

The Haydon News



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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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Editorial Comment

Another month! Another year nearly over! Quite an eventful year in the village.

Although I only attended a few, by all accounts the John Martin events have been great successes. My favourite was the Church Street Fair — no rain to spoil all the superb costumes. Walking along I passed one person, whom I know quite well, so encased in Victorian finery that I did not recognise her for quite a while.

The village is changing.

The new houses at Innerhaugh are just about complete and most of them have been sold.

The trains, I'm told, will soon be run by a Portuguese company.

I never believed that a bypass would come in the foreseeable future to Haydon Bridge. However initial paper planning and presentations at the Community Centre have been followed by a civil engineering survey along the proposed route to the south of the village. Drilling rigs have been used to bore deep holes in the ground and bring up core samples of the subsoil. Examination of such samples is essential these days so that the road foundations can be constructed to support the lorries which seem to be getting bigger and heavier all the time.

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Haydon Bridge will be held in the Community Centre on January 24th. at 7.30 p.m. I hope that this event will be well attended.

Finally on behalf of the Committee of the 'Friends' I wish you all **a very Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.**

Parish Council Notes from a Meeting on 28th. of October 2004.

1 A member of the public, Mr. E. Brown, as Chairman of the Haydon Bridge Action Group, informed the Parish Council about the Action Group's activities, regarding changes to the educational system in Northumberland. The group is affiliated to the N'land Education Action Group, all of which want the N.C.C. to hold proper consultation with parents. A meeting will be held on December 8th. with a vote to accept, reject or modify the N.C. C.'s plan. It may then be brought forward over the whole county or area by area

2 Notices to close schools may be issued in January 2005. There have been rumours that Haydon Bridge High School may close and pupils moved to Hexham. The Haydon Bridge Partnership stretches to Scotland and Cumbria. One proposal is to have one Head and one Board of Governors for the whole of this area

3 Robert Turnbull's campaign to get more trains to stop in the village was discussed. The date for the transfer of the franchise is December 12th. The Council was informed that work to create disabled access to the Newcastle bound platform will start in November

4 NCC has replied to the complaints of flooding at Martin's Close stating that the gutters had been cleared. There is a plan to cut a channel in the humps to solve the problem of flooding in very heavy rain but there is a lot of work to get through over the winter so this may take some time

5 The Clerk has spoken to a representative of Bellway Homes who has agreed to send their adoption engineer to investigate the damage to the verge opposite Innerhaugh. If they agree they are at fault they will restore the area.

6 The Council discussed recent housing developments in the village. Concern was expressed that village infrastructure would not support further development.

7 Demarcation of Council land at the cemetery is now clear.

8 The proposed siting of dropped kerbs in the village was discussed. A map of possible sites will be drawn up.

9 The Parish Council has agreed to donate £1000. to the costs of resurfacing the Community Centre car park.

10 The Parish Council has agreed to take on the responsibility for insuring the John Martin Interpretive panels which are being paid for by the JM Project.

11 Concern was expressed that the two trees planted near the Station Yard had been snapped off.

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THE 'HAYDON BRIDGE' BEWICK'S SWAN.

Did you see the swan, shot at Haydon Bridge on February 2nd 1829, displayed across a two page spread in The (Newcastle) Journal and on local television, during the week that the Natural History Society of Northumbria celebrated their 175th anniversary ?

The Curtis Auditorium in Newcastle was packed to capacity on the 20th October for the event.

The first speaker of the evening, Dr. David Gardner Medwin, described how the new species of swan arrived at the Hancock Museum from Haydon Bridge and how it became the subject of the first transaction of the newly formed Natural History Society, in 1829. The interesting and controversial story of how the swan was scientifically named was also referred to.

Much of the information contained in this lecture can be found in the Haydon News of Aug./Sept. 2004.

Dr. Eileen Rees then gave a particularly informative talk based on her twenty five year study of the Bewick's swan. Dr. Rees provided information on the bird's life cycle and habits as she tracked its 5 000 mile return journey to and from the arctic tundra, surrounding the Kara sea in Northern Russia, via its Estonian feeding grounds on the White Sea or Baltic, and its over wintering here in Britain. The Bewick's Swans normally pair for life, in fact there have only been two cases of 'divorce' during the 25 year research period. Some individual swans are consistently successful in breeding and assuming that they avoid their predators; the Arctic Fox which eats the newly laid eggs and men with guns at Haydon Bridge, Cygnets stay with their parents all Winter and the family group is joined by offspring of previous years.

It is unfortunate, given that the swan which gave its name to the species came from Haydon Bridge, that there are no recent records of the Bewick's Swan in this part of the world. Maybe it's time to get out the binoculars and pay a visit to Grindon Lough. If you do, remember that the Bewick's is smaller than the other swans and the yellow patch at the base of the bill is also smaller.

Good luck !

'Our' swan is on display in the Hancock museum of course, available for all to see. A suggestion was made at the anniversary meeting, that the Natural History Society would be more appropriately represented by the **Bewick's Swan**, rather than the **Heron** which presently adorns its logo, so we may not have heard the last of the *'Haydon Bridge' Cygnus Bewickii - Yarrell*

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ROBBIE WHO??

I have searched for something more than a tenuous link between Robbie Burns and Haydon Bridge, without success. It occurs to me that a researcher of our local history, reading the Haydon News in the Northumberland Records Office in the year 2104 may wonder why residents of our village celebrated the great poet's birthday each January 25th.

Casting my mind back 20 years to our early celebrations of 'Burns' Night', I cannot say other than that it was a good excuse for a night on the spree and a grand sing song.

I don't doubt that the celebration was an important event on the village calendar long before 1984, but my clear memories are of those days in the Haydon Hotel when:

Margaret MacYoung with a fine Scottish lilt,
And Maurice the barman, all frills and a kilt.

addressed the haggis and made us all so welcome. Francis Templer piped in the great chieftain o' the puddin-race while

Johnny Handle, Henry Robson, Dennis Osselton and David Reay provided the music for a celebration that continued until the early hours.

What memories!

There was the occasion when the wee beastie did its best to escape. Down onto the floor in a flash and a determined scuttle towards the door halted only by Betty the Landlady's quick reactions. Reactions lubricated with a wee drop of Brandy and coke.

And what about when a kilted Roy Dorrity brought down the skewer with such force that not only was the haggis made into mince-meat! The groaning trencher ended the night with a jagged hole right through its centre.

When the Haydon Hotel cancelled our by now annual village tradition after 20 years, a new venue was called for and Joanna and Gary at the General Havelock came to the rescue in 2004.

A new venue and a breath of fresh air. Kilts and Scottish bagpipes were again the order of the day Gordon Gowans was in fine form piping the haggis through a crowded bar and Peter Clark enthralled the assembled Sassenachs (and Margaret Marshall) when addressing the haggis in true traditional style. Johnny entertained us with an alternative Burns' 'address' and Johnny and Henry played their fine music throughout the evening.

As is normal on these Burns / Northumbrian nights, Geordie songs rang round the bar room long after the doors had been bolted. (Bolted to make sure that the great chieftain didn't escape you understand.) Ernest Marshall was missing, he must have been working on the 'Great American Railway', and we couldn't get Dennis Bradley out of that house of ill repute, 'The Rising Sun', but Norman Heslop and Simon Curry saved the day with their renditions of popular North East choruses.

Gary's culinary skills did justice to the finest warm reekin rich bill o' fare, washed down with whisky or the 'Burns Ale' specially on tap for the occasion, and we staggered onto Ratcliffe Road already planning next year's spree.

The only downside to the evening was that 'Tula and Eileen lost their 'residents' seats in the fireplace corner to visitors from across the Tyne.

You'll have to get in earlier next time girls!!

Oh, and by the way!

John Martin, Haydon Bridge's most famous son, entertained Robbie Burns' son and his wife at his home, 30 Allsop Terrace, Marylebone Road, London in January 1832. Later that month, on the 25th of course, John Martin celebrated 'Burns' night', again with the poet's son Capt. James Burns.

Is this link sufficient to guarantee a continuation of the Haydon Bridge commemoration of Robert Burns in 2005?

Let's hope so!!

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John Martin 1789 - 1854

Our John Martin commemorations and celebratory events in 2004 ended with a memorable ceilidh in the Community Centre on the 15th October.

Thank you to everyone who gave their support throughout the year. Especially the Local Heritage Initiative, the Shaftoe Trust Foundation, Haydon Parish Council and those of you who helped to organise, took part or simply enjoyed the events.

The committee still has much to do to complete the project. A John Martin Heritage walking trail, a publication, CD, video and a visitor Web Site are all planned for 2005.

In the meantime: read on.

'ONLY ONE ANSWER.'

**Have you a favourite moment from our eight months of John Martin celebrations ?
Here are a few comments overheard, that took my fancy.**

- The Reverend Alec Benniams, Haydon Bridge Vicar from 1971 to 1985 , got the commemorations underway at East Land Ends on the 17th February, 150 years to the day after John's death in 1854.
If you know Alec, it will not be a surprise to you that his prayers were appropriate for the occasion. Solemn in parts and yet, containing the wry observations of one who knows our close community well.

"John Martin you'll realise, was born just five days after the French Revolution began. I bet he didn't know about that, but if Bill Foster had been postman at the time, he'd probably have got the news from Paris to here on his bike....."

- Poet Keith Armstrong didn't surprise us either at East Land Ends, when following his first lengthy tome on John Martin, he informed the assembled congregation :
"I've got loads of this stuff you know..... It could go on all afternoon !"

- Our first day of commemoration was attend by visitors who came specially from Lancashire for the events:

"Thank you for such an enjoyable day on Tuesday, the service at East Land Ends Cottage and the evening lecture and entertainment were excellent."

- Our efforts to celebrate Haydon Bridge's most famous son didn't impress every Haydonian. For example, a regular customer in the Railway Hotel bar was vociferous with his opinion :
"What's the point in celebrating him ? "
"He's deed isn't he.... "

- Did you know that one of our residents went to the John Martin Street fair, instead of the John Martin, Street Fair:
"Well there's not much gannin on here ! "

- Fortunately he found his way to Church Street eventually and joined dozens of satisfied children and adults enjoying an afternoon to remember:
"It has been a wonderful day. We should do this every year."

- Was it a committee member who replied :
" Aye. Well somebody else can organise it next time ! "

- A gentleman, turning away from the St Cuthbert's Church stall, having been talked into buying a handful of unwanted bric a brac , by a wonderfully persuasive Victorian stall holder, was heard to mumble:
"This John Martin has a lot to answer for, Joyce."

- Not everyone was full of fun of course:
"It's all wrong closing Church Street. I'm not happy and I'm going to do something about it !"
I had the feeling that few were listening.

- On the other hand, the positive attitude of new residents is so refreshing :
"I am so pleased that we chose our new home in a place with such a wonderful community spirit."

These are my last 'Historical Notes' for 2004
and once again it is time to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.
Doesn't the time fly!
I look forward to sharing more local history with you in 2005.
In the meantime. All the best.
Dennis.

Poetry Page

Hello readers, I hope you enjoyed last month's poems. In the run up to Christmas train journeys will be a must for many people, whether travelling for that last minute shop or visiting friends and family. Two poems have been sent to me on the theme of train journeys and the first is a nostalgic look back to travelling on a steam train and is written by Eileen Watson.

Steam Trains (1)

When I was young, not long ago,
On the steam trains, that were slow,
I used to ride—and watch the track,
And sing the train song—'Clickeety Clack,'
The green grass fields went rushing by,
Onwards—onwards—up to the sky,
Our journeys end will soon be done,
And then we shall enjoy the fun,
Till once more on the train we go,
Home again—home again—oh so—slow!
Those days are gone, but, at Tanfield Lea,
Yesterday—comes back for me.

Oh Eileen, how nice it would be if we could recapture those wonderful journeys. Unfortunately our next poem paints a very different picture of train travel today.

Steam Trains (2)

I caught a train to Haydon Bridge
Like travelling in a mucky fridge
The seats were filthy, windows black,
Sticky floor, no luggage rack.
To cap it all, the cream on top—
The didn't even stop.

Thank you Brian I could not print the dotted word but I am sure our readers will make their own minds up on what it could be!

Now for something completely different, if you would like to see your favourite poem included on this page please send it to me. In future I will be featuring reader's requests. This poem was sent into me by M.S. who wrote; I thought you might like to print this poem I think it is very good. It was given to me about eight years ago while I was in hospital; it cheered me up so hopefully it will cheer a lot more people up too.

Smiling

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin,
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about the smile

And then I realised its worth,
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth?
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected,
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected.

What a great idea, thanks for sending in this poem for the readers to enjoy

Remember the 'Don't Care' poem from last month, and the challenge I gave out to keep it going, well thanks to Tony Messner formally of Haydon Bridge, we have the next instalment:

Who Cares?

Who cares if they ban indoor smoking?
I'm off to France to go snow boarding.

Who cares if the Tyne is getting low?
It will soon fill up when it starts to snow.

Who cares if Shearer is going to stay?
Have you tried a pint at the new Railway?

Who cares what the young kids are drinking,
They don't care what adults are thinking.

Who cares about the village's history?
Who shot the swan? Now there is a mystery.

Who cares about Halloween?
Ghosts and witches should never be seen.

Who cares about paying the bills?
I'm saving my money for the January Sales.

Who cares about Bush and Tony Blair,
What are we fighting, whom and where?

Who cares about being a millionaire?
Footballers are rich and that's not fair.

Who cares if you're not wealthy?
As long as you're fit, happy and healthy.

Thanks Tony, that was super! If anyone out there would like to have a go don't be shy — send your effort in to me. It does not matter if it is only a few lines.

Thanks to everyone who is supporting this page, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to receiving more from you next year. Don't forget if you have a favourite poem and you would like to see included on the poetry page send it to me -

Sylvia Mitchell,
32 Ratcliffe Rd
Haydon Bridge.

Dr. STEVE FORD'S PAGE

A MAOIST STATE OF PERPETUAL REVOLUTION-ARY FERVOUR

HEALTHY BUSINESS AWARD

We have been given a Bronze award in the Northumberland Healthy Business scheme. This is the first time that any health related organisation has gained such an award – the Northumberland Health Authority itself is hoping to catch us up next year!

In order to qualify the whole team agreed to make changes in our way of doing things that would be of benefit to our health; More exercise – the team went on the Red Sox walk. Better diet – no cakes/biscuits/choix in the health centre, fresh fruit instead. Weight loss all round – I've lost (and kept off!) half a stone. A general review of many policies related to the workplace environment, with updatings as required and much else besides

Nurse Mary and Sonia were the chief instigators and I would like to express my gratitude to them for their efforts in setting up our submission and keeping us all up to the mark.

SMALLER STILL AND SMALLER

Recent visitors to the health centre will have noticed that the children's clinic room has been divided in half to provide a truly small clinic room and additional office space. What used to be one lovely big room is now three small ones and we shall have to resort to holding practice staff meetings in the waiting room.

In due course a Portakabin will probably appear in the car park to accommodate even more offices. The 'command and control' part of health care is now decisively predominant over the real business of looking after sick people.

One of the consequences of these changes is that we will have to stagger attendance at the Children's clinics so that the overcrowding is not too severe. Our health visitor will advise Mums when decisions have been reached about how best to do this.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE...

Karen Cousins, our erstwhile district nurse, having qualified with the highest possible marks in her final exams of her nurse practitioner course, is now joining us as a nurse practitioner full-time. What was her office will become her consulting room – so now we will have three consulting rooms and two treatment rooms.

Her role will include: seeing same-day patients for minor illness, following up her existing clientele from previous encounters, providing planned care for the house-bound and the residents of rest and nursing homes, helping us to meet our 'Quality Outcomes Framework' (QOF) aspirations and providing supervision for our new district nurse – Lyn Shearer.

Henceforth, the doctors will be devoting greater amounts of their time to the more complex cases in the practice, to pursuing the QOF aspirations, to refining the management of long term illness and disability and to developing new services.

When you ring for an appointment now, and wish to be seen the same day for some new problem, you will normally be offered an appointment with Karen. There is flexibility in the system but we would ask you to help us change and improve to meet the new challenges in primary health care.

QOF?

The mechanism by which primary care now operates has changed – yet again. A scheme has been devised, 'Quality Outcomes Framework', whereby practices can aspire to score up to twelve hundred points. Points are awarded for a huge range of features, functions, attributes and results and, as ever, 'What do points mean?' – 'Points mean prizes!' To be plainer, we are now paid largely according to results.

When we first trawled through the system we reckoned we scored about 920. So far this year we have made rapid progress toward this figure but matters are complicated by various contractual idiosyncrasies and the fact that nobody's got any previous experience of operating the system. Payments are still outstanding from April!

No doubt, in a few years, we'll have got the wrinkles ironed out just in time for some smart Alec in the Department to have conniptions and recast the whole thing.

MEDICAL POLITICS

Anyone familiar with office politics in large companies, or probably, small ones for all I know, will be aware of the complex, arcane and internecine nature of such things. Medicine is no different, save that the contributors rarely work in the same building and have even wider influences upon them. Many groupings of practitioners exist and often overlap to surprisingly large degrees.

First there is the practice level. Then there is the locality level – the West or Tynedak for us. Then there are the county scale structures, then regional, then national, then international. Then there are structures covering primary care (GPs) and others covering secondary care (hospitals). Then there are specialist groups – physicians, surgeons, GPs, radiologists, gastroenterologists, chest physicians etc etc. – all having sub-groups according to geography or seniority. Special interest and political groups also form, which draw support from any or all of the foregoing. Perched on the top of all this professional ferment are the departmental and governmental panjandrams with their own varied agendas and timetables.

The old 'capital versus labour' division is, to some extent, mirrored now by 'management versus workers' – I don't doubt that the same frictions exist in health, as in industry, at this divide.

With so many competing interests, it really is quite amazing that anything is ever accomplished but a sure consequence of such complexity is that when any compromise agreement is hammered out, such as QOF, you can be sure that it will be almost impossible to understand and implement – at least by the ordinary foot soldiers.

SICK NOTES

A big push is on to reduce the number and duration of sick notes issued by GPs. In this practice I do not think there is a significant issue with malingerers, as there is reputed to be elsewhere.

We need to see you in person to issue a note! Please bear this in mind and come prepared with the dates of the illness to which the note will apply – when it started and your anticipated return to work date.

Thank you.

REPEAT PRESCRIBING

We have finally got on top of the new system for repeat prescribing. For people who take a small number of drugs regularly we will be issuing prescription for six months or a year at a time when we see you for review. This should make life easier for everyone.

Anyone wishing to get in early on this new way of doing things should make an appointment and we will set things up for you.

HEPATITIS B

Before very much longer it is likely that the entire UK population will be offered immunisation against Hepatitis B. This is a viral illness that can be severe and has serious long-term consequences in some people. At present only high-risk groups, like doctors, dentists and nurses are immunised.

The vaccine seems less effective in people over the age of about forty, so probably it will be offered to children along with their other immunisations.

PRACTICE WEBSITE

Due to my getting broadband the old website address is no longer operational. Shortly, we will be back on the web with an updated site. As an aside – getting broadband at home has saved us about £400 per year!

BLIND DATE

My old university, Birmingham, sends a magazine to graduates a couple of times each year. In the most recent copy were details of a novel dating service being operated by some recent graduates. A group of singles is invited to a 'Dinner in the Dark'. They are seated at tables in randomly mixed couples, in complete darkness (– so colour, size, appearance and so on have no part in the exchange) by waiters wearing military night-vision equipment, and served finger food and booze. At intervals the waiters swap around the couples. At the conclusion of the meal the lights are switched on and all is revealed – especially who can't find their own mouth with food and drink!

PS. I'VE RETIRED

Well, partly anyway. Our working week is divided into ten half days and full-time is usually regarded as nine half days per week. From half way through November I am reducing from nine to seven half days per week.

Mary does five half days, Gail does four and a half and Michelle two. Karen will be taking over my two slots and doing her own slots too – so, overall, there will be more practitioners seeing more patients per week. This is actually progress for all.

For eighteen weeks of the year, when my partners are on holiday, I will be full-time again.

Since this will be the last HN before Christmas :

The partners and staff of the Haydon & Allen Valleys Medical Practice wish all their patients and other readers a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Steve Ford

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TIMETABLE FOR
BOWMAN'S PHARMACY

December 2004— January 2005

Wednesday 22		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Thursday 23		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Friday 24	Christmas Eve	9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Saturday 25	Christmas Day	Closed	
Sunday 26		Closed	
Monday 27		Closed	
Tuesday 28		10.15 to 11.15	
Wednesday 29		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Thursday 30		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Friday 31	New Years Eve	9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Saturday 1	New Years Day	Closed	
Sunday 2		Closed	
Monday 3		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Tuesday 4		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00
Wednesday 5		9 to 12.30	1.30 to 6.00

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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from

David Hasson



This is the time of year when thoughts turn to gifts. Christmas in today's society is very much about giving and receiving. For some the emphasis is on giving while for others it is on receiving. In many situations the strength of the relationship between the giver and the receiver is judged on the value of the gift given, the more expensive the gift the more the giver is deemed to care.

It's surprising then that the one who gave the greatest gift of all is pushed into the background of, or out of, so many peoples lives. The gift he gave, which is what Christmas celebrations should all be about, is often ignored.

God demonstrated the depth of His love for us by giving us the gift of His Son Jesus. What greater love can anyone have. How can we ignore it, and yet many do.

Please take time this Christmas to discover for yourself just how much God loves you and accept the gift of His Son to guide you in your life here on earth. By doing that you will ensure that 2005 will be different for you and all who know you.

Have a Peaceful Christmas and a different New Year.

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
Friday 24 December
10.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Saturday 25 December
9.30am Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 26 December
9.30am Mass of the Holy Family

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
ACOMB CHOIR in CONCERT
Friday 10 December at 7.30pm
All are welcome



The young people of Haydon Bridge Methodist Church Sunday School will be going to Haydon View on Sunday 12 December to sing for the residents.



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN HAYDON BRIDGE CHRISTMAS SERVICES
6pm on Sunday 19 December
in
Haydon Bridge Community Centre
4pm Friday 24 December
Crib Service
In
St Cuthbert's Church
Come along and join us in these celebrations

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 5 December

10.00am Toy Service
Rev. Russell Hilborne
6.00pm Circuit Service
Circuit Staff at TRINITY HEXHAM

Sunday 12 December

8.30am Holy Communion
Rev David Hasson
10.15am Morning Worship
Mark Knowles
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev. Maureen Lloyd

Sunday 19 December

10.00am Nativity Service
Rev. David Hasson
6.00pm Village Carol Service

Sunday 26 December

6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev David Hasson

Sunday 2 January

10.00am Covenant Service
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Sarah Lamb

Sunday 9 January

10.00am Morning Worship
Stan Rowntree
6.00pm Evening Worship
Brian Lumsden

Sunday 16 January

10.00am Family Worship
Sunday School
6.00pm Evening Worship
Mr D Campbell

Sunday 23 January

10.00am Morning Worship
Joyce Short
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev David Hasson

Sunday 30 January

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Canon Raymond Best

Sunday 6 February

10.00am Morning Worship
Valerie Anthony
6.00pm Evening Worship
Fr. Leo Pyle

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 5 December

10.30am Service of the Word
John Carr

Sunday 12 December

8.00am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie
10.30am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 19 December

10.30am Service of the Word
Mike Fry

Friday 24 December

11.00pm Midnight Communion
Rev Alan Currie

Saturday 25 December

10.00am Communion at HENSHAW

Sunday 26 December

10.15am Joint Benefice
Rev Stanley Prins
6.00pm at Methodist Church

Sunday 2 January

10.30am Service of the Word
John Carr

Sunday 9 January

10.30am Holy Communion
Rev Stanley Prins
4.00pm Epiphany Service
Mike Fry. At the OLD CHURCH

Sunday 16 January

10.30am Morning Worship
Mike Fry

Sunday 23 January

8.00am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie
10.30am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 30 January

10.15am Joint Benefice – H. Br.
John Carr & Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 6 February

10.30am Service of the Word
John Carr

Wednesday 9 February

7.00pm Holy Communion & Ashes
Rev Stanley Prins

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 5 December

Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion Order 1
Rev Alan Currie &
Rev Stanley Prins

Sunday 12 December

Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion BCP
Rev Alec Benians

Sunday 19 December

Beltingham 10.00am
Carol Service
Keith Ritherford

Friday 24 December

Henshaw 6.00pm Crib Service
Rev Alan Currie & John Carr

Saturday 25 December

Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion

Sunday 26 December

10.15am Holy Communion at H.Br.
Rev Stanley Prins

Sunday 2 January

Beltingham 10.00am
Holy Communion Order 1
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 9 January

Beltingham 10.00am
Holy Communion BCP
Canon Trimble & Keith Rutherford

Sunday 16 January

Henshaw 10.00am
Mattins
Keith Rutherford

Sunday 23 January

Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion Order 1
John Carr & Rev Stanley Prins

Sunday 30 January

10.15am Joint Benefice – H. Br.
John Carr & Rev Alan Currie

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