,000 towards the cost of the Centre.

**Village Website** James Rumney, a University student has offered to establish a village website. 'Mitch' Mitchell agreed to help him get started and James will consult again with the Council.

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**Cemetery Tap** is still not working!

**Dog Fouling** has become a major problem on all open spaces in the village. It was agreed to examine possible options for reducing this nuisance.

**Litter Bin by the Post Office** A bigger bin is needed. Attempts will be made to get one.

**Grant Aid Sub Committee of Tynedale Council** Will meet on March 7th. A bid is needed before that meeting. It was agreed to write to them indicating that Children's Play equipment would be useful.

**S.H**

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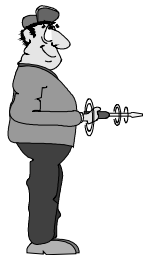
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**Pat Dalton 01 434 684 575**



**From Page 11**

Perhaps I can help you by assembling the flat packs for you!

I am fluent in *IKEA-ese*, *MFI-ese* and the other languages peculiar to these organisations having studied them for a number of years.

Give me a call on the number below if you think I can be of assistance.

A reasonable charge ( negotiable ) is all I ask for.

**Richard: 01 434 688 871**

**HAYDON VIEW RESIDENTIAL HOME  
COFFEE MORNING – 11 DECEMBER 1999**

Both Staff and Residents would like to say THANK YOU to all those who donated prizes and their time to make the morning a success.

The total amount raised was: **£500.35**

Raffle Prizes were:

Food Hamper	won by	Susan Chambers
Wine Hamper		Muriel Lambert
Christmas Cake		Steven Ford
Case of Beer		Brian Harrison
Basket of Fruit		John Capp
2 Cinema tickets		Unclaimed – PINK 496-500
Box of Chocolates		Margaret Turnbull
Bottle of Whisky		B. Eddy
Bottle of Wine		Ros McKenzie
Glassware		Joanne Mooring
Bertie Bassett	Andy Irving	
Garden Planter	Kerry Gambol	

The Residents enjoyed their Christmas Lunch at 'The Manor' at Haltwhistle.

**Audrey Kay**

Dear Sir

I wish to bring to the notice of the Haydon Parish Council the unsightly state of the Old Foundry Yard near the station gates. Surely the present owners of the yard could put up a bit of trellis at the entrance for appearance to the village. Must we go on putting up with visitors to Haydon Bridge pointing out that the Foundry Yard is an eyesore to the village and that it does not do justice to Church Street and its church.

I worked at the Old Foundry during two wars making parts for war machinery and earning 12 shillings a week. Thought to be good wages in those days. The majority of the workmen were called up for war service and women had to take over their jobs which they did with great skill, and in memory of those who did not come back from the wars, it is all the more important that we should not forget them by keeping the Old Foundry Yard in good order.

I would also mention that villagers are not happy about the Primitive Methodist Chapel and its large wooden cross painted green. It is out of character with Church Street and its church.

**Mrs D Thompson, Temple House, Haydon Bridge.**

**To: Mrs E Garrow – Chairlady – Haydon Parish Council**

Dear Mrs Garrow

In reply to your letter of November 1st requesting me to alter the existing railings around Parker's Terrace Cottage, I have to say – the railings are quite reasonable and not a serious problem as the Haydon Parish Council would like to make out. What is serious about the property? The railings will not be altered to suit either the Parish Council or Tynedale Council's larger bin wagons. The railings will remain in their present situation to protect the corner of the wall of the property dating back to 1867.

I would have expected the Parish Council to know better than interfere in what is a private matter on private land. I have already removed a building to improve the access. Further more, at my request, the Fire and Ambulance officers inspected the access and found ample space, should they need to use it. It is wrong to expect me to alter what is supporting my property.

Yours sincerely **Mrs D Thompson, Temple House, Haydon Bridge**

**Hi Folks,**

'Tis Mitch here to say hello – this time as Treasurer of 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge.

I'm just finalising the books for the financial period ending 31st December and want you to know that we have a healthy balance sheet. This is because of the tremendous support we receive from both advertisers and the general membership, which continues to grow. At the end of last year 'The Friends' had a membership of 190 and already this year we are up to 195 – I am please at this encouraging start.

It is now time to start collection your subs and advertising fees and the appropriate forms are shown on this page. It would help us immensely if you could fill out the appropriate form and send it in as soon as you can, this will enable 'The Friends' to decide on their activities for this Millennium year

On the Tuesday following the 4th Thursday of each month we have a meeting commencing at 8pm in the Lounge of The Railway Hotel where anyone can come – at each one of these meetings the current balance sheet is shown and discussed and in this way we account exactly what is happening to your money. At the meeting we also decide what organisations will receive half of the income from the popular Bingo sessions. Please come along if you are interested.

Thanks in anticipation.

**Mitch**

**HAYDON NEWS ADVERTISING**

**ANNUAL ADVERTISING FEES  
NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR 2000**

Advertising costs for Parish businesses remain at £12.00 per column block. ( See also the box on Page 3 for other rates ) Please cut out box below, enclose it and appropriate fee in an envelope as shown in adjacent paragraph

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I wish to continue using my present advert using ..... Blocks.

Cheque to the value of £12/£24/£36/£48 made payable to 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' is enclosed.

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New advertising or any queries should be addressed to **The Treasurer** at address shown or please ring 01434 684 035.

**FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE**

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS  
NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR 2000**

The subscription to cover the current year is now due please cut out box below, enclose it and appropriate subscription (Cheques payable to *The Friends of Haydon Bridge*) in an envelope addressed to:

**The Treasurer  
Friends of Haydon Bridge  
High Brindles  
Heugh House Lane  
Haydon Bridge  
NE47 6HJ  
Northumberland**

If you live locally just use the top two lines of the address and leave it at Haydon Bridge Post Office from where it will be collected.

You may pay more than the standard subscription of £1.20 if you so desire – all donations are used by 'The Friends' in supporting voluntary and charitable causes in the Parish of Haydon.

UK readers of the *Haydon News* may join 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' for a subscription of £6.00 which includes a postal delivery. Again you may donate more if you can afford it.

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Enclosed is the sum of ..... being mine/our subscription and donation to 'The Friends of Haydon Bridge' for the calendar year 2000.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: ..... Tel: .....

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Internet readers can of course read the special Internet Edition of *The Haydon News* on:

**<http://www.haydonbridge.org>**

Although this world-wide service is free we do welcome voluntary donations. At the moment the whole enterprise is funded by the Internet Editor Mitch who makes no charge to the 'Friends' for either telephone charges, software, hardware, site registration and license fees. This situation will be reviewed during the coming year. All donations are used by 'The Friends' for their general budget. **Thank You**

**S.B. Mitchell  
Treasurer**



## RAINBOW WRITERS WORKSHOP



Hi, everyone!

The focus of this month's page is last Autumn's Short Story and Poetry Competition, or rather, the results of.

Myra Bowen and Alistair Burrowes jointly won first prize in the short story category and over the next two months it gives me great pleasure to provide you with a small extract from each.

### *The Secret by Myra Bowen*

Browsing through the books in OXFAM I overheard someone asking to see the Button Box. She had lost a button off a favourite cardigan and wondered if by chance they had a replacement. She was unlucky, but the incident gave me an idea. Odd really how one thing leads to another.

At home I had an old biscuit tin full of buttons. It had once belonged to my maternal grandmother and was square with a tightly fitting lid on which was a worse-for-wear picture of Edward VIII in full naval uniform.

When my grandmother died, the box passed to my mother who continued to add used buttons from time to time and eventually it became mine. I'm afraid my contribution has been abysmal. It had been abandoned on a

shelf under the stairs for years. Such a waste if it could be of use to anyone. I decided to hand it into OXFAM the next time I went to town.

I carried it into the kitchen; prised open the lid with some difficulty. Running my fingers through the contents, memories tumbled out like so many falling stars. My first party dress, a favourite cardigan when I was about seven, that old brown coat I always hated, I could have gone on and on. That scarlet dress of my mother's which caused such a rumpus with my father. Little skeletons like that. It made me smile now but at the time I cried like Noah's flood. She didn't look like a whore to me, whatever that was. I thought she looked beautiful in it. Like a film star.

My mind was far away, floating in the past. I dug deeper. My nails scratched the bottom of the box. One button seemed larger than the others. I fished it out and gasped. There it was! The button that had brought death to the family! The despised button. The lucky talisman, so called, until it played the Devil's hand. In my grandmother Jane's box. A chill feeling went through me for a few long seconds as though I could hear the old button in my hand chanting the truth like a demented Greek chorus. Even the warm kitchen seemed to have turned ice-cold and quiet, wrapped in a curtain of silence .....

Myra's story in its entirety can be read in the new Rainbow Writers Anthology, "*Mixed Grill*", to be published later this year.

Congratulations, Myra, you've produced another fine piece of work!

**Joyce Sim**

### **An E-mail from the Ukraine**

**Dear Sirs,**

*I am a student of Institute of Slavonic Studies, Rivne, Ukraine. My specialization is international information and development of information society. My diploma work deals with the development of information society in our region.*

*To create the effective information society project in our region I gather materials about other information society projects in different fields of peoples activity.*

*I write this letter to wonder whether you can help me with your pieces of advice, experience, any materials which can help us to create a real information society project. Maybe you also know persons or organizations in your country, which are useful to contact with in the sphere of information society development.*

*It will be a great honour for me and I will be very glad if I can study your experience of information society development.*

*Hope our co-operation to be successful. Looking forward for your answer.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New 2000 Year!*

**Yours sincerely**

**Anton Shynkaruk.**

### **An E-mail from California**

**Hello**

*I visited the Haltwhistle, Haydon Bridge and Alston areas in the fall of 1998. My local transport was a bicycle. The time was wonderful -- I caught the 2 or 3 weeks of summer that you mentioned in your press.*

*The local leek contests proved very enjoyable and novel to me. The growing of leeks seems "ripe" for a good investigative report--with all the rumors of secret growing techniques, mislead inspectors, and big money winnings. I have looked over the earlier issues of the newsletter in hopes of finding details of this year's competition, but haven't found anything. Would you be so kind as to include a note on this in an upcoming issue?*

*Thank you for your very entertaining news. I feel like I am part of the local action.*

**Dane Westerdahl, Davis California (USA)**

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**In the October Haydon News we printed an article on the Tindale family the following E-mail has been received**

**Dear Mitch,**

*I don't know how to thank you for your article. I posted it on the Tindall Family Geneology Forum and it had an electrifying effect on American Tindalls-Tyndalls-Tindles, who for generations have been in ignorance of the origin of their family's name. As for me personally, my postings on the GenForum resulted in a kind of revelation, in that one respondent was an eighty year old genealogy enthusiast in Missouri, Helen Tindall Polly, who it turns out is a distant cousin, and who was able to inform me of the family's entire geneology since the first arrival in America in the early 1630s, probably at the Jamestown Colony in Virginia. Helen and I have a common ancestor in one Obadiah Tindall who was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, who was George Washington's drummer boy in the Battle of Yorktown and who saw Lord Cornwallis's surrender. This sounds almost too romantic to be true. And as if that weren't enough, my sister in Oregon has in her possession the Tindall family rifle, a Kentucky rifle which has been dated at 1785, the year Obadiah Tindall married Jemima Everett of North Carolina. Well, this is quite a saga, and your article was the watershed, so to speak, which got all the pieces of the puzzle to fit together. Now all I need to find out is the name and history of the ancestor who shipped out from England for the Virginia Colony in 1630 or thereabouts. Maybe you know of a few sources where I could search.*

*I have a young Danish wife and two young sons, am a writer of avant-garde American novels, knew William S. Burroughs and Gregory Corso in Paris, and make my living translating Danish books. I have lived most of my adult life in Europe, most of it in Denmark. This September my sister came on a visit from Oregon, and she had in her luggage the Tindall family Bible, the earliest record in which is Josiah Tindall who was born in 1819, and who was a great grandson of Obadiah Tindall. This family document is now mine – so it looks as if our line of Tindalls has returned permanently to European shores.*

*For fun, and as a Christmas greeting, I am giving you the URL for my literary website:*

**<http://hjem.get2net.dk/abra-ken>**

*Yours*

*with Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year*

**Kenneth Tindall  
Lynaes, Denmark**

With the help of readers of the Haydon News readers it is hoped that we may be able to help Mr. Tindall further – please contact Mitch if you can help.

**An E-mail from Australia**

**Stan and Sylvia**

*Good Morning and Merry Christmas to both of you.*

*Just a line to wish you the seasons greetings, the hope that you are in good health having a fantastic Christmas and a great New Year.*

*Thank you for the Haydon Newsletter, you help all of us who may live away from the village the ability to stay a part of Haydon Bridge.*

*Thank you again.*

Regards and Best Wishes.

**David Humble.**

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**Another E-mail from Australia**

**Dear Sir**

*Lovely to see you on the Internet, my family name is Tindale and the last address I have of my uncle is Castle View, House Lane Haydon Bridge.*

*Although I myself have never visited your town I was brought up with the knowledge of how it was a nice place to live, in thank you*

**May Clarke, Mayton, Australia**

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**An E-mail from America**

*Greetings from St. Peter, Minnesota, USA.*

*I was a student teacher at South Tynedale Middle School eleven years ago. I had the privilege of meeting Mr. Tait. I am sorry to hear of his death this past August. I also had the great pleasure of working with Mrs. Fiona Furlong. She was my advising teacher. Unfortunately I have lost her address. She sent it to me in a Christmas card in 1997, however, a tornado nearly devastated our city in March, 1998. I have not been able to locate her since. I have been doing some searches on the internet, and have not been able to place her. I thought that with your connection to the school where she worked, you may be able to help me.*

*Thank you. I truly enjoyed reading your site! My stay in Haltwhistle was wonderful, still very vivid in my mind! I hope to return someday. It is a beautiful part of the country!*

*Thank you,*  
**Dawn Brown**

Mitch has spoken to Fiona and passed her address on to Dawn.

# Haydon Bridge United FC

## News from the Junior Camps

### **Under 10s**

#### **Managed by Dan Liddle.**

Currently riding high 4<sup>th</sup> in their league with only two defeats from 12, and with games in hand on the leaders.

Also in the last 4 of the West Divisional Cup.

Step into their new red & white HBFC strips shortly which will be sponsored by Brian Welsh Industrial Tapes Ltd.

#### **Season so far:**

Win v Prudhoe YC A	6-0
Win v Alston	5-0
Win v Haltwhistle A	3-1
Loss v Corbridge	2-1
Win v Alston	8-1
Win v Slaley	4-1
Win v Prudhoe Town A	5-0
Win v Prudhoe YC B	4-1
Loss v Stocksfield	2-0
Win v Hexham Tigers	5-2
Win v Corbridge	3-1
Win v Haltwhistle A	3-0

#### **Top Scorers in League & Cup:**

Michael Liddle	16
Zack Stapleton-Jones	16
Mathew Welsh	10
Dominic Bates	9
Dan Anderson	7

#### **Other Squad Members:**

Lee Davison & Sam Shephard (GK)  
Cameron McKenna, William Forster, Graham Gradwell, Robbie Westall, Robbie Macdonald, James Dryden, James Mason.

Well done to Mike Liddle and Zack Stapleton-Jones who have been awarded a 6 week trial with the SAFC Youth Academy.

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#### **LOST**

Who is the lucky holder of ticket number 1820 from the HBFC Money Draw over Christmas? No-one has claimed this top prize yet of £200 ... check again ... it could be you!

Congratulations to Steve & Andria Carruthers on their recent marriage

Other lucky winning numbers from the money draw were...**1180, 1886, 695, 1858, 1187, 1344, 1384, 1846.**

The 100 Club numbers were...**157, 24, 215, 203, 210.**

### **Under 12s**

#### **Managed by Mick Lowdon.**

After a poor start to the season, have gone from strength to strength. Lee McVay, Martin Bell have been outstanding in defence. Dan Kirkup is at present the leading goal scorer in the league and looks as if he will remain to be. He's scored 33 goals so far. Stuart Bell has proved to be a great success in midfield and battles for every ball. The highlight of the season was in beating Hexham Tigers in the League Cup. Their only defeat of the season to date.

The **U12's** play in the HBFC red and white, and are sponsored by the Railway Hotel.

#### **Season so far:**

Loss v Stocksfield	1-6
Loss v Hexham Tigers	0-10
Win v Wylam	8-2
Win v Wark	6-4
Draw v Corbridge	4-4
Win v Alston	5-4
Win v Wylam	8-3
Win v Haltwhistle	7-3
Win v Alston	9-3
Loss v Prudhoe Y.C.5-6	
Win v Stocksfield	5-1
Win v Wark	10-0

#### **Top Scorers:**

D. Kirkup	33
P. Anderson	8
R. Foster	5
J. Eames	2
E. Bisset	5
J. Newman	4
S. Alcock	4
D. Anderson	3
J. Eames	2
S. Bell	1
M. Bell	1

#### **Man of the match award:**

D. Kirkup	5
A. Boyd	3
P. Anderson	2
M. Bell	1
E. Bisset	1

What about Dan Kirkup! He scored 7 goals in one match and 9 in another. Bobby Robson-Peter Reed are you watching?

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Watch for Match Day Posters appearing around the village for February games against Northern Alliance opposition!

International Herald Tribune – Oct. 14, 1999

## Communities Connect on the Net

**The Internet provides a perfect medium for bringing diversified communities together.**

The extraordinary variety among the thousands of on-line communities using the Internet seems limited only by the diversity of human behavior. If there is a common link, it is a desire to bring people together through a shared interest, to connect strangers around the world and people living in the same neighborhood who might otherwise never meet.

Haydon Bridge, Northumberland in the north of England, seems an unlikely place to find a thriving Internet community. A tiny village of just 850 homes near Hadrian's Wall - which marks the Romans' 2,000-year-old attempt to keep the Scots at bay - it looks like the kind of place where it would be quicker to knock on a neighbor's door rather than dial into the Net and send an e-mail. But Haydon's community extends far beyond its parish boundaries.

As is typical of many rural areas in Britain, jobs, transport and shopping facilities are in, says Stan Mitchell, editor of Haydon's on-line newsletter and a retired communications engineer. Young people tend to leave the village to live in other parts of Britain or abroad. To help the émigrés keep up with happenings at home, older relatives would mail them the print version of Haydon's eight-page newsletter, distributed free in the parish. This gave Mr. Mitchell the idea of using the Internet to extend the community's reach to almost any place in the world where its children might travel.

Now a three-year-old institution, the Haydon Bridge Web site provides the newsletter, a chat room, information for local people and tourists, and a guide to the genealogy of Haydon inhabitants.

The village Internet user is "not Mister Average in the Haydon Bridge area," Mr. Mitchell says. Most residents are elderly and, out of a population of 2,200, he estimates that only about 30 households are on-line. Locals tend to get their news from day-to-day village life and the print paper. In contrast, on-line readers often harbor cherished memories from their childhood and can be "more vociferous" about local issues, such as a recent controversial replacement of a historic church. "They remember the nice quiet old English village," Mr. Mitchell says.

### *Across the pond.*

New York's Harlem could not be more different, and the role of its community Web site is to help the area's young people realize their full potential while encouraging an active interest in their local community.

The HarlemLive magazine/Web site is the brainchild of Richard Calton, a former public school teacher who left the profession to help schools set up their own Web sites. Mr. Calton soon realized that the immediacy and multimedia glamour of Internet publishing could inspire students to take up journalism and computing, as well as getting them more involved in their neighborhoods.

Students come to the HarlemLive project through school or word of mouth, and Mr. Calton asks only that they are motivated and ready to commit their time.

Tameeka Mitchem, 17, has been a reporter for the site since April and is taking public speaking classes through the project to support her ambition to become a features journalist. A typical HarlemLive assignment involves talking to grass-roots organizations and community leaders or interviewing local people on issues of the day.

Ms. Mitchem says that, unlike the mainstream media's "very narrow" coverage of the area, HarlemLive gives residents a voice on local issues, such as the raising of school exam standards, as well as national concerns like gun controls. "African-Americans are intelligent people with a point of view that needs to be heard," she says.

Students also have a role in "cross-pollination" between local groups that otherwise would be working in isolation, says Mr. Calton. It is common in the HarlemLive office that young people meet for the first time, only to find they live just doors away from each other.

Angel Colon, 15, has been involved since HarlemLive's launch three years ago. His early interest in computers landed him the job of updating content on the site. He's since discovered an enthusiasm for journalism and, with the combination of publishing responsibilities and deadlines, HarlemLive "feels like a job," he says, but a job he enjoys.

The project's supervisors allocate stories and encourage students to stretch themselves by producing a range of work, from news to reviews of local arts and performance to creative written work. The experience has paid off in real achievements and raised expectations, says Mr. Calton. Of HarlemLive's initial graduates, some have gone on to college and others have well-paid technical support jobs in local schools.

"People think it's all negative for a lot of poor communities," says Ms. Mitchem. "But there are a lot of good things that can come out, and HarlemLive is one of them."

**Sheridan Nye**

***COPY DEADLINE: All contributions to the Haydon News to reach the Editor no later than Tuesday 22 February.***



**Haydon Bridge Nature Club**

Talk by Dr. D Collinson

**'Exploration of Planet Mars'**

Methodist Church Hall

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>. February 2000

7.15pm

**WHAT'S  
ON****Whist Drive**

Langley Village Hall

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2000

7.00pm.

**Whist Drive**

Langley Village Hall

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2000

7.00pm.

**'The Friends of Haydon Bridge'****Bingo**

St. Cuthbert's Church Hall

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. February 2000

7.00 – 9.00pm.

**Langley W. I.****'Police Air Support in the N.E.'**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. February 2000

7.30pm.

New Members welcome.

Contact: **01434 684 419****Haydon Bridge Nature Club**

Talk by Mr &amp; Mrs Jamieson

**'Mediterranean Flowers'**

Methodist Church

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. February 2000

7.15pm.

**Haydon Bridge Football Club Monthly Meeting****Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. February 2000****Railway Hotel****7.30pm**

It is hoped the "What's On" page can become a regular feature within the *Haydon News* providing information regarding events planned by local organisations.

If you wish to submit diary dates, please leave your copy with Tony at the Post Office or with any member of the committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' (see page 4 )

**SURVEYING THE OTTERS**

If you have recently seen two hunched female figures poking about on the riverbank, have you wondered what they were doing? Who would spend a cold January day examining the minutiae of tree roots, sandy banks and inflow streams? Well, it's super sleuths Sue and Barbara doing voluntary work for the Northumberland Wildlife Trust - the annual National Otter Survey.

Every year between November and January a national selection of sites are examined for the presence of otters and mink. We do four sites, two near Ridley Hall and two near Haydon Bridge. Our task is to examine 200 metres of riverbank at each site. We have been trained to look mainly for footprints and droppings, known as spraints (otters) and scats (mink). They are also used as territorial markings and are deposited at intervals in significant places. Otter spraints smell relatively pleasant, fishy and musky, whilst mink scat smells revoltingly of decaying cabbage.

We are supposed to send in samples to the Wildlife Trust, but last year having had my spraint sample in the freezer overnight as recommended by the Trust (safely secured in a polythene specimen bag first, I hasten to add), I took it to the Trust in person as the pungent smell was still in evidence even whilst it was frozen.

This year we did not find any spraints or scats. We think the river level is too variable and keeps washing away the deposits, which must be very frustrating and time consuming for the animals concerned. We did however, find footprints of both animals in sand at Newbrough Burn and Ridley Hall. A mink had clearly taken a long walk along the riverside path at Newbrough. The theory is that if otters are present then mink will disappear from a stretch of river, although our evidence flies in the face of this. If otters are present, goes on the theory, then other species currently under threat will survive, especially of concern is the water vole.

As ever, local sightings of otters are numerous and although these don't officially count for the survey, we report them too in case the National people underestimate the otter activity. It must be a wonderful sight to watch the otters playing in the Tyne as so many village people have told me about.

**Sue Harley**

# CHURCH PAGE

February 2000

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

## CLERGY MESSAGE

"Whither Farming?" is the title of a day conference arranged by the churches in North East England. It is to take place on Friday 1th February at Ushaw College near Durham and will be led by the Revd Gordon Gattwood, chaplain to the Arthur Rank Centre at Stoneleigh Park, the headquarters of the Royal Show and the Church's ministry to farmers. More of the day will be spent in talking than in listening, and workshops include: "Where is God in all this?", "Rural stress and walking alongside farmers", "Developing the local food economy". If any readers of this letter would like to go, I have funds that can pay for transport and the registration fee. Let me know

A briefing paper came with the details of the "Whither Farming" day. To a vicar who doesn't know the jargon it makes heavy reading! How many of you know what "modulating money" and "non-commodity funding of agriculture" mean?

If I have understood, it sounds as if the way farmers are paid subsidies will change, with more money going to help right the balance between food production and preserving the environment.

It strikes me that there is a similarity between farmers and teachers: both have increased paperwork. Both groups feel under pressure and under-valued, with a stream of new initiatives coming from an enthusiastic government which wants to improve the lives of ordinary people, but doesn't understand how their new ideas place great burdens on others.

Where is God in all this? God works in communities often through other people. Everyone needs a network of support. Many farmers, teachers and others find this in their families. Teachers probably have some close colleagues in the staff room as well. Farmers on the other hand, are independent and often isolated by the very nature of their work. Our support may be just a hint here, a smile there, a listening ear when we see them. Simple understanding counts for a lot.

There is an issue of justice here, the Church has always aimed to be on the side of those treated unjustly, whether slaves in the 19th century, black people in the 20th century and now farmers in the 21st century. We need to be part of a campaign that designs policies that protect both farmers and the countryside for future generations and also directs subsidies to those who actually need them.

Best wishes to you all, especially to those earning their living on the land.

Vincent Ashwin

## St Cuthberts News

### Unpaid Curate appointed

Members of St Cuthberts Church Council will have a chance this month to meet Mr Alan Currie who is going to serve as curate in these Parishes from October.

Alan is head of the Drama department at Queen Elizabeth High School in Hexham and will be ordained as a non stipendiary deacon; that is he will continue to live and work in Hexham, but will be able to offer an agreed number of hours per week to his Church work. We very much look forward to his coming.

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**CALENDAR FOR  
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

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

February 6th

8.30 am Communion Service  
10.00 am Rev B Cooke  
6.00 pm Mr R Reay

February 8th

7.30 pm Mens Christian fellowship

February 9th

2.00 pm Womens Own

February 13th

10.00 am Rev D Perkins  
6.00 pm Rev R Hilborne

February 20th

10.00 am Mr M Reddington  
6.00 pm Rev D Perkins

February 22nd

7.30 pm Mens Christian Fellowship

February 23rd

2.30 pm Womens Own

February 27th

10.00am Reader  
6.00 pm Dr R Henney

March 5th

8.30 am Rev David Perkins (S)  
10.00 am Mr M Knowles  
6.00 pm Local Arrangement

March 7th

7.30 pm Mens Christian Fellowship

March 8th

2.00 pm Womens Own

February 2nd Presentation of Christ

7.00 pm Holy Communion &  
Healing Service

February 6th 5th before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30 am All Age Worship Dr L  
Gray

February 13th 4th before Lent

10.30 am Parish Communion

February 15th

Joint PCC with Beltingham at  
Church hall

February 20th 3rd before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 Morning Prayer Mike Fry

February 23rd

7.30 pm Mothers Union

February 26th

12.00 Institution Haltwhistle

February 27th 2nd before Lent

10.30 am Parish Communion

March 1st

7.00 pm Communion and Healing  
Service

March 2nd

7.30 pm Deanery Synod

March 3rd

Womens World Day of Prayer

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.

Millenium Eve Churches Together

" Full Marks" was the general feeling about the Millenium Eve service hosted by the churches on December 31st. 130 people came to St Cuthberts to a service which featured inspirational singing from the Shaftoe Chorale, readings from different members of the community and input from the villages three clergy. Other innovations were the hire of floodlights for the Parish Church and a public address system to broadcast the service into Church Street.

Englands Oldest known Church

A recently excavated Roman Church at Vindolanda will be the venue of our biggest Millenium service this year. On Whit Sunday June 11th Churches Together in Haydon Bridge together with congregations and clergy in Bardon Mill and Haltwhistle will host an evening service at 6.00pm. Great help and support (together with free entry to the site for the service) are being given by Mr and Mrs Birley, owners of Vindolanda. We are planning to have a hymn, prayer, sentence or reading from every Christian century, a team of researchers are already looking into this. Hexham male Voice Choir and Shaftoe Chorale will each provide choral items.

# A SAWBONES WRITES

## A MILLENNIAL DIVERTISSEMENT

Nothing medical about this item, just general interest.

A huge and growing number of people have home computers and many of them are connected to the Internet. The bad news is that many of these expensive and versatile machines sit idle for a large part of their lives. Now there is an attractive proposition for the owners of such machines. Using any of the usual search engines search on <setiathome> and follow the links.

This site, created by Berkeley University in the USA, allows you to download a small analytical program and a batch of data from the Arecibo dish in South America. The program can be set to run when your computer is otherwise idle, during which time it will chew its way through the data, then e-mail the results back to Berkeley and get the next batch automatically.

The aim is to detect signs of extra terrestrial intelligence in the form of radio transmissions. According to the blurb, if its your machine that detects THE SIGNAL then its your name that goes down in the history books.

Many Blue Chip companies, such as Compaq, have logged tens of thousands of hours of runtime to the project. This is not a prank, its for real and I'd guess that your chances of success were better than with a National Lottery jackpot.

## SIGNS OF TERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE

There was a recent flap in the papers about GPs getting tense when patients appeared bearing armfuls of downloads from the net. No such worries here - if you've got a point of view or want to discuss something that you've found relating to a condition you have or believe you may have just bring it along and introduce the topic.

Interested, informed, inquisitive patients are much the best sort to have.

## SIGNS OF SOMETHING LESS WELCOME

Since entering General Practice almost twenty years ago I have only had cause to remove one patient from my list and that was NOT here in Haydon Bridge. To the contrary we accumulate patients that other practices eject and they seem to settle very well and cause no problems. However, for the record:

Patients are advised that aggressive or abusive behaviour toward any member of staff will not be tolerated. Anyone who treats a member of staff in such a way will be removed from the practice list and will be prosecuted.

If a problem arises with the performance of the practice as whole or a member of staff in particular there are established procedures to allow redress. Confrontation is not one of them.

## MENINGITIS C VACCINE

As usual with so many of these new vaccine introductions, things have not gone smoothly. At last we are making a start on filling the gaps in coverage. If you are in one of the target groups you will be contacted by phone or post. The program is carefully arranged so please do not turn up on spec hoping for an injection.

## THE DIGITAL ROUTE TO HEALTH

Our super extra-whizzy computer has a facility for automating the collection of data for those who have continuing disorders such as raised blood pressure or angina. You will notice that the doctors

and nurses are now entering the information directly as they speak to you - we're not ignoring you really - we're just trying to get your treatment as good as it can get and have the information to show that its working.

We have now started to tell patients when the computer has sufficient data to calculate their risk of heart attack. Just think of the excitement you'll feel when you're told that all that exercise you've been taking every day, the low fat diet, the drastic weight loss, the stopping smoking and reducing your alcohol intake has halved your risk! Let joy be unconstrained.

## THANK YOU MR WHITELINE

Some time ago we had to call an ambulance to the health centre urgently and it was unable to park by the front door. We wrote to the Highways department and as if by magic a KEEP CLEAR sign has appeared. We are most grateful for the prompt attention of the Highways Department.

## JUNGLE DRUMS

Every new government has to prove its mettle by giving the health service some vast new project to undertake. The current government's efforts are noticeably more in line with prevailing professional sentiments even if there are a few curious aberrations at the margins. At present we are wrestling with turning the Primary Care Group (PCG aka The Tynedale Total Fund) into something called a Personal Medical Services Pilot (PMS) or possibly into a Primary Care Trust (PCT). The chief draw back with the latter is that so far no one has seen one and nobody even knows what one looks like.

Ah! Politicos! I just love 'em, but I couldn't manage a whole one!

## IMPLANON

Getting on for forty patients chose to have the implantable five year contraceptive device called Norplant. These were recently withdrawn because they were not selling very well. A substitute product that is easier to insert and remove and which lasts three years is now available. I shall shortly be going on a course to learn about its use and already there is a short list of people waiting. Ask if you would like more information.

## THE FUTURE IS FEMALE

80% of recent medical graduates from Newcastle were female. Almost a quarter of Tynedale and area GPs, mostly male, are going to retire in the next five years or so - I'm here for fourteen years (DV) so no cause for jollification just yet. The trend will be toward female GPs who commute to work, who will for a proportion of their careers be part time and who come to comprehensively outnumber men quite soon.

In my capacity as an endangered species I look to the future with interest, of the Confucian kind. I have always enjoyed caring for women, their experiences and lives fascinate me. There is a proportion who have a preference for a male doctor and, whereas there have been complaints about the difficulty women have in accessing a woman doctor, the boot will soon be on the other foot.

It is commonly reckoned that women have greater intuition and social skills than men but is that which is different better - or just different? Men have insights and intuitions denied to women, which can be of equal veracity and utility to those of women and from which women can benefit. There is strength in diversity and hazard in prejudice.

Steve Ford