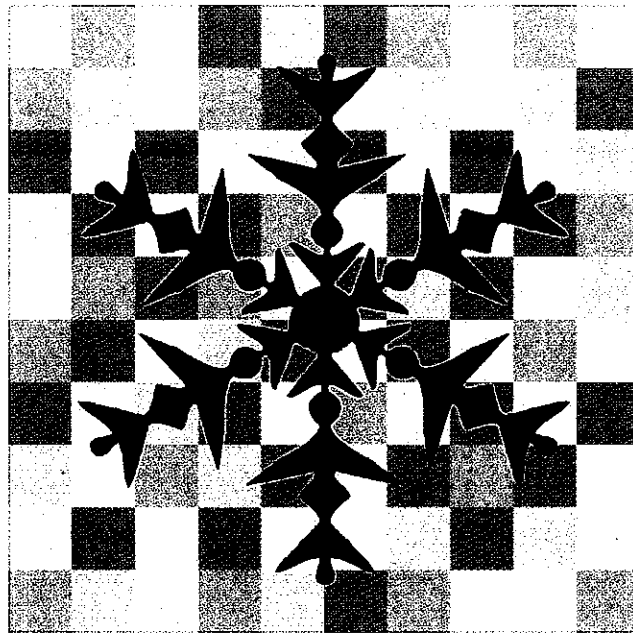


THE HAYDON NEWS



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Editorial

Drawing back the bedroom curtains this morning revealed the garden and riverbank white with frost. Everything was still except for the flutter of activity round the bird nuts. A timely reminder, after a fairly mild Autumn, that Winter is edging closer. And so, of course, is Christmas.

Later in the morning when I called in at our local butchers customers were placing their orders for turkeys and in Hexham the streets were busy with Christmas shoppers. Not enjoying the cut and thrust of crowded shops I beat a hasty retreat to the relative quiet of Haydon Bridge and settled down to writing the editorial to this month's *Haydon News*.

A correction to the last month's edition.

Due to an omission in the article on Maurice Armstrong's retirement, readers could be mistaken in believing that Maurice was to be sold to the Egyptians in 1946. Not so! Maurice was, in fact, transferred from HMS Indomitable to the sloop HMS Fowey, which was being refitted before being sold to the Egyptian Government. Apologies to Maurice.

Dennis continues his historical notes on the Wesleyan Chapel, and we have reports on events at Shaftoe First School, a recipe for Shu-shu-ko, a traditional Cypriot confection, and the Prize Crossword is back.

This is the last *Haydon News* of 1999, the 20th Century and the Second Millennium. On behalf of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' I wish you a Happy Christmas and enjoyable New Year celebrations. The dawn of a new era or just another day?

The *Haydon News* will be back in January 2000.

M.R.P (Vice Chairman)

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Charles Thomas, (Chairman)
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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. 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 6 now and find out how to wisely spend 10p a month.

SANTA CLAUS AND THE MOUSE

From "Little Folks"

One Christmas eve, when Santa Claus
 Came to a certain house,
 To fill the children's stockings there,
 He found a little mouse.
 "A merry Christmas, little friend,"
 Said Santa Claus, so kind.
 "The same to you, sir," said the mouse,
 "I thought you wouldn't mind,
 If I should stay awake tonight,
 And watch you for a while."
 "You're very welcome, little friend,"
 Said Santa with a smile.
 And then to fill the stockings up,
 Before the mouse could wink,
 From toe to top, from top to toe,
 There wasn't left a chink.
 "Now they won't hold another thing,"
 Said Santa Claus with pride.
 A twinkle came in mouse's eyes,
 But humbly he replied:
 "It's not polite to say it, and
 Your pardon I implore,
 But in the fullest stocking there,
 I could put one thing more."
 "O, ho", said Santa, "silly mouse!
 Don't I know how to pack?
 By filling stockings all these years,
 I should have learned the knack."
 And then he took the stocking down
 From where it hung so high,
 And said, "Now put in one thing more;
 I give you leave to try!"
 The little mouse smiled to himself,
 And then he softly stole,
 Up to the stocking's crowded toe,
 And gnawed a little hole.
 "Now if you please, good Santa Claus,
 I've put in one thing more;
 For you will own that little hole
 Was not in there before."
 How Santa Claus did laugh and laugh,
 And then he gaily spoke:
 "Well, you shall have a Christmas cheese
 For that nice little joke."

LT

HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Members please note.

There will be no more bowls until the opening of the new Community Centre as the Club will not be using the High School as had been planned.

We apologise for this but I hope to see you all, and well, in the new Community Centre.

For anyone who wishes to join the Bowls Club, please keep looking in the *Haydon News* for details of Club Nights.

Joseph Tulip

Chairman: Haydon Bridge C.B.C.

THE MEETING PLACE
AT
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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: 684 537 or call in at one of the sessions.

PLAYGROUP

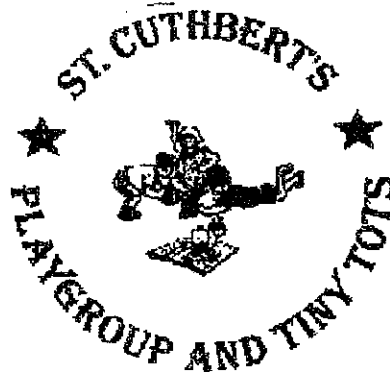
From 2 years 6 months

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: 674 371 or call in at one of the sessions.

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



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Cuthbert's Church Hall

Saturday 4 December 1999

10.00am to 12 noon.

Please come and support us.

"In the Bewick Vein: The Story of a Northumberland Lead Mine"

A readable and enjoyable account of the Haydon Bridge lead mines.

**by Susan Harley
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**From: Clarke's Newsagents,
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Haydon Bridge**

A present for him or her

Ideal for the person who has everything,
(or even those who haven't)

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

New Year's Eve 1999 – 2000

Parish Service 8.00 – 9.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church. The Church will be floodlit and the service broadcast outside. This will be followed by mulled wine, mince pies and Punch served in the Church Hall.

At 11.30pm everyone is invited to gather within viewing distance of The Old Bridge – but not ON IT! Please be on the side of the river you want to celebrate on by this time. The countdown to midnight will be followed by a spectacular "Fireworks Display".

Bring the family for a night to remember!!

Helpers and stewards are still needed for the event. Please contact Eileen Charlton if you can be of assistance on: **01434 684 505**

As part of the Millennium Celebrations it is intended to issue each home in the Parish with a questionnaire about your house. Questions will include; how long has it been your family home; has it got a history or interesting feature etc.

These will be compiled into a book which will be kept as a record of how the village is at the end of 1999 – beginning of the 21st century.

With this form will be another form – asking for names of pensioners and children 10 years and younger (1st year Middle School). These are needed to help with arrangements for a "Street Party" to be held on May Day Monday 2000.

We need your name to book your place and for children to receive their Millennium Mug.

Complete the forms please! They will be collected during January.

A DEDICATION

As the *Haydon News* is printed two of our villagers will be saying their last farewells – we cannot let them go without thanking them for their years of dedicated service to our community and that of Tynedale.

We have worked with Bill and Marion Howard on numerous committees and know the time and effort both have given, without expecting any rewards or recognition. This dedication to service is often a thankless task and is only realised later by the void that is left.

We wish Bill and Marion well in the peaceful tranquility of their new home in Cyprus. Haydon Bridge will miss them

Eileen and David Charlton

(see also pages 11 and 12)

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES
(February – Summer 2000)

Meetings held in Methodist Church beginning 7.15pm.

24 February	Mr & Mrs Jamieson	Mediterranean Flowers
02 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.

**CHRISTMAS AND MILLENNIUM TIMETABLE FOR
BOWMAN'S PHARMACY**

December 1999 – January 2000

Thursday	23		Normal Working Day
Friday	24	Christmas Eve	Normal Working Day
Saturday	25	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Sunday	26	Boxing Day	CLOSED
Monday	27	Bank Holiday	OPEN 09.45 – 10.45am
Tuesday	28	Bank Holiday	Normal Working Day
Wednesday	29		Normal Working Day
Thursday	30		Normal Working Day
Friday	31	New Year's Eve	CLOSED
Saturday	01	New Year's Day	CLOSED
Sunday	02		CLOSED
Monday	03	Bank Holiday	OPEN 09.45 – 10.45am
Tuesday	04		Normal Working Day
Wednesday	05		Normal Working Day

EMERGENCY ONLY

Prescriptions marked "URGENT" by the doctor please phone:

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**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. This includes the 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 2000 – 31st December 2000. Please find enclosed a cheque/cash to the value of

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Address

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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

190

The 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' meet regularly each month in Granny Irwin's Lounge in the Railway Hotel. This is usually at 8pm. on the Tuesday following the 4th Thursday of the month.

**Next meeting:
Tuesday 1 February 2000**

8pm.

The General



Havelock Inn

Christmas Party Menus

Lunch: £13.50
Dinner: £18.50

Tea or Coffee Mornings: Tuesday to Saturday 12.00 – 2.00pm @ £1.20
Special Rates for O. A. P.

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

October 26th. 1903 was a very big day in the life of the Haydon Bridge Wesleyan Chapel. It became licensed for the solemnisation of marriages for the first time.

The first record I have of a wedding in the Chapel is 6th. July 1905 when 22 year old George Waugh, a joiner of Ratcliffe Road, son of John Waugh a miner, married 26 year old Francis Hannah Lee of Church Street. Francis' father, John Lee, a draper, worked selflessly for the Wesleyans. He played the harmonium and was a member from 1881 until his death in 1938.

Not everyone was happy that weddings were now held in the Chapel. Mrs Lee, the cleaner, sought an increase in salary on account of extra work caused by throwing confetti and rice. Being short of funds the Trustees agreed not to increase her salary but prohibit the throwing of confetti and rice!

In August 1904 a long talked of and much needed organ was built in the Chapel at a cost of £131. It was procured through the energetic influence of Thomas Carrick of Heaton Villas.

Discussions on possible association with other Methodists in Haydon Bridge had taken place as early as 1923 and, following the union in 1932 which brought together the various branches of Methodism, the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Church Street became known as 'Elmfield' and the Wesleyan Chapel on Ratcliffe Road as 'Central'.

At this time the Trustees of the Central Church made efforts to purchase the property to the east (where Tony and Lorraine Willis now live with their family), to allow them to extend their church. The owner's asking price of £820 was well above the church's means.

Land behind the church was purchased however for £43 and a new school hall, kitchen and cloakroom was added at a cost of £1080/-/-

It was inevitable that the two Haydon Bridge Methodist Societies would themselves be amalgamated eventually and in 1938 it was agreed to approach an architect, to adjudicate as to which church and site was best suited for such a project.

The opinion offered was that the Elmfield site was the one which the Societies should concentrate on if there was a wish for a United Church. The accommodation was better suited, the site was more open and, ironically in the light of the Methodists Church's recent experience, acquiring land for any extension did not pose the same difficulties which would exist at the church on Ratcliffe Road!

On the 10th October 1944 the last wedding ceremony took place in the Central Methodist Church when Lizzie Philipson (née Dixon), Hector Philipson's widow of 2, Whittis Hill, Haydon Bridge, married John Hardy a market gardener of Essex. The Reverend C. R. Ransome officiated.

By his death through enemy action, Hector Philipson had become Haydon Bridge's first war casualty in 1941.

He had been in the RAF for twelve months!

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SHU-SHU-KO : Jellified Grapejuice with Nuts

The making of a traditional Greek-Cypriot delicacy.



Ingredients:

- * **OMODOS:** One mountain village in the winemaking district of Cyprus.
- * A 16th Century cobbled courtyard.
- * Four generations of a Cypriot family, ages ranging from three months to seventy years.
- * Assorted neighbours, relatives, friends.
- * One enormous metal container placed above a wood-burning fire.
- * Two thick strands of rope stretched out wall to wall.
- * Twenty to thirty strands of threaded almonds and walnuts.
- * Juice of many kilos of grapes.
- * Plain flour.
- * Assorted wooden chairs.
- * A couple of crates, up-ended and placed on top of each other to accommodate the Tavli (backgammon board).
- * Strong black coffee and cheesecake.
- * A warm sun-filled October morning.
- * Loud, good-humoured voices.

Method:

- * Pour the Grapejuice into your container.
- * Add bowls of flour.
- * Stoke the fire from time to time.
- * Take turns to stir the mixture with a long wooden stick, something akin to a shillelagh and called "goudally".
- * Dip the strands of nuts into the mixture briskly.
- * Allow the residue to drip into nearby pans, returning it to the main container from time to time, and hang up the strands to dry.
- * Repeat the process two or three times until the nuts are well covered.
- * As with the making of sweet things all over the world, one has to "dip one's finger" into the bowl, so toss in a few unstrung almonds, take up your spoon and eat the "Paruze", while it is still warm.
- * Wash the pan and start all over again.

E.P

Since childhood, *SHU-SHU-KO* was to me one of the wonders of village life, along with olives, sheep's milk yoghurt and cheeses, lemons, quinces and fresh figs from their trees.

I wandered off through the narrow, meandering streets, past the white-washed houses and their colourful doors – geraniums, nicotiana, hibiscus and bougainvillea crowding stone walls, and words from the Greek poet, George Seferis came to mind:

*"Voices out of stone, out of sleep
Voices more deep here where the world grows dark
Memory of toil that is rooted in the rhythm
Beaten upon the earth by feet forgotten.
Bodies sunk, all naked, in the foundations of other time
Staring and staring towards a sign
That you, however you wish it, cannot distinguish
The soul
That fights to become your soul."*

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

HBUFA hold their monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm 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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GOVERNOR VACANCY

Anyone wishing to serve the School and the Community as a Co-opted Governor should enquire for details from the school

Telephone: **01434 684 309**



The Governing Body at Shaftoe Trust First School is concerned with ensuring the highest standard of education for all its children.

The current Governors are:

Mr J J Drydon Mr G M Rowarth Mr W J Drydon
Mrs L A Gilhespy Mr J C Wardle Mr G W Jackson
Mrs V F Norris Mr T J Stephenson Mr P Dennis
Mrs S Charlton Mrs C Drax Mrs J Litt
Mrs H Doody Mrs A Cox (Headteacher)

The Governing Body meets at least three times a year and in addition Governors are expected to serve on appropriate sub-committees, to attend the Annual Parents' Meeting and to be supportive of other school activities.

If you would like the opportunity to talk with the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Headteacher, please contact the school on: **01434 684 309**.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please apply in writing to the Clerk of the Governors (c/o Shaftoe Trust First School) no later than Friday 10 December 1999.

Please mark the envelope 'Governor Vacancy'.

Annual General Meeting

This was held, a term early on 16 November. Fourteen parents attended in addition to the Governors. Although the attendance was not enough for a quorum, Mrs Audrey Cox (Headteacher) remarked that there were not any pressing issues. New Governors include Mrs Heather Doody and Mrs Camilla Drax.

After the formal part of the meeting, the new Numeracy Strategy was presented.

The Governors have concentrated on the new Literacy Hour Strategy implementation, the expansion of the school by one class and achieving the targets set out in

the implementation plan. One major improvement in Nursery Education has been the new cycle track in the play area. It is hoped that this will enhance the quality of the nursery education.

"IT" has been a major focus. The Staff is now fully trained in the use of computers, including the Internet.

Shaftoe received a generous helping hand from the Trust Foundation. The money has been used to purchase new furniture and equipment for the new classroom. In addition the School Association raised over £2190. This money has been used to purchase such things as wheeled toys for Nursery, outdoor apparatus, staging blocks and the services of a musician in residence for one week.

The school continues to do better on its SAT results than the national expectation.

All in all, it was a successful meeting to cap off a successful year for the Governors of Shaftoe.

Raising Funds for Good Causes

Shaftoe Trust First School is teaching more than just reading, writing and Mathematics. Children are also learning about caring for others in the community. The school has always encouraged students to raise money for good causes.

The major focus of this year's fund raising has been the NSPCC. The school raised a massive £642 in two weeks. The campaign also served to highlight to the children the dangers of bullying and the importance of playing safely. A photograph of the school giving the cheque to the NSPCC representative appeared in the Hexham Courant of Friday 19 November.

In addition to raising money for the NSPCC, the school raised funds for the Rainbow Trust and for the Fire Fighter's Yellow Hat Appeal.

"The school are to be congratulated for their hard work", said Mrs Audrey Cox (Headteacher)

Book Sale Success

Shaftoe Trust First School held its Annual Book Sale in the middle of October. The Sale gave parents and students a chance to buy books and help the school at the same time.

A total of £600 of books were sold and the school

was able to spend £300 on new books.

These books will go to help augment the Literacy Hour in the classroom as well as increasing the School's Library.

Scrummages and Lineouts

Class 4 at Shaftoe recently took part in Mini Rugby coaching and a seminar. They learnt the basics of rugby and play a simplified version.

On Wednesday 20 October, they took part in a rugby afternoon at Haydon Bridge High School and were joined by students from Newbrough and Wark First Schools and received further coaching.

All who took part were given a Mini Rugby certificate.

The day was sponsored in part by the Children's Rugby Club that meets every Sunday morning at Haydon Bridge High School.

The afternoon's success will be followed up by a tournament this coming Spring.

M.S

HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Presents

'FESTIVE ZONE'

An evening of Music, Dance, Drama

8 / 9 / 10 December

7.30pm

School Hall

Tickets: £4.00
(Children / Concessions – £2.00)

From:
School Shop or Office or at the door

Refreshments available

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DANCE CLUB NEWS

The Dance Club continues to do well with some fifty (50) members (average attendance is 35) from as far away as, Alston, Haltwhistle, Hexham, Whitfield, Longwhitton and a couple from South Shields not forgetting the local members.

Monday 8 November dance was well attended with forty-two (42) being present.

My thanks to the Club for buying a "Wheelie" chair for me – my gammy knees playing up. Operation pending!

Nessie is back dancing after her operation. Nice to see her again.

Josie and George are waltzing around, after their accident.

Clive and Ray are back after a long absence. Nice to see them too.

Thanks too. To Margaret and Ralph for having the Hall all ship-shape for dancing. Good of you both.

New members are always welcome. We dance most Monday nights in St Cuthbert's Church Hall – 7.30 to 10.00pm. Entrance is only £1.00 and includes Tea and Biscuits and a Rafle Ticket.

Do come along and join in.

Jim Biggs

LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A talk and slide show on 'Bookbinding' given by Mr David Hindley of Corbridge was very well received by members of Langley W. I. in November.

This most intricate craft, which changed very little from the 2nd Century A.D. until the 18th Century, was explained in relatively simple terms by a man who obviously has a passion for the subject. Judging by the number of members who sought him out after the talk, there must be a lot of battered books out there.

Sylvia Mitchell gave a report on the Autumn Council meeting at Northgate, Morpeth, at which she was Langley W.I.'s delegate.

Arrangements for the annual Pie & Pea Supper in November were finalised as well as for the Christmas Dinner for the December meeting.

The Dominoes team played two matches at the Carts Bog Inn in October, eventually succumbing to Whitfield W.I.

Members plan to meet for a meal at the Carts Bog Inn in early December.

Six members are also to visit Bardon Mill W.I. for an evening of Poetry and Slides of the Northumbrian Landscape.

Mrs M Nagel.

HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The November meeting of the W.I. was sadly the last. Proceedings were overseen by Mrs K Beale VCO with Mrs J Norderhaug as witness.

A vote was taken at the well attended meeting when it was agreed to close down. The funds and some artefacts will be held at County Headquarters and will be available if any person wishes to revive the W.I. in Haydon Bridge within three years.

Many members spoke of the happy memories of past occasions.

Everyone enjoyed Pie and Peas followed by Tea and Biscuits.

Special thanks were expressed to Mrs P Smith for the hard work she has done keeping the W.I. afloat for the past ten years.

HAYDON VIEW RESIDENTIAL HOME**COFFEE MORNING**

SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

10.00am

Tombola Cake Stall and Raffle

Tea and Coffee with Mince Pies

Everyone welcome

**Haydon Bridge High School
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Friday 21st January 2000

**Haydon Bridge
High School Hall
7.30pm**

**Late Bar with Real Ale
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**Tickets: £5.00 (Adults): £2.50
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BON VOYAGE and GOOD LUCK

I would like to take the opportunity through the *Haydon News*, to acknowledge the work Marion Howard has undertaken for the Community Association during her time as Secretary.

Marion was appointed Secretary of the Community Association in 1997 and during this time, as well as fulfilling her role as Secretary, has put an enormous amount of time and effort into the rebuilding of the Community Centre.

For almost every day of the last two and a half years, Marion has worked 'behind the scenes', letter writing, completing forms, liaising with various organisations and agencies to obtain funding for our new Community Centre. I must say that without Marion's knowledge and expertise, the new Community Centre would not be at the stage it is today, or for that matter, what it will be in the very near future.

I would like to express not only my own personal heartfelt thanks, but those of the Community Association as a whole, to Marion for her support to the Association and myself as Chairman, and most especially for her hard work with regard to the rebuilding of the Community Centre.

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For those who are unaware, Marion and husband Bill are leaving Haydon Bridge for a sunnier climate.

Their leaving is tinged with sadness, as they will not be around for the opening of our new Community Centre. We will, however, be keeping them informed about the progress and any other events surrounding our new building.

Our new Community Centre will be a constant reminder, not only to the Community Association, but to all the people of Haydon Bridge, of your efforts Marion.

We could not have done it without you.

Best wishes to Marion and Bill on their new venture. Remember, you are both welcome at our new Community Centre and the village at any time.

Once again a tremendous THANK YOU Marion.

Mary Douthwaite Chairman – Haydon Bridge Community Association

As Chairman of Haydon Bridge Parish Council I wish to thank Marion and Bill Howard for their work on the Parish and District Councils over their years in office.

I know that I speak not only for the whole Council but for the people of Haydon Bridge too. They were unstinting in their work as representatives of the Parish and never failed to find time for each and everyone who approached them.

For myself I add a personal THANK YOU for the help and advice given to me over the last few months.

Good Luck and God Speed.

Enid Garrow

Dear Editor

As a resident of Belmont Gardens, I have noticed an increasing problem of under-age smokers along my street and actually at the school gates. Calls to the school have had no effect with the excuse of them being unable to patrol the area and catch the culprits. How difficult can this be? The problem is blatant.

In addition to this there is an accumulating amount of chewing gum leading the way from the school, down North Bank, to the shops, AND the Belmont Gardens street sign has been defaced with graffiti.

All in all, the school needs to take responsibility for the effect it has on the surrounding area and clean it up.

Remove the gum and the litter and the cigarette butts. Patrol the immediate surrounding area and reprimand the culprits. And finally, repaint the Belmont Gardens street sign.

We are all proud of the village we all live in. For a small amount of effort, Haydon Bridge High School can share this pride.

Name and Address have been provided.

Dear Readers

I would be very interested to hear the view points of others regarding the never ending saga of the gates into the station and the Recycling Centre.

One cold frosty evening I had arranged to meet my daughter off the 6.40pm train as she had been to Newcastle. I thought that, as I was going to the station, I would help the environment by taking some empty wine bottles and put them in the Bottle Bank.

My husband placed them in a laundry basket and put them in the boot of the car. I arrived, and guess what? Yes, the gates were shut!! I carried the basket to the Bottle Bank and put them in.

We are supposed to be encouraging people to help our environment but this certainly isn't.

Surely there must be a better way of keeping the factories secure? Should the gates not have been placed further back so that people could drive into the station yard to use the recycling facilities we have got there?

Disappointed Recycler – Haydon Bridge

Name and Address have been provided

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Notes from the Parish Council meeting
Thursday 25th November 1999.

Village Play Areas A deputation of 19 parents from the village attended the first part of the meeting to protest about the proposed siting of the play area by the river. Their concerns were about the danger of the river, the potential for vandalism and drug dealing activities in the vicinity. The Council pointed out that the proposed riverside play area is mainly for tourists with a fenced area for toddler's play equipment.

The changes to the road are designed to deter cars from going along there. The Council explained that in the village appraisal, respondents had said that the riverside play area was what had been wanted. The Parish Council did not have control over alternative sites on the housing estates. The parents felt that they would like to upgrade the facilities in Langley Gardens and provide small play areas dotted throughout the village.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will advise Tynedale Council of the parents views and that the Parents Group will investigate possible sites and come up with proposals for play areas within the village.

Public Conveniences The need for public toilets to be located on the north side of the river was also discussed. The current toilets are not signposted and are locked at 9.00pm at night.

Drugs Problem This has also given parents cause for concern. The Parish Council will raise this issue with the Police.

Military Road Plans There will be a meeting held on 14th December 1999 at Hexham Community Centre, Gilesgate, about the Hadrian's Wall Transport Strategy Final Report. The need for a strong protest was expressed.

Painting the Subway has not yet been undertaken.

Showfield Street Light has not yet been connected.

Cemetery Tap is not yet mended.

High School Hedge has been cut back but the trimmings have not yet been swept up.

Mud on the lane near Chesterwood is causing a danger for public safety. Tynedale Council be asked to investigate.

Bus Shelter near Langley Village Hall The light has disappeared from this shelter causing a danger to school children.

Belmont Gardens There is a street light out. Need to clarify who is responsible for it.

Brigwood is still in need of a street light.

Planning Applications were discussed and supported for the following:

- A cash machine outside the Co-op. Some concern was expressed for parking problems on the Ratcliffe Road.

- Construction of a stable and double garage at Staward, Langley.

- Re-roofing of Lipwood Hall

Broken Seat by the Riverside BT have paid for it.

Grant Aid from Tynedale Council The council have asked for requests for Grant Aid to be returned to them by 31st January 2000. Any village organisations who would like Grant Aid should contact the Parish Council as soon as possible.

Accounts These have been approved by the auditor.

Church Clock Although the clock is now mended, the bellify needs to be kept clean to avoid dirt getting into the mechanisms of the clock.

Business Information Points Business Link has a project to install BIP's in 14 locations in the county and have suggested that one of them be located in Haydon Bridge. Four possible sites were suggested and will be passed to Business Link for further consideration.

Tynedale Local Plan Modifications These mainly include the deletion of new housing as follows: 5 from Glenburn, all from the Showfield and the Inner Haugh reduced to 35.

Transport Plan meeting shortly to be held at County Hall, Morpeth.

Village Projects Over £3,000 has been raised for the Millennium. A leaflet is being put together for a Census of all the houses in the village.

The Vicar will host a **Millennium Church Service** but wants it to include secular but relevant readings of prose and poems. Any suggestions should be made to him.

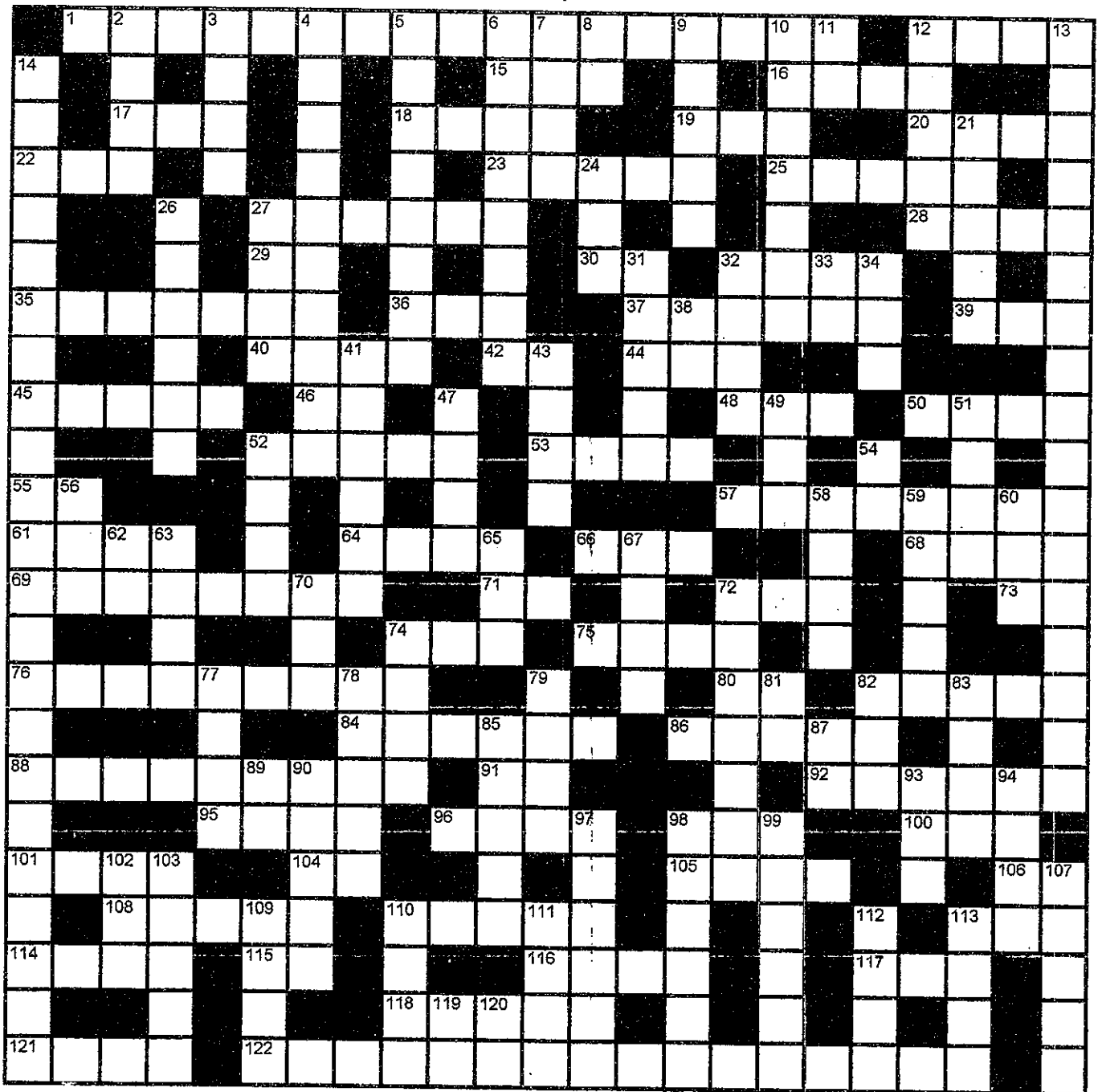
Street Party This will be held in May on the big green at Strother Close. A Millennium photograph will be taken.

Heritage Economic Regeneration Six village business people have expressed an interest in attending a meeting to discuss it. A number of projects have already been proposed, including the extension of car parking in the village.

Safety Barrier beside the Old Bridge This is broken and needs replacing.

The December 23rd meeting will take the form of a social event together with the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' and the next Parish Council meeting will be in January.

A CROSSWORD FOR DECEMBER



£20 Crossword Competition

- Entry is restricted to those in the delivery area of the Haydon News or individuals on the mailing list. Only one entry per Parish household.

- In the event of there being more than two correct and complete entries these will be put into a hat and two entries drawn. Each will receive £10.

- Should there be only one correct entry this winner will receive £20.

- Entries to be left at the Post Office addressed "*December Crossword*", *Haydon News*.

The closing date is 12 Noon on Friday 31st December 1999.

ACROSS

1. IS IT WORN BY A ONE LEGGED SANTA ? (9,8)
12. PASSAGE INTO MINE (4)
15. PRESERVE (3)
16. WATERY RECESSIONS (4)
17. MOVE VERY FAST (3)
18. PREVIOUSLY CITED IN A BOOK (4)
19. PREVENT HEAT LOSS IN PRISON? (3)
20. HAWK (4)
22. LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN GHANA, TOGO AND BENIN (3)
23. RIVER EMBANKMENT (5)
25. DRINK AGED BEFORE USING (5)
27. CHARGE A LIQUID WITH GAS (6)
28. CONSTRUCT AGAIN (4)
29. THE THING TO DO (2)
30. ARSENIC TO A CHEMIST (2)
32. HAVE A YEN FOR (4)
35. SYMPATHETIC COMPATIBILITY (7)
36. TASTELESS (3)
37. JULY AND AUGUST IN THE ANTIPODES (6)
39. MALACOPTERYGLIAN (3)
40. PART OF TORSO (4)
42. EXPRESSES POSSESSION (2)
44. A NEWT IN ITS TERRESTRIAL STAGE (3)
45. FITS INTO A MORTISE (5)
46. A NEGATIVE (2)
48. INDELIBLE AND INDIA ARE BUT TWO (3)
50. RUM CAPE (4)
52. PROPHET BORN ABOUT 8BC (5)
53. MOTHER OF 52 ACROSS (4)
55. INDEFINITE ARTICLE (2)
57. WEST INDIAN ISLAND (8)
61. BASIC CHINESE MONETARY UNIT (4)
64. DISTINCTIVE AND STYLISH ELEGANCE (4)
66. GERMAN PHYSICIST ASSOCIATED WITH VOLTAIRE AND WATT? (3)
68. OBLIGATION (4)
69. HAVING A STRONG EMOTION (8)
71. FOR EXAMPLE (2)
72. 100 SQUARE METRES (3)
73. GOSHI (2)
74. STRONG EMOTION (3)
75. POPULAR SINGER OF PAST THIRTY YEARS OR SO (4)
76. TRANSPARENCIES REVEALED AFTER A SKILLED CRAFTSMAN ADOPTS AS SIN, A BIBLICAL CHARACTER (9)
80. ENGAGE IN (2)
82. SUPERNATURAL FORCE (5)
84. WAS A 76 ACROSS BY TRADE (6)
86. MOUNTAINOUS REPUBLIC ON BAY OF BENGAL (5)
88. WORDS ON PAPER REDONE (9)
91. ROYAL ARTILLERY (2)
92. A NUMBER OF BEEHIVES (6)
95. IN SHORT, A DETAILED DESCRIPTION (4)
96. SPHERICAL OBJECT (4)
100. CYRIL FLETCHER HAD THE ODD ONE (3)
101. FATHER CHRISTMAS HAS ONE (4)
104. CETERA OR AL WOULDNT BE THE SAME WITHOUT THIS SUFFIX (2)
105. GODDESS OF FERTILITY (4)
106. MOTORING ORGANISATION (2)
108. THIS CEREAL HAS BEEN GROUND (5)
110. SMALL COLD WATER FISH (5)
113. DEVIATING FROM THE USUAL (3)
114. SAGES WHO VISITED 53 AND 84 ACROSS (4)
115. CRUDE QUESTIONING EXCLAMATION! (2)
116. ARTIST'S LUBRICANTS ? (4)
117. ELECTRICALLY CHARGED PARTICLE (3)
118. CRIMINAL (5)
122. A CHRISTMAS HIT FOR 'CLIFF' IN 1988 (9,3,4)

DOWN

2. LACK OF CLARITY (4)
3. SCALLYWAGS (4)
4. VOLATILE LIQUID (10)
5. TOURIST AREA IN SPAIN (8)
6. A SMALL DAGGER (8)
7. PERIODIC RISE AND FALL CAUSED BY THE MOON (4)
8. PERFORMING OR SCHEDULED FOR DUTIES (2)
9. LEAKS ARE NOT CABBAGES (5)
10. COLD-SHOULDER (7)
11. YOU WON'T FIND THESE PLATES ON A SCOTTISH CAR
12. ENQUIRER (5)
13. ARE THEY NOW FULLY GROWN (3,5,3,3,3)
14. BEST TIME FOR SEEING PARTRIDGES ? (3,5,3,2,9)
21. TV COMEDIENNE HANDL (5)
24. BY WAY OF (3)
26. I LEAVE AN APRICOT CONFUSED ABOUT GAOLER (6)
27. INTANGIBLE QUALITIES (4)
31. DECLARE (5)
32. NOT IN FAVOUR OF (4)
33. PRONOUN (2)
34. EPOCH (3)
38. INTRODUCES CONDITIONAL CLAUSE (2)
41. SLEPT ROUGH (6)
43. BE ANGRY (4)
47. CONTINENT JOINING EUROPE (4)
49. LOGICALLY NEITHER OR (3)
51. ADJUTANT (4)
52. CHINESE GOD OR SLOW BURNING FRAGRANT STICK
54. HALF THE WIDTH OF AN EM (2)
56. A SMALL PIECE (3)
58. CHILLED (4)
59. STATE IN ROCKIES (5)
60. ANTIPODIAN NATIVE (3)
62. ARSENIC TO A CHEMIST (2)
63. LESS THAN AVERAGE TIDE (4)
65. AS BORN (3)
67. SUNK FENCE (2-2)
70. CAUSE TO RUST (3)
72. TAXING TO THE UTMOST (7)
74. Fe IS ITS CHEMICAL NAME (4)
77. CHURCH READINGS IN SHORT (4)
78. SQUIRT (5)
79. A TRANSLUCENT MINERAL (4)
81. INTRODUCE AN ALTERNATIVE (2)
82. ATOMISE (3)
83. DAME IS A MIX OF FERMENTED HONEY AND WATER (4)
85. WIPE OUT (5)
87. ONE THOUSANDTH OF AN AMP (2)
89. TEST POINT SOUND LIKE A TENT (2)
90. MEANS OF ENFORCEMENT (5)
93. DEBT INSTRUMENT (3)
94. SCAN (4)
97. HISPANIC (6)
98. FOREBODING ATMOSPHERE (6)
99. TELEPHONED (U.S.) (6)
102. ENCOURAGE (3)
103. DEHUMIDIFIER (5)
107. WOOD-CUTTERS (5)
109. APPEAR TO EXIST (4)
110. SEPARATE (4)
111. OBTAINED ILLEGALLY (4)
112. LOWEST AMOUNT DOES NOT KEEP QUIET FOR A SKIRT (4)
113. FORMER (4)
119. SHORT ELEVATION (2)
120. '— MANS' 24 HOUR RACETRACK (2)

98. CLARTS (3)

121. INCITE (4)



RAINBOW WRITERS WORKSHOP



Hi there readers!

Sylvia and I hope you enjoyed our first page in last month's *Haydon News*.

I briefly mentioned one of our members – Myra Bowen – and her success in winning Second Prize in The Linkway Magazine Open Poetry Competition 1999. I am now free to publish her poem and hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

DANCING IN THE TWILIGHT

Her laugh disconcerts
She flutters a faded yellow duster.
Now a golden ballroom fan
Of ivory-handled ostrich feathers.
With that disturbing smile
She has taken off
Down the garden path,
Living with the fairies.

Isolated in some deep abyss,
Her thunder spent,
All reason gone,
Looking and listening she struggles
To surface the dark water.
Nods her head and nods again;
Heavy eyelids snap shut.
She is lost, beyond our reach.

Jet cameo earrings
Swing like miming fools.
Far too many rings
Slide up and down
Her matchstick fingers,
And those skeletal wrists,
They are trapped, like her mind,
In narrow, snake-head bracelets.

The long-discarded Indian shawl
With vibrant coloured swirls
Rubs shoulders with the tired
Flannelette night-gown.
Shambling round and round
In down-at-the back slippers,
She is the 'Belle of the Ball',
Waltzing in a secret place.

Congratulations once again, Myra!

October's workshop saw our members attempting to describe a "Landscape in Monochrome". Here are a few examples.

The landscape lies shrouded in winter's grey mantle. Under a fretful sky overcast with solitary bleakness, misty rain lies pillowed on the hillside. Branches bow low as the wind lassos the trees then hurries onwards. Hawthorn spikes decorate the hedgerows and dry stone walls. In the distance overhead pow-

erlines sway in a creaking chorus as a family of crows perch precariously on the wires. Night comes and the earth begins to sparkle as frosty fingers race across the hillside weaving patterns wherever they touch. The moonshine's ghostly and full in a landscape painted winter.

SEP

BLACK AND WHITE LANDSCAPE

Many places benefit from a fall of snow – its soft blanket hides blemishes and scars and lends a ghostly, ethereal feeling to the most mundane landscape or town.

In the town, the streets for once are silent – no traffic – no people – and the buildings stand majestically outlined against the darkening horizon, solid and reassuringly impervious to the elements.

Country landscapes have a picture postcard appeal, with spotlessly white hills and fields, dotted haphazardly with the odd house or tree.

Both scenes are a harmonious blending of black and white – perfect but fleeting.

MARY

WORLD HAS LOST ITS COLOUR

I draw back the heavy curtain and drag it to the end of the heavy pole. Every morning at this point my heart sinks as the drollness of the outlook appears unchanged. I have felt this emotion ever since the humans exhausted the earth and drained all its colour and resources. The darkness of the day has seeped into my heart.

The view of the moors is so hard to discern, it all looks grey and boring. I can't see the deer or any animal now unless they are close enough to discern the contrast between shadow and light, movement and inertia.

Many animals are now dead because they couldn't see their predators. Nature's warning colours are gone.

The sepia world has brought death to my view and gloom to my soul.

JILL

LIGHT AND DARK

When the wind blows like destiny across the sands of time a bewildering array of horizons are yet shrouded in mystery. Ultimately dark gives birth to light and primeval forces begin to mould the landscape of mankind.

A rich cornucopia of rewards is promised but alas, tumult and confusion ensues.

Wrong calls into question right, challenging divine sovereignty. The battle for supremacy is pervasive – all encompassing – touching the highest mountain peaks, searching every hidden corner.

With one almighty strike, good vanquishes evil. A victory!

Our horizon is no longer hopelessly undefined.

JESTER

Exercise 2. Write a telegram in the form of a poem.

I will be arriving on the night train – stop
 Bringing my latest bird with me – stop
 I hope this will be appropriate – stop
 She can sing soprano on a good day – stop

SEP

She Urgent, must meet soon – stop
 He Sorry, got tickets for Toon – stop
 She Can come next Sunday – stop
 He Sorry, Toon playing away – stop
 She You're avoiding me – state reason – stop
 He Can't get involved during season – stop
 She Red card – it's all over – stop
 He Foul play – still your lover – stop
 She Prove it sell season ticket – stop
 He Speechless – stop

MARY

Do you come here often and – stop
 How corny, you're boring me so – stop
 I've got a Porsche parked in the bus – stop
 Really? I was going but I think I'll now – stop

JILL

Flowers arrived as expected – stop
 Blooms carefully selected – stop
 Each one open and fresh – stop
 The colour of ripe young flesh – stop
 In polythene covered box – stop
 Thank you Mrs Jane Cox

JESTER

Both of the exercises were completed in 15 minutes.

The Rainbow Writers Short Story and Poetry Competition is now closed to further entries.

Judging is currently underway and a result should be reached within the next couple of weeks.

We hope to publish the winning entries in the next edition of the Haydon News.

If you have any comments to make about the "Writers Page" please feel free to send them along to the 'Editorial Panel'

Joyce Sim

OUT & ABOUT CLUB

The Club is looking for a volunteer (or two friends) to act as Local Co-ordinator and to be responsible for coming in and setting up tables and generally helping with the afternoon (every Monday) except holiday times.

The person(s) would need to be interested in the people who attend and be prepared to make the Club's activities known in the village.

The times required would be from 1.30 – 4.30pm and "regularity" would be essential which is why it might suit two friends so that they can arrange between themselves which day they will take and pass on information from week to week.

For more information contact:

Elizabeth Grande on: 01434 602 418

On behalf of: *Tynedale Care Centre*

MILLENNIUM BRIDGE OVER THE TYNE

She curves, she soars,
 She curves again
 Achingly beautiful in her simplicity.

She's a bird
 She's an eye
 With a slow, slow blink
 As she opens to let
 The tall, curvaceous ships pass by.

They say she's a tribute
 To the skills of the builders of ships
 From long ago
 The builders of ships on the Tyne.

Today she exists in the minds eye
 Of her creator
 Tomorrow she will stand serene
 Arching gracefully
 Welcoming the future.

Can we guess what the future holds
 As we stand and gaze?

Like the arc of a rainbow
 That symbol of hope
 Our own special arch
 May lift the spirit
 With effortless ease
 As we, the privileged travellers in time
 Stop for a moment
 Facing both forward and back
 Before the world lurches onward.

Elizabeth Grande

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**Fixtures and scores**

21 Aug	Home v Newcastle BT	2-0
	<i>Dan Robson, Dave Robson</i>	
28 Aug	Away v Otterburn	3-1
	<i>Dan Robson</i>	
04 Sep	Away v Forest Hall	3-3
	<i>Dan Robson, Steven Lambert, Alex Stuart</i>	
11 Sep	Home v Northern S.C.	0-2
16 Sep	Away v North Sunderland	0-0 *
25 Sep	Home v Northumbria Univ.	2-2
	<i>Stuart Pearson, Colin Banks</i>	
02 Oct	Home v Walker Stack	1-5
	<i>Paul Robinson</i>	

League Cup 2nd Round:

09 Oct	Away v Hebburn Reyrolle	5-0
16 Oct	Home v Wallsend Utd.	3-1
	<i>Geoff Sparke 2, Stuart Bell</i>	

Amateur Cup 1st. Round:

23 Oct	Home v North Sunderland	0-5
30 Oct	Home v Cowgate Sports	3-1

NFA Minor Cup

06 Nov	Away v Walker Stack	1-5
13 Nov	Home v Forest Hall	3-0
20 Nov	Away v Walker Stack	2-2
27 Nov	Home v Stobhill Rangers	

Minor Cup 2nd. Round:

04 Dec	Away v Amble Vikings	
11 Dec	Away v Wallington	
18 Dec	Away v Harraby C.C.	

* the game against North Sunderland was classed as VOID after H.B. fielded an unregistered player. The club suffered a further 3 point deduction from their total for the offence.

Top Scorers

Geoff Sparke	5
Dan Clarke	4
Stuart Bell	4
Dan Robson	3
Chad Alder	2
David Robson	1
Steve Lambert	1
Alex Stewart	1
Stuart Pearson	1
Colin Banks	1
Paul Robinson	1
Own Goals	1

Three straight wins and an away draw is good form for November. The team came back well from conceding a first minute goal at Walker Stack, (20 November) with

Stuart bell and Chad Alder grabbing the goals ensuring the unbeaten run continued.

The second round of the NFA Minor Cup has paired HBFC with Amble Vikings. It will be a tough away trip, as Amble are currently second place in Division One and having lost only once this season so far!

Clayton Cup

Which brings to mind that I had the Clayton Cup in my hands recently. The trophy dates from 1903-04. Looking at the engravings, it reveals that HBFC have won it no fewer than nine (9) times. Which seems to be a record.

It was first brought to the village in 1931-1932 and was won again at the end of last season.

I wonder if anyone has any of the 1932 winners medals?

Other Bits and Pieces

Other things at the Club this month are the newly installed floodlights, which enable outdoor winter training to take place. On these dark, cold, wet, miserable nights I am pleased I only write about it!

The 3rd December will see a visit from the people who hold all the right cards to grant the Lottery Bid. They'll view Low Hall Park and the present facilities hopefully to take us a step closer to going ahead with the building work.

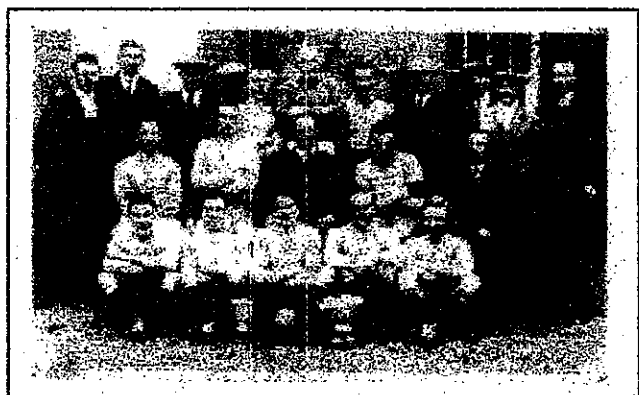
A Quiz Night is planned for Friday 10th December in the Railway Hotel, kick-off around 7.30pm.

And finally, possibly for you in time for Christmas, are the HBFC Sweat Shirts and Polo Shirts. Samples of these are on display in Clarkes Newsagents.

Prices are: £13 and £15

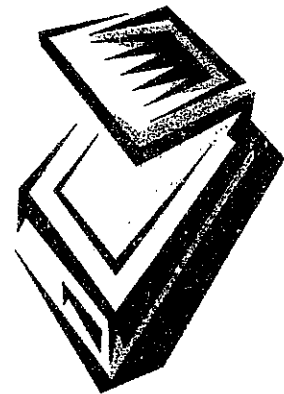
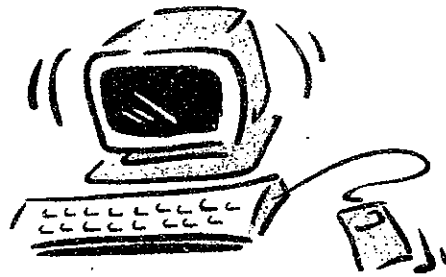
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Don't miss out.



Haydon Bridge United and the first Clayton Cup win in 1932.

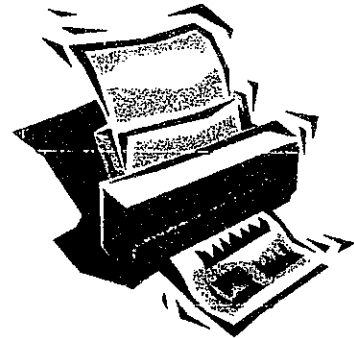
Can we win silver this season? There's no reason why not. Just make sure you are there to see it.



OPENING Monday 3rd January 2000

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH
Telephone/Fax 01 434 688 444

AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE,
THE MEETING PLACE' CONTINUES
EACH TUESDAY and THURSDAY MORNING.



PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOW ALSO OPEN
EACH MONDAY and FRIDAY BETWEEN 9.30am and
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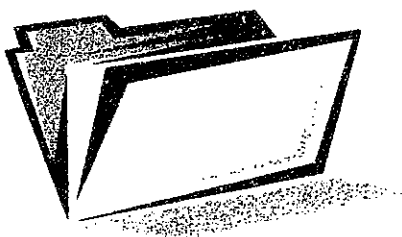
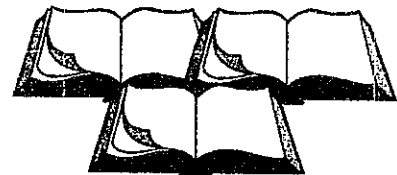
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CHRISTIAN GREETING CARDS and BOOKS

EVEN POP IN for a CHAT and SAY HI to JOAN!



*'Out & About' Group***CHRISTMAS
ENTERTAINMENT**

Methodist Church

Monday 13 December

2.00 – 4.00pm

Music & Mince Pies

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

Langley Village Hall

Saturday 4 December 1999

7.00pm.

Whist Drive

Langley Village Hall

Saturday 18 December 1999

7.00pm.

Haydon Bridge Football Club
Quiz Night with Ron Brownlee

Friday 10 December 1999

Railway Hotel

7.30pm

Tickets: £3.00 each

including Supper from:

David Kirsopp 684 745

Shirley Phillips 684 576

Langley W. I.

Speaker: Dr Jane Young

'Floral Facts and Folklore'

Tuesday 14 December 1999

7.30pm.

New Members welcome.

Contact: 01434 684 419

Haydon Bridge Nature Club

Talk by Mr Keith Bowey

'Senegal Endangered Species'

Methodist Church

Thursday 9 December 1999

7.15pm.

St. Cuthbert's Playgroup

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St. Cuthbert's Church Hall

Saturday 4 December 1999

10am – 12 noon

Haydon Bridge Dance Club in St Cuthbert's Church Hall*Christmas Party*

Monday 20 December 1999

7.30 – 10.30pm

Bring & Eat Supper

Raffles

Entrance – FREE

All welcome

Millennium Dance & Supper

Friday 7 January 2000

7.45 – 11.15pm

Tickets: £2 including Supper

(limited to 50) from

Nessie & Margaret

Music by: Daph & Jim

In aid of St Cuthbert's Church

Haydon Bridge Nature Club

Talk by Mr Colin Jewitt

'Tracks and Signs'

Methodist Church Hall

Thursday 6 January 2000

7.15pm

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

St. Cuthbert's Church Hall

Saturday 11 December 1999

7.00 – 9.00pm.

Haydon Bridge Football Club

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 7 December 1999

Anchor 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.

However, to do this we need local organisations to provide us with the said information.

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)

CHURCH PAGE

December 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

A Thought and reading for the millenium

The God of all ages and the Lord of all time is the Alpha and Omega, the origin and goal of everything that lives. Yet this God is ever closer to us all. And those who believe are very conscious of this divine proximity

So, we look with expectant joy, to the Jubilee of Jesus, Son of this proximate God, coming to us two thousand years ago. We are full of gratitude for the years of favour with which God has blessed us.

We ask God to teach us to share justly the good things that come from the divine hand. We ask God to teach us to bring peace and reconciliation wherever strife and disorder reign. We ask God to teach us to speak out as advocates for those who have no voice and to rejoice in a bond of prayer and praise with our sisters and brothers through out the world.

And our fervent hope is that when Christ comes again in glory, he may find us alive and active in faith. We pray he will call us to that Kingdom, where with the God of all ages and the Holy Spirit Jesus is Lord, to be praised, worshipped and glorified both now and for ages to come

(After the Cafod Millenium Prayer)

Tobit 4:16-17, 19-20

Do to no one what you would not want done to you. Give your bread to those who are hungry, and your clothes to those who are naked. Ask advice of every wise person. Bless the Lord God in everything, beg him to guide your ways and bring your paths and purposes to their end

Happy Christmas and New Year

Fr Leo Pyle.

Yew Trees gifted by the Conservation Foundation to mark the Millenium

All over Britain yew trees taken from trees alive at the time of Christ are being blessed, handed over and planted by Churches.

The concept is that in the lives of individuals as in the life of faiths in general and as in the natural cycle of the yew tree, there can be periods of growth, periods of stagnation and periods of appearing dead or closed off. Closed off because we do not find ourselves in a conducive environment, or being out of sorts with the world around, or feeling so threatened that it is impossible to grow and flourish. But then the hard times pass the environment becomes right and we blossom.

The yew can hibernate for centuries if the conditions are not suitable for it. It can appear dead and wooden yet life continues, ready to burst forth when the environment is right. A yew tree can simply not grow for hundreds of years, not until it feels it is in an environment suitable for its growth and expansion. This is an important fact about the yew and accounts for its great antiquity. But it can also be seen as a metaphor for the life of faith in this country over the last two thousand years and mirrors the personal experience, the ups and downs of most people of faith. Thus the yew tree becomes a symbol of the spiritual life with its dormant periods and then its coming to life.

It also reminds us that we need a conducive environment. Our natural environment and indeed our humanely wrought environment is increasingly under threat. Pollution destruction, wasting of life and the threat of extinction face many species across the planet and in our own land. By planting a tree which could last for millenia we are expressing hope in the future. But that future only has hope if we work together to prevent environmental destruction and abuse, and we find new ways of living which place less strain on the created world, loved and sustained by God, of which we are a part.

Let us remember that if we are successful and the trees take root, these trees will be seen by our ancestors not just for the next generation nor the one after that. They could well be here at the next millenium, or even longer. This is why we are not so much planting a yew as working with it to ensure its establishment in order that over the centuries it can bear witness to our faith today. It is a real partnership.

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

December 1st

2.30 pm Womens Own

December 5th

10.00 am Trevor North Toy Service
3.00 pm Ecumenical Preparation for
Christmes at Allendale Methodist
Chapel

December 12th

10.00 am Rev David Perkins (S)
5.00 pm Mr J Robinson

December 14th

7.30 pm Mens Christian Fellowship

December 15th

Luncheon Club and Womens Own
Christmas meal

December 19th

10.00 am Rev David Perkins (F)
5.00 pm United Carols at
St Cuthberts

December 24th

4.00 pm United Crib Service

December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Day Service
Rev David Perkins

December 26th

10.00 am Mr S Todd
5.00 pm No Service

January 2nd

3.30 am Prayer Breakfast
10.00 am Rev David Perkins (S)
5.00 pm Mr M Reddington

January 9th

10.00 am Mrs B Rowarth
5.00 Covenant Service at Trinity

January 16th

10.00 am Rev David Perkins (F)
5.00 pm Fr Leo Pyle

**CALENDAR FOR
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

December 5th 2nd Sunday in

Advent

8.00 Holy Communion BCP
10.30 All-Age Worship, Dr Lindsay
Gray
3.00 pm Ecumenical Preparation Day
for Christmas at Allendale

Mon. 6th

Mothers' Union Advent Carols
in Hexham Abbey.

December 12th 3rd Sunday in

Advent

10.30 Parish Communion & Sermon

December 19th 4th Sunday in

Advent

8.00 Holy Communion, BCP
10.30 Morning Prayer / Sermon,
Mike Fry

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 19th

6.00pm
Inter-church Village Carol Service,
with Shaftoe Chorale

Mon. 21st

High School carol services.

Dec 24th Christmas Eve

4pm Inter-church Crib service,
Methodist Chapel
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am Festival Communion &
Sermon

Sunday, 26th St Stephen the

Martyr

10.30 Said Holy Communion

December 31st Millenium Eve

8.00 pm Village Celebration for
Millenium

**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.

A SAWBONES WRITES

MR PETER LOMAX

After a ten year association with the practice Peter Lomax has treated his last patient at the Health Centre. The loss of his contract with the Primary Care Group was one of a number of changes that emerged from the first tranche of service provision amendments from this new body. We are sorry to see him go as he offered prompt and effective relief to many patients.

We wish him well for the future and thank him for his contribution. He, in his turn, sends his best wishes to all of the patients that he has treated over the years.

REFLECTIONS ON A RUNNY EVENING

The other Sunday afternoon and evening, whilst on duty for the out of hours service, I saw a little over twenty patients from all corners of Tynedale and the surrounding area. Eight of them had diarrhoea.

The diagnosis was that old general practice standby, Taloria. Puzzled? Its an acronym for "There's A Lot Of It About".

The commonest factors in the transmission of diarrhoeal illness is poor hygiene in food preparation and poor personal hygiene. Proper hygiene measures, consistently applied, will almost eliminate the problem.

All food preparation areas and utensils should be scrupulously cleaned with germicidal cleaning agents at frequent intervals. Cooked foods must be kept separate from uncooked items - especially raw meat, fish and eggs. Uncooked foods should be kept at the bottom of the fridge - so they don't drip on other items. Domestic animals should be kept away from food and preparation areas.

Food past its sell by date should be discarded. If anything must be reheated it should be heated thoroughly all the way through. Food should not be left where insects can land on it. Most foods are better kept in the fridge than at room temperature - especially in summer.

The other day my daughter had a number of teenage friends around and as they sat down to eat I casually enquired if any of them had washed their hands before eating. Everyone of them leapt to their feet and raced for the soap and water, looking very sheepish. Grubby oiks!

I wash my hands about forty to fifty times each day (I'm not a rabid obsessive, I simply touch a lot of people), it doesn't take long and it can save a lot of trouble. There are few more unsettling things than the touch of a sticky unwashed hand and it will come as no surprise to anyone to hear that I never eat the peanuts and whatnots that are left for general consumption in bars.

Cleanliness matters!

INCH BY INCH

Very slowly the health centre is being redecorated. The treatment room is now all clean, fresh and redesigned and a start has been made on the central corridor.

In the corridor we have tried to create an art-gallery-like environment with the new spot lamps and pictures. We hope that it meets with approval.

The flowers in the photos are from either Heligan in Cornwall or Barbados, taken with a Pentax K1000, Pentax-A Zoom 1:3.5-4.5 28-80mm and Kodak Gold film. They include *Delonix Regia* (Flamboyant Tree), Agapanthus, Spider orchid, an unidentified orchid, Frangipani and Hydrangea.

If anyone wishes to hang pictures or photos in the corridor for a while they are welcome to speak to one of the partners.

In due course the walls and ceiling will be painted - what else is there to do on the long gloomy winter weekends?

THE DRUG BUDGET

Whilst we have always been in the middle of the range on prescribing costs we are taking steps to tidy up a few loose ends. For example:

There are two drugs that are widely used for the treatment of stomach and duodenal ulcers, lansoprazole (Zoton) and omeprazole (Losec). Both are excellent and effective products. The only really distinguishing feature is cost and accordingly we have spoken to every patient who takes the more expensive one and they have agreed to try the less expensive option. So far only a couple have been less than happy with the change.

Almost always the soluble or dissolving form of a drug is more expensive than the regular tablet version. There is virtually no one who cannot manage to swallow tablets - not really! Moreover, there is another good reason for choosing the regular tablets, that is that many of the dissolving kind have a great deal of salt in them and this is not desirable, especially if treatment is needed on a continuing basis. Accordingly, we shall be contacting patients to ask their permission to substitute the regular tablets for dissolving ones.

A recent edition of the Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin reviewed the use of rub-in versions of arthritis drugs. It concluded that there was no firm evidence of benefit from their use. Again, we shall be speaking to the small number of users of these products to explain the situation and ask their permission to discontinue those prescriptions.

75 milligrams of aspirin every day appears to confer real advantages on those who have had a heart attack or a stroke in preventing further problems and may also be of use for those who have risk factors for those conditions and wish to avoid such events. We are trying to catch all of those who should be taking the aspirin and have been pleasantly surprised to find that a number of people have been taking them of their own accord. For those who pay prescription tax it is cheaper to buy your own.

COUGHS, COLDS, FLU, CHILLS, SORE THROATS etc.

Almost all these winter ailments will get better by themselves. Antibiotics are unlikely to help. If your symptoms have persisted for more than 2 or 3 weeks, if there are blobs of white pus on your tonsils or if your phlegm is particularly colourful then we can check you over and see if you are one of the handful of cases in which antibiotics might help.

If smitten, rest (in bed if necessary), drink plenty of fluids (water, fruit juice, squash, tea, etc.), take simple pain killers, suck a boiled sweet or mint to ease cough and pass the time patiently reading improving books or watching your hoard of South Park or soap opera videos. Steve Ford.