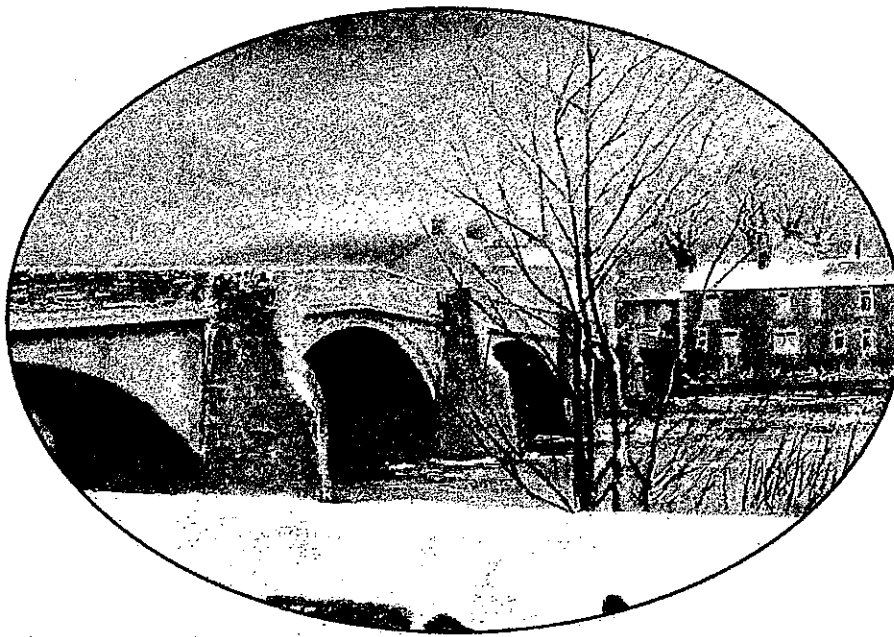


The Haydon News



'The Old Bridge in Winter'

by Tony Petts



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Retirement of Revd Cannon Vincent Ashwin

A "Songs of Praise" service will be held in St Cuthbert's Church on 11th January at 6.00pm to which everyone is invited, followed by food and drinks served in the Church Hall. The P.C.C.'s of the Parishes will mark the occasion of Vincent's retirement with a presentation for the tremendous work he has done in the Parishes over the past seven years. The P.C.C.'s would be pleased to receive donations by cash or cheque before 7th January, made out to St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge P.C.C. and handed to P.C.C. Treasurers and Wardens or at Bardon Mill Post Office or Clarke's Newsagents Haydon Bridge.

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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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A FOND FAREWELL

As many of you will know, this is the final edition of the *Haydon News*. Many readers in the 900 or so households in the parish to which it is distributed free each month will miss it, while some may not.

Richard Snowdon, who we have been fortunate enough to have occupying the Editor's chair for the last four-plus years, wishes to relinquish the job. As Chairman of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge', I want to thank him in the warmest appreciation of all the time, effort and ingenuity he has unstintingly and consistently brought to the production of what, in my view, is a quite outstanding village newsletter. He deserves the most sincere appreciation of all of us who have benefited from his work. We wish him very well in future activities.

Unfortunately, volunteers with the levels of dedication, perseverance and skill brought to the Editorship by Richard, and by Mitch before him, are thin on the ground. It may interest you to know that, at a conservative (and, I guess, modest) estimate, Richard reckons to spend 30 or so hours a month (or 10 months each year) on the *Haydon News*. Despite all our efforts to find a successor (and thanks to the *Hexham Courant* for going to bat on our behalf) we have not been able to do so.

In the light of this, the *Haydon News* sadly cannot continue,

EDITORIAL COMMENT

I'd like to thank those who have been very supportive of me over the last four years or so enabling the *Haydon News* to reach the populace, wherever they are, both at home and abroad.

I have come to look upon the *Haydon News* as an integral part of the community even though its content recently has rarely included much in the way of what happens in the parish. It is looked forward to by many and I am sure the *Haydon News* will continue.

Or will it? Plenty of folk have asked me if anyone has come forward but no-one has put their head above the parapet and volunteered. Yet! There is still time.

In some ways another 'chapter' of the *Haydon News* 'book' has come to an end. The eighth as it happens so it may be appropriate to give credit to past Editors who kept it going from its inception in 1979. Yes, that long ago!

So we remember Peter Bradley, Keith Lees, Chris Bulman, Martin Scudamore, Marion Howard, Gina Richardson and, before me, Stan 'Mitch' Mitchell.

The intriguing bit is that the equipment to produce the *Haydon News* is in place at the Community Centre. Coupled with the computer provision there I am sure there must be ways in which groups can utilise these facilities. I have tried to encourage community use but ...!

Let me finish by wishing everyone the best of health, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Au Revoir!

Richard A D Snowdon

and we sign off (with a flourish!) at the end of 2003. It therefore falls to me to thank a lot of people, as follows:

- Our staunch volunteer distributors – they were essential to our efforts
- All our contributors – regular, occasional and "one-off". You can't make bricks, etc.
- Our advertisers – healthy contributors to our production costs, and a stalwart service to our readers
- Haydon Bridge High School for their help in obtaining printing supplies, and for the extremely generous free loan of a collator
- All those Friends who mucked in to do the collation of 900-odd copies each month (often including Richard's long-suffering wife, Pat!)
- John Clarke's and Werner's shops; also the Post Office (latterly the Co-op) for their support
- Finally and obviously, our readers; particularly those who chose to support us by voluntary donation.

I have been proud to be associated with the *Haydon News*. I wish everyone a joyous Festive Season. For the future, who knows? Will the last one out please switch off.....

Charles Thomas

Chairman, The Friends of Haydon Bridge

HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Meeting of 27th November 2003

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

11 Councillors Present. 2 Members of the Public.

Students from Haydon Bridge High School gave a presentation of their *Pipedream Project*. They would like to provide skateboard and cycling facilities for young people, at a cost of £20,000, to be sited on school premises near the weather station. Tynedale Council have promised £5000, as have Northumberland County Council.

The students are consulting the organ-

isers of a similar, though larger Project in Hexham and are planning their own fund raising events. Issues of insurance, maintenance and security were raised.

Although the students will be responsible for running the Project, the school's site management team are very supportive and will be closely involved.

The Parish Council are enthusiastic and have agreed to provide a letter of recommendation for the students to sub-

mit with future grant applications.

Public Participation

Sewage Smells on Church Street. These continue to pose serious problems. Councillor Smith has agreed to follow this through.

Parish Council Minutes.

Work regarding the church clock has been delayed due to the steeplejacks being sent off to Iraq.

An oak tree is to be bought and planted. Bill Tuck had submitted this request before he died.

Councillors Charlton and Fletcher will continue to monitor developments at the picnic area and apply for compensation for loss of amenity in due course if this should prove necessary.

Another volunteer is to be sought to attend to the raising and lowering of the flags.

The burning of the rubbish at the old cemetery proved effective. Mr. Dryden has expressed his thanks to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Johnson presented brochures and price lists for the new church gate.

The Parish Council will pay for the commemorative seat up at Tofts and then seek re-imburement.

Cllr. Charlton will consult with Mr. Bates regarding the land intended for the extension to the cemetery and request it be fenced off until required. Documentation to prove Parish ownership will be shown to the Highways Authority.

The Minutes were approved.

Tynedale Council Minutes.

Councillor Smith reported on how the Council was constituted and its work.

House values in Tynedale have increased by 11% and the need for affordable housing is increasing

Spa Well.

Cllr. Snowdon reported on his discussions with Road Link; the Highways Agency; the Countryside Officer, [who is keen to find alternative means of access to the Spa Well] Peter Combe, Brian Bell, the landowner and the Environment Agency.

The Highways Agency are considering starting work to stabilise the landslide area in two years time funds providing. Meanwhile Brian Bell is willing to discuss the issues with the Parish Council, who will keep pressure on the H.A. to ensure the area is re-instated satisfactorily.

Correspondence.

* The Parish Council have received a letter from Tynedale Council explaining their "affordable housing" policy.

* A letter was also received from the County Council suggesting the PC produce a Parish Plan to use as a basis for future grant applications for development in the village.

* Northumberland County Council are offering to provide a "heritage" bus shelter in the village. While this would be free of charge, future maintenance costs would have to be met from Parish funds. It was proposed that the shelter be erected at the westbound bus stop near the bridge. The PC are to make further enquiries.

Village Projects.

* The council representatives on the John Martin commemoration project committee reported on progress. Their next meeting is on December 9th at 7.30pm.

* Councillor Charlton reported

that the By-pass on the A69 is now out to tender. It was noted that all junctions along the A69 were dangerous.

The Parish Council Accounts were approved.

A.O.B.

* A report was given on the meeting of the Community Council of Northumberland, which is particularly interested in making Broadband more readily available in the area.

* A summary on progress being made on the Shaftoe Green Project noted that present delays were due to negotiations with NCC over the lease. It is hoped these will soon be resolved.

* Cllr. Parkin presented the publicity leaflet produced by the Community Association to promote the use of the Community Centre for approval. It was agreed to meet the cost of publishing the leaflet.

* Cllr. Snowdon presented Councillors with a questionnaire put together by a Year 12 student at the High School wishing to produce a leaflet highlighting Haydon Bridge. The questionnaire to be returned to Cllr. Snowdon who will pass on to the student for further work.

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*Date / Time of next meeting:
18th December 2003 at 7.30pm*

*Venue:
Haydon Bridge Community Centre*

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held on the 4th 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 very welcome at the first part of every meeting. Have your say - *Brickbats and Bouquets!!*

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FRIDAY AFFAIRS & A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

I was saddened by the death of Alan Nichol in September and not just because our village has lost another Newcastle United supporter.

My immediate memories are of many happy Friday nights in the halcyon days of our Working Men's club. The early to middle 60's.

Newly married, but Friday nights were sacrosanct as we gathered to sample Sid and Betty Fothergill's Federation Ale over discussions and arguments about what were to us the important issues of the day. Football of course. Ruminations over the week's village gossip or rumour. The doings or non-doings of the Parish Council and above all, politics. Our seats in the South West corner of the Bar were, "reserved". Not with printed notices, it was just that everyone knew who sat where. I suspect that little has changed in this regard in our community pubs and club 40 years later.

The senior and wise heads of the group as I remember it were Alan, Ronnie Marshall, Dixon Temperley and Lance Spooner. Norman Philipson occasionally joined us as he ventured from his essential post as doorman and Sid always had a view, loudly expressed from behind the bar.

As they passed by, others joined the conversation which became more heated as each pint or half pint was consumed. Sid Thompson and Tot Pickering would stir the embers of a dying argument and then wander off with smiling faces. Jackie Thompson reminded us again (and again and) that, "They cannot play football now like they did when aa was a lad!"

Sid ambled over from the bar leaving his wife Betty and Lily (Pickering) to tend to the male customers, and the ladies buying their Babychams between, "Housey" sessions in the room.

Sid's voice of authority was borne by one with a more worldly knowledge and experience than the humble parishioners of Haydon. After all he had come from the "Toon" (Prudhoe I think) to teach us a thing or two about our new venture - and to be fair, he did

that for a while and the early success of the club was due in no small measure to Sid and Betty's stewardship. Sid's contribution to the discussion would be accepted with good grace and only when he turned to leave us did raised eyebrows provide a furtive indication that bold protestations from an incomer were not wholly appreciated. *Does nothing change??*

Sid returned to the Bar where Horace, a ragged cigarette dangling from his lower lip, determined to give advice in a broad cockney accent to Sammy and Derek who had the Evening Chronicle spread open at the Racing Page. Advice from Horace that went unheeded I might add, the aforementioned couple were well acquainted with the form of horses and jockeys. Having said that, if Ronnie Routledge had been amongst us I'm sure he would have smiled inwardly at the thought of his next pay day!

Cecil Temperley and Jackie Boyd left the Bar in haste. The last, "House" had been called in the Concert Room, Isabel was positioning herself at the organ and the dancing was about to start. Robert Wylie followed and sat just inside the door to keep a close eye on proceedings, his jews-harp tucked into his pocket ready for action in case he was asked to, "Do a turn."

There were others, who shall remain nameless, ready to join Alan, Ronnie, Dixon and Lance in discussion, but at that moment Pat, the Steward's daughter, entered the Men Only Bar and their attention was diverted. Not Jeff, John, Joe, Leonard or myself of course, all having been recently married or betrothed !!!

Don Phillips' raucous laughter rang round the Bar when Tommy embroidered the week's gossip with a bit of his own wisdom, and Gordon - that's Nipper, senior - had the Bar in uproar telling his favourite story about the London club where the doorman insisted on knowing the size of the member before allowing him in.

If I may digress for a while.

Memories of Nipper's favourite story reminds me of a trip to London taken by two of our well known Haydonians many years ago. To preserve their anonymity I'll call them "CC" and

"EC".

When accosted by two 'ladies of the night' while "sightseeing" in Soho, in the interests of research, "EC" enquired as to how much it would cost for one hour of the ladies' company. "£5" was the immediate reply.

The two canny Haydonians, "CC" and "EC" were in accord with their response. "£5 !!!" she must be joking. "We divvn't want te buy it. We just thowt about having the lend of it for a short time !!!"

Oh dearwill these be my last Historical Notes ???

I return to the Workmen's club Bar.

Nipper has left to visit Charlie and May at the Scotch Arms.

Norman and Lennie planned the next days building project on the back of a cigarette packet and Ronnie sat at the domino board prepared to take on all-comers, his skilful fingers moving adeptly across the spots. Ossie's face beamed as he gave a running commentary on the his new baby's impending arrival while Andy Alexander collared Jackie Wardle the Secretary, to ask him a question that made little sense to any of us.

Jackie, Alf and Benson joined us between Committee business. There were matters of a serious nature to consider.

Changes were taking place in our Village's Public Houses that had to be addressed.

What about young Bainbridge's attempts to turn the Haydon Hotel into a (dodgy) night spot, with slabs of sawn bark fixed to the walls, subdued lighting and barmaids of questionable repute brought in from the town? Fortunately the venture was not to last long and Mr. Bainbridge returned from whence he came, leaving only his debts and worm infested wall covering behind and at least one village joiner out of pocket!

And what about The Anchor? Painting the walls in the lounge black, installing discotheque amplifiers and lighting guaranteed to show up every piece of dandruff on a charcoal grey

suit, not to mention the girls white underwear, appeared equally incongruous to the rural companions seated in the corner of the Club Bar, and this event in turn received their full consideration.

Unlike the Bainbridge affair however, Roy Thompson and Joe Riches had set about their task with a greater commitment and more businesslike approach. Their purchase of The Anchor Hotel was to commence a period of welcome success for our village's oldest ale house which was to continue and indeed prosper through John Dees' later stewardship.

Lily filled my glass at the Bar and I wandered through to the Lounge, leaving behind a heated conversation as David Tulip argued in opposition to Lance's well known line of political *Q*uasion. *Does anyone discuss politics with such fervour now?*

As I listen to Isabel playing and watch Cecil and Jackie trip the light fantastic with their partners, I'll leave you with a footballing memory.

Fortnightly trips to St. James' Park on a Saturday were often taken by train in those days. 11.50am to the town and 4.55pm or 5.27pm return. Just time to hurry down Pink Lane to the Central

after the final whistle (and another Wor Jackie hat trick !).

On one particular occasion, in the 1950's as I recall it, Newcastle had played Sunderland and returning from the match Alan Nichol and Eric Armstrong sat together.

Two young boys passing along the corridor looked into our compartment and stared at Alan and Eric in amazement, convinced that they were seeing Charlie Fleming and Len Shackleton. Not an unreasonable mistake to make, given the dull interior of the carriage and the similarity in stature and coiffure of the two Haydon Bridge residents to the two Sunderland centre and inside forwards. The boys asked the two, "Footballers" for their autographs and Alan and Eric duly responded.

How we laughed as the lads moved off with their treasured signatures. Perhaps those autographs will be worth hundreds of pounds now in an internet auction!

I spoke with Alan on Church Street about this and other incidents we shared, only a week before he passed away.

Happy memories indeed!

A WALK ON THE SOUTH SIDE – Part III

I left you last month with the thought that coincidences or associations with our village occur quite regularly as Haydonians travel the country and indeed, the world.

Well, here is another example which fits neatly with my 'Notes, as I continue my walk with Harry Veitch on the South side between 1920 and 1935.

When visiting the Freeman Hospital at Newcastle, Elena Parkin from Brigwood made conversation with a patient in one of the wards and was surprised to find that his wife had lived in Haydon Bridge eighty years ago.

I'll let the lady concerned, Mrs. Mary Ryder take up the story.

We left Haydon Bridge in 1923 when I was five years old and haven't been back for many years. My uncle George Cowing, had the butcher's shop with the bow window on the South side of the bridge. I remember the slaughter house in the yard at the back and a big

boiler in a corner where my aunt used to make the potted meat and other meats from the offal.

Our family called Tranter lived in Shaftoe Court, through the arch where there was a bakery, about six houses and a communal wash house. Across the road on the corner of the street was Miss Todd's sweet shop.

My aunt had three in the family. Nancy, Willie and Jean in that order. I can't remember when it was, but they moved from Haydon Bridge to Welwyn Garden City.

Harry Veitch has his own memories of the butcher's shop on John Martin Street.

Geordie Cowing the butcher had a son Willie my age, Nancy a bit older and Jean younger. Mr. Cowing was a fearsome man with a sharp tongue. As a boy walking up John Martin Street, I would cross over the road to avoid him if he was standing outside the shop

door. His wife was quite the opposite, a quiet unpretentious lady.

George Cowing had a horse drawn butchers' cart. A two wheeled affair with a loose back board. We used to buy potted meat from Cowings, 4d a pound !

Today the bow window has gone and the butcher's shop is occupied by Ren and Claire Hunter and their business, **Axis Audio**.

Next door to Cowings was Scudamores' garage. I can just about remember when Alan got married, in the early twenties. I believe his bride worked at *Langley Castle*, a very attractive lady. Alan's elderly father was also knocking about then.

Everybody knew Tot Barron and his bakery. Tot's father Tom was a very nice man and always had a word with us children and of course there was Tot's sister, Doyce. I was always amused by her name, Doyce! Tot Barron married the Clarkes' daughter from *the Haydon*, but more about that when we get further up the street.

Next to Barrons' was Mr & Mrs. Minto's confectionery shop. This is Harry and Maureen Steele's *Fish & Chip Shop* now.

After Minto's shop was the *Oddfellows Hall*, the foundation stone was laid by William Benson in June 1869. The Harkness family lived there and looked after it but I just cannot remember the name of the daughter who was in Standard Five with me. What I do recall is Miss Betty Clemitson our school teacher discovering that this girl lived every day with a good view of the Church clock directly across the river and yet couldn't tell the time. Miss Harkness was in for some extra lessons!

The same teacher brought to the attention of our class that the warning sign approaching the village at the top of Lambs' bank which said, "Go Slow" should be corrected to read, "Go Slowly". Isn't it amazing the little things remembered after so many years. I remember every teacher who taught us but Miss Clemitson was special. When she retired, parents and staff contributed to the purchase of an easy chair for her, to show their appreciation. Sadly she suffered a premature death.

In the small cottage next to the *Oddfellows* was what I can best describe as a "notable" family. The Bates'. The children had a wide range of ages and this family is without doubt worth at least a complete month of, "*Historical Notes*" on their own. Sons - Alec, Charlie, Cecil, Johnny and Tommy. Daughters - Hettie, Sally, Dorothy and Bella. Where did they all sleep??

The Co-op or as we knew it, "the store" was next. My memories are of Alan Brown and Joe Longstaffe who worked there.

Alan was engaged to Laura Telford and died so tragically on July 16th 1930. Poisoned by **Barium Sulphide** supplied to him in error by the village chemist of the time, instead of **Barium Sulphate**. Joe eventually became manager of *Whitfield Co-op* but as a boy at Haydon Bridge, I was fascinated by his deftness at packing items and tying them up.

Our membership Check number was 64. Does everyone remember their store number? (*Probably Harry, our family's was easy, 777. But if anyone can't remember theirs, ask Maurice Armstrong, an employee from 1940 to 1967, He remembers them all!*)

Shaftoe Court next, where Mrs. Parkin's contact the Tranters lived, but we called it Nobles' arch. There were three Noble boys. The youngest Bobby, then Eddie born on the 6th February 1915. There was a sister Maggie about my age and Frank the oldest with whom I worked some years later on Johnsons' farm at Langley.

Just beyond the arch was Vickers' bakery and confectionery shop. - I can taste their treacle toffees even now. - Mr & Mrs. Vickers had a son Josie who tragically died when a school boy. The shop and first floor were at right angles to the main frontage which meant that it stuck out onto Shaftoe Street Is there anyone in Haydon Bridge who can still remember that? It can be clearly seen on some old village photographs. Anyway, the projecting part of the building was taken down, I can't remember the year but probably about the time when buses came to the village as regular transport.

On the terrace of houses beyond Vickers' shop were at least four families I knew in the 1920's. Mr & Mrs Curry,

only child George. Mr Curry was never without his pipe and smoked St Bruno baccy bought from the store. He worked at *Warden Paper Mill*.

Mr & Mrs. Wilson and son John. Mr. Wilson was on the store committee, a top job in those days. He was a coach builder at Newcastle and he commuted there by train. The Wilsons eventually moved to Parkstyle cottage. And the Philipsons, who looked after the Town Hall and its generators which provided power for the silent movie film projectors and the lighting.

The last house on Shaftoe Street was the policeman's. He lived there with his wife and two sons. Jimmy, a friend of mine and another a few years older. My boyhood memory of P.C. Watson is that he was very very strict. No one took liberties within the sight of a policeman then.

Jimmy and I used to play on Humbleton, or Hamilton fell as it is known. We were there together when Jimmy ran into one of the boggy patches, just a few feet across but he was sinking into the swamp and couldn't get his footing. I managed to pull him out onto the side just before he disappeared altogether. We were both in a heck of a state as you can imagine. All the countryside around Haydon Bridge was our playground and we had some narrow escapes. As boys (and girls) do!

The Watsons' moved away and the village got P.C. Mc.Allister, a much nicer man. (Bill Foster will probably remember him, it's only seventy years ago!)

On the North side of Shaftoe Street was Harry Watson's garage. It's still there now of course but you didn't have to have a motor vehicle to need Harry's services in the 1920's. No! a wireless was enough because you could get your accumulator charged there. Young Harry was a year or so younger than me. His sister Elsie served in the shop next door to the garage. It is Peter's office now.

I have no trouble remembering who had the *Haydon Hotel*, the Clarkes.

The son Jackie, about my age, had the knack of getting into fights after school and if his opponent was David Wightman or Eddie Noble, he had no chance! They were the village tough guys, no

doubt about that. I couldn't understand why Jackie never seemed to learn a lesson, I saw his blood spilled on more than one occasion.

Two daughters from the *Haydon* married in the village. Tibby married Tot Barron and Sophie, Lance Spooner and their children carry on another generation.

This walk isn't over yet but Harry has another appointment and has to leave us for the time being. I might just join him.

No, not for a glass of ale at the Haydon Hotel, we're off to see Tom Mix, Rin Tin Tin, Buck Jones and Fu Man Chu at the Town Hall. But first I'll pop down to the corner shop, Hannah Todd's sure to let me have a packet of broken biscuits as a special treat.

When the committee of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge' are successful in their search for a new Editor for the *Haydon News*, this story will continue.

In the meantime, I wish you all good health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year, and hope that we are able to carry on sharing our village's history in 2004 and beyond.

*All the very best.
Dennis.*

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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**NATURAL REMEDIES FOR A HEALTHY BODY
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS**

Rheumatoid Arthritis may affect the whole of the body, but it mainly affects joints. It is an auto immune disease which means that the body's immune system is attacking it's own joints.

It causes stiffness, swelling, fatigue and weakness. It may begin as tender and swollen joints and the skin over the joint may have a purply colour. As the disease progresses joint deformities may develop.

There are several nutrients that researchers have found to be low in sufferers; levels of the mineral *Selenium* is very low in the bodies of many sufferers. *Selenium* is a mineral that is very low in the soils of Britain and Western Europe, so for some people it can be difficult to get enough in the diet to achieve maximum health. Sufferers of some cancers have been found to have low body levels of *Selenium* too.

Vitamin E has been found to be low in rheumatoid victims and this works with *Selenium* in the body as an antioxidant, which means it works to

flush out the harmful substances in the body that cause healthy tissues to break down.

Vitamin B5 (also known as *pantothenic acid* and *calcium pantothonate*), has been deficient in some sufferers. Our customers who use this regularly say it helps with stiffness and pain.

The *Omega Fats* - both 3 and 6 found in fish oils, evening primrose oil and linseed (flax) oil have been used by our customers for years as anti-inflammatory agents for combating the disease. Herbs such as *Devils Claw*, *Cats Claw* (they get their odd names because the plants are claw shaped), and the spices *Ginger* and *Tumeric* are often taken in capsule form to get a good strength to act as an anti-inflammatory.

Some people find that relief is gained by rubbing a cream or gel onto the area affected. *Devils Claw* gel is popular among our customers who find warming the area gives relief, and *rhus. tox* cream is very popular to help with pain and stiffness.

Time after time I hear customers saying

that they find cutting out acid forming foods helps their rheumatoid arthritis. Indeed researchers believe that up to one third of sufferers can be helped by cutting down on or eliminating certain foods.

Acid forming foods which are the main culprits are wheat, corn, dairy products, beef, tomatoes, citrus fruit and caffeine. If avoiding these foods it is wise to seek nutritional advice. However the health changes I have witnessed in some people have been remarkable.

Gentle exercise although initially painful is believed to help sufferers in the long term.

Important: Pregnant ladies, people taking prescription drugs and those under medical supervision should consult their doctor before trying complementary therapies.

*Jill I Henderson
(Holland & Barrett - Hexham)*

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TIMETABLE
BOWMAN'S PHARMACY**

December 2003 - January 2004

Wednesday	24	Christmas Eve	Normal Hours
Thursday	25	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Friday	26	Boxing Day	10.15 to 11.15
Saturday	27		Normal hours
Wednesday	31	New Years Eve	Normal Hours
Thursday	01 January 04	- New Years Day	CLOSED
Friday	02	Normal Hours	

EMERGENCY ONLY

Prescriptions marked "URGENT" by the doctor please phone:

01 434 684 442

**HAYDON BRIDGE
POPPY
APPEAL**

This year's grand total
was:

£1226.82

Many thanks to all who helped.

WANTED

I would be most grateful to any reader who could please assist my enquiries with any information, memories, material aid with the kind loan or copies thereof of photographs etc. etc. for family history purposes of Mr & Mrs Tom and Jennie Boyd.

She originated from South Shields and was my father's aunt. Her husband apparently was formerly of Newcastle. Mrs Boyd died in 1963 then resident in Belmont Gardens.

May I hope that even at this distance in time, she and/or they are remembered and that some measure of assistance may be forthcoming.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely

*Robert Wray
6 Windsor Drive
Cleaton
Sunderland
SR6 7SY*

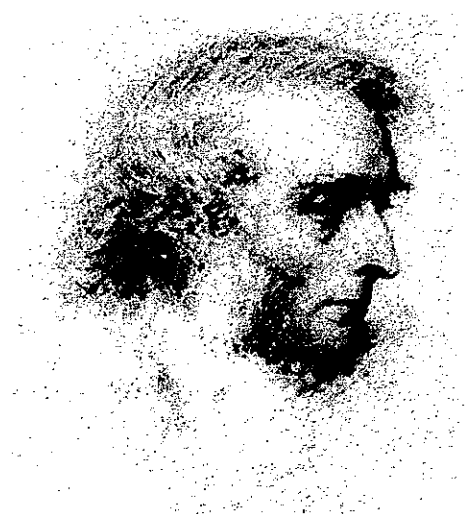
Tel: 0191 537 2633

**'THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE'
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2004
7.30pm**

All members encouraged to attend

JOHN MARTIN (painter and engraver)
Born at Haydon Bridge: 19th July 1789.
Died at Douglas, Isle of Man: 17th February 1854.



To quote the, "Dictionary of National Biography".

"John Martin's fame rose to extravagant heights... ..once ranked among the greatest geniuses of all time."

Our village **has** recognised that the famous painter and engraver John Martin, spent the first fourteen years of his life at Haydon Bridge. "John Martin Street", "Martin's Close" and a stone plaque on the North wall of the place of his birth at East Land Ends are witness to a famous Haydonian.

SHOULD WE DO MORE?

The rest of the world recognised John Martin during his life. For example, in 1829 he received a gold medal from Charles X, King of France and in 1833 he was invested with the Knighthood of the Order of Leopold - King of the Belgians. He entertained Joseph Bonaparte the ex King of Spain and Prince Louis Bonaparte, afterwards Napoleon III.

Read what others said about John Martin following his death on the 17th February 1854.

"A mighty spirit - a son of genius - Martin the greatest of British artists. "

".... that extraordinary genius, the late Mr. John Martin, whose mighty talents have earned him the title, Prince of Painters. "

"John Martin was in every respect a great and original artist. His honourable hereafter is secure in the annals of English art."

There are more but perhaps these quotes are sufficient to confirm the legacy left in the paintings, the life and the memory of Haydon Bridge's most famous son.

The 17th February 2004 is a significant anniversary.

150 years since John Martin's death.

From this date until the 19th July 2004,

the 215th anniversary of his birth at East Land Ends,

(or as John called it, Lowlands End)

would be an appropriate period for the Parish of

Haydon to celebrate the life of John Martin.

HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE ?

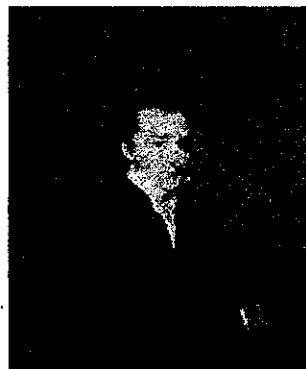
A prerequisite is that we should enjoy ourselves! Whether through artistic endeavours, music, song and dance, poetry and creative writing or a demonstration of the talents and skills of the adults and children associated with the Parish of Haydon in 2004.

John Martin would agree with that. His "evenings at home" each Tuesday after he became established in London were legendary. The country boy from Haydon Bridge spent much of his leisure time with famous authors, composers, artists, religious leaders and even Royalty.

HOW SHOULD WE COMMEMORATE JOHN MARTIN ?

John's work and life and his quite remarkable family story provide ample opportunity for those who can see benefits from the development of tourism in our village. A permanent memorial in some form perhaps. A publication maybe. A Martin trail. A display of prints of his work. An innovative project which inspires artists in the 21st century, through John Martin's imaginative work and original talents.

All would keep alive his memory and give a focus for visitors to Haydon Bridge and the surrounding area.



A WAY FORWARD.

A sub-committee of your Parish Council convened a public meeting in the Community Centre on Tuesday 25th November, when Henry Swaddle provided an excellent introduction to the life and art of John Martin. The response was positive and therefore encouraging.

The village of Haydon Bridge **will** mark the 150th anniversary of our most famous son's death and it is hoped that individuals, community groups, schools, churches and businesses will take part and benefit.

A further meeting will take place in the Community Centre on **Tuesday 9th December at 7.30p.m.** when specific proposals for the events will be agreed and the methods of funding explored.

Representatives of all those interested in taking part in the commemorations and celebratory activities are welcome to attend. For more information telephone:

01 434 684 636 or 01 434 684 505.

In the meantime, if you have access to the internet why not browse Henry Swaddle's World of John Martin site at:

www.wojm.org.uk

'JOHN MARTIN' MEETING

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2003 at 7.30pm – Community Centre

DR. STEVE FORD'S PAGE

A TURKEY IN THE OVEN IS WORTH TWO IN THE FREEZER!

Preface.

As a preface to this edition, may I record my thanks to Richard Snowdon and all previous editors of The Haydon News for their considerable efforts on behalf of our community.

As a regular contributor for many years I have been grateful for the opportunity to promote health related ideas, as well as a smattering of other odds and ends, to the readership. I am confident that some real good has come to both individuals and the community as a consequence of the editors taking the trouble to provide a forum for information.

If this is the last edition, I would also like to thank you to all of those who have been kind enough to respond to items or who have been generous in their comments about the contents.

To those who have viewed the pages with less favour, I offer the thought that healthcare is a process of dynamic interaction between patient and provider. Dialogue is central to the success of the endeavour but it takes a minimum of two willing participants. Always speak your mind, without fear or favour.

For debate.

Many eminent people have prefigured the prevalent perception of modern medicine, as being intent on bringing about a joyless uniformity of virtue in every aspect of our lives. A P Herbert is inspiring on so many subjects, here are two of his gems that are worth a smile:

'Let's find out what everyone is doing and then stop them from doing it.' (Ballads for Broadbrows 1930)

'People must not do things for fun. We are not here for fun. There is no reference to fun in any Act of Parliament. (Uncommon Law 1935)

Cynics might contend that it is not just medicine that is guilty but rather the generality of our mechanisms of governance. Is there a limit to restraint? If so, how can it be defined.

Epicurus (341-270BC) offers the following in reply - if one can reply from two thousand years before:

'When we say that pleasure is the goal we do not mean the pleasures of the dissipated and those which consist in the process of enjoyment... but freedom from pain in the body and from disturbance in the mind.'

'We must not make a pretence of philosophy but really do it; for what we need is not the semblance of health but real health.'

My own position, that I have taken to suggesting to patients, is that at Christmas and on your birthday you can do as you please but the rest of the year it's hair shirts, exercise, dietary rectitude and saintly forbearance in the face of all temptation.

Well, next year perhaps...

Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? Does any of them relate to your health?

Wasted medicines.

It's all very well being reliable about picking up your medicines regularly but do you actually take them?

Every so often and again soon, there will be a special effort to get people to turn out their cupboards and hand in all old and unwanted medicines. Every pharmacy in the land will be able to report having to deal with enormous quantities of wasted prescription medicines from some households. Hundreds and occasionally thousands of pounds worth items can come out of a single home.

We would much rather be told that you don't want to take something than find out later that it's been hoarded. Every practice is routinely overspent on it's drug budget these days, as we strive to get everyone's treatment as up to date and effective as possible, and so the need to avoid waste is more urgent than ever.

Then, of course, there is always the risk of hoarded medicines being taken by a child with fatal results - don't wait until there is a tragedy or a near miss - get rid of all those pills and potions now. All pharmacies accept old medicines for destruction.

How long is a cold?

A perennial difficulty faced by the population is to know when a cold, that does not require antibiotics, has turned into something more sinister that might need treatment. Until now the answer has been largely informed guesswork but recent research in children in Wales shows that after a week from the start of symptoms over half of them will still be unwell. After ten days a quarter have not recovered and after a fortnight one in every twenty will remain unwell.

This information may hold true for adults as well.

Patience will normally be rewarded when dealing with commonplace coughs and colds.

Communicating with hospitals.

Not infrequently we are asked when an appointment or result will be coming through

from the hospital. These are very reasonable requests for information but unfortunately we almost never know the answer.

We are not informed of when your appointment will be nor even if the letter has been received. The results of any investigations that are arranged by the hospital will be sent to the hospital doctor and not to us.

Direct contact between patient and hospital is clearly the best option. Asking for the appointment clerk will allow you to chase up dates of appointments. Asking for the secretary of your consultant will allow you to see if results are back. We are very happy for results to be sent to us at your request so that you may receive them sooner.

The exception is orthopaedics. We make the appointments for orthopaedics ourselves. Geraldine Round will usually be able to give you advice about the length of the waiting list.

An new way of arranging repeat prescriptions.

For the last fourteen years we have routinely authorised repeat prescriptions, where appropriate, for six months. This allows us to keep a close check on who is taking what and when, whether it is helping or harming them and whether there is scope for improvement.

We hope to see patients on regular medications at these six month intervals - usually in the month of their birth and half way to their next birthday month. For most patients it will be appropriate to see a nurse for these check ups, the reception staff will guide you about this. Blood tests, which are often necessary, need to be done in the morning and frequently when fasting.

In the not too distant future, we hope to start issuing prescriptions for six month intervals. This will allow the medicines to be provided by the pharmacy at monthly intervals for those six months. At the end of the six months the pharmacists will direct you back to the practice for a check up before the next prescription is issued. This should save work for you and us and help you to remember to have those vital regular checks.

**THE PARTNERS & STAFF
OF THE HAYDON & ALLEN
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FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL.**

CHURCH PAGE

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE

Canon Vincent Ashwin

Another December, another Christmas, another year-end. 2003 will have seen more good-byes than most years. Mr David Thompson is retiring after a long and distinguished period as head of the High School, rewarded by a successful OFSTED report just weeks before his departure. Several Parish councillors have also retired after long and conscientious service to the village. Sadly an unusual number of Haydonians have died this year: farming people like Angus Teasdale and Harland Story, church people like Margaret Curry: big funerals for these three people in the space of the last month. I am retiring in January after only seven years in the parish, but after 36 years in the ministry. Richard Snowdon is retiring from editing the *Haydon News*, and the Church Page is looking for a new compiler. Plenty of change, and many good-byes.

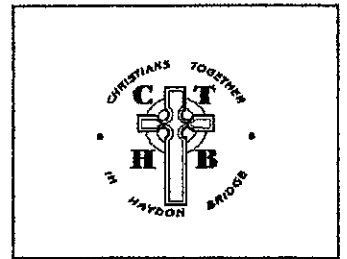
It sometimes feels as if life will never be the same, when people who have been in post for years and years are no longer there. Yes, some organisations do die off. For instance, the Haydon Bridge branch of the Women's Institute closed when they could not find a leader. But the fact is that life goes on. At present, the numbers attending church services in the village are going down; but it is not certain that they will continue to do so. At present, very few children attend churches nation-wide; but again there is no guarantee that that trend will continue; eventually people will get bored of Sunday morning car-boot sales!

Christmas in Haydon Bridge is a chance to renew your Christian roots. The three churches, together and separately, have services of different styles and at different times to help people to remember what Christmas is actually about. It is about God being interested in his world; he lived for 33 years as a human being, to see from the inside what it's like to be a man. In those years, he lived in an ordinary home, did an ordinary job as a joiner, went to church (synagogue) each week. He knew what it was like to be temporarily homeless, to be a refugee, and to live in a world where politics was talked about every day.

Christmas this year; Christmas next year; Christmas in 50 years – there will always be Christmas. Next year, my wife and I will be in Southwell in Nottinghamshire; we shall miss you. Some of you may also have moved. Some of those reading this will be worshipping Christ face to face in heaven, rather than singing carols here on earth.

Life goes on. Jesus was totally immersed in the life of 1st century Palestine, and he is – in a different way – totally immersed in the changes and progress of life in Haydon Bridge today. Our calling is to be completely involved here, working to make sure this community is a place where people care about each other, and work for each other – like so many of those who have left us since last Christmas. Have a happy Christmas, this year, and in the future!

November 2003
December
January 2004



AN INDEPENDENT SUPPLEMENT
TO THE HAYDON NEWS

WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev David Hasson, with the Methodist congregation
The Manse, Moorview, Haltwhistle 320.051

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
(till January 15th)

Then till further notice contact: Canon Raymond
Best, The Vicarage, Haltwhistle 320.215

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN Haydon Bridge 2003



Sunday December 21st

6.00pm United village Carol Service *The Methodist Church*

Christmas Eve

4.00pm United village Crib Service *St John's Church*
10.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass *St John's R Catholic Church*
11.30pm Midnight Communion *St Cuthbert's C of E church*

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Day Mass *St John's*
10.30am Christmas Family Service *Methodist Church*
10.30am Festival Communion *St Cuthbert's*

Sunday December 28th

4.00pm Year-end Carols *Haydon Old Church*

**METHODIST
CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday December 7th

10.00am Mr John E Green (Toy service)
6.00pm Circuit Service, Corbridge

Sunday December 14th

10.00am Mr Patrick Eavis
6.00pm Rev David Hasson: Sacrament

Sunday December 21st

10.00am Valerie Anthony
6.00pm Village Carol Service: Hasson

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Service: Rev D Hasson

December 28th

10.00am Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Rev David Perkins

January 4th

10.00am Rev David Hasson: Covenant
6.00pm Graham Wilson

January 11th

10.00am Rev David Hasson: Family
6.00pm Rev David Hasson

January 18th

10.00am Joyce Short
6.00pm Rev Sarah Lamb

January 25th

10.00am A Reader
6.00pm Rev David Hasson

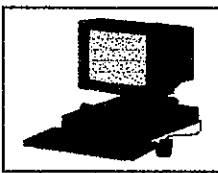
February 1st

10.00am Trimble, from Sunderland
6.00pm Mr Ridley Reay

Details of the Men's Christian Fellowship can be found from Peter Davey: 684.786.

WANTED

Someone to compile the Church Page of the *Haydon News* 10 times a year.



Pay? Nothing.
Satisfaction? Guaranteed.
Purpose? To keep Haydon Bridge informed about the Church's activities.
Interested? Phone one of the clergy on the list soon.
Job share? Should be possible.
Vital details? Haydon Bridge is unique in this part of England for having a news-sheet that goes into every home in the community, which includes so much information from the churches.

**CALENDAR FOR
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**

Thu. 4th 7.30pm Christians Together

December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am Morning Prayer; Mike Fry

Thu. 11th 2.00pm Shaftoe School
Christingle Service in church

December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon

Fri. 19th High School Carol services

December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am Morning Prayer; John Carr

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am Festival Communion

December 28th 1st Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Holy Communion and hymns
4.00pm Carol Service in the Old Church

January 4th Epiphany Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am Parish Communion & Address
2.30pm Concert by Andrew Ashwin

January 11th The Baptism of Christ

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon
6.00pm Songs of Praise
(Ashwins' farewell service)

January 18th 2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

10.30am Morning Prayer and Sermon

January 25th Conversion of St Paul

10.30am Parish Communion & Sermon

February 1st Presentation of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion (Order 2)
10.30am All-Age Service; John Carr

Services after January 11th to be confirmed by the Area Dean



**CONCERT AT
ST. CUTHBERT'S**

There will be a return visit to Haydon Bridge of singer Andrew Ashwin in the New Year. On January 4th at 2.30pm, he will perform a concert of popular classics in church, to raise funds for the Renovation Appeal. Andrew is an up-and-coming singer, who has sung solo alongside well-known names like James Bowman and Catherine Bott. He is studying opera and other singing at London's Royal College of Music.

**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.

Extract from a funeral sermon: 7th Nov.

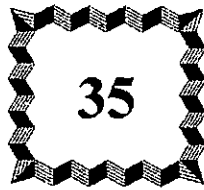
The sudden death of Margaret Curry on Sunday leaves a huge gap in this life of this village. If we think of some of what she did in her last 48 hours, it reminds us of what her life meant. She was collecting for the Poppy Appeal, getting ready for Remembrance Day; some of the people were out; she intended to go back. These were often the same people whom she would call on for the Children's Society, the Red Cross and Christian Aid. On Friday evening, she and her team organised a dance at the Community Centre; she loved dancing, and went out every Monday night; this one was different though - to raise funds for the restoration of this church; she told me on Sunday morning how much it had raised. She spent time with her family in these last 48 hours. On Sunday morning she came to church, as usual, an hour before the service began, to join her fellow churchwarden; the two of them got everything ready; the candles were lit, the wine poured out, and hymn numbers up....

MANY THANKS

to all who have supported the fund-raising events at St Cuthbert's recently: The dance at the Community Centre, Vincent Ashwin and David Thornhill's sponsored walk, the Antiques Roadshow, the collection at Margaret Curry's funeral, etc. We have raised about £38,000 so far, and will have spent it all by the time Easter comes round. If we are to improve the facilities (kitchen, toilet, improved heating in the church, etc) we need to raise at least another £38,000. If St Cuthbert's is to continue as the venue for village concerts, school services, funerals, etc., as well as Sunday service, we need your continued support.

HOLIDAY CLUB FOLLOW-UP

Come to the Methodist Church on Saturday December 6th, from 5.00 - 7.00pm. Food, games, songs, a talk; children: bring your parents too!



£10 winner

Simon Benson

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- Simon Benson*
- B. Lee*
- Liz Jukes*
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- Geoff Hopkirk*
- Rosemary Shout*
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