



# THE HAYDON NEWS

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### Editorial comment

It's difficult to know where to start this month as there are so many issues 'on the go'.

We all know about the saga of Church Street and what has happened up to now, but what about the laying of the water pipes? Is there no co-ordination between the different divisions at TDC or NCC? Surely to goodness it was known that water pipes had to be laid at some stage, so why not wait until completion before laying the new pavements and putting in the new lamp standards? So, instead of having a nice, welcoming Church Street we have the utter mess at present. Iron plates over trenches, random tarmac where once there was stone, a multitude of traffic cones and so on. It just seems that 'the powers that be' seem to think that Haydon Bridge is a soft touch and that anything will do. Frustration has given way to anger now and what with the proposed changes to the level crossing – barrier rather than the effective wooden gates – how long will it be before it all boils over. Remember that the Parish Council can be approached directly at the monthly meeting and that individual Councillors be they Parish or County must take up any of your concerns if you contact them.

Anger is also prevalent at the state of the various footpaths in the area which are used as dogs toilets. No matter that Dog Bins are provided at strategic points people are still not obeying the law and picking up the mess left by the dog. Such has been the concern that Cllr Charlton obtained a copy of the latest information, and I have copied it so that every family in the Parish can have no excuse for not knowing the law. Whilst we are not necessarily looking for 'snoopers' to 'snitch' on their neighbours perhaps all dog owners might seriously consider becoming 'pooper-scoopers' Thanks.

As Editor I receive regular Press Releases from Tynedale District Council and/or Northumberland County Council. The majority of these are labelled 'For immediate release' As the *Haydon News* only appears at the end of the month most are not appropriate. However, I have printed in full on page 7 an important one, even though it came in earlier this month. Please do read it as I know of at least two families who may feel that they need to act upon it.

As you will be aware, the content of the *Haydon News* is yours. There are regular contributors whose works are most welcome and which we look forward to and there are "one-off's" I especially like the article by David Armstrong on pages 17/18. The conclusion to this trip will be published next month. By golly, I wish I was still fit!

And talking about contributors what was it about last month's Crossword? Surely it wasn't that problematical? Only five entries were received – usually eleven or thereabouts – and not one person got it all correct! That must be some kind of record? This month's looks equally challenging.

Finally, my thanks to the High School for the use of their collating machine. You've no idea how much time is saved.

*Richard A D Snowdon. (Editor)*

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### *Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre (Haydon Bridge) Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2002 at 7.30pm.*

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**Present were:** The Chair, 6 Councillors, Parish Clerk and 5 members of the Public.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Dr. Steven Ford on "Green Architecture" and what Haydon Bridge might wish to consider in the future as housing developments take hold in the village.

He appreciates that the Parish Council has limited powers in the planning field and that fairly conventional housing is put up at the moment. Perhaps more thought could be given to being a 'bit out of the ordinary' when new houses are being considered. Using modern materials and trying to incorporate renewable energy sources.

At this point Dr Ford presented a selection of photographs taken both in this country and abroad showing different styles (some rather futuristic!) and using other materials. Even some underground houses where, we are told, heating costs are almost nil – body warmth produces sufficient to keep a comfortable temperature. Hard to see in Haydon Bridge, but who knows?

Various sites are being ear-marked for developing and, if the Bypass does really become a reality, then there will be an 'infill' area which the community might like to have a say in, in what new ideas might be tried.

Generally, there is food for thought here and the Chair

agreed that further discussion will take place next month at the usual monthly meeting. As the population of the village increases impinging on schools, amenities and the like, the community should take a more active role on the planning side.

Dr Ford was thanked, and left the meeting.

**Public Participation:** 1. Church Street. Most pavements seem to be being taken up again in order that the water pipes can be laid. Just where is the co-ordination in the whole scheme?? Excessive noise is being created by vehicular movements over the iron plates placed over the trenches and, was it not believed that the pipes were being laid on the opposite side to the current excavations? Why the change? Incidentally, the new lights are not yet working! Rather fractious discussion ensued about the pollarding of trees and the heights and placings of the lamp standards.

2. **Cemetery Rubbish.** Whilst the Clerk has written to TDC, no reply has been received as yet.

3. **The Riverside Picnic Area:** Despite the satisfactory 'Spring Clean Day' there is evidence of dumping going on. Large items of furniture have appeared.

4. **Public Footpaths:** Who is responsible for these (up-keep etc.) as some appear to still be closed off and some

impassable? Within the village the local 'handyman' should take care of these, but otherwise it is likely to be the landowner. Appreciation was given to the effect last year's F & M outbreak has had on gaining access to some paths.

**Minutes** of the last PC meeting were agreed.

**Matters Arising:** New gates to the Churchyard do not need planning permission. Billy Browell has been approached.

**Twenty-four hanging baskets** have been provided; 12 placed at the Shaftoe Almshouses – Len Wilkinson to be thanked for putting them up – and twelve elsewhere in the village.

Cllr Philp passed around leaflets produced by 'AS' level students on 'Village Walks'. These were most impressive even considering that the students used the computers at the High School which are not exactly what graphic artists would have at their disposal. It was agreed that Cllr Philp look into the costings of providing sufficient for 'points of sale' in the village. Students are to be congratulated for their efforts.

**Logs for seat at Esp Hill:** Cllr D. Charlton will see to the transport and positioning of these.

**Church seat:** Time is getting short for this to be put in place otherwise grants might be lost. The Council was assured that time is still available even though July was mentioned previously as the cut-off time!

Cllr Gilhespy informed the meeting that the **tap in the cemetery** is now working.

**Land Ends road:** An acknowledgement of the Clerk's letter has been received.

**TDC Matters:** Cllr Mitchell indicated that there had been favourable responses to Cllr Horncastle's request for ideas to spend 'his' £15,000. These included, traffic calming and a bus park at the cemetery.

**Innerhaugh:** Apparently work is to start in July. The work needed to be carried out on the highway realignment has to be sorted.

**Wheelie Bins:** Consultants are looking at options for the rural areas. Two bins; a designated drop-off point; or continuation of present arrangements are all being considered. *Who are the consultants and to whom are they talking* is what we would like to know!

The appeal at **Standalone** is continuing.

**Highways / Bypass:** Why was there a private meeting in May to discuss the implications of this yet there did not appear to be anyone on the Council who had been invited? Strange.

Cllr E. Charlton informed the meeting that there would be a selection of letters and photographs appearing in the *Haydon News* which are the results of one villager's approach to Peter Atkinson.

Also that there had been tremendous inconvenience caused when a nuclear convoy had passed through the

village.

The **pollution study** (see PC notes: October 2000) seems to have reached the end of its process. The results appear to show that there is little to be concerned about! Surprise!

**Village Projects:** Only one of immediate importance other than Church Street.

**Railway Crossing.** Cllr Fletcher had had a good meeting with representatives from Railtrack. They saw the use being made of the crossing at a lunchtime (High School students etc) and the various 'blind' approaches.

It seems as though it is a "fait accompli" in that the gates will go and will be replaced by a barrier with all the embellishments of sirens, signage on the approaches and so on. It is acknowledged that this crossing is rather unique in that it is in the centre of the village and that all concerned should be alerted to the inherent dangers of the site.

**Ramp** access to the east-bound platform should be in place soon.

Questions relating to the fact that the site is in a **conservation area** still concern some folk. Think of what is happening on Church Street.

Thanks were given to the Methodist Church for the use of one of the rooms for the meeting.

**Any Other Business:** Cllr Charlton highlighted two areas of concern. The unsatisfactory condition of the footpath at the entrance to Hordley Acres, and more worryingly, the gate at Peelwell onto the railway line is broken. Urgent to get it fixed.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

**RADS**

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of each month.

The meeting is usually held in the Community Centre but occasionally goes elsewhere. The notice board, next to the Butcher's shop on Church Street always shows the likely agenda for each meeting and the venue.

The General Public is welcome at the first part of every meeting. Have your say – Brickbats and Bouquets!!

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## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE – Dennis Telford

*There are certain events that have remained clear in my mind over the years, and one such occurred on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952.*

I was in Miss Usher's class at Shaftoe Trust School, the first classroom on the left if you entered the building from the 'west' entrance. The BOYS end.

Along with the rest of the class I was being taught in preparation for the Grading Examination or, '11+' This was Miss Usher's responsibility in those days. The pupils who passed would go to Hexham Grammar School in September, the 'Failures' remained at Shaftoe Trust.

Miss Usher was an excellent teacher, well-respected by pupils and parents alike, but not averse to using the cane if we stepped out of line. Do YOU remember? As her arm was raised and the blow was struck, Miss Usher's foot crashed onto the floor simultaneously, making us all tremble behind our wooden desks. *The palms of my hands are smarting right now just thinking about it.* But it was for our own good and the punishment hurt Miss Usher as much as it hurt the offender!!!

Mind you, Miss Usher's cane was nothing compared to Arthur Robinson's steel rule across the knuckles or Jimmy Nicholson's wooden blackboard duster skelping your lugs as it was thrown with perfect aim from ten feet away!

Peggy Usher was later to become Mrs Hobday by which time she was teaching my own children.

The incident I remember so clearly was Miss Usher, with tears in her eyes, telling the class that our King was dead. If I'm not mistaken, the school closed for the rest of the day.

## FEBRUARY 1952

Fifty-two year old King George VI died in his sleep at Sandringham, and was found by his valet when he took tea at 7.15am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952. Our Queen Elizabeth was told of her father's death, in Kenya while on holiday.

In Haydon Bridge the school flag was lowered to half-mast, the Haydon Hunt's Whist Drive and Hunt Ball were cancelled and the Women's Institute, presided over by Mrs Chase, began with a two minute silence.

The 'Best Tea Cosy' competition was

not affected however, and the winners were Mrs Burns, Mrs Hall and Miss Laura Telford.

Our village's social calendar soon returned to normality after a suitable period of genuine mourning for King George.

Whist was popular in 1952 as it had been in 1936, the year of George's Accession, and the regular Tuesday night 'Drive' which included Hannah Morton's Gift Stall, raised £34 for the Haydon Bridge Silver Band.

Our Town Hall was once again the venue for an impressive village production. The 'Pictures' were cancelled for two nights as the first Haydon Bridge Scout Gang Show took over the stage. The show was a great success playing to packed houses and Ted Short, whom you may remember as the man who popularised Gang Shows in the North East, congratulated the Scouts on their 'enterprise and initiative'.

The Haydon Bridge 'Gang' was the smallest troop in the County but they provided the village people with a show to be remembered.

So who were the 'Gang', riding along on the crest of a wave in February 1952?

Alan Bates, Bobby Beckwith, David Brown, Gordon Brown, Robert Brown, Dennis Boyd, Bob Campbell, Bernard Clifford and Trevor Corbett, Donald Gardiner, Richard Graham, David and Harry Jeans, Michael Leppington, Jeff Marshall, Tot Moore, Harry, Roy and Billy Philipson, Alex Robinson, Frazer Robinson, David Routledge, James and Robin Skeen, Dennis Spooner, Alan Storey, Alan Telford, Dennis Telford, Alan Thompson, Edward and Ian Turnbull, Norman Veitch and John Wilson.

1951/1952 was my first year in the Scouts and I remember this Gang Show as if it was yesterday. Can it really be fifty years ago? Oh dear!!

For six weeks in January and February 1952, savage gales and blizzards brought problems for farmers in Tynedale and outby. This didn't deter our huntsmen's sport however, and his review of hunting in the Haydon country, Roy Charlton, Master of the Foxhounds, said that the

present Haydon pack was, 'the best since the War'. It is a pleasure to watch them work and the Hunt have not had a blank day during the season to date, which is a record!

A pupil at Shaftoe Trust School also had a sporting achievement to be proud of. Sixteen year old Anne Oliver won the Women's National and County two-and-half-mile Championship at Enfield Lock, Middlesex, on 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Anne wasn't a Haydon Bridge girl, she was from Gosforth and attended our school as one of many boarders in the 1950's. Parents from across the county allowed their sons and daughters to leave home at eleven or twelve years old, to continue their education at Shaftoe Trust, such was the reputation of our village school.

Continuing her athletic success later in the year, Anne won both the one-mile and half-mile events at the Northern Counties AAA Championships at Salford, Lancashire and the mile in the British Championships at the White City, in a time of five minutes eleven seconds.

Whether King George VI ever set foot in Tynedale during his lifetime is not, as far as I know, recorded although in 1943 he did spend a night in the Royal Train, shunted into a siding on the Alston branch-line near Featherstone. Perhaps he wandered down to the Wallace Arms for a bottle of Brown! Or did he visit Ridley Hall where the Queen's uncle, Francis Bowes-Lyon lived until 1948.

## JUNE 1953

Queen Elizabeth's Coronation was on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953.

Haydon Bridge Parish Council had decided that the village celebrations would be best staged with funds raised in the community by public subscription. No more than £40, or a one penny rate, was to be used from the rates.

On the big day the gardens down John Martin Street were full of Lobelia, Lupins, Honesty and Peonies providing red, white and blue colour.

Throughout the village, houses and the Reading Room were decorated with bunting and pictures of the Queen. Particularly startling, as I recall it, was Jimmy Taylor's house fronting onto the main road at Innerhaugh. All the woodwork painted red, white and blue for the occasion.

We left Shaftoe Trust School in a Fancy Dress Parade headed by decorated vehicles and the Haydon Bridge Silver Band. The parade and the rest of the day's activities were partly spoilt by a cold North West wind and heavy rain and the sports in the cricket field were postponed until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Nevertheless, the costumes and tableaux were judged by Colonel and Mrs Allen, Mr & Mrs J. J. Straker, Mr E. Waite, Mrs Bunce, Mrs J. D. Wood and Mrs W. Morris.

The 'best dressed' car was Stan Walker's and the horse drawn vehicle John Batey's. The members of the Fire Service dressed up as 'Haydon Bridge's Night of Terror' recalling the train de-railment of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and the resultant Ammonia scare.

If you are in the following list, your costume won you a prize that day fifty years ago: Joyce Armstrong, Kathleen Armstrong, David Brown, Keith Brown, David Coombes, Maureen & Margaret Gilchrist, Keith Kirsopp, Christine & Barbara Robinson, Peter Routledge, Jacqueline Sloan, Shirley Temperley and Charles Thompson.

A Tea and Film Show was provided for the children and elderly Parishioners in the Wesley Hall, which was on the site of our new Community Centre. Fireworks and a bonfire on the Showfield attracted a large crowd in spite of the weather.

Later in the evening, Matt Smith and Robert Harding were MC's for a Coronation Dance in the Town Hall where Spot Prizes were won by Bertie Brown, Isobel Charlton, Teddie Reed and Miss M. McVay.

Our village returned to normal after the Coronation celebrations with two cricketing achievements.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, T. K. (Keith) Brown completed one of the best bowling feats ever, in a 'Group Captain Horne' Cup game against Newbrough. Haydon Bridge won by

twenty-five runs, dismissing Newbrough for forty-four. TK took eight wickets for sixteen runs. At one stage he had seven wickets for five runs!!

*I notice that Barry Hope almost equalled Keith's 1953 record earlier this month, when he took seven wickets for twenty-one runs, in twelve overs against Newton.*

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1953, Geoff Johnson who was Vice Captain of Tynedale II, hit the first century of his career at Prior's Flat. The Hexham Courant reports that "Geoff demonstrated most of the strokes in the book"

A former Haydonian was also involved in a popular Northumbrian sporting occasion in 1953. Jack Liddell was one of Newcastle's hoteliers, 'The Farmer's Rest' I think, and he paid £650 for four year old 'Legend Lore' the only locally owned horse in the 'Pitmen's Derby'.

It is very likely that a few Haydonians backed 'Legend Lore' at attractive odds of 30-1. Sadly, they weren't in the money. Jack Liddell's horse finished tenth out of thirteen. For racing aficionados, the 'Plate' in June 1953 was won by 'Nick La Rocca' ridden by Joe Mercer.

I believe that Jack Liddell had at one-time won the World Heavyweight Wrestling Championship at Grasmere Sports. Probably good training for running a pub in the 'Toon'.

At the end of June, the Town Hall Cinema was packed to capacity as we relived the Queen's Coronation on newsreels and a full-length feature film called, 'Elizabeth Queen'.

Our Parish Councillors agreed to mark the memory of Coronation year for future generations, on the front of the village's new bus shelter and public toilets on John Martin Street. The stone engraved, '1953' can still be seen today and further work has just been carried out this year, providing facilities for the disabled.

My own abiding memory of our Queen's 1953 Coronation is viewing it in black-and-white through a 'snow storm' on our new Pye television. If my memory serves me correctly, the television signal was received from Pontop Pike and Haydon Bridge had then, and for many years after, a noto-

riously poor reception.

In John Martin Street I think we had to make do with a reflection from Tofts Bank, rather than a direct signal. This probably accounted for the 'ghosts' and 'snow', but even so nothing could take away the excitement of watching our first television that Tuesday in 1953.

If we were excited sitting in our living room at Haydon Bridge, imagine how it must have been to have made a personal visit to the Coronation. Members of our own Women's Institute heard a graphic account of such a visit from Mrs Ohlson.

*The west end of Shaftoe Street was a small corner of patriotism earlier this month as Union Jacks and Bunting draped the Haydon Hotel. Everyone who took part in Ian Foster's Jubilee Car Treasure Hunt, Alan Borthwick's contribution to 'Music Live' and the children's Fancy Dress and Painting Competition have cause to be grateful for Betty's effort and hospitality.*

*There were other projects of celebration, but generally you would have been hard-pressed to find many signs in the village of our Queen's Golden Jubilee.*

#### JUNE 1977

It was quite a different story in 1977. Our Parish Council, Community Association, Schools, Clubs and Parents worked together for the benefit of the community and the Queen's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in style at Haydon Bridge. Thanks to the generosity of the village people, £200 was raised through a House-to-House collection and £500 from Clubs and Associations.

Before the main event in 1977, a dance was held in the Community Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. One hundred and fifty villagers attended and voted for Mandy Turnbull to be our Jubilee Queen. Mandy was crowned by Dr. High and her attendants were Helena Hajda, Joanna High, Diane Humble and Susan Nixon.

The Staff at Shaftoe Trust School organised a Jubilee Party and a Fancy Dress Competition for the children who were all presented with Jubilee Mugs.

A planned Barbecue and bonfire, with Haydon Bridge Band leading Community Singing was completely washed out on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, but Jubilee Day itself on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1977 was a great suc-

cess. A credit to Edward Waite and his team of helpers.

The Jubilee Parade was organised by Johnny Heslop and it was led by the village Band, Hubert Nixon's Steam Traction Engine and Mandy the Jubilee Queen and her attendants.

The parade passed the 'Best Dressed' shop windows at the butchers, Post Office and Arthur Fulton's Fish and Chip shop and ended at the football field where prizes were presented to the Haydon Bridge Brownies, the Cubs and the Football Colts.

Among the individual prize winners were: Stephanie Alder, Paul and Kevin Charlton, Jonathan Clarke, Joy Dalton, Lynn Kirsopp, David Nagle, Kenneth Ord, Jane Philp, Linda Sim and Tracy Youngman.

Numerous activities took place on the football field, including side-shows, Cumberland & Westmorland Wrestling, Children's Sports and Free Teas. Mugs and coins were presented to all children up to the age of sixteen.

Following a film for children and pensioners, shown by David Black, Mandy Turnbull lit the bonfire. A barbecue, Welly Hoying and Bowls competitions and fireworks display ended the 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations in Haydon Bridge.

*Having just completed these notes I now intend to dust down my old cine projector, find my film of the 1977 Haydon Bridge Jubilee celebrations and wallow in nostalgia for an hour or two.*

*Oh! And by the way. Miss Usher failed in her efforts to turn me into a Grammar School boy in 1952!*

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the recent House to House Appeal.

The grand sum raised was:

**£368.30**

*Mrs M Curry*

### HAYDON BRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Horse Racing Night, held at Haydon Social Club in aid of Haydon Bridge Football Club. A total of **£331.00** was raised

<i>Winners</i>	<i>Prize</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
Colin Banks	2 tickets for Platinum Club at St. James' Park	Brian Welch (UK Industrial Tapes)
Ricardo Piu	Luxury Food Hamper	Alan Borthwick
Alan Young	Health/Therapy Voucher	The Body Works Centre (Hexham)
Jeff Brown	Sunday Lunch for 2 and a Bottle of Wine	Betty & Maurice (Haydon Hotel)
Matthew Welch	Meat Voucher, Bottle of Vodka & Bottle of Wine	Thomas Stephenson (WMH Farm Fresh Meats & Michael Lowdon)
Alan Borthwick	Meal for 2	County Hotel (Hexham)
Janet Johnson	Voucher for 2	Bowling Alley/Laser Quasar (Metro Centre)
Michael Lowdon	Cash Prize	Share of Cash Auction of the last race.

*Michael & Kathryn Lowdon  
Haydon Bridge Under 13's*

### PRESS RELEASE

#### Northumberland Trading Standards welcomes Disney decision

**NORTHUMBERLAND** County Council's consumer watchdog has welcomed the world-wide recall of Disney backpacks.

The move comes after the death of three-year-old Ellie Lowes, who was found hanged in her bedroom at her Ashington home in January this year.

Her death occurred after she was playing with the straps of her toy "Winnie the Pooh" backpack.

Northumberland's Trading Standards department launched an immediate investigation into the safety of the promotional backpacks, given out free last Summer with the sale of Disney videos.

*An inquest into the toddler's death is to be held at Bedlington Magistrate's Court on 10<sup>th</sup> July.*

County Trading Standards Officer Mick King said, "With so much uncertainty surrounding these products we

welcome this decision as a positive step forward and we await the verdict of the Coroner.

"Our investigation is still continuing."

#### Note

A warning notice issued by Buena Vista Home Entertainment states: "Buena Vista Home Entertainment Limited is voluntarily recalling these soft toy backpacks as promotional items with certain Disney videos.

"Buena Vista Home Entertainment Limited has been advised that the cord straps on the backpacks may pose an entanglement hazard to children."

Further information is available from:  
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20<sup>th</sup> May 2002

Dear Mr Atkinson,

Please could you tell me what anyone is doing about the Haydon Bridge Bypass?

The last six weeks have been horrendous. Things were made worse by road works on the bridge but that only served to slow down the traffic. It did not, however, alter the volume of traffic which passes through the village.

We have been engulfed by fumes, dust and our houses are being damaged by the constant shaking.

Is this how people are expected to live? What, Sir, are you doing about it?

As our MP we would hope for some positive action.

For your information, I am enclosing photographic evidence taken in the last month.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs Myra Bowen.*



Peter Atkinson, M.P.



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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2002

Dear Mrs. Bowen,

Thank you for your letter together with the photographs which clearly illustrate the problems faced by residents in Haydon Bridge.

As you know, there has been a long running campaign to get a ByPass built, and I have raised the matter in Parliament on more than one occasion.

Unfortunately, the Government scrapped the existing road programme preferring to look at alternatives to road building, i.e. public transport; but the fact of the matter is that this will simply delay any proposals coming forward. The Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions is running what is called 'an inter-model study' of the A69.

Ministers have argued that the volume of traffic does not justify road improvements but I argue on environmental grounds that a ByPass is essential.

I will send your photographs to the Minister, just to remind him what people in Haydon Bridge have to endure on a daily basis:

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Atkinson*

Peter Atkinson, M.P.

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17 June 2002

Mrs. M. Bowen,  
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Dear Mrs. Bowen,

Please find enclosed a reply that I have received today from the Minister about the A69 and Haydon Bridge By Pass.

I am pleased that the Highways Agency is currently carrying out further investigations, and let us hope that these do result in the outstanding concerns being overcome and a ByPass being built.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Atkinson

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12 June 2002

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Dear Peter

Thank you for your letter of the 22 May and the enclosures sent by your constituent, Mrs M Bowen of 11 Tynedale Cottages, Haydon Bridge.

I fully appreciate the concerns that Mrs Bowen and other local residents have about this stretch of road, and thank you for drawing my attention to the photographs of the A69 at Haydon Bridge.

The A69 trunk road is managed, maintained and improved by the Highways Agency, through its Operator Roadlink, on behalf of the Secretary of State. The "inter-modal study" that you mentioned in your letter, is a Route Management Strategy that the Agency is currently developing for the A69 as part of its aim to contribute to sustainable development of the trunk road network, in support of the Government's integrated transport and land use planning policies.

The Agency developed Route Management Strategies to provide a framework for managing individual trunk roads, as part of wider transport networks. They will look at route functions and performance, route objectives and problems, and will develop prioritised solutions to the identified problems on a route.

*The strategy for the A69 will investigate all the operational issues, such as safety, incident handling etc, including the diversions that you have identified in your letter. The strategy process is designed to incorporate a wide range of Regional views and experience, which will be undertaken by a series of Seminars and Workshops. A key part of this process was a Seminar involving a wide selection of key regional organisations, which was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May in Hexham.*

We considered a bypass of Haydon Bridge in a review of the trunk road programme in March 2001. Whilst it has strong support regionally, there were some concerns about the effect of the bypass on the environment surrounding Haydon Bridge and the scheme was not included in the list of those projects going ahead. Following the review, we asked the Highways Agency to look at the scheme to see whether these concerns could be overcome.

The Highways Agency is now currently carrying out further investigations that would avoid or, if that were not possible, minimise the adverse environmental impacts of those schemes. We will consider whether there is a case for adding this scheme to the programme, when the Agency has completed its work.

I trust this information helps clarify the current position. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact the Regional Manager for Network Strategy North East, Neil Taylor; telephone 0113 283 5481 or, the Network Manager, Stephen Spink on 0113 283 5463.

David Jamieson

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## HAYDON BRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Haydon Bridge Football Club are holding the **Official Opening** of their new facilities on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 3.00pm.**

We will be holding the annual *Alan White Memorial Sponsored Walk* and all walkers will leave Low Hall Park at 1.00pm.

From **3.00pm** there will be a barbecue, a penalty shoot-out competition and other games for those who wish to take part, and have the energy to do so! Music and bar facilities for the adults.

All past members, players and everyone who has helped to raise the funds for us to achieve this are most welcome. In fact the whole village, as without their help and support we are sure we would not have succeeded in this mammoth task.

Many thanks to you all and we look forward to seeing you on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

*The Committee of  
Haydon Bridge United Association Football Club*

14 June 2002

Dear Editor,

With reference to Dennis Telford's notes (*Issue 05, May 2002*), how lovely to see my house mentioned.

I knew the house had been an Old Chapel but had not worked out it was the United Methodist Free Chapel (according to the "*Haydon Bridge Notes*" there appear to have been quite a few churches built in Haydon Bridge about this time).

I wonder if Mr Telford, or any readers, have any more information or memories of the house. If so, I would love to hear them.

One villager informed me that it was once a fish and chip shop, but someone else thought this had been across the road. Can you enlighten us?

On a final note, my husband insists on the house's "correct" spelling of Valley Veiw as inscribed above the door.

Yours faithfully,

*Amanda Whitfield  
Valley Veiv  
Ratcliffe Road  
Haydon Bridge*

## LANGLEY W.I.

Langley W.I. joined Wittonstall W.I. for an evening outing to Ladycross Quarry Nature Reserve near Slaley.

We were very fortunate with the weather and in being shown around the reserve by its enthusiastic and knowledgeable owner, Colin Jewitt. His motto for the reserve is "*Working with people for nature*" and this proved very true.

On a hill-top, the reserve has been developed in conjunction with the Ladycross Quarry and had extensive views over the surrounding countryside.

Unlike other quarries, Ladycross is worked by hand. Consequently there is no heavy machinery or dynamiting to disturb the wide variety of birds and wild-life which can happily co-exist here. The wealth of flowers was impressive especially the Wild Orchids. We especially admired a stone circle which has been set up and a handsome five-sided stone seat which served as a magnificent view-point.

It was obvious that the area is being constantly and meaningfully developed. What we found was a wonderful oasis of peace.

After the visit we all had dinner at the 'Rose & Crown' in Slaley. A thoroughly enjoyable meal ending a great evening.

## OVER 60's CLUB

Members wished Lily Pickering a very *Happy Birthday* and sang their good wishes.

The outing this year is a Mystery Tour arranged by Mrs Sparke. The Tray Raffle for next month was announced -- Mrs Bottomley, Benson, Lockhart, Routledge and Stewart.

After the business meeting a delightful evening was spent watching Pauline Tulip demonstrating flower arranging.

Five beautiful arrangements were completed and added to the Tray raffle much to everyone's pleasure.

Mrs Tulip is an interesting speaker and a joy to watch.

The speaker at the July meeting will be Mrs Pat Ross and her subject "Christening Gowns"

New members will be warmly welcomed.

*Myra Bowen*



## NATURAL REMEDIES FOR A HEALTHY BODY

**Waterworks problems.**

Problems with the urinary system can occur for several reasons: infection, stress, hormonal imbalance, lack of muscle tone and, in men, *prostate* malfunction.

For *cystitis* many of our customers swear by *Cranberry* as it helps to flush bacteria out of the body by preventing bacteria from sticking to the wall of the bladder. Cranberry capsules are popular with people who don't like the taste of the juice or who need a stronger dose.

Some people prefer to use herbs such as *Uva Ursi* or *Ju-niper* capsules which both have anti-bacterial, and diuretic properties and are reported to be soothing for the pain of *cystitis*. The delicious drink *Aqua Libra* is also helpful for the pain of this condition because it helps to turn urine alkaline in order to restore the acid / alkaline balance in the body.

*Horsetail* is a herb which both men and women have found to be helpful for strengthening the bladder muscle where incontinence occurs. Exercises for the pelvic floor can often be helpful for maintaining control of bladder function.

The *Saw Palmetto* berries are a favourite with men suffering from infections or hormone imbalances. A large amount of *Zinc* is found in the prostate, often they find

taking a high dose of *Zinc* has a normalising effect on the gland.

Homeopathic remedies that may help with waterwork problems are *Belladonna* - when urination is painful or difficult ; the pressure may cause some involuntary passing of urine when standing or moving around.

*Apis Mel* - where there is inflammation, or a frequent desire to pass water, and passing water causes stinging and burning.

*Pulsatilla* - often reported to be helpful where there is a frequent urge to pass water and slight incontinence may be caused by coughing, laughing or sneezing.

The homeopathic remedies *Belladonna* and *Sepia* are sometimes recommended for children suffering from bed-wetting.

Any unexplained or prolonged urinary problems, including fluid retention should always be treated by a professional practitioner.

**Important:** Pregnant ladies, anyone under medical supervision, or taking prescription drugs should always consult their doctor before taking complementary medicines.

*Jill I. Henderson.*

*Holland and Barrett. (Hexham).*

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**DANCE CLUB NEWS,**

The Fancy Dress Competition, with the hall decorated with bunting and balloons by Iris, Dora and Margaret went down well with seventeen entries. The men were a bit shy in entering,

The winners were: 1st, Connie Cleminson; 2nd, Audrey Phillips; 3rd, Sheila Rutherford with Runners Up, Evelyn Currah and John Graham.

The judges, Sylvia and Mitch, had no easy task. After judging and seeing our dances and hearing the music Sylvia could get hooked. Birthdays missed out were; one of our tea girls Doreen, Connie and Ron. *Happy belated Birthday* to you.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July is the date fixed for our trip to Throckley.

Josie had a bit of a scare recently which meant an overnight stay in hospital. George says she feeling much better now. Get well soon Josie,

It is now 20 years since my late wife and I first became involved in the Dance Club. Since then I, we, have made many friends, who have been a great support to me and helped me over these last few months.

*Thanks folks.*

I would like to move to or near Haydon Bridge if a bungalow or a flat becomes available. Travelling, in the winter, can be difficult on the odd occasion which means the dance being cancelled.

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**Queen for a Night.**

When Jim Biggs asked Mitch and myself to judge the Haydon Bridge Dance Club's Golden Jubilee Fancy Dress Competition, we felt extremely honoured and slightly nervous, but excited at the thought of the fun evening ahead.

Accompanying us to the event was our friend Edmund Charlton, an accomplished dancer himself, and my immediate thoughts were that perhaps he might consider whisking me around the dance floor. I have always had a secret desire to learn to dance. *No! I don't mean the Boogie-on-Down type of dancing, more your waltzing around romantic scenario.*

We arrived at the hall about eight in the evening, and were pleased to see many old friends gathered there. The dancing was well under way and everyone was *'tripping the light fantastic'* with wonderful enthusiasm and aplomb. It was lovely to see everyone gliding around the floor and having a real good time. Mitch joined in the festivities by dressing up as Elvis, or was it Roy Orbison? He really looked like an ageing 'Rocker'.

At the interval everyone enjoyed tucking into a real tasty supper, with plenty of it. Then it was time to judge the Fancy Dress, a daunting task indeed, as there were so many great costumes and inventive ideas to consider. *How does one make the decision when everyone looked like a winner to us?* Finally, after much soul searching we awarded the prizes.

*First prize* was awarded to Connie Cleminson who dressed up as *'Queen For A Day'* Connie had designed and made a wonderful crown and with her other accessories was a real, 'royal' winner.

In *second place* came Audrey Phillips who got behind the England football team with her red white and blue football outfit. **Howay the Lads!**

*Third place* had to go to Sheila Rutherford for her zany hairpiece and colourful rig out as the *Lilibet Tart*.

*Runners up* were Evelyn Currah and John Graham.

After the judging the competition, the dancing began again. Edmund asked me to partner him and we took to the floor. I knew immediately that I needed to come on a regular basis, if I was to master the movements of those wonderful dance sequences. Then perhaps I could be as graceful and confident as all those charismatic couples gliding effortlessly passed me around the room.

The Club meet every Monday at the Community Centre and warmly welcome new members.

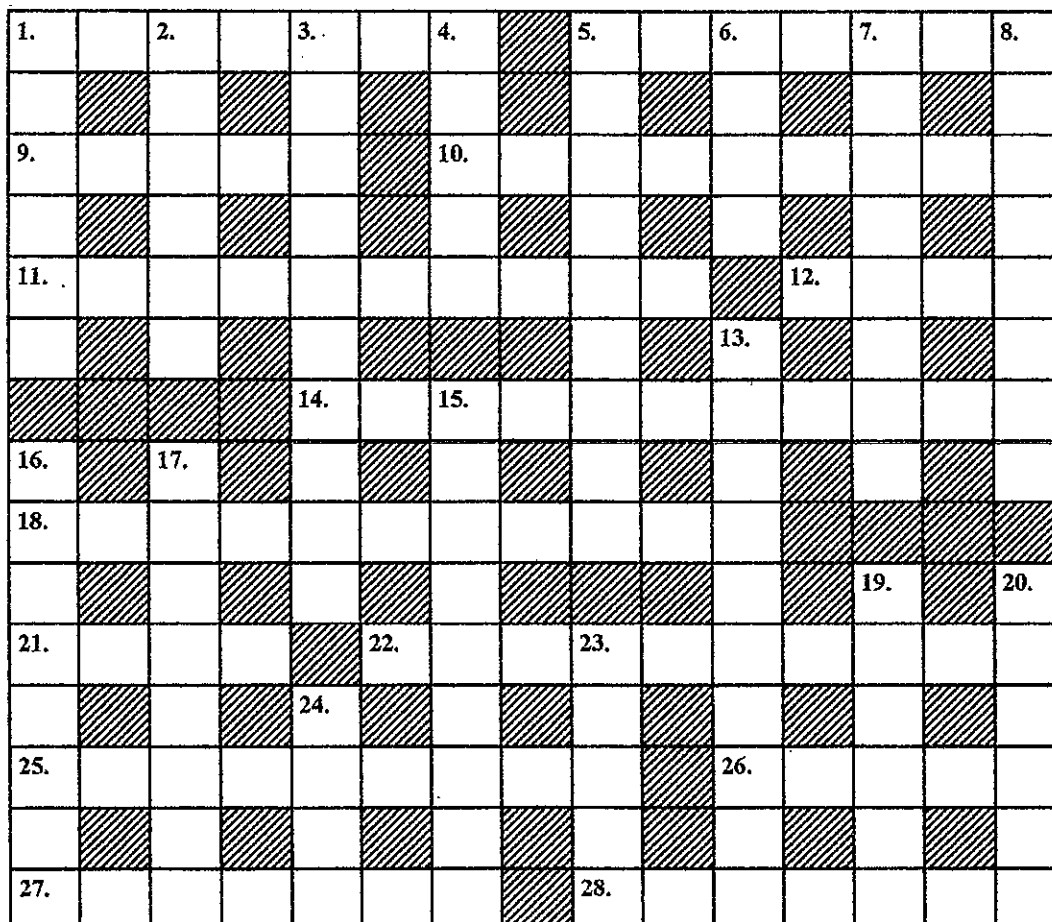
*Sylvia Mitchell*

## The £10 Crossword

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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Entries to be received by the Editor on or before MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2002.**Best of luck**

Please hand in your entry to:

any of the businesses indicated at the top of Page 2

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

**ACROSS**

1. Hubert initially rests in humorous writer. (7)
5. Burke's younger partner? (7)
9. Famously embrace sculptor. (5)
10. Artist enforces the law. (9)
11. Free spirit sank in North Sea. (10)
12. Smudge. (4)
14. Close call. (11)
18. Expected action against secret service dept. (11)
21. Hitched a lift with artist. (4)
22. Concludes. (4,6)
25. Royally seated. (9)
26. Supplied by religion according to Lenin. (5)
27. New recruits. (7)
28. Hook billed birds. (7)

**DOWN**

1. Artist, woodworker. (6)
2. e.g. Give the latest news. (6)
3. For which Dorritt suffered. (10)
4. Horse or bike. (5)
5. Anteater feature. (4,5)
6. With Harold created Sissinghurst garden. (4)
7. French writer in Saudi isle. (8)
8. Valley town noted for choir. (8)
13. May follow controversial 22. (4,6)
15. The enemy. (9)
16. Artist in Earls den. (8)
17. Dagger. (8)
19. See 20
- 20 & 19. With some back create artist. (6,6)
23. May be taken by 15. (5)
24. Ride three? (4)

Solution to Crossword number 21 will be found on page 16.

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*Solution to crossword (21)*

*ENTRIES were received from:*

*Rosemary Shout  
Brian Pearson  
A. M. Scott  
Mrs Rene Armstrong  
Dennis Telford*

*Amazingly,  
not one person  
correctly completed  
the puzzle.*

**TINY TOTS**

*From Birth to 3 years.*

The sessions, run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9.15 to 11.15 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

Gina Davidson on: **01 434 684 918** or call in at one of the sessions.

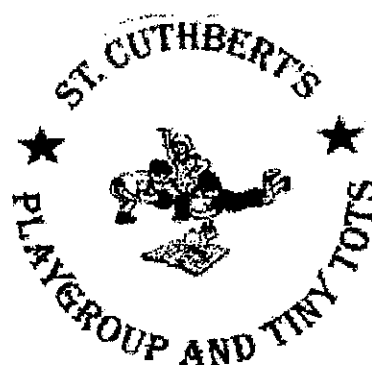
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*(The General Public is welcome at the first part of every meeting.)*  
Any items for discussion must be notified in writing to the Chairman one week in advance of the meeting so that Committee members can be advised, enabling worthwhile discussion to take place. The Chairman will then advise the person concerned of the right to attend.

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**DEADLINE:** All contributions to the *Haydon News* to reach the Editor no later than Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2002.

*The Scottish Island Peaks Yacht Race Revisited*

Just imagine.... It's mid-May off the West Coast of Scotland. Early Spring sunshine. Glorious scenery. A weekend sailing between Islands, climbing well-known peaks as you go.....

Sounds wonderful. I had just such an experience in May 1999, accompanied by fellow "Northumberland Fell Runners" members Garry Owens as running companion and Matt Simms as one of the three sailors in the team of five. Fond memories often reminisced about.

On that occasion our boat was a 26-foot aluminium racing yacht "Tumbling Dice", stripped of all creature comforts to minimise weight, and altogether rather cramped and uncomfortable. But nevertheless a truly memorable experience.

In the three years since, I have often thought how nice it would be to do it all over again. Particularly if the boat could be a little more conducive to recovering after the runs, such as some sanitary or washing provision, a means of sleeping that did not involve damp sleeping bags spread over bags of wet sails, a half deflated dinghy and plastic crates of equipment and provisions. And an interior which did not have an infinite number of aluminium corners and edges on which to bang your head, shins, elbows, etc every time the boat changed tack. And then of course there was the condensation dripping from the aluminium hull. As I creep ever closer to my 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday, I wonder whether the chance of taking part once more may have passed me by.

I am no computer buff, and someone once said to me that it was surprising what fun you could have with the Internet. I listened politely as thoughts of "how sad" and "you really must get out more" came to mind.

Time moves on and Northumberland Fell Runners now has an e-mail group, which enables members to keep in touch with each other, arrange race trips etc and it has proved a great success. I am a regular user and am reluctantly, gradually having to accept that my friend perhaps wasn't quite so sad after all. But could I really have imagined what would follow from it?

Checking on to the e-group one day, a brand new member, Paul Hainsworth, had been dropped in it by his running companion and was desperately seeking a last minute replacement for the Scottish Island Peaks Race. Four weeks to go. I hadn't met Paul, but he had just completed this

year's London Marathon in 3.02 and was therefore clearly pretty fit. I doubt very much whether I could have achieved that. Still, I knew I could do the race and the chance that I doubted would ever arise again was too good to pass. I responded immediately and must have been the only one as Paul agreed that I could join the team. My mind started to dream about the scenery, the mountains, the sunshine and what the boat would be like.....

It was about a week later when he dropped the bomb-shell. There are usually about fifty boats in the race each year. The smallest is about 24 feet and the longest around 50 feet. Our boat is ..... "Tumbling Dice"!!!

Matt is not one of our crew this time but is also taking part as one of the sailors on a 24 footer, skippered by a long-time competitor of our skipper Tony Van Hee.

The race itself is very much a joint effort between the sailors and the runners. It starts at 12.00 noon at Oban yacht club with a modest 5 mile run of about 400 feet of ascent designed to provide a stagger to the yachts leaving the harbour. The first sail is to Salen on Mull where the runners run approximately 23 miles with 3,300 feet of ascent up Ben More. This is followed by a sail to Craighouse on Jura where the run is about 17 miles with 5,000 feet of ascent up the three Paps of Jura. The next sail is a bit further and the most hazardous, around the Mull of Kintyre to Arran, where the run is around 20 miles and 3,200 feet from Lamash to the summit of Goat Fell. The race finishes with a sail from Arran to Troon.

The total sailing is approximately 160 nautical miles and the running, approximately 65 miles with 11,900 feet of total ascent.....with a rucksack of compulsory equipment, including sleeping bag, survival bag, extra clothing, emergency food, drinks, headtorch etc.

The race duration very much depends upon prevailing conditions and can vary from around 40 hours for the fast boats with good runners, up to 72 hours for the slower cruisers.

Matt and I travelled up to Troon by car then by train to Glasgow, where we met up with Paul, and on by train to Oban. Registration and race headquarters is at Mac-Tavishes Kitchen on the promenade.

We check weather forecasts and the number of entries, 50, and decide on the approach to the Oban run. It is a tricky balance between maintaining a position fairly high up the field, to give an clean start for the sailing, and going off too fast in advance of the 23 miles that lie ahead on Mull.

The route is an attractive multi terrain course, which starts at the yacht club and leaves Oban southerly rising by road then over tracks and fields. A stiff but fairly short climb at the halfway point takes you on to the cliff tops and the route then undulates northwards through tussocky grass before descending down a wooded gorge to



the coastal road and back to the yacht Club. We arrive back in just under 34 minutes.

Aidan was the unlucky sailor designated as the dinghy rower throughout and he was waiting exactly where we had planned as we arrived back in around 15<sup>th</sup> position. Skilled sailing by Tony and Angus whipped us away quickly and we left the start in 5<sup>th</sup> place with the added benefit of clean winds.

Brisk south-easterlies meant that we arrived at Mull much more quickly than we had hoped. The sail was only 2 hours 50 minutes. 23 miles and 3,300 feet awaited.

The first 5 miles or so are on road from Salen to Knock and then around 2½ miles of track along Loch Ba to the first checkpoint. We counted the clips and we were 6<sup>th</sup>. The route then turns right up Glen Clachaig, which in its early stages is quite gradual but becomes boggier and then steeper. We traversed below A Chioch and onto the ridge up to the summit checkpoint. The views were magnificent in all directions although conditions were very windy.

The third checkpoint involves dropping off the summit northwards to a stream head, climbing back up over a crest and then a long traverse over rough and wet ground to the fourth checkpoint on the shoulder between A Chioch and Bienn Fhada. The descent from there back down the other side of Glen Clachaig is steep and then very tussocky making quick progress difficult. The final checkpoint is the same as the first after which you retrace your route back to Salen. By the time we arrived back it was no longer possible to assess positions but we thought that we had slipped two or three places on the mountain. Our time was 5.09.

Aidan was again waiting in the dinghy and Tony was keen to make a flying pickup by sailing past as we rowed. Paul was able grab the boat but instead of pulling us alongside the force simply pulled him out of the dinghy, to form a human bridge with his hands on the boat rail and his toes on the dinghy! It all looked a bit too painful at the end of 23 miles but he managed to haul himself on board without getting too wet or injured and we were able to think about food and some recovery. Its 8.45pm and 28 miles and around 3,700 feet are behind us.

The sail to Jura was rough and fast. Because of the wind direction our tack changed frequently and we seemed to spend the whole journey at a 45 degree angle one way or the other. We managed some food but attempts to sleep were in vain. At one point Paul was hit in the stomach by a flying pressure cooker half full of pasta and that helped us appreciate the real and unforeseen dangers of the whole situation!! Angus, one of our sailors, is an anaesthetist but I didn't think putting someone to sleep with a flying pressure cooker was a recognised technique. Perhaps a last-resort trick of the trade!

We arrived at Jura at 6.21am. Just over 9 hours of recovery time. We feared that it may not be enough. Conditions were appalling. Wind, rain and cloud cover at around 400 feet.

The first 1½ miles are on the coastal road and then about 3½ miles across rugged and rocky fell to the first Pap, Bienn Chao-lais. The route takes the right ridge path where two or three

other teams could be seen on the approach and lower slopes below the mist. We battled our way to the top where it was windier than the AGM of the Baked Beans Appreciation Society. For those who have been in the Scouts they will know that force 8 blows the clothes off the washing line and that force 9 blows away the washing line. This must have been a 10! We could barely stand up and descended as quickly as we could to the second checkpoint in the valley.

By now I was in the early stages of hypothermia and couldn't stop shivering. The only kit items that I wasn't wearing were my sleeping bag and survival bag and if I'd thought I could run in them I'd have worn them too. We concentrated on taking in food and fluids whilst we were at a lower level and then set off up Beinn an Oir, hoping that the extra effort of ascending would generate heat to take away the shivering.

### TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

### FOOTNOTE

*I am Treasurer and Membership Secretary of the Northumberland Fell Runners (NFR), which has a membership of around 80 keen fell runners of very mixed abilities and ages from 20's to over 60's. Many are in the Haydon Bridge / Hexham / Tyne and Allen valley areas. There are more than 1,000 races throughout the year ranging from 1.5 miles to well over 20 miles in some beautiful locations.*

*At least 30 of these are in Northumberland, Durham, North Yorkshire or the Borders and a couple of hundred more in the Lake District within a couple of hours drive.*

*It definitely is not necessary to be a superstar to take part and appreciate the beauty of the scenery and the locations; a love of the outdoors and a reasonable level of physical fitness is sufficient for most. The sport generally has more participants aged over 40 than under it.*

*Membership of NFR costs only £5 per year and is very informal. There is no pressure to compete in races if anyone doesn't want to.*

*If you are interested in joining or would like further information please contact:*

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**Haydon Bridge**

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**Or davidarmstrong@tinyworld.co.uk**

## CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

### CHURCH PAGE

#### CLERGY MESSAGE

Father Leo Pyle

#### *The Queen's Golden Jubilee*

It is an honour and a pleasure to congratulate Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee. It is an honour to express the great loyalty and gratitude we feel for the Queen's unstinting and selfless service to our nation as she celebrates the fiftieth year of her reign.

One of the lasting images for me is of Her Majesty at her desk with the red boxes of state, reading and signing document after document. Countless papers! She has been doing this for fifty years. This image typifies for me all the other facets of fifty years of dedication and commitment.

So thanksgiving must be the keynote in our Jubilee Prayer. And we can be sure that our prayer of thanks joins the prayer of Christian subjects and non-Christian subjects across the world, and especially across the Commonwealth. We simply want to say thanks to God for the many blessings of Her Majesty the Queen's fifty year reign.

In those fifty years our country, our churches have experienced unparalleled and sometimes turbulent change. We have seen a greater openness to other faiths. We have received a spirit of ecumenical dialogue. We have been pleased to be part of all this.

We are all conscience of the role the Queen has played in a half century of unprecedented social upheaval and technological change to maintain constitutional and democratic stability in Britain and elsewhere in the Commonwealth. We can but commend our Queen's unwavering

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#### **CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE**

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and steadfast commitment to our shared Christian Faith, to the unity of the Church and to the values of truth, justice and tolerance.

We believe these values must underpin and inform our dealings with each other in business, in politics, in society and, most fundamentally, in our personal relationships and in our families.

We will continue to work out as leaven in our community and we will do all we can to represent the truths of the Gospel as a moral basis for living. We will continue to challenge society to reflect more deeply about the sanctity of life and the fundamental importance of basic human rights. In our parishes, our schools and our communities, we will strive to reach out to all, and especially the poor, the isolated and the disadvantaged.

So Queen Elizabeth II, the great survivor, has been Britain's Monarch for fifty years, doing the same job with the same unblinking dedication to duty, despite changing times and attitudes.

Our final word is, God bless her.

God save the Queen.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday July 7th

10.00am Mrs Barbara Rowarth  
6.00pm Father Leo Pyle

### Sunday July 14th

10.00am Mr David Matthews  
(Family Service)  
6.00pm Mrs Margaret Weatherson

### Sunday July 21st

10.00am Rev David Hasson  
(Holy Communion)  
6.00pm Readers Service

### Sunday July 28th

10.00am UF at St Cuthberts  
6.00pm Mrs J Histon

### Sunday August 4th

10.00am Mrs Valerie Anthony  
6.00pm Mr Ridley Reay

## Letter from the vicar about the Appeal

Dear friends

We at St Cuthbert's are very grateful for the good response to the initial appeal for the renovation work to be done at the church. We have already received actual gifts and promises of over £15,000. Thank you very much.

People have asked whether it's possible to give a monthly amount, rather than a lump sum. It certainly is! You can give a cheque each month in one of the special envelopes; if you pay tax, that can be Gift-Aided, so we can reclaim the Income Tax. Or you can organize a Standing Order at the bank; Mrs Joyce Armstrong our treasurer can give details of the special bank account for the Appeal. Her phone number is: 01 434 684 094

Once again, many thanks.

### Vincent Ashwin.

Angela Ashwin is being installed as a Lay Canon at Newcastle Cathedral on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is in recognition of her work as an author and lecturer, and membership of the Church of England Liturgical Commission. As far as we know, this is the first case of husband and wife both being Canons!

## CALENDAR FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Summer Fete

July 7<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30am All-Age Service of the Word  
6.00pm Evensong, Haydon Old Church

July 14<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion, Sermon  
6.30pm Deanery Evensong, Hexham.

July 21<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.30am Service of the Word (L Gray)

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.00am Holiday Club begins.  
7.30pm Angela Ashwin installed as a lay Canon at the Cathedral.

Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>

2.00 Mothers' Union to Hexham Abbey

July 28<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Parish Communion (See below)

August 4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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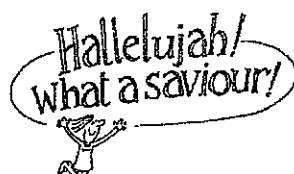
## SERVICES AT BELTINGHAM / HENSHAW

July 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Henshaw 'Order 2'  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 09.00 Beltingham 'Order 1'  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 Beltingham 'Order 1'  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Henshaw Mattins  
Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00 Henshaw 'Order 2'

St Cuthberts will be discussing again soon the possibility of leaving St Cuthbert's open for prayer and reflection during daylight hours. I know that many people pray, though they don't often come to services. Leaving St Cuthbert's open in the day-time might help. Let us know what you think; write to the Haydon News, or contact us direct.

PS Many thanks for your good wishes during my illness. The concern of folks in the village has been most moving. I should be back to full-time work by the end of July.

Vincent Ashwin..



## SERVICES AT ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass at 11.00am at Haltwhistle each Sunday

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at 10.00am, either at St John's or at Haltwhistle

## From the Editor

Next month can you send items to, David Hasson for inclusion in this page. Letters and stories about church life are very welcome and can be phoned in, sent by post or even e-mailed to:- [RevHasson@aol.com](mailto:RevHasson@aol.com).

I look forward to receiving your article by 20 July.



**The Holiday Club** will meet again this year for the first week of the school holidays. There will be a variety of things to do for the different age ranges and we hope that it will be as successful as previous years. It will end with a service on the Sunday morning, July 28<sup>th</sup>. At the time of going to press, it is not clear where this will be.

## Youth Clubs

Meets

Fortnightly on Mondays for 11-13 year olds in the Methodist Church  
Fortnightly on Fridays for 5-11 year olds in the Methodist Church  
Weekly on Thursdays for 13-16 year olds in the Community Centre.

We are keen to have new volunteers for the Monday and the Friday to enable these two clubs to re-open in September after the Summer break. An overall leader is required for the Friday Club as Kathleen Armstrong is retiring. Our thanks go to her for all the work she has done over the years. Please contact one of the clergy if you feel you can help at either of these clubs. The need is **URGENT**.

### HISSING DOWN IN FLAMING JUNE 'DELPHI' or '42'?

Many years ago there was an American cop series starring, I think, Leslie Neilson (of Naked Gun fame) in which the central two detective characters would regularly attend a sidewalk shoeshine. The shoeshine's special role in the series was an ability to answer any question, whether to do with the case being investigated or deep philosophical issues such as *'the meaning of life, the universe and everything'*. The answer to the latter question is, famously, '42', after the wonderful Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

In ancient times the Oracle at Delphi was consulted on difficult questions of state. The Oracle, a woman, sat on a tripod in an underground cell, chewing laurel leaves, providing answers to the questions but always in an impenetrably ambiguous form of words or sounds that were interpreted by her attendants.

So it is, with the highest hopes of further cosmic enlightenment, that I periodically attend the Haydon Bridge Salon for shearing. Wreathed in the steamy, sweetly perfumed vapours the Salon's Vestals float serenely about in their robes of office to weave their cunning magic with comb and scissors whilst speaking of marvels and mysteries known only to them. I cannot say with certainty what herbs might be involved.

Catching up on the local reputations that have been made or lost lately is always a treat. Sometimes a visitor adds a pleasing twist to the conversation and so it was on my last visit. Learning that she hailed from Tunbridge Wells, that town renowned for *'disgusted'* correspondents, I enquired whether the place was truly overrun with blue-rinsed matrons and apoplectic retired Colonels. "Yes", she replied, *"there are still a number of crustaceans in evidence in the town"*. What a lovely image of Tunbridge Wells High Street that conjures up...

### CHILDHOOD ECZEMA

At least ten per cent of children are affected by eczema. It is a complicated condition the cause of which is not yet fully understood. It can range from small areas of inflamed skin with flaking in the elbow and knee creases to a total body surface inflammation with a severe upset to general health. Itching and scratching can be major problems. Infection in the scratch damaged skin is common and can itself cause further itching, with further damage, with further itching and so on and on and on... Treatment can range from doing nothing to frequent hospital admissions and the use of very toxic medication.

Genetics has a part to play, so, as ever – choose your parents carefully. There is a close association with *asthma, hayfever and rhinitis* (drippy, sniffy nose)

Eczema is an increasing problem. The possible reasons behind this include: increasing air pollution, smaller families, fewer infections, more pets, higher maternal age, wider range of foods, clothing types and hygiene products – especially perfumed and coloured ones. A particularly important factor is sensitivity to house dust mite (*Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus*, *HDM*). Everyone's house, without exception, is absolutely heaving with HDM but there are steps that can be taken to lessen the load, we have leaflets describing how in the health centre. Pollen and animal dander can also be a substantial problem. Fewer than one in ten eczema sufferers have true food allergy even if some food stuffs are associated with noticeable worsening of the condition.

The psychological impact should not be underestimated, on either the child or its carers. Constant medication and dressings, persistent severe symptoms and limitation of activities can be very upsetting for all concerned. The child may think it is unattractive or may use the condition to try to control parents or may resent and avoid close contact because of the discomfort and itching involved, leading to problems with bonding to parents.

Woollen garments and some artificial fibres may irritate. Cotton and cotton mixtures may be better. Soap, detergent, bubble bath, perfume and fabric softeners may be troublesome to some.

Eczema has many causes, many treatments and can MOSTLY be controlled. Cure is not a word that should be employed with eczema. Clear cut reasons for its presence and episodes of worsening may not be identifiable.

Constant moisturising is needed. A huge number of products are avail-

able and can be tried in rotation. Severe flare ups can be treated with wet dressings that can be applied in hospital at first and then at home when parents feel they can cope. Avoiding things that are known to worsen the problem is obvious. Steroid creams, not ointments, often help a lot. Antiseptics in baths may help. Very severely affected children may need specialist help with drugs that adjust the function of the immune system. Sedating antihistamines, such as *Piriton*, may help achieve quiet nights.

The RVI in Newcastle has a dedicated nurse run clinic for eczema sufferers. They are very eager to contribute at any time.

Additional help can be found on:

[www.eczema.org](http://www.eczema.org) The National Eczema Society.

[www.eczemavoice.com](http://www.eczemavoice.com) Eczema Voice.

[www.talkeczema.com](http://www.talkeczema.com) Talk Eczema.

[www.babyworld.co.uk](http://www.babyworld.co.uk) Babyworld – not just about eczema.

### FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

A Mediterranean style diet is widely recommended these days, combining as it does so many dietary virtues with simplicity and attractiveness to the palate.

How appropriate then that we should, purely in the interests of good dietary habits you understand, choose an Italian for a night out. After the customary *'I haven't got a thing to wear'* and *'who's nicked me tights'* moments, the distaff side made a grand entrance down the stairs in a new slinky little black number.

*'Feel the quality...'* she commanded. Naturally, I did as I was bid.

*'No! The dress...'* she remonstrated, as she disengaged from my appreciative grasp.

The meal was excellent, hardly a caloric in sight. We were all much relieved to find that the *'Chicken Siciliano'* did not feature a horse's head garnish.

Now! There are some excellent chefs in Haydon Bridge too, whose skills are going to waste because so few people are having *'Meals on Wheels'*. This is a dreadful shame. Please can we have nominations for more people to receive this service. People who have difficulty preparing food for themselves, especially the actual cooking of it, or who have problems arranging a balanced and varied diet, are the sorts of people who will be well suited by the service.

Please submit names as soon as possible to the Health Centre, we will pass them on.

### WRINKLES? WHAT WRINKLES?

*'But Dahling...all the very best people are having Botox now!'*

Injecting a lethal bacterial toxin does not immediately strike one as a prudent thing to do, particularly when the intention is to temporarily lessen the normal signs of ageing. Parts of the UK are now starting to resemble California, not necessarily a desirable thing. Women sporting a goatee, on the other hand, may be guilty of one too many face lifts – *you pays yer money...*

The *Botox* paralyses the muscles into which it is injected, the effect lasting a variable number of weeks. Wrinkles, however, are far from the only or the most important condition in which excessive muscular contraction is the main problem.

Lately, I have come across a new use for *Botox* that holds much promise. Some poor souls have very severe and painful anal conditions such as piles and fissures (skin splits) in which the main cause of the pain is intense spasm of the anal sphincter muscle. One approach to this is an anal stretch, which does exactly what it says on the tin. The procedure is so mind meltingly painful that, a very long time ago, it used to be used as a means of resuscitating the drowned and otherwise nearly dead. These days a general anaesthetic is used. Having performed a number of these procedures in an earlier existence I find I cannot easily suppress a mild grimace of recognition when someone lightly employs the term *'tight-arsed'*.

Injecting Botox into the anal sphincter muscle achieves the same result with much less trauma and so much less effort on the part of the surgeon. One of the surgeons in Newcastle is employing this technique and it is to him that I am referring suitable patients. No more wrinkles then – but who's to know?

*Steve Ford.*

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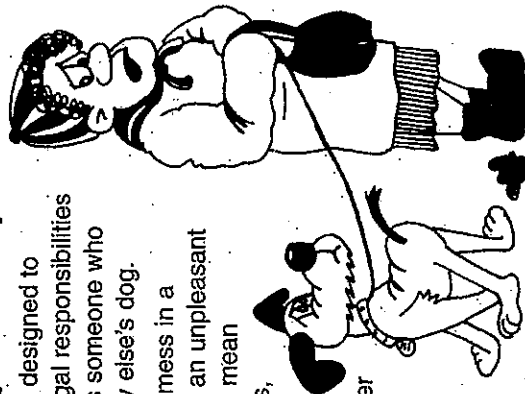
e-mail: GeneralHavelock@aol.com

## It's Your Responsibility

This leaflet has been designed to inform you of your legal responsibilities as a dog owner or as someone who looks after somebody else's dog.

Allowing your dog to mess in a public area produces an unpleasant environment and can mean health risks for others, particularly children.

Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your pet.



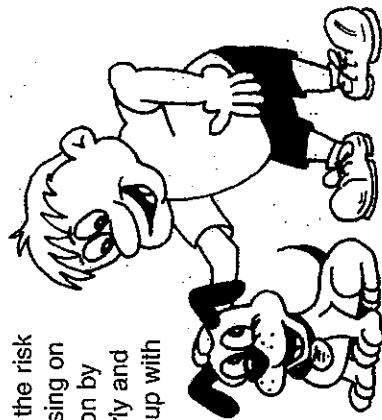
## About Toxocara

Toxocara is a roundworm which lives in a dog's intestines. This worm lays eggs which are passed with the dogs faeces. Rain washes the eggs from the faeces into the soil.

The eggs can live in the soil for up to two years, and can infect children if they get the soil into their mouth. Toxocara eggs hatch in the stomach and can cause blindness, eye infections, epilepsy and asthma.

At any time it is estimated that 1 in 5 dogs carry the worms.

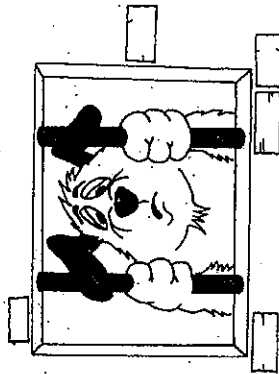
You can reduce the risk of your dog passing on Toxocara infection by worming regularly and always clearing up with a poop scoop.



Anyone in charge of a dog which is in a public place must ensure that the dog is wearing a collar, and that the collar is fitted with a badge or tag which is engraved with the owner's name and address.

If you are convicted of an offence under this provision you can be fined up to £5,000.

*Between 1993 and 1996, Tynedale Council prosecuted 30 people for this offence.*



Tynedale Council are required to seize any unaccompanied dog found in a public place. If we seize your dog it will be taken to:

**Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter**  
**Claremont Road**  
**Newcastle upon Tyne**  
**Tel: 0191 232 2878**

You can reclaim your dog from the shelter during normal office hours after paying:

**£25 Statutory release fee; plus,**  
**£4.50 per day kennelling fee; plus,**  
**£??? Vet's bill, if treatment was needed**

If you have any queries or can help the Council identify offenders, please call in confidence.

*Environmental Health Section*

**Housing and Environmental Services Dept.**  
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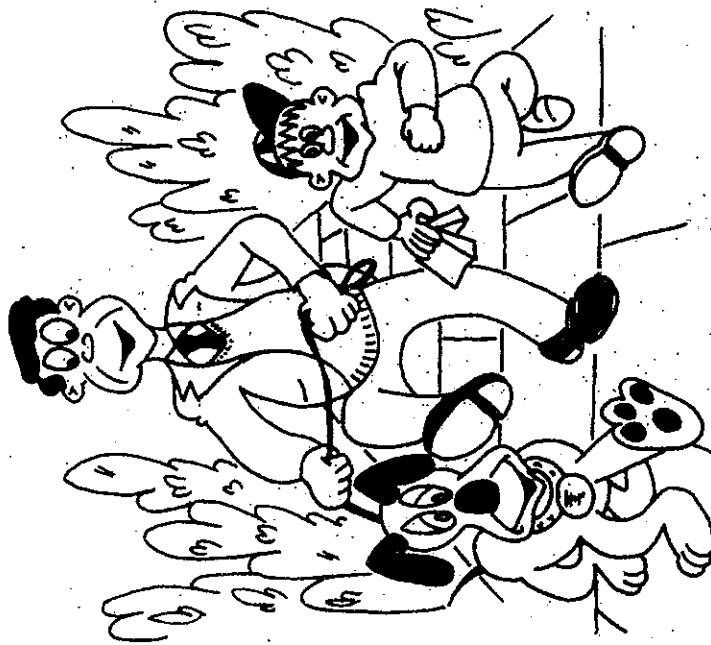


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# Your Dog and the Law

or

*"this is another fine mess you've gotten me into!"*



*Environmental Health Section*

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## Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

This act applies in the entire Tynedale district, with some minor exceptions.

### What does the Act say?

*"You must pick up straight away any faeces left by your dog in an area to which the Act applies."*

### Where does the Act apply?

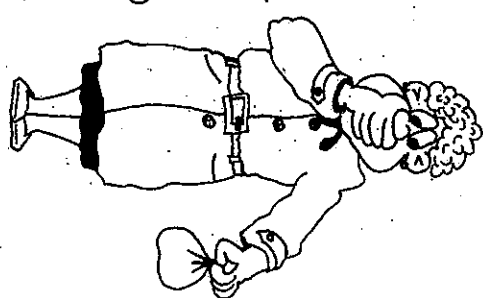
Generally to land in the open air to which the public has access:  
by right,  
or with the owner's permission,  
or by payment.

### Where it doesn't apply

- Land used for agriculture
- Land used for forestry
- Marshland
- Moorland
- Heathland
- Certain rural commons
- Roads with a speed limit of over 40mph and verges running alongside these roads.

## How can I dispose of the dog's mess?

The bins provided in certain areas under the previous Byelaws will still be emptied. You can also use ordinary litter bins or your dustbin at home, provided the faeces is in a properly sealed container, eg. a tied plastic bag.



### Remember

It is your responsibility as the person in charge of a dog to make sure a fouling offence doesn't happen. It is not a defence to say:

*"I was looking the other way"*

*and didn't see it"*

*"I didn't have a poop-scoop"*

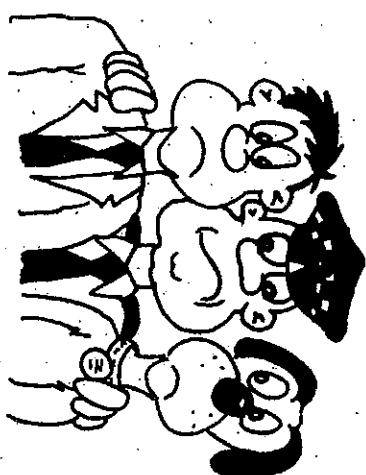
*"The dog got out of the house so how can I be expected to know what it's done"*

OR

*"It's not my dog, I'm walking it for a friend"*  
The maximum fine is £1,000



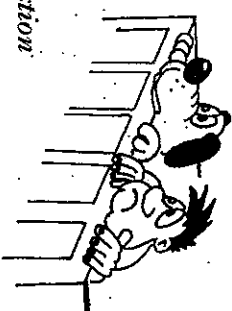
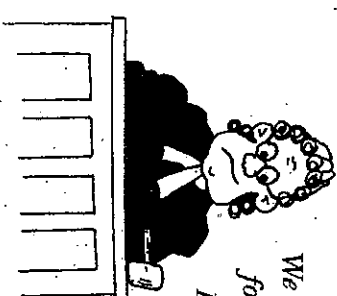
## Will I ever be caught?



## Yes!

Fellow users of footpaths, parks, open spaces and countryside are becoming less willing to tolerate the nuisance caused by a few irresponsible dog owners. More and more people are complaining to the Council about dog fouling and expecting us to do something about it. They are becoming more willing to tell us whose dog is leaving the mess and when it is happening, making it much easier for us to catch offenders.

*We actively enforce the fouling laws and have prosecuted five people per year in recent years.*



*We expect this figure to rise after the introduction of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act.*