



THE HAYDON NEWS



4th Annual Haydon Bridge Artists' Summer Exhibition

Haydon Bridge school children, William Plaice aged 5 and his brother Thomas aged 3, from Innerhaugh Mews, are two of the budding artists whose paintings were admired at the exhibition.

In total, 122 paintings were exhibited by Shaftoe Trust First School pupils.

95 paintings by adult artists with a Haydon Bridge connection, were also hung in the Community Centre and over 400 people visited what proved to be another excellent display of work by our local artists.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It would appear to be boom time for developers in Haydon Bridge. Following the completion of Langley Gardens, back in the mid 70s, there were 20 years without any sizeable housing developments in Haydon Bridge. Then in the late 1990s came The Showfield. Twenty houses to meet a local need for social/affordable accommodation.

The development was opposed by the parish council of the time, not for its provision of social housing but for the site used. This was criticised again, some time later, by the government planning inspector, as an unnecessary extension to the built up area of the village.

Then came the 42 houses of Innerhaugh Mews, a mix of affordable and standard housing, closely followed by the development of 12 flats at the Foundry Yard.

There have been many individual and small scale developments eg Hordley Acres House, Innerhaugh and infill/back fill on the North Bank.

At present developers are awaiting a decision on an application to build 20 units in Tait's Yard, though this area, close to the centre of the village, was allocated for housing before 1995 and development here is long overdue.

Now there's stage two of The Showfield on the horizon, with 40 units of social/affordable accommodation (and a further extension to the built environment of the village).

Are the planners sure there's a demand in Haydon Bridge for such high volumes of housing? Hardly; with a population of just over 2,000 in the whole parish. Any further development in the Showfield is for Tynedale not for Haydon Bridge!

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in June 2007

Before the start of the parish council meeting a representative, from a group of 13 members of the Youth Club, spoke to the council about the need for a skate park in the village. They showed photographs of sites that they felt might be suitable for such a development. The group were told that they would need to produce rather more detailed ideas/plans. A councillor offered to help by looking at a previous scheme started by High school students and enquiring about the money raised for this. It was pointed out that there may be a problem getting insurance for the venture.

This was followed by a presentation from Bellway (see page 8).

Public Participation.

A group of residents from the North Bank made representation to the council regarding their objections to the planning application for a change of use from old stable to Youth Music Block at Haydon Lodge, Haydon Bridge High School.

Their homes are close to the proposed development and they are particularly concerned about noise pollution, loss of privacy, car parking problems and the lack of provision for emergency exit from the first floor. They requested the council to reconsider its response to the planning application. (The previous month the council had returned a 'no objections' response to the Planning Department at Tynedale Council).

Towards the end of the council meeting, after members of the public had left, the council discussed the representation made. It decided to write to Tynedale Planning Dept stating that the parish council shared the concerns about the application raised by the local residents.

A resident of Shaftoe Street expressed her concerns and anxiety following two occasions in the past week when the area outside her property, and adjacent properties, was flooded, following heavy rain. It appears that water draining off the hillside above the cemetery is carrying down debris from the bypass construction site. The sand, gravel and clay mix is blocking the street drains and causing the area to flood. Initial complaints to the by pass construction site manager were not particularly productive or helpful. The parish council are to write to CVC Solutions and to Northumberland County Council in support of the resident's concerns.

Complaints about car parking in Shaftoe Street were expressed and the council's attention drawn to the large pond that forms at the south end of the old bridge during rainy weather.

Access to the seats on Land Ends Road was raised. One seat is overgrown with grass while the wheelie bins are still stored by the other seat, at the corner of the road near Lees Farm. A request was made for this seat to be sited elsewhere if the bins cannot be removed.

Further complaints were made about the poor quality of the grass cutting at the cemetery particularly between graves and around head stones. The council is to consider increasing the hours worked by the maintenance person to give him more time to complete the job.

Parish Council Meeting.

7 councillors were present.

Tynedale Council Minutes.

None

Highways.

No response has yet been received following the council's request for a car parking sign at the station car park.

No response has been received from NCC regarding the repairs to the Lowgate road south east of the Elrington junction.

The request for a 40 mile per hour speed limit, either side of the A69 and A686 junction, cannot be implemented as by pass construction vehicles are not using this turning on a regular basis. When work begins at the junction, to tie the roads into the new by pass, speed restrictions will be introduced. Until then notices are being displayed warning drivers of possible queues ahead and of turning wagons.

A request is to be made to NCC Highways Dept to replace the crossroads warning sign south of Langley village and for road repairs to the A686 north east of the Plankey Mill junction.

Correspondence

In a letter from Tynedale Council a request was made for a public meeting to enable members of the Planning

Dept to talk to Haydon residents about the 'site allocations' in the Local Development Framework. This will identify sites for future development in the Tynedale area and the type of development (residential/commercial/ industrial etc). A public meeting is to be arranged during July/August. (*Editor's comments; a good time for public consultation when people are away on holiday?*)

The council was informed that repair work to the old bridge will commence on July 7th. The bridge may be closed for several weeks.

The council agreed the opening of a bank account for the Haydon Parish Plan Group.

The corner wall near the Co-op is to be repaired and a planter provided.

Other business.

The council's attention was drawn to the concern expressed in other parishes over Network Rail's proposal to erect 29m (97ft) telecommunications masts at regular intervals along the Tyne Valley Railway. This is part of a nation wide project to improve train driver to signalman communication links and follows recommendations from the Cullen Report. The parishes concerned are not objecting to the scheme, which will enhance rail safety, but to the height and positioning of the masts close to communities or in environmentally sensitive areas. No masts are planned for Haydon Bridge but they are proposed for Bardon Mill and Fourstones.

Date of next meeting;

July 26th at 7.30pm.

MP

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HISTORICAL NOTES OF HAYDON BRIDGE - Dennis Telford

Barony of Langley and the Lordship of Haydon Bridge.

Professor Dr. Stuart Madnick's purchase of the 'Barony of Langley' in April 2007 reminds me of my own interest in the 'Lordship of Haydon Bridge' offered for sale by the owners of the title, the Governors of Greenwich Hospital, in 2003.

Offers for the Lordship were invited in the region of £8,500 and while that figure was way above my own means, it did occur to me that the Haydon Bridge title would perhaps be of limited appeal nationally and therefore the final private treaty sale figure could be much less. I hasten to add that I had no desire to be 'Lord of the Manor', however I believed it most appropriate to have the title back in its rightful home, Haydon Bridge.

In the event, I understand that the Manorial Auctions accepted an offer of around £9,000 for the 'Lordship of Haydon Bridge', in 2003.

Sales for agencies of the Crown, as opposed to the titles owned by Greenwich Hospital, are apparently unusual; the last being in 1989, so the Crown Charity's offer of 'Barony of Langley' was unique in this respect and that was reflected in its guide price of £45,000.

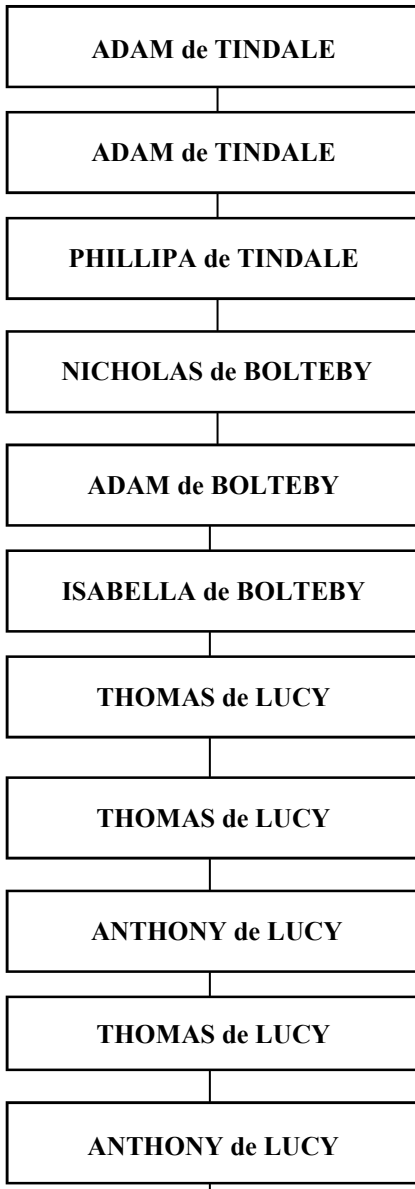
It is wonderful that the heritage of our parish in its earliest form has been reunited with the present day, through Dr. Madnick's purchase of the historic title of over eight hundred and forty two years. This really is living history.

One question remains.....Who is the 'Lord of Haydon Bridge' ?

My 'Notes this month examine the time line and a brief history of the ownership of the Barony of Langley. Where the primary source material is obscure or confusing and when my secondary sources offer contradictory views, I have used my best efforts through further research to determine the most likely scenario.

References: Admiralty records from Greenwich Hospital National Archive, Kew. J. Hodgson 1840. L.C. Coombes 1990. Manorial Auctioneers 2007.

BARONS OF LANGLEY



The first Barons of Langley, the Tindale family, were known to be in possession in 1165. Adam de Tindale was married to Helwise, the daughter of a local chieftain, and was a Sheriff of Northumberland. Adam died in 1191.

Adam the younger was Adam's son and the last of the male line. It seems that he held the Barony from around 1190 to about 1250.

Phillipa was Adam the younger's daughter and heir.

Phillipa married Nicholas de Bolteby in about 1220 and the Barony eventually passed to the Bolteby family. Nicholas died in 1273.

Nicholas's son Adam died in 1291. Adam had two daughters, Isabella and her younger sister Eve.

Isabella de Bolteby married Thomas de Multon who took the name de Lucy in honour of his maternal family. His mother was one of two daughters of Richard de Lucy of Egremont.

Thomas died in 1304 and was succeeded by his eldest son, another Thomas de Lucy, then 24 years of age.

Thomas the younger died childless in 1308 and the Barony came into the ownership of his younger brother Anthony.

Anthony was active in the service of Edward II for twenty five years and was knighted in 1314. He died in 1343.

Anthony de Lucy was succeeded by his son Thomas. Thomas began building Langley Castle, his fortified tower house, in 1350.

Following Thomas' death in 1365 the Barony passed to his son Anthony.

The ancient history of the Tindale family can be traced certainly as far back as Huctred Tynedale (born 1096) and Bethoe Bane of Tynedale. Their daughter, Hextilda Tynedale, was born in or about 1122.

The historic Barony of Langley was 13,000 acres in extent, contained within an approximate area bounded by the River Allen and the Black Dyke earthwork to the west; the southern edge of Muckle Moss to the north; Nether Warden and the South Tyne at Kingshaw Plain to the east; and Bush Fell to Harsondale Burn to the south. Outlying settlements of the Barony were Blenkinsopp, Wydon and Featherstone.

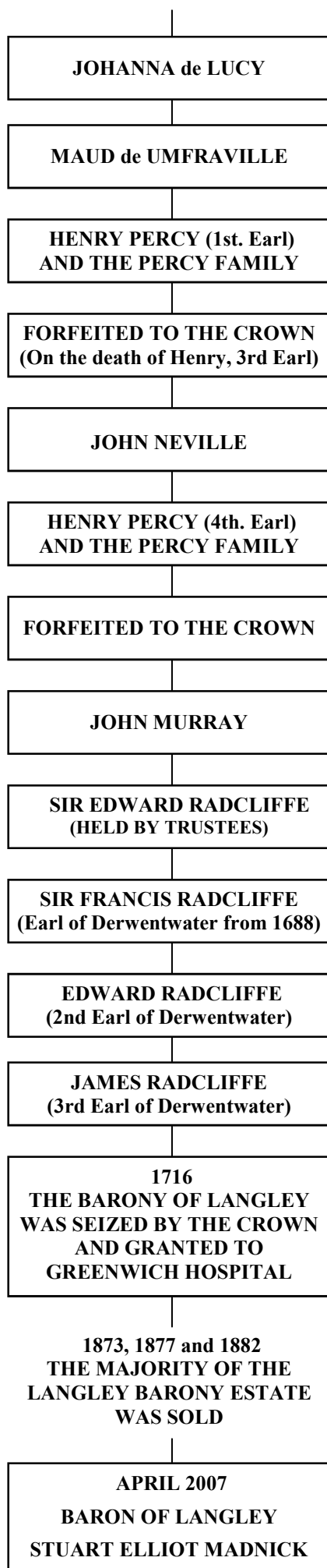
For the purpose of collecting lay subsidy (first recorded in 1296), the Barony of Langley was divided into townships: Warden, Fourstones, Allerwash, Haydon and Langley; as well as Blenkinsopp, Wydon and Featherstone.

There is no mention of Haydon **Bridge** in the lay subsidy of 1296. The wooden bridge, that replaced an earlier ford and led to the development of our village, did exist in 1296 and may have been built by Thomas de Lucy the elder, before his death in 1304.

L.C. Coombes also cites Nicholas de Bolteby or his son Adam as possible builders of the Haydon bridge.

In 1323 Anthony de Lucy obtained a Royal Charter giving him a market on Wednesdays, 'at his manor of Haydon Brigg' and a fair for three days; on the day of St. Mary Magdalene and the following two days.

The first sign of the early days of a 'Lord of Haydon Bridge' perhaps?



Anthony de Lucy died soon after his father Thomas, in 1368. Anthony's only child Johanna was two years old and she died aged 4 years the year after her father. On her death the barony descended to her Aunt Maud, the wife of Sir Gilbert de Umfraville, Earl of Angus.

When the Earl died in 1381 his wife Maud retained possession of Langley, eventually marrying Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland. On Maud's death in 1398, the Barony came into the possession of the Percy family.

Henry Percy died in 1408 but the barony remained in the hands of the Percy family until after the 3rd Earl Henry was killed in 1461 near Wakefield by a Yorkist army, when the estates were forfeited to the Crown and Edward IV granted the barony to John Neville Marquess of Montacute.

Langley was returned to the Percy's after six years and Henry Percy the 4th Earl of Northumberland became Baron.

It appears that the Barony was again forfeited to the Crown, probably after the execution of Thomas Percy the 7th Earl, in 1572.

John Murray Earl of Annandale was in possession of the Barony in 1641, but in the same year, Sir Edward Radcliffe purchased the barony in trust for his son and heir Francis.

Sir Edward Radcliffe died in 1663 and his son Francis Radcliffe took over the Barony. Francis sought marriage for his son within the Royal family. Sir Francis's son Edward, aged 34 years, married Lady Mary Tudor, the 14 year old natural daughter of Charles II and actress Moll Davis.

Edward took possession of the estates on his father's death in 1696 but died nine years later in 1705.

James Radcliffe was 16 years old and living in France when his father Edward died and he inherited Langley Barony and the Derwentwater title.

He returned to England in 1709, took possession of the estates, married Anna Maria Webb in 1712 and the family mansion at Dilston was rebuilt.

James was beheaded on Tower Hill on 24th February 1716 following his support for the Jacobite cause.

After James Radcliffe's execution in 1716, the Radcliffes' estates were seized by the Crown.

When most of the Barony of Langley estate was sold in 19c, the title was retained by the Crown.

In April 2007 Dr. Stuart Elliot Madnick, the owner of Langley Castle, acquired the titles: Baron of Langley and Lordship of Langley, from the Crown agents.

As the Barony pre dates the building of Langley Castle, it seems likely that an earlier residence of sorts existed on the same site.

The first Anthony de Lucy escaped with his life from Edward II's Scottish campaign that ended in defeat at Bannockburn (1314). He was made Sheriff of Cumberland in 1318 and in 1323 awarded the Honour of Cockermouth to go with the family's Egremont title. *The tenants of Langley are historically referred to as holding their land 'according to the custom of the Honor of Cockermouth'.*

The line of the Barony from the period of Henry Percy (4th Earl) to Sir Edward Radcliffe is somewhat obscure.

In 1652 the estates were about to be forfeited again, to Parliament, after Edward Radcliffe had fought for Charles I during the Civil Wars of the 1640's. In 1653 however, Francis raised £10,000 to redeem the forfeited estates for the Radcliffe family from the trustees, and he took possession on his father's death in 1663.

In 1654 Francis Radcliffe added to the land and property of the Barony of Langley, when he purchased the Barony of Wark, which included the Elrington estates.

On 6th October 1715, the 3rd Earl of Derwentwater, James Radcliffe, rode from Dilston to support his cousin James Stuart in the Jacobite rising. The Jacobite army marched south from Scotland but were forced to surrender at Preston. Derwentwater, along with the other prisoners, was impeached before the House of Lords and sentenced to death. On 24th February 1716, James was beheaded at the Tower of London.

The Derwentwater estates, including the Barony of Langley, were seized and duly became the property of the Crown and were granted to Greenwich Hospital.

In the 1870's, decisions were made to sell a large part of the Greenwich Hospital's northern estates and to invest the proceeds.

In 1873, estates at Elrington, Woodhall, Bush, Wharmley, Fourstones and Allerwash were sold.

Property at Haydon Bridge, including the Anchor Inn once the Court House of the Barony, was sold in 1877.

In 1882, the remaining farms were auctioned, including the ruined Langley Castle.

In 2007, the only remaining interest that Greenwich Hospital has in the Langley Barony includes the California Gardens.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL
“Going...Going...Gone.”

In the 1870's the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty instructed Greenwich Hospital to sell their northern estates so that they could invest the proceeds.

As already mentioned; Elrington, Woodhall, Fourstones and Allerwash were sold in in 1873. In 1874 the Derwentwaters' estates in Hexham, Hexhamshire, Corbridge and most poignantly the Derwentwaters' home at Dilston, were auctioned off; prior to which the remains of the Radclyffe (Or is it Radcliffe? Or maybe even Ratcliffe?) family were removed from the Dilston vaults with great ceremony and buried elsewhere.

In 1877 and 1882 the original Langley Barony estates came under the hammer. The details of the auctions make fascinating reading and I have chosen a few Lots that you may find of particular interest in 2007.

For example; **sold in 1877 at the Anchor Inn, Haydon Bridge:**

- 'Innerhaugh Buildings containing half acre and comprising an iron foundry and implement manufactory with yard.' Disposed of privately to Peter Laing for £570 after bidding failed to meet the £600 reserve.

- 'Two cottages with Blacksmiths' shop and yards.' £560 to William Brown tenant. (see photograph)

- 'Anchor Inn with stabling, coach house premises and brewery at present let to John Davidson on a fifteen year lease. The most interesting Lot in the sale, the Anchor was the Court House of the Barony and the rents of the Greenwich estates have been collected there.' After some quick bidding it was knocked down at £1,675 bought for J. Davidson the tenant. An announcement which was greeted with applause.

- 'The site of the Gasworks, leased at a rent of £2 per annum for eighty years from 1859,' was purchased at £90 for

the Gas Company.

-The site of the Reading Room with library and cottage which is leased at a ground rent of 10 shillings a year for eighty years from 1868.' Sold to Mr. J. Harle for £25 who purchased it for the trustees of that institution.

And in 1882. Sold at the Queen's Head Hotel, Newcastle.

The Newcastle Journal of the day informed their readers that; 'the room was crowded with capitalists and their representatives.'

The sale commenced with Lot 6.

- 'Whitechapel Farm, Holm Cottage, woods and fishery.' It was sold for £8,000 to W.D. Cruddas of the firm Sir Wm. Armstrong & Co. Newcastle.

- Grindon Farm was also knocked down to Mr. Cruddas for £15,000.

- Brokenheugh Farm, woods and fishery on the South Tyne was sold to Mr. James Joicey for £13,000.

- Lot 22 awakened keen excitement in the room. 'Expectation was on tip-toe as to who would become the possessor of so fine and interesting property.'

That was Langley Castle Farm, wood keepers cottage and land, woods and plantations and that imposing Norman ruin Langley Castle. According to The Newcastle Journal. 'Business commenced with an offer of £11,00

and amid much excitement, bidding proceeded until the purchase was proclaimed at £17,000 for Mr. Bates.

- It may surprise you that Langley Castle was not 'the finest Lot in the catalogue'. That title was given to 'Lipwood Well Farm and fishery on the South Tyne.' The tenant was Mr. Awburn and it was sold for £21,000, again to Mr. Cruddas.

- Mr. Cruddas also paid £11,500 for 'Beamwham or Grindon Lough Farm tenanted by J. T. & E. Woodman' and described as 'the estate adjoining Lipwood Well'.

- Lots 8 and 9, 'the freehold estates of Rattenraw or Peelwell Farm, tenant Mr. Mathew Ridley, and Joicey's Shaft' were sold together for £15,500 to Mr. J. Rogerson.

- Mr. Rogerson also bought West Mill Hills Farm, tenanted by Messrs Stephenson (no change there then), for £18,000.

- Two sales described afterwards as 'rather curious' were: 'A freehold cottage and garden known as Grindon School' (£25), and 'Langley Methodist Free Church'. Well not quite FREE, it was sold for £7 !!

- An offer of £500 was made for 4.559 acres 'known as California Gardens'. It wasn't sold however and remains with Greenwich Hospital to this day.



The Greenwich Hospital estate included four properties to the south west of the bridge on the north side at Haydon Bridge, including two cottages and a blacksmith's shop, sold for £560 to William Brown in 1877.

The Blacksmith holding the child's hand in this 1905 photograph is William Henderson Brown.

Greenwich Hospital was the brainchild of Mary II in 1692 and was founded by Royal Charter in 1694/95 for the relief of seamen and their dependants. In the following year William II made a substantial grant of land and money to the governors of Greenwich Hospital and that was augmented in 1716 with the forfeited estates of the Radcliffe Earls of Derwentwater. The hospital was designed by Christopher Wren and eventually completed in 1751.

The Hospital needed funds from its Northumberland rents and estates, for the upkeep of their famous home and its pensioner occupants at Greenwich. Hospital records show that when the Barony of Langley was granted, it consisted of Langley Castle ruins and estates listed as: 'Fourstones, Allerwash, Rattenraw, Haydon Bridge, Espehill, Millhills. Pagecroft, Altonside, Brokenheugh East and West, Haydon. Lipwood, Cutshill, Tedcastle, Plankeford (Plankey). Lees, Vauce, Deanraw, Silly Wray, Lightbirks, Harsondale. Harlow Field, Pleanderheath. Tofts, Bogglehole, Whinettley. (How much would that lot be worth today?) The Barony estate also generated the Hospital a good income through its rich mineral wealth, by leasing out the mining rights.

In 1869 the hospital closed as a seamen's home, but soon took on a new role as the Royal Naval College.

Today, the Greenwich Hospital derives its income wholly from its investments including income from commercial, agricultural and residential property, particularly in Greenwich where it owns a large part of the town centre.

Next month I will attempt to trace the line of the 'Lordship of Haydon Bridge'.



This photograph of Haydon Bridge 2nd XI's match against Stocksfield on May 28th has been entered in a BBC summer sport photography competition by local photography club member Paul Hardy. Paul was preparing to give a talk to the club on sports photography when his attention was drawn to the BBC competition. He felt this photograph of the chickens invading the out field would be suitable and sent it in. The following week it appeared on the BBC web site as one of the short listed photographs. The winners get tickets for Wimbledon. The other short listed photographs in the competition can be seen on the BBC website at BBC SPORT | TV/Radio schedule | Inside Sport | Your Summer Sports photos.

ST. JOHN of BEVERLEY — HAYDON BRIDGE

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS WITH A FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS TO THE SOUND OF MUSIC

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| Thursday July 19th | Opening Preview 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. |
| Friday July 20th
(Refreshments on offer throughout the day with cake and craft stall) | Church Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Saturday July 21st
(Refreshments on offer throughout the day with cake and craft stall) | Church Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. |
| Saturday July 21st | Mass at 12 noon
(Buffet Lunch) |
| Saturday July 21st | Haydon Chorale Concert 7.30 p.m. |
| Sunday July 22nd
(Coffee after Mass, Church open until 2 p.m.) | Mass at 9.30 a.m. |

The Jubilee Flower Festival in St John's Church is being staged by 'Churches together in Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle' to coincide with Father Leo Pyle's 50 years priesthood. In the following article Father Pyle gives a brief outline of his 50 year career.

THE RETURN OF THE EVACUEE

After my ordination in 1957 I was asked to spend 9 years on the staff of Ushaw College. Then after a year of further study I was appointed in 1967 to be the first Director of the Diocesan Religious Education Centre. I held this post until 1978 when I was appointed parish priest of St Cuthbert's, North Shields. On 12th September 1986 I moved to St Mary's, Sunderland. Finally, I was installed as Parish Priest of St Wilfred's at Haltwhistle and St John of Beverley at Haydon Bridge on Monday 17th November 1997. It was this appointment that saw the return of the evacuee. I last worshipped in St John's, Haydon Bridge in 1939 when I was evacuated to Allendale. And it is great to be back.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME

- Thursday 12th July:** Causey Arch and Railway. 4miles. Meet at Causey Car Park GR 205561. Emmi Althaus.
- Thursday 26th July:** Nookton Burn and Gibraltar. 4 miles. Meet at Hunstanworth opposite the Church GR 949490. Emmi Althaus.
- Thursday 9th August:** Tyne Green Trail. 4 miles. Meet at The Boatside Inn, Warden. GR909661 Anne Nicholson
Walks start at 6.45pm. Further information from the walk leaders. All welcome.



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8pm

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BELLWAY CONSULTATION

Neil Turnbull, Development Manager at Bellway gave a short presentation to the parish council on Bellway's proposals for the development of stage 2 of the Showfield. He explained that the firm had been invited by Tynedale Council to prepare this proposal for the site. The whole development would consist of 'social' or 'affordable' residential units, 40 in total. This would be a mix of flats, bungalows and houses.

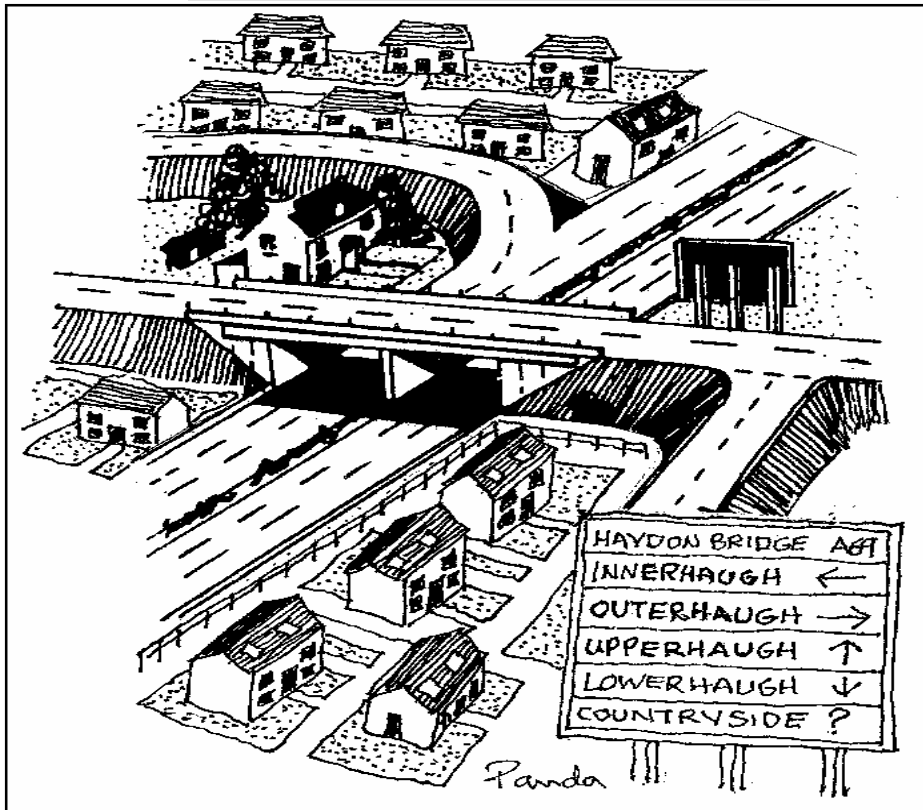
18 of the units would be for rent and managed by Milecastle Housing Association. The remainder of the units would be 'shared ownership'. A play area would be provided for young children and there would be adequate car parking provision. Mr Turnbull said that the additional housing would support the infrastructure of the village (local businesses) at a time when trade may reduce with the opening of the by pass.

Questions asked by the councillors and public covered a definition of affordability and the housing provision being for local people or for Tynedale.

It was explained that houses would be sold on a shared basis with the resident paying well below full market value for the property. As for allocation of housing the meeting was informed that Tynedale Council have nomination rights and while housing may be offered to Haydonians in the first instance any units not taken would be offered to residents from further a field.

Concerns were expressed at the positioning of the play area close to the road and the single entrance/exit to the site onto the Langley road. MP

A developer's vision for Haydon Bridge ?



HAYDON BRIDGE WI

Haydon Bridge W.I. were visited by Barbara Cox this month. Barbara came to speak to us about the W.I. A.G.M. held at the Albert Hall. She gave a very amusing and interesting talk about how the W.I. has progressed and improved over the years. The A.G.M. went as planned down to the last second, with every thing happening right on time, including a rendition of 'Is This The Way To Amarillo' from Tony Christie.

Our next meeting will be the BBQ at Pam's on Tuesday 17th July from 7.30pm. If there are any members who would like to come but have not yet put their names down, would you please contact either Karen, Sheila or Pam ASAP, thank you.

Karen Lumsden.

The notice below has been sent to all the households near the village level crossing .

To ensure that all people in the village are aware of the work to be carried out on the crossing and the possible disruption, we have been requested to print it in the Haydon News.

Haydon Bridge level crossing.

I wish to advise you that work will start shortly near your home on the complete renewal and upgrade of Haydon Bridge level crossing. The existing crossing will be replaced with manually controlled barriers, with road traffic lights and an audible warning device (the latter only operates while the barriers are lowering and the volumes will be set to take account of the ambient conditions, with a lower volume at night). The crossing will continue to be operated from the adjacent signal box. The opportunity is being taken to improve the road alignment and provisions for pedestrians. The new crossing equipment is due to be brought into use on 24th February 2008.

Unfortunately, some of the work will have to be carried out during Saturday night / Sunday morning closures of the railway, starting on 7th July 2007. In addition, we will need some temporary road closures to facilitate the works, particularly in the 2 week period from 8th February 2008. While this work is in progress you may experience an unavoidable increase in the level of noise and vibration, but please be assured that every effort will be made to keep any disturbance to a minimum.

Thank you for your patience and forbearance. If you require any further information, please contact me on 01904 383437 or our contractor – Balfour Beatty – on 07966 337 794. Outside office hours you may contact the Network Rail Helpdesk on 0845 711 4141.

Yours sincerely,
I P Evans
Scheme Project Manager, Level Crossings.

PROGRESS REPORT—June 2007

There is no need for an early morning call at West Rattenraw these days, as the regular.....clang!.....clang!.....clang!.....clang!.....of the piling equipment echoes through the valley. Of course the metallic ring is music to the ears of those who have long campaigned for our by pass and we will all have to be patient and put up with some inconveniences during the period of construction.

The atrocious June weather has severely hampered the progress of both the earth works and the preparation of cofferdams in the river, and the excessive rainfall on two successive weekends has resulted in flooding down the Langley road. It is most likely that some flooding would have occurred in any case due to the severity of the storms, however it is much worse when accompanied by sediment from the land where the top soil has been removed; in spite of the contractor's best efforts to collect sand and silt deposits at source and to protect the surface water drains.

In the event of any **emergencies** out of working hours that relate to the works, members of the public effected can make contact through one of the following telephone numbers and CVC Solutions will do their best to deal with the situation.

07713877937 Andrew Harding (Project Manager).

07967173696 John Batey (Works Manager)

07967173697 Paul Gibson (Highways Agent).



The June floods hamper progress on the construction of a cofferdam in the South Tyne, prior to work on the substructure of the viaduct across the river and the railway.

DIVERSION DIFFICULTIES

There have been some complaints and several queries about the diversion of traffic away from the Langley road (Cemetery Road to the by pass construction team) during its closure for the construction of the underpass beneath the new road.

The problem has arisen because the directional road signs on the A69 at the end of John Martin Street continue to show Alston, Langley, Allendale and Whitfield although the Langley road is closed. Not all the motorists using the A69 can be expected to know that the road they require, if turning here for any of the signed destinations, is the closed road. As a result the number of vehicles using Land Ends Road has increased. Originally the editors of the Haydon News were told that this route was not going to be used as a diversion, but since then diversion signs appeared at the Shaftoe Street/Land Ends Road junction, at the junction above West Land Ends to the west of Castle Farm and at Langley Castle. These lanes are far too narrow

for diverted traffic particularly as they are also being used by large vehicles from the by pass construction site. It has been reported that on one occasion the driver of a large coach from Devon was seen to be involved in desperate manoeuvres trying to reverse his vehicle down the Langley road and into The Showfield.

Having reported the situation to Roadlink, the firm responsible for the A69, I was informed that the contractors are responsible for the signage and diversions during the construction period. Roadlink contacted the contractors and were told that the directional signs would be covered. That was about three weeks ago. The misspelt "Cemetery Road closed" signs have been removed, but the large directional signs remain at the end of John Martin Street.

When they are covered all traffic bound for Alston, Allendale etc. will be diverted to the A686 Alston road to the east of the village.

However this solution is not without its problems. The junction of the A69

CORRESPONDENCE

Nilson Rigg

Langley

01/06/07

Dear Sirs,

The jubilation of some parishioners, when the first sod was cut to symbolise belatedly the launch of the by pass, could not be shared by all.

There is a marked contrast between the presentational smoothness of the public relations team, sent ahead to woo the parish, and the unapproachable business people at the sharp end of this contract where the money is.

As the major victims of the by pass, it seems somewhat discourteous that no member of my family was invited to the sod cutting ritual.

Perhaps this lapse in elementary good manners was from fear of a hostile demonstration to make the public and perhaps the media aware that the victims of the land grab and subsequent devastation have not yet received one penny.

The agreement was that 90% of a valuation of the compulsory purchased land was to be paid on the day of entry.

Threats of a legal injunction to have the work halted until an initial payment is received appear to have been ignored, but by me not forgotten.

T. A. Bates

Since we received this letter for publication, Mr Bates has informed the editors that a move has been made at last to sort out the payment difficulties.

with the A686 is a particularly poor junction for traffic turning right from the A69 and for vehicles turning left from the A686. The junction was not designed for these manoeuvres.

The Parish Council has requested a speed restriction on the A69 at this point due to the increased number of vehicles using the junction. As this will increase further following the alterations to the diversion from John Martin Street it is even more important that a speed restriction is introduced.

At present there is a 40mph limit along the Alston road from its junction with the A69 to Esp Hill. The Parish Council await a reply to its request for a similar speed restriction being introduced on the A69 from Low Hall to well beyond the Junction with the A686. MP

LATEST FASHION - WATER-WINGS FOR SUMMER

Retirement Best Wishes

For the best part of four decades Peter Robertson has served the village as resident pharmacist, during which time he has been witness to a complete revolution in his own profession and medicine and the village itself.

Peter has turned out at all hours and in all weathers when the occasion required it and been a great asset to the community. He has been most helpful to the doctors and nurses working in the village and taken great care to support all it's users of medicines.

Agriculture has also benefited from his shop. There isn't much that he hasn't been able to supply. Most of the giant photographic enlargements in the health centre were organised by him too.

We would like to offer our Best Wishes to him and Gladys for a Long and Happy Retirement.

Recycling

The proceeds from the recycled mobile phones collected at the health centre are going to a breast cancer charity at present.

Please continue to drop-in, to the health centre porch boxes, all batteries, mobile phones, printer cartridges, used postage stamps and failed low energy light bulbs for recycling and/or safe disposal.

Haydon Bridge Famous

- but for the wrong reason. Our parish has been singled out from amongst all those in Northumberland because so many of our young people are over-weight. However, this may result in special efforts being made here to put things right and this coincides with some initial ideas that have been aired at the Parish Plan meetings.

Wouldn't it be excellent if, in a variety of ways, we could improve the diet and fitness situation of the whole community? We have many excellent cooks in the population, we have many young mums who are keen to do the very best for their children but who may lack confidence or knowledge when it comes to food preparation, we have acres of home grown fruit and veg and

we have local meat.

A real foodie revolution might be in the offing for the parish and everyone can contribute or benefit.

Appointments

We continue to try to refine the appointments system.

For some time we have had notices up directing people to the most appropriate member of staff for their needs. Generally speaking, new problems should go to a doctor or nurse practitioner (Karen), well person checks, smears, immunisations, smoking advice, dressings, asthma checks, some medication reviews, diabetic checks and regular measurements of BP etc should go to a member of the nursing staff and blood tests, ECGs and BPs should go to Sonia.

Another factor to bear in mind is how many different topics do you wish to raise? We make allowance for one topic per ten-minute appointment. If you have got more than one issue to raise, please tell the reception staff the length of appointment you require – no need to mention any details, just how long.

Sometimes people appear with really enormous problems that take time to sort out in a single ten-minute appointment. There is a school of thought that says if a GP is unexpectedly faced with this situation the patient should be asked make a new appointment of the correct length. We take the view that that is a rather harsh approach but even so we do have to take account of the people backing up in the waiting room who also have appointments.

Anyone can have any length of appointment they want on demand. Just ask.

Prevention is best

I am obliged to a respectable senior member of the community for the following:

The Vicar calls upon an elderly spinster for tea and conversation. On entering the drawing room he cannot help but notice that, floating in a vase

on the organ, is a condom.

He is somewhat at a loss for what to say and his hostess, noticing his perplexity, says:

'I found it in the street and on the packet it said 'Place on the organ and keep moist at all times in order to avoid infection' and do you know I haven't had a cold since!'

Drowning in paper

In the same week that we have learned that several million pounds is to be taken away from primary care in Northumberland in each of the next few years, almost certainly resulting in major cuts in services and staff, we have also been treated to a preview of a new contract – it is almost two hundred pages long, of which more than twenty pages is devoted to definitions of terms.

The staff will continue to be flogged until morale improves.

Cervical cancer immunisations

Immunisation against the viruses that cause most cervical cancers will be starting soon. Girls of about twelve will be the first recipients – that should catch almost all of them before they become sexually active.

Perhaps men should be immunised too.

Achieving herd immunity is crucial in any immunisation program. Whilst immunising girls against human papilloma virus, with the intention of reducing the incidence of cancer of the cervix, is very attractive and the herd immunity effect applies - men being the chief vectors - that is not the whole story.

The same viruses are also implicated in the development of cancer of the penis, the treatment for which is too obvious to require elaboration. This knowledge, if widely disseminated, might facilitate unprecedented levels of completed immunisation courses in men of all ages virtually overnight and at their own expense too. The chief beneficiaries would still be women as cancer of the penis is less common than cancer of the cervix.

Fear remains the most powerful motivational tool.

Interesting snippets...

Did you know that since 1981 the size of the world's fleet of oil tankers and oil refining capacity has been in continuous decline? Such large-scale commercial considerations are not undertaken on a whim. Is there something that they know that we don't?

If every suitably orientated roof in the UK were covered in electricity generating solar cells (photovoltaic panels) then, even on a cloudy day, more electricity would be generated than would come from two nuclear power stations.

Even though our house was built only twenty years ago it has still proved possible to save energy without spending much money. Extra thick roof insulation and cavity wall filling (for which almost 100% grants are available) has approximately halved our consumption of oil. We also have triple glazing and a new condensing boiler. So effective have these measures been that, whereas we have regularly paid a set amount each month to an oil supply company for some years rather than occasional huge sums, the company has just sent us a cheque for a four figure sum – can't be bad!

Statin panic

Periodically the press gets a whiff of something everyone has known about for years. A steady stream of people then flow through our consulting room doors, clutching a fragment of newspaper and saying 'Dr. Stuttaford says...'

Well, of course... If it's been in The Times or The Telegraph (or the Daily Mail) it must be true! It's a universally acknowledged fact that all contributors

to the newspapers are scrupulously vetted; they have never been known to publish anything that is less than the unblemished Gospel truth and absolutely forswear spin and exaggeration when they enter their hallowed profession. So divinely inspired are these paragons of virtue that circulation figures mean nothing to them.

I cannot call to mind any drug that has not had an adverse effect on someone. Deaths do occur – very rarely.

We definitely need to know if you are experiencing difficulties with medication because there is almost certainly an alternative available. Regular testing and checking should pick up significant and/or developing problems – which is why we like to see you at least twice each year if you are taking regular medication.

Statins, drugs to reduce cholesterol in the blood, are powerful and therefore likely to cause problems for some people but not most people. Deaths have occurred but they seem to have been amongst those who did not have regular blood tests.

Some statins make people feel unwell, in a variety of different ways. Changing to alternatives, of which there are many, will usually resolve the problem.

Bellyache in children

The most honourable profession in the whole of creation is maternity – but it comes with a great burden of work, worry and stress. Evolution has fitted women, better than men but not to their exclusion, for the nurturing and

raising of children. It is safe to assert that if a woman is worried about her child then she is probably right – even if she cannot give a clear account of what is wrong.

Abdominal pain is a common symptom in children and has many causes – not all of them having physical explanations. The following should give rise to concern when associated with pain that continues beyond a few hours or days and for which there is not some other obvious cause:

Weight loss – all children should grow
Reduction in growth – growth should be uninterrupted
Bleeding from the bowels or in vomit
Significant vomiting
Continuing diarrhoea
Unexplained high temperature
Right sided abdominal pain especially
Family history of bowel disease

We expect to see children frequently – never hesitate to make contact if you are worried about a child.

Terms of endearment

There was a time when hospital staff would refer to 'the gall bladder in bed 23' rather than 'Mrs. Snooks'.

In the British Medical Journal recently there was a short piece by a doctor presenting a perfectly technically correct description of herself. She was bearing her first pregnancy after the age of 35. Her self-esteem, pride and *joie de vivre* had been severely dented to see the title she had had plastered all over the front of her notes – 'Senile Prima Gravida'.

Steve Ford

JOIN US FOR THE **'BASH THE BALSAM' BARBEQUE EVENT**

**THURSDAY 5TH JULY 5pm–8pm. At
HAYDON BRIDGE RIVERSIDE PICNIC AREA**

HIMALAYAN BALSAM IS INVASIVE AND IS TAKING OVER THE RIVERSIDE THREATENING OUR NATIVE FLOWERS AND WEAKENING THE RIVER BANK. CAN YOU HELP US GET RID OF THE HIMALAYAN BALSAM ?

BARBARA NEEDS TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THE 'BALSAM BASH'. **All those taking part must wear strong footwear or Wellington boots and keep their arms and legs covered while 'bashing the balsam'. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

FOOD FOR THE BARBEQUE IS PROVIDED FOR THOSE HELPING 'BASH THE BALSAM'.

This project is part of the Tyne River Trust's Strategic Action Plan for the Tyne Catchment Area and is supported by Haydon Parish Council

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle

**JULY
2007**



Dear All,

Even when eclipsed by our modern life we recognise our thirst for God. Pope Benedict writes, "The Lord Jesus speaks to our thirsting pilgrim hearts, our hearts thirsting for the source of life."

In the Eucharist Jesus reveals the love which is the very essence of God. This is why the Church finds in the Eucharist the very heart of her life. It is the source and summit not only of the Church's life but also of her mission.

And so for 50 years in the ministerial priesthood it has been Mass, sacraments, preaching and prayer, at Ushaw College, St. Mary's College, Fenham, St. Cuthbert's, North Shields, St. Mary's, Sunderland and presently at St. John's, Haydon Bridge and St. Wilfrid's, Haltwhistle.

And now it is anniversary time. It is a time for rejoicing. It is celebration time. It is commemoration time and carnival time. We dress the occasion with flowers in abundance in our festival of flowers. We raise our hearts and voices to the music of the Hexham Chorale.

And all this is but the extension and the fulfilment of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee Mass, Saturday July 21st, 12. Noon at St. John's, when we praise and thank the God for whom we all thirst and long.

So it is gratitude, appreciation, acknowledgement and recognition in every prayerful word we utter.
Thanks be to God.

Leo Pyle

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

Rev Les Hann,
with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank

**Jubilee Celebrations with a Festival of
Flowers to the Sound of Music
At St John's Church**

Thursday 19 July Opening Preview
7 pm to 9 pm

Friday 20th July
Church open 10 am to 6 pm
Refreshments with cake and craft stall

Saturday 21st July
Church open 10 am to 6 pm
Refreshments with cake and craft stall
Mass at noon
Buffet Lunch to follow
Haydon Chorale Concert 7.30 pm

Sunday 22nd July
Mass at 9.30 am
Coffee afterwards
Church open until 2 pm

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

July 1

10.00am Morning Worship
Lesley Marsh
6.00 pm Evening Service
David Flavell

July 8

10.00 am Family Worship
Barbara Rowarth
6pm Evening Service
Fr Leo Pyle

July 15

10.00am Holy Communion
Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Worship
Peter Wright

July 22

10.00am Morning Worship
Russell Hilborne
6.00pm Evening Worship
Charles Ford

July 29

10.00am Morning Worship
Les Hann
6.00 pm Evening Service
Les Hann

August 5

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

Deanery Service on 8th July
at 10 am in Hexham Abbey
“Returning with Joy”
All churches in
Hexham Deanery will be
attending.
The Archdeacon of
Northumberland will preach.
Activities for children
Music to include the
Vierne Mass

Sunday School at the
Methodist Church
first three Sundays
in July
(July 15th -a visit
to Haydon View)

resumes 2nd September
for all
children 4 - 14 plus

**Holiday Club 2007
23rd—27th July**

for all children 4-14 plus from
Haydon Bridge and surrounding
areas

Meet at the flagpole by
St.Cuthbert’s church
at 10.00 each morning for the
first half hour then
4-10’s at Methodist Church
11 plus at St. Johns
Finish 12.30 pm
Afternoon activities and night-
shift Mon-Thursday
To be announced

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

July 1

Beltingham
10.00am BCP Communion

July 8

10.00 Hexham Abbey

July 15

10.30am at Haydon Bridge
Beltingham
6pm Evensong

July 22

Henshaw
10 am Matins

July 29

Henshaw
10.00am Joint Service

August 5

Henshaw
10 am BCP Communion

**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

Holiday Club
Commissioning
Service
10.15 am
Sunday 22 July
at the flagpole by St.
Cuthbert’s all welcome

**ST CUTHBERT’S CHURCH
SERVICES**

July 1

10.30am All Age

July 8

10 am Hexham Abbey
Deanery Service

July 15

8 am BCP Communion
10.30am Joint Service

July 22

10.15 at flagpole
10.30 Communion

July 29

10am At Henshaw

August 5

10.30 am All Age

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

1st July
5 August
6pm Evensong

CO-OP CONSULTS CUSTOMERS

One morning in early June a small group of local people gathered together at the Railway Hotel to discuss one of our village shops. It was a diverse group; singles, marrieds, mums, people who go out to work and retired persons. The one thing they all had in common was that they shopped at the Co-op in Haydon Bridge.

The North Eastern Co-op had organised the meeting to gain customer views on ways the Co-op shop in Haydon Bridge could improve its services. Chris Adams, the area manager chaired the meeting and Carolyn, our Co-op manager, took notes.

It was a lively, positive and good humoured meeting. The group didn't agree on all the issues raised in the discussion, but there was consensus on several points.

The group praised the Co-op staff for their hard work, helpfulness and their ability to 'multitask', a requirement in a shop that provides a range of services including the local Post Office.

There was also praise for the convenience of the store opening hours and particularly the Post Office Counter, which provides a service well beyond that available in most major cities in Britain.

In a discussion on food and other products available in the store the quality of the vegetables, the overall range of goods and the Cuisine de France products were singled out for praise.

There was wide agreement on areas for improving the service.

First among these was the need to look at the present system of queuing for the checkouts. It was felt that at present it is particularly difficult for new customers as there is no guidance given regarding the queuing point.

Improving accessibility around the store. The large trolleys used by staff for shelf filling and the many side and centre aisle displays make movement round the store difficult particularly for people with pushchairs and the elderly.

Possibly reducing the range of different products sold eg not selling hardware/DIY to create space to improve the choice/variety of goods sold particularly foods. Eg more fish, a wider range of frozen goods, extend the 'Healthy Living Range' and introduce local produce into the store.

It was also suggested that staff always offer receipts at the checkout rather than only issuing them if requested by the

customer.

What made this meeting different to so many similar gatherings was that you were left with the feeling that the views expressed were important to the Co-op management and that the improvements suggested would be looked at carefully and implemented if practicable.

A further meeting is to be held later in the summer. MP

Co-op comments....

Co-op operations manager Chris Evans commented: "We were delighted with the very positive comments about the Co-op and its staff, and we very much welcomed the suggestions for enhancing our service for our much valued customers. As a result of the meeting we are effecting a number of changes, for example, introducing more local products, removing non-food items, improving accessibility and introducing notices regarding the queuing system."

GARDEN SALE

at Geeswood House, Whittis Road.

JULY 14TH 9.30am-12.00noon.

NEWSAGENTS CLOSED

After just six months of trading Jon and Lisa Alder closed their shop in Ratcliffe Road on June 24th. They purchased the business and upstairs flat last December from Mary and Werner Nagel and had hopes of running a successful business. However, loss of trade meant that the shop was not making a profit so the decision to close became inevitable. We wish Jon and Lisa well for the future. MP

Langley W.I.

Instead of the meeting in June, 27 members and guests set off on a very wet night to visit Craighburn Farmhouse at Penton near Carlisle. When we arrived at the farmhouse we were greeted by Louise Lawson who proceeded to demonstrate some fantastic desserts. These included lemon and lime cheesecake, chocolate roulade and strawberry shortcake. She made it look very easy and everyone was eager to try the recipes for themselves. We then enjoyed a traditional roast carvery dinner followed by the sweets that Louise had just demonstrated. Some people even found room for two desserts.

After an enjoyable evening we returned home through the pouring rain. The next meeting is the 10th July.

Langley Plant Sale, held on 28th May, raised a grand total of £825. The money was divided between Langley Chapel, Langley Village hall and Langley WI. Many thanks to everyone who supported the sale.

The Old Repeater Station,
Military Road,
Grindon,
Haydon B ridge
NE47 6NQ.

Dear Sirs,

My uncle, Dave Barrie, who died recently in Toronto, had an uncle called William Nicholson Barrie. He was the son of David and Lillian Barrie of Hexham and husband of Margaret Barrie of Wylam. Capt. W. N. Barrie DFC was killed in Arnhem in Sept 1944, aged 25.

Capt Barrie was known to live in the Tynedale area.

Hans Houteman from Holland is compiling a history of the action at Arnhem and would like to have Capt Barrie's date of birth and a photograph for his records.

If anyone can help could you please contact me on 01434 688668

Thanks,
Les Gibson.

MARGY AND TULA'S WALL WALK

On Sunday 22nd April, one of the few dull damp days in April, Margy Edwards and Tula Thompson set off to walk ten miles of the Hadrian's Wall Path, from Walltown to Housesteads. They were among the 250 participants in the annual walk organised by the British Heart Foundation to raise money to support the work of the charity. It took them about four hours to complete the walk.

Margy and Tula would like to thank all the people who sponsored them. They raised £292 for the British Heart Foundation.