



THE HAYDON NEWS

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Hello everyone

Well, for a welcome change, isn't it pleasant to be in the midst of such a glorious spell of weather? I'm not very sure whether to classify it as late spring or possibly early summer – in fact I don't really care what they call it! I just know that I'm enjoying the warm and dry spell – made all the better by the hope that these conditions will help to snuff out the foot and mouth disease.

I spent a few days in Scotland at the beginning of the week and I must say it has been a real privilege to see our beautiful and varied British countryside – ranging from the lovely rolling hills of Northumberland and the Border Country to the glories of Perthshire and the River Tay – at its unrivalled best. If only we could guarantee the weather more reliably!

I guess it will have not passed entirely un-noticed that we are gripped in the exciting throes of a General Election (yes – I am joking!) That was one of the very welcome benefits of my sojourn to Scotland – at least I was spared the unceasing TV bombardment! On a slightly more serious note, and laying my cynicism to one side temporarily, can I make a plea for all those who can vote to do so! Postal votes are now much easier to arrange for anyone who is unwell or will be out of the country. It is easy (and understandable!) to say “they're all the same” and “a plague on all their houses”, but may I remind everyone that the right to vote was hard-won (especially for women), and voting rights for all as we know them have been in existence for less than 80 years. Many countries in the world just now greatly envy British democracy, despite all our criticisms of the system. Remember the US Presidential election just a few short months ago.

If all else fails, at least the abundance of election material from candidates will provide a suitable test for the “wheelie bins”!

Charles Thomas, Chairman
The Friends of Haydon Bridge

*Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge)
Thursday 24th May 2001 at 7.30pm.*

Present were: 8 Councillors (apologies from 3), the Parish Clerk and 14 members of the Public.

should be picked up from: (if by chance it is delivered, and left in the middle of your drive/pathway, don't think that it has to stay there, you can move it!!).

The evening began by electing the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council. The present incumbents Cllr. Faulkes and Cllr. Philp were duly elected.

The first wheelie bin collection will be either Friday 6th July or Monday 9th July. Please note the change of collection days. Thereafter, the same day will be used.

Susan Batey (Parish Clerk) introduced Ian Douglas (TDC) who was to give a presentation on the implementation of the “Wheelie Bin” scheme in Haydon Bridge.

The wheelie bin comes in three (3) sizes. Small, Standard and Large. TDC have opted for the Standard model which has a capacity of 240 litres (2½ bins or 5 sacks) and will suit most households. Should you require a LARGE one then, on payment of £25, you can have one! This model will be automatically given to households of more than 4 persons. Similarly if you feel a SMALL would be better this will be provided free of charge.

Mr Douglas began by outlining the purpose of the scheme which is to standardise a safe and clean system for the handling of household waste. This has to be done in order that the Council's re-cycling targets can be met. The scheme was introduced in Prudhoe and is gradually working its way along the Tyne Valley.

A HELP-LINE (01 434 652 418) is to be set up should anyone have any questions regarding the scheme. These might include; the siting of the bin; the handling of the bin (if you might have a problem in wheeling it to and from its designated pick-up point).

To introduce households to the scheme, leaflets will be arriving within the next week. This is to be backed up by an exhibition at the Riverside Picnic Area on Wednesday 30th May from 9.30am to 7.00pm. There will be people ‘manning’ the stand and will be able to answer any queries people may have.

Mr Douglas was keen to point out that “side waste” (any bags/rubbish left next to the wheelie bin) **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED!** Also, if the lid won't close because of excess rubbish, the surplus will be taken out and left for a later collection! He did point out that bulky waste would

Time scale for its introduction: The wheelie bin for your house will be delivered between 28th June and 3rd July. *Where it is left indicates where the Council believes it*

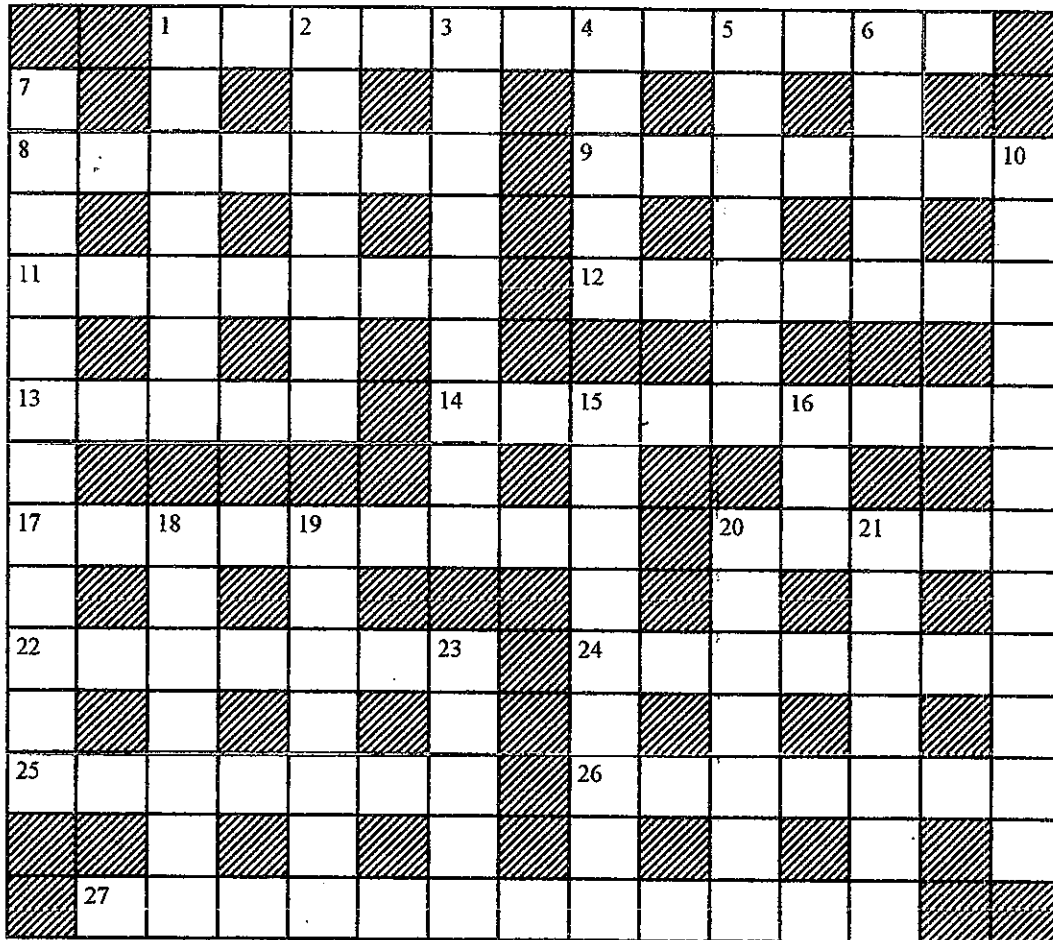
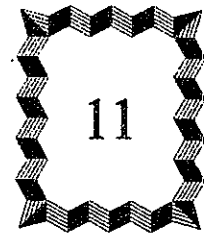
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The £10 Crossword

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 25th June

Best of luck

(Please hand in your entry to any of the businesses indicated at the top of

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or by post to: The Editor, Wheelsteads, Woodhall Mill, Haydon Bridge,
 NE47 6AS)

ACROSS

DOWN

- 1. I know rye stem produces paper in U.S. (3,4,5)
- 8. After the hips. (7)
- 9. Speaking style. (7)
- 11. Reserved duck provides vehicle. (7)
- 12. Are most needed to repair highway. (4,3)
- 13. Ruhr town. (5)
- 14. Italian range. (9)
- 17. Spruces up. (9)
- 20. In a teacup? (5)
- 22. Grass novel on child's instrument. (3,4)
- 24. One of Bennett's towns. (7)
- 25. Fruit initially makes unpleasant sound. (7)
- 26. Flimsy attire. (7)
- 27. Ulster town. (13)

- 1. Concerned initially over nurse. (7)
- 2. Northumberland village. (7)
- 3. Notices. (9)
- 4. Remove sea from docks & you get glory? (5)
- 5. e.g. Atahualpa. (4,3)
- 6. Put out. (5)
- 7. Watches. (3,9)
- 10. Intolerant. (6-6)
- 15. Too late for meal. (4,5)
- 16. Could be a tough one. (3)
- 18. Fish is around me in Africa. (7)
- 19. Unwell. (4,3)
- 20. Trade arms. (4,3)
- 21. Remove girl and see bird in choir stalls. (7)
- 23. Woman's name. (5)



Art Exhibition

by
Humshaugh Art Students

(class run by Haydon Bridge High School)

*Saturday, 9 June, 11.00 am to 4.30 pm
and*

*Sunday, 10 June, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
at*

Humshaugh Community Hall

Come and see our year's work, and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits.



Could I say through the *Haydon News* how sorry I am that the Post Office has closed, but a big THANK YOU to Tony and his staff over the years for their smiling faces and helpfulness. It made it a pleasure to use the Post Office and I'm sure they will be a big miss to the village.

Enjoy your retirement Tony and good luck to the girls in whatever they do.

Best wishes to you all.

Joyce Brown
17 Church Street
Haydon Bridge

East Land Ends Farm Haydon Bridge

We would like to thank the people of Haydon Bridge for their kind phone calls and cards. We are grateful for your support through this awful time.

Shirley & Alistair Macdonald

HAYDON VIEW RESIDENTIAL HOME

'LEAGUE OF FRIENDS'

GRAND SPRING DRAW

COFFEE MORNING 28th APRIL

LIST OF RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:

1st £100 Katie Reichart 1458

2nd £50 M Ridley 1653

3rd £25 I Hunter 1072

5 runner-up prizes of £5 to:

J. Mercer 1230

Lydia Orthwaite 1028

Jean Gibbon 1480

Zoe & Andy 1941

Lee Davison 1667

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Village in Bloom Competition 2001

This will take place during the months of June to August and is open to all residents (without front gardens) living on the main streets of the village i.e. Ratcliffe Road, Church Street, John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street.

There are two categories of judging. 5 containers and under.
6 containers and over.

Prizes in each category are as follows: 1st - £20,
2nd - £15,
3rd - £10

Certificates of Merit will also be awarded.

The first round of judging is scheduled for the third week in June with a final viewing six weeks later, weather permitting.

We wish to stress that Mr Tony Willis will be one of the judges this year.

Happy planting and good luck.

The Friends of Haydon Bridge.

HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE – by Dennis Telford

I cannot remember whether it was Ozzie, Charlie or Mop, but as a small boy on an errand to our village Co-op one of them told me that my Dad and Grandad were the best “Boxers” in the North of England.

My questions at home about this apparent sporting prowess were met with wry smiles. “Tek nee heed of them three at the store. They’ll say owt but their prayers”.

My father’s and Grandfather’s musty ledgers, from their time as our village’s Undertakers, have been saved by me from the dust cart and from these records I have recalled three men who played their part in Haydon Bridge’s social history.

Perhaps the best known in his day was W. S. Walton who lived at “The Dene”. Mr Walton went to school at Shaftoe Trust before attending a private school in Edinburgh where he stayed for eleven years. He returned to Haydon Bridge to become the manager of the Cumberland Union Bank on Church Street. The opening hours of the Bank were: 10am to 3pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Bank was later amalgamated with the York City and then the Joint Stock and Midland. Now of course it has the grand title of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Opening hours 10am to 12.30pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Is this progress??

There were two Banks in Haydon Bridge at this time. The other one was Hodgkin, Barnett, Pease, Spence & Co. Mr Edward Davidson was the manager. This Bank was in the building which had previously been the village’s Independent Free Church and is now called “Garden House”, the home of Jackie and Margaret Robson and their family. The Independent’s had moved across the road to their new Congregational Church. The foundation stone had been laid on 29th June 1863.

W. S. Walton retired from his position with the Bank in 1921 but had many other commitments. He was a Director of the Langley Barony Fire-clay Works, Chairman of the Haydon

Bridge Gas Company which closed down on 1st March 1940. A Director of the Lanchester and Iveson Coal Company and the Whitechapel Colliery. Vice Chairman of Haydon Bridge Parish Council and a Governor of Shaftoe Trust School. He was a member of the Tyne Conservation Board and had sixty years membership of the South Tyne Angling Association of which he was Chairman. This Association was established in January 1869.

Mr Walton also wrote occasional articles on local history for the Hexham Courant. In his spare time perhaps!!

W. S. Walton died at “The Dene” on Thursday 4th July 1940 aged 79 years and his funeral was at St Cuthbert’s Church.

One of his two sons continued to work in the Bank on Church Street with subsequent managers. I remember him working with Joe Keen. We could probably fill an edition of the *Haydon News* with oft repeated stories about Haydon Walton!

Before leaving the Walton family it is worth mentioning that Mr Walton’s father, William, was Postmaster at Haydon Bridge and Greenhead for thirty-seven years before the villages were linked by the railway in June 1838.

Mr Walton’s Grandfather lived at East Land Ends farm and was contemporary with John Martin our famous painter and engraver. The earliest painting of Haydon Bridge of which I am aware (1805) and attributed to John Martin, was in the possession of the Walton family in 1923. It was later acquired by the Laing Art Gallery. (see *Haydon News* – February 2001 – page 5 for further reference).

On 17th May 1941 the funeral was held in the village of Leading Air-craftsman Joseph Hector Phillipson of No. 2 Whittis Hill.

By his death through enemy action Hector became Haydon Bridge’s first Second World War casualty. He had volunteered for the RAF in 1940.

Hector Phillipson was a keen sportsman, an enthusiastic village footballer and a regular walker. As an amateur gardener he was a valued member of the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society. He worked at the Langley Barony Fire-clay Company and was Union Secretary on behalf of the employees there.

Hector’s wife, Lizzie (nee Dixon) eventually re-married and her marriage to John Hardy in October 1944 was the last wedding ceremony held in the Old Central Methodist Church on Ratcliffe Road.

The accounts for Hector Phillipson’s funeral make interesting reading sixty years on.

To hire of Hearse	£2 – 00 – 00
To hire of Coach	15 – 00
To burial fees	£1 – 04 – 00
To notice in papers	05 – 08½
To Undertaker’s fees	10 – 00

Total £4 – 14 – 08½

The deceased was brought to Haydon Bridge station by train in a coffin provided by the Air Ministry.

What would you get for Four pound, fourteen shillings and eight pence ha’penny (£4.73) in 2001?

On 3rd March 1943 Harrison (Harry) Harding died aged 57 years from a heart attack.

Harry Harding was a genial and respected resident of our village and had been in business on Church Street as a Newsagent and Stationer for twenty years. Harry’s son Robert was a Sergeant in the Military Police and was serving in the Middle East at the time of his father’s death.

The business had been owned in earlier years by Robert Brogdon and during his time was famed for ‘Black Bullets and Butter Scotch’. Brogdon published a small book on Haydon Bridge in 1900.

The Elmfield Methodist Church was too small to accommodate the large number of mourners. An indication of Harry Harding’s popularity in Haydon Bridge.

After her husband's death, Mrs Harding continued the business which was eventually taken over by Robert, the unofficial "Mayor of Haydon Bridge" until his death in April 1974.

It is good that this established business continued to thrive in our village with John and Maureen Clarke, who have been owners since June 1974, while those around them are sadly closing down.

The account for Harry Harding's fu-

LANGLEY W. I.

Langley W. I.'s May meeting was the first to be held since February due to the Foot & Mouth crisis. Numbers were therefore lower than usual, but those who were able to attend found much to interest them.

In Dr. Jane Young's talk and slide show entitled "Wildlife Conservation begins at Home" she pointed out that wildlife is adaptable and can cope with gradual change. However, since the War various factors have accelerated the rate of change resulting, for example, in the loss of 95% of our meadows - too rapid a development for wildlife to contend with. Intensive farming, over-grazing, use of pesticides, road building & planting of coniferous plantations have all had a deleterious effect on the environment.

However, in recent years there has been an upsurge of interest in a sustainable economy which does not compromise the environment. The reclamation of pits has resulted in wildlife havens, rivers are being cleaned up to an acceptable standard and even motorways are proving to be a haven for small mammals. Even the Army is in on the act - the largest "lek" for Black Grouse is situated at Otterburn Training Area and is one of the most important in Britain.

Witness also the phenomenal interest in organic farming and gardening - which means we as individuals can also make our own contribution to the cause - either as consumers by purchasing organically produced foods or by creating wildlife friendly gardens.

MARY NAGEL

neral makes specific reference to a 'motor hearse' and that is interesting. In 1908 a horse drawn hearse had been obtained for Haydon Bridge by public subscription. For much of its life it was used an average 25 times each year but by 1944 it was only used twice. In 1945 a motor hearse was used for all the funerals in the village and the 'horse drawn hearse committee of Ridley, Dryden, Melvin and Shaw decided that there was no point in retaining it.

The next time I was sent to the Cop for 'me Mam's messages' a red-faced lady was just leaving the counter clearly 'stone mad' about a purchase which wasn't to her satisfac-

Dear 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'

I was extremely satisfied to find my poems in the February issue of the *Haydon News* well received and the interesting comments from Dennis Telford in the March issue.

To respond to 'whom was who?' or 'who was whom'?

As far as I know we had only one Alex Robinson. Dave Routledge, he was a bit on the large size in those days, hence the large hole in the fence. Bert Brown, Dick Graham and Roy, needs no further explanation. Allan Bates, Cliff Corbert and last but not least, Michael Leppington.

Sorry guys, but it was a poem and one could only fit so much in. If everyone had as much fun reading them as I had writing them, it was more than worthwhile.

I hope the Haydon News will think some of my other poems are worth printing. I will try to send a 'mixer' bag to chose from.

To answer the final question - so where were Dave, Bert, Dick, Roy, Cliff, Michael and of course Harold? Where indeed. In the Gang Show of course at the Town Hall which is now the 'Club'.

What everyone else was doing I can't remember but Harold was on top of the "pyramid". Unfortunately the stage was not high enough. Harold had done the old Indian Rope

tion.

As she bustled onto Shaftoe Street nearly taking the door off its hinges, Mop was busy charming another lady customer further along the counter, pretending not to have heard the earlier altercation.

Ozzie couldn't contain himself. "Tee-hee-hee-hee!" he laughed.

Mr Ohlson, the store manager, shook his head with an air of resignation as if to say, "Oh dear! I give up".

Charlie looked down at me with a smile, winked and said, "Well, your Dad might be in a dead-end job, but at least his customers don't complain about the service!"

Trick into the rafters, only to reappear to everyone's delight seconds later in front of the stage as if by magic. He finished it off, and a wonderful night, by singing "Abide with Me" solo. Happy days indeed. The pantomime "Cinderella". Was that the one Jimmy Pig's sister sang "I'm a lonely little Petunia in an Onion patch"? She certainly was lovely. Then there were the little shows like the one at Dennis Telford's fathers Joinery with "From Memory". Maureen Brown and Gwen Ridley, Ann Leathard and ??? plus Dennis of course. And the one put on by Norma Brown. Can't remember who was in it but I really enjoyed it. It was all a lot of fun.

The one thing I have always missed is 'First Footing at New Year. I would tag on with my three sisters Olive, Viola and Theresa when I was about twelve years old. It was just great to walk into someone's house, have a drink, then move on. It could not happen today. Of course I only had lemonade! That was of course after the Carol Singing, but that's another story.

It seems that you are no longer on the internet? My nephew David would take the *Haydon News* off the internet and bring it up for me, but seems he can't get it now?

Keep up the good work, say "G'day to all relations and friends.

Harold Humble - 26 Wheatley St. Kyneton, Victoria. 3444. Australia

WHIST DRIVES

Langley Village Hall

POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
DUE TO F&M CRISIS

Solution to crossword (10)

Only five (5) entries were received by 'close of play' this month.

And only two (2) were correct
From: Dennis Telford
Maureen Robson

(The answer to 11 across was the downfall for three entrants)

Bell (as in Bell, Book & Candle)

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:
Dennis Telford

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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 25th June.

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be collected separately when requested.

Business users will not be entering into the scheme for the moment and the present service will continue. It is hoped to extend to everyone as soon as possible.

In conclusion, Mr Douglas gave assurances that, so far in the areas where they were already in use, very few problems had arisen. And he again referred to the HELPLINE which people should use if there were any queries.

The Clerk thanked Mr Douglas and Cllr Philp (in the Chair) then asked if there were any matters which the Public wished to bring up.

Two matters were aired:

- (a) Mrs Armstrong (Church Street) indicates that the street light is still off.
- (b) Dog Litter Bins.

The matter of the electric supplies to the street lights would be investigated and it transpired that the dog bins were not being fully emptied. It appeared that only the bags off the top were being taken away! Mr Douglas was still around when this was brought up and he suggested that the Clerk write to the Council expressing its unhappiness with the current arrangements and **'could something be done please!'**

At this point several members of the Public left and the formal part of the meeting continued.

Minutes of previous meeting: These were agreed as being a true record. Arising from them really only one item was acted upon. Cllr Smith outlined the current Foot & Mouth situation. The time scale for 'D' notices would now be indefinite and Haydon Bridge is to be tested within the week. He was particularly keen to emphasise that F & M has not gone away, as would seem to the case being put over by Labour, but was still rife. MAFF are not telling the full story as regards Infected Premises and the knock-on effect on neighbouring farms. He suggested that one look at the "official" figures being quoted (approx. 1600 cases) and then multiply by four!!

The articles on pages 1 and 8 of the Hexham Courant (24/25th May 2001) really give an indication of the spread of this contagion in this area.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT, KEEP AWAY FROM AREAS WHERE FARM ANIMALS ARE PRESENT & HEED ALL NOTICES.

Highways/Bypass: Nothing has changed this last month. It has been suggested that a meeting of interested parties should be convened to look at the effects on tourism that the Bypass would have – should it be built. Better to plan now than to leave it until it is in place.

Various parts of the parish have problems including the road to Grindon / Allerwash, the pot-holes in the Langley road, the sediment left by flooding at the junction of the Lowgate/Elrington roads. The top road that is and the

footpath at the back of the station.

Planning applications: Langley Castle. Re-surfacing of car park, creation of a turning circle and an ornamental fountain. PC thought no problem with this.

Conversion at 3 Shaftoe Street. No comment.

Correspondence: TDC – there were plants/flowers available for anyone liking them from Hexham and Prudhoe. Only until 1st June and with prior arrangements. Telephone 01 434 65 2200 extension 2427.

Rail Users Group – the letter of complaint had been acknowledged. It was suggested that, should anyone have a query about the punctuality of a train, they could dial "Star, Star, 2" on the phone on the station platform and the Newcastle Control room will answer. Sadly there is no notice indicating such action!! Cllr Philp will see to one being provided.

"2 Castles Housing Association" - wishes to enter into a partnership with TDC to address the housing needs of the area. The PC is to arrange a meeting with them.

Northumberland National Park – Hadrian's Wall Planning Group. All Parish Councils are invited to a presentation (and lunch) at National Park HQ (Hexham) at 10am on Friday 15th June.

Spa Well – a letter had been received from the Land Agent acting for the Straker family. Draws attention to a rather large crack which has appeared close to the last landslide which might negate any thoughts of re-instating the footpath to the Spa. A site visit will be convened with all parties.

H.E.R.S PROJECT – Cllr Philp is to meet with the managers of this scheme to highlight concerns over lighting, electricity supplies to homes, pavement repairs, 'old' Post Office corner and bridge work – to name but a few.

Cllr Philp was keen to point out that businesses should consider applying for grants. The next meeting of HERS is Wednesday 30th May at 6.30pm.

Community Centre – Cllr Garrow indicated that computers and peripherals would be available soon and that a Computer Literacy Project would be started. An open meeting has been scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 12th June at 7.00pm. **See notice on page 10.**

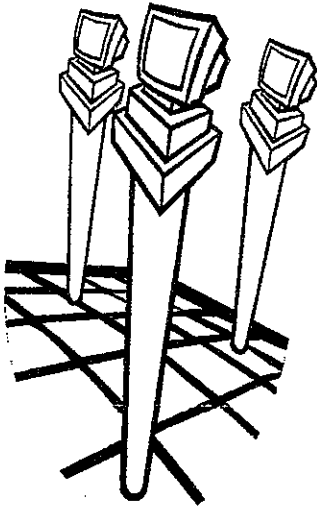
Fencing by 'Disabled' bungalow – Cllr Charlton suggested that this should be removed all together and to remove the overgrown brambles at the same time.

Village Appraisal – the notice which appeared in the *Haydon News* last month was answered by one person! To get any sort of funding to improve the environs of the village an up-dated village appraisal needs to be carried out and as many people from different organisations need to be able to voice their concerns and aspirations. Please to give it some thought. **Also see page 10 of this issue.**

RADS

Two more poems by Harold Humble have been received and will appear in the next issue.

COMPUTER



LITERACY PROJECT

A representative from Tynedale District Council will attend an **OPEN MEETING** to be held in the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge) beginning at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th June.

If you are interested in this project you are most welcome to attend.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING Flower Festival

June 22nd - 25th, 2001

Friday, June 22nd, 7pm preview and light supper (ticket £5)
Saturday, June 23rd, 10 am - 8 pm
Sunday, June 24th, 11 am - 5.30 pm
Monday, June 25th, 10 am - 6 pm

Admission by programme £1
Proceeds to be shared between village and farming charities

Refreshments available

Catering for parties - please phone (01434) 684523

Sunday Worship, 10 am and 6 pm
Everyone welcome

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

CAN YOU HELP US?

DO YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE'S FUTURE?
We need a group of people to give their views and opinions in order to get a true cross-sectional picture of Haydon Bridge and to form 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 either of the persons below and we will let you know when and where meetings will take place.

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

THANKS

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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.

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

Charles Thomas, Chairman.

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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.

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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

By Father Leo Pyle

Father Leo reflections on the meaning of Ascension Day, the Christian festival that comes 40 days after Easter: heavenly departure means earthly involvement.

Drop-outs! We are tempted to become Drop-outs. Too old. Too young. Too shy. Too busy. "Stop the world; I want to get off." We can all, we all have it in us, to become Drop-outs! But Ascension means involvement. Jesus' departure means our ongoing involvement. We are not concerned with the next coming of Jesus. The when, the where, the how - our job is not to look up to the skies. This world is our world. Our responsibility is to make a difference. Our responsibility is to be involved in making it a better world by witnessing to Jesus.

Heavenly departure means earthly involvement, make no mistake about it.

Jesus' Ascension, Jesus' departure is a springboard for our involvement. So, , *The eleven went forth and preached everywhere. (Mark 16:20)* They became the catalyst for the Kingdom. Heavenly departure means earthly involvement.

Those who support the community proclaim the meaning of Jesus' departure. Those who sustain our local church community by being involved proclaim the meaning of Jesus' departure. Those who offer constructive criticism understand Jesus' departure. Those with suggestions for improving our Christian community understand Jesus' departure.

When our leaders attack new problems with courage and conviction, they communicate a sense of Jesus' departure. All of us who try to make a difference, all of us who try to make our experience a vital part in building up the Body of Christ demonstrate, show and reveal the proper notion of Ascension, the proper notion of Jesus' departure. We overcome the temptation to drop out. We believe that heavenly departure means earthly involvement.

And so to Christian Eucharist. The bread we break, the cup we drink - this is the sacrament of our Christian involvement. In our Eucharist we are proclaiming that Christ will come again. Our Eucharist announces that the present is the moment of truth, and is the moment for human interaction. We share the bread and we share the cup; this means we are accepting our responsibilities for the destiny of our community. Our Eucharist means that heavenly departure means earthly involvement.

No dropping out, please!

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT TO THE HAYDON NEWS

FLOWERS, FUN AND FUND-RAISING

Several big church fund-raising events are lined up for the next month. You are invited to come and support them.



Haydon Bridge Methodist Church have a Flower Festival, to thank God for having paid off the debt on the new church. The theme is *Praise and Thanksgiving*. On Friday 22nd June, there is a preview and light supper at 7.00pm, with tickets at £5.00. The church will be open on Saturday June 23rd from 11am till 8pm, on Sunday from 11am till 5.30pm, and Monday 25th from 10am till 6pm. Refreshments will be available all week-end. Proceeds will be divided between village and farming charities.



St John's Roman Catholic Church have their summer fair on Sunday June 24th, at 2.00pm in the church grounds (in the high school if wet). There will be stalls and competitions and refreshments, and plenty for children to do. Visitors could go from the Methodist Church Flower Festival to St John's on the same day!



St Cuthbert's Summer Fair is on Saturday July 2nd at 2.00pm. Tombola, teas, games and stalls will make for a good day. Rumour has it that a famous local folk group will be providing relaxing background music to while away the hours. And there's the prize draw as well, with worthwhile prizes.

METHODIST
CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday June 3rd

10.00am Mrs J Bullous
6.00pm Rev David Perkins (united)

Sunday June 10th

10.00am Mr B Elstob
6.00pm Mr G Wilson

Wednesday June 13th 2.00pm Women's
Own meeting Mr and Mrs A Howard.

Sunday June 17th

10.00am Mr J Green
6.00pm Service taken by choir and
prayer fellowship.

Sunday June 24th

Flower Festival Week-end
10.00am Rev David Perkins – family S
6.00pm Rev G Hall

Wednesday June 27th
Women's Own trip

Sunday July 1st

10.00am Mrs M Weatherson
6.00pm Rev G Hall.

Foot and Mouth - End in Sight
Churches reopened

Two local churches closed during the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease have been reopened. Beltingham Church had its first Sunday services for 3 months on May 20th. Haydon Old Church is celebrating its reopening on Sunday June 10th by an inter-church service of hymns, readings and prayers for Trinity Sunday. The service begins at 6.00pm.

Methodists help out High School

High School drama teacher and Church of England Reader Mike Fry has been bringing down his GCSE and A Level drama classes to the Methodist church for weekly lessons in recent months. The pupils have valued the space (and the carpets!). Some pupils have also taken to coming to the Methodist coffee shop in their free periods too.

Youth work goes ahead

David Matthews, the young worker sponsored by the village's three churches, reported back to a recent executive meeting of **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE**. As well as contact with most schools in the Hexham / Haydon Bridge locality, David has founded a youth club in the community centre for teenagers, on Thursday nights. He works with Methodist Ann Lambert from the High School.

CALENDAR FOR
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

June 3rd Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)
10.0am All-Age Service of the Word
6.00pm United Service, Methodist Ch

June 10th Trinity Sunday
10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon
6.00pm United Songs of Praise
Haydon Old Church.

June 17th 1st Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)
10.30am Morning Prayer & sermon

June 24th John the Baptist
10.30am Parish Communion & sermon
6.30pm Deanery Evensong, Greenhead

July 1st Trinity 3
8.00am Holy Communion (traditional)
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word
6.00pm Evensong, Haydon Old Church

Election Fever

Comment by VGA

Clergy are not meant to preach party politics, but let me add a couple of thoughts to the debate, giving two principles that should lie at the foundation of a country where Christian prayers are said each day in Parliament.

Jesus said we are to love one another, and he said this just after he had washed the feet of Judas Iscariot and the other disciples. When Jesus tells us to love one another, it is a solid sharp-edged love, coming from the dust on the feet of Peter, John, Judas and the others. This love – wanting the best for others – should be the solid sharp-edged love at the root of our political life. That care extends to any – like Judas Iscariot – who do not in human terms “deserve” love.

Justice is another foundation of a country which says it is Christian. The Bible is full of teaching about Justice. The Old Testament, for example, says that widows and orphans and poor and aliens coming to live in your country should be treated in the same way as the well-off. So in our country and in our world, we expect that Christian people will vote for whoever they think will make the world a more just place – justice for the victims of crime, and justice for the victims of poverty, ignorance and war. This is different from wanting only what is best for ourselves and our families and for people like us.

I suggest that the election is about voting for whoever will encourage laws to make our country and our world most solidly based on care for others and justice for all.

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.

***PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AND
PUPILS AT EXAM TIME***

We thank you, O Lord, for those who devote their lives to the work of education in our schools and colleges. May they do their work with confidence and humility; may it be their constant endeavour not only to impart knowledge, but also to build character, to equip the young people they teach with a true sense of values. Be alongside pupils taking exams, that they may face the future with hope, and use the gifts they have for the good of all. Amen.

Christian Aid
We believe in life before death

Many thanks to those who gave to Christian Aid Week. We will have the total in the next copy of *Haydon News*. Thanks too to the collectors. Money collected by Christian Aid is distributed through churches in the receiving countries, and makes a huge difference.

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

Luminous Illuminations in a Bent Posture

A HUGE HIGH VOLTAGE THANK YOU.

As you may have seen in the Courant we now have our very own defibrillator. This is a very hi-tech modern device that is completely automatic. It is for use when a patient's heart is failing to beat evenly when they are having a heart attack. The electric shock delivered is very effective at restoring a normal heart beat. Whilst we are in no hurry to try it out, we can look to the future with considerable confidence and, should the need arise, we can do those things that make a crucial difference without having to wait for an ambulance.

A very big THANK YOU to all those who contributed - Mrs Coates and the customers at The Anchor, Jose and Jacqui and their customers at The Railway and especially The Tynedale Rotary Club. Rarely has the Health Centre been graced by such a gathering of elegantly attired gentleman as was present during the presentation of the machine.

CERUMEN.

Ear wax, Mmmmm! On toast.....Yum!

The only explanation that I have heard for the presence of wax in the ears is that it is part of a self cleaning mechanism. The intention being that particles of dirt might be trapped in the wax and slowly extruded. I am far from certain that this is the true evolutionary reason but if it is then it is a very poor design. The commonest reason for needing an ear syringe is seething resentment as a consequence of the growing belief that everyone around you is muttering indistinctly.

Some folks try to remove wax from ears themselves - sometimes with disastrous results. NEVER PUT ANYTHING SMALLER THAN YOUR ELBOW IN YOUR EAR!

Lately we have equipped all the consulting rooms and the treatment room with special gadgets for removing ear wax safely and painlessly. The quantity of material that can emerge from some ears is truly amazing, up to and including chunks of wax similar in size to half of an average little finger. It is always desirable to soften the wax for a few days first as trying to remove a rock hard mass can be fruitless and uncomfortable. There are a several proprietary wax softeners available to purchase (Soliwax, Cerumol, Earex etc.) but ordinary olive, almond or corn oil is perfectly satisfactory and cheaper. A few spots is all that is required, dripped into the ears last thing at night for four or five days before syringing.

The syringing itself should never hurt but it is warm, wet and noisy. Children as young as four have tolerated it for me.

Rarely someone will seek advice about an insect trapped in an ear. The best plan is to drown it with one of the oils mentioned above and then attend for removal of the corpse with the aid of our little miner's lamps and a pair of fine tweezers or the syringe.

People who know or suspect that they have perforated ear drums should not have ear syringing. Any cleaning that is required is done as described for the insect.

GLUCOSAMINE and CHONDROITIN.

Glucosamine and chondroitin are products that have been widely advertised in the press for purchase for the relief of arthritis pain. Sometimes they are incorporated in the same tablets.

There is now an impressive body of evidence that the products are effective but they need to be taken for a minimum of one month before the effect reaches its best level. Improvements in both pain and joint function have been shown. There does not appear to be any major problems with the treatment either.

The National Institutes of Health in the USA are engaged upon further very detailed studies at present. Which version to buy from amongst all those on offer? So far there is nothing to choose so try the cheapest and see.

SERVICES FOR WHICH THERE IS A CHARGE.

The information contained in this paragraph may go out of date quite quickly unless, by some chance, John Prescott actually reduces a heckler to a bleeding pulp before the election and the Conservative party returns to power.

In the event of a Labour party victory with a significant majority it is very likely that GPs will be "nationalised" or, put another way, we shall become salaried. It is not widely understood that at present we are independent contractors and operate in just the same way as any person in trade - butcher, baker, candle stickmaker or whatever. The fees received pay for the building and contents, the staff wages, uniforms, PAYE, light/power/heat, phones etc. etc. - what's left goes to the partners. As in any other business, what's in the till is not for spending.

The consequence of this is that for services for which neither the government nor other party provides payment the charge falls upon the patient. Whilst we have a Tariff of charges prominently displayed in the Health Centre and the charges are mentioned in the practice brochure we have sometimes failed to make it clear when a payment is required for a service. This has led to difficulties on one or two occasions and this we regret.

Passport countersignatures, shotgun certificates, HGV and PSV licence medicals, insurance forms and medicals, private sick notes, some vaccinations, reports to solicitors and over 75 driver's medicals are examples of the most common situations in which a charge will be made. If in doubt ask first. Passport countersignatures do not have to be done by a doctor. Others may choose not to charge, you may wish to bear this in mind.

COME BACK QUASIMODO - ALL IS FORGIVEN.

Back ache comes in three main flavours.

Firstly, there is your ordinary, plain vanilla k***k***d back, in which muscles and bones are damaged or worn out in the normal course of life and to which ageing makes its own contribution. Treatment is second best to prevention - keep a good posture at all times, avoid obesity, lift with great care and avoid injury. Rest is no longer thought a good idea unless the pain is devastating in which case a few hours may take the edge off it. Painkillers, posture improvement, warmth, massage and keep going is the current advice.

Secondly, there is disc trouble, in which the gristly discs between the bones of the back bulge out and press on the nerves emerging from the spinal cord. This leads to pain in the part to which the nerve runs - sciatica in the leg for example. Diagnosis is made by scan and treatment is as for ordinary back pain or, in severe cases, surgery may be required.

Thirdly, there is spinal stenosis. A condition that is probably much underdiagnosed, especially amongst older persons. In this condition the canal in the spine down which the spinal cord travels is narrowed, by overgrown bone or ligaments, to the point that pressure is exerted on the cord itself. This leads to pain, lost or altered feeling and weakness in the affected part - most often the leg or buttocks. Symptoms are often worse with standing upright and walking and relieved by lying, sitting or bending forward.

There are many causes and some people have it from birth, though that is rare. It can occur at any age and in either sex.

Rarely, symptoms suggestive of stenosis or disc or ordinary backache may be accompanied by others whose presence is potentially worrying as it may point to more serious disease; raised temperature, unexplained weight loss, severe pain when lying down, recent injury or rapidly worsening symptoms.

Treatment is surgical. A careful removal of the tissue that is pressing on the cord will give a good result in most cases, though, as with any surgery, there is the risk of problems developing or the expected improvement failing to materialise.

DON'T FORGET! If you don't exercise your right to vote you might reasonably be thought to have lost your right to complain afterwards! Steve Ford.