

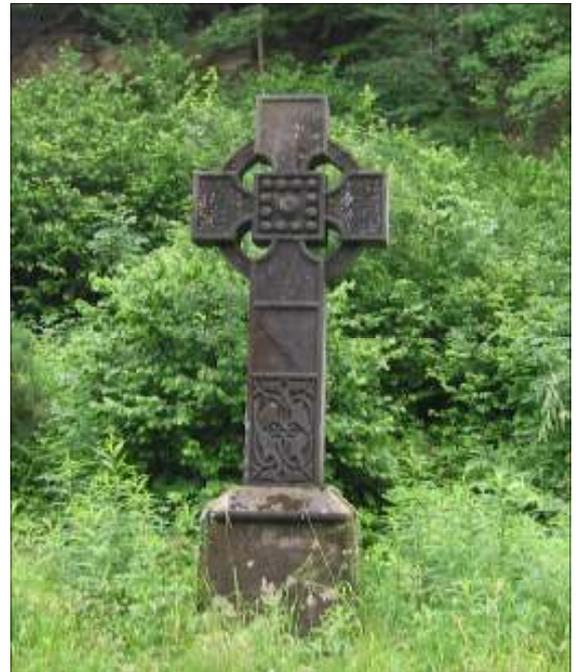


# THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



**The Derwentwater cross in all its former glory.**

**Cover Note  
See page 13**



**And in 2007. Does anybody care?**

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### THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE

We offer a warm welcome to readers of this, our first on line edition of The Haydon News since September 2001.

Established in 1979 and preceded on and off for over forty five years by a church Parish Magazine, the Haydon News is published by The Friends of Haydon Bridge and is written, printed, collated and delivered by volunteers.

Around 1,000 copies of the Haydon News are distributed free of charge, ten months of the year, throughout the parish of Haydon in Tynedale, Northumberland.

The Haydon News **on line** doesn't replace this traditional publication but allows those living outside our delivery area, who have a connection with or an interest in the parish, to keep in touch.

Welcome again then to the Haydon News on line, a web site that we will build throughout the coming months, including an archive of earlier editions. In the meantime, we invite you to follow our links to the well established World of John Martin web site and the developing Visit Haydon Bridge web site. We are sure that you will enjoy the experience.

**The Friends of Haydon Bridge.**

### EDITORIAL COMMENT

The quest for a Haydon Bridge by pass went on for years and years. Increasing volumes of traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, dirt, noise and vibration damage to properties along Ratcliffe Road were all used in arguments for a by pass. Notices stating 'Haydon Bridge needs a by pass' and 'Give us a heart-give us a bypass' hung in house windows so long they faded. But doggedly the 'By pass group' pressed on with their campaign.

24 hour counts of vehicles coming through the village were taken. Demonstrations of support for the by pass, with groups of residents crossing and re-crossing Ratcliffe Road at the traffic lights, were organised.

Banners hung on the railings of the new bridge. On an on it went, year after year. Promises were made only to be broken. Hopes raised only to be dashed. And then, at last, the announcement came that a By pass for Haydon Bridge was in the road plans. A Public Enquiry was held and finally, this year, work started on the long awaited road. In a year or so it will be completed and through traffic removed from the village and from outside people's homes.

Having successfully separated people from the noise, dirt and vibration of passing heavy goods vehicles, why is there now a move to get people back to the A69 by 'filling in to the by pass'?

The by pass construction has **just** got underway and developers and landowners are already rushing forward with suggestions/proposals/plans to get people living back next to the A69.

Time for another campaign perhaps?

**MP**

### A LOVE OF MY LIFE

The village of Haydon Bridge, in Tynedale, lies comfortably between three suitors of outstanding natural beauty; flirting with the southern boundary of the Northumberland National Park, kissed by the extremes of the North Pennines and forever a close companion of Hadrian's Wall (now a World Heritage Site).

This village where I have spent my life, on the banks of the great river Tyne, courts the affection and shares the joy and pleasure of such close companions and yet is happy to maintain its independence.

And why not?

Haydon Bridge and its surrounding parish, is itself a place of romance and legend and of extraordinary heritage and rare beauty, waiting to catch the eye and tempt any would be admirer to delight in its charms.

Stand on the bridge whose ancestor gave my 14c village its name, and gaze westwards as the reflections from a bright sun and clear blue sky play on the singing waters of the Tyne, or watch in awe as the dark clouds from Cumberland deposit their burden into the torrent thundering below you. Look to the east, where the salmon leap the waterfall in season and the majestic Heron stalks its prey.

This is a river crossing that has endured the border raider, inspired the famous artist and stimulated the passionate poet.

To the north our 12c chapel of Haydon, keeps a brooding and mysterious vigil over the remains of an ancient settlement, while above and to the south, Langley Castle stands tall and proud overlooking its mediaeval barony.

*I invite you to share my friend's delights, trials and tribulations by reading **The Haydon News on line.***

**Editors: Mike Parkin. Dennis Telford.**

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**Site construction by Henry Swaddle.**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in July 2007

Ms J Males, a newly co opted councillor, was welcomed to the meeting.

### **Public participation.**

The erosion by the river of the field path to the Spa Well was drawn to the council's attention.

A complaint was made about the muddy state of the tarmac path beneath the railway bridge, between the river bank and Station Road.

The council is to write to NCC Highways Dept about the state of these two paths.

The council was asked if it was possible to raise the seats on Land Ends Road as they were both very low, their legs having sunk into the ground.

Concern was expressed about the Sites Allocation Options Document and future development in Haydon Bridge. The public were informed that a public meeting is to be held in August about this. (See article on Page 11 and notice of the meeting on page 15).

A complaint was made about the volume of traffic using the Land Ends Road to access the by pass construction site and particularly the high speed of some of the vehicles. Concern was also expressed that some of the 'No Construction Traffic' signs had been removed from round the village. The by pass project manager is to be contacted about these issues.

A member of the public asked if the council had prior knowledge of the Bellway proposal for housing development on part of The Showfield before their presentation at last month's council meeting. It was stated that the council had no information about the proposals until the council received the request from Bellway to make their presentation at June's council meeting. A councillor asked if other developers had been asked to put forward proposals for the site and was informed by the Tynedale councillor present that the request for proposals would have been open to all interested developers.

A request was made that the water depth measure by the old bridge be restored when repair work is done on the bridge this summer.

### **Council Meeting.**

8 councillors were present.

### **Tynedale Council.**

The council was informed that the

decision had been taken to make Northumberland a single tier local government authority. It will be two or three years before this is put in place but will mean the end of the present District Councils including Tynedale. An appeal is to made against this decision.

A question was raised about what would happen to the large reserve held by Tynedale Council under the new arrangements. Would it just go towards reducing NCC's current debt? The council was informed that some of the reserve was being spent on the new swimming pool in Hexham and that it was likely that most of the money would be used for the benefit of Tynedale residents before the introduction of the single tier authority.

(Most of the reserve funds held by Tynedale Council were accrued as a result of the sale of council houses)

### **Highways.**

A69/A686 road junction. Speed restrictions are to be introduced at this junction during the construction of the by pass but the necessary approval has not yet been obtained.

Following the flooding of parts of Shaftoe Street last month, the by pass contractors have replaced the drain between the construction site and the cemetery, to reduce the likelihood of a recurrence.

Concern was expressed at the general condition of the street drains in the village as during the recent wet weather large pools of water formed on several roads in the village as the surface water was unable to drain away. It was suggested that improvements need to be made especially as new housing developments in the village were placing a strain on the current surface water drains and sewerage system. The council are to write to Northumbrian Water expressing its concerns.

### **Planning**

The council were informed that the planning application for the development of Tait's Yard has been withdrawn.

The council had no objections to an application for a change of use of a farm building to visitor accommodation at Grindon.

The planning application made by the High School to use the stable block at Haydon Lodge as music rooms was refused, pending the outcome of a bat survey.

The council objected to a planning application for three dwellings at West End Joinery as this would add another junction to the A69 close to the Innerhaugh, Brigwood and Hordley Acre junctions.

### **Correspondence.**

Following a letter from npower, regarding their standing charge to supply electricity to illuminate the church clock, the council are looking to change to another supplier. (The standing charge is considerably more than the small cost of the electricity used to illuminate the clock).

The council was informed by NCC Highways Dept that the Pelewell road is to be closed for a two week period in September to allow work to be carried out to repair the culvert beneath the road.

### **Village Projects.**

A report was given on the Parish Plan (see page 10)

No further communication has been received about the library proposals.

The High School does hold money for the skate park (see last months notes) . Planning permission was granted some time ago for a skate park in the school grounds. The young people requesting support for a village skate park are to be contacted.

**(PC Notes continue on page 9)**

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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Parish Clerk

Mrs. C McGivern

## HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE - Dennis Telford

### The Lordship of Haydon Bridge.

For the purposes of local governance in 2007, Langley is a village within the parish of Haydon. And yet historically, Haydon was only one of over twenty five townships or estates administered by the Barons of Langley. Indeed, for at least one hundred and fifty years of Langley's early history Haydon **Bridge** didn't exist at all!

The development of Haydon Bridge in the early 14c was undoubtedly due to the initiative of a Baron of Langley, whether Thomas de Lucy (died 1304) or his son Anthony (died 1343), and the 'Lordship of Haydon Bridge' was held for almost two hundred years by the Langley Barons along with their prestigious 12c title.

Any time lines of the two titles will obviously overlap in parts and for an overall view you probably need to read these 'Notes with my contribution last month (July 2007). If your interest is purely the Lordship of Haydon Bridge however, this is the place to be!

References: Public Records Office. J. Hodgson 1840. L.C. Coombes 1990. Manorial Auctioneers 2003.

### The first Lords of Haydon Bridge were the de Lucy family.

Reginald de Lucy was the first of the family to establish himself in the north of England, when on his marriage to Alice, daughter of Robert de Rumeli, Lord of Skipton, Reginald became Lord of Egremont.

Reginald's son was Richard de Lucy and his daughter Alice married Alan de Multon.

Their son Thomas de Multon, whom we met last month in my Barons of Langley time line, married Isabel, daughter and coheir of Adam de Bolteby by whom he acquired the Barony of Langley. Thomas took the name de Lucy in honour of his mother's family.

**Reginald de Lucy**  
died before 1199

**Richard de Lucy**  
died before 1215

**Alice de Lucy = Alan de Multon**

The history of the Lordship of Haydon Bridge before 1323 is uncertain. Reference is made in the Lucy Chartulary for 1296 to half acre of land at 'the end of the bridge at Haydon', but we know from the Lay Subsidy of 1296 that Haydon **Bridge** did not exist as a township at that time. In 1309 at the inquest of Sir Thomas de Lucy, Anthony's elder brother and a Baron of Langley, a reference is made to 'Pontem de Heyden'. This may be the earliest indication we have of Haydon Bridge's existence.

### LORDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

**THOMAS de LUCY**  
formerly de Multon  
=  
Isabel de Bolteby

**ANTHONY de LUCY**  
LORD of HAYDON BRIDGE  
in 1323  
=  
Elizabeth  
daughter of Robert Tilliof Lord of Scaleyby

**THOMAS de LUCY**  
=  
Mary  
sister of John de Multon Lord of Egremont

**MAUD de UMFRAVILLE**  
=  
**HENRY PERCY**  
1st Earl Northumberland  
  
Henry Percy died  
19th February 1408

Thomas de Lucy was Baron of Langley until 1304 and **may** also have taken the title Lord of Haydon Bridge, between 1296 and 1304, the year of his death.

It **may** have been Thomas de Lucy who built the first wooden Haydon bridge, although the exact date of its construction is unknown and L.C. Coombes also offers the names of earlier Barons of Langley; Nicholas de Bolteby (died 1273) and Adam de Bolteby (died 1291) as possible builders of our first bridge. Indeed, letters written in 1528 refer to 'Adom - Brigge'. A slip of the quill (Adom for Haydon) perhaps, or an indication that Adam (de Bolteby) was the bridge builder?

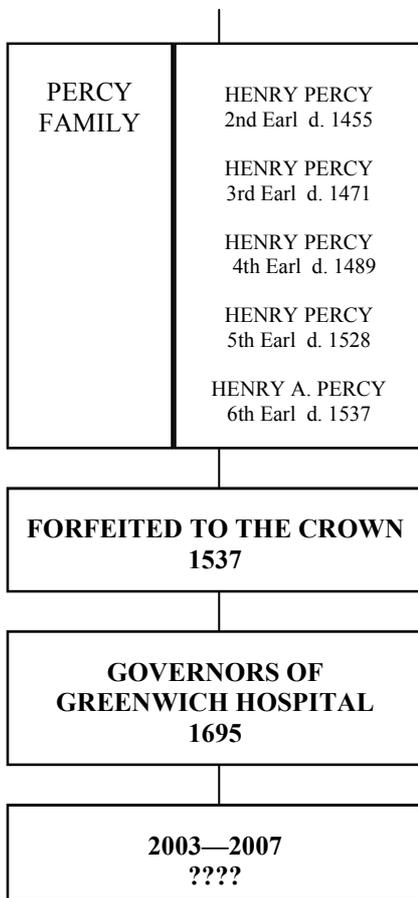
What we do know for certain is that Thomas' youngest son Anthony de Lucy **was** Lord of Haydon Bridge in 1323, when he obtained a Royal Charter giving him a market on Wednesdays, 'at his manor of Haydon Brigge' and a fair for three days; round the day of St. Mary Magdalene.

From 1336 Anthony de Lucy was receiving pontage (tolls) for goods crossing the bridge at Haydon Bridge.

Anthony de Lucy died in 1343 and his son Thomas took over the estates and titles, including Baron of Langley **and** Lord of Haydon Bridge. Thomas began building his fortified tower house, Langley Castle, in 1350.

On Thomas de Lucy's death in 1368 his lands at 'Haydenbrig and the ville of Haydon' passed to his heir and only child Johanna. Johanna died one year later and the estates descended to her aunt Maud de Umfraville.

Maud de Umfraville's second marriage, to Henry Percy the 1st Earl of Northumberland, brought the estates and Lordship of Haydon Bridge into the Percy family.



Some of the Percy estates and the family's lands were forfeited in 1408 following a series of quarrels, over a five year period; between Henry IV and the 1st Earl's son Harry Hotspur (beheaded in 1403) and Henry Percy himself.

Henry Percy the 1st Earl of Northumberland and Lord of Haydon Bridge was killed in the Battle of Bramham Moor in February 1408.

The Lordship of Haydon Bridge remained with the Percy family until 1537.

The Percy family lost the Lordship of Haydon Bridge when Henry Alergon Percy, 6th Earl of Northumberland, was (probably) bullied into willing most of his remaining estates and titles to Henry VIII in 1537. In any case, Henry Percy knew that they would be lost on his death; forfeited with the attainder of his brother, the 5th Earl's second son Sir Thomas Percy, for his part in a northern uprising against the King's religious and fiscal policies, known as the Pilgrimage of Grace.

*(Note! 'Act of Attainder' - A parliamentary procedure where the accused was deemed to be guilty before trial and an Act confirming the guilt was subsequently passed.)*

The Lordship of Haydon Bridge seems to have remained in the Crown's possession until 1695 when William III granted the title, with others, and a large sum of money, to the Governors of Greenwich hospital.

The Governors of Greenwich hospital remained in possession of the title until it was offered for sale by private treaty in 2003 with a guide price of £8,500.

The question remains. "Who is the LORD of HAYDON BRIDGE in 2007?"  
The present Lord may be a collector of Manorial Titles from the farthest points north or south.

Or he/she could be your next door neighbour!!

### HAYDON BRIDGE and its HORRIBLE HISTORY

And now for a bed time story.

**My contribution to the fashion that has made Terry Deary's 'wicked world of horrible histories' one of the most popular recent collections of children's history books.**

**Beware! The story is much too gruesome for mam and dad!**

*For the naughty girls and boys in your family who won't behave themselves, this is a reminder of how those who rebelled against authority were treated in the past.*

Henry Percy was the first Earl of Northumberland from the years 1377 to 1408 and Lord of Haydon Bridge from about 1381 to 1408. Henry's support for the Duke of Lancaster (to become King Henry IV) against the authority of King Richard II, led to years of intermittent quarrels with the King. Henry's son Harry Hotspur supported his father's side in the disputes and was beheaded after the battle of Shrewsbury in 1403.

Later, Henry Percy fled to France and returned to the North through Scotland in 1407. The first Earl of Northumberland and the Lord of Haydon Bridge, was intercepted by the King's armies at Tadcaster in Yorkshire in 1408 and was killed at the battle of Bramham Moor.

The King was not totally satisfied with our Lord's death in battle however and had Henry Percy's head struck off and impaled on a spike on London Bridge where ravens and gulls pecked the skull clean. The Earl's body was cut into quarters and the four parts sent to London, Berwick, Newcastle and Lincoln. 'For the better instruction of the people of what happened to traitors.'

The Percy family lost the Manor of Haydon Bridge in 1537, when the sixth Earl of Northumberland's brother, Sir Thomas, took part in a northern uprising, known as the Pilgrimage of Grace, against King Henry VIII's religious reforms.

Sir Thomas was captured in Yorkshire and suffered the beastly death of hanging, drawing and quartering at Tyburn (now Marble Arch) in London. Sir Thomas was hanged but cut down while still alive, tied to a special contraption on the scaffold and castrated. His stomach was slit open and his intestines drawn out while he was still alive and they were burned in a brazier before his eyes. Then his body was quartered — this was sometimes done by four horses tied to the body, each pulling in opposite directions — The skilled torturers were well trained at keeping the naughty rebel alive through each horrible stage through his lingering and barbarous death.

The Percy family's Lordship of Haydon Bridge was subsequently forfeited to the Crown.

**Sleep well in your beds tonight girls and boys!**

Most people will know the stone cross on the Langley Road and may even remember the welcome seat that once stood beside it. The cross was erected by Cadwallader John Bates in 1883 and the inscription on it reads:

IN MEMORY OF  
JAMES AND CHARLES  
VISCOUNTS LANGLEY  
EARLS OF DERWENTWATER  
BEHEADED ON TOWER HILL  
24 FEBRUARY 1716 AND 8 DECEMBER 1746  
FOR LOYALTY TO  
THEIR LAWFUL SOVEREIGN

The lawful (or unlawful) sovereigns were the Scottish Jacobite pretenders to the English Throne i.e. James Edward Stuart, the old pretender and in 1745 his son Charles Edward Stuart (Bonny Prince Charlie).

Langley Castle was built circa 1350 - 1364 and believed to be destroyed in 1405 by Henry IV's troops. As it remained a ruin for most of its life until restored by Mr Bates in the late 19c early 20c, the Derwentwaters as Viscounts Langley never lived there. Their residence, when they were in Northumberland, was at Dilston Hall near Corbridge.

In the 1860's however, a lady appeared at Dilston calling herself Amelia, Countess of Derwentwater and made a nuisance of herself in the Dilston and Newcastle areas whilst living in a makeshift tent.

*You are probably asking yourself, "what is he rambling on about and what has this to do with the Anchor Inn?"*

When you stop to think about it, the Anchor is an unusual name for an Inn in the centre of the country.

Well, after 1716 when the Derwentwater lands, which covered an extensive area of South West Northumberland, were taken over by the Crown and then handed over to the Admiralty and the Greenwich Hospital, the Anchor Inn was their base where they collected their rents; hence the name. The Newcastle Courant (not the Hexham one) of the 19th November 1869 tells us. 'Two days previously, Charles Grey (Agent for the Admiralty Commissioners) had arrived (at Haydon Bridge) to hold the first of the Martinmas Rent Days. The Derwentwater - or Admiralty - estates extended to that locality and a room at the (Anchor) Inn was to be used as the audit office.'

An unexpected guest arrived: Amelia.

She duly installed herself and then marched into Grey's office at the head of her retainers. Sitting down on the sofa she informed Grey that he had no right to take rent from her tenants. An attempted ejection provoked Amelia to reach for her sword, but it broke in two before it left the scabbard. The 'Countess' then withdrew to an upstairs room. There are conflicting versions of what happened next.

Amelia claimed that Grey asked his assistants to help him push her downstairs - a not inconsiderable task. Grey for his part accused the Countess of rapping him over the knuckles with her stick. At any rate Amelia was bundled downstairs into her own room. 'Grey, a prudent man, sent to Hexham for police reinforcements. They arrived by the afternoon train, but their services were not required. Amelia left the Inn of her own volition, to the 'ringing cheers' of the populace.'

*You will note that the police arrived quite quickly. If it had been today - and if they had arrived at all - they would probably have offered Amelia the services of a counsellor and arrested Charles Grey!!*

The 'ringing cheers' of the populace would be occasioned by the fact that the Admiralty landlords were not very popular (and you can't mess around with Haydonians) as a statement in 1870 states.

'The Admiralty have not manifested any great zeal or anxiety in the affairs of the district, further than a wholesome punctuality in the observance of rent days and a necessary enquiry after dilatory tenants, for which the latter are unquestionably grateful.

The remembrance of the princely hospitality of the Derwentwaters stands out in a strong contrast to this picture.'

Amelia was described as a 'fine looking, elderly lady, although she claimed that she was only in her late thirties and from her self quoted genealogy her father would have been 66 years old when she was born - a shock to the system for him were it true.

Anyway, she could not have been as she claimed, the Countess of Derwentwater, as the title could not be inherited by a woman.

All the later investigations indicated that Amelia was a fraud.

Whatever happened, it certainly beats an argument over a game of dominoes in the Anchor!!

Let us hope that this is not a foretaste of the future for the new Baron Langley.

End

*The incident at the Anchor Inn, referred to in William's story, was one of a number of escapades by the lady in question, who called herself 'Amelia Tudor Radcliffe, the grand - daughter and sole heiress of John Radcliffe the only son of the executed third Earl of Derwentwater'. Between 1857 and 1871 'Amelia' made various claims to the title, intimidating the agents and tenants of the Derwentwater estates, trying to persuade them that the rents should be paid to herself. In 1871 'Amelia' was served with a debtor's summons that in time led to her imprisonment in Newcastle Gaol. After her release she lived in poor circumstances and died on February 26th 1880.*



A number of photographs were taken of 'Amelia' in the 1800's and I am grateful to Frances Dickinson and Stephen Brown for making this one available.

Incidentally, if you would like to know more about the Radcliffes, Earls of Derwentwater, why not read Frances's north country legacy of Jacobean times: 'Tracking A Legend' Published in 2001 by Cresset Books.

Or visit Dilston Castle and Chapel, the Radcliffes' Northumberland home.

See advert on page 12

## LORD OF THE WOODLANDS.

A story that takes us into the world of nature never ages. If it was a pleasure to read years ago then it is more than likely a pleasure to read today.

And especially if it was written by Haydon Bridge's Bill Tait.

Bill was a regular contributor to T.V., newspapers and magazines and The Haydon News, he died on August 24th 1998; nine years ago this month.

We are pleased to remember our own extraordinary naturalist with this contribution.

The Badger was a particular favourite of Bill's and this piece was first published in 2002. - In eighty seven languages can you believe! - Sadly Bill didn't get to see it in print, however we can all continue to take pleasure from his remarkable knowledge and written work. We are sure you'll enjoy the world of 'Old Brock'.

## BRITAIN'S BADGER

THE silence of the woodland was broken by a blackbird's song. As the sun sank slowly to its rest, I sat on a fallen silver birch, noting how the smell of wet vegetation pervaded the early evening air after a shower of rain.

I had carefully chosen a seat where a slight breeze would blow toward me because I had come here to watch badgers. The badger's eyes are small, as are its white-tipped ears, but I have learned never to underestimate its hearing and sense of smell, which are acute. I knew that if it heard me make a sound or got scent of me. that would be enough to send it back underground for the rest of the night.

The European badger is a large, secretive animal, about three feet long and one foot high, with an average weight of about 25 pounds. It has a coat of rough grey hair, with black face and underparts, short black legs, and a stumpy grey tail. Each foot has five toes with powerful claws.

The three broad, white stripes running from its Snout past its ears are not only its outstanding feature but also a subject of controversy. Some people say that badgers can identify their own kind on the darkest nights by means of the stripes - yet, we know that badgers identify each other by scent. Whatever the reason for these stripes, they make the badger a handsome creature.

"Old Brock," as the badger is affectionately known to country folk, is

a familiar part of Britain's rural scene. A habitual digger, a badger continually excavates tunnels, passageways, and chambers to make its home, called a sett. This can be up to 100 feet in diameter, and the maze of tunnels can be 1,000 feet long! The badger is a nocturnal creature, and during the day the chambers in its set are mainly used as sleeping quarters. Special chambers, lined with fresh bedding, are used by the sow when she gives birth to her young.

The sett will have a number of entrances in the open above ground, often by alder trees and among thickets of hawthorn or bramble. Some setts in England, with more than 50 entrances, are known to be well over 150 years old and can accommodate several generations of the same family. Badgers may live for 15 years or more, although 2 to 3 years is the norm.

With large mounds of earth sloping down toward its entrances, from which earth, stones, and rocks have been cast aside, a badger sett is not difficult to recognize. You realize how strong the animal is when you see what has been thrown from the sett.

How do you find out if a sett is occupied? First look around for the badgers' latrines - shallow pits from six to nine inches across and nine inches deep, which surround the sett. If there are droppings, and especially if they are fresh, then the badgers are in residence. Look also for well-trodden paths spreading out from the sett, and in summer months look for flattened vegetation. In a muddy area, watch for badger footprints, or close by the sett, check for trees with mud marks and scratches where the animals have reared up to stretch, catlike, with their strong claws. If the sett is large, observation can prove difficult, for the badgers may be using another entrance or exit. So go early in the day, and place sticks over each hole. Next morning, you will see which exits have been used by the emerging animals - the sticks will have been thrust aside.

In its quest for food, a badger will travel far at night, seeking out acorns or beech mast, or it may scent and dig out young rabbits or a wasps' nest for its larvae.

What is its main diet? Earthworms! The badger will eat almost anything - including wild fruits, bluebell bulbs, mushrooms, and beetles.

I remember watching badgers one very wet night in July, and they never moved far from their sett, for in the coarse upland grass, there was an abundance of black slugs, a delicacy brought out by the rain.

Badgers usually mate in July, and a normal litter of four or five cubs is born in February. When the cubs are about three months old, they appear above the ground, playing at the entrance to the sett. When the cubs are out and about, bedding is renewed by both boar and sow. Badgers are tidy animals and keep their setts scrupulously clean. Spring and autumn airings of the bedding are usual but can take place any month of the year. The parents drag out the old, dry grass and bracken and replace it with fresh - gathering as many as 30 bundles in a night. These they hold between chin and forepaws as they shuffle backward and then down an entrance of their sett.

From a gland beneath their tail, badgers secrete a strong - smelling fluid onto tufts of grass, stones, or fence posts to mark their territory. They will even anoint each other for recognition. By means of these scent marks, a badger can easily find the entrance to its sett when backing into it.

The song of the blackbird had died away, and all was silent in the darkening wood. Hardly daring to breathe, I sat perfectly still, when out of the corner of my eye, I saw the black-and-white mask of the badger appear.

For a few moments, the badger stood at the entrance to its sett, testing the evening air for danger before moving off into the night - for all the world like some lord of the manor going for a stroll around his ancestral estate.

Bill Tait



*We are grateful to Bill's wife Jean for allowing us publish his work. 'Britain's Badger - Lord of the Woodlands' was previously published in 'Awake' by the Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania. Over thirty four million copies of each edition are distributed in eighty seven languages. **Has anyone else in our locality ever had their writing set out before so many people across the world?***

## CORRESPONDENCE

26 The Showfield,  
Haydon Bridge.

July 9th 2007.

Dear Editors,

I was very interested to read the article mentioning the Greenwich Hospital in the July Haydon News.

I have links with the hospital, as I trained as a nurse in 1948 at the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital which was next to the Royal Naval College. In 1821 to 1870 the hospital was housed in three successive ships moored on the Thames at Greenwich. In 1923 one of the ships was converted and called the Dreadnought.

In 1870 the buildings of the Greenwich Hospital became the Royal Naval College and the Dreadnought was brought ashore, so forming the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital for, I think, 162 years.

Sadly the hospital closed in the 1980's although I believe a ward is available for seamen at St. Thomas' Hospital in London.

I also understand that the Dreadnought

Hospital is now part of the university.

The years of my service at Greenwich were very special. I nursed my late husband there who, in 1949, was a patient at the hospital.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Stainthorpe.

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*Mrs. Stainthorpe and her late husband Tom lived in London and Brighton before moving to Stocksfield in 1988. In 1997 they moved to the Showfield.*

*It is a pleasant surprise to Margaret to learn that she now lives on land that was once part of the 'Northern Estates' seized by the Crown from the Radcliffe family and subsequently granted to Greenwich Hospital; the income from the estates financing the hospital where Margaret subsequently worked and met her husband.*

*I've said it many times before: "There is a piece of our parish in every corner in the world!"*

Shaftoe Terrace.  
July 2007.

To the readers of The Haydon News.

### HELP!

Can anyone help to sort out the problems for the residents of Shaftoe Terrace? Since Shaftoe Green was completed, day time is a happy time, listening to small children enjoying themselves on the swings. But come the night time **our nightmares begin!**

This terrace of houses is supposed to be a quiet and peaceful place for the elderly, and away from any disturbance.

### Not so!

Some teenagers and older ones use the park as a smoking and drinking area until the early hours of the morning, creating havoc for the residents who would like to get some sleep.

**Parents!** Do you know where your children are until the early hours? Because we certainly do.

Yours sincerely,  
M. Wilkinson.

## HAYDON BRIDGE BY PASS

It will not be a surprise to anyone that the wet weather has hampered progress on our new by pass. Site Project Manager Andrew Harding reports that the high river flows and the saturated ground are playing havoc with the construction processes. Nevertheless, Andrew is still confident that work in the river on the reinforced concrete piers will be completed by 31st October, to ensure our salmon breeding grounds are maintained, and the re-aligned Langley (Cemetery) Road will be open by Christmas as planned. (The second Highways Agency Newsletter - July 2007- has just been published and is available at John and Maureen Clarke's newsagents.)



**In spite of the bad weather work on the by pass continues as the Langley road is lowered at Esp Hill.**



For many years our village has been in need of a children's play area like Shaftoe Green and a lot of community spirit and activity has been involved in its development. It is very disappointing then that the good work that has gone into a playground that is a benefit for over two thousand Haydonians and their families, is being undermined by a few miscreants.

I understand that those responsible have responded with insults and abuse to friendly requests by the residents of Shaftoe Terrace to behave themselves. There is also a feeling that one elderly resident may have been driven to an early grave through fear of the young people's unruly behaviour.

If so, this is outrageous!

It is now time for parents, the authorities and the general public to take action to ensure that both Shaftoe Green and the neighbouring residents are treated with respect, and the few responsible for the misbehaviour are encouraged/made to face up to their responsibilities to the village in which they live.

**There are more of us than them!!**

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME

**Thursday 9th August:** Tyne Green Trail. 4 miles. Meet at The Boatside Inn, Warden. GR909661 Anne Nicholson Tel 684639

**Thursday 23rd August:** Walltown and Thirlwall Castle 4 1/2 miles. Meet at Walltown Quarry car park, GR668659. Emmi Althaus Tel 606173

**Walks start at 6.45pm. Further information from the walk leaders. All welcome.**

## HADRIAN'S WALL HERITAGE LIMITED

### ROADSHOWS

Hadrian's Wall Heritage Limited (HWHL), who are responsible for the marketing and management of Hadrian's Wall Country, will be holding a series of informal roadshows along Hadrian's Wall.

We would like to invite all local businesses and other interested parties along Hadrian's Wall to these events where you will have the opportunity to meet staff face to face, to hear their exciting plans and discuss ways we can work together to improve the local tourism economy.

#### **Dates and locations.**

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Location</b>                         | <b>Time</b> |
|----------------|---|-------------|
| 4th September  | Segedunum, Wallsend                     | 6-8pm       |
| 10th September | Twice Brewed, Bardon Mill               | 4-6pm       |
| 11th September | Rum Story, Whitehaven                   | 6-8pm       |
| 19th September | Tullie House, Carlisle                  | 4-6pm       |
| 24th September | Knott Memorial Hall, Heddon on the Wall | 4-6pm       |
| 25th September | Solway Coast Discovery Centre           | 4-6pm       |
| 1st October    | Parish Council Rooms, Longtown          | 6-8pm       |
| 2nd October    | Hexham Mart                             | 6-8pm       |

If you would like to attend or require further information please contact us on:  
01434 609700

[comms@hadrianswall.co.uk](mailto:comms@hadrianswall.co.uk)

Visit [hadrians-wall.org](http://hadrians-wall.org) where you can sign up for newsletters or read more about our activities.

## BASH THE BALSAM EVENT.

Originally planned and advertised to take place on July 5th the event had to be postponed due the heavy rain.

Balsam Bashers finally gathered on July 19th when the evening looked as though it was set fair.

23 people turned out to participate in the event and managed to clear the Himalayan Balsam from large areas of the river bank near the picnic area .

Only when the barbecue was ready did the rain pour down once again.

I am assured by Barbara that everyone was fed and that only the bread buns got damp not the spirits of those present.

Barbara wishes to extend her thanks to all those who turned out.

There are many areas of Himalayan Balsam along the river banks in Haydon Bridge. While the pink flower is very attractive at this time of the year the plant does weaken the river bank. It dies back completely in the autumn leaving the river bank exposed to erosion and its vigorous growth tends to exclude native deeper rooted plants from growing. Perhaps those people whose property includes part of the river bank could organise their own balsam bash and so protect their river bank.

MP

standard of the cutting or overall appearance of the cemetery. The public were asked to leave while the council considered what to do about the situation.

**Next council meeting is on  
September 27th at 7.30pm** MP

### **Parish Council Notes**

#### **(continued from page 3)**

Letters have been sent to people living in Langley & Greenwich Gardens, Hordley Acres and Strother Close about the development of the play area in Langley Gardens. Views are being sought by Milecastle Housing on provision of facilities for the play area.

The Balsam Bash at the riverside picnic area was postponed due to wet weather. It eventually took place on July 19th (see report on this page)

The 'Flood Group' are to have their official launch in November with a public event. (The 'Flood Group' are volunteer flood wardens representing most of the flood prone areas of the village. They hope be able to help mitigate the damage caused by future floods through helping residents in their areas prepare for such events).

A councillor asked whether people are permitted to walk along the river bank to the rear of Ratcliffe Road and in front of Brigwood, as she had been challenged by one of the residents. She was informed that the river bank is private and that there is no public right of way but that there is a tradition of people walking along the bank. (This 'tradition' has long been disputed by river bank owners and, as with other disputes in the village regarding public access over

privately owned land, seems likely to continue).

Although it is only July, planning for Christmas has already begun! The council agreed to fund/part fund the Christmas lights again this year. To avoid a repeat of last year's eleventh hour rush planning for the lights is to start forthwith.

The council discussed the at present unsatisfactory situation regarding the grass cutting at the cemetery . Concern was expressed that complaints had been received over a long period of time and that little or no improvement had been made in the





## **Haydon Parish Plan update – calling the BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

The Planning Group have been busy organising the next phase of the consultation and development work for the Parish Plan. We are:

- Working with the Haydon Bridge Flood Group who are developing a flood plan for the Parish
- Looking at developing a Village Design Statement, which will set out the Parish's priorities in relation to planning and development, and which would become a formal part of Tynedale Council's planning framework
- Putting together information about all sports, community and support groups and interests in the Parish, and community facilities. We will be arranging meetings with groups in the autumn to discuss any issues they may have for the Parish Plan and how what they can offer can best be publicised in the future
- Putting together a database of local business and services and we will be meeting with the business community – see below
- Looking to develop an improved website both to provide information for all of us living in the Parish about what is available, and to market our businesses and services to promote the tourism and economy of our community

### **ADVANCE NOTICE AND A REQUEST**

**Public meeting for all businesses and services based in Haydon Parish to be held at THE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
At 7.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**Come and discuss - how to promote the economy of the Parish; business support and development needs; potential of a business forum**

**REQUEST: could ALL local businesses based in the Parish (even if you do not supply services locally) please e mail your contact details to:**

[haydonparplan@fsmail.net](mailto:haydonparplan@fsmail.net). We can then ensure you are consulted.

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

**Do you have website design skills – if so we would love to hear from you**

If you have any issues you want to raise please contact us via:

E mail: [haydonparplan@fsmail.net](mailto:haydonparplan@fsmail.net)

Post: Richard Snowdon, Wheelsteads, Woodhall Mill, HB, NE47 6AS

Tel: Richard Snowdon (688871); Eileen Charlton (684505); Peter Fletcher (684944 – day) and 688872 (evening)

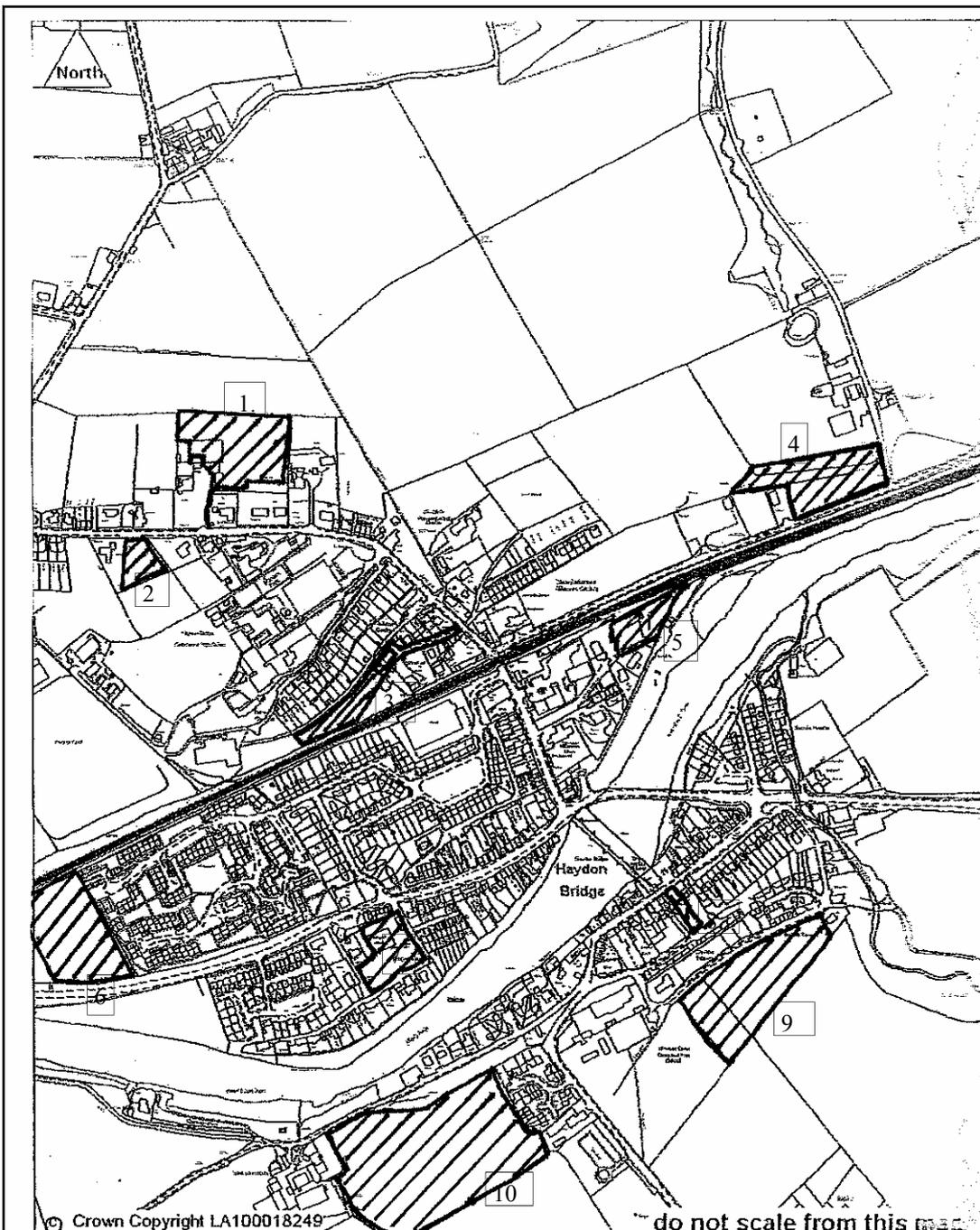
**TYNEDALE LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
FRAME WORK**

**A MAP  
SHOWING THE  
SUGGESTED  
SITE  
ALLOCATION  
OPTIONS IN  
HAYDON  
BRIDGE**

The sites suggested for future development are shown by diagonal hachuring

In addition to the sites shown, the whole of the area between the bypass and the southern edge of the village, from the A69 east of the village, to the Land Ends Road west of the caravan site, is also suggested as a site for development.

Development is also suggested for the brickworks site at Langley



All Local Authorities in England are at present producing a guide to their future development. It is called a 'Local Development Framework'. Included in this will be sites allocated for future housing, employment or recreation development. At present Tynedale Council is undertaking a consultation exercise to gain the public's views on a range of development site options suggested by land owners, parish councils, service providers, developers etc

The list below gives the names of the suggested sites in Haydon Bridge, the area and the development options.

|  |         |  |
|--|---------|--|
| 1. North Bank. Rest and Be Thankful      | 1.10ha  | Housing                                    |
| 2. North Bank. Maresfield.               | 0.24ha  | Housing                                    |
| 3. Belmont Stables                       | 0.52ha  | Housing/General development                |
| 4. West Mill Hills                       | 0.91ha  | Economic development                       |
| 5. Coal Cells                            | 0.35ha  | Housing/General Development/Social housing |
| 6. Land west of Langley Gardens.         | 1.16ha  | Affordable housing/Housing                 |
| 7. Land at Brigwood. Taits Yard          | 0.46ha  | Affordable housing/Housing                 |
| 8. Anchor Garage at Shaftoe Street       | 0.09ha  | Affordable housing                         |
| 9. Field at Smith's Terrace.             | 1.40ha  | Housing/General development.               |
| 10. The Showfield                        | 3.29ha  | Housing/Affordable housing                 |
| Land between the bypass and the village. | 28.74ha | Housing/Tourism/Retail                     |
| The Brickworks, Langley.                 | 1.24ha  | Retail/Economic development.               |

**Haydon Parish Council are hosting a public meeting on August 23rd about the 'site allocation options'.**

**See page 15 for details.** If you would like to see the complete Site Allocations Options document it is available at most local libraries. Responses to the document must be submitted by September 14th 2007.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The events of the 19th to 22nd of July in our village, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Father Leo Pyle's ordination in 1957, were a great success.

Father Leo Pyle celebrated Mass at lunchtime on the Saturday, with nine other Priests from the Diocese, and a buffet lunch followed.

St. John Of Beverley Roman Catholic Church was packed for this special occasion .

Father Leo was Director of the Diocesan Religious Education Centre until 1978 and parish priest at St. Cuthbert's North Shields until 1986. He moved to St. Mary's in Sunderland and finally was installed as parish priest of St. Wilfrid's Haltwhistle and St. John of Beverley, Haydon Bridge in 1997

During the celebrations, the Church was filled with music from the Shaftoe Chorale and a supporting cast of parents and children and not least Father Leo himself, who added to the joyous event by singing three humorous songs.

St John's was a mass of colour and bloom, with a festival of flower arrangements adorning the porch, the church and all the windows. Each display reflecting Father Leo's special interests in the life of the church, music and the great outdoors.

The festival organiser , Maureen Clarke, expresses her sincere thanks to Churches Together in Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle, all those who gave donations and dedications, the ladies for their delightful flower displays, Shaftoe Chorale, the jubilee committee and every individual who supported the event and helped make it such a memorable weekend. And of course..... Father Leo Pyle and his family.



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### 2nd ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th.

£2 PER ENTRY. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE BENCHED BY 10.30AM  
JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1.30PM. CASH PRIZES.  
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**AUCTION OF ENTRIES AT 12 NOON ON SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST**  
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### RAILWAY HOTEL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW - CATAGORIES

A COLLECTION OF 3 MIXED VEGETABLES.  
2 ONIONS.  
3 TOMATOES.  
BLANCHED LEEKS.  
VASE OF FLOWERS. (SINGLE FLOWER TYPE OR MIXED )  
CHUTNEY. JAM.  
HOME BAKING. (Any description.)  
SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE BIGGEST TATTIE.

ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL 10.30 a.m. ON SATURDAY AUGUST 25th.  
Leave entries at The Railway or Woodies Café, with name and contact number.

**A JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL  
TO  
THE SOUND OF MUSIC**



**COVER NOTE**

We have examined our parish's association with the Derwentwaters' in recent months, and of course the Langley/Derwentwater cross was erected by C.J. Bates and has been a famous landmark here for over 120 years. In 2007 however, the cross looks sadly neglected and it is almost impossible to visit it safely.

Isn't it time to re-site this monument where it can be admired by all once again?

Over to you Mr. T.A. Bates !

**SYLVIA'S POETS' CORNER**

**This poem will really  
get you thinking  
when it comes to  
tea drinking**

**Tea in a.....**

Splatch the cold hot spoon benchwards  
Dripwash the counter top and tile  
Praim the whitewash water from above  
Toward the inner brim some over side

Dive the sugar, heaped and trailing  
Scattergun the same wet bench  
See how high the plain old spoon is flying  
Tippits tiny bombs and drench

Musical spoon tinglatter the drainer  
Damduster across then in  
Amongst the cluttery dishdash there  
In an upsidedown of rain

The final cup is a gallant stand  
Its sumarining bag tramped and flattened  
Then dripped towards the drip dry bin  
Its pastel shades and patterned

Carefully snatching up the cup  
Swashing gallons over the side  
Spill all the way to the TV set  
To sip with an empty mind.

**.....TV trance**

**By 'A'**

**Ex Haydonian Edmund Charlton says**  
"I loved this piece of verse found  
inscribed on an old pint pot."

(And Edmund would know all about  
pint pots! Ed.)

I envy no ones birth or fame  
Their title, train or dress,  
Nor has pride ever stretched its aim  
Beyond what I possess.  
I ask not, wish not, to appear  
More beauteous rich or gay  
Lord make me wiser every year  
And better every day.

And also this little ditty.

**A Sailor's Farewell**

Sweet oh sweet it's that sensation  
Where two hearts in unison meet.  
But the pain of separation  
Merges the bitter with the sweet.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR POEMS TO  
SYLVIA MITCHELL,  
32 RATCLIFFE ROAD,  
HAYDON BRIDGE.**

**OR LEAVE THEM AT  
J & M CLARKE'S NEWSAGENTS,  
(Addressed to The Haydon News)**

**OR E MAIL THE EDITORS  
(See page 2)**

**We do not publish The Haydon News in September so perhaps you'd like to read a book next month instead!**

**Our reviewer is Gay Brender. Gay and her husband David are keen readers of our village publication and have been subscribing to The Haydon News for two years. They live in New York State.**

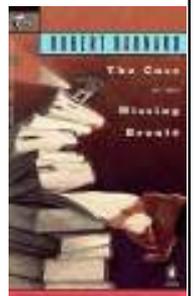
Having searched the world (of books) for the perfect writer, I have found him - Robert Barnard. Barnard is that rare bird, the university professor of English who writes great fiction himself. His thrillers are very literate, full of cosy asides about the great English classics. His style is plain, and through it he unfolds a story which has real people, and completely unpredictable plots.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING BRONTE has no murder, but presupposes a lost manuscript, probably by Emily, which has surfaced in someone's attic. This delicate treasure (all written in tiny handwriting on tiny sheets of tattered paper) causes mayhem as all sorts of hoodlums literally tear it to shreds in their struggle for it.

(But no fear - it survives, and Barnard supplies the opening paragraphs for us at the end.)

Barnard is said to have had an early witty period and a later dark psychological period. (There are, alas, grisley bits in all of them, but it's worth it to read the rest.) His stories have a magnificent range of well-imagined situations and settings. Utterly literate, completely human, and full of fun, and with the irregularity and odd shapes of the true creator, Barnard is my idea of the perfect writer! Look no further for grand summer reading, and don't miss (again along the lines of literary reference and the Brontes) his short story "Reader, I strangled him."

**Robert Barnard was born in Essex and now lives in Yorkshire.**



### **SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!**

#### Wet weather advantages

There are not many advantages to wet weather, especially in summer, but one is that fruit and veg can be extra productive in your garden or allotment or out in the wild.

In the garden we have gooseberries the size of hand grenades, blackcurrants like golf balls and more salad stuff than can conveniently be eaten. The major surprise this year has been that newly popular item on the supermarket shelves – blueberries. These grow wild all around us in the countryside and we have been harvesting them like there's no tomorrow – blueberry muffins, blueberry pie, stewed blueberries and much more besides. Mmmmmm!

As can be seen on programs like Ray Mears' survivalist pieces it is possible to live passably well, if time consumingly, on wild foods alone. Very slimming too. However, as shown by the unfortunate experience of one of the 'experts' he had along with him, it is possible to get it wrong with, at least potentially, fatal results. If you don't know for definite what you are doing – don't do it. This applies especially to mushrooms and berries. On the other hand, if you do know what you are about, then shopping bills and food miles can be much reduced.

In some local areas wild or Alpine strawberries are abundant and their taste is really special and different to ordinary strawberry flavour.

Acorn coffee does not taste anything like coffee but it is, nonetheless, a pleasant drink and quite different to anything else you will have tried.

Blackberries are hugely abundant in late summer and autumn locally. Last year we picked many kilograms and froze them for later use. A wet summer will usually result in an extra heavy crop.

Just think of all those vitamins out there waiting especially for you – free and with the additional advantage that you have to exercise to get them.

#### Driving and the law

At least at the time of writing I do not have any points on my licence. Mother, on the other hand, has enough to qualify for an 'invitation' to a re-education session – which sounds positively Stalinist but is, apparently, associated with reduced future convictions. So if you are offered that option, it's worth going for.

The recent tragedy of the woman killed by a texting driver – a tragedy for all involved – reinforces the need to observe the law and not use a phone whilst driving. Every day I see people flouting this law despite it's obvious value in improving safety on the roads.

Nobody actually likes speed cameras but the fierce reaction against them seems to be reducing and they may be being used more discriminatingly. A recent email that I have received tells of some youths engaging the officer in a speed camera van in conversation whilst an accomplice removed the front number plate. They then attached the plate to a car and roared past the camera van a couple of dozen times before returning the plate. That must have been quite some delivery of post!

In Norway, where we have just spent a couple of weeks, there are many roadside notices advising that Pamela Anderson is lying in the road ahead. The words on these notices are 'Farts dempere' – I'm sure it means speed bumps but the thought that sprang unbidden to my mind was 'Slow down or we'll shake it out of you!' This interpretation was strengthened by another common roadside sign that reads 'Vegbom' – do the Norwegians have a noticeably higher fibre intake than the rest of us?

#### The company you keep

Can you imagine working for a company that has following employee statistics?  
29 have been accused of spouse abuse  
7 have been arrested for fraud  
9 have been accused of writing bad cheques  
17 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses  
3 have done time for assault  
71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit

14 have been arrested on drug-related charges  
8 have been arrested for shoplifting  
21 are currently defendants in lawsuits  
84 have been arrested for drink driving in the last year  
Which organisation is this?  
Allegedly – The House of Commons.

#### Why men have better friends

Friendship Between Women:

A woman didn't come home one night. The next day she told her husband that she had slept over at a friend's house. The man called his wife's 10 best friends. None of them knew about it.

Friendship between Men:

A man didn't come home one night. The next day he told his wife that he had slept over at a friend's house. The woman called her husband's 10 best friends. Eight of them confirmed that he had slept over, and two claimed that he was still there.

#### A word of warning

Doubt has been expressed about the reliability of the Chlamydia testing kits that can now be bought over the counter. They may not be as reliable as one might wish. Be careful!

The tests that we do are known to be as reliable as it is possible to be – but still not perfect – and, which is more, they're free.

Whether old or young, male or female, gay or straight, single/engaged/married/married but available or whatever – always come in for a proper STI check with every new partner – especially one night stands.

#### *Furthermore*

It has now been strongly recommended that we do as the French do and routinely test everyone for HIV. 40% of people with HIV, it is suspected, don't know they've got it – with obvious disastrous consequences for all of their partners. How can you know if you've not had the test – regardless of how careful you have been?

We are very happy to discuss HIV testing with anyone. The result is usually available in about 72 hours. Insurance and mortgage companies are only interested in positive results – not

whether you've been tested or not.

### Coffee

There once was a suspicion that drinking coffee might be associated with the development of cancer. Further investigation showed that what had been detected was that men who drank coffee were more likely to smoke and smoking accounts for 29% of all cancers. There are no reliable figures yet for people who drink large amounts of coffee regularly but moderate (normal) consumption does not appear to have any association with developing cancer.

A ten-year study in the Netherlands showed that drinking three cups of coffee daily is associated with the smallest risk of developing Alzheimer's dementia.

These items of information come from a leaflet distributed by The British Coffee Association.

### Inequality

Inequalities in health reflect the degree of inequalities in wealth to a large degree. The children from poor backgrounds have a tendency to be trapped by their origins and the cycle of

poverty and ill health is transferred from generation to generation.

The UK remains a markedly unequal society, ranked 21<sup>st</sup> out of 27 countries in the EU in terms of the proportion of the population living in relative poverty.

This can be tackled but requires action that may be uncongenial to many – would you vote for a reduction in wealth disparity?

The problem is not new and has been commented upon by many distinguished writers and commentators for centuries including Marx, Engels and Chadwick in the nineteenth century. The debate is as active today as ever and politicians agonise over the point endlessly without actually changing very much. Time for a change perhaps?

### The worst of all treatments

The Archives of Internal Medicine, a very famous American journal, has just published the results of a spectacularly gruesome experiment on some volunteers, which, despite the appalling horrors they had to endure, turned up some useful results.

A group of people with raised blood pressure were divided into two groups. The first group were fed four to six cups of tea daily and the second group 100 grams of high quality extra dark chocolate daily – for two weeks – oh, the suffering!

The conclusion was that tea had no effect on blood pressure but that THE RIGHT KIND of chocolate was an excellent effective treatment for blood pressure.

The right kind of chocolate is the 'high flavanol' sort – 70-90% cocoa solid unsweetened very dark chocolate. White or milk chocolate, by comparison, is positively harmful being mostly fat and sugar.

Just as wine snobs talk endless tosh about their favourite drink and its flavours and origins, the same thing is starting to happen with chocolate. The other day I found a single estate variety in Waitrose – chocolate snobbery is upon us already. Delicious too!

Steve Ford

## **TYNEDALE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

### **SITE ALLOCATIONS CONSULTATION**

#### **A PUBLIC MEETING HOSTED BY HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL.**

OFFICERS FROM TYNEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
WILL GIVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE SUGGESTED SITES FOR  
DEVELOPMENT IN HAYDON BRIDGE & TYNEDALE.  
THERE WILL THEN BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENT  
AND DISCUSSION.

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON  
DEVELOPMENT SITE ALLOCATION IN OUR VILLAGE.**

**THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST 2007 at 7.30pm**  
**HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Judith Hampson*

September is always a time for new beginnings. For some it will be a first job for others college or a new school. There are many stresses and strains on family life during these transitions. I used to dread the end of August and starting in September. Part of my brief as a teacher was to provide sage advice after the examination results were published. The students would then apply for a work experience placement as a starter in the world of work. This always gave valuable help in choosing a career. If they hated it then there was time to think again and change track. We all make up a picture of a different life from the things we observe. So often the sight we see is only part of the whole. The day to day practice is often far from our imaginings. Trying to live someone else's life is impossible. For this reason I always fight shy of offering advice. I may know what I would do in the situation I think they are in but cannot know for sure how someone else thinks or feels. There are vast numbers of possibilities for every life. Each will make decisions for the best only knowing with hindsight the wisdom of any outcome. As friend, parent or priest the best support we can offer is unconditional love and support. It is important to be there for our youngsters without judging. The pressures of modern life are very different from anything I experienced in my youth. The world has become more complicated than it ever was for me. Our teenagers face challenges, temptations and dangers on a global scale. We all know it was never like that in our day but as grown ups we also know we cannot turn the clock back. In the old days it may have seemed better but we were children then and not in receipt of the full picture. If we are going to be of any use to the next generation we need to help them face the reality of today because they are the ones who will be living in the future.

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER  
2007**



**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 Les Hann,  
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

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY  
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday  
9.30am Haydon Bridge  
11.00am at Haltwhistle

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

A Gaelic blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you  
The wind be always at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
The rains fall soft upon you fields  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand*

*Judith Hampson*

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**August 5**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Joan Histon  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Joan Appleby

**August 12**

10.00 am Family Service  
Mark Knowles  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Mark Knowles

**August 19**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Raymond Rutherford  
6.00pm Holy Communion  
Les Hann

**August 26**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Reader  
No Evening Worship

**September 2**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Gilbert Hall  
6.00 pm United Service  
At Trinity, Hexham

**September 9**

10.00am Family Worship  
Les Hann  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Charles Ford

**September 16**

10.00 am Morning Worship  
Roger Anthony  
6pm Holy Communion  
Les Hann

**September 23**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Sarah Lamb  
6.00 pm Evening Worship  
Mark Knowles

**September 30**

10.00am Morning Worship  
David Flavell  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Stephen Caddy

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**August 5**

**Henshaw**  
10 am BCP Communion

**August 12**

10.30 Joint Service  
At Haydon Bridge

**August 19**

**Henshaw**  
10 am Communion  
6pm Evensong

**August 26**

**Beltingham**  
10.00am Joint Service

**September 2**

**Beltingham**  
10 am BCP Communion

**September 9**

10.30 Joint Service  
At Haydon Bridge

**September 16**

**Beltingham**  
10 am Morning Prayer  
6pm Evensong

**September 23**

**Beltingham**  
10 am BCP Communion

**September 30**

**Henshaw**  
10 am Joint Service  
Harvest Communion

**October 7**

**Henshaw**  
10 am BCP Communion

METHODIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HAS A SUMMER BREAK.

NEXT MEETING  
2ND SEPTEMBER  
AT 10.00AM

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**August 5**

10.30 am All Age

**August 12**

8 am BCP Communion  
10.30 Joint Service  
Family Communion

**August 19**

10.30am Morning Prayer

**August 26**

10.00am Joint Service  
At Beltingham

**September 2**

10.30 am All Age

**September 9**

8 am BCP Communion  
10.30 Joint Service  
Family Communion

**September 16**

10.30 Communion

**September 23**

10.30 Morning Prayer

**September 30**

10 am Joint Service  
Harvest at Henshaw

**October 7**

10.30 All Age

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

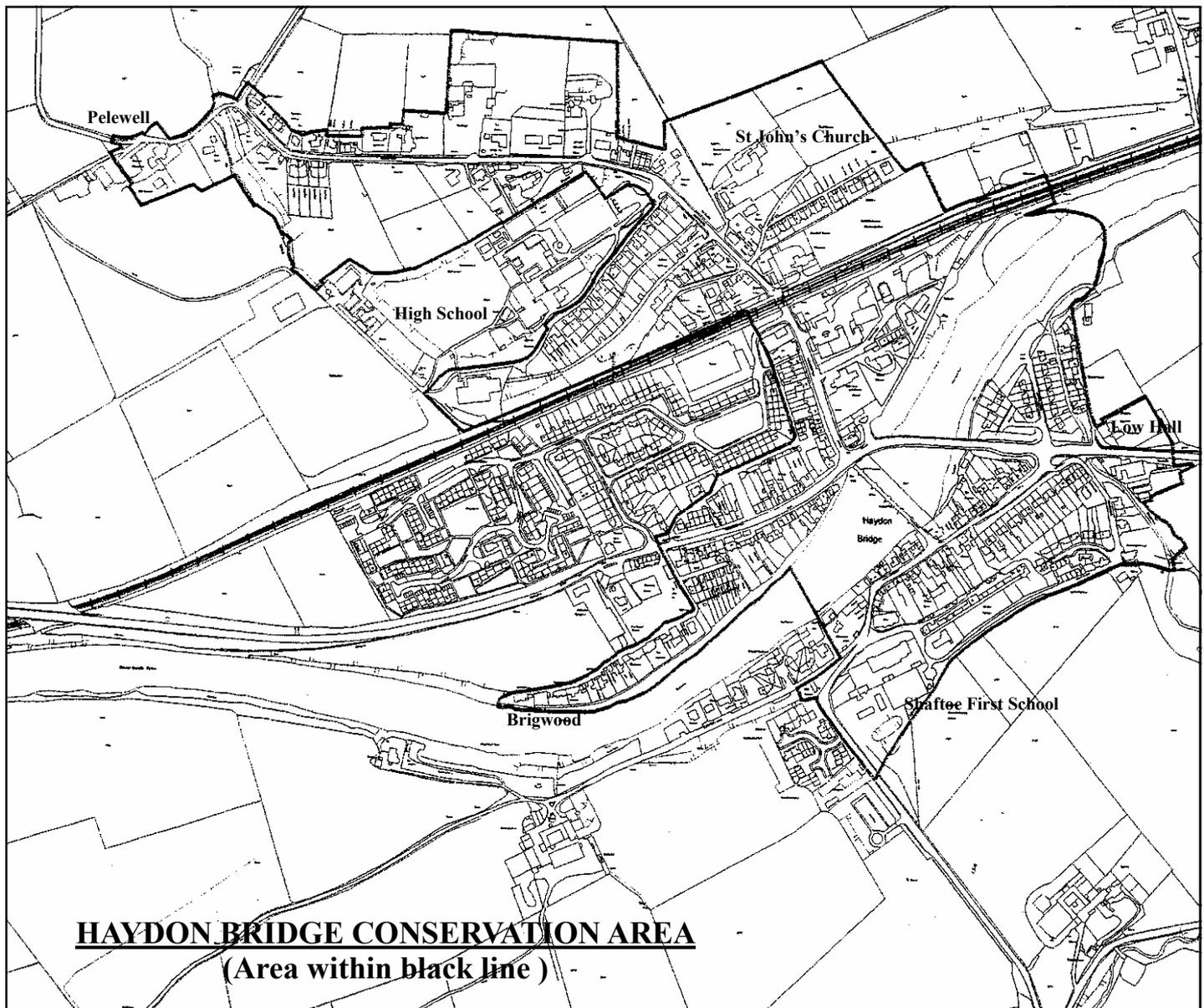
**5th August &  
2nd September**

6pm Evensong

**7th October**

6pm Harvest Evensong

Continuing our series of articles on planning/development this month we look at  
**HAYDON BRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA**



Most of the stone built area of Haydon Bridge was designated a conservation area by Tynedale District Council in the late 1990s. Conservation areas are chosen for their special character. This takes account of the quality of the buildings and also the historic layout of roads, paths and boundaries; building and paving materials; a particular 'mix' of building uses; public and private spaces, such as parks, gardens and greens; and trees and street furniture, which contribute to particular views etc. Conservation areas give broader protection than listing individual buildings, all the features, listed or otherwise, within the area, are recognised as part of its character.

**Within conservation areas the local authority (Tynedale Council) has extra controls over demolition, minor developments and the protection of trees.**

Application for consent to totally or substantially demolish any building within a conservation area must be made to Tynedale Planning Dept. Generally there is a presumption in favour of retaining buildings which make a positive contribution to the character or appearance of the conservation area.

If you live in the conservation area, you have to obtain permission before making changes to your property which would normally be permitted elsewhere, to ensure the alterations do not detract from the area's appearance. These changes include certain types of cladding, inserting dormer windows, and putting up satellite dishes which are visible from the street.

The District Council can make further restrictions on the kind of alterations allowed, but has to give good reason for this, and must take account of public views before doing so.

Trees make an important contribution to the character of the local environment. Anyone proposing to cut down, top or lop a tree in the conservation area, whether or not it is covered by a tree preservation order, has to give notice to Tynedale District Council Planning Dept. The council can then consider the contribution the tree makes to the character of the area and if necessary make a tree preservation order to protect it.

(Source of information English Heritage).

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