

# The Haydon News



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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.

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Mike Parkin  
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## Editorial Comment

As you can read on page 2 of this issue of the HN., the composition of the FOHB committee has changed and enlarged following decisions at the AGM. held on Jan. 22nd.

Mike Parkin has succeeded, as chairman, Charles Thomas who has stepped down but remains a committee member. I must express general appreciation and thanks for Mr. Thomas' support for the FOHB during his chairmanship. I would like also welcome several new members - Dennis Gillet, Dennis Telford, Storey Hall and Catherine Hall.

### Notes from

### the Parish Council.

#### December 2004.

Concern was expressed by a member of the public about the parking of vehicles on the pavement in Shaftoe Street making it impossible for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs to get by. Parish Council to check situation.

Council members congratulated all those involved with organising the Christmas lights in Church Street. Costs were met by the businesses in Church Street with a donation of £600 from a member of the public. Letters of thanks have been sent from the council.

The developers of the Foundry Yard requested permission to demolish the bus shelter at the end of Strother Close. The council withheld permission until a new site for a shelter was agreed and the new shelter constructed.

Due to a reduction in the government's road building budget construction of the Haydon Bridge By-pass is likely to be delayed for at least one year. The current contractors have been told to continue with preparatory work to the point where they are ready to order materials for the road construction. The Council was informed that the residents of Ratcliffe Road have expressed dismay at the possible delay in starting work on the by-pass.

In a letter Dr Ford informed the council that the present Medical Centre premises were no longer adequate due to the increase in the number of practitioners and patients. A site is needed for a new Health Centre. Dr Ford asked the council for their recommendations.

Following discussion on the parish budget for next year the Council agreed to request a precept of £17,000.

The council is to contact NCC to raise their concerns over road repairs and winter clearing/salting if further cuts are made to the highways budget.

#### January 2005.

The first meeting for 2005 opened with a presentation from Dr Ford about the Medical Centre. He explained that the centre, built in 1988/89 was now far too small for present requirements and with a likely increase in the number of patients in the next 10 to 15 years a new centre was now a priority. He explained that the present site was not suitable for redevelopment as it is too small and car parking is already a problem. Dr Ford went on to say that several sites were being considered for the new centre including Tait's Yard, Station Yard, the land to the west of the Innerhaugh houses, the land to the west of Langley Gardens, an area to the east of California Gardens and land near Low Hall. He requested the Parish Council to consider suitable sites in the village.

Concerns were raised by members of the public and councillors over the proposed closure of Strother Close at its junction with Church Street to enable sewerage works to take place prior to building work commencing in the Foundry Yard. The positioning of the bus shelter and access for lorries to Kattans were the main worries expressed. Enquiries are to be made with the developer and NCC.

There were further expressions of disappointment regarding the delay to work on the by-pass. Several councillors are to attend a meeting next week about the by-pass when the position should be made clearer re. the length of the delay.

A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed about the amount of notice given by the Environment Agency for their 'drop in' meeting held at the Community Centre on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. Jan. While people directly affected by the recent floods were invited to attend, many other people on the edge of the flooded areas would have attended if they had known about the meeting. The Council are to ask the Agency to come to a meeting to discuss flood measures in the Haydon area.

A faulty street light on Ratcliffe Road near the junction with Hordley Acres has been reported for repair.

Pennine Ways Estate Agents have contacted the Parish Council about their fund raising activities for good causes in the Alston area. They would like to undertake similar fund raising activities in Haydon Bridge for improvements to local facilities or for good causes in the village. They would welcome suggestions.

## Santa's Sleigh

Chesterwood Park Cottage, Chesterwood, Hexham,  
NE47 6HW 01434 684409

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Tynedale Lions Club held our annual Santa collection around Haydon Bridge in December. We would like to inform the residents of the amount raised and to thank them for the wonderful reception we received, as always

Would you publish the following attachment in the Haydon News.

We will be happy to pay any charge necessary. Just let me know.

Best Wishes

John Rooke

## Santa's Sleigh

The Tynedale Lions Club would like to thank the residents of Haydon Bridge for their wonderful reception and very generous donation of £190 collected during Santa's recent visit.

The total raised throughout Tynedale over the Christmas period was £3,300 and this will be distributed between four local Tynedale charities and two very worthwhile overseas charities.

Tynedale Lions Club welcomes new members of all ages. The club meets at the County Hotel, Hexham on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 7.45pm. It endeavours to strike a balance between fund raising and social activities for the enjoyment of members and their partners.

Anyone interested in learning more about Tynedale Lions Club should contact Jim Priestley on 01434 682273

## Northumbria Police

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Police Station, Haltwhistle, Northumberland NE49 9DH  
Telephone 01434 320204 Fax 01434 321666

The dates that a mobile Safety & Community Safety Office will be at Church Street, Haydon Bridge, are as follows:

Wednesday 16th March 2005 (2pm - 8pm)

Tuesday 17th May 2005 (10am - 4pm)

Wednesday 20th July 2005 (2pm - 8pm)

Wednesday 28th September 2005 (2pm - 8pm)

Tuesday 13th December 2005 (8am - 4pm)

The object of this deployment is to achieve a high profile Police presence (in addition to that already conducted by Haltwhistle Officers), to further Police/Public contact and to further reduce crime, disorder, the fear of crime and give reassurance.

Officers deployed with the Mobile Office will also visit Bardon Mill and Redburn.

The current resources for the Mobile Police Office are myself - Phil Stobbs PC 2748, Sue Burn PC 8393, and Michelle Owens (Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator). We will on occasions be joined by other partners/agencies e.g. Malcolm Woodhall ( Tyndale Council Anti Social Behavioural Officer).

## 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 and the venue.

The General Public is very welcome at the first part of every meeting.

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## SUMMER EXHIBITION 2005

Following the successful John Martin Exhibition we ran last summer in the Community Centre, interest has been expressed in making it an annual event.

Any one interested and willing to help on a working / steering committee should contact

Mr. R. W. Ford

at 28, Strother Close, Haydon Bridge  
or phone (01434) 684486,  
so a planning meeting can be arranged.

**HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE - Dennis Telford**

January 2005

**Welcome to a 'New Year' of Historical Notes.**

I ended 2004 with a few comments that took my fancy, overheard during our John Martin celebrations.

- Returning to this theme I can complete my list, starting where I left off in November, with the positive attitude of an 'incomer' to our village:

**"I feel that I am blessed, having chosen to live in Haydon Bridge."**

*That is most reassuring. Thank you! To all our new residents, welcome. Please join with us to make Haydon Bridge a happy place in which to live.*

- Not surprisingly Robert Ford was left speechless when, during the Artists' Exhibition last June, an elderly lady tapped him on the shoulder and asked :

**"Excuse me. Are you Mr. John Martin ? "**

- Responses to "just one question" asked on behalf of our professional artist Julie Livesey were enlightening:

**"If I could afford one of John Martin's paintings, I wouldn't be here on Church Street, selling newspapers ! "**

And:

**'Have I seen John Martin's paintings ?'**

**"Wey no.....I've lived here for fowerty years and I haven't even seen the Roman Waa'l yet."**

Thanks for that one Nipper. It's my favourite.

- I asked a valued supporter and village newsagent on Ratcliffe Road why she wasn't going to the ceilidh. I tried to encourage her.

**"You don't have to know the dances. There is a caller who will tell you what to do."**

**"That is why I'm not going Dennis.....I don't like being told what to do !!!"**

And that's my second favourite.

Perhaps our most senior resident who has attended all the events, including the Ceilidh, is Mrs. Benson.

**" It keeps me young seeing everybody enjoying themselves."**

Well said Mrs. Benson.

- Finally, overheard in a joiner's workshop on the banks of the river Tyne.

*Basil Young. ( Making an artists plywood pallet, for our John Martin celebrations. )*

**" I'm making this for a fellow who has been dead for 150 years, so there's not much chance of getting paid is there."**

*A customer, waiting patiently to discuss a project Basil is going to carry out for him.*

**" Well I know you're busy Basil..... but I hope it won't take that long to get round to my job !! "**

Have you heard any interesting or enlightening quotes that reflect our village life ?

Why not send them to me for publication.....but don't forget that the Haydon News is a family publication !

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## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE - Dennis Telford

### SAVE OUR STONES

There was an understandable hoo-ha in our parish when it was found that the engraved stone above the horizontal tunnel or adit, forming the entrance to Bewick's Honeycrook lead mine at Joicey Shaft, mysteriously disappeared in the 1970's.

A piece of Haydon Bridge history, removed down the Newbrough road to a private residence ( if my informant is correct... and he usually is ). It would be nice to think that some day this irreplaceable artifact could be returned to the village.

In the meantime however, there are two other pieces of our village heritage which are also 'disappearing'. Not through pilfering or vandalism I hasten to add, more perhaps through neglect and the ravages of our climate.

**Is it time to make genuine efforts to arrest their decline and return them to their original state?**

In the May 2000 issue of the Haydon News I suggested that the Church Council and our vicar of the day, the Reverend Vincent Ashwin, may like to consider replacing the church sun dial with a new one matching the original in detail, opening up the graveyard adjoining St.Cuthbert's onto Church Street and providing seats for the public.

Although the changes are not exactly as I had envisaged them, we do now have access through the new gate and a pleasant seat which encircles the tree in 'God's little acre', surrounded by examples of the stone mason's and monumental sculptor's craft. Replacing the historic square sun dial, however, proved to be beyond financial means at the time.

While the smiling face of the Sun God still looks down today, from his position built into the stonework above the church porch entrance door, most of the intricate work of the 18c stone mason is no longer visible and is in desperate need of attention.

Fortunately, our sun dial was considered to be part of North Country lore and legend in 1889 and we have a sketch from 'The Monthly Chronicle' of July in that year showing the original and offering the following description:

*On the porch at Haydon Bridge, Northumberland*

**NON NISI CAELESTI RADIO  
Not save by a ray from heaven  
( do I tell the time ).**

*The dial is square, and the motto is above,  
the words being divided by a full-faced sun,  
which emits rays all round. They bear an  
obvious moral signification.*

*There is no date on this dial, but the church  
was built out of the nave of an older church,  
and opened for service July, 1796.*

*The features of the Sun God are too decidedly  
Hanoverian to suppose a much earlier date.*

If the sun dial which adorns our Parish Church was sufficiently important to appear in an 1889 publication and indeed an earlier, 'Handsome and elaborate work' published by Messrs. George Bell and Sons in London, then surely it is worth our while preserving it as part of our parish heritage.

**On the south side of the river, an even earlier example of the stone mason's craft is also in need of restoration.**

John Shaftoe's school was built in 1697 and its founder's charity was recognized by a permanent inscription in Latin, incorporated into the structure. A plaque bearing the inscription can be seen inside the school today.

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Haec schola fundata et  
Munifice dotata fuit anno  
Domini MDCXCVII a  
Reverendo et doctissimo viro domino  
Johanne Shaftoe, A.M. ecclesiae  
Netherwarden in hoc aggro vicario:  
In tam benigni capitas elogium  
Deese nequit hoc unam opus pro  
Cunctis aliis suis beneficiis fama loquetur.

I'll let our village historian Mr. L. C. Coombes take over the story from here.

*"In 1719/20, £3 15s was paid for a marble stone with an inscription of the founder of the charity. The stone was originally placed on the North front of the school and was certainly still there in 1869 (and probably remained there until the re-building and additions made in 1879 or 1910).*

*The tablet is now inserted in the East wall of the school. If it is the same it is not marble and so weathered as to be undecipherable"*

During a recent visit to Shaftoe Trust School, with a film crew recording parts of our heritage for our 'John Martin' Video/DVD, it occurred to us all that restoration of the almost "undecipherable" stone plaque on the East wall would be very worthwhile.

More importantly, Mr. Coombes, who's extensive research has unravelled the Shaftoe Trust story and charted its history from the foundation deed of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1685 to 1962, supports improvements to the inscription now, before it is lost forever.

Had I attended our village school during the 17c or 18c, I could have undertaken special tuition in the 'Latin School' and would then have been in a position to translate the aforementioned inscription. (And the Usher would have received, 'no more than 1d a quarter' for his teaching.)

Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately) Mr. Coombes didn't include classical education in his curriculum in the 1950's so I shall have to set you some homework for this month !!

Complete the following translation of the inscription at Shaftoe Trust School:

*This school foundation and  
Munificent endowment in  
The year of our Lord 1697 by  
Reverend and learned master of honour  
John Shaftoe A.M. Church  
Of Netherwarden of this parish*

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Please hand in your translation to Marshes' or Clarkes' Newsagents, addressed to me.

If all else fails, I am confident that completion of the translation is well within the combined intellect of the learned gentlemen of the early evening didactic.

They meet nightly on a regular basis at the Bar (of the Railway Hotel).

#### FEEDBACK.

It is always a pleasure to receive reaction to my 'Notes.

In the October issue of the Haydon News I referred to the Olympic Hall at 'The Varnish Works' and was reminded by William Veitch of other Haydonians who worked there with him. Eileen Moffat, Isa' (our renowned village fortune teller) and John Welton, for example.

William's notes and thoughts relative to Smith and Walton make interesting reading.

## Dr. STEVE FORD'S PAGE

### APRES LE DÉLUGE !

#### YOU TOO MIGHT GET FLU

We are still trying to get the last few vulnerable people to have their flu jabs. If you are over 65 years of age, have significant chest, heart or kidney disease but have not yet had a flu jab then please see one of us as soon as possible.

Flu is not a trivial illness if you are already in less than perfect health. Bear in mind that the new flu (avian flu) that may be round the world in the future has, so far, killed most of the people who have caught it.

#### READING MATTER

In the British Journal of General Practice recently there was a mildly surprising result published.

For years we have kept the turnover of magazines in the waiting room fairly rapid, with none more than six months old, unless clearly pristine. This is for a number of reasons; a waiting room full of tatty old magazines is needlessly depressing, there's the risk that frequent attenders will find they've read them all already and get restive and lastly because, with so many hands on them, there seems to be some scope for the transmission of infection.

It turns out, when properly investigated, that the risk of transmission of infection is low, in fact. A study in eleven practices in or near Oslo showed low levels of contamination and only two findings of potentially important bacteria on waiting room magazines.

Seeing patients arrive with sizeable books to read is always a little disconcerting – the wait is rarely that long and now there is no good reason not to make use of the reading matter provided.

As ever – any contributions of newish, clean, family-reading sort of mags are most welcome. Thank you.

#### A SHARP INTAKE OF BREATH

When listening to a patient's chest with a stethoscope (or 'guessing tubes'), one is trying to hear the noise made by the air rushing through the airways within. Various deductions can be made from the noises found or not found. Clearly, the faster the air is moving through the tubes, the louder the noise and the easier the task.

When presented with a warm, unsuspecting back there is nothing more likely to lead to a gratifyingly rapid rush of air in through the mouth than clapping a lump of ice-cold steel to the skin - and you thought it was just a fleeting oversight on the part of the doctor in not warming the instrument! Besides, we've got to warm it up on someone.

All instruments are cleaned regularly and many have disposable parts or are single-use items but with regularly used items the possibility of contamination is obvious. Recent research, however, has shown this to be not the case. Infections are not transmitted on stethoscopes.

#### RESILIENCE AND FORTITUDE

There has been no comparable disaster in living memory. The tsunami in the Indian Ocean may well have been an event on a similar scale to that which has left a folk memory in many cultures of a 'Great Flood' – in the Judeo-Christian tradition that of Noah.

The fortitude and resilience of the survivors in the face of their overwhelming losses has been astonishing. In the midst of grief and desperation they have set to, with international help, to reforge their communities and livelihoods. If you have made a donation – well done – perhaps a second donation in a few weeks or months would be a noble thing to consider. If you have not made a donation – is there any chance that I could appeal to you to reconsider?

If the situation were reversed, would you hope that others would aid us?

The Indian Ocean is a long way away. There's no chance that we, or others, in the Westernised democracies could face such a thing is there? Why not? How would we cope? Badly, I suspect.

Our existence, with all its material wealth, is remarkably precarious. The more you have, the more you have to lose and the more removed you are from deriving your basic needs from natural resources yourself, the farther you have to fall when the supports are whipped away. Which of us could catch or grow enough of our own food? Which of us could gather enough wood to make a fire to cook on or fend off the winter cold. Who amongst us would have the skills to survive without easily and relatively

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cheaply available energy, food and clean water?

If transport were, for whatever reason, to grind to a halt, the shop shelves would empty within days or even hours. If the national grid were to fail for more than a few hours, all our frozen food would be just so much compost. How many days would your household last on what you've got in the house as tinned or dried food? (An estimate I have come across suggests that the average household has just four days supply.) Do you know how to make water safe to drink without heat? Would you share your resources with others? Would they share theirs with you? How hungry would you have to be to fight?

There are two candidate loci for comparable events occurring in the Atlantic. A large part of the Azores island group is poised to fall off, which would devastate the eastern seaboard of the USA. Methane rich marine sediments off the coast of the USA, poised to fall off the edge of the continental shelf, would devastate much of the West European and African coastal areas – including us. The waves in the latter case are being predicted to be many times greater in height than those in the Indian Ocean.

Smugness and complacency should be avoided.

### CHOICE

This is the word of the moment. Everybody is compelled to have choice in as many areas of their lives as can be dreamed up.

We were delighted to be informed recently that patients requiring referral to an eye specialist can now choose between Newcastle and Sunderland. The multi-page letter announcing this momentous development even included a small diagram to demonstrate the nature of choice between two entities.

I have replied that our patients have always had the two choices mentioned as well as Hexham and Carlisle. In fairness, Sunderland does seem to have become the nearest centre of excellence in the field but few will choose it as their first option from here.

### OUT OF HOURS

Further changes are afoot in the provision of out of hours care. A handful of other local practitioners and I are still contributing to the system on a regular basis in which gaps are filled by a variety of other doctors, some from continental Europe. The latest change is that a doctor travelling from Long Benton will provide any 'out of hours' home visits that are required.

Any feedback on the system is welcome.

### ELECTION FEVER

Are we all breathless with excitement yet at the prospect of a 2005 election?

As far as health is concerned, all party's claims and policy announcements should be read with a jaundiced eye. The NHS has never been safe with any party, because the nature of the beast has been so ill-understood by successive governments.

A vast sum of money has been poured into the NHS in recent years, which is good, but next to none of it has appeared at the coalface, which is bad. The sense of frustration that this has engendered in the workforce should not be underestimated but, interestingly, it seems to be shared by this government. As a consequence, I have heard it rumoured, if labour get back in in 2005 then any changes that have occurred so far will appear as the merest organisational twitches in comparison with that which is to come.

Interesting times!

### IF YOU DON'T VOTE – YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN!

#### FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2005

By April 2005 a new method of operation for general practice should have been initiated. Its called Primary Care Based Commissioning or PCBC for short. At first glance this looks like Fundholding all over again. In fact it is supposed to be much more inclusive and simpler to operate. We shall see. It is hoped that Tynedale will operate this system in a unified and co-operative manner.

### JARGON

Doctors are often accused of speaking jargon and yet there seem to be a fascination with some of the phrases said to be employed. I came across the following in an internet based list and thought some of them both repeatable and possibly of interest:

Assmosis – the process of promotion by ass-kissing  
Adminisphere – where managers work  
Code Brown – incontinence related emergency  
Fascinoma – interesting medical rarity  
Freud squad – psychiatrists

Inbreds – doctors with doctor parents  
NFH – normal for Haltwhistle  
PFO – pissed, fell over  
Rothman's sign – tobacco stained fingers  
TTFO – told to go home  
UBI – unexplained beer injury  
Walletectomy – common procedure in private

Steve Ford

## POETRY PAGE

*Hello readers, with such a tragic start to the New Year I thought we could look back to happier times through the pens of our first two poets*

*We begin with memories of a trip to Morecambe, organized by Trevor Corbett and recalled for us now by J Rix.*

### Trip to Morecambe.

We set off from the Anchor  
One Saturday in July  
With crates of beer inside the bus  
In case we should feel dry.  
It's a long way to Morcambe  
When you're happy, time passes quick  
Only stopping now and then  
To let one or two, be sick.  
When we got there we played at darts  
In the Workmans Social Club  
Then on to another establishment  
To stuff ourselves with grub  
But glad to tell ere darkness fell  
We went to see a show  
I canna mind where it was held  
For this was years ago.  
There were singers and comedians  
We laughed till we nearly cried  
The comics had kilts and wellies on  
And Wimpy hats beside.  
Next came a belly dancer  
And Jasmine was her name  
It was her Turkish beauty  
That set my heart aflame.  
The music sounded foreign  
But I could plainly see  
That as she writhed and wriggled  
She kept her eyes on me.  
If only I had spoken to her  
We would have got on fine  
But a big ugly bouncer  
Stood and watched us all the time.  
It was two o'clock in the morning  
That night when we got home  
With peace offerings and presents  
For those who could not come.  
Sometimes I think of Jasmine  
Fond memories tinged with pain  
I'd walk a hundred miles to see  
Her shimmy once again.

*Ahh, sweet nostalgia, thank you, that was fun.*

*Our next poem is called Memories but I do not know the author as it was unsigned.*

### Memories.

I remember Jimmy Saville running along our streets,  
Todd's small shop and his mouthwatering sweets.  
Cars filling up at John Clarks Texaco,  
Where have the years gone, I just don't know.  
A train crashing through the crossing gates,  
Parking at the bridge-end with all my mates.  
Everybody gathering for Donkey Derby day,  
Peelwell up in smoke with all of its hay.  
The lorry crashing through the telephone box,  
Mam wanting to know, if the hunt caught a fox.  
Hardys newsagent shop about thirty years ago,  
Placca bagging down Peelwell, when it started to snow.  
A man sleeping near the river, under some bags,  
Don't be alarmed, it's Jesus in rags.  
Disco nights in the big marquee,  
Who would climb its pole? Definitely not me.  
Winning the cup with the Haydon Bridge cubs,  
The Wheelbarrow Race stopping at all the pubs.  
Pegman wanting our rags and bone,  
And Dad paying for our very first phone.  
Some of my memories I've shared with you,  
Haydon Bridge moments through and through.  
Would I go back to those days if I could?  
If only for sherbet at Todd's, yes I would.

*Thank you for sharing your memories with us,*

*I can recall many of those events myself*

*If anyone would like to send in a poem about happenings in our Village past or present please put pen to paper and send them in to me.*

*That's all for this month, keep dropping your efforts through my door, lots more poetry in Februarys Haydon News.*

*I wish you all well, keep scribbling.*

# CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

## CHURCH PAGE

FEBRUARY 2005

### CLERGY MESSAGE

from

*Leo Pyle*



#### Churches Together - What it's all about

This article recently appeared in 'Living Waters', the magazine of the Tynedale Methodist Circuit

Betty Hargreaves writes

"On 4 September Lucy Clarke and Alistair Clark were married in the Catholic Church at Haydon Bridge.

Lucy's family own the village newsagent's shop and are a Catholic family. Lucy's mother had asked earlier in the year if the Methodist Church Choir would sing during the signing of the register at the marriage service. The Methodist Choir had ceased to meet, but it was felt that this was such an honour that it couldn't be refused.

In the weeks prior to the wedding Alan Howard got together a group of singers from the Anglican and Methodist congregations. We rehearsed "Be still for the presence of the Lord" (the chosen item). We took part in the rehearsal for the wedding service and were privileged to be part of the ceremony on the day.

It was a beautiful service conducted by Father Leo Pyle when both families and their guests were so appreciative of our singing.

The Churches in Haydon Bridge have worked well together for many years but to be a privileged part of a happy family celebration was the icing on an ever-growing cake."

The Anglican and Methodist singers.



#### 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

Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

Present

Sheds on Fire in CONCERT

Friday 18 March 2005 at 7.30pm

All are welcome

#### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE

wish to celebrate with our brothers and sisters in St Cuthbert's their joy in the appointment of a new vicar. The Rev Judith Hampson, from Allendale, has been invited and has agreed to come and serve God amongst the Christians in Haydon Bridge. It is hoped that Judith will arrive in the middle of May and we look forward to welcoming her amongst us. This news brings to an end over a year of uncertainty in Haydon Bridge since the previous incumbent, Rev Vincent Ashwin, moved on to pastures new.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES	ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SERVICES	BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES
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**Sunday 6 February**  
 10.00am Morning Worship  
 Valerie Anthony  
 6.00pm Evening Worship  
 Fr. Leo Pyle

**Wednesday 9 February**  
 Haltwhistle 7.30pm  
 Ash Wednesday Communion

**Sunday 13 February**  
 10.15am Morning Worship  
 Mo Lucas  
 6.00pm Holy Communion  
 Rev. David Hasson

**Sunday 20 February**  
 10.00am Morning Worship  
 Rev. David Archer  
 6.00pm Evening Worship  
 Mark Knowles

**Sunday 27 February**  
 10.00am Morning Worship  
 Rev. David Hasson  
 6.00pm Evening Worship  
 Dougie Hogg

**Sunday 6 March**  
 10.00am Family Service  
 Rev David Hasson  
 6.00pm Circuit Service  
 United at Trinity Methodist Church,  
 Hexham

**Lent Groups**

These will take place in St Cuthbert's Church Hall at 7.30pm. The dates and readings are as follows

**Wednesday 16 February**  
 Gen. 12 : 1-4a Psalm 121  
 Romans 4 : 1-5, 13-17  
 John 3 : 1-17

**Wednesday 23 February**  
 Exodus 17 : 1-7 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5 : 1-11  
 John 4 : 5-42

**Wednesday 2 March**  
 1 Samuel 16 : 1-13  
 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5 : 8-14  
 John 9 : 1-41

**Sunday 6 February**  
 10.30am Service of the Word  
 John Carr

**Wednesday 9 February**  
 7.00pm Holy Communion & Ashes

**Sunday 13 February**  
 8.00am Holy Communion  
 Rev Alan Currie  
 10.30am Holy Communion  
 Rev Alan Currie

**Sunday 20 February**  
 10.30am Service of the Word  
 Mike Fry

**Sunday 27 February**  
 10.15am Holy Communion Ord 1  
 Rev Stanley Prins

**Sunday 6 March**  
 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service  
 Mike Fry

**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 Haltwhistle

**Lent Groups**  
 Continued....

**Wednesday 9 March**  
 Ezekial 37 : 1-14 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8 : 6-11  
 John 11 : 1-45

**Wednesday 16 March**  
 Isaiah 50 : 4-9a  
 Psalm 31 : 9-16  
 Phillipians 2 : 5-11  
 Matthew 27 : 11-54

**Sunday 6 February**  
 Beltingham 10.00am  
 Holy Communion Order 1  
 Rev Alan Currie

**Wednesday 9 February**  
 Beltingham 10.00am  
 Holy Communion Order 1  
 Rev Stanley Prins

**Sunday 13 February**  
 Beltingham 10.00am  
 Holy Communion BCP  
 Canon Trimble & Keith Rutherford

**Sunday 20 February**  
 Henshaw 10.00am  
 Mattins  
 Rev. Stanley Prins

**Sunday 27 February**  
 Henshaw 10.00am  
 Holy Communion Order 1  
 Rev. Alan Currie & John Carr

**Sunday March 6**  
 Henshaw 10.00am  
 Mothering Sunday Service  
 John Carr

**Easter Praise**  
 Celebrate the RISEN LORD!  
 Haydon Bridge Methodist Church  
 Sunday 27 March at 7.00pm