



THE HAYDON NEWS



Opening the John Martin Heritage Trail Photograph by Ernie Swinburne

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Those residents of Haydon Bridge who subscribe to the Environment Agency's flood warning scheme will have received their copy of the Agency's Floodlink magazine for Spring 2006. The magazine comes with a double sided supplement dealing with Northumbria and flood issues in our area. It is headed 'ALL ROADS LEAD TO CORBRIDGE' and opens with the following paragraph.

'One thousand tonnes of water. Sounds a lot, doesn't it? That's how much water was recorded passing down the River South Tyne at Haydon Bridge per second on January 8th last year, prompting the flooding that happened in and around the town of Corbridge.'

Now you could call me over sensitive when it comes to the flooding during the night of January 7th/8th 2005 and I may be wrong in claiming that some of the water flowing down the River South Tyne also passed through several homes in Haydon Bridge on its way to Corbridge, but it beggars belief that there's no mention, in the remainder of the Floodlink Article, of the flooding in Haydon Bridge. This may be due, of course, to the Environment Agency wishing to stress the amount of work they have done since the flood to prevent a future occurrence. With £500,000 spent on flood prevention improvements at Corbridge in the past year they can now claim that the place is 'far better prepared to deal with a repeat event'. The same could hardly be said of Haydon Bridge where only the flood monitoring equipment has been replaced, after the previous equipment was washed away in the flood. Nothing has been done to protect homes. Perhaps it is time to send the Agency a map to show them some roads lead to Haydon Bridge.

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9 councillors were present.

Public Participation.

Concern was expressed, by one member of the public, regarding the apparent shift in power within Tynedale District Council, which he felt was becoming more officer lead, with a somewhat reduced role for council members. He went on to say that the District Council should consult more with the Parish Councils to gain wider public views rather than opting for referenda. He cited the case of a referendum proposal about the use of wheelie bins in rural areas. He also expressed concern about the use of wheelie bins and kerbside collection of rubbish in rural areas.

A Tynedale councillor explained that the new collection lorries weighed 32 tonnes when laden and were too large to negotiate farm drives. However, if the property was within 50m of the highway and of suitable width then the household waste could be collected from the house rather than at the kerbside. He went on to say that the council tax didn't cover the expense of collecting refuse from the most remote farms in the Tynedale area.

Matters arising from the previous meeting.

The church clock has now been repaired and is working, but requires regulating.

The parking of students' cars on the North Bank continues to cause concern for some motorists as, along with the cars parked on the opposite side of the road outside the Health Centre, they cause a chicane effect. *(Motorist used to driving in urban areas will recognise the similarity with frequently used traffic calming measures).*

It was noted that both the school and the Health Centre have inadequate parking facilities. A councillor observed that there had been an increase in students using cars to get to school since free school transport was withdrawn.

A report was given to the council on the By pass Public Inquiry (See page 12) Following the detrunking of Ratcliffe Road, once the by pass is completed, it is hoped that work will be undertaken to provide parking bays for residents and

generally improve the appearance of the road.

The council decided to put on hold the planned work to prepare/improve the area added to the southern end of the cemetery, including work on the spring fed tap, until a decision is made about the By pass, the construction of which may cause disruption in this area, especially to the spring supplying water to the tap.

The council was informed about the planned Village Spring Clean on May 6th. (see notice on page 17)

It was reported to the meeting that the work to be carried out on the old bridge could be major. However no further information was available.

Tynedale Council Report.

The Tynedale councillor present reported on a council meeting with Rosemary Grainger, on the options being considered for the future structure of the Health Trusts in the North East Region. The parish council was informed that Tynedale had voted to retain the present structure. The comment was made that under the present structure the main General Hospital for our area is Wansbeck Hospital in Ashington and that this was somewhat remote from Tynedale and difficult for visitors to reach either by car or public transport. *(There was nothing else to report from Tynedale meetings—see comment made by a member of the public, at the start of these notes).*

Highways.

A request was made to have the 30mph sign on the North Bank move from its present position, near the turning to Pelewell, further back up the hill towards The Tofts. This was agreed and the comment made that all the 30mph signs are too close to the built area of the village and that all of them could do with being sited further away, to give vehicles time to slow down before entering the village.

The council seem to have hit a legal stumbling block over their request to introduce two interactive speed signs on to the A69 at Ratcliffe Road. Further enquiries are to be made.

It was reported that the wall at the corner of Church St and Ratcliffe Road was damaged.

Planning Applications.

The chairman informed the meeting that he had dealt with two planning applications requiring an early return of response. He had said the council had no objections to either. One of these applications concerned the change of use of the Haydon Hotel from public house to private dwelling. Some members of the council felt that this should have been dealt with through a council meeting as it effected a village amenity. The chairman asked if the council wished to discuss this issue but, as the council's response had already been returned to Tynedale Planning Dept, it was felt that nothing was to be gained by spending time on a discussion .

Correspondence

The council received a letter from Defra regarding the increase of parish council powers to issue dog control orders and prosecute offenders.

A letter had been received from the National Trust objecting to the proposed extraction of gravel from the area around Morrilee and Ridley Hall. The council agreed to support the Trust's objection.

Date of next meeting May 25th at 7.30pm in Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

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DIGGING FOR 'GOLD'

Which is the oldest established Haydon Bridge organisation still in existence today ?

The association of 'California' gardeners perhaps.

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd March in the Railway Hotel this year, and I am sure you will agree with me, that it is quite an achievement for a village society to record an unbroken history which is almost certainly around one hundred and fifty eight years.

Our allotments are not shown on the 1841 Tithe Map for Haydon Bridge, but it seems probable that it was only a few years later when the land was provided for its present use.

The history of allotments in general can be traced back to the dividing up of common land with fences, walls or earthen mounds. I understand that the earliest years of land 'enclosure' occurred during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, (1558-1603) when 'Commoners' were compensated for their loss of enclosed 'commons', with an allotted piece of land attached to tenant cottages, and it is here from where the definition of an allotment derives:

'A portion of land or field given to a cottager for their personal use.'

According to our parish historian Mr. Coombes, 'enclosure' in the Langley Barony started in earnest from 1735, with the town fields at Chesterwood and Elrington, and continued until the Enclosure Award of 1797. A sole tenant of an area of former common land could wall off this land from his neighbour, and if the acreage was sufficient, further divide it into smaller fields.

Mr. Coombes continues: 'A condition of this award gave householders in Haydon Bridge who had right of 'common', allotments as near as possible to the village. So in 1797, twenty two small allotments were provided alongside the Great North Road where it began at the end of the bridge loaning, (the junction between the present Church Street and Ratcliffe Road) on land which had formerly been the common pasture called Brigg Bank.'



CALIFORNIA GARDENS

Before the Fire Station was built in 1965 when 8 plots in gardens 1&2 were lost.

It is perhaps more likely that the Haydon Bridge allotments in their present form came about after the General Enclosure Act of 1845, when Enclosure Commissioners were empowered to authorise enclosures only on condition that land was set aside for allotment use. Or were they created as a replacement for the earlier Brigg Bank allotments, that land being subject to a change of use?

It is worth recalling here, that the Haydon Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society was formed in 1840 and held their first show in 1841. Maybe this obvious enthusiasm for growing and exhibiting garden produce in Haydon Bridge, was a factor in the development of our village allotments.

Today's **California Gardens** are in part, on lands shown on a map of 1825 as 'Toppings Close,' as well as part of an earlier 'Nursery' situated on what became the railway and station yard, and (unless I have mistaken the spidery hand writing) two pieces of land called 'Greenscroft.'

On 24th January 1848, a few tiny gold nuggets were found by James Marshall's workmen building a saw mill on the American River at Coloma near Sacramento in California, and shortly after, gold was found in the Feather River and Trinity River. The news of these discoveries was published on March 15th, and there began a human migration, as half a million people from around the world descended upon the American state in search of instant wealth.

Does the **name** of our village allotments give an indication of the

year of the society's formation?

Mr. Coombes certainly subscribes to this view:

"At a guess, the year the allotments came into existence could have been 1848 or 1849, the years of the Californian gold rush. The first allotment holders probably saw themselves as 'diggers' for how else could the allotments be so named? The weather is anything but Californian!"

The Haydon Bridge allotments are important as the home of one of the oldest of our associations, but there is another reason why the California Gardens are a continuing link with the past.

The land is owned by the Greenwich Hospital, and is almost the only remaining village connection with one of the most significant landowners in the history of our parish.

By 1735, as a result of the 1715 collapse of the Jacobite rebellion and the Derwentwaters' part in it, the Derwentwater estates including Langley Barony, were in the possession of the Crown. The estate became an inheritance for the benefit of the Greenwich Hospital. Rents from the estates were to finance completion and maintenance of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich. This situation continued until 1871, when a decision to release funds for investment meant that a large part of the hospital's estates were sold.

In 1871, Elrington, Woodhall and the Bush and Wharmley farms were sold. In 1877 a number of freehold properties in Haydon Bridge were sold, including

the Innerhaugh Buildings yard and iron foundry, for £570, the site of the Gasworks £90, the site of the Reading Room Library and cottage £25 (*Yes! 25*) and The Court House of the barony, the Anchor Inn, including stabling, coach house and brewery, sold for £1,675. In 1882 the ruined Langley Castle and remaining farms were auctioned.

Fortunately, our California Gardens were not part of these substantial land and property sales.

The earliest historical documentation of the gardens available, as far as I am aware; and without close scrutiny of the Admiralty (Greenwich Hospital) archives, which may come later, is a '*Draft Agreement for Holding the California Gardens*'.

This was between the Commissioners for executing the office of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom and the tenants, and the agreement relates to a period from the 25th day of March 1879. The tenants in 1879 were, 'The Haydon Bridge California Gardens Committee'.

Local history is so much more interesting if you can relate to the names of the past; so are your ancestors among our village horticulturalists on the committee in 1879?

Francis Thompson (Joiner)
John Urwin (Gas Manager)
Thomas Clemitson (Saddler)
William Brown (Blacksmith)
George Walker (Merchant Tailor)

The gardens covered about 4.559 acres in total and were divided into lots of about one square chain each. (If my early memories of surveying night classes at Rutherford College can be relied upon, then the length of one chain is 100 feet.)

Total cost of the yearly tenancy in 1879 was twenty one pound three shillings.

In addition to the normal agreements one would expect in a legal document of this nature, the tenants are to: 'Keep the land free from thistles, whins and weeds.' and to 'Keep the South and East fences with all gates and posts in good repair.' Whether the term 'fences' is generic and includes the stone wall to the South or whether this boundary wall was built at a later date, is unclear.

The population of Haydon Bridge was better off than most, in having had the Brigg Bank allotments from 1797 and the California Gardens from the mid 1840's, because between 1854 and 1870, 615,000 acres of common land

were enclosed nationwide, but only 2,200 acres or 0.3% were provided for allotments.

It wasn't until 1887 that if there was a demand, local authorities were obliged to provide allotments, and later, in 1907, responsibility for this allotment provision was placed on parish, urban, district and borough councils.

It is interesting that as well as being a provider of food, the allotments were seen as an alternative to the growth of poverty and degeneracy amongst the working classes. 'An alternative to drink and other unworthy pursuits for the poor.'

Surely not? Degeneracy, drink and unworthy pursuits! Not in Haydon Bridge!!

For available recorded information about the California Gardens Society, we have to skip from the agreement of 1879 to an account book of 1901.

The treasurer in 1901 was Francis Thompson and the society banked with the Cumberland Union Banking Company Ltd. on Church Street, later to become London Joint City and Midland Bank, then on 27th November 1923, the Midland Bank and now of course HSBC.

I doubt whether our present day banking masters in Hong Kong or Shanghai would get excited about the California Gardens' 1901 account, when a total of three shillings and one penny was carried over from 1900. But at least the society's finances were in the black.

Income from the individual rents for the gardens in 1900 was twenty one pound fourteen shillings and sixpence and the main expenditure was twenty one pound three shillings annual rent, paid to the Lords of the Admiralty. The rent hadn't increased from the 1879 agreement and continued virtually unchanged for fifty years, until 1930.

With a balance of only eleven shillings and sixpence remaining after the rent was paid, other items of expenditure were relatively small and during the next few years included few payments other than for postage, and for repairs to gates and boundary fences by village joiners Francis Thompson, Jimmy Moffat and my grandfather William Ridley Telford.

A major issue in the early and mid 20c appears to have been theft of produce from the California Gardens.

The society committee was loath to prosecute however. The gardeners preferred to hand out their own punishment if the offenders were caught! This theft of garden produce wasn't confined to the California Gardens. I well remember my own grandfather's vegetable garden in the 1940's and early 1950's. It was on the river side, where Basil Young has his garage and timber sheds now and it was enclosed with a six feet high corrugated iron fence, topped with thick strands of barbed wire to deter intruders.

During the 1914-1918 war, demand for allotment land nationally, greatly increased due to food shortages and it is probably safe to assume that at this time the California Gardens were an important source of produce for our village kitchens; but not for exhibition as the 'Floral and Horticultural Show' was abandoned during these years.

From 1919, George Temperley Brown (older Haydonians will know George as 'Puddy') was secretary of the California Gardens and detailed accounts of the time provide records of the society's income and expenditure.

In 1919 there were 83 plots on the site and for the next six years, depending upon the size of the plot, rents varied between five shillings and ninepence, and eight shillings, for each one.

Meetings of the society were now being held in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall (built in 1908), and two shillings and sixpence was paid for the accommodation.

Occasional maintenance of walls, fences and gates continued and in 1924, used railway sleepers were purchased for gate posts. At first sight, it looks as though some of those sleepers costing a few pence in 1924 remain to this day! From 1926, meetings were held in the 'smokers' room' of the Reading Room. At two shillings, this was sixpence cheaper than the Town Hall and gave better value!

A new agreement for holding the California Gardens was published in September 1929 and came into force in March 1930.

My history of the California Gardens continues in next months issue.

If you have any memories of the California Gardens you would like to share, please get in touch.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newcastle upon Tyne.
20th April 2006

Dear Editors,

I recently came across a copy of The Haydon News and was fascinated to read the history of Staward Peel.

I was fascinated because as a small boy in the 1920's, my grandfather would often call at our house in Newcastle on a Sunday afternoon and take me for a trip in his car. His favourite trip was to a place called Staward Peel.

I remember it was a pretty place but it was quiet and without crowds.

My grandfather was born in 1871 and I am now wondering if he was taken there himself as a young boy during Staward Peel's heyday.

Was he a member of the Temperance League?

Was he a teetotaler?

I am determined to visit Staward Peel again in the near future, but I will be paying more for my petrol than granddad did. Eleven old pence for a gallon of Cleveland petrol!

Nevertheless, I am looking forward to taking my own grandchildren to see the delights of Staward and its Peel, in the summer, eighty years after my first visit.

Yours sincerely,
W.G. Ingledeu.

JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE TRAIL

Ominous black clouds hanging low in a stormy sky. A biting wind whipping up the waters of a swollen river. The deluge arriving right on cue, drenching everything and everyone in its path. No!.....Not a scene from one of John Martin's famous atmospheric paintings, but the weather that greeted Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Faulks, Fabian and Polly Byron and a good turn out of hardy onlookers, at the opening of The John Martin Heritage trail, outside the village library on Saturday the 8th of April.

LOCAL ARTISTS SUMMER EXHIBITION 2006

You will find an entry form for the third exhibition, on the back of this month's Haydon News. The event is a welcome spin off from our John Martin Heritage Project and our schools have once again been invited to take part. The exhibition will take place on the 18th to the 24th of June 2006 in the Community Centre and will be open from 10.00 to 6.00 each day, with free admittance for the public. There will be refreshments available.

Please support this annual event.

Langley Castle Reception. Wednesday 22nd March 2006

In 1985, Dr. Stuart Madnick from Boston U.S.A., happened to see an advert in Country Life Magazine about Langley Castle being offered for sale. Being curious he visited Langley and fell in love with what was Derek Robb's residence at that time.

Dr. Madnick's vision and purchase of Langley Castle was a new chapter in its fascinating history, and after the first round of extensive renovations, Langley Castle Hotel was opened in March 1986.

On Wednesday March 22nd this year, the six hundred and fifty six year old castle was the venue for a very special occasion when the 20th anniversary of Langley Castle Hotel was celebrated in style.

Many local people and friends of Langley Castle were entertained to a champagne reception hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Madnick and their family, and there followed a presentation of long service awards to hotel personnel, and a buffet luncheon that did credit to the chefs and kitchen staff of what is a wonderful building and venue in our parish.



Anton Phillips with his wife Linda receives an award from Dr. and Mrs. Madnick .

Langley Castle has continued to undergo a high standard of refurbishment since Dr. Madnick's purchase and a recent replacement and extended oak staircase, which fits perfectly with the castle's interior décor, gives access to a new 'Tower Bedroom' in the West Turret, and to the roof level. It is here that an impressive and most interesting renovation has been carried out to the Chapel in the South roof level turret. This is the first work to have been undertaken in this Chapel, since an

earlier restoration, commenced by Cadwallader John Bates and completed by his wife Josephine in memory of her husband who died on 18th March 1902.

The Chapel has remained untouched since Josephine's death on 12th April 1932..... until now!



The newly restored chapel was opened with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and is a unique feature in a unique hotel.

The weather could not have been kinder for the celebrations at Langley Castle and the American visitors and locals alike took advantage of the clear blue skies, to marvel through the battlements at the views of our beautiful countryside.



Who would want to live anywhere else?

Haydon Bridge United 1971

Did you recognise the players in our photograph in the March issue?

Back row

Derek Armstrong. Ronnie Blackburn. Ray Buick.
John Chilton. Maurice Frankland.
Tommy Longstaffe. John Dixon.

Front row

Ronnie Pessara. Rob Swailes. Joe Worthington.
Dick Robley. Tony Atkinson.



EASTER BUNNIES IN HAYDON BRIDGE

Stephen Todd and Phillip Cousin ready for the off in the wheelbarrow race.



The annual wheelbarrow race was once again a success in our village on Easter Monday.

The Haydonian Social Club, the Anchor Hotel, the General Havelock's temporary pit stop on the old bridge, and the Railway Hotel, provided the competitors with sufficient amber fuel for each stage of their journey. Eleven wheelbarrows, their drivers and passengers, dressed in a variety of garbs, set off from the Tan Yard and the contestants were cheered all the way to the finishing line at the railway crossing, by over two hundred enthusiastic onlookers.



First prize was won by Chad Alder and Mark Elliott, Ian Rumney and Craig Tulip were second and Dickie Lambert and Liam Scudamore were in third place.



Dennis Oliver and Barry Hope did cross the finishing line eventually, having lost valuable time waiting in vain for the Haydon Hotel to open!



'The Pitman's Courtship'

Thor'll be matches, pipe clay, an' broon dishes,
Canary seed, raisins an' fegs,
An' te please the pit-laddies at Easter,
A dish full o' giltey pyest (paste) eggs.

Part of a traditional Geordie song, written in 1816 by William Mitford (1788 - 1851)

HAYDON PASTE EGGS

I didn't see any sign of our village children booling their eggs down the 'Lowhall' or school fields this Easter, as we used to do in our younger days, but the custom of jarping and exhibiting painted eggs and eggs dyed with onion peelings, is still alive and well in Haydon Bridge, thanks to Susan and Michael Zellas.

More than one hundred and twenty eggs were displayed in the Railway Hotel's Easter Egg competition on Good Friday.

The judging was by Tony Petts, our artist in residence, and Tony could not have found it easy to separate winners from losers such was the quality and originality of the entries.

The winners of the **childrens painted and dyed** eggs were: 1. Evan Baugh 2. Heather Roberts 3. Joe Wright 4. Megan, Rhys and Sophie.

Adults painted: 1. Brian Pearson 2. Ken Marshall 3. Barbara Wardle.

Adults Dyed: 1. Ronnie Youngman 2. Maria Skerrit 3. Christine Youngman.

The 'Railway' was packed to the doors for the egg jarping contest, won by Kerry Parker.

I wonder. Is it a sign of the changing times that in my young days, these Easter egg events were celebrated in Church or Chapel as part of a thriving Sunday School activity?

I will always appreciate the time spent voluntarily by those who 'taught' and entertained us, especially perhaps, Bobby, Sally and Dorothy Todd, and Dan and Eileen Liddle.

Congratulations to all who organised the events and joined in the fun this Easter, and helped to ensure that our village traditions continue.

RAILWAY HOTEL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

To give you a opportunity to prepare in advance, we are delighted to let you know that this year a show of flowers, vegetables, jams and chutneys will take place in the Railway Hotel on **Saturday 26th August**.

There will be an entry fee of £3 for each item displayed, a hamper will be raffled and an auction of produce will take place on Sunday 27th August. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the Air Ambulance Appeal.

There will be a buffet and entertainment on the Saturday evening.

Further information is available from
The Railway Hotel or the
show committee members:
Joyce Brown. Cliff Eales.
Michael Smith and Ronnie Youngman.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE GROUP Summer Walks

11th May: Whittledene woods: meet Tyne Riverside Park, Prudhoe at 6.45. More info. Chris Irving Tel. 606512

25th May: Rowley Burn: meet West of Whitley Chapel (GR 902563) at 6.45. More info. Ben Gibbard Tel. 688608

8th June: Cats Elbow, Chishillway: meet Barrasford village hall at 6.45. More info. Henry Swaddle Tel. 684498

Bee Active Sports

Haydon Bridge based sport, fitness and exercise/activities sessions are being organised by Lorna Woodward (3 Whittis Row. 684424) – the hope being that a start can be made in June. Lorna has qualifications in Community Sports Leadership, Special Education and Learning Disabilities and is currently working as a multi-sports coach for all ages. So everyone, from the most to the least able and the youngest to the oldest, will be welcome and can expect a program of activities well suited to their particular needs.

Under the title of 'Bee-Active' Lorna will be arranging sessions for 'Busy Bees' (3-14yrs in four age groupings) and 'Old Bees' (adults and seniors). Reading the initial promotional material I was struck by the remaining scope for sessions for various other sorts of Bee... I, for example, might well find a niche in a session for Fat, Lazy Bees and suspect that I would not Bee alone!

As many people as possible please give Lorna a ring and get signed up.

Stress Reduction through Awareness

An 8-week course in mindfulness, led by Susannah Crump, is being planned for the autumn. These are her introductory notes:

Mindfulness is the skill of bringing awareness and acceptance to the present moment. It can lead us to take more care of ourselves. It can help us to accept life as it is - the downs as well as the ups. Mindfulness has been shown to help people who have been suffering from stress, pain or illness. It may not take the problem away but it helps people to change the way they respond. Mindfulness can help us to see the choices we have.

What happens on the course? The classes will involve learning mindfulness meditation. This includes gentle movement and stretching. It's a good idea to wear clothes that will be comfortable to sit in, lie down in and move in. A light blanket or wrap is useful as well. There will be plenty of opportunity to talk together about what is being learnt.

Meditation audiotapes/CD's will be given to you for practice at home. About an hour a day will be needed for home practice and other activities which help you to bring mindfulness into everyday life. You will need to be prepared to put some time and effort in to benefit from this course.

Hopefully you will find it enjoyable too!

The pre-course introduction is a chance to find out more and to ask questions to help you decide if this course is right for you at this point. **Please contact Haltwhistle Health Centre, 01434 320077, to ask for an appointment with Susannah Crump.**

The course starts on Tuesday 12 September 2006. It runs for 8 Tuesday afternoons 1.30 pm—3.30 pm Until November 7th with a break for half term. A Thursday session from 10.00 am—3.30 pm on Thursday 19th October also forms part of the course.

Where? The day room, Haltwhistle Hospital.

Cost? £1/£3 per session to cover the cost of audiotapes/CDs

Course Leader. Susannah Crump has trained in mindfulness-based stress reduction through the Centre for Mindfulness, University of Wales, Bangor and she follows the ethical and professional guidance recommended by the Centre. Susannah is the Practice Counsellor at Haltwhistle Health Centre.

A short questionnaire.

Q: Why do little boys whine?

A: They are practicing to be men.

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?

A: Trustworthy.

Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?

A: You did not hold the pillow down long enough.

Q: Why do female black widow spi-

ders kill their males after mating?

A: To stop the snoring before it starts.

Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?

A: It helps them remember which end they need to wipe.

Q: What is the difference between men and women?

A: A woman wants one man to satisfy her every need. A man wants every woman to satisfy his one need.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder "Instruction Manual"

Burns

About 250,000 people suffer burns each year in the UK. 210 die. There are several different sorts of burn: Adults – 48% flame, 33% scalds, 8% contact, 5% electrical, 3% chemical, 2% friction and 1% sun. The figures for children are a little different.

Unless a burn is truly vanishingly trivial then getting it looked at by a healthcare professional is a good idea. This is particularly true for eyes, faces and hands, if the victim was partly or wholly unconscious at the time, if smoke or fumes have been inhaled or where there is doubt about how it occurred.

Don't add to the casualty list by trying to rescue someone and becoming injured yourself. Ascertain if there is danger to yourself and, if possible, remove it, then act or call for professional help. Switch off electrical power sources, use any sort of available 'tool' to hook a victim clear of danger, if there is an extinguisher or fire blanket available use it and don't forget to 'drop and roll' someone who is actually on fire.

A burn should be cooled with water (not too cold) and any chemicals washed off. Do not apply any creams or ointments. Wrap in Clingfilm or polythene sheet if the burn is very extensive, once the wound is cooled and any chemical removed, whilst waiting for help.

Germany takes the lead again.

North Rhine-Westphalia is investing one million Euros in a project to retrain female prostitutes as care workers for the elderly. The plan is working excellently because most prostitutes are only too willing to take on different work, they have good 'people skills', are not easily disgusted, don't fear physical contact and are good at making people feel 'safe'.

The 'risk' of clients paying for 'extras' has already been considered and is not reported to be a problem.

A common problem.

Incontinence, affecting either bowels or bladder, is much more common than you might think. Nobody, young or old, male or female, has to put up with 'accidents' and we are very keen to get things sorted out for you. Maxine, our community nurse has special skills and interest in this problem and will gladly talk things through with you and get started on making things better. Make an appointment with her as soon as you like.

Free bus travel within Tynedale.

The key points of this new service are: Free bus travel within Tynedale (and half fare to key destinations such as Newcastle and MetroCentre) for men and women aged 60 and over, for disabled people of any age, reduced fares on some taxis, pass issued free of charge to people who live in Tynedale.

Contact Customer Services, Tynedale

Council, Hadrian House, Market Street, Hexham. NE46 3NH. 01434 652121.

What are you waiting for – RING UP!

Going bananas.

The older people get, the more they seem to view death with equanimity and some even get quite slyly humorous.

A little while ago I had to tell an elderly person that a disease that they had had for years was starting to catch up with them despite the treatment. Almost without a pause for breath came the reply: 'Is it still OK for me to buy green bananas?'

I replied that it would even be reasonable to start on a good long book or two.

New Home!

The Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots are moving after Easter to a new home at the Haydon Bridge Fire Station. Playgroup and Tiny Tots (West Tynedale Breast Buddies) and Karen Goodchild (health visitor), with the help of SureStart, will all be using the Community room at the Fire Station each week. Together we will be part of an Outreach Base for SureStart Western Tynedale, with each group maintaining its independence.

Playgroup and Tiny Tots sessions will run at the fire station from the 24th April. The new venue will provide an

environment that has been improved specifically for children. Anyone interested in attending the groups contact Karen Lill on 684597, or call into one of the sessions, which are held on:

Tiny Tots- Thursdays 9.15-11.15
Playgroup- Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15

In the future, the Health visitor is planning a weekly session for mums and dads. It is hoped this session will run along the same lines as the Health visitor drop-in. The session at the fire station would offer the option for weighing children and for mums to meet up have a tea/coffee and a chat with other mums and dads and to access the health visitor. Day and times to be arranged.

A big Thank You to the Fire Service in Haydon Bridge for their hard work and support. You have all been fantastic!

Our new brochure.

We are most grateful to the Haydon News editors and all the delivery people for circulating our new brochure last month. This edition is a very slim item because we are now contractually obliged to reprint it each year with any necessary amendments.

Guess what? As soon as we had printed this copy the out-of-hours number was changed. The correct number is given on the answerphone.

Steve Ford

HAYDON BRIDGE YOUTH GROUP

FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES.

Are you aged between 16-25,
would love to meet new people and
make new friends?

TO BE HELD ON MONDAYS 6pm-7.30pm.
STARTING ON MONDAY 8th MAY 2006
AT HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

For more information please contact:
JULIA at Gateway into the Community.
Telephone: 01434 607653.

Hexham Morris Dancers **SPRING CEILIDH**

With
NE ONE
CEILIDH BAND.
Friday 5th May at 7.30pm
HAYDON BRIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Real Ale Bar.

Tickets £6/£4 includes a buffet supper.

Tel. Valerie or Brian 01434 684 705.



CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle.

**MAY
2006**



So let's not be childish. And it is childish to imagine that bodily resurrection means perfection. Resurrection is not the disappearance of scars, aging and disabilities. Resurrection is not about the immediate restoration of youth, beauty and athleticism. This is an immature perception of the after-life. A far cry from Thomas' expectation and understanding of resurrection and his risen Lord. Thomas expects to see the evidence of his passion and death writ large on his Risen Lord. And Jesus does not disappoint Thomas. Jesus tells Thomas to put his fingers into his wounds and worse (if you like) his hand into his side.

So why? Why does Jesus not appear fully restored? Why does Jesus not appear perfect? How is it that Thomas expects the Risen Lord to appear horribly scarred? Because Thomas understands. Because Thomas understands more than we give him credit for, with his nickname of Doubting Thomas!

Thomas knows instinctively that Jesus is to be recognised through his wounds. Thomas' understanding of the Risen Lord is confirmed by Jesus. He invites Thomas to get in touch with a wounded Christ. Indeed, Jesus makes himself known as the wounded Christ

In our culture we find all this kind of thing very hard to stomach. We are after all the "winner takes all" culture. We strive for the perfect body, the right look and success at all costs. Is it any wonder we cannot find the Risen Lord? We are looking for him in all the wrong places.

Thomas tells us where to look. Look for the wounds and the scars and find the Risen Lord. Look for the wounds and the scars that Christ may reveal himself. And we are all scarred in some way. We are all

WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev Judith Hampson,
with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
The Vicarage, Station Yard
Tel. 01434 684307

Rev David Hasson,
with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank
Tel. 01434 684265

wounded at some level of our life experience, seeking "to be healed of the wound of living". Christ is making himself known to us precisely through these pain-filled places.

The Church is the body of Christ. As the body of Christ we ask ourselves how comfortable we are with our woundedness? Can we stand to be vulnerable? Can we be as vulnerable as Christ in openly displaying our wounds? Can we allow others to touch us there and come to recognize Christ there and say "My Lord and my God."

The Church today, the body of Christ is wounded. It is time for us to be Christlike and show the world our hands and our side, to allow this aspect of who we are to be seen. That the world may come to pray with Thomas and say, "My Lord and my God."

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 07 May

10.30am Communion Service
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev David Archer

Sunday 14 May

10.00am Family Worship
Mrs Brenda Mearns
6.00pm Christian Aid Service
Mrs Jan Simmonds

Sunday 21 May

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Reader

Sunday 28 May

10.00am Family Worship
Mrs Margaret Weatherson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Mr Charles Ford

Sunday 4 June

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Pentecost
At St Johns

Sunday 11 June

10.00am Morning Worship
Mrs M Ridley
6.00pm Evening Worship
Mr D Campbell

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at 11.00am at
Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except Mon-
days) at 10.00am
either at St John's or at
Haltwhistle

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 07 May

Beltingham
10.00am Communion

Sunday 14 May

Beltingham
10.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21 May

Henshaw
10.00am Communion
06.00pm Communion

Sunday 28 May

Beltingham
10.15am Joint Service

Sunday 04 June

Henshaw
10.00am Communion
Beltingham
06.00pm Evensong

Sunday 11 June

Henshaw
10.00am Matins

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 07 May

10.30am All Age Service

Sunday 14 May

08.00am BCP Communion
10.30am Communion
06.00pm Christian Aid Service
Mrs Jan Simmonds
Methodist Church

Sunday 21 May

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28 May

10.15am Joint Service
At Beltingham

Sunday 4 June

11.00am All Age Worship
6.00pm Pentecost
At St Johns

Sunday 11 June

08.00am Communion
10.30am Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

Sunday 7 May

06.00pm Evensong

Sunday 11 June

06.00pm Evensong

GOD IS...

Sighs - Why would
anybody be
interested in **me**?



... INTERESTED
IN **YOU**

**Haydon Bridge
Holiday club**

Timetable of preparations

Fun day
Saturday 3rd June,

Final meeting
Tuesday 6th June at
7:30pm. in the
Methodist Church.

Holiday Club
22—29 July

**Christian Unity &
Pentecost & Service**

This year this service is to be
held in

St John of Beverley
at 6.00pm on
Sunday 4 June

All are welcome to share in
this service

HAYDON BRIDGE BY PASS
PUBLIC INQUIRY. APRIL 25TH—26TH 2006

The Inquiry was held in the Community Centre and conducted by Mr Colin Tyrrell, Planning Inspector.

The meeting opened with an expression of concern from Mr Tyrrell over the omission, by the Highways Agency, to display statutory notices regarding the Inquiry, at points along the proposed route of the by pass and in the village. He explained that this could prejudice the meeting.

Mr Evans, representing the Highways Agency, informed the Inspector that notices had been placed in the local and regional press and that in a small Community, such as Haydon Bridge, it would be most unlikely, if anyone wishing to make representation to the meeting, did not know when it was taking place. He went on to tell the meeting that notices were being issued as he spoke. Mr Tyrrell was satisfied with the action taken and opened the Inquiry by explaining its procedures and purpose. He went on to inform the meeting that he had turned down an offer to spend a night in Ratcliffe Road, to experience first hand the noise and disturbance caused by traffic throughout the night, on the grounds that no one was disputing the fact that Ratcliffe Road residents were effected by traffic noise, fumes and vibration at all hours of the day and night. He then invited Mr Evans to make an opening statement on behalf of the Highways Agency (HA).

Mr Evans spoke of the strong local support for the scheme and that after so many years since the initial proposals for a by pass 'the present scheme comes not a moment too soon'. Although 10 objections had been made to the scheme, he felt that these had all been answered satisfactorily and that many objections had now been withdrawn. He then outlined the proposals, the consultation process undertaken and the need for a by pass. He felt that the scheme was in a favourable position to receive government funding and that the present proposals represent the optimum way forward.

Mr Evans then went on to introduce six expert witnesses to give details of the proposals in support of the HA's by pass scheme. They addressed the meeting in turn. The first speaker, Mr J Atkinson, gave evidence regarding the need for the by pass including the requirement for compulsory purchase orders; detailed the effects on the village of the present A69

and talked about of the development of the scheme, the public consultation and the strong public support for the proposals.

Mr S Marshall gave evidence on the construction of the by pass. He informed the meeting that construction would take two years, starting in the spring of 2007. He went on to talk about how and when various aspects of the construction would proceed and that temporary areas would be required for the prefabrication of structural elements e.g. the bridge deck, for storing and drying excavated material and for the main site compound, situated to the south of the cemetery. These areas are to be returned to agricultural use when work is completed. Mr Marshall went on to explain the need for a temporary 'haul road', between the main compound and the river west of the village, to avoid construction traffic having to travel through village. There would, however, be a three week period when lorries would be transporting material from the Gee's Wood cutting through the village to the west end of the scheme.

The A69 will be closed for 48 hours over one weekend, while the new bridge deck is manoeuvred into place over the river and railway to the west of the village. The A69 will also be reduced to single lane working for 12 weeks to the west and 18 weeks to the east, while work is done to 'tie in' the new road at each end of the by pass. In addition Cemetery Road will be closed for 33 weeks during construction of the underpass and the Alston road (A686) will be closed for 12 weeks between Cemetery Road and its junction with the A69. *(The single lane working, road closures and diversions are likely to cause congestion in the village during the construction period)* The expert witnesses who followed gave information about engineering aspects of the by pass and its design; the predicted traffic levels and economic justification for the scheme; the adverse and beneficial environmental impact of the by pass and the action to be taken to mitigate some of the adverse effects e.g. tree and hedge planting to screen the by pass from view. Finally it was explained that the impact on farms effected by the scheme would be slight

with the exception of Land Ends Farm where the impact would be major and include substantial severance. During this session it emerged that the by pass junctions will be unlit 'at grade priority junctions', although several people had raised concerns about these during the consultation period. It was stated that the junctions met the required standards and would be adequate to meet expected traffic flows.

To the surprise of many present, it also emerged that, with the new by pass, it is predicted accident levels will rise, the accident reductions in the village being outweighed by the occurrence and severity of accidents on the new road. The reason given for this was the current low accident rate on the A69 through Haydon Bridge and the introduction of two new junctions into the road network.

The following local people spoke in support of the by pass each highlighting a different aspect:

Peter Fletcher on planning village priorities;
Eileen Charlton on the work of the By pass group over the years;
Sylvia Mitchell on current difficulties for the elderly and infirm getting about the village;
Tula Thompson on the effects of A69 traffic on Ratcliffe Road residents;
Mike Dennison on the speed of vehicles on Ratcliffe Road ;
Joanna Thompson on the effects on businesses;
Gillian Plaice on the dangers to pedestrians, especially children, walking along Ratcliffe Road.
Representatives from Northumberland and Tynedale Councils also spoke in support of the by pass as did our local MP, Peter Atkinson.

The only objections raised were on behalf of tenant farmers effected by the scheme and concerned the compulsory acquisition of temporary rights over land required during the construction of the by pass. However, it was made clear that the people concerned, supported the by pass scheme in principle.

Having listened to the case for the by pass and the objections, Mr Tyrrell closed the meeting. He will now send his recommendations regarding the bypass to government ministers, who will make the final decision.

HAYDON BRIDGE SPRING CLEAN UP.
SATURDAY MAY 6TH AT 10.00AM

This year's clean up is later as the skip was not available until now.
Hopefully we will get a better day and more people will take part.

You can help with the riverside clean up or get together with a group of friends and attack
your own eyesore. It can be fun!!

A skip will be available on the riverside to dispose of rubbish collected.
Gloves and bags can be collected from beside the skip.

WE DO NEED YOUR HELP.
THE MORE PEOPLE TAKE PART THE MORE WE CAN DO.
THE VILLAGE IS IN NEED OF A GOOD SPRING CLEAN.
PLEASE HELP.

Dear All,

We have just completed our first year as a taxi business in Haydon Bridge. It has been a challenge to get things set up and running but we now feel that we have an established clientele.

We have enjoyed meeting a wide variety of people, some of whom are real characters. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of those who have supported our taxi business and hope they continue to do so in the future.

Yours faithfully
Don and Loma Woodward.
HAYDON BRIDGE TAXIS.

A letter from Eileen Charlton

I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and presents. I'm looking forward to being retired, but will miss you all.

I'll not be so easy to capture now if you have any Parish Council issues, but I'm retiring from the Co op not from life. Just give me a ring if you need to report any problems.

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Next meeting

May 16th
HANGING BASKETS

At 7.30pm

At

The Community Centre.

New members always welcome.

The 'Thursday girls' are a group of mature ladies who meet regularly on Thursday evenings in the Havelock Inn for quiet conversation on the problems besetting the world.

The following was penned by them after an expedition to Northern Ireland failed due to circumstances beyond their control.

The Thursday girls would like to say
Thanks for your sympathy when their plans went astray

To the airport we went with anticipation

Only to find Belfast's—cancellation

We were cross then got vexed

Easy Jet's incompetence made us perplexed

Back home we came to drown our sorrows

What else can you do but plan for tomorrows

Morning dawned and YOU ALL KNEW

How word travels when you've had a few

We were immensely impressed

At your kind thoughts expressed

Our Easy Jet lag! Was made a bit better

So we've taken some time and written this letter

Thanks.