



# THE HAYDON NEWS

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Hello everyone

Can I begin by letting everybody know that, due to the current climate of Foot and Mouth disease, we have curtailed all our deliveries of the *Haydon News* to farms. With his kind permission, we will be making extra copies available at John Clarke's shop on Church Street, and we would ask people if they could pick up their copies there while this situation lasts.

We have all watched in horror and great sympathy the effect of the outbreak on our friends and neighbours in livestock farming and associated industries. Our fervent hope must be that the drastic measures followed bring things to a quick and lasting solution.

The whole village was saddened by the recent death of Bobby Todd. I had a bright and cheerful chat with him just a couple of days before, and the news came as a great shock. As an incomer to the village, I had not known Bobby for long, but I always found him friendly, warm, welcoming and courteous. Someone recently referred to him as "Mr Haydon Bridge". We will miss him, and our thoughts are with Sally, Colin, Kathleen and family.

On page 7, you will find an article by Tony Petts to mark the impending closure of the village Post Office and its "re-birth" in the Co-op store. I'm sure that, while we all regret the closure of yet another local business outlet, we all want to thank Tony and his staff for years of great service, friendliness, cheerfulness and humour. We wish him very well in his retirement.

**Charles Thomas**, Chairman  
*"The Friends of Haydon Bridge"*

*Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge)  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at 7.30pm.*

**Present were:** 10 Councillors (apologies from 1), the Parish Clerk and 5 members of the Public.

**Public Participation:** (1) Those present expressed great concerns relating to the work being undertaken by the Electricity Board on Church Street. It is understood that whilst the overhead wires have, in the main, been removed, the standards remain and the replacements have yet to be ordered. Lots of mess has been created by the Board in drilling holes in walls to re-route cables to houses. Some have seen their supply cables running up the outside wall and covered by a piece of plastic! Having objected to these plans, most residents have had their supplies channelled underground. Also as regards the new paving, settlement of the subsoil in places has caused unevenness in some areas, notably outside the Butcher's shop. The new paving is not wheel-chair friendly at all but it appears that, as the line of the pavement is straight, there is no obligation to provide dropped kerbs!

Councillor Philp responded to these concerns and indicated that she would be taking up all of the points raised with the "people in charge" when next she is able to see them.

(2) **Cemetery.** Has anything happened as regards the tidying of the cemetery? There was some disagreement on what state it was in. However, there is a problem relating to stones being dumped, the brambles etc. As only part of the land is currently being used could not a separate extra entrance be created into this other bit and, with a JCB move the offending material?

(3) **Dog Bins.** How often are these emptied prompted some discussion as to both the present placing and the apparent need to have more particularly as in the current climate more people are using the Riverside for ex-

ercise as other walks are curtailed due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. It was proposed that another "poop" bin be sited near to the Anchor Hotel and that the Council be approached to discover how often and by whom, the bins are emptied.

**Nothing further was raised.**

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Query raised as to why the Heslop Yard plan was rejected. Notably access. One cllr. thought this mad as in previous use large wagons used the site – surely cars wouldn't have any problems! However, the issue is out of the Parish Council's hands.

**Village Appraisal:** Nothing further to report except that there will be a need to undertake a fresh "look" at the village and it would be beneficial if village people / groups had a direct input by being part of the working party. Cllr. Charlton wondered how this could be brought to the attention of people. How about putting a piece in the *Haydon News*? ( see page 9 for further details on this )

**Back Lane Access to the Community Centre:** The Chairman had written to the resident concerned and it appears that the problem has been resolved. Cllr. Mitchell indicated that, actually, there is a public right of way as shown in recent conveyance documents. The lane's poor state was also raised but it was thought unlikely that anything would be done to correct the problems. Too expensive.

**Foot & Mouth:** Causing great concern in the village. Stock movements have been halted, some have been culled and both Cllr. Smith and Stephenson are very worried. They re-iterated that MAFF is useless and whilst there is a

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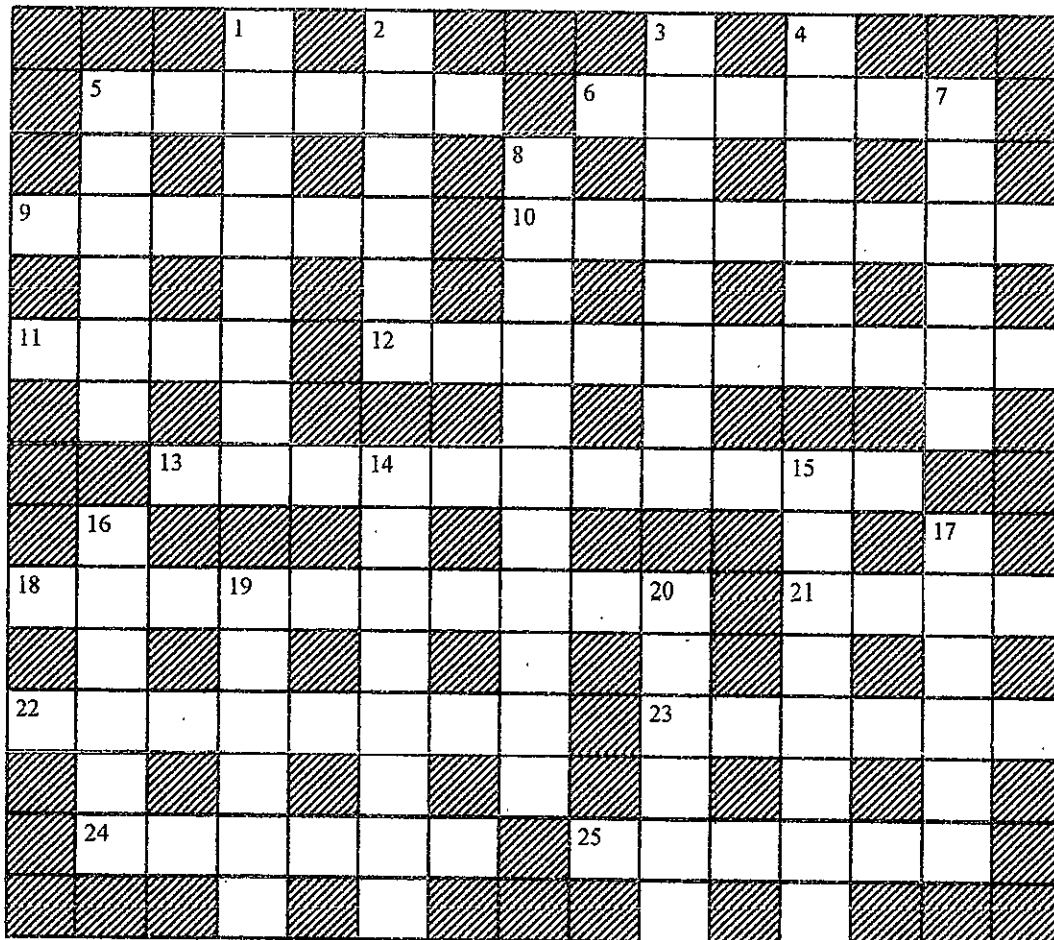
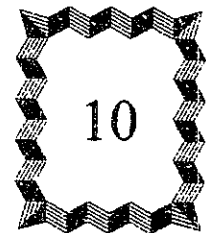
The £10 Crossword

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before **MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Best of luck**  
 ( Please hand in your entry to the Post Office in Haydon Bridge or by post to:  
 The Editor, Wheelsteads, Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6AS )

**ACROSS**

- 5. Torpid support? (6)
- 6. Dynasty. (6)
- 9. Starting with N. African dish is relative. (6)
- 10. Member of Royal Academy too joins with S. American city. Sung. (8)
- 11. Not a good read or a light. (4)
- 12. Confused military is much the same. (10)
- 13. Blue skies. German Lied? (7,4)
- 18. Dora takes chance with church luminary. (10)
- 21. Store in the Cotswolds. (4)
- 22. U.S. coin dispatched. Found in watery bed. (8)
- 23. Comic? (6)
- 24. Giant and I combine for artist. (6)
- 25. Weighty poem? (6)

**DOWN**

- 1. Overturn lack of profit in plunge and come to an end. (8)
- 2. What a king does while the queen dines. (6)
- 3. Fighting challenges surround Butler and are long lasting. (8)
- 4. Brightens life. (6)
- 5. Wrote with beginner in garden. (6)
- 7. Quiet sounds and Cumbrian river meet in garments. (6)
- 8. Connect. (11)
- 14. Servant. (8)
- 15. Young bird. (8)
- 16. Motoring Charles and Henry in seat capture attention. (6)
- 17. Stretch of water before Easter? (6)
- 19. Raises. (6)
- 20. Restricted outlook. (6)

HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE by DENNIS TELFORD

BUY BROOM BUZZEMS

As far as Northumbrian music goes, is there a better ballad than this one?

If you want a buzzem For to sweep your house,  
 Come to me, maw hiinies, Ye may hae your choose.  
 Buy broom buz - zems, Buy them when they're new,  
 Fine heather bred 'uns, lic - ter never grew.

*I doubt it!*

Wonderfully expressive but simple words and a tune that trips off the tongue. So, because I can't beat it, I'll join it for this month's "Notes"

We are told that Blind Willie Purvis from Newcastle, who wrote the original song in the 1700's, was in the habit of adding new verses, either written by himself or written for him by others in the Inns and Public Houses of the "Toon".

That being the case I hope 'Blind Willie' would have appreciated my memories of buying Broom Buzzems and other necessities of life in Haydon Bridge. Why not sing it along with me!

If ye want a buzzem  
 For te sweep your hoose,  
 Tom Cleminson on Church Street,  
 He wad let ye choose.

*Chorus:* Buy broom buzzems  
 Buy them when thor new,  
 Fine heather bred 'uns,  
 Better nivvor grew.

Harness for the horses,  
 Fishing rods and reels,  
 Pots and pans and paraffin,  
 Rakes and crooks and creels.

*Chorus:*

Bob Broon had a cairt  
 And a piebald mare,  
 Coont yer coal sacks in and oot,  
 If ye want your share.

*Chorus:*

Wallace had an aad clay pipe  
 A black pram and a dog,  
 Back and for'ard te the tip,  
 Just te mek a bob.

*Chorus:*

Turnbull's wes the cobblers,  
 Billy Irwin tee,  
 Clogs and shoes and leather beuts,  
 Med reet just te fit me.

*Chorus:*

Sausage hinging up  
 Or wes it hinging doon?  
 Try Frank Storey's butchers,  
 Hyem fed bacon half a croon.

*Chorus:*

Hoops for Telford's cairt wheels,  
 Shoes for the piebald mare,  
 Geordie Thompson's smithy,  
 He'd mek them aa'l theor.

*Chorus:*

Bobby Todd's for broken biscuits,  
 Baa'ls of aniseed,  
 Tot Barron with a lang white hat,  
 He'd mek us loaves o' breed.

*Chorus:*

If your waa'ter's broon  
 Or doesn't run at aa'l,

We'd just the man te fix it,  
He wes Tom Snowbaa'l.

**Chorus:**

Pears and plums and pomegranates,  
Oranges that's sweet,  
Jaffas from Joe Wiggie's front room,  
Doon John Martin Street.

**Chorus:**

Fitzie, Scudie, Harry Watson,  
McKays'll maybe dee,  
For petrol, points and plugs that's Champion,  
Accumulators tee.

**Chorus:**

Railway, Havelock, Anchor,  
Haydon and Scotch Arms,  
Tek care ye divvent faa'l  
For Barnie Dabb's wife's charms.

**Chorus:**

If you're luckin for a lass,  
Gan west up the Tyne,  
From Haydon Bridge te Haltwhistle,  
Theor they mek them fine.

**Chorus:**

Mind if ye tek hor for a waa'lk,  
Doon the waa'ter side,  
And she says she loves ye,  
Then its woe betide!

**Chorus:**

### ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

The Haydon Bridge Branch would like to thank the "Friends of Haydon Bridge" for sharing the proceeds of their last Bingo session with us.

This resulted in £140 going to aid further research.

**For information:**

The magazine which is issued by the Arthritis Research Campaign is published quarterly.

If anyone would like to have it delivered to their home – for £2.00 per year – please contact me on:

**01 434 684 335**

Thanks

**HILARY RUTHERFORD**

*And finally, a verse from, "Blind Willie" which is as appropriate now as it was in the 18<sup>th</sup> century although Betty might, 'tek the gee' because I've mentioned it!*

Aa knaa wor lass she likes a drop,  
But hor and aa agree,  
If she didn't like it se much,  
Aa'l the mair for me.

**Chorus:**

After you have sung this song why not add your own four line memories.

Send them to "The Haydon News Editor" for a future publication. There is still plenty of scope for your contribution.

*What about:* Harding's, Dave Jeans, Lottie Gladstone etc. etc.

**OR**

Perhaps you would prefer to bring the song up to date: John Clarke's or Verner's???

*A word of warning!* It's highly unlikely that the "Friends of Haydon Bridge" can afford to pay compensation for libel!

**PS.** Blind Willie Purvis was baptised on 16<sup>th</sup> February 1752 and died in the All Saints Poorhouse on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1832. He sang and played the fiddle in harmony and it is recorded that he was always of 'happy and contented nature' Eighty years was a remarkably long life in those days. Perhaps there's a message there for us all!

### OVER SIXTIES CLUB

At their April meeting, the Over 60's wished their chairman, Mrs Florence Turnbull, a very Happy Birthday.

It was the Annual General Meeting. The existing committee was re-elected and the Treasurer's report presented and discussed.

It was decided to use the money very kindly donated by the "Friends of Haydon Bridge" from their Bingo, on an outing. A drive to the coast around Whitley Bay was suggested followed by lunch at Harry Ramsden's and a short visit to the Metro Centre. It was left to the Secretary to make enquiries about the cost of a coach.

There followed a talk on Japanese Kimonos and a collection of different ones were shown and examined with much admiration expressed for the beautiful colours and materials.

Tea and biscuits was followed by a short game of Card Bingo. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone.

This is a happy group who would benefit from an increase in membership. It has therefore been decided to lower the age of entry to 50. The next meeting will be at the Community Centre on Wednesday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcomed.

**MYRA BOWEN**

## HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

### HORSE RACING NIGHT.

On behalf of all the Haydon Bridge Football teams, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the recent "Family" Horse Racing Night such a success. A total of £993.00 was raised, which included a £500.00 funds matching donation from the Halifax Bank. A good night was had by all, especially the 'kids', who apparently came away a lot better off than the adults!

Special thanks go to the following race sponsors:

		(winner)
<i>Haydon Bridge Club</i>	Bottle of Vodka	<i>Michael Hayter</i>
<i>Alan Borthwick</i>	£25 M&S voucher + bottle of wine	<i>S.Borthwick</i>
<i>Brian Welch</i>	Ticket to a NUFC match	<i>Wendy McHugh</i>
<i>Langley Castle</i>	Meal for two	<i>Paul Scandle</i>
<i>Haydon Hotel</i>	Meal for two	<i>Chris Brown</i>
<i>CNR (Neil Roberts)</i>	Mini car valet	<i>David McVay</i>
<i>Martin Scudamore</i>	£25 voucher	<i>Linda Pender</i>

Once again, thanks to everyone involved with selling the horses prior to the night and to everyone who participated. If you didn't make this one, look out for the next.

**Michael & Kathryn Lowdon. Haydon Bridge Under 12's**  
( for any further information contact: 01 434 684 048 )



### Post Office Counters Ltd.

In the recent past I have been advised against commenting upon imminent plans to relocate the Haydon Bridge Post Office in the Co-op store – next door. However, as the process has progressed to near completion I feel both obliged and able to comment upon this proposed move.

I need advise that this choice of relocation was made by my employers, Post Office Counters Ltd. (POCL) - not myself.

Several months past I notified POCL of my intention to retire/resign: routinely, this prompted POCL to advertise a vacancy here and invite formal applications from interested parties: I gather there were few, from which POCL selected the Co-op as its considered choice.

For a variety of reasons I wholly support this decision. I feel that it should be seen as an assurance that the village will have both a Co-op and a Post Office for some years to come: facilities other rural communities may not have the opportunity to enjoy.

14<sup>th</sup> May 2001 is scheduled as the day of relocation: all involved parties are confident that this target will be met. My present staff have been offered continuity of employment by the Co-op, so hopefully the change of faces behind the counter will not be too radical.

As mentioned, I plan to take early-retirement. So, at leisure, I may be able to contemplate my future plans.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank both my staff and customers over the past sixteen years for their support.

Thank you

**TONY PETTS**

### ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING

SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

LANGLEY CASTLE

3 course Dinner + Disco

Tickets: £13.50 available from:

Jennifer Banks – 01 434 684 249

(vegetarian choice is available  
only if ordered in advance)

Transport from Church Street  
at 7.00pm

\*\*\*\*\* ALSO \*\*\*\*\*

### SPONSORED WALK

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This is a 10 mile walk, usually over the  
countryside footpaths.

There will be an alternative route  
in case we are not allowed on  
these paths due to the present  
Foot & Mouth crisis.

Contact John Kirkup on:

01 434 688 863

For further details

### DANCE CLUB NEWS

The Dance Club held an Easter Bonnet Competition at the last Dance on Easter Monday. There were fourteen entrants (3 gents).

Winners were: Sheila Rutherford (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Alison Adams (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Margaret Curry (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Len Arthur

Prizes were given by Sheila, and Evelyn from Alston. Judges were: Val Bell and her daughter Heather. No easy task for them!

As you know, we dance every Monday night 7.30pm to 10.00pm (not monthly as Alistair reports in the 'Hexham Courant')

At our dance on 30<sup>th</sup> March we raised £187 (£158 clear) for our Music Fund. Thanks to you all.

Our next Friday Night Dance is on 11<sup>th</sup> May from 7.45pm to 11.15pm. "Bring and Eat" supper, Raffles.

Just come and pay £3 at the door.

**JIM BIGGS**

**WHIST DRIVES**

Langley Village Hall

POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
DUE TO F&M CRISIS

*Solution to crossword (09)*

There were eight (8) entries.

4 which were correct from:

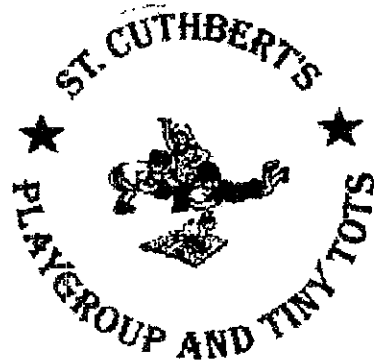
- Maureen Robson
- D. W. Corbett
- Denis Bell
- A. M. Scott

**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.

£10 winner out of the hat:

Denis Bell

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**EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE HAYDON NEWS**

The editorial policy of the *Haydon News* is ultimately the responsibility of the Committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', although day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the 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

**COPY DEADLINE:** All contributions to the *Haydon News* to reach the Editor no later than Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

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**Regional Centre** – at Kenton Bar – it may as well be in London as permissions etc have to have MAFF's agreement. All farmers are at the 'end of their tethers'. As a post script Cllr Smith informed those present that he had just heard that a site for a very large pyre had been chosen close to Woodburn. Why here for goodness sake??? It is in a CLEAN area, which means that if it goes ahead carcasses will be transported in from all over the county perhaps even bringing the virus! What a shambles!

**Innerhaugh:** There will be an appeal against the decision by TDC planners to reject the developer's plans.

**Middle Lipwood:** There have been objections to this development and it is recommended that planning will be refused.

**Council Homes:** New rules have been issued which indicated that 'local people' will have priority over others.

**Highways / Bypass.** A good meeting was had by the group when Mike Thorpe (prospective TDC Councillor) and Paul Brannen (prospective Labour MP) were present. They were very supportive of the group. In the meantime, perhaps it might be a good idea if all groups in the village got together to publish a sort of "What's On" guide for the tourists who will arrive. A co-ordinated plan is needed.

**Lighting:** No concerns were raised.

**Planning applications: Stublick Cottage.** To extend the existing dwelling and to provide services. No objections.

**Moralee Fell:** Additions to the present Mobile Phone Mast. A further dish and cabinet. No objections raised.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk had written to Northern Spirit about the train service. She has received a letter from them which is essentially a standard, waffle reply.

**Highways:** About past concerns but these are being passed on to other parties.

**Flooding:** Only seems to be the one main concern which is at Temple Houses. TDC are aware and looking to what sort of flood defences are needed. However, these might create further problems elsewhere.

**Audit Commission:** As Price Waterhouse Coopers no longer carry out the audits on Parish Councils' 'books' it is still not known who will carry out this function in future.

**Village Projects (other than that underway in Church Street).** An opening seems to have been created in the wall to the Church Yard. Two stone pillars have been erected but would appear to be hazardous as they each have two prongs sticking out of them. To hang gates?

**'The Way Forward'** Councillor Mitchell suggested that a group should be set up to consider this as if one had been in existence maybe all the fuss over the Innerhaugh might not have arisen.

**Finally, has someone been taking pot-shots at the clock face on the Church Tower?**

## RADS

### SPRING CLEANING DAY

The rain poured down and the clean-up of the Riverside was due to start at 10.30am. on Staurday 7<sup>th</sup> April. We thought no-one would turn up so decided to postpone the clean-up 'til the Sunday. We made up a notice to inform anyone who did come to get gloves and bags as to what was happening.

At 10.20am. we made our way to the Riverside to put up the notice and decided to wait around for a little while – just in case! To our surprise within ten minutes we were surrounded by a group of eager Cubs, their Leaders and some parents all togged out in waterproofs and very keen to get on with the job. So despite the rain they got really involved with the task in hand.

They made a clean sweep of the river bank collecting rubbish of all descriptions; paper, cans, oil drum, old metal springs – we were really impressed.

In just over an hour the job was done although I must admit that it would probably have taken their mothers three or more hours to clean their children! Their efforts were really appreciated.

Over the course of the following week, the skip was topped up by rubbish of all descriptions and was brimming over by the time it was picked up.

Thanks to all who got involved.

Councillor Eileen Charlton

### VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The last Village Appraisal was started in 1995 and although it took two years to complete it was a worthwhile exercise as it highlighted the needs of the village.

Reading that document now shows how much has changed over the last five years and we do need to up-date the statistics in it and to re-assess the future of our village.

To apply for funding for any future project for our village and the surrounding area we have to have up to the minute information.

#### CAN YOU HELP US?

#### DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE'S FUTURE ENOUGH TO HELP?

We need a group of people to give their views and opinions in order to get a true cross-sectional picture of Haydon Bridge. A new questionnaire will have to be compiled and the resulting statistics gathered and formed into a new Appraisal Document.

Are *YOU* prepared to attend meetings, voice concerns and look to the future?

If you would be prepared to assist us, contact the persons below and we will then let you know when meetings will take place:

Eileen Charlton (Councillor) 01 434 684 505  
Susan Batey (Parish Council Clerk) 01 434 684 323



## THE VALLEY

E. Rumney of Ratcliffe Road has asked if these two poems, written by former resident of Haydon Bridge, be included in this month's issue.

Harold Humble who now lives in Australia has provided us with some thought-provoking poems in the past so here are his latest creations.

Enjoy.

The mighty TYNE is a wonderful sight, as it flows through this valley so fine,  
The hills roll down where the river is found, with a village so quaint and divine,  
There's a beautiful bridge, old and unused, as it spans this great river through time,  
Its archways with grace unite this fair place, through its centre the flowing Tyne.

On a warm summer's night it's a great place to be, as the river flows on far below,  
With my mind far away I slip back to the day, where the dreams of my childhood did grow,  
With all my friends, in "Kate's hole" we would swim, why it's named so, I never could tell,  
No doubt there's a tale through the years has prevailed, then lost in a bottomless well.

As a boy I did roam, up those hills far and wide, to the castle and then far beyond,  
The hills and the vales and the woods all around, the first thoughts of my young years are found,  
As I walked through the woods, so peaceful, serene with its wildlife and beautiful trees,  
I still think to this day now I live far away, of those mysterious smells on the breeze.

The old church on the hill, so empty and still, it's been there since time well begun,  
As a Sentry of Old it stands there so bold, like an eagle protecting its young,  
And far down below where the river flows on, and the village from which I did roam,  
Are my friends and thoughts, it was all not for nought, for I still feel it's part of my home.

## EVENTIDE AT HARLOW HILL

As my eyes swept o'er the countryside,  
The day had come to rest,  
The sun blazed red across the sky,  
In all its glory dressed.

Green fields lay before me,  
Amid golden heads of grain.  
The cows were in the dairy,  
As the dying sun did wane.

The hens had all now gone to roost,  
To wait the rising sun.  
Fox was prowling in the dusk,  
And Brer rabbits on the run.

The farmer's in his rocker,  
His pipe lay in his hand.  
The fire was dancing warm and bright,  
His heart lay in this land.

The sun hung low up in the sky,  
As he rose up from his rest.  
And filled his lungs with clean fresh air,  
It was morning at its best.

And though I'm very far away,  
It lives within me still,  
It's just so close to paradise,  
That farm on "Harlow Hill".

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE

from

**HAYDON BRIDGE  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**A FLOWER FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

to

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

All proceeds will be distributed between the village & Farming Charities

Further details next month.

## HBUAFC

## '100 CLUB' DRAW

£30	058	K. Marshall
£15	261	D. Bradley
£10	117	J. Alexander
£ 5	262	? Glenwright
£ 5	055	M. Edwards

To take part in the Draw, ask at J&M Clarke's about the '100 Club'. The draw takes place at the Football Club monthly meeting and costs £1.00 per month to take part.



ASSOCIATION

**SALE OF  
LADIES & CHILDREN'S  
CLOTHES**

A chance to stock up on Summer fashions from High Street stores at bargain prices

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY

7.15PM

SCHOOL HALL

£2 per person entry fee at the door  
( includes a glass of wine & nibbles! )

## KHARTOUM - HAYDON BRIDGE

Hi Folks,

Tis Mitch back again putting pen to paper so as we can have a little natter about aal sorts a' things—be they good bad or boring. Yis may aal get a little bit of education to boot. Noo and again I may slip into some Geordie—but for those who hate it I will try to minimise it!

For those who don't remember me, or who have just arrived in the village, I was Editor for about four and a half years from January 1995 until July 1999. In that last issue of mine I reported on a study by Aberdeen University for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and I reported:

*"Dead on time – on Monday 21st June [1999] the 13:06 sprinter from Carlisle pulled into Haydon Bridge station where the Editor was waiting. Adjacent to where I was standing Austrian Dr. Monika Strell alighted, we shook hands, introduced ourselves to each other and made our way to High Brindles where she would be staying overnight on her 27 hour visit to the village. This visit being a prelude to the two month stay she will be making in October/November when she will be carrying out in depth interviews for the Aberdeen University study of this rural community."*

The study has been completed and I have been advised by the University that the report may be out sometime in July—coincidentally Monika is here at High Brindles as I write this column on Saturday 28th April 2001—we have maintained contact and she comes down occasionally from Scotland to re-sample the delights of Haydon Bridge.

Some of you will be aware of health problems I have had during the past 15 months—most have now been sorted out and hopefully I'm on the mend. Sylvia has had a wretched time lately and it will be a few months yet before she's been repaired. She thanks all of those who have sent flowers and good wishes cards and hopefully it shouldn't be too long before she's back in full circulation once more.

And now—FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.....

For those of you who know their history, Major General Gordon (of Khartoum fame) was killed in January 1885 when a spear ended his days following the siege of Khartoum. What has that to do with Haydon Bridge—you may well ask.

Part of my time is spent on the task of building up Archive 2000 and only the other day I was reading the 1882 will of Miss Jane Todd from Newbrough Hall [ see story in December 1998 Haydon News at: <http://www.haydonbridge.demon.co.uk/haynews9812.html> ]

The story goes that Jane was left as a baby on the doorstep of The Tofts by her mother who claimed that the farmer living there had fathered the child. Jane was brought up by him, as his own. The family later moved to Newbrough Park. At her death she was possessed of the "*estates called Haydon Farm, Westley Bank, Cruel Syke, Prior House, Bush Fell, Lowes Fell, Kitterlands, and Tanyard Fields Haydon Bridge.*"

My copy of the Will is poor but on page 14, of the 19 page document, is written the following:

*"I bequeth to Mary Gordon the wife of Major General Gordon late of Natal, South Africa, the sum of Two thousand pounds and to Miss Margaret Jane Hedley sister of the said Mary Gordon the sum of one thousand pounds."*

Now what is unusual and interesting is that Major General Gordon by all biographical accounts was a bachelor till the end of his days!

Miss Todd's Will was signed in August 1882 and Gordon had been promoted to Major General in March 1882 following his return from Natal and posting to Mauritius. I am researching the Headley's to find out what was happening.

One lead I am following is that 30 years earlier, in March 1851 two Gordon sisters, Anna Maria (25) and Isabela (23) were staying as guests at Lipwood Hall together with Caroline Matilda Shaftoe (45) their hostess being widow Ann Coats the landed proprietor. Both of the Gordons were from London.

I am looking forward to finding out what the true story is and appeal to any reader who may have knowledge on the subject to contact me at High Brindles (Tel: 01434 684 035).

... Well folks what should we talk about now, something historic or current? I think we will have to turn over the page to find out!

There have been a number of complaints over the years, concerning access to the back lane from Church Street to Ratcliffe Road via the rear of the Community Centre. More recently parked vehicles have hindered and even stopped vehicular traffic—causing problems with people not being able to reach the Community Centre. Various stories have been bandied about concerning rights of way, refuse collection etc. To find out the real story I have been in touch with Tynedale Council Legal Department and managed to get hold of the conveyance which is quite clear on this matter.

The July 1955 Conveyance refers to the purchase of two fields (726) and (727) extending from Northside of Parkers Terrace to Community Centre east boundary and I quote:

*"TOGETHER WITH full and free liberty and right of way to and for the Council and their successors in title and their tenants and workmen on foot and with horses cattle carts and carriages in through over and along the occupation road at the southern boundary of the said land."*

Similarly there is, on file, a 1996 a letter from Northumberland County Council which indicates that the back lane is a carriageway.

I have just been to the Saturday Coffee morning in the Community Centre which was attended by a couple of dozen regular attendees—most times I am the only bloke present and today was no exception. There were a couple of occasional visitors turn up and we were trying to persuade them to come regularly—we'll have to wait until next week to see. The coffee mornings start at 10 am in the Community Centre, on the second Saturday of the month they are held in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall and if there are five Saturdays in a month the Methodist Church is the venue. Every Tuesday and Thursday the Methodist Church Meeting Place in Church Street is open from 10 -12 for teas and coffee.

Whilst the Innerhaugh and Church Street housing developments have occupied minds over the past few week a planning application for a small development at Middle Lipwood has been submitted and a number of objections received—should anyone want any further information they can find out by ringing Billy Browell at Tynedale 01434 652 200. Billy is the planning officer who deals with Haydon. Alternatively you can ring me here at High Brindles.

I'll be soon entering my third year as an Independent member of Tynedale Council—or to put it another way—you only have two years left of me acting on behalf of the Parish of Haydon. David Smith across the other side of the valley is the Conservative elected member who has been working very hard during the present Foot and Mouth epidemic. I congratulate him and continue to support his efforts.

Talking of David—we do support each other at Tynedale Council and rarely disagree about things to do with our Parish.

**Some Spider Jokes**

**What do you get if you cross a spider and an elephant ?**

I'm not sure, but if you see one walking across the ceiling then run before it collapses !

**What would happen if tarantulas were as big as horses ?**

If one bit you, you could ride it to hospital !

**What kind of doctors are like spiders ?**

Spin doctors !

Bye for now Folks—See you next time the Editor has space to fill

**Mitch**

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*Dates and Times of Meetings*

Committee Meetings are held at 8.00pm on the **TUESDAY** 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.

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**Charles Thomas**, Chairman.

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

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# CHURCH PAGE

## CLERGY MESSAGE

By Canon Vincent Ashwin, vicar of St Cuthbert's

There has been turmoil in the countryside in recent months. The relentless spread of Food and Mouth Disease is occupying the minds of all who live in rural areas. Here in Tynedale we have all smelt the smoke from the carcasses burning in the village; each day we ask in the shops 'Has anybody else got it?' Everybody knows what 'it' is. Haydon Bridge has been on the national news because the battle over the rights and wrongs of 'continuous culling' has been fought here, as farmers, scientists, vets, Maff, and the government have all been trying to find the way to prevent the disease spreading without destroying farming communities. When we look West, we know that Cumbria has been devastated. At the end of April, the number of new cases is dying down; but there are still months of uncertainty ahead. Some cattle may be spared. But the future of many sheep is yet to be decided.

There are huge problems for the tourist business too, as dozens of people are laid off; beds in bed-and-breakfasts and chairs in pubs remain empty. This has led to the conflict between worried farmers who believe life will return to normality more quickly if visitors stay away from the countryside, and people whose livelihoods are with tourists facing financial melt-down.

In the middle of all this, it seems almost irrelevant to talk about church services in the 40-day Easter season. But Christians believe that God is in the heart of this messy business of living in a world that is both glorious and painful. The services we held on Good Friday rightly reminded us of Christ plumbing the depths of pain and despair. The Easter services brought us up out of the gloom into hope and glory. In May (13<sup>th</sup>), Christian Aid Week begins with a service that shows God to be at the heart of human suffering, as we collect money for those whose flocks have been killed in drought and war.

In a sermon a few weeks ago, I tried to make sense of Foot and Mouth: Where is God in such waste and uncertainty? I quoted from a book called *Celebration, a story of suffering and joy*, written by someone who lived with excruciating pain for 30 years. The author Margaret Spufford had osteo-parosis (crumbling of the spine, in her case) from an early age, and then gave birth to a daughter who had an incurable disease. She said about God: "The definition of Almighty means that there is no evil out of which good cannot be brought." God does not step in to prevent the drunken driver ending up in the ditch; He does not intervene to stop people catching colds, or flu, or multiple sclerosis. But He gives humanity the brains to control these conditions better and better as we discover more about His universe.

April – May 2001



**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE**

**AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT  
TO THE HAYDON NEWS**

### WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev David 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

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

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

May is the month of Christian Aid Week. This year, the title of the week is "Make a Difference!", and the publicity material tells stories about the difference that past Weeks have made. Every house in the village will be covered – though we may not be able to collect from outlying farms this year. Over 40 collectors from the three churches will knock on 1000 doors in our annual effort to help the most helpless – like Torina Begum in Bangladesh who says, 'Life was very hard because I didn't have enough food for my children. Some days we would only get one meal, and other days we would not eat at all.' Christian Aid sent money to a farming project which helped Torina and her family. May 13-19 are the dates.

Just as Good Friday led to Easter; heart-ache leads to hope; death leads to new life. If I didn't believe that, I couldn't believe in God, and certainly couldn't be a vicar!!

So we continue to pray for farmers in the community, and all whose work has been seriously undermined by the Foot and Mouth crisis. Those empty fields at Land Ends, Langley and Grindon are very depressing; but the lambs in other fields, the leaves sprouting in the hedges, and the curlews and lapwings calling are a sign of hope. Yorkshire survived the death of mining. Jarrow survived the death of ship-building. Europe survived two bloody World Wars. Rural Britain will survive the 2001 Foot and mouth outbreak, with the grace of God.

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am Mr M Knowles, Family Service  
6.00pm Rev David Perkins; Sacrament.

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am Mr A Bird  
6.00pm Rev Vincent Ashwin, united S

May 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm Women's Own meeting

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am Rev David Perkins, Sacrament  
6.00pm at West End Methodist Church

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am Mr B O'Neill  
6.00pm Mr R Anthony

May 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm Women's Own meeting

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10.00am Mrs J Bullous  
6.00pm Rev David Perkins, Sacrament

**Haydon Bridge's Man in New York**

Michael Armstrong of Douglass Gardens is still working for the Church in New York. He wrote recently about his year with Metro Ministries. "The new semester begins on March 17<sup>th</sup>, with four months of flat-out solid work." Michael spends most of his time among street kids.

On Thursday afternoons, for example, he is in the South Bronx area, with "300 tough street kids; it is very challenging work, to say the least. Then I do a teenage programme with 100 teenagers in the evening."

He writes about one 16-year-old who has just finished a 3-year juvenile prison sentence, who happened to see the Church activities taking place in the park; he's been a helper ever since.

Pray for Michael, folks!



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**CALENDAR FOR MAY  
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm Archdeacon's Visitation

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Church Council

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10.30am Parish Communion

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Christians Together

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am Morning Prayer & Sermon

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm Communion & M Union  
Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day:  
7pm Holy Communion

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
10.30am Parish Communion and Baptism

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Pentecost  
8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)  
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word

**Haydon Bridge's woman in London!**

To her surprise and delight Angela Ashwin has been appointed to the Church of England's Liturgical Commission for a term of five years. This is the national body that has recently given us our new services in *Common Worship*. Their emphasis from now on will be more on helping us to make the best use of our new resources and to enrich our worship generally. Angela's recent research into worship and spirituality is the reason why she has been asked to do this. So, if you see her looking harassed with a heavy brief case at Haydon Bridge Station, she's probably heading off to London!

**St Cuthbert's Annual Meeting**

St Cuthbert's Church had its Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Agnes Marshall and Mrs Margaret Curry were re-elected as churchwardens. The meeting heard reports about the ongoing life of the church, including the introduction of new services. Financially we were able to put a small amount into reserves to pay for repairs which will have to be dealt with this year - but a major appeal to the village will still be needed. There was an energetic discussion about Baptism wedding and funeral services.

**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.



Headlines from **Country Way** - a magazine on faith and life in rural England from the inter-church chaplains' office at the National Agricultural Centre at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

- ◇ Rural life is changing; less than 2% of the population now works in agriculture.
  - ◇ Church Commissioners willing to discuss rent reductions in current farm crisis.
  - ◇ NFU survey reveals the cost of crisis; 70% farmers have sleep problems.
- The constancy of God in a time of change*

You are the bed of the shifting sea;  
You are the hard stone unconsumed by fire;  
You are the sun ever above clouds;  
You are the molten heart of the changing earth.

You are the last home of the refugee;  
You are the healer after divorce;  
You are the place of safety for the lost;  
You are the Love that goes on and on.

(Items from **Country Way**)

***PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD  
FROM CHRISTIAN AID***

For the people of Sudan who have endured decades of war, and for the work of Christian Aid-funded 'Operation Save Innocent Lives', as it clears farm land of unexploded mines.

For the success of Christian Aid Week (May 13-19), as it hopes to meet the record £12 million raised last year for work in more than 50 countries world-wide.

## Abecedarianism and The Liver.

The liver is a fascinating organ, being central to much of our body's chemistry. It is amazingly resilient to injury and infection but there is a group of viruses that cause hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) which is, worldwide, a huge public health problem. Several hundred million people are infected at any one time.

### HEPATITIS A

This infection is transmitted by the faecal-oral route or, to put it really graphically, to catch it, something that you take in through your mouth has to have recently passed through someone else's anus. Rarely can it be transmitted in other ways. It is a disease associated with poor sanitation and food hygiene. It occurs most often in children and blood tests suggest that up to 70% of adults have had it. Sometimes, perhaps as often as 90% of the time, the infection is so mild that it passes unnoticed. Only those over 45 years of age have any appreciable risk from the disease.

The infection takes between 2 and 6 weeks to develop. At first the patient may simply feel rough, have a temperature, lose their appetite and feel nauseated. The stools turn pale and the urine dark as jaundice (yellowing of the eyes and skin) develops. When, after a week or three, the jaundice fades the disease is resolving. The diagnosis can be confirmed with a blood test. Rest and fluids is all that is required as treatment and no alcohol.

Immunisation is highly effective.

### HEPATITIS B

To catch Hepatitis B you have to be contaminated by an infected person's body fluids. The most common routes are from a mother to child at birth, when sharing injecting equipment, anal/oral/vaginal intercourse - especially if bleeding is provoked, piercing/acupuncture/ritual scarification/tattooing with contaminated instruments and blood transfusion and transplants (though these last two should now be things of the past).

The disease takes between 2 to 6 months to develop. The symptoms are similar to but sometimes more severe than those of Hepatitis A. The jaundice may last for a number of weeks or months. Less than 1% of patients develop liver failure though the chances increase with age.

Treatment is simply rest and fluids though severely affected patients may require other measures. All of the sexual partners of the patient should be treated to lessen the chances of their developing the disease and immunised to give lasting protection. Diagnosis is confirmed by a blood test.

Immunisation is effective except in those over 45 years of age in whom the effect is variable. The continuing effectiveness of the immunisation should be checked at regular intervals.

Sometimes the infection lasts more than 6 months, it is then called Chronic Hepatitis B and varies in its features in different people. Some of those with the chronic form of the disease will go on to develop cirrhosis (where the liver becomes progressively more and more damaged) and hepatocellular (a type of liver) cancer - one of the ten most common types of cancer worldwide.

### HEPATITIS C

Approximately 170,000,000 people worldwide have this infection, 2 to 3% of the population overall. It is acquired by contact with blood from infected individuals - see the list for Hepatitis B.

The infection is usually long lived, only 15% of those infected manage to defeat the infection. The disease takes 6 to 12 weeks to develop. A quarter of patients become jaundiced but the majority of those found to be chronically infected have no memory of the initial infection. Diagnosis is not simple but depends on careful interpretation of blood tests, improved methods are being developed.

Cirrhosis becomes an increasingly significant problem after ten years and hepatocellular cancer too. In some circumstances treatment may be offered but it requires specialist expertise to judge the situation.

There are no vaccines for Hepatitis C but infected patients should be immunised against the A and B forms.

### HEPATITIS D

This is a rather peculiar virus that appears to exist only in association with Hepatitis B and, when present, to cause a more severe illness.

### HEPATITIS E

This was discovered in 1983 when epidemics of, clearly infectious, hepatitis were found to be due to some agent other than the A and B forms. Like Hepatitis A it is transmitted by the faecal-oral route and is related to poor sanitation and food hygiene. Up to 25% of pregnant women who develop it die but in others it is of similar severity to Hepatitis A. Travellers sometimes return with it from areas where it is present. Unlike the other hepatitises (the correct plural form of the word) E is or may be passed to sheep and pigs and possibly other species. The disease develops in about 40 days and resolves in a similar period.

There are no vaccines available.

### OTHER HEPATITIDES

Numerous other viruses cause hepatitis, eg. Glandular fever. There are more other causes of liver problems than it is convenient to shake a stick at.

### GILBERT'S DISEASE

This is an extremely common liver disorder in which the patient always has a slightly elevated level of bilirubin in their blood (the stuff that makes people go yellow when they are jaundiced). It may affect between 2 and 5% of the population. It is a completely harmless disorder but used to be confused with chronic hepatitis many years ago.

### GALLSTONES

Gallstones are very common (?10% of the population) but only sometimes do they cause trouble. Typically the patient will be beyond their fourth decade of life, female, overweight, live in a Westernised country, have been pregnant and be diabetic. Having said which I have encountered a child with a gallstone.

A gallstone is mostly made of cholesterol, a type of fat. They form in the gall bladder, though there is no consensus on the reason, which is a small bag attached to the side of the tube that leads from the liver to the gut. It carries bile, a waste product. Bile is what makes faeces brown.

Typically the patient will feel pain in the right upper part of their belly, that can come and go or just rise to a crescendo. Sometimes it is worse with food. The pain can be severe and is caused by the stone trying to squeeze through the bile duct. The patient may be nauseated.

Ultra sound scans confirm the diagnosis. Keyhole surgery now offers an excellent result with almost no scarring and only brief hospitalisation. Stones found incidentally to other investigations need not be removed if they are painless.

### RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A CAB DRIVER IN THE GAMBIA

The Gambia is a predominantly Muslim country in West Africa where foreigners are welcomed and visitor's questions answered willingly. Muslim men are allowed to take four wives we were told. The scope for discord in such a setting appeared, to your humble scribe, to be not inconsiderable. After a brief description of the rotation of domestic duties was outlined, your humble scribe suggested, in reply, that the wife on cooking duty for the day might be rewarded for her efforts by being granted the comforts and delights of her husband's bed for the night. So overcome was our driver, by the undeniable justice and righteousness of the proposal, that it was fully a hundred yards before the vehicle emerged from the scrub, regained the tarmac and we were able to resume our journey.

Steve Ford.