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One of our readers has suggested, in view of Dr High's letter in the Haydon News last month, that we may well have to get ourselves prepared for life without a doctor in the village. The concerned reader has sent the Editor a list of ancient remedies, thought highly of as recently as 1650, for all sorts of ailments, and hopes that in the absence of a qualified medical practitioner, these will help afflicted members of the community who are unable to travel up to nine miles to the nearest Health Centre. Our reader cannot guarantee that any of these will actually effect a cure, and has little faith in them himself.

It seems that an attack of rabies is very easy to cure, by chopping up some fresh garden mint, mixing it with salt, and eating as much as possible of the mixture. A case of snakebite is a relatively simple cure - take the slugs off a cabbage, soak the cabbage in a good wine, throw away the slugs and the cabbage and then drink the wine. The resulting drunkenness can be alleviated by placing several ivy berries up one's nostrils, but in the absence of berries, a sort of tea made from the leaves is almost as efficacious. According to the book, bad cases of toothache are relieved by placing a tobacco leaf over the ache and hoping for the best. Tobacco is stated to be a restorative in bad cases of drowning! A cold is treated by powdering up some primrose roots and using the result as snuff. Leprosy and sore gums can be cured by rubbing with juniper-berries, and for gangrene - what better than the juice found in elm-tree leaves? Pepper cures fits, and the juice of strawberries makes sore eyes better. Leeks and onions both cure mushroom poisoning and asthma. Groundsel, the famous weed, gets rid of dandruff in humans and nasty diseases in horses!

Is this what is meant by 'Alternative Medicine'? Wouldn't a Health Centre be a better idea?

(The above cures were compiled from Culpeper's Compleat Herball.)

Home Made Butter

2 tablespoonfuls of cornflour	pinch of salt
half pint of milk	1 lb margarine
2 eggs	

Put the cornflour into a cup and thin to a paste with a little milk. Whip up the eggs and bring the rest of the milk to the boil. Then add the cornflour eggs and salt and mix with an egg whisk. Then pour mixture over margarine and mix again. Allow to cool in a basin and the result will be 2 lb of butter.

Wanted to rent

Garage, large shed or small barn, easy reach of Haydon Bridge. Long let preferred, payment in advance.

Please telephone Haydon Bridge 647.

Remembering my first moments at school

I walk across the school yard,
Looking at all the strange things around me,
The bell goes, I am scared,
The big boys rush to the door.

I'll be going into my classroom in a moment,
My teacher will be waiting for us.
A teacher, is that a chair you put your tea on?

I wonder what's going to happen when I get in,
I wish my Mam was here.

Jonathan Clarke

Electricity stamps

Due to special local request you can now purchase these stamps from your Post Office. This has been done on a voluntary basis and I must point out that it will continue only if there is enough support for the scheme. It has been in operation for two months now and the response has not been entirely encouraging. I realise that we have all just had to pay an electricity bill which may account for this so I will continue this service until the next bills are due and then review the situation again.

I personally think it is a good idea, especially for the less fortunate and those who don't want money lying around the house - especially elderly people. Even if you don't think it matters to you try and think of others who need this service. After all most people in this village have fairly large electricity bills so these stamps could be a greater help than even TV or telephone stamps.

R K Gillespy

Haydon Bridge Day Centre - SOS

Some of our members need transport to get them to the Day Centre. This transport is quite a headache as we have just a few volunteers who do it most weeks, using their own cars. Age Concern have organised for us to borrow a mini bus from Allendale. We now have a problem - we URGENTLY need drivers. If we could get at least 6 volunteers it would mean one Thursday in 6 weeks for each driver to collect and take home our members.

This entails getting them to the Day Centre for around 10 am and taking them home about 3.30 pm. We also collect their dinners from the hospital and we hope the driver on duty would be available to do that around 11.30 am.

Please help. If you are interested phone Mrs Porteous, HB 404, who will give you full particulars.

The Flier

He flew along at just sixty feet, skimming the rooftops and the chimneys with ease. An experienced flier he was, wise in the ways of wind currents and weather conditions, not needing advice on how to fly and instinctively veering and banking as conditions required.

A fine day to be out, he thought. All that green below me, not a cloud in the sky and I haven't a care in the world. He flew on, over a small village, over the river, neatly avoiding the high-voltage power cables, and on towards the sun. The sun. It was rather bright, he thought. Right in my eyes. You need lots of eyes in my line, he thought - but the sun is just that little bit too much at my time of life - oh dear, I suppose I ought to turn around and face the other way before it blinds me. TOO LATE! The flier, blinded by a freak of nature and a tiny cloud of atmospheric dust, dropped in ever-decreasing circles and felt the ground rushing towards him. He landed in a tangle of soft greenery and lay there, stunned. He eased his aching limbs and looked up ...

"GOTCHER!" said the spider.

Tradecraft

The fourth annual 'Third World' evening will be held at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church at a date to be announced soon. There will be a short film, coffee or tea and biscuits will be served, and hand-made goods from Third World countries will be on sale.

Diary of a first camping holiday (Sunday)

It wouldn't have been so bad if somebody'd remembered to pack the tin opener. All that stuff we carried around with us, we hardly touched half of it - and then to find the tin opener was sitting on the bench at home. I mean to say, what on earth are you to do in the middle of Scotland with fifty-two tins of assorted goodies, four hungry people, and nothing to open the tins with? It wasn't as if it was my idea, this camping business - Billy's friend Jim had just got back from the North of Scotland after a week of glorious sunshine and sporting a South of France tan, so Billy had the idea it would cost less in the long run if we went camping every year, seeing as how we wouldn't have to buy the tents again and the sleeping-bags.

So after a mad week of buying all those little things that make life comfortable in the Great Outdoors, like camp-beds and a stove and ant-proof pyjama bottoms, off we set, broke but quite enthralled at the thought that for the next few nights we'd have nothing but a thin bit of cloth between us and the sky - which would hopefully stay kind while we were under it!

After four hours' driving you could have knocked me down with a feather - I've never seen so much countryside at once, and all in the same place with no towns to break it up. We must have gone for MILES without seeing a village or another car - we did actually see TWO PEOPLE, but since they were climbing up a mountain, they didn't count.

We found a lovely little corner of the world and decided to stay the night there - which was how we learned to pitch a tent. Now I know what 'pitch' means - it kept falling over in the wind and by the time we got it up, it was pitch-black outside. That was when we couldn't find the tin opener. Billy sort of solved the problem by using the hacksaw from the toolbox - but if you've ever tried to hacksaw through a tin of beans and a tin of rice pudding and keep your sanity, you'll know what I'm on about. Karen and Chris both wanted fish and chips but settled for a baked bean and rice pudding sandwich each, so we settled down to a nice quiet meal by the camp fire until ... well, you know what birch trees are famous for? We found out quick enough. There were rather a lot of them up the banks of our little stream, and living in them were midgies. Not the little ones you get at home during the evenings, but ones about the size of helicopters with teeth the size of alligators'. I'd remembered to pack the insect repellent, but in the rush to get away in the morning, I'd picked up a similar-shaped can - of deodorant. They seemed to like this even better than the smell of beans, so off we went to bed (taking most of the midgie population with us) and hoped for a bit of peace.

At four in the morning we nearly went through the roof with fright - woken by CHOMP, CHOMP, GURGLE, GRUNT, tickticktickOOF!!!

to be continued ...

Historical Notes

28 June 1836 - That portion of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway between Hexham and Haydon Bridge was opened with great splendour. Two trains, one drawn by the Hercules, and the second, consisting of six carriages and eleven trucks, drawn by the Sampson, left Blaydon at about 11 o'clock with directors and their friends. The party arrived at Haydon Bridge a little before two. At various parts of the line flags were hoisted, and discharges of guns took place as the trains passed. The numerous company spent a delightful day without the slightest accident, and it was not until 18 June 1838 that the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway was opened throughout its whole extent.

PS To the gentlemen of the bar of the Railway Hotel ... a pint for "Hoolet" - he was right.

And a remarkable fact

Do you know why the Brigade of Guards chose the bear skin as a head-dress? It is because long after a bear has been killed and its skin taken and dried to enhance the busby, the fur retains its life, sheen and gloss because of hormones in the skin that secrete a certain substance by certain glands which pass into the fur and stimulate the action of growth. That is why a full-time barber is employed at the Guards depot at Caterham to trim the busbys - for the fur grows about 1 inch a month.

True story of the month

The warm rays of the evening sun dappled crimson the distant hills beyond the Tyne Valley as I crossed the vast stretch of heather and bog from

the Whapweasel Burn towards Anchey Sike. As the warmth of the day gave way to the cool of the evening a white mist began to form in the eerie silence over the moor. Denser pockets formed in hollows where treacherous spagnum bog holes lay with the skeletons of what was once black-faced sheep held fast in death amongst green slime, their skulls grinning at me with eyeless sockets as I walked past in silence. In the distance the muffled sound of traffic could be heard as cars sped the length of the Lowgate to Langley road as I climbed the last ridge out from Anchey Sike towards Low Stublick. A flight of 40 gulls flew in V formation above the mist towards Grindon Lough and all was silent apart from the wail of a golden plover and the haunting call of a curlew somewhere out there on the mist shrouded moor.

For a long while I sat on a rock by the stream at the edge of the moor gazing at the ruin of the old farmhouse at Low Stublick and thinking how this thick-walled oak-beamed typical Northumbrian farmhouse had been built to withstand the rain, snow and wind that swept across these very moors. Insects hummed in the stillness as I remembered how fire had swept through the house one winters night a number of years ago and now all that remained was a few outbuildings and the blackened remains of the house.

I was about to pick up my stick and move on when I suddenly became aware of an eerie chill about the place. "Odd" I thought, for it was a warm June evening, yet there was a strange feeling about the place. For a few moments longer I sat meditating on the ruin when the sudden call of a grouse broke the silence with its "go-bak, go-bak, go-bak, -bak-bak-bak-bak".

At that moment as I turned my head to listen, I noticed her, the form of an elderly woman coming through the mist towards the ruin. She didn't appear to notice me at all as I sat watching her go behind the ruined walls of the farmhouse from whence she never re-appeared. A few moments later I heard soft heart-rending sobs coming from the ruin, and as I went to investigate, the sighs and sobbing ceased, again the only sound being the wail of a plover out on the moor - but at my feet and splashed amongst the tumbled stones lay a pool of blood that trailed away towards the far corner of the house ... but no sign of the woman.

It was a few weeks later whilst sitting at home late one evening and thinking about this woman who was dressed in a long grey garment and a large brimmed black hat that hid her face, that of the Northumbrian Bondager woman, the farm worker of the last century when I remembered something I had noted in the book 'Haydon Bridge and District' by William Lee, printed at the Herald Office, Black Bull Yard, Hexham, 1876. I quote from page 64:

"Historical notes of Haydon Bridge, December 1840 - An event, displaying the extreme point to which certain impressions can be carried, took place at Low Stublick, near Haydon Bridge. Ann Laing, housekeeper with Mr T Errington, agent for the Stublick Colliery Company, one evening retired to rest as usual, nothing being perceived in her appearance to indicate that she was labouring under any mental infirmity. Errington was awakened about 2 o'clock in the morning by his housekeeper shaking him violently, and telling him that she could not succeed in cutting her legs off with the axe, that she must take them off with the saw. On examination it was found that the unfortunate woman had inflicted on one of her legs no fewer than 13 cuts, the bone being splintered in several places. Her other leg was likewise severely injured. On enquiry into the cause for her so

injuring herself, the only reason which she assigned was that she could not enter heaven with her feet on."

PS It is possible that Ann Laing died with her feet on and never did enter Heaven and has wandered those moors ever since looking for someone to help cut her feet off and so free her from her torments ... so if ever you find yourself one day in the vicinity of Low Stublick be sure you have with you the biggest axe you can find.

Owld Tawny

Badminton

The Haydon Bridge Wednesday Badminton Club urgently need new members. Any interested persons aged 16 and over ring Mrs Judy Irwin - HB 408.

We are also thinking of forming a Junior Club for those aged from 12 to 16. Any interested juniors contact Mrs Irwin.

St Cuthbert's Parish Church

Harvest Festival Services:

Sunday 10 October 8 am Holy Communion
 10 am Morning Prayer
 6 pm Evensong - United Service

The Harvest Supper is to be held in the High School on Thursday 14 October at 7.30 pm. Tickets £1.50.

A Northumbrian Entertainment will be given by guest artists, including Basil Clough, Bob Balam, Terry Conway, Fiona Stewart and Fiona and Lynn Murray. Tickets are now available from members of the congregation, or from the Vicarage.

Lifts to the School will be given from outside the Church at 7 pm.

Northumberland Theatre Company

The NTC production of 'Cinderella' is now available for bookings from village hall committees, parish councils or other promoters. Their current tour 'Grace' based on the Grace Darling story has proved so popular that it has been extended to 23 October and will be performed in Haydon Bridge on Friday 8 October in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

Friends of Haydon Bridge - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Haydon Bridge will be held on Tuesday 19 October, at 7 pm. Would all members please try to attend.

The election of officers for the coming year is on the agenda for this meeting. If anyone in the village would be interested in becoming a member of the committee or would like to nominate someone who has agreed to stand, would they please contact me or any member of the committee as soon as possible.

Martin Scudamore

Haydon Bridge Community Association

Our Community Association has now succeeded in carrying out essential repairs to the south gable, the heating system has been replaced and internal painting completed. We thank Clive Brown of Greenhead, J Westall and son and Peter Brown for their co-operation and good workmanship. We are indebted to our Member Clubs sponsored walkers P Robertson and D Oliver, West Tynedale Round Table, Haydon Bridge Parish Council, The Watson family, Northumberland County Council, Tynedale DC, our Assurance Company and other individual supporters for financial assistance.

I am pleased to report that Mr J B Bowes MA(Oxon) has agreed to be our Vice-Chairman. This is good news and we look forward to having further support on our Committee. Dr Val Sargeant, Tynedale Gardens, Ratcliffe Rd is our General Secretary (Tel 653) and Mr L C Coombes BA is our Bookings Secretary. His address is 4 Belmont, Haydon Bridge (Tel 416)..

Fees - Affiliation Adult £1.00 Couple £1.50 Family £2.00

Details of booking charges will be published in the November issue of the Haydon News.

Edward Waite

President and Acting Chairman

PS I am indebted to Mr A Duncan for considerable assistance.

Council Notes

There was no public participation. There were no matters from Tynedale DC for consideration. Complaints about the condition of the road up to Langley south of the bank, are to be passed onto Northumberland CC Highways Dept. Complaints about clogging of roadside gullies in the village are also to be investigated. A request was made for a street light near the school entrance, and this will be passed on to the County Council. There were no planning applications to consider. Accounts It was agreed to pay £52.57 for new strapping for lowering coffins in the churchyard. Correspondence British Rail wrote to inform the village that a change in the Tyne Valley rail route at Blaydon will mean an extra four minutes' journey into Newcastle. Other Business The council objected to being moved into the main hall at the community centre because another meeting was being held in the small room, and a complaint is to be lodged with the community association. A request from the Scout leader to plant daffodil bulbs by the riverside was granted. Complaints had been received by residents about the sewage arrangements into the river, but the council was advised that the Northumbria Water Authority is attending to the problem. Residents at Langley were

anxious about plans to prospect for coal at Stublick, and the situation is to be monitored. The clerk was granted permission to lodge certain parish documents with the record office for safe keeping.

Haydon Bridge Silver Band

Many thanks to all who assisted in any way with the excellent concert held in the High School on Thursday 23 September. A special vote of thanks to Mr J Bowes, Mr F Sams and other members of the School's staff.

Silver Band ANNUAL SUPPER DANCE Haydon Bridge High School Friday 29 October 9 pm - 1 am Music by Hamish Moffat's Band Bar available Dress informal Tickets £2 each from Messrs P Brown, Ned Davison, J C Heslop, E Waite, N Kirsopp, J Clarke and from Mrs F Turnbull and Dr R High.

The Methodist Church invites you to the following services and meetings

Harvest Festival Weekend

Sat 2 Oct 7:15 pm Concert by 'Alston Ladies' Chairman Rev T Ireland
Supper - 30p
Sun 3 Oct 10.45 am Family Service 6 pm Harvest Service
Preacher at each Service - Mr A C Wainwright
Mon 4 Oct 7 pm Sale of Produce

5 Oct 7.30 pm Men's Fellowship Speaker Rev A Wignall Tea and biscuits All men welcome
10 Oct 10.45 am Rev A Wignall 6 pm Mr C F Dodds
13 Oct 2.30 pm Women's Own Birthday Party Speaker Mrs Nevin (Allendale)
17 Oct 10.45 am Reader's Service 6 pm Rev J Cox (Sacrament)
19 Oct 7.30 pm Men's Fellowship Mr R McAndrews "From here to there"
24 Oct 10.45 am Mr R Tipping 6 pm Mr N Fullard
27 Oct 2.30 pm Women's Own Annual meeting Rev A Wignall
30 Oct 10 am - 11.30 am Women's Own Coffee Morning
31 Oct 10.45 am Dr Paul Severs 6 pm Mr A Duncan

The deadline for the November issue is Friday 29 October. All contributions should be sent as soon as possible and not later than that date to: Martin Scudamore at The Anchor Garage (tel 345) or Lintley, Belmont Gardens (tel 587)

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