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## Editorial

\* There's nothing I like better on a cold winter's evening than sitting by an open fire, whether at home or in a village pub. It's certainly more appealing than drawing-up to a radiator or electric fire.

One of the first jobs we tackled when we bought our house in Haydon Bridge was to take out the electric fires, remove the brickwork blocking off the existing flues and insert fireplaces for open fires.

Tynedale Council have recently announced plans to make Haydon Bridge and two other villages, smokeless zones.

Moving into the village during the winter months we were soon made aware of the air quality problem. Walking along Ratcliffe Road or Church Street on a cold, damp, still evening it was difficult not to notice the absence of fresh air. The acrid smell of smoke from coal fires reminded me of my childhood in a Derbyshire mining town in the 40's. Everyone had a coal fire with back boiler or cooking range. Miners had a free coal allowance which wasn't to be wasted. With the introduction of smokeless zones in towns and cities in the 50's and 60's I had forgotten the smell of a coal fire, until we moved to Haydon Bridge.

In the first *Haydon News* I read, an article by Dr Ford on the poor air quality in Haydon Bridge and the resulting high incidence of respiratory problems among his patients, called for action to be taken. That was six years ago. Now this seems likely to happen with Tynedale Council having to meet Government Targets on air quality in their areas.

However, the proposals to make Haydon Bridge a smokeless zone would be more attractive to many, especially those on limited incomes, if grants were made available to convert to alternative sources of heating, and considerably more attractive to everyone if Natural Gas was a choice in the village. For those of us who want to retain an open fire, there's always smokeless fuel. We use it already. It is more expensive than coal but as it gives out more heat you use less.

I was interested to note the Editorial Comment on the issue of creating a

smokeless zone in Haydon Bridge in the week before last's Courant. The writer saw no need to create a smokeless zone as the village is surrounded by fresh air. Well, that's fine for the cattle and sheep and those people who live out-by, but for those of us in the village this fresh air just isn't available on cold, still days or nights, unless, that is, you live far enough up the North Bank to be above it all.

In the same article there was also the comment that creating a smokeless zone is an urban answer to a rural issue. What is the rural answer? Extractor fans at each end of the village?

\* The By-pass Committee has gained a new lease of life in time for the Government announcement on increased funding for transport including building a number of by-passes. Will their efforts be successful in gaining a by-pass for our village? I would like to think so but I have serious doubts. I feel that the decision makers consider the new bridge, by-passing the bottleneck of John Martin Street and the Old Bridge, solves the problem from the road users point of view. After all, other than when protesters create something of a hold-up by repeatedly crossing and re-crossing Ratcliffe Road (an excellent response by the way) what is there to hinder the smooth flow of traffic through the village? Even the lights on the pedestrian crossing work in favour of the traffic and don't change until the road is clear of vehicles. A demand needs to be made for a change from traffic to pedestrian priorities on the A69 through the village.

While this Government has made murmurings about environmental factors being taken into account when places to be by-passed are chosen, I am sure that those towns and villages that cause regular daily hold-ups to the smooth flow of traffic are the ones that will get priority. Haydon Bridge isn't such a place! I hope I'm wrong.

\* Recently planning applications have been made for housing developments on the Innerhaugh, at the Old Foundry Yard on Church Street and possibly Tait's Yard.

All of these schemes are for 'affordable housing', which I understand means low cost for people who are retired, on low incomes or unem-

ployed, as evidently there is a demand for this type of housing in Haydon Bridge. But where does this demand come from? Haydonians? There may be a shortage of single bed-roomed flats (proposals for the Old Foundry Yard site) but three low cost housing schemes following so quickly on the heels of the Showfield development? I would seriously question the local demand. After all not all the houses for rent at the Showfield were let to locals as was the original intention. There just was not the demand!

Maybe the proposed schemes for Haydon Bridge are seen as satisfying a demand in the central Tynedale area, Hexham, Corbridge, Allendale where high cost housing developments have mushroomed in the past 20 years or so. Not that I want to see Haydon Bridge surrounded by executive housing but it is important for the future viability of the village that a reasonable mix of housing for all types of people is maintained. Recently new and far from low cost housing schemes seem to be sprouting up in and around Bardon Mill. Perhaps it is that Haydon Bridge is viewed by the developers and Tynedale Council as the poor relation.

What percentage of the total housing stock in the village is recognised as low cost housing? There are some houses for sale in the village at the present time for £50 - 60,000 and less. Perhaps our local Tynedale Councilors could let us know.

\* In this month's edition, we have a new and welcomed contribution from Shaftoe Trust First School, a delightful collection of poems written by the children.

\* Delivered with this *Haydon News* you should also have received a questionnaire from the Friends of Haydon Bridge asking for views on the 'Friends' proposal for trying to develop an area in the village for recreation and leisure purposes. A full article on this appeared in the *Haydon News* earlier in the year. I hope you will find the time to complete the questionnaire as we would welcome your views.

Please return your questionnaires in the envelope provided to the Post Office. Thank you. Have a good summer.

M.P

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### Langley Women's Institute

Langley W. I. had not met since the June outing to the Cheese Farm at Blagdon followed by supper at the Blackbird Inn in Ponteland.

At the farm a most interesting talk was given to the group by the owner, Mr Mark Robertson, who traced the history of his involvement with Northumberland cheeses from 1985 up to the present day. The talk was followed by sampling every one of their many cheeses, a delicious climax. Ending the evening at the Blackbird Inn, the outing was a great success.

At the July meeting the speaker was Mr M Costar on "Allergy Testing" a subject of much interest to everyone present. Mr Costar explained that he had ten years experience with his subject but he still never stopped learning. One in four people, he said, have an allergy or sensitivity to something of some sort. It is alarming, he continued, that more people than ever are now coming to him for treatment of allergies and sensitivities. It is not apparently necessarily a question of nutrition. It is the unknown and hidden factors about us that are worrying. He made a point of stating that one should seek advice from one's own doctor first before considering alternative treatments.

There are a range of tests available. For example, patch, scratch, blood and muscle tests. Exclusion diets where certain foods are avoided can be helpful. The most common complaints are rashes, whether all over or only on hands. There can also be digestive problems, memory problems caused by the use of pesticides and environmental toxins and strongly advised us to read all the labels and study the ingredients of everything we buy especially on toiletries and avoid anything with E621 on the packaging. Mr Costar urged us to eat as much organic food as possible and to avoid household sprays which he described as an arsenal of chemicals which can be harmful when inhaled in a confined space.

It was a most informative and thought-provoking talk.

The competition - "A Jug" - was won by Frances Wise with Muriel Brown as runner-up.

**Myra Bowen**

#### MUSIC and MOVEMENT

Calling all Mums! Did you know that there is a Music and Movement group running in Haydon Bridge?

We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons ( 1.10pm and 1.50pm ) during term time.

This is a fun get-together for Mums and pre-school children alike which involves singing, instrument playing and movement with coffee and orange juice served afterwards.

Please contact **Susie Steven** on:

**01 434 684 260** for further details.

### St Cuthbert's Church - Haydon Bridge

#### Summer Fête - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000

The day was lovely and sunny for the Fête in the garden of the Old Vicarage. Mrs Florence Turnbull kindly opened the Fête, and ended by saying, "Spend, Spend, Spend!" and the folk who came along did their best to do just that.

Many thanks to everyone who gave towards the stalls, the teas, the raffle and tombola prizes, everyone who sold raffle tickets, the young mums who helped with activities for the little ones, to Josie, Katie and Jack for providing pony rides, and all who helped to make the Fête such a good time.

Also many thanks to Nick and Janette for letting us use their lovely garden and for providing the group who played so well throughout the afternoon.

Very many thanks to all who donated in the Gift Day envelopes.

**The proceeds: Summer Fete - £1,013**  
**Gift Day - £593**

**Joyce Armstrong**

**Treasurer ( Parochial Church Council )**

### St Cuthbert's Church - Haydon Bridge

#### "The Friends of Haydon Bridge" - Bingo session Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Many thanks to all the "Friends" who organised the Bingo Night and for the donation of £110 towards the Church Funds.

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**Joyce Armstrong ( Treasurer )**

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3<sup>rd</sup> July 2000

Dear Mr Thomas ( Chairman – Friends of Haydon Bridge )

I refer to the June publication of the *Haydon News* and specifically page 13's comments concerning the allocation of former Council Dwellings.

May I take the opportunity of confirming that since 20<sup>th</sup> December 1999, all former Tynedale District Council properties were transferred to Tynedale Housing Limited, a non-profit making Housing Company. My company allocates dwellings in accordance with the policy agreed by our Board of Management but Tynedale Council do have nomination rights accordingly.

Tynedale Housing, like all registered Social Landlords, is regulated by the Housing Corporation and in addition my company whole-heartedly accepts the right of elected representatives to enquire on housing matters in respect of the constituents.

I trust this clarifies the position accordingly.

Your sincerely

**C Scott** ( Housing Services Manager ) Tynedale Housing,  
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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2000

Dear Editor

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**DANCE CLUB NEWS**

We moved back into the Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2000 after a year's happy dancing in the Church Hall (St. Cuthbert's). Thanks to the Church for the use of the hall over the past year.

Of course the rent has to increase at the Centre but with your excellent support at the moment the Club can hold the admission prices at £1.

Did you know that less than half of our members come from Haydon Bridge? So come on folks, you can't do much better for a pound, two hours dancing, a cup of tea and biscuits and a raffle ticket.

Jean and Ron Clyde from Hexham celebrated their Golden Wedding on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Winnie and Ken from Haydon Bridge celebrated 53 years of marriage on 5th July. Ken served with the Desert Rats during the last war.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August the Dance Club are paying a return visit to Throckley Dance Club. They last paid us a visit four years ago. The bus will be funded by the Club. Jim Renwick, a member from Alston, will be taking us so we will be in good hands.

**Jim Biggs**

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Has anyone a discarded pram preferably with 6" wheels and a wire rack underneath?

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# YOUNG WRITERS

SILVER

A cobweb shimmering in the night.  
 Explosion of silver in the dark.  
 Stars like a glinting in the sky.  
 Shining like doves flying up high.  
 A silver firework in the early morning dawn.  
 A badgers coat shining from the ground.

Natalie Bowe – aged 8 years



SILVER

Silver water falls showering over silver  
 rocks like pots of silver.  
 Silver streamers like party poppers.  
 A silver web glinting in the moonlight.  
 Silver snails with a twirling shell.  
 Silver slugs like blobs of paint.  
 Silver birch leaves that feel like silk.  
 Fireworks of silver awakes the night  
 and spiders twirling in their silver web.

Kayleigh Willis – age 9 years.

FROGS

Jumping in the pond  
 Catching big flies for his tea.  
 Splashing in the water  
 Hiding under lily pads.

J.R



FROGS

Catching flies floating down the river  
 Jumping from green leaf to leaf  
 Sitting on a stone  
 Hiding under a lily pad

M.C.

The Shimmering  
 Moon

The moon is as  
 Clear as crystal,  
 As colourful as a rainbow,  
 Red as a rose,  
 As light as the sun,  
 As white as snow,  
 As soft as silk and  
 As cute as a puppy.  
 A shimmering silver stream  
 With spiralling fishes and  
 A silver bridge with  
 Silver explosions  
 With oil spills  
 Like exploding fireworks

Amy Flanagan – age 9

FROGS

Floating on a green lily pad  
 Swimming in circles  
 Looking for juicy flies  
 Sitting on a big stone  
 Kevin



FROGS

Catching flies  
 Sitting on a lily pad  
 Croaking and diving in the pond  
 Swimming smoothly.

SILVER

A shimmering cobweb shining with silver.  
 The stars glinting off the moon.  
 A sparkling stream twisting and turning.  
 Scaly fish reflecting in the water.

Jessica Anne Easby – aged 8 years



SILVER

A shimmering waterfall with silver  
 fish scales sparkling like a spiders web.  
 An explosion of silver awakes the night  
 like silver fireworks.  
 A silver trail glinting in the moonlight  
 left from a silver-shelled snail.  
 Silver stars shining in the midnight sky  
 like disco lights.

Rebecca Liddle – aged 8 years

FROGS

Croaking frogs sitting on a stone  
 Drinking from a beautiful pond  
 Listening for the sound of birds singing.







# Rainbow Writers Workshop



Hello everyone

Here we are at the beginning of August with still very little sunny weather to help inspire us to pick up a pen and 'wax lyrical'. However, we did try in our June workshop to work up a bit of enthusiasm by letting our imagination have full sway. We began by reading out our homework, a monologue. The idea was to imagine oneself to be an inanimate object. See what you make of these two examples.

## A BATH

*I have always considered myself far too sophisticated to be hanging up by a nail on the back door. I've had them all inside me you know, the whole of Sele Street you might say. I've never leaked either although I was dragged to the barricades for the war front. Some don't use me, mind you. They'd rather pay for the privilege down at the Public Baths, snotty upstarts. The locals call me 'Buckstead Beauty' and sometimes they grease my bottom and polish my handles.*

*You should have seen me when the Queen Mum paid a State Visit to our street. Decorated with ribbons I was and she smashed a bottle of Pink Champagne. It really did make my tin sides tingle I can tell you. And another thing, my claims to fame don't stop there. Once I was hired by Warner Brothers Film Studio as a prop in a Mae West movie. I can tell you, when a voluptuous woman like that bubbles away inside you, vibrations begin in earnest.*

*Oh, by the way, I'm a registered antique now, an ancient monument according to the National Trust. People come and stare at me inside my glass case and wonder how on earth I coped with all those sweaty bodies. Let me tell you, those new modern-shaped excuses will never last as*

*long as I have. Bumped and dented I may be but as far as durability, many a miner scrubbed his back in this tin bath!*

## A ROLL OF WALLPAPER

*Here they are again, Mr and Mrs Greene. They've been in here four consecutive Saturdays and they still can't decide their colour-scheme.*

*She's boiled the choice down to four including 'moi' and he's got his eye on one on the other side of the shop. Uh, oh! Here they come. Come on pet, use your feminine charms on him. A decision must be reached. Indecision doesn't get a room decorated. That's it, threaten to move your mother in, darling! Ooh! look at his face! That's done it. Ouch! Don't squeeze me so tight. Oi! Don't slam me on the counter. Temper, temper! Oh, no! I'm going to suffocate in this bag. Just you wait 'till you try and paste me - you've had it mate!*

*Don't think much of this room, wish I was still in the shop. So here he comes with his bucket of paste. Look at the state of that brush! Now, if I just crinkle up. There! Ha! That's got him mad. Try and hang me now! Stuck to your arm - what's that? Oh, no! Scissors! Arrgh!*

From Monologue we moved on to Dialogue. We asked the class to write a conversation between 'Two Flies on a Wall'

"Buzzt, what are you up to Fenella?"

"Buzzt, oh, just hanging around this morning, I've had a hard night"

"Buzzt, how come?"

"Buzzt, have you not seen how much dung is in the cowshed? Thought I'd never get round it all in time to walk over his morning bowl of Cornflakes!"

"Buzzt, did you manage then?"

"Buzzt, oh yeah! Even had time to clean my back legs on the sugar bowl too!"

"Buzzt, 'bout time he changed that sugar bowl, I think I've regurgitated nearly every gramule in it - it's a distinctive off-white colour now!"

"Buzzt, change it! Change it? Oh, he'll not do that, he's as tight as a gnats chuff. He'll not throw anything out!"

"Buzzt, by the way, have you noticed there's a new web by the cracked pane? Got Fred yesterday"

"Buzzt, Oh no, poor Fred, b..u..z..z..z..z. I'm so upset.

"Buzzt, yes, I think the place could do with a bit spring clean, there's too many websites for safety. Cyril Spider's been doing overtime"

"Buzzt, yes, have you seen him lately? He's turning into a right fat .. Oh poor Fred!"

"Buzzt, watch out, he's rolled up the newspaper. I'm off"

Finally we attempted a little bit of 'Lateral Thinking' This is one member's interpretation of "Death Blow"

*When Death came in, he began to blow,  
He huffed and puffed crying "Off we go!"  
Blowing to the east and blowing to the west  
And all the while, doing what he loved best.*

*He'd blow up your chimney for a dollar or two  
And into the belfry, the bats flew askew.  
Into the greenhouse and out of the gate,  
Left at the junction, gosh he blew late!*

*Out of a side-street and into a jam,  
He blew round a corner like a battering ram.  
People scurried away to escape Death Blow.  
Some were too late, just look at them go.*

*He blew down the houses and next door's cat  
Lifted a lady's petticoat and the Reverend's hat.  
Some one must stop him, but who could that be?  
Death Blow is triumphant, he's laughing with glee.*

*The moral of this tale is easy to see.  
Don't wait for Death Blow, just look up at me.  
I've captured his power and pulled out his plug  
Death Blow is quite humble. It's under our rug.*

Well, that's it for another month. Sylvia and I really enjoy "The Workshop" Do you? Your comments please. *Joyce*

**Parish Council Meeting  
held on  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2000**

Councillor Mitchell has withdrawn his resignation from the Parish Council.

**The By-pass.** Hundreds of people from the village have written to the Minister for Transport. This includes some transport companies who were leafleted during the recent demonstration. Haydon Bridge is mentioned in the draft plan which says that the village needs an appraisal. We still need to prove the case for the by-pass. It was suggested that a report be drawn up stating our case and giving evidence, as in the results of the recent traffic survey. We need to add evidence from the whole community.

**Altonside.** When the residents there began to convert their barn, it fell down. Now they cannot get planning permission to build on the site because it is now classed as building a new building. The site has been used as a settlement since the 16<sup>th</sup> century and Councillor Mitchell is preparing a report demonstrating the historic use of the site.

**New Housing.** There are plans for 20 low cost houses at Johnny Heslop's Yard. These will include 10 flats, 5 one bedroom and 5 two bedroom houses. There will be off-street parking for 8 cars. The development must be in keeping with Church Street. Tynedale Housing will seek planning permission for this development.

**Bellway and Home Housing** plan to build 35 houses on the Inner Haugh site. Home Housing will build 5 shared ownership bungalows for over 55 year olds. There will also be 5 low cost houses to rent. Both of these are intended for local people and are in line with village housing needs. These have gone through the committee stage at Tynedale Council and are going to Planning. The money must be spent within this financial year. It was commented that road access has always been a problem at the Inner Haugh site.

**Car/Coach Parking.** The Church

Street car park will be located on the grassed area beside the railway line. We also need a designated Coach Park so that coaches can make a stopping point in the village for coffees, lunches etc. The possibility of the cemetery lay-by was discussed and also a section of Tait's Yard.

**Auditing Arrangements.** Price Waterhouse Cooper are withdrawing from their contract of auditing Parish Councils from next year. The government is reviewing auditing arrangements and will make changes for next year.

The refurbished **Langley Village Hall** will open on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 4.00pm.

**Swimming Pool proposal.** A resident wrote to the Parish Council with a suggestion to put a swimming pool on a part of Tait's Yard. This would benefit people of all ages in the village and save the expense of travelling to Hexham. The proposal was discussed with interest and will be followed up.

**Old Bridge Renovations.** These are finally due to begin in September. Some High School students have presented ideas for the design of railings to go along the A69 and a design was selected.

**The Anchor Inn.** The brewery have not kept to the planned colour scheme and not tidied up the outside of the building. It needs tidying up, especially in light of the bridge renovations.

**The Riverside** area is now finished and the Shaftoe Trust will provide money for a sign saying 'Picnic Area'. Brown signs are needed for the village and a sign pointing to, and labelling the public toilets. Many people passing through ask for toilet facilities.

**Britain in Bloom.** The judges were impressed with Shaftoe Terrace and the topiary. They were quite impressed with Ratcliffe Road and the gardens behind it. They commented that everyone should make an effort to pull out bits of grass that grow between the houses and the pavements. A letter of thanks will be sent to Robbs for the donation of two

flower tubs to the village.

**Rainbow Writers.** A lottery grant for a Millennium Festival was announced. The Festival will be held in October and November and involve all sections of the community in its activities. These will include workshops and presentations of local art, writing and history.

The Parish Council will meet again in September 2000.

S.H.

**RAINBOW WRITERS GET  
MILLENNIUM LOTTERY  
MONEY**

The Rainbow Writers were over the moon when they heard that the Lottery's "Millennium Awards for All" had funded them £3,900 to organise a Millennium Festival for Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area. It's aim is to involve the whole community in a celebration of creativity in writing about Haydon Bridge and its history. It will take place in October and throughout November 2000.

A poster competition will be held to advertise the Festival, which will also include an exhibition of local artists; a John Martin night; an Archive 2000 presentation; a session of local memories and storywriting; a poetry and writing workshop together with a Millennium Souvenir publication of work produced during the Festival.

The Rainbow Writers will be using both local and outside expertise to lead the activities which are intended to be stimulating and fun. The schools, youth groups and the Out and About Club have been invited to take part and the Festival will encourage local poets, writers and artists to bring along their work. The Festival will be based around freedom of expression, and the pleasure of writing and poetry. We want people from around the area to come along, have a go and enjoy themselves. Everything will be free to the participants.

The group have set up a Steering Committee to organise the events, made up of Sylvia Mitchell, Myra Bowen, Sue Harley, Jill Henderson. For further information and enquiries contact Sylvia Mitchell 684 035 or Sue Harley 688 895.

**HAYDON NEWS**

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

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

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

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**ANNUAL ADVERTISING FEES  
FOR THE YEAR 2000**

Advertising costs for Parish businesses remain at £12.00 per column block.

Please cut out box below, enclose it and the appropriate fee in an envelope as shown in the paragraph opposite .

I wish to continue using my present advert which uses ..... blocks.

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

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

Do you require a receipt? ..... YES/NO

New advertising or any queries should be addressed to **The Treasurer** at the address shown opposite, or please phone: **01 434 684 035.**

**FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE**

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

As 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.

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

Name: .....

Address: .....

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.

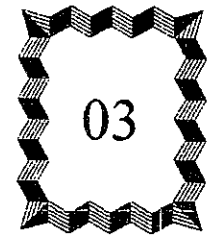
**Thank You**

**S.B. Mitchell**

The £10 Crossword

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ADDRESS: .....



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Best of luck

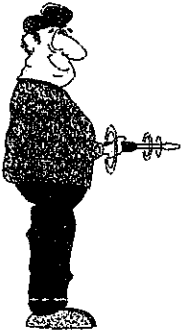
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ACROSS

- 1. Beginning. (7)
- 5. End of an affair. (7)
- 9, 10 Learner with blue-green hat may annoy the beast. (6,3,4)
- 12. Notorious African ruler. (4)
- 13. Peter's land. (5 - 5)
- 15. English composer. (6)
- 16. Alternative name for Catcleugh, perhaps? Cheese. (4,3 or 3,4)
- 17. An international business? (1,3,3)
- 19. Previous. (6)
- 21. Relax. (4,2,4)
- 22. Display. (4)
- 25. Kazakhstan sea. (4)
- 26. Not for consumption. (9)
- 28. Tactile experience. (7)
- 29. Goblins. (7)

DOWN

- 1. A musical 22. (5)
- 2. Nearer to 1 across. (7)
- 3. The Moor's friend? (4)
- 4. Die .... German 1 down. (15)
- 5. Oyster-catchers 1 down? (3,5,7)
- 6. Hood's musician. (5,5)
- 7. Outcome of brief November duel perhaps. (7)
- 8. Vietnamese leader. (2)
- 11. Edge, with stone is sulphur. (4)
- 14. Sixty minutes dance composer. (10)
- 17. Glenmorangie town's not in favour. (4)
- 18. Quercus. (3,4)
- 20. Maybe an art 22. (7)
- 23. Excites. (5)
- 24. Of the 22? (4)
- 27. Poem. (2)



Have you bought Flat Pack Furniture recently but are having difficulties putting it together?

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: 01 434 638 871**

**Solution to crossword (01) - May**

Correct entries received from:

- D. Bell, D. W. Corbett
- D. Telford, M. Robson
- ( drawn out of the hat: D. W. Corbett )

**Solution to crossword (02) - June**

Correct entries received from:

- M. Robson, R. Armstrong, B & R Shout,
- D. Telford, A. Phillips and A. M. Scott.
- ( drawn out of the hat - B & R Shout )

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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: **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.

**'THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE'**

*Dates and Times of Meetings*

Committee Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the **MONDAY** following the fourth **THURSDAY** of each month.

**Venue:** The Community Centre, Haydon Bridge

*Public Participation*

Our invitation to members of the public to participate continues, but it must be remembered these are the monthly meetings of a constitutionally-based committee which are run on formal business lines (agenda, minutes, reports, etc). For this reason, public participation will in future be restricted to a maximum of the first 30 minutes of every meeting only. Items for discussion must be notified in writing to the Chair one week in advance of the meeting so that Committee members can be advised, enabling worthwhile discussion to take place. The Chair will then advise the person concerned of the right to attend.

*After the allotted time* we ask that you leave the meeting so that the Committee can continue with their formal agenda.

**Charles Thomas, Chairman,**

**By-Pass update****Traffic Count – The Results**

After a great effort over the 24 hours on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2000 the following volume of traffic was counted:

**WEST to EAST**

Heavy Traffic	1388		
Light Traffic	7022		
		Total	8410

**EAST to WEST**

Heavy Traffic	1174		
Light Traffic	7154		
		Total	8328

**OVERALL TOTALS**

Heavy Traffic	2562		
Light Traffic	14176		

**GRAND TOTAL      16738**

We are now gathering all data needed to produce a document to present to various Government Bodies to prove our case for a by-pass.

You can help.

- \* Have you had a bump at one of the junctions in the village?
- \* Have you witnessed a 'near miss'?
- \* Have you photos of damage done to a vehicle?
- \* Have you yourself been hurt?
- \* Have you a story to tell?

Marjorie Marsh is compiling all of this data into facts and figures as Government Officers do not believe that any accidents occur.

If you can help – **DO IT NOW** – contact Marjorie on:

**01 434 684 125**

**NOTE:**

In a recent Road Review Report produced by the Department of the Environment Transport and the Regions it was not felt that the volume of traffic could justify a by-pass for Haydon Bridge.

The Report stated that there were **9000** vehicles a day through Haydon Bridge!

We've proved them wrong yet again.

Thank you to all who took part.

**BOWLS CLUB**

The Bowls Club is now meeting again.

The Community Centre.

Every Thursday evening.

7.00pm.

Old and New members welcome

**Jean Oliver ( Club Secretary )**



# Rainbow Writers Puzzle & Painting Page



Hello, children

Welcome to our new page designed just for you.

Each month we challenge you to complete the puzzles and paintings featured here and to return them to us. A prize will be awarded for the best effort.

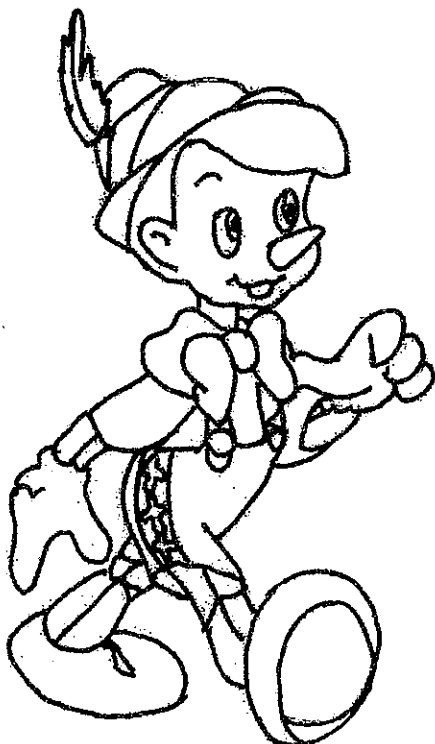
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*"Joyce, c/o The Haydon News"*

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- THOMAS
- MOWGLI
- BAGHEERA
- MR BENN
- PONGO
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- FIREMAN SAM



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## Aphorism, Anecdote, Advice and Alteration.

### INSPIRATIONAL QUOTATIONS

Many people have favourite quotations that they summon from their memories when seeking inspiration or strength or sanctuary from their despair. Some people wear their quotations on their T-shirts, others pin them on the wall, others insert them as screen savers on their computers. Anyone who has not at some stage been moved by a phrase or sentence that they have encountered is missing out on a source of support and strength. Scoring popular aphorisms is a reflex response by some, though it says more about the scorer than the scored.

Try this one, for parents of all ages and for which I am indebted to a Fourstones' patient: "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." (Anon.)

Or, of more general application: "Success - the ability to go from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm." (Winston Churchill.) "If you chase two rabbits both will escape." (Ancient proverb.) Thinking ahead? "-yet in my flesh shall I see God." (Job 19, 26.) Or, a personal favourite of mine of thermodynamic origins: "Entropy is increasing!"

Over to you - lets hear your favourites, anonymously if necessary. Drop a note into the Health Centre or send an Email (sford-hb@dircon.co.uk). What phrases sustain or inspire or amuse you? Why? Where did you find them? In what circumstances have they helped you? What meaning do you read into them?

Much benefit can come from mental resilience, no matter how awful your circumstances, anything which strengthens you is to be treasured.

Then, of course, there are the louche and/or aspirational aphorisms: "Dip me in honey and throw me to the lesbians!" (Julia Gash.) or the *real politik* "Committees are culs-de-sac down which ideas are led to be quietly strangled."

### SAVING MONEY

Don't forget that many medicines are cheaper to buy than to have on prescription. For those who pay treatment tax this can be a great help. There are many prescription medicines too which it is cheaper to have as a private prescription. If in doubt ask your pharmacist.

### EYE EYE!

When did you last have an eye check? Missing road signs? Do you have to sit too close to the TV? Do you have to hold print at arm's length to get it in focus? Do you have misty vision or see double? Have you got pain in or around your eyes?

Opticians are not just providers of spectacles. They have a wide range of skills and knowledge. Be sure to have your eyes checked professionally regularly, especially if you have a family history of diseases such as glaucoma.

At present we cannot replace your eyes - so look after the ones you've got!

### CITIZENS ADVICE AND RELATE AT THE HEALTH CENTRE

These two organisations are doing excellent work at the health centre - don't forget that they are there for you too.

Relate are running a program called the Rural Stress Initiative which does exactly what it says on the tin - if you live in a rural area and are stressed then help's there waiting for you. Make an appointment at the desk or by phone.

The CAB can handle the following (and much more besides): Attendance allowance, Disability living allowance, Incapacity benefit, Income support, Working families allowances, Disabled person's tax credit, Maternity benefits and payments, Housing and Council tax benefit, Claiming prescription and dental charges, Hospital travel costs, Legal aid, Financial advice, Debt management, Consumer issues, Problems at work, Employment law, Advice on family and marital problems etc. etc.

### GENETICS AND THE PREDICTION OF RISK

Unless you've been off-planet for the last few years you will have heard of the Human Genome Project and will have been dazzled by the potential for changes that will arise as the knowledge is used to change almost all aspects of our lives.. Even now genetics is sufficiently far advanced for help to be offered in predicting risks of inheritance of certain conditions. A current consensus about breast cancer is as follows:

#### HIGH RISK (More than four times the average age related risk):

- \* four or more relatives affected at any age by breast or ovarian cancer
- \* three relatives affected with breast or ovarian cancer with an average age of diagnosis of those with breast cancer of less than 60 years
- \* two relatives with breast cancer - average at diagnosis of less than 40 years
- \* one relative with both breast and ovarian cancer at any age.

#### MODERATE RISK (At least three times the average age related risk)

- \* one first degree (mother, sister, daughter) relative with breast cancer diagnosed under 40 years old
- \* two first or second degree (granddaughter, grandmother, aunt, niece) relatives with breast cancer diagnosed under 60 years old or ovarian cancer at any age
- \* three first or second degree relatives with breast or ovarian cancer diagnosed at any age
- \* one first degree relative with breast cancer in both breasts under 60 years
- \* one first degree male relative with breast cancer at any age.

#### LOW RISK

- \* women not falling into the above categories.

For women at high risk referral is very desirable to ascertain whether they carry the responsible genes - BRCA1 and BRCA2. For women with moderate risk referral is a reasonable option. All women, including those in the low risk category, should check their breasts regularly, ideally after a period, and should take advantage of the national screening program when 50 or older.

A woman's lifetime risk of breast cancer is 8%, rising to 56% and 87% if the genes BRCA1 or BRCA2 respectively are present. A woman's lifetime risk of ovarian cancer is 1.5%, rising to 25% or 40% respectively if the above genes are present.

Men with the above genes are at risk, may pass on the gene to offspring and have a higher risk of prostate cancer.

### TONSILLECTOMY

Far fewer people have their tonsils and adenoids removed these days but it can still be a useful procedure in some people. The most common reason is recurrent tonsillitis. If tonsillitis episodes last less than 5 days but occur more than six times each year for two consecutive years or occur eight times in any one year then the operation should be considered. If the episodes last more than 5 days and occur four times each year in two consecutive years or occur six times in any one year operation should be considered. Anyone who has tonsillitis severely enough to need admission to hospital should have the operation.

### IRONY

A recent US report showed that smokers are 4.5 times more likely to commit suicide as non-smokers.

### THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

There is a prevalent belief that if only you ask the right person you will receive the genuine, unvarnished, whole truth. Health service users, the Law and politics seem particularly affected by this quaint notion. If you ask ten doctors the same question you will receive twelve answers. The courts seek expert opinion in many matters only to find themselves set about by sworn statements pointing in contrary directions. Governments address complex issues by convening sundry varieties of enquiry and then bury the report if it doesn't suit the ideology *du jour*. The truth is an elusive commodity and in many instances is, like beauty, in the eye of the beholder. Rigidly definitive conclusions are only valid until proven false.

Steve Ford