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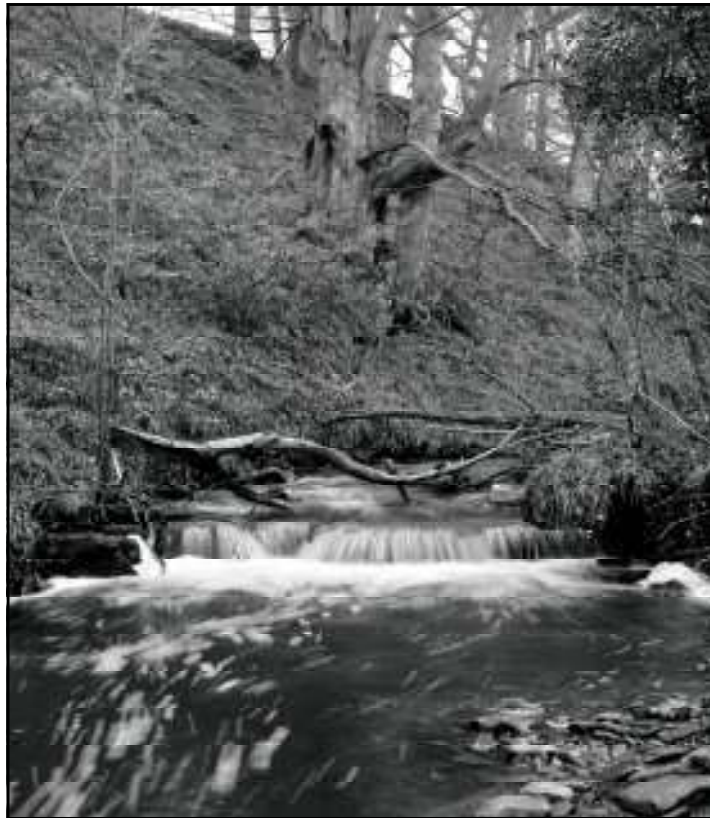


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‘The memories of my homeland run deep in the Langley burn’

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This month sees Britain's biggest house-to-house collection beginning with a service on Sunday May 15th at 6pm at St Cuthbert's. It is over 40 years since the churches in Britain decided to launch an annual collection to help the poorest of the world. Nearly every house in the area will receive an envelope.

Whether it's war, drought, famine or the recent tsunami, Christian Aid works with local agencies to establish projects to help farmers, buy medicines, educate about health, help people rebuild their lives and make people aware of their God-given rights.

So please give generously. If your envelope is not collected, please pop it through the door of the Methodist Church next time you are out in the village.

Thank you Moira Howard Co-ordinator.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

In this particularly packed edition of the Haydon News this tiny space is all I'm allowed for the Editorial.

Not that there's much to comment on at the moment, though I have noticed that yellow lines have appeared on Ratcliffe Road so I assume more road works are on their way. While we're on Ratcliffe Road, have you noticed just how long it takes the pedestrian crossing lights to change? **They just won't stop the traffic.** By the time they do change there's a gap in the flow of vehicles so you could cross without the help of the lights.

There is, of course, the impending election to select our local MP and county councillor, but then I couldn't possibly comment on that! **DO VOTE**

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Editors have be advised of the writer's name and address.

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**The Haydon News is your publication and the Editors welcome contributions from our readers.
This month Dan Dowling airs his views
on a national issue with implications for Haydon Bridge and our close community.**

A CASUALTY TO PROGRESS ??

I have watched a few young friends in the village move away to make new lives recently. Most would have stayed if it were possible.

In many rural communities like ours, there is a shortage of affordable housing for local people.

The consequences are often severe, with families and young people having to move out of the area to seek more affordable housing.

A recent Joseph Rowntree report found that people in Tynedale aged 20-30 find it harder than anywhere else in the North East to get on the property ladder. (<http://www.jrf.org.uk/pressroom/releases/040703.asp>).

That's a problem for Haydon Bridge; It also means young people find it hard to build a future here.

Could this destroy the heritage and subsequently the heart of Haydon Bridge in the long run?

As a newcomer, I am guilty of perpetuating this:

I came from outside and bought one of the only affordably priced properties available in Haydon Bridge three years ago. There are lots like me here. Many of us don't shop in the village and take advantage of the easy access to Tyneside for work. We appreciate our surroundings but go out of the village to socialise. It's quite possible our future lies elsewhere.

I've been bitten by the bug though. I can't wait to get my copy of Haydon News to read Dennis Telford's account of the Olympic Hall, or Mr Veitch's fascinating tales.

Haydon Bridge has a varied and interesting, mature community that is different from any other. It has evolved over generations; Families have been in the village for years. Haydon Bridge is built upon solid values. In the long run, we could be losing something that is unique and irreplaceable.

Haydon Bridge community - another casualty to progress. A dormitory village for Newcastle. No shops, no pubs and only memories of families who have lived in the village for generations.

Local people should be encouraged to stay within the community. How can Haydon Bridge young people, who choose to stay and work in the local community, hope to thrive in a village where the cost prohibits you? Other places offer options – in our area, it is presently harder than anywhere in the north east to live and work!

How could we at least ease the way for the next generation from the village? Surely we want young people with skills and ambition to see a long term future in Haydon Bridge?

Well for starters we could encourage the council planners to adopt a more proactive policy for young people in the village.

The only people who utilise the service effectively are property developers – what if they helped identify brown field and other sites for local people? Surely a council could ring-fence them for local young people's self build? – that might have made the development at Innerhaugh interesting!

Has anyone noticed that the houses for sale there are a whole lot more expensive than they were sold for, a year or so ago!

Perhaps designate an officer to come out to the village, and proactively talk to local communities on how reasonably priced property could be sought.

The current Council policy is encouraging:

'The Council will seek to use its own extremely limited land holdings and encourage the use of County Council and privately owned land to promote low cost/rented accommodation through Housing Associations.'

(Tynedale Local Plan)

The Prince of Wales recently launched a major initiative to encourage landowners and businesses to use their land, property and resources to provide more affordable housing in rural areas.

The Prince of Wales and The Duke of Westminster are putting money into the initiative.

It seems like quite a good idea.

Tynedale Council already works with the organisations that are involved with this partnership. They intend to assist in providing better provision of low cost housing in rural areas, particularly for families on low income, young people and key workers.

Interestingly, the Tynedale Plan also states that employment development opportunities will be directed towards the smaller Local Centres of Allendale, Bellingham, Corbridge and Haydon Bridge to support their local communities.

Outside these settlements there are a number of buildings and related sites which could be utilised to provide employment opportunities in the rural locations:

"Conversions encourage new enterprises and provide jobs. They can also prevent dereliction and reduce demands for new building."
(Secretary of State for the Environment, 1993.)

Farm diversification proposals can encourage rural enterprises and jobs and are an important part of the strategy to support the rural economy.

Somehow it all seems a little hopeless though.

How can you stop progress?

How can you expect people to forsake precious property opportunities in the village for vague long-term benefit?

Perhaps I should just accept the inevitable.

Perhaps Haydon Bridge will lose its heritage.

By Dan Dowling.

To ensure the continuity of the Haydon News following Alastair Bowen's incapacity, Mike Parkin and I have taken on the co-editorship for the time being.

For eight years now I have written my occasional contributions and my 'Historical Notes' for our village magazine; passed the completed articles to respective Editors, and then sat back to await delivery of the final publication to my door.

Since the February 2005 issue, I am for the first time **fully** aware of the substantial amount of voluntary work which goes into the production and delivery of 'The Haydon News'.

Do you know that between 35 and 40 volunteers give of their time each month, to ensure that our unique village publication reaches most, if not all, houses in our Parish?

I DIDN'T!

Has it occurred to you that apart from the written work by contributors, and formatting through the computer publishing programme, 18,000 sides of paper have to be printed and 9,000 sheets of paper have to be collated and stapled together before delivery?

IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME!

None of our volunteers seek publicity for the work they do, however I'm sure you will agree that those who contribute to and format the text; print, collate and staple the pages together and lastly but perhaps most importantly deliver it to your door, deserve thanks from those of us who value our historic publication.

The 'Haydon News' was born out of the St. Cuthbert's Church, Parish Magazine. My friend and fellow Haydonian, David Brown, has provided me with a copy of one of the earliest editions that I have come across. '**September 1931**'.

The magazine was kept by David's father and mother because it includes notice of the baptism of their eldest son Andrew Frederick Brown. Or Drew, as he will be remembered by most readers.

Sadly, Drew died on the 25th July 1994.

In his Parish Magazine text in 1931 our Vicar, the Reverend J.H. Salisbury, implored the villagers of Haydon Bridge to, 'Remember England persistently' in their prayers.

The Vicar's words puzzled me a little. Why was the importance of, praying for England emphasised in a parochial magazine? I was enlightened by further research.

A report of the Parliamentary Economy Committee in August 1931 indicated, 'very grave issues' facing the country. The Labour Government of the day were accused of, 'huge reckless expenditure on social services' and 'bankruptcy of the country was imminent.'

Prime Minister Ramsay Macdonald formed a new administration, a National Government (a coalition in all but name) where the best brains from each party were drawn together as a cabinet to deal with a financial position, 'little short of desperate'. £119,000,000 spent on unemployment was described as a, 'national extravagance' and proposals were to cut the 'dole' and restrict it to twenty six weeks.

So Haydonians were urged to offer a prayer; for an end to the crisis, a balancing of the books and a thriving England.

On the eve of a general election, there may be a message here, seventy four years later.

*Good Lord
Save us
From politicians 'spinning'
Out of control*

The Reverend Salisbury informed his readers: 'Nothing that the Government will do will avail much unless there are praying men and women up and down the country and in this, Haydon Bridge can take its part.'

Did the Reverend Salisbury's plea fall on, 'stony ground'? Or maybe his parishioners were comforted by it.

I quote from a Hexham Courant report in 1931: 'Governments come and go but Haydonians seem undisturbed and



pursue the even tenor of their ways.... Now that a National Government has been formed, they await the results of its efforts with perfect sang-froid.'

The report goes on to muse that: 'Economy will no doubt, from now on, be the order of the day' and 'gone will be the hope of a **new bridge !!**' (*my exclamation marks*).

The writer was not alarmed that the project for a new bridge would probably be held up:

'Just consider for a moment what would happen if a much wider and straighter bridge were erected somewhere in the neighbourhood of the present bridge. Cars and buses and whatnot would speed through at express rates and there would be almost certainly a greater danger to life and limb.' (*Now, we know!*)

Suggestions for a new road that would miss the village altogether also met with disapproval as: 'It would affect local shopkeepers, who as it is, are badly hit by the exodus to Hexham of purchasers'. (*Well I never did! A 1931 plan for a Haydon Bridge by-pass!!*)

In the Parish Magazine the Reverend Salisbury also made, 'An earnest plea' for attendance at the daily Evensong in St. Cuthbert's. 'A spiritual power station for the parish.' (*I like that description*)

Not that Church attendances were unhealthy in 1931.

Congregations of 980 attended five services during the month of August and the collections taken amounted to over £14.

New books had been purchased for the congregation and repairs to the church and clock tower were an issue in 1931 as in 2004/05.

There is a hint of parishioners rallying round the cause, just as they would in our community today.

115 collecting boxes had been distributed across the parish and 16,800 halfpences had been collected in six months. It was expected that the remainder of the £70 required to renovate the organ, thoroughly clean the whole Church and greatly improve the lighting, would be collected by Christmas.

Then there was the pointing of the Church tower. The re-painting of the Church hall. The painting of the gutters. The.....! Is there no end to repairs and maintenance?

Fortunately, there were few problems that couldn't be solved with sincere prayers..... and five whist drives on consecutive Mondays!

A tennis tournament was held by the Haydon Bridge Primitive Methodists in the summer of 1931. Winners were Mr. W. Carne and Miss Bell and the runners up were Alec Rodgers and Jessie Waugh.

I cannot leave September without mentioning the most eventful day in a year of our village's life. From 1841 until 1959, the Haydon Bridge 'Flower Show' was held on the first Saturday in the month of September.

In 1931 this was the 5th of September. In the morning torrential rain threatened to spoil the occasion, but by noon it had faired up. Takings at the gate to the show field were £134. £30 less than 1930, although the 'biggest ever entries' were recorded in the industrial and floral sections of the show.

Crookhall Colliery Welfare was judged the best of twelve bands in the

annual contest. Tot Barron and Geordie Natrass judged the entries to the Mid-Tyne Kennel Dog Show and Tommy Heslop of Bardon Mill took the honours in the collection of vegetables class.

In the sports programme there were 100 entries from across the Northern Counties, in sixteen heats, for the £25 eighty yards foot handicap. The bookies, 'Those raucous gentlemen of the ring' offered odds of 3-1 against local lad 'S.Ford', (my Dad Cecil Telford) who finished third in the final, 'beaten by a foot'. *(I'm afraid his son's sprinting career was hampered by girls and the amber ale and amounted to races for the last Charltons' bus from Hexham or the 'United' from Haltwhistle, on a Saturday night !)*

There were 13 entries in the 'Three Mile Marathon' race, but I understand that it ended in fiasco owing to an allegation of foul play within a few yards of the winning post. *(Back to a Saturday night again !!)*

There were also those who cried "foul" on the 'Freak Show'. Apparently it was, 'a bit risqué and not at all in good taste'. *(Back to Saturday night again !!)*

The 1931 forerunner of our Haydon News included **announcements** which especially took my interest.

Andrew Frederick Brown of course; baptised on August 1st
Joan Teasdale; baptised on July 1st
Douglas Tait; baptised on August 6th

And the marriages!

Adamson - Thompson
John William Adamson, of Bristol Lodge, Langley and Nora Thompson of Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge. T. Duncan of Newcastle was best man and Herbert (Herbie) Thompson brother of the bride was groomsman. Evelyn Thompson sister of the bride was a bridesmaid.
Turnbull - Banks (at Haltwhistle)
Wilfred Turnbull of Haydon Bridge and Florence May Banks of Melkridge. Sidney (Sid) Dixon of Haydon Bridge was best man.

The happy couples were deluged with confetti and the Church gates were besieged by youngsters awaiting the customary, 'Hoy oot'.

Today, from the seat situated on the Tofts Bank and dedicated to Wilf (1904 - 1977) and Florie (1910 - 2003) there is a wonderful panorama of our village and the Tyne valley.

There is something special about 'personal notices', don't you think? And they above all else perhaps, will be valued by families and historical researchers in years to come.
Should we include a personal column in 'The Haydon News'?

If you would like to record a birth, marriage, death or acknowledgement, for immediate information or for posterity, please let us know by contacting either Mike or myself direct or leaving the message, addressed to **The Editors, 'Haydon News'**, at one of our village newsagents.

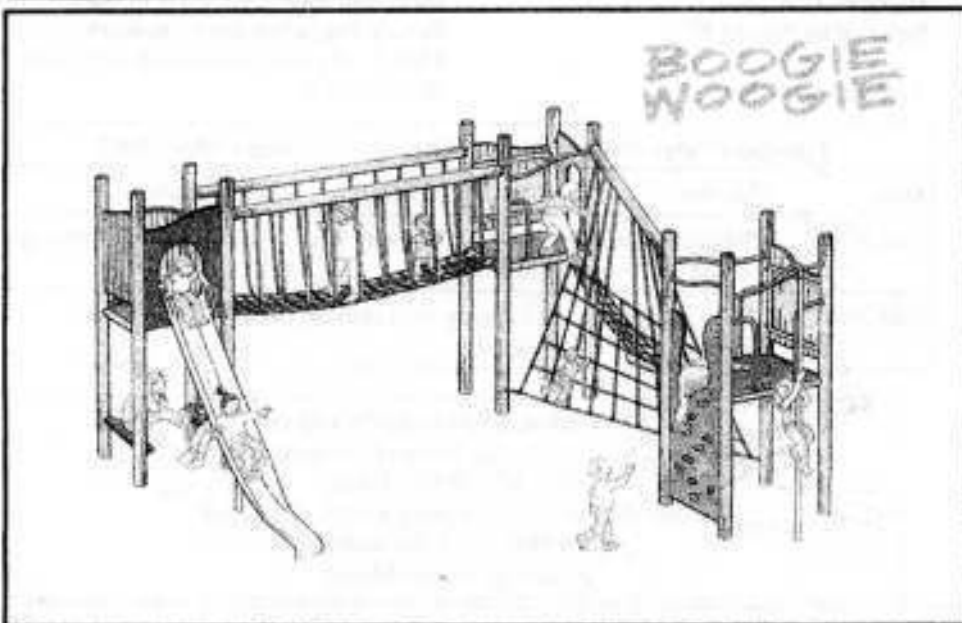
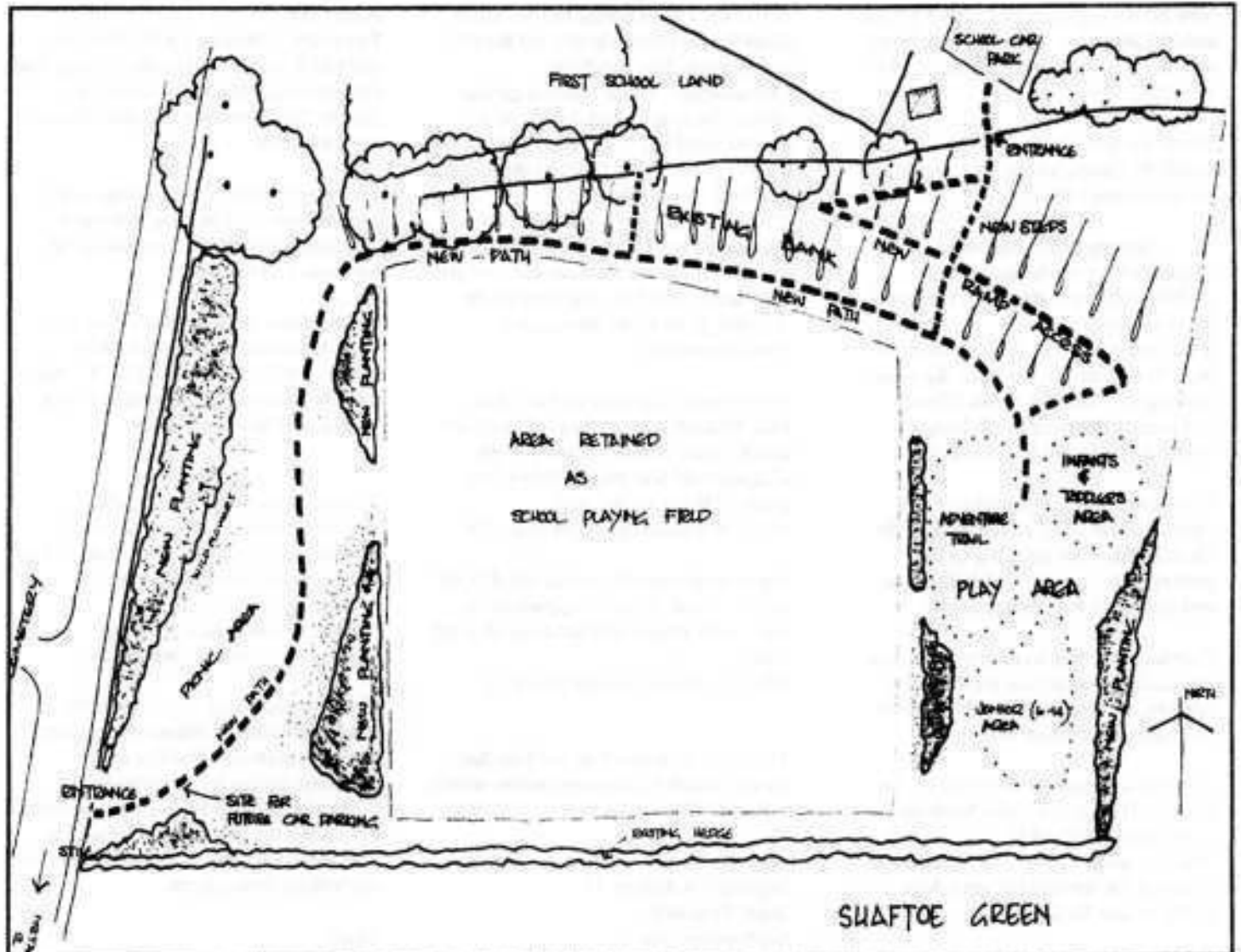
Finally.
Have you an earlier copy of our Parish Magazine than September 1931 ? If you have I would very much like to read it.

Haydon Bridge Nature Group : Thursday evening walks : 2005			
Date	Leader	Meeting Place	Description
12th May	Pauline Nicholls 681634	Lane to Railway Inn, Fourstones	Fourstones/Newbrough 4 miles
26th May	Ann Carter 684325	Langley road cemetery lay-by	Lees Farm 4 miles

HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Meetings held at Haydon Bridge Community Centre
ALL ARE WELCOME
on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm
17th May : Archaeology
A talk by Aaron Mazel

VILLAGE PROJECT ; SHAFTOE GREEN.

SHAFTOE GREEN is for everyone to enjoy. Work on the site starts in early May and, given favourable conditions, the Green should be open to the public by late summer. The project will be completed by Spring 2006 when all the planting is in place.



The plan above shows the layout of the Green. There will be two entrances, one from the cemetery road and the other from Shaftoe School car park. A new access ramp is to be constructed from the car park to the Green, with a flight of steps for the more energetic.

This is one of the play units to be installed for the younger children.

Shaftoe Green



In June last year I updated you on the progress made on the Shaftoe Green Project.

I said then that we were inching ever closer and there was light at the end of the tunnel.....! Well that light is blinding us now and at last work has started.

Litter and dog bins were installed in March and the contractors are due to start on the land preparation on Tuesday 3rd May. Play equipment installation will follow and if all goes smoothly, should be completed by the summer holidays. Landscaping and planting will be ongoing.

It has been a very long process – it's been three and a half years since we first formed Shaftoe Park Working Group and fundraising began.

Since then we have negotiated our way through land valuation, securing a lease, planning permission, community consultation, forming a partnership with the Parish Council and not least raising sufficient money to pay for everything.

To date we have secured grants from various organisations totalling more than £105,000. Our most recent success is a grant from

Living Spaces for £25000.

On top of that there have been generous donations from local groups and individuals. However, more money is still needed. There is a very long shopping list.

- ✂ Play equipment alone will cost in excess of £50000 before installation.
- ✂ New access to the site has to be created via steps and a ramp.
- ✂ Drainage of this very wet field has to be improved.
- ✂ New pathways will be created.
- ✂ Trees, hedges, shrubs and flowers will be planted to enhance the environment.
- ✂ Picnic tables and benches will provide a resting place after walking up the hill!
- ✂ Health & Safety training for volunteers looking after the Green is a legal requirement.
- ✂ and much more.....

This is an ongoing project, which can be added to as time goes on. Maybe children in the future will identify a new piece of play equipment that they really 'must have', or something has been so well used that it's past its best. The community can fundraise as things are wanted, or need replacing.

The important thing is that, at last, Haydon Bridge is going to have the community recreation facility that it deserves. Until now we have had a fraction of the play facilities recommended for a community of our size. Now it won't be necessary to leave the village and go to Hexham or Redburn so that our children can play safely on modern, well-maintained equipment. It will be right here on our doorstep.

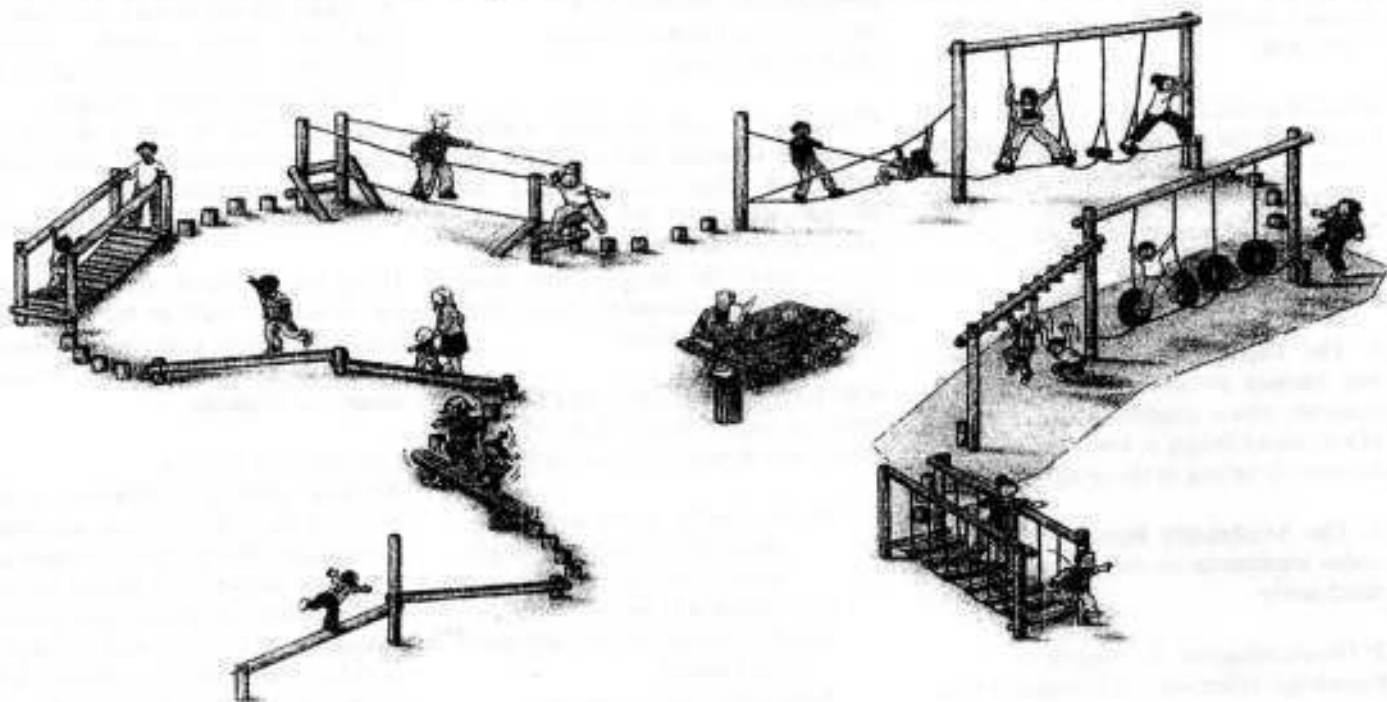
When work begins please be patient – it will be worth it in the end.

All ages will benefit from Shaftoe Green, a beautiful place to play, picnic, sit, relax and enjoy the village in which we are lucky enough to live.

Members of Shaftoe Park Working Group and Haydon Parish Council are working together as Shaftoe Green Steering Group. We would like to say a big thank you to all our funders and supporters.

Pauline Wallis
On behalf of Shaftoe Green Steering Group
Contact me on 01434 684061

The picture below shows the Adventure Trail to be installed at Shaftoe Green.



SNOW? FLOODS? – WHERE'S SUMMER?

COELIAC DISEASE

There was a time when this disease, characterised by reversible damage to the gut caused by sensitivity to gluten (a protein found in wheat, rye, barley and oats), was thought to be rare. Now, however, there is a growing realisation that it affects up to one per cent of the population, both adults and children.

Fortunately, there are now blood tests available that reliably confirm the diagnosis but hospital investigation remains important too.

People who have frequent or persistent diarrhoea, vomiting, lethargy, abdominal discomfort, weight loss and unexplained anaemia need investigation and a proportion of them will be found to have Coeliac disease.

Treatment is strict avoidance of gluten by dietary alteration. This completely cures the condition and allows the gut to return to normal.

We ought to have more Coeliacs than we do – where are you all?

N.B.

'Those who think they have not time for bodily exercise will sooner or later have to find time for illness.'

Edward Stanley. 14th Earl of Derby. 1799-1869.

MAKING DECISIONS

Have all of the decisions you have taken turned out to be good ones? Have you been able to identify the reasons underlying the making of a poor decision? Here are five common categories of decision making error:

1/ The Representativeness Heuristic.

Just because something seems to have common characteristics with members of a group of things, it does not necessarily belong to the group.

2/ The Availability Heuristic. Placing undue importance on things that come to mind easily.

3/ Overconfidence. To use one's knowledge effectively, it is important to

be aware of the limits of that knowledge and it's reliability.

4/ **Confirmatory Bias.** Beware the tendency to look for, notice and remember information that fits in with pre-existing expectations.

5/ **Illusory Correlation.** The tendency to see causal relationships between things where, in fact, the connection is purely coincidental or even non-existent.

SEEING THINGS

Seeing things that are not really there is remarkably common and rarely a symptom of madness or intoxication. The bereaved often see or hear their dead relative in fleeting glimpses or sounds and this may go on for months or years.

The Archives of Ophthalmology recently published a piece about the Charles Bonnet Syndrome, in which the visually impaired experience recurring hallucinations of some complexity involving people or animals. Far from being rare, well over half of those questioned reported such hallucinations.

CHARLES KENNEDY SYNDROME.

The mild disorientation which afflicted Mr Kennedy during the Election campaign will be a common experience to parents of young children everywhere.

Children who will not sleep sensible hours are a serious problem for many parents. A recent study showed that children who were left alone to fall asleep were much more likely to remain asleep for six hours than those whose parents remained with them whilst they went to sleep.

ADULTS WHO CAN'T SLEEP.

Here are some ideas to help with the quality and duration of your sleep:

Be physically active every day, about thirty minutes of simply walking may be enough.

Limit catnaps in the day

Avoid caffeine in the afternoon and evening

Avoid large meals, exercise,

excitement, work or competitiveness in the evenings
Alcohol is more likely to prevent sleep than aid it

Make your bedroom comfortable and welcoming

Make your bedroom darker – choose effective curtains

The bed is only for sleep and sex – no eating or watching TV working

Going to bed and rising at the same time each day will help

If you are not asleep after twenty minutes – get up and go in another room to read quietly for twenty minutes then try again

Relaxation tapes, meditation prayer help some

A METRE – NO MORE!

For persons of average height, a reasonable assessment of whether the need to lose weight can be made with tape measure. When standing upright BUT RELAXED(!) the distance around the body at belly button level ought not to be more than one metre.

It's a real pleasure to meet people for whom the penny has dropped regarding reducing their food intake. Even simple stopping confectionary, cakes, biscuits and snacks between meals can work wonders.

SUNLIGHT AND CARS

A casual glance around any large car park will reveal animals, especially dogs, left in cars with the windows shut. This is unbelievably thoughtless and cruel and when the sun is shining too brightly is positively criminal. The same applies to babies and children of course – death within fifteen minutes has been reported

If you see an animal or child in a closed car, don't just walk on by, summon the police (999) with your mobile phone or if the situation is clearly desperate smash the windows.

GRUMPY OLD MEN

All men undergo a reduction in their levels of the male hormone testosterone as they age. This has been thought to be associated with a wide variety of symptoms, besides the obvious one. A trial of testosterone in older men yielded no significant differences in overall health but it was noted that those receiving the

hormone were less sad and grumpy.

Testosterone in the drinking water I say!

THE NATIONAL RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS SOCIETY (NRAS)

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) affects nearly 500,000 people in the UK, of which some 12,000 are children under the age of 16, who have the juvenile form of the disease, Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis.

NRAS is the only charity in the UK exclusively dedicated to helping people with RA, including their families and carers.

Founded in 2001, NRAS has rapidly established itself as the voice for patients with RA. The charity was set up by a group of patients, rheumatologists and rheumatology practitioners, who saw the need to establish a society which could:

provide support for people with RA with a dedicated telephone helpline and a unique Volunteer Support Network which enables RA sufferers to get support where and when they need it, (by phone) from someone who has the disease.

campaign at government level a) to give RA higher priority in the

government's national health agenda and b) for access to better services and more funding

provide information, advice and news via a website designed specifically for people with RA

make possible the networking of people with RA to encourage self help, which hopefully can lead to a better quality of life.

The vision of NRAS is for people with RA to have equal access to best standards of care and treatment, irrespective of where they live and to receive whatever services they need, when they need them, from a well trained, multi disciplinary team.

The future holds the promise of better and more effective treatment for more people at an earlier stage of their disease, which will lead to less surgery, disability and pain. NRAS welcomes support from any individuals or organisations who can help us to achieve our vision.

NRAS has gained a well earned reputation for hard work and getting things done. Our volunteers work with their local rheumatology teams, take

part in focus groups and surveys and act as contacts for the media work we undertake.

If you suffer from RA and would like to call the NRAS helpline, or would like to join or become a Volunteer for NRAS, our contact details are as follows:

- Helpline telephone number: 0845 458 3969
- - General telephone number: 01628 823524
- email: enquiries@rheumatoid.org.uk
- web site: www.rheumatoid.org.uk

Steven Ford

**HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS
SUMMER EXHIBITION.**

**HAYDON BRIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
JUNE 19TH-25TH 2005.**

**ENTRY FORM FOR
EXHIBITORS IS
ATTACHED
TO THIS HAYDON NEWS.**

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

APRIL 2005.

The meeting was held at Langley Village Hall. 7 parish councillors and 1 county councillor were present.

Public Participation.

Complaints were heard from the public about the 'disinfectant taste' of the mains water over two or three periods this year. The PC are to write to Northumbrian Water to make enquiries.

One member of the public drew the councillors attention to the state of the wall at the junction of the lane from Castle Farm and the Alston Road where Northumbrian Water have been carrying out work on new pumps and a pump house. The PC are to request the reinstatement of the walls.

A query was raised over the future of Haydon Lodge and Ncc plans for the site. The PC are to make enquiries. There was praise for the new access .

ramp at the railway station from the public but concern was raised over access for wheelchair users and the need for a dropped curb in the pavement near the ramp entrance. Concern continues to be expressed over the demise of the bus stop shelter for the Allendale School children.

During the meeting councillors discussed the outcome of the County Councils decision to change the school organisation to a two tier system. The possible closure of Haydon High School, as one of the options, was discussed at length, including the adverse affects this would have on the village economy with the loss of local employment opportunities and loss of trade to local businesses.

The possibility of introducing residents only parking in the evenings in Church Street was one of the ideas discussed to solve parking difficulties in the village. No realistic solutions

were offered to overcome the parking problems in the Shaftoe Street area.

Councillors were informed that Brian Chandler had resigned from his job maintaining the cemetery. Adverts have been placed in the Courant for a replacement. Members of the public praised the work done at the cemetery by Mr Chandler.

A letter had been received by the parish council clerk from a visitor to the village praising the clean state of the public toilets in Haydon Bridge. The letter was passed on to the person who is responsible for their maintenance.

Concern was expressed by one councillor over a press article stating that the lifebelt situated by the river at the end of Martin's Close was to be removed. The PC are to make enquiries about this. Next meeting...MAY 19th.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from
David Hasson

Easter is over for another year. The Church settles into it's routine once more having pulled out all the stops to celebrate this major event in it's life and in the life of individual Christians. Easter is a strong demonstration of the love of God for all people and now we go forward to live our lives in response to that love.

In Christ God demonstrates his concern about ALL people and Christ, during his life on earth, constantly reminded people about the worth of ALL. He is often seen talking to or visiting with the underdogs, the unloved and the outcasts. This was in direct contrast to the way people lived in those days. He showed, by his actions, that all people were special and deserved to be cared for and loved.

It is easy to look back on those days and criticise the people for their lack of concern about certain sections of the community and to think that we have moved forward from that. But have we?

You only have to read the papers or listen to the news to discover that some people are regarded as less important than others. If we truly lived as Jesus wants then there would be no need for the 'Make Poverty History Campaign', governments would have found ways to help the less well off. The sectarian violence which we read about is also an example of people's lack of care for others, and so we could go on.

It is also easy to read these stories and to sit back and say 'If I was in the right position I would make sure that something was done to make those things right'. But would we.



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

Today we emphasise the idea that everyone has 'rights'. This is often translated as 'I can do what I want'. Again the papers are full of examples of this and the way it leads to the belief that other people don't matter. People stabbed or beaten up because they don't do what the up-per wants etc., etc.

Again we can sit back and say I wouldn't act like that. But then, I wonder, how often do we stand on our own rights and expect others to do what we want? How many people do we know who we avoid? How many people do we put into categories with others and see them as problems? If we are honest with ourselves there will be some.

But for Jesus there would be none because he loves everyone. God has given us the capacity to love so that we can treat others as equals. The challenge is to allow that love to influence every part of our lives and every relationship which we have with another person. Only then will everyone in the world feel safe wanted.

David Hasson

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 May

10.00am Holy Communion
Rev David Hasson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Mrs Sandra O'Neill

Sunday 8 May

10.00am Family Service
Sunday School
6.00pm United Service
At Haltwhistle Methodist

Sunday 15 May

10.00am Morning Worship
Mr Roger Anthony
6.00pm United Service
At St Cuthbert's

Sunday 22 May

10.00am Morning Worship
Mr Mark Knowles
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev David Hasson

Sunday 29 May

10.00am Morning Worship
Miss Christine Thompson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Fr Leo Pyle

Sunday 5 June

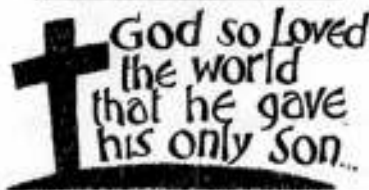
10.00am Morning Worship
Mr Jim Robinson
6.00pm Evening Worship
Local Arrangement

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY

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



ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 May

10.30am Service of the word
Mr John Carr

Sunday 8 May

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

Sunday 15 May

10.30am Morning Prayer
Mike Fry
6.00pm United Service
Pentecost & Christian Aid Service

Sunday 22 May

8.00am Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie

Sunday 29 May

10.15am Holy Communion
Beltingham

Friday 3 June

* Christian Aid Week *
* This begins on Sunday 15 *
* May. Moira Howard is the *
* co-ordinator of the *
* collections in our area and *
* would love to hear from *
* anyone who would like to *
* help with the house to *
* house collections. It is *
* particularly important that *
* we have a good response *
* this year given the *
* demands upon all the relief *
* agencies in the early part *
* of this year. *
* On Sunday evening in St *
* Cuthbert's there will be a *
* service to commission the *
* collectors and to celebrate *
* Pentecost. We would like *
* to see a lot of people *
* there to celebrate and *
* support our collectors. *
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BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 May

Beltingham 10.00am
Holy Communion BCP
Rev Alan Currie

Thursday 6 May

Beltingham 7.30pm
Holy Communion
Rev Stanley Prins

Sunday 8 May

Henshaw 10.00am
Holy Communion CW
Rev Rev Stanley Prins

Sunday 15 May

Henshaw 10.00am
Mattins
Mr Keith Rutherford

Sunday 22 May

Beltingham 10.00am
Holy Communion B.C.P.
Rev Stanley Prins

Sunday 29 May

Beltingham 10.15am
Holy Communion
Rev Alan Currie &
Rev Stanley Prins

Friday 3 June

St Cuthbert's 7.30pm
Institution of
Rev Judith Hampson

St Cuthbert's Church

**Induction of
Rev Judith Hampson**

Friday 3 June at 7.30pm

Parishioners are welcome to
attend this induction. Please
let the churchwardens - Nessie
or Margaret Marshall - know
if you intend to be there.
Numbers are needed for
seating and refreshment
purposes.