

The Haydon News



'St. Cuthbert's Church'

From a water colour by Tony Petts

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Free tea, coffee and
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All age groups are most
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'THE FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE'

Formal Committee Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the **MONDAY** before the fourth **THURSDAY** of each month at The Community Centre, Haydon Bridge.

(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.

EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE HAYDON NEWS

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

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 Anonymous letters will NOT be published.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

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Editorial comment

Time flies!

This should have been the August issue of the Haydon News. However a number of circumstances - a holiday on the island of Harris, part of the Scottish Outer Hebrides, a complete computer failure, etc. has resulted in this becoming a August-September publication. I continue to curse Microsoft for the company's appalling lack of any effective documentation but not quite so frequently as a few months ago and hope that from now on the H.N. will come out, as up until the end of last year, on a monthly basis.

From Australia to Haydon Bridge

I believe that at one time issues of the Haydon News were printed on paper produced from **Australian grown Eucalyptus trees**.

Do you ever wonder how your Haydon News is funded, produced and distributed?

As you will know, issues in addition to advertisements contain regular features - medical, church and historical pages. I now receive most of the 'copy' on computer discs. The picture on the front cover arrives on a sheet of paper as a 'grey' image which has been produced from a colour painting. Advertisements change slowly - the total number in each issue is gradually increasing. A computer is then used to combine all the 'copy' and print out single sided so-called master sheets.

From this stage two machines have made life for some of us much easier. For each page the printer is used to make a 'skin' - a perforated plastic sheet through which ink can be forced to make the finished printed page. As long as there is no interruption - such as a jammed feed paper or an empty ink cartridge - about seven thousand double sided pages can be printed in about three hours. The next stage used to be a long and tedious task - sorting the paper into just under a thousand heaps. One heap with the correct number of pages in the right order for each house in the village. Now we have borrowed from the High School a so-called correlator, hopefully on permanent loan. Then the distributors, now eighteen in total, plod round the village and some outlying areas to your doors. A few are sent out by post, including one copy to Ireland.

Obviously all the various costs of production of the HN. are met out of Friends of Haydon Bridge funds. All those involved in the various tasks - about thirty persons in all - are not paid in any way. All their invaluable help is given on an entirely voluntary basis.

For the last two or three years, possibly for considerably longer fees from the advertisers almost cover production costs which however, as with almost everything else, are slowly increasing. I am reluctant to increase fees from the advertisers at the moment. To enable me to maintain a satisfactory and roughly steady FOHB bank balance, if you welcome the rebirth of the Haydon News I ask that more of you make at least a minimum donation of £1.20 a year - only 10 pence a month - to the Membership Secretary, Mike Parkin, The Rambler, Brigwood, HB or via collecting tins in our newsagents - John Clark in Church Street and Marsh's in Ratcliffe Road

Date / Time of next Parish Council meeting: 23rd September 2004 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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JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE PROJECT.

After a well deserved rest, the John Martin Heritage Committee is back in action and has organized an evening of music, song and dance at an
AUTUMN FAMILY CEILIDH.

The event is on **FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2004. 7.30pm to 11.00pm**
in **The Haydon Bridge COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Music is by **JOHNNY HANDLE** and **THE HIGH LEVEL RANTERS.**

The caller for the dances is **ELAINE CARTER.**

It is hoped that **children from Shaftoe Trust and Allendale schools** will be in attendance to perform some of the dances they were taught in the school workshops. Please come along and support them.

As usual for our events, **TICKETS are only £1** and will be on sale at **John and Maureen Clarke's** and **Werner and Mary Nagle's Newsagents.** Tickets are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Tickets will be available from mid September. **Hoping to turn up and pay at the door could well be fruitless.**

There is a licensed bar and both alcoholic and soft drinks will be on sale. So you can wash down Eileen's, by now famous, nibbles.

Elaine will walk through the steps before each dance so don't be put off if you haven't been to a Ceilidh before. Come along and join in the dancing or just enjoy the music, song and good company.

Friday October 15th is your chance join in the fun.

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7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 October 2004

in

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INSTITUTE IN HAYDON BRIDGE.**

Please come along and learn more about the Organisation and what it can offer you.

Shaftoe Educational Foundation

Anyone resident in Haydon Parish, or their child, is entitled to apply to the
Foundation for a grant to help them pursue a course of Further Education, either academic or vocational.

Applications should be made by letter to the Clerk in the first instance, naming the type of course, where it will be studied and how long it will last.

*An application form will then be
forwarded to you for completion.*

You should also say to what extent you are able to obtain other grant aid –
for instance, from the County Council or other Bodies.

*The next meeting of Governors is scheduled for
Thursday 11th November 2004*

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*The Clerk
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NE47 6BW*

Completed application forms should arrive at the Office by:

Monday 1st November at the latest.

Applications received after this date may have to wait until the next Governors meeting in March 2005.

R A D Snowdon B.Ed (Hons)

- The Clerk

Historical Notes Of Haydon Bridge - Dennis Telford (Aug. 2004)

It was my intention this month, to continue the walk we started in the July issue. Seeking out the countryside that inspired John Martin.

You may recall that I left you on the lane leading to Harsondale, so why not sit astride the dry stone wall and listen for an ancient echo of the Langley Mills brass band, playing at the Staward -Le-Peel picnic, where hundreds of locals met each July 150 years ago.

I'll join you there again next month.

In the meantime, there is another story to tell before September is out.

Academia Or What !

I have a good friend who lives in Newcastle and we worked together for over twenty five years.

Since joining in the revelries of my 60th birthday (That must be a special one is it ?) at a local Hostelry four years ago, Bill has found it difficult to associate the DT he knew previously, "A studious academic who was wont to pore over antiquarian documents at the Lit. and Phil., researching and recording historical notes" (His words, not mine), with the DT and friends he and his wife Olive encountered that evening in 2001.

Large quantities of Jeff's fine ale consumed. Raucous good humour and conviviality. 'Geordie' tales old and new, sung well into the early hours of the morning.

And why not !! "Variety is the spice of life" we're told and there isn't a great deal I would swap the variety in my life for. Even though my friend regularly refers to me now as a "Jekyll and Hyde".

Occasionally, the paths of academia and a night on the spree do cross, and such was the case on 13th February this year when my regular Friday pleasantries were interrupted by Dennis Bradley.

Dennis passed to me a piece of information he had come across which referred to the naming of the Bewick's Swan. A timely reminder as it happened, for me to bring my own references up to date.

Cygnus Bewickii

The Bewick's Swan was shot near Haydon Bridge in 1829. This much I already knew, but maybe there was more!

My search via the Lit. and Phil., The Northumberland Records Office, Newcastle City Library, and the Hancock Museum, was to lead to the Natural History Society Of Northumbria.

The telephone was answered by the Secretary of the Society, David Rollin-Noble and after brief introductions I made my request.

"I live in Haydon Bridge and I'm interested in a swan that was shot here in 1829. Do you have any information about it ?"

I was astonished by the immediate and detailed reply.

"Yes, as a matter of fact I do."

"The female swan was shot near Haydon Bridge on February 7th 1829 and it came into the possession of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle. It was sent to Mr. R. R. Wingate, to be preserved for the museum and was discovered by him to be a new species, perfectly distinct from the common Wild Swan. Mr Wingate's notice and description of the bird, was read before The Natural History Society in October 1829.

It was subsequently agreed that the new species of the swan shot at Haydon Bridge, should be given the specific identifying name of Bewickii, in the memory of Thomas Bewick."

To say that I was highly impressed with the knowledgeable staff of The Natural History Society, is an understatement. Especially as the Society has over half a million items archived and I could well have been telephoning to ask about any one of them.

I was further taken aback with the answer to my next question.

"It isn't possible that you still have the original swan; shot at Haydon Bridge in 1829..... is it ?"

"Of course. It's here now. Would you like to photograph it ?"

I couldn't quite believe the coincidence and must have had difficulty finding words with which to reply. My surprise and the ensuing silence caused amusement on the other end of the line, but then Mr. Rollin-Noble continued his story and invited me to visit the 'Society.

I was about to find out why the year 2004 is significant in the story of the Haydon Bridge swan, and how it came

about that the Natural History Society staff were so well prepared when answering my questions.

The Natural History Society of Northumbria has its home at Newcastle in the Hancock Museum, which it owns together with the museum collections and its extensive reference library. It is also involved in research and the publication of papers. I climbed the stone staircase, pushed open the heavy panelled door and entered a world considerably different from the museum areas on the lower floor, where groups of children squealed with delight at each new found sea monster exhibit.

In the 'Society's upper floor premises, the walls are lined with scores of reference books and documents, while the staff, many of them volunteers, work quietly and diligently, recording every conceivable aspect of our flora and fauna for present and future generations. The friendly atmosphere and the staff's willingness to share their knowledge, made my visit most interesting and worthwhile.

The Society was formed in 1829 and the initial meeting was on the 20th October of that year. Remarkably, from a Haydon Bridge point of view, the first transaction and paper read at that inaugural meeting was, "Notice of a new Species of Swan (*Shot on the 7th February 1829, near Haydon Bridge*). By Mr. R. R. Wingate."

On that October day in 1829, Mr. Wingate pointed out that the specific distinction between the Haydon Bridge swan and the common Wild Swan, was the, "Great difference of weight and size." The Haydon Bridge species was three foot eleven and a half inches long and the extent of wing, six feet five and a half inches. The common Wild Swan or Whooper; five feet or upwards in length and about eight feet in wing span.

"There is also a difference in the length, marking and formation of the bill....(and) the tail consists of only twenty feathers, whilst in the Wild Swan there are twenty two. All the plumage in both species is white,.... the legs are black and (in the Haydon Bridge species) placed further behind."

Apart from the size, significant visible differences between the two species are the new swan's shorter straighter neck, its less elongated head shape and its unique, smaller, yellow patch at the base of the bill.

Mr. Wingate's dissection of the swan also provided detailed knowledge of a number of anatomical differences.

At the Natural History Society meeting on 16th February 1830, a further paper, "Observations on the New Species of Swan", written following minute examination of the internal and external characters of the two species, was submitted and read by P. J. Selby. In the paper, Selby proved the accuracy of Richard Wingate's views that the swan was indeed distinct from the common Wild Swan or Whooper, and in consequence Selby recommended that:

"It ought, without further hesitation, be added to the list of native Fauna. To facilitate this it has happily been suggested, that it should receive the specific appellation of Bewickii, as a mark of respect, no more than due, to the memory of our late celebrated naturalist and engraver Mr. Thomas Bewick whose name must for ever remain associated, in the minds of all lovers of Natural History, with British Ornithology." (Thomas Bewick had died in 1828)

P. J. Selby concluded his observations by recording the, *"Noble addition to our Fauna....as the Cygnus Bewickii of Wingate - Bewick's Swan."*

The swan shot near Haydon Bridge on 7th February 1829 had been written into Natural History.

The story did not end there. The scientific naming of the Haydon Bridge bird, honouring the engraver, was to be the subject of some controversy in 1830.

Richard Wingate, although realising the Swan was a distinct species, did not give it a name in October 1829 and therefore, in line with accepted practice, his paper wasn't recognised by the scientific community.

It was Prideaux John Selby who coined the name *Cygnus Bewickii* in his paper presented to the 'Society on 16th February 1830.

Interestingly, neither Wingate nor Selby were given permanent recognition in the name of the new species. Mr. William Yarrell who had been involved in Selby's anatomical research, stole a march on his colleague by publishing a paper on 19th January 1830, one month before Selby, in the, "Transactions of the Linean Society of London". Yarrell appears not to have mentioned Selby in his paper, although he did credit Wingate with his part in the discovery and naming of the new species.

Much to the chagrin of Prideaux John Selby, John Hancock the founder of the Newcastle museum and no doubt the taxidermist, Wingate, had he not passed away by this time, Yarrell was accepted as the authority and the species has ever since been referred to as

Cygnus Bewickii - Yarrell.

That my telephone queries about the Haydon Bridge swan should coincide with similar research by David Rollin-Noble, is not without explanation.

On Wednesday 20th October 2004, it will be 175 years to the day since the Natural History Society of Northumbria was formed and Richard Wingate's paper describing the Haydon Bridge swan was read. The Society is celebrating the occasion with an anniversary lecture by Dr. Eileen Rees of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, a world authority on the Bewick's Swan. She will be describing what has been learned since 1829.

Tickets are free and are available from The Secretary, Natural History Society of Northumbria, Hancock Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE2 4PT (Enclose SAE please.)

As I took my photographs of the Haydon Bridge Bewick's Swan, it did cross my mind how unfair it had been that our by now famous visitor, with a life expectancy of 30 to 40 years, had negotiated its perilous migration of thousands of miles from its breeding grounds in the Arctic Tundras of Siberia, only to be shot upon its arrival in our village.

If there is a consolation, it must be that 175 years later the bird is still a major topic of conversation worldwide, is included in every book on Ornithology, warrants an important celebration later this year, and has pride of place in the Natural History Museum at Newcastle; while the marksman has long been buried and as far as I am aware, forgotten.

There are still questions left unanswered. For example, where did the swan breathe its last? On the river Tyne, Grindon Lough or one of our other inland lakes perhaps, and who was the Haydonian who presented the swan to the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle in 1829?

In preparing these 'Notes, my thanks are due to the staff at the Natural History Society of Northumbria. Especially, David Rollin-Noble, Mrs. June Holmes and Mrs Hugh Chambers. And to Dennis Bradley who interrupted my normal Friday evening activities but set me on a trail of research which I have enjoyed immensely.

Is there another piece of Haydon Bridge history that has generated such worldwide interest and lasting fame as the Bewick's Swan? I doubt it.

Although! There is the *Vertigo Alpestris* mollusc. I'll wager that you can hardly wait for that story!!!

In the meantime I'm off to The General Havelock for a pint or two of the Wylam Brewery's "Summer Magic". (Which Summer was that, by the way!)

I wonder if the Brewery will launch a new guest beer, on the 20th October 2004. "**Bewick's Haydon Bridge Swan**" perhaps.

Now I'll drink to that !!

Natural History Society of Newcastle
**INVITATION TO THE SOCIETY'S 175th ANNI-
VERSARY LECTURE**

As the final event in the Society's programme to mark its anniversary year, a free lecture has been arranged entitled

THE BEWICK'S SWAN

By Dr. Eileen Rees

On Wednesday 20 OCTOBER 2004 at 7pm

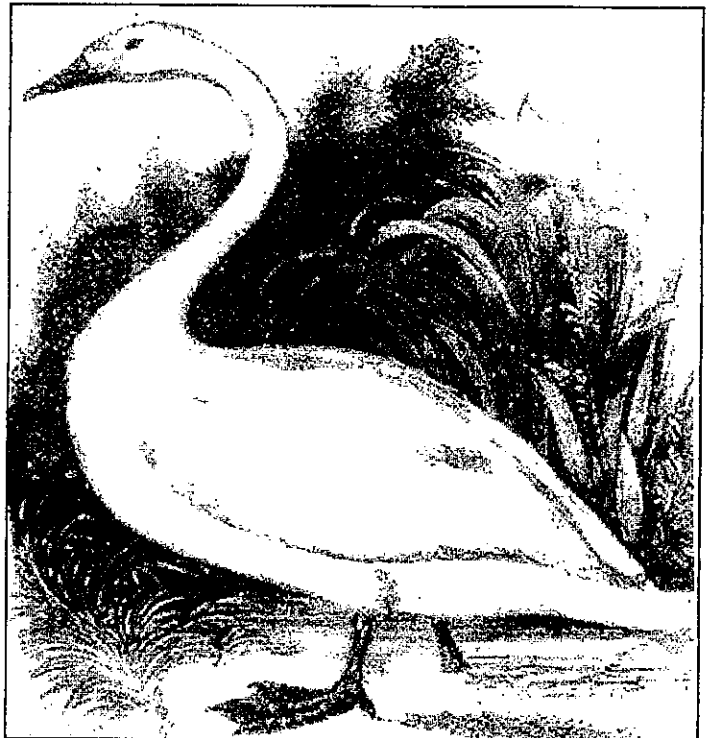
The lecture is on the same date as the first evening meeting of the Society in 1829. At this meeting a new species of swan, subsequently known as the Bewick's Swan, was described for the first time. The lecture will outline some of the advances in our knowledge of the bird since that time.

Prior to the main lecture there will be a brief presentation by Dr David Gardner-Medwin to set the scene for the evening.

The venue is the Curtis Auditorium, which is inside the Herschel Building, and opposite the Haymarket Metro station.

Tickets are available from the Secretary Natural History Society of Northumbria Hancock Museum Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PT. Please enclose sae.

Northumbrian Water has kindly agreed to sponsor a reception at 6.30p.m to which all those attending are welcome.



Cynus Bewickii—Yarrell

Woodcut from
Eyton's History of Rarer British Birds (1836)

DR. STEVE FORD'S PAGE

WATER WINGS FOR SUMMER – WHAT FUN!

JOINT INJECTIONS

Having being injecting painful joints and similar problems with steroids for some years the partners decided to find out just how useful the procedure has been. We sent out fifty-three questionnaires to patients who had been treated within the last year and got forty two back. Here are the results of this little survey:

1/ What was injected		3/ Duration of benefit		6/ Very painful sites
shoulder	17	average	3.2 weeks	2 thumbs
wrist	2	average	3.5 months	2 heels
elbow	12	to date	6	1 shoulder
heel	8	1x2yrs		1 heel
thumb	2			1 elbow
knee	1			
'behind'	1	4/ Pain involved in having the injection		7/ Wouldn't have it done again
hip	1	no problem	19	4 shoulders
2/The result		a little painful	15	1 heel
worse	2 -elbow	very painful	7	1 elbow
and heel		5/ Would you have it done again?		
unchanged	4 -all	yes	32	
shoulders		no	6	
¼ better	3	?	2	
½ better	9			
¾ better	12			
cured	12			

So there you have it. Warts and all. A useful procedure for many with about half being mostly or entirely cured.

Having learnt a few new words when injecting the base joint of thumbs I can vouch for the discomfort involved but the outcome has been uniformly excellent. Pain in the joint of the thumb nearest the wrist seems to be very common in women especially. Could this be to do with a life time's hard work and if so, why don't men get it so often?

HOW BIG?

The practice has a larger number of patients registered now than at any time in its history. Most recently this has been due to the influx of residents at the Inner Haugh. As you will have noticed, this means that every square inch of the premises is fully utilised now and staff numbers continue to grow.

The health centre was designed for one doctor and about two thousand patients, receiving a fairly limited range of services from three or four members of staff. When the Inner Haugh is complete, there will be about three and a half thousand patients, four doctors, almost three dozen assorted staff and fellow professionals and almost every service offered that is normally provided in general practice – and some more besides.

This growth represents about five per cent per annum for a decade and a half. The building will shortly burst!

Watch this space.

RAISING CHILDREN – not always easy.

I have been very impressed by the good sense offered in a program called 'Little Angels' on BBC3 in response to real life problems that parents experience. Now that families are smaller there is less scope for older children to learn childcare by example from their parents and, as far as I know, almost nothing is taught in school. Families tend to live at some distance from grandparents now and so the additional support they could offer is lost too.

To a certain extent, the Health Visitor takes the place of the grandparents now – make use of her. Sharing problems and solutions with other parents is also often helpful – take advantage of the Toddler groups and Young Mum's groups and also the baby weighing/immunisation sessions at the Health Centre.

OUT OF HOURS CALLS

Even more changes are forthcoming in the provision of out of hours cover all across the UK this autumn. The exact details of local provision are still being worked out and will be widely advertised in the press shortly.

All practices will be open until 6.30pm Monday to Friday and none will be open from 6.30pm Friday until 8.00am Monday. A single number will be provided for contacting the out of hours service which will be, at least broadly, similar to that which has operated for the last five or so years..

At this stage it is not clear which of the local doctors will be contributing to the service. I will be and this seems to mean 3 or 4 sessions on call per month. When I originally arrived here I was working alternate nights and weekends and expected to do so until about 2014 or so. To be able to remain in bed all night is undeniably agreeable, as is being able to spend time with family at weekends and be out and about. Even so, I remain ambivalent about what has happened.

OK! WHO'S GUILTY?

Someone, somewhere knows where several TENS pain relieving machines of ours are. These cost a lot of money and were lent to patients in good faith – in the expectation that they would be returned in good condition for others to use.

Likewise, a number of blood pressure measuring machines are also missing.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – PRETTY PLEASE – Can we have them all back as soon as possible. Thank you.

RUB-IN PAIN RELIEF

There's a huge range of things that can be rubbed into the skin to relieve joint and muscle pain. Broadly, they fall into two categories – non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) drugs and rubefacients. The former are the 'arthritis drugs' and the latter are things like 'Deep Heat' and 'Ralgex' that make the area on which they are used feel very hot.

Recent research shows that a little benefit may be gained for a week or two with the NSAIDs but thereafter the benefit disappears. The rubefacients can be comforting in the short term but a soak in a hot bath or the application of an HWB* is probably equally good and less expensive. The practice does not prescribe either category of material because of this lack of benefit.

Massage itself, with or without aromatic oils, is often beneficial and if supplied by spouse, lover, significant other, or merely a good friend, can be most agreeable.

*Hot Water Bottle

BEWARE MIXING ALCOHOL WITH MEDICINES

The Very Reverend Ignatius Nibelung Goosecreature has drawn my attention to a most regrettable lapse on his part whilst attending a recent Annual Convention of the Hellfire and Damnation Tabernacles (Northern Chapter).

Though sincerely committed to giving up smoking, and taking his Zyban tablets regularly, he inadvertently over-indulged in the falling-down water one evening. Upon regaining his senses he found himself naked in a hotel corridor with nothing to cover his confusion but a pretzel and a party hat.

(Only names, locations and gender have been altered in the above story to protect the innocent.)

With a handful of drugs it is **ESSENTIAL** to avoid alcohol at all costs – these include a commonly used antibiotic called metronidazole. Many others, including all the sleeping tablets, antidepressants and sedatives, can have unpredictable effects when combined with alcohol and so the greatest care should be exercised.

You have been warned.

Steve Ford

Poetry Page

Hello everyone, its great to see the response to the poetry page getting off to a galloping start. There is quite a mixture of subjects in our poems this month and some very lively verse. Animals are popular in our first two compositions and we begin with a delightful rhyming poem by Rachael Duffy

Sprinkles

I have a rabbit
Cuddles are a habit
His name is Sprinkle
And his eyes twinkle
He growls like a dog
And jumps like a frog
He loves to run around
Over the grass he bounds
He loves to play
And he also runs away
He hides behind the bush
Then he will rush
Across the lawn
Usually in the morn

Thank you Rachael - that was lovely

Sometimes we forget that our pets have minds of their own. So to put the record straight here is a poem written from the viewpoint of Oscar Tulip a truly splendid springer spaniel. (this poem is written by his owner of course)

I

A Doggy Tale

I wouldn't like to be a sheep
Stood in a field all day
With almost only grass to eat
And a little bit of hay
You get a bath just once a year
And a haircut too
I suppose its nice when the sun comes out
But you could turn almost blue
You have a nice new woolly coat
In time for winter weather
But it must get damp, standing all day
Outside amongst the heather
And when the snow comes nice and deep
You could be missing for a week
No, I wouldn't like to be a sheep
I think its much more better
Tucked in my basket by the fire
Away from that cold weather.
With two good meals every day
And walkies every hour
No, I wouldn't like to be a sheep
A springer's much more better

Now for something completely different. One day as I was shopping in the Co-op when I was given this poem by a lady who said to me that technology drives her mad, thanks Joyce its good to know someone else feels the same as I do. If anyone else out there is bamboozled by any modern day equipment why not put pen to paper and send your frustrations in to me, and I will include them in on this page.

A white snake wire running up the stairs
A leader line to my unknown world.
A world that exists of a blank screen—
Silent until Power comes to feed its appetite—
Power to over come all problems—questions—
Dull minds—tap—tap—watch—tap—tap
Have to comply—tap—tap
Must do the right thing—tap
Tap—wait—will it burst into my world?
Will the world come to me into my power ?
Tap—tap—I am in control
Tap—tap—I can do anything
Tap—tap— I must wait
Tap—tap—must wait
Tap—tap—wait
Tap—tap—wait for an answer
Tap—tap—wait
Tap—tap—who is in control
Tap—tap—wait
Tap—tap—control
Tap—tap—it is in control
Tap—tap—it is
Tap—tap—it
Tap—tap—IT
Tap—tap

—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Brian Pearson sent in this topical lively verse about an issue in our village. If there is a burning issue you would like to air on this page don't hesitate to send it to me.

The Picnic Area

The picnic area is such a treat
Where friends and family can all meet
To play and paddle, join in the fun
From dawn until the setting sun.
Such a shame that such a hit
Is covered now in canine 'droppings'.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their poems. If you have not been included in this issue do not despair there will be more poetic verse in the next issue of the Haydon news.

Keep scribbling!! Send your poems to:
Sylvia Mitchell, 32, Ratcliffe Rd. Haydon Bridge.

CLERGY MESSAGE

from

David Hasson



It is good to be able to write a clergy message for the Haydon News once again. Congratulations to those who have worked hard to bring the paper to life again and particularly to the editor for all the hard work he puts in.

A newspaper/magazine like this is an important part of the life of an active community. It is the place where views can be aired and exchanged and information shared with others. I would encourage you to use this means of publicising your events or sharing information around the community as much as possible. If you can, get involved in making sure that the Haydon News continues because it is an important part of village life and was missed by so many during its brief absence from the streets.

Communication is an important part of life and particularly in drawing people together. Was a master communicator using the spoken word, within which he used word pictures of everyday life (parables), and actions (his miracles). For him communication with a large number of people was a lot harder than it is today because there wasn't postal service, telephone, e-mail, radios and all the modern methods we have today.

In spite of that the message of Jesus reached many people as he travelled about the countryside. It had the effect of changing people's lives and drawing them together as a community. Not a community in one place but a community of like minds. A group of people which later became known as Christians.

The message of Jesus was so compelling that some people set themselves the task of writing it down so that others would be able to read about Him, what He did and said, during His time on earth. They also recorded the effect He had on so many people's lives. That record is still with us today in the Bible. Such is the strength of the teaching of Jesus that it still changes people's lives today and that community known as Christians still exists. Yes it is made up of different people because more have been influenced by Jesus and His message. But part of Jesus' message is about the certainty of eternal life with God for those who follow Him and therefore the Christian Community is a growing one.

If you want to find out more about the community of Christ's

WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev David Hasson, with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle 320051

Father Leo Pyle, with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North bank 684265

followers then get a copy of the Bible and have a read and then talk to some of the members of His community who can be found in our churches.

If you want to know about the Haydon Bridge Community and what is happening watch the notice boards in the various buildings which the public use and continue to read the Haydon News each time it is published.

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

CONCERT

Saturday 9 October

At 7.30pm

Jim Laidlow and friends

From Acomb

Come along and have a good evening with us

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 5 September
10.00am Morning Worship
Lelsey Marsh
6.00pm Evening Worship
Reader

Sunday 12 September
10.00am Family Service
R Anthony
6.00pm Evening Worship
Father Leo Pyle

Sunday 19 September
10.00am Communion Service
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Sandra O'Neill

Sunday 26 September
10.00am Morning Worship
Rev David Flavell

Sunday 3 October
10.00am Family Harvest
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Harvest Service
Rev David Hasson

Alternative Hallowe'en

Yet again at the end of October there will be an Alternative Hallowe'en afternoon organised by people from the local churches. This will be an afternoon of light hearted fun and games with refreshments. Watch out for more details in the next Haydon News.

Sunday School

This is an opportunity for young people to learn about Jesus and the way of life of the Christian Community. Children from 4 years to 14 plus years are always welcome to come along to the Methodist Church each Sunday at 10am. St John's Church have a Children's Liturgy at 9.30am

Any young people who come will receive a warm and friendly Welcome at either church.

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 5 September
10.30am Service of the Word
John Carr
6.00pm Evensong
Mike Fry

Sunday 12 September
8.00am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie
10.30am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 19 September
10.30am Morning
Prayer Mike Fry

Sunday 26 September
10.30am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 3 October
10.00am Family Harvest
at the Methodist Church
6.00pm Harvest Service
at the Methodist Church

Sunday 5 September
Beltingham 10.00am
Holy Communion Order 1
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 12 September
Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion BCP
Rev Christopher Elliott-Newman and
Mr Keith Ritherford

Sunday 19 September
Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion Order 1
Rev Stanley Prinz and Mr John Carr

Sunday 26 September
Beltingham 10.00am
Mattins
Mr Keith Rutherford

Sunday 3 October
Beltingham 10.00am
Holy Communion Order 1
Rev Alan Currie

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am
at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mondays) at
10.00am either at St John's or at Halt-
whistle

Holiday Club

Once again the churches in Haydon Bridge hosted a very successful holiday club from Monday 19 July to Friday 23 July. There were a good number of young people in attendance. Their groups were led by volunteers who were prepared to give of their time and talents for the benefit of the young people of this community. The support of the people in the community for this venture was shown by the attendance at the Barbecue on the Friday night at St Johns and we thank you for being there.

If you enjoyed what you experienced of the Holiday Club, or your children enjoyed taking part, or you want to put something into the community then why not start thinking about the possibility of helping next year. We would be glad to hear from new people who wished to get involved so have a chat with someone from your local church and they will put you in touch with the right people.

We thank all those who gave of their time so willingly this year to help with our club.

Harvest Festival

Our United Harvest Festival this year is in the Methodist Church on 3 October at 10.00am and 6.00pm. The morning service will be a Family Harvest Service and the evening one will be a Harvest Thanksgiving. Come along and help us celebrate God's gifts of food to us.