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Thank you.

**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

So the local parish council elections came and went once again. Did you notice? I thought not. Back in 1894 when the first secular parish council was elected in Haydon Bridge 24 nomination papers were received for the 11 places on the Council.

Elections on that occasion were held in Shaftoe Grammar School (Boys' Dept) on Saturday 15th December, 8am—2pm and 4pm—8pm There are still 11 places on the parish council today but only 10 nominations were received for the council this year, making an election unnecessary.

The same thing happened last time and the time before that and..... in fact it's at least 20 years since there was an election for Haydon Parish Council.

With the possible demise of District Councils looming and the creation of unitary authorities, it's likely that more responsibilities will come to parish councillors.

Maybe it's time now to participate more in the decision making rather than just moaning after the event. Who knows? We may need an election next time.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in April 2007

This meeting was held in Langley Village Hall.

### Public Participation

A resident of Langley urged the council to do its best to ensure that the road in Haydon Bridge named as Cemetery Road by the by pass construction team, reverts to its more usual local name of the Langley road, when the work on the by pass is finished.

Some concern was also expressed about the improvements to the track from Castle Farm to West Land Ends by the by pass construction company to facilitate the movement of their vehicles. A further concern was also raised about a car frequently parked on the corner of Shaftoe Street in the evening and causing an obstruction for other vehicles.

This was followed by a discussion on the criteria used by Tynedale Council when decisions are made about whether or not dustbin lorries are to go along drives/tracks/lanes to rural properties to empty wheelie bins, or whether residents are required to wheel their bins to, or keep them at, the kerbside. A councillor explained that there had to be sufficient space for the lorry to turn round and that the distance from the road to the property must not exceed 50m. In all cases the decision of the council officer in charge appeared to be final.

### Council Meeting.

10 councillors present.

Esmond Faulks was elected Chairman and Mrs E Charlton vice chair of the new council.

(As only 10 nominations were received for the 11 places on the council a Parish Council election was not required).

### Tynedale Council Notes.

It was reported that most of the council meeting was taken up by a discussion on the action to be taken by the council to correct the publisher's error in the instructions sent to people using a **postal vote** in the Tynedale Council elections. Although the electorate are entitled to vote for two candidates in the Haydon Ward, the instructions informed postal voters that they should only vote for one candidate. Letters are to be sent to all those affected to correct the error. If they

have already voted then they are to be given a number to ring and new ballot papers will be sent to them.

This was followed by a presentation by a representative from the Arts Council. The councillor expressed his irritation that council time should be spent on 'arty farty matters' when there are far more important issues to be dealt with.

### Highways.

A councillor asked that the thirty mph sign be moved from Low Hall to a position east of the A686 Alston turning, as the increase in the number of vehicles using this junction, following the closure of 'Cemetery Road', was presenting an increased risk to motorists. A request is to be sent to the Highways Agency.

A request was received for the pavement in Langley to be swept.

NCC Highways Dept are to be asked to repair a stretch of the Lowgate road between the burn and Snape Farm.

### Planning.

Three planning applications were received by the council for comment. One was for an extension to a house in Ratcliffe Road and another for the demolition of agricultural buildings in Belmont and the construction of two houses on the site. The third was for the development of Tait's Haulage Yard. As the latter is a major development in the village, a councillor requested an extra council meeting be held to discuss the proposals. This was agreed and the 17th May at 7.30pm set as the date and time of the meeting.

The first two applications were returned without objections.

### Correspondence

The PC have had a letter from the Highways Agency's solicitor to give notice that compensation may be due to the council for disruption caused by the by pass construction. This would cover costs such as the diversion signs for the John Martin Trail.

In response to a letter from the council reflecting the public concern expressed

about the new crossing barriers, Network Rail state that the height of the barriers meets national requirements and that a risk assessment is carried out every three years where the path from Hordley Acres crosses the railway.

A letter from the Tyne Rivers Trust informed the council of their intention to improve the appearance of the river banks from the source of the rivers to the sea. In Haydon Bridge they drew attention to two areas needing action, the south side of the river near Telford's Workshops and an area on the north side next to the public footpath to the east of the picnic area. Funding may be available to clear debris from these two areas. The owners are being contacted. It has been proposed that this work is coordinated with the annual village clean up. More information about this will be given in next month's Haydon News.

The firm that holds the contract to service the church clock each year is offering a 15% reduction in costs if the council pay for the next 5 years in one payment. The offer was refused.

### Parish Council Notes continued on page 16.

#### PARISH COUNCILLORS

Esmond Faulks (chairman)  
Mr. D Charlton  
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Mr. M R Parkin  
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Mr. R Snowdon  
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Vacancy

Any resident of the parish wishing to put their name forward for co-option to the Parish Council should contact the Parish Clerk on the number below.

(\* also a Tynedale Councillor)

Parish Clerk  
Mrs. C McGivern

**“HOWZAT ?”**

As the cricket season is about to get underway, I will welcome it with one of my favourite Haydon Bridge sporting stories.

Bob Stokoe, Newcastle United Football Club’s famed wing half and a local cricketer of some renown, took his guard playing for Mickley in a West Tyne League game at Haydon Park.

Stokoe surveyed the fielders’ positions with a touch of arrogance, for which he was noted, and then settled to face a screamer from Haydon Bridge pace bowler Keith Brown.

The ball travelling at speed down the leg side rapped the batsman’s pad.

“Howzat?” cried T.K. (Brown), turning enquiringly to the home umpire Anderson ‘Chips’ Robinson.

After a brief deliberation Anderson raised his index finger. The batsman stood his ground, aghast at the decision.

“That was never out umpire!!” he called. And drawing himself up to the full height of his six foot frame the visitor glared at the home official.

“Do you know who I am?” he asked. “I’m Bob Stokoe.”

The crowd and players were silent, awaiting the outcome of the confrontation.

Never short of a memorable comment, ‘Chips’ was cutting in his reply.

“Well Mr. Bob Stokoe. If you can read, you’d better look in the Hexham Courant next Friday and there you will see whether you were out or not out!”

Thank goodness for the characters who live in our midst, I say.

**STUMPED?**

Continuing on a cricketing theme, I offer you an explanation of the great game, as provided to me by Kathleen Forster (nee Clark) from her late uncle Fred Pearson’s collection.

‘In cricket there are two sides, one out in the field and the other in.

Each man in the side that’s in goes out and when he’s out he comes in and the next man goes out.

When they are all out, the side that’s been out in the field, comes in and the side that’s been in goes out and tries to get out those coming in.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out. Then when both sides have been in and out, including the not outs; that’s the end of it!’

*Fred has written a note at the end of the piece.*

*‘I know that this is not original, but it’s old enough to be new!’*

**CAUGHT OUT**

Our sharp eyed ex postman bowled a googly to catch me out last month. In fact he had a hat trick of successful appeals.

In my caption published in April with the photograph of our 1950 Flower Show Committee, I have been reminded that Jeff Reynolds should be spelt **Geoff** Reynolds: Billy Philipson should read **Tom** Philipson; and Billy Watson wasn’t in the photograph at all!

The man who looks very like Billy Watson (my opinion), standing next to Joe Keen in the back row, is apparently **Jack Graham**.

Thank you Mr. Foster! The archived edition of April’s Haydon News has been amended accordingly.

**AND STUMPED AGAIN!**

**Our occasional contributor and ex Haydonian William Veitch has sent a thought provoking article for The Haydon News. I’m sure you will enjoy it.**

**MYSTERIES OF HAYDON BRIDGE.**

You may ask **“What is mysterious about Haydon Bridge?”** Apart from the time it has taken to obtain a by-pass!!

**The first mystery** is ‘Why did Haydon Bridge uniquely develop on both banks of the South Tyne when all the other towns and villages developed on only one bank and high above the river. e.g. Corbridge, Hexham, Haltwhistle?’

Some may believe that it was because of the bridge which was mentioned as long ago as 1309, although it has been suggested that the first bridge was built circa 1296.

However, in those early days before land was drained, the north side would be wet and swampy but the south side would be much better as the bank there is raised well above the river. So, there is a valid argument that ‘Haydon Bridge’ originally was on the south side only.

The old village of Haydon (beside the Old Church) existed from time immemorial but the first mention of ‘Haiden Brigge’ was in 1381. Even then it is not known whether this refers to the village or just the bridge, as the assessment quoted ‘Langley, Haiden with Haiden Brigg’.

An earlier survey in 1257 quoted ‘Warden, Fourstones, Alrewas, (Allerwash), Hayden and Langley’ - no Haydon Bridge.

All this could indicate that the bridge came before the village and that the village became established because of the bridge.

The first bridge was built of wood but would be of considerable importance, because some 800 years ago bridges were few and far between.

It was probably built by the Barons of Langley (the De Lucy family) as it would entail considerable expense. Why they built it there I know not, unless it was because they wanted to go to the Old Church at Haydon without getting their feet wet!

**THIS MONTH’S CHALLENGE**

**For you and for me!**

**Can you put names and a date to this Haydon Bridge Cricket Team?**



If the bridge was connected with Langley it is odd that Langley Castle wasn't built until circa 1350 A.D. Langley Castle was actually a Tower House and not a Castle. The 'Castle' may well have replaced an earlier wooden building, as the Barony of Langley goes back much further than that date and existed in the reign of Henry I (1100-1135).

In 1262 the tenants of The Lees complained that Nicolas de Boltby had 'imarked' (fenced off) the wood by which they went to Haydon Church and Corbridge Market'. Boltby said that he had left them a road on either side of it (an early by-pass!!). There was no mention of Haydon Bridge.

Long ago on the site of Shaftoe Trust School was a chapel dedicated to St Mary and St Katharine. There was a Priest's Well and Priest's Fields to the south. It was reputedly known as the Chapel of Langley!! Could it be that the part of the village on the south side was, in fact, originally the village of Langley which was later subsumed into the village of Haydon Bridge on the north side?

Makes you wonder!

**The second mystery** is one of religion. As noted above there was a chapel sited on the south side. Why it was there is a mystery. Was it in competition with the recognised church at Old Haydon? After all, it must have been a pain for villagers having to climb that North Bank to go to the Church which was often in a decrepit state when they got there.

Could this 'Chapel' have been for a different religion?

However, the real mystery is; "why are all the churches and chapels on the north side of the bridge?"

**The third mystery** is, "what happened to Haydon (Bridge) Market and Fair?"

Yes there was one!

In the early 1300's, the Baron of Langley (Antony, Lord Lucy) was granted permission to hold a weekly market on Tuesdays and an annual fair on the Feast of St Mary Magdalen (July 21) and the three following days. (There must have been some sore heads after 4 days of roistering.)

What is unclear is whether these referred to Haydon or Haydon Bridge.

If it had been the latter then Haydon Bridge would most probably have had a Market Place like the other towns and

villages in West Northumberland (unique again).

It is not known when these festivities fell out of use.

William Lee in his 'Notes on Haydon Bridge' tells us that 'on the 26 January 1771 the old Market Cross which formerly stood at Old Haydon, was removed to Haydon Bridge and placed in front of where the Oddfellows Hall now stands. After a short time it was removed to the Red Gate (east of Low Hall Farm).

About 1835 a large drain was being made in a field called 'The Haugh' near Low Hall and James Nicol, one of the workmen, actually broke up the Cross and put it in a drain'. Could it now be lying underneath one of the football pitches?

The Cross obviously wasn't cursed because James Nicol lived for a further 16 years before dying at the ripe old age of 78 years.

There was another report that the Market Cross was brought back from Hexham in 1771 and set up in the village, and a market was held there for the first time on the 26th January, but was soon discontinued.

Just three mysteries and there are obviously many more..... but we won't go into what used to happen after the pictures and the dances in the Town Hall!!!

**William has also written to us this month.**

Darwin,  
Lancashire.

Dear Editors,

I was intrigued by the story re. Haydon Bridge Football Club. I remember all those various fields mentioned and indeed, played on several of them albeit for Hadrian Paints rather than Haydon Bridge.

On a lighter note, when you mentioned the ageing team of circa 1960 I must confess I was one of them. When using the pitch at Woodhall it always seemed that the walk back was twice as far as the walk to it - or maybe it was an age related problem after all that exertion.

The picture of Barron's shop also brought back memories.

In the days before school dinners, my sister and I would often go there for pie and peas at lunch time, as an alternative to packed lunches.

Regards,  
William Veitch.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Following my articles on Frederick James Crawley (HN Nov./Dec. 2006) I have received complimentary comments from Norman Davidson of Cullercoats to which he adds the following:

*'I have shown your story to a near neighbour of mine who was once a resident of Haydon Bridge. This lady knew Fred Crawley when she and her husband had a house nearby.'*

The neighbour in question and her late husband are ex Haydonian Connie (nee Raine) and Hunter Bradley.

Norman continues. *'Connie told me that the Postman Bill Foster whom you mention, was Godfather to her son Pete who, incidentally is home from USA for his mother's 90th birthday.'* (16th March)

Haydonians will remember Hunter and Connie Bradley, who by chance had a house next door to my family when we lived at Chesterwood in the late 1970's.

Connie Raine lived on the terrace down Brigwood and her father Ted will be remembered as being very much a part of Haydon Bridge life. When Hunter Bradley and Connie married, they set up home on Victoria Terrace before going to live at Tynemouth, after Hunter had moved as a teacher from Haltwhistle School to Tynemouth High School. Hunter's next job was Deputy Head at Brampton and he travelled every day from Tynemouth on the train, cycling from Brampton Junction to and from the school each day. His fitness no doubt honed through playing football for Haydon Bridge. Hunter was a very good footballer I'm told, even though he had to play in his glasses.

With no real wish to leave Haydon Bridge for good, when the Bradleys moved to Tynemouth they set up a second home next door to the Marshall family at Altonside. Hunter and Connie spent as much time there as they could and were popular members of our village community for many years. After leaving Altonside, Hunter and Connie continued their connection with our parish by moving their second home to Chesterwood and even after Hunter died, until she could no longer drive Connie continued to visit Chesterwood where, "Margaret Parker would always have the latest issue of The Haydon News ready for me."

Connie Bradley speaks so warmly of her many happy years in our village and sends best wishes to all her friends.

## JOHN MARTIN'S PROMETHEANS VISIT HAYDON BRIDGE.

Prometheus was the Greek Titan who stole fire from Zeus (who had forbidden this secret to mortals). Prometheus gave it to his responsibility, mankind, thus liberating himself.

Man was enlightened, able to cook and stay warm. For this hubris, Prometheus was chained to Mount Caucasus, where an eagle called Ethon would daily peck out his liver which would then grow back for the bird to eat again.

Artists such as Rubens *'The Chained Prometheus'*, Dante Rossetti *'Pandora'*, William Blake *'Los and Orc'*, Henry Fuesli *'Prometheus'* have painted their interpretations of this scene.

**Today, 'promethean' refers to events or people of great creativity, intellect and boldness enduring suffering to gain achievement.**

A course at the Centre for Life Long Learning, University of Newcastle Campus, lead by archaeologist, historical author and television presenter Max Adams, has been entitled ***'John Martin and the Prometheans'***.

This 10 week series has used Martin as the hub of the circle of his London associates who were, very much, the Prometheans of their early 19<sup>th</sup> C day.

As Haydon Bridge residents and school children are now well aware, **John Martin was born here in 1789 in the cottage at East Land Ends.** From these 'most humble of beginnings' he went on to be the most popular artist of his day. A polymath, he extended his interests to engineering, printing, architecture, mine safety, environmental management and more. He was truly altruistic in these fields although his paintings and prints were always created with a commercial outcome in mind.

In the late 1820s, Martin produced schemes of work for the purification of London's water supplies and improvements to sanitation. These were to correct the appalling state of the Thames and the rampant proliferation of cholera. There were even proposals for public transport. These schemes were, unfortunately, never adopted and brought about near financial ruin for Martin.

Later, Joseph Bazalgette incorporated many of the Martinian features into his successful water projects eliminating the 'Great Stink of London'.

**John Martin himself was, thus, a true Promethean having suffered for trying to improve the lot of his fellow beings** whilst maintaining his firm Christian beliefs. His paintings also regularly showed the devastation unleashed by the promethean element of fire.

You can witness this for yourself with a visit to the exhibition of John Martin prints in the village Community Centre.

He also had a very wide circle of friends, most living within walking distance of his London home, who were true radical reformers of the day. **Martin was the centre of a network** where artists met mathematicians, engineers, geologists, lawyers, politicians, authors, poets, chemists, political reformers, kings, princes and princesses.

These associates would bring about a British 'quiet revolution' (unlike in France) in both the technology of the Industrial Revolution and social reform.

Max Adams' course has taken some of these moving and shaking individuals, from a seemingly endless list, for study.

There has also been a fascinating look into the engineering advances of the era. Emphasis has been on our own North Eastern area which was then at the cutting edge.

Through development of an extensive timeline of the period, all of the progress has been placed into a logical perspective.

### **Just who were these Martin Prometheans?**

The names are still familiar. Michael Faraday, Chemist and Electrical Engineer, Charles Wheatstone, inventor of the telegraph (and English Concertina), Humphrey Davy of miner's lamp fame (*although this was really invented by John's brother, the eccentric William but that is another story*), George Stephenson of railways fame, Marc and son Isambard Brunel engineers and shipbuilders, Joseph Bramah who made the 'unpickable' lock, beer pump, flush toilet and hydraulic press, Charles Babbage inventor of the difference and analytical engines, the first 'computers', Charles Dickens the author, John and Leigh Hunt the reforming publishers of the 'Examiner'

who established the basis of modern journalism being jailed for their trouble, poets Byron, Keats and Shelley the *'Cockney Poets'* ... some famous names for a start.

Women friends, with the collaboration of Martin's wife Susan, were also beginning to make their mark on society. These included authors Caroline Norton, who took up the shibboleth for rights on behalf of married and divorced women, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelly of *'Frankenstein'* fame (a warning about the possible misuse of science, thus an antipromethean theme?), and a stepdaughter Mary Webb who wrote *'The Mummy'*.

### **The contribution to reform of the man from Haydon Bridge can now be appreciated.**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Max Adams and several of his course members were able to visit the village to gain further background for their studies. They visited the Old and New Churches, East Land Ends Cottage, the 'Grammar' School site, Langley Castle and the print exhibition in the Community Centre.

The embroidered reworking of Martin's *'The Bard'* was particularly admired.

This features the very Promethean subject of the last Welsh bard before his spectacular plunge from the rocks to oblivion in the waters of the river Conway.

The High School's year 11 three large canvas reworkings on Martin inspired themes also gained critical acclaim including that from one of the course members who is a working artist.

Several of the students will be returning to undertake the *'Martin Heritage Trail'* as well as pursuing their own individual interests such as the Old Church architecture.

The Centre For Life Long Learning course is fascinating and enjoyable and it is hoped to be repeated for new students in the autumn.

Max Adams has a new book on the subject which will be published, hopefully, later this year. A synopsis of this appeared in the magazine *'History Today'* Vol 56 (8) August 2006 see [www.historytoday.com](http://www.historytoday.com)

**Henry Swaddle**  
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## THE OFFICIAL START OF THE HAYDON BRIDGE BY PASS



### The work on our Haydon Bridge Bypass was started 'officially' on Thursday 5th April 2007.

A turf cutting ceremony was performed by Archie Robertson, Highways Agency Chief Executive; Eileen Charlton, who has for so long championed the case for a bypass on behalf of the residents; and Peter Atkinson, MP for the Hexham Constituency.

The morning event took place on the triangle of land at Low Hall Farm, between the A686 Alston road and the A69.

In a short address, Mr. Robertson said that he was, "...delighted for Eileen and the Haydon Bridge residents that the hard work they had done to campaign for the bypass had paid off, and it was great to give Haydon Bridge back to the people".

As Mr. Robertson spoke above the din of some of the 14,000 vehicles a day that pass through Haydon Bridge along the A69, he made it clear that the Highways Agency viewed the £25 million to be spent on the bypass as

"value for money" when measured against the benefits to the local people and the vehicles using the A69.

The Chief Executive welcomed the contractors for the project, CVC Highways Solutions, and thanked local people and local authorities and organisations for their support.

The event on 5th April was relatively low key, and more than one of the visitors I spoke to had expected a party atmosphere from residents who had waited for such a long time and through so many false dawns for their bypass. Considering that thousands of tonnes of earth had already been moved in preliminary works and our surrounding landscape had changed significantly, during the previous twelve weeks, the official nature of the event was quite understandable.

If our very welcome visitors return for the **opening** of the Haydon Bridge Bypass in April 2009, they can be sure we will show them how to party then!

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

The Methodist Chapel hall was full to capacity for the final meeting of the Nature Club's winter season when George Ledger from Consett treated the members to a wonderful photographic display of 'The Birds and The Bees'.

George pointed out that photography for him is a hobby, however Margaret Moffatt, bringing the indoor season to a close with a vote of thanks, rightly referred to the professionalism of the presentation, the presenters intimate knowledge of the subjects and his undoubted patience. Six hours in an uncomfortable hide for example, for a one second opportunity to catch an image in the lens of a Kestrel feeding her chicks.

It is especially difficult for the amateur photographer to do justice to the most cautious of birds, whether camouflaged on a nest or in flight. George's images were most impressive however.

As good as 'The Birds' were in the first half of the show, it was the macro photography of 'The Bees' that fascinated the audience. A generic term for the evening, we were treated to a remarkable insight into the habits and distinguishing features of every type of insect and their close relatives. The Bee of course, the Mayfly, Dragonfly, Butterfly, Moth and many more. And how the Damselfly reproduces in that position..... I'll never know. A remarkable climax to the Nature Club's successful winter programme!

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME

### Thursday 3rd. May:

Simonburn and Surroundings. 4 3/4 mile  
Meet at Simonburn Church.  
GR 872735  
Emmi Althaus

### Thursday 17th May:

Stanegate below Barcombe. 4 mile  
Meet at Vindolanda East car park.  
GR 775665  
Anne Carter

### Thursday 31st. May:

Rowley Burn, Devil's Water. 4 mile  
Meet Whitley Chapel.  
GR 927578  
Ben Gibbard

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

## HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS PROGRESS REPORT. April 2007

'Cemetery Road', known to most locals as the Langley road, closed on April 16th. Work will begin soon to lower the level of the road, by as much as 7metres at its lowest point. The spoil from this excavation will be used elsewhere in the scheme for embankments/levelling.

The temporary diversion signs for the John Martin Trail, paid for by the Parish Council and erected by CVC Highway Solutions, are now in place on Church Street and at the top of the lonnen near Castle Farm. Walkers using this route will need to watch out for large vehicles as the lonnen is being used by CVC, the by pass contractors, to get vehicles and equipment from their compound down to the Riverside. Hoggin has been laid on the lonnen. This is a temporary measure until the summer when the 'haul road' is completed, between the compound and the riverside. At present drainage work is continuing along the side of Crook Hill to collect ground water and direct it to outflows near the caravan site and close to the site of the new bridge. When this work is finished the final stretch of the 'haul road' will be constructed.

After the May Day Bank Holiday work commences on the first two bearing piles to support the bridge over the railway and river near West Rattenraw.

**A final look down  
'Cemetery Road' from  
the site entrance below  
Esp Hill. Hedges, trees  
and walls have already  
gone. The present road  
will also be removed  
over the next few weeks**



# HAYDON PARISH PLAN 2007



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## Parish Plan Meetings

At their last meeting on Wednesday 19 April 2007 the Steering Group, set up with volunteers from the Public Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March, in the Community Centre, was able to elect its Officers (as shown in the panel) and to agree to “Terms of Reference” and to agree to a “Formal Constitution” for the Group.

Once formalised, the Group then began the process of discussing the themes as highlighted during the Public Meeting and as reported in the *Haydon News* (April 2007 - page 9)

This is an ongoing process and a meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 May will take this further forward.

## Langley WI

Several guests and a new member attended Langley WI's April meeting. Muriel Brown gave an account of the council meeting in Hexham which she had attended and enjoyed. Members were given their membership voucher books which Muriel had kindly collected from the council meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Muriel's daughter, Helen Brown, who told us about her holiday in Uganda, which was a Wildlife and Gorilla safari. Helen had some wonderful pictures to illustrate her travels. The party travelled in an enormous truck accompanied by a cook and driver, with tents being the only accommodation. The driver would not stop between camps unless it was for a “comfort” stop. So the party soon learned if they saw something interesting that they wanted to photograph a “comfort” stop was demanded.

Helen showed some wonderful pictures of several varieties of Kingfisher which were quite easy to spot along the banks of the Nile. Many other species of animal were seen including Wart Hogs, Elephants, Hippos, Hyenas and Lions.

Helen explained she did not have many pictures showing adults as they were very reluctant to have their pictures taken, probably due to the years of civil

unrest experienced by the country. The children however had no such fears and were desperate to be photographed.

A football match was played between local children and Helen's party at one village. The match was delayed while the keeper of the only football in the area was found so that the game could begin.

After the match the children all climbed on the vehicle for a ride back to the camp, then had a long walk home.

However, they thought it was worth the walk back as they had never ridden on a motor vehicle before. The usual form of transport was bicycle; it was amazing to see how much could be transported on one bike.

On all the wildlife safari's the party were accompanied by armed guards. This was decreed by the Ugandan government after a tourist group were killed by guerrilla soldiers several years earlier. As tourism provides a large amount of Uganda's income the government are keen to protect tourists. The party did notice that the guns carried by their guards did appear to be very rusty and they did wonder whether the guns would actually work if needed.

The highlight of the sixteen day holiday was the trek through rainforest to see the gorillas. Most Ugandans do not have the opportunity to see the gorillas as a fee has to be paid. The only way they can see the gorillas is if they work as porters accompanying tourists. There are strict regulations about how close people are allowed to get to the gorillas as they are at risk from common diseases carried by people. Helen's party were lucky enough to see a female gorilla who decided to have a good look at them and judging by the photos was quite bored with being watched by tourists!

Helen gave a fantastic account with many anecdotes to accompany her pictures.

Members agreed it was an interesting, if not very relaxing holiday.

After supper the competition, a handy craft made by WI member was judged. 1<sup>st</sup> P. Dakers 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Davison.

Next meeting is on the 8th May, 7.30PM at Langley Village Hall, the topic is traditional Guernsey and Fair Isle knitting.

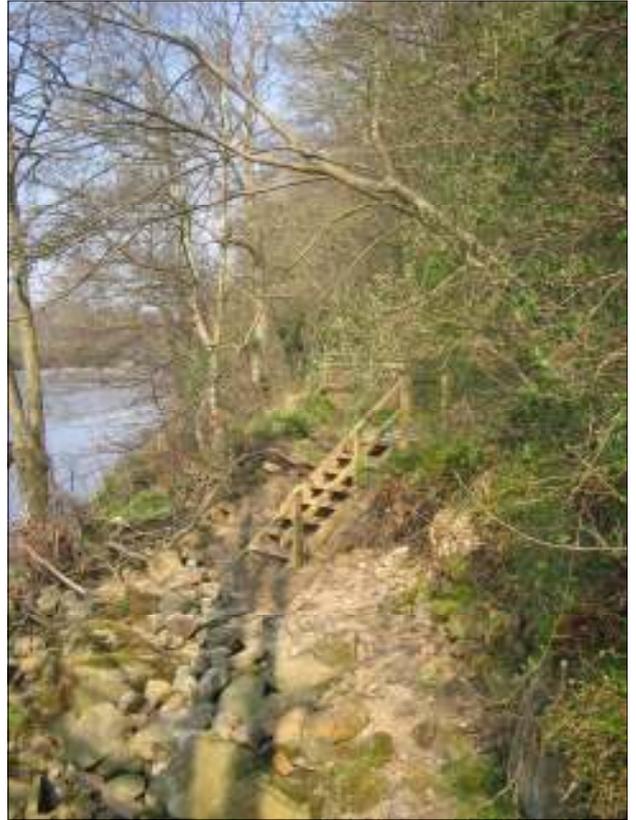
Cathy Duffy

## SPA WELL PATH COMPLETED BUT.....



### **Above. The Spa Well and memorial seat.**

The stone seat by the Spa Well was provided by the Friends of Haydon Bridge and is dedicated to the memory of Ray McVay. Ray was a very active member of the Haydon Bridge community and had for many years been a parish councillor. The raised garden at the end of John Martin Street was his idea and he involved himself in its design, construction and planting. Ray supported many village groups and causes and championed Haydon Bridge. Ray died in April 1998.



**The steps at the east end of the landslip with the Spa Well just beyond.**

The route to the Spa Well is passable once again after many years of closure following the two landslips that took away most of the path. The first section of the path was reinstated by the Highways Agency as part of their work to prevent further erosion presenting a threat to the A69 trunk road. Work on the remainder was completed last month by Northumberland County Council. New fencing has been erected along the surviving section of the old path and a set of steps provided at each end of the second landslip to give access to the Spa Well area. Some larger rocks have been moved aside to create a narrow stony track across the area of landslip **BUT.....**

some people in the village would like to see this stretch of path improved further, **SO.....**

it is proposed to form a group of able bodied (muscle bound) persons to work on this section of the path on **SATURDAY, 19th. MAY & SUNDAY 21st. MAY**

**BETWEEN 10.00am AND 4.00pm**

**If you are able to help or if you want to know more please contact Eileen Charlton.**

### **HAYDON BRIDGE WL.**

This month's meeting saw us all getting out and about around the village trying very hard to solve the clues left by Pam and her husband Ben. Three teams set off aided by a map and a set of cryptic clues. One and a half hours later we all found ourselves back in the Community Centre, without having solved all the clues. Well it was getting cold and dark by that time! Sheila, Gwen and Karen were the eventual winners with 238 out of 35 correct answers. A very welcome warming supper of pie and peas followed all washed down with a reviving cup of tea.

The evening was a great success with the fresh air and exercise being enjoyed by all. Add to that the amount of local knowledge we picked up along the way I'm sure we'll be having another equally puzzling one next year.

Our next meeting will be on May 15th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre when Sue Dunn will be entertaining us with music from the Northumbrian Pipes. Members, guests & prospective members welcome.

Our meeting on June 19th will be on Salsa Dancing

### HERE COMES SUMMER – EARLIER STILL!

#### The Parish Plan

A big thank you to all of those who attended the launch meeting of the parish plan and especially to those of you who contributed health related ideas – there were several pages of them.

Over the next few months further meetings will be held and ideas refined. One of the ideas submitted, which mirrors one I made many years ago in this august organ, would put our village not only at the forefront of UK health activity but possibly be a world first – I wonder if we can pull it off?

Our community centre arose from the last parish plan effort, though it ran under a different title then, an achievement that should give us confidence in our ability to accomplish big ideas.

It would appear that someone does not know that Dr. Mary has been providing an excellent acupuncture service for years. Someone else wants Ceilidhs on the NHS!

Jean and I have, in the past, established and run, for several years, a successful wholefood store, but that was in a middle class ghetto on the outskirts of Nottingham. We doubt the viability of a shop entirely devoted to wholefoods in a village of Haydon Bridge's size – there have been failures of similar enterprises in Hexham and Corbridge recently.

Promoting the stocking of popular staple whole food items in the village's existing shops would be more realistic. Whilst we would be delighted to offer advice and support to anyone thinking of taking up the challenge it would also be worth considering a commercial association with an existing business in the area.

Several of the other ideas submitted are already under discussion or have already been tried – more news later.

#### Flares are back in fashion!

No. Not really. If you live long enough everything comes back into fashion and

so it is in medicine too.

When I was at Medical School we were taught about growing pains. These were random discomforts in the limbs of children and young people for which no good cause could be found. They are completely harmless but can be quite bothersome.

It's a common enough problem. Every GP in the world must see a handful of cases every year.

Come the 80s and 90s however and growing pains went out of fashion. Any doctor who mentioned them was regarded with either sympathy or disdain – a dinosaur or seriously out of date. Growing pains had ceased to exist officially.

Last week I went to a paediatrics revision course and guess what? Growing pains are back in fashion. It's polite to talk about them again and nobody will snigger behind your back. They are still random discomforts in the limbs of children and young people for which no good cause could be found, so there's been no scientific progress on the topic, but the ivory tower types have stopped trying to ignore them, as they didn't go away the last time they tried that tactic.

#### Green Gym

Here's an idea that combines two virtues in one package – get fitter whilst doing useful, environmentally conscious work. The local organiser is:

Ceri Gibson.  
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Places as our philosophy, BTCV's vision is a better environment where people are valued, included and involved.

The BTCV Green Gym ® is a scheme that inspires you to improve your health and the environment at the same time. It offers you the opportunity to 'work out' in the open air through local, practical environmental or gardening work. Physically active people are up to 50% less likely to suffer from a heart attack or stroke, but over 70% of us are not active enough to benefit. We know that we should try to be fitter and healthier, and we are also increasingly aware of how important our local environment is.

Going to gyms and sports centres doesn't appeal to everyone. The BTCV Green Gym is a great alternative. It helps people of all ages to be physically active by providing:

A regular programme of outdoor sessions of Green Gym activities.  
Training and development of new skills.  
Partnership with local health services.  
Increasing physical activity and being outside in green space also has proven benefits for mental health, helping to reduce stress and overcome depression.

#### So what happens at a Green Gym session?

BTCV Green Gym groups meet in their local area at least once a week. A Green Gym session lasts for up to three hours. During this time you will be doing environmental conservation or gardening activities with a trained leader. You could plant a new hedge, cut back an overgrown path, or help build a community garden. These activities are taken at your own pace, but there is always something to get your heart and muscles working.

You will be led through some basic warm up exercises and cool down activities to make the most of the work you do.  
You need no previous experience or equipment, just some old clothes to wear for outdoor work.

All sessions are free.

You will be trained to use the tools safely.  
You will learn about the conservation work or gardening that you do

Go on! Make contact! Summer's coming and you don't want to spend another moment sprawled in front of the box – DO YOU!

#### **On the other hand –**

There is good evidence that having a mid day snooze substantially reduces the risk of heart attack and stroke – so the southern Europeans have been right all along.

#### **A pain in the neck**

Two thirds of the population have neck pain at some point in their lives, mostly in middle age. 18% have neck pain at any one time. Depending on the exact circumstances, the term cervical spondylosis may often be applied. Lower back pain is even more common.

Frequently, pain in the neck is also felt in the shoulder, chest, arm and hand. Sometimes the pain is also felt in the temples or behind the eyeball. Numbness and pins and needles also occurs. Muscle weakness can be a problem.

What can be done to help? Stress management and correction of posture may help. Using only one pillow at night is preferable to a greater number. Painkillers and anti-inflammatories are worth trying. There is some evidence that low dose anti-depressants work. Various techniques such as Pilates, Alexander, yoga etc. are tried by many people and work for some – the results are unpredictable. GENTLE movements and exercises can improve matters – forward and back, side to side and turning the head.

Serious disease may be suggested by running a temperature, undue

sweating, weight loss, very severe and/or worsening pain, uncontrollable pain at night, swollen glands and tenderness at or near the site of the pain, marked muscle weakness, clumsiness, sudden onset, previous neck problems and loss of consciousness. If any of these apply (to almost any condition!) get medical help straight away.

#### **Yankee Doodling**

Douglas Kamerow, the former US assistant surgeon general, is a regular contributor to the British Medical Journal and his most recent contribution is particularly interesting, concerning, as it does, getting on with life despite personal hardship.

One of the Democrat contenders for the next presidential campaign is John Edwards. His wife Elizabeth has just disclosed that she has been found to have a return of her previously treated breast cancer, despite which she is fully backing her husband in his continuing efforts to be elected.

When interviewed Mrs Edwards pointed out that we are all dying but at least she knew what she was going to die from. She offered the further observation that she wish to be thought of as living with cancer rather than dying from it – she has the choice of pushing on or starting to die.

Kamerow's personal response is; '[I] would hope for her strength and grace.'

He concludes by quoting a line from *The Shawshank Redemption* 'It usually comes down to a simple choice really – get busy living or get busy dying.'

#### **Creeping totalitarianism**

The ability of the public to find effective independent advocacy against the machinery of the state and the market is being deliberately reduced. The elements of civil society that are in daily contact with the public are consistently devalued and disregarded. The political parties publicly espouse increasing consumer choice whilst delivering the provision of health and education, amongst other things, into the hands of large private companies.

Small communities, such as ours, are at risk from the loss of services as large companies concentrate their resources to optimise shareholder returns. What happens to healthcare when it is owned and operated by big business? Where is the rush of applications to open a large hypermarket, major bank branch, car dealership, department store, factory or even call centre in Haydon Bridge?

A few weeks ago I had a short piece published in the British Medical Journal that was picked up on by the Courant, Journal and local BBC radio in which I advocated a fresh emphasis on local determination of services. As this century unfolds I suspect that the need for local autonomy will increase, we would be well advised to consider what that might mean and require – local services for local people.

Choice ought to include the option of fully featured local services – such as health, transport, education etc. Or am I wrong?

Steve Ford.

**The Haydon Bridge Embroidery Group are exhibiting some of their work in the LANDSCAPE EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION**

**on  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
8th. & 9th. JUNE 2007  
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Admission £2.50—includes home baking

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A.F.C.**

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For exceptional contributions to sport in the Parish of Haydon.**

**Please pass any nominations on to the Secretary of the club—Avril Kirsopp.**

**Many thanks.**

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Judith Hampson*

**MAY  
2007**



“Love” is an unsatisfactory word in the English language. It has become overworked and carries many different shades of meaning. Consequently, it has lost much of its strength, and much of its value. I love my dogs and I love strawberries but I would not eat my dogs or take strawberries for a walk. The same word is used to describe very different ways of feeling good or seeking pleasure. It is not something we can do to order but that is what the Christian faith demands.

“You shall love your neighbour as you love yourself,” commanded Jesus, telling someone which virtues were necessary to gain eternal life. Those of us who live in close proximity to our neighbours may find that Jesus’ words place considerable strain on our tolerance and love. But he goes further: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” That obviously depends on how we interpret “enemies” and “persecute”. In everyday terms, the words may include those who jostle us in crowded areas, or endanger lives by their style of driving, situations more likely to arouse “rage” than engender love. It can be difficult to equate the commands of Jesus with life as we know it.

How do we love those that irritate and annoy us? Every day there are innumerable acts of practical Christian love. But there are other ways, too, perhaps less practical, but no less valuable. The first of these is to listen to what people are trying to say to us. In a world of mass instant communication, it is easy to miss the real message. We express love for one another when we can be silent ourselves, and listen to what people have to say.

This will mean, secondly, that we have the opportunity to understand them. Don’t place upon them our own expectations and preconceptions. Allow them to be themselves as God created them to be, though with the scars they have accumulated along life’s way.

**WHO AND WHERE**

The names 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

Thirdly, we can affirm them for the people they are, and for the people they strive to be. Many people are burdened by the pressures of life. Their self-esteem may be at a low ebb. “Bear one another’s burdens,” writes Paul, “and this way you will fulfil the law of Christ” — that is, to love one another. When we do so, our lives are deepened and enriched in his name.

I pray for all those who annoy me and get under my skin knowing many will be making the same prayer about me.

*Judith Hampson*



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23rd—27th July

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Fete  
And Gift Day

Saturday 9th June  
2 pm

Grand Raffle,  
Tombola, Teas and  
Cake Stall

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**May 6**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
J Wall  
6.00 pm Holy Communion  
Les Hann

**May 13**  
10.00 am Family Worship  
Joyce Short

**May 20**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
Doug Hogg  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Stephen Caddy

**May 27**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
Les Hann  
6.00pm No Service

**June 3**  
10.00am Morning Worship  
Stan Rowntree  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Joan Histon

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**May 6**  
**Henshaw**  
10.00am BCP Communion

**May 13**  
10.30 Service at Haydon Bridge

**May 20**  
**Beltingham**  
10.00am Holy Communion  
6 pm Evensong

**May 27**  
**Henshaw**  
10 am Joint Family Service

**June 3**  
**Henshaw**  
10.00am BCP Communion

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY  
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at  
11.00am at Haltwhistle

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

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**May 6**  
10.00am Service at Henshaw

**May 13**  
8 am BCP Communion  
10.30 Joint Service

**May 20**  
10.30am Morning Prayer

**May 27**  
**Pentecost**  
10 am Service at Henshaw

**June 3**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
10.30am Morning Prayer

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

3rd June

6pm Evensong

While I greatly enjoy reading Dr Ford's Page, I must confess to having difficulty in understanding his choice of vocabulary, for instance in the paragraph beneath 'Evolution v Creation'..... 'parties to the evolution versus creation debate have resorted to bilious invective and vociferous mutual contempt. Hypothesis based upon...etc' And beneath the heading 'Polemical? Moi?' ..... 'The Daily Mail is already so far gone into the brain melting mire of helpless victim hood and vacuous consumerist inanity...' Excuse me.....must go to consult the dictionary. I must confess to being a supporter of the 'Campaign for plain English'

**While we're talking about the Doctor's Page last month and the invective poured out against Daily Mail readers, addled or otherwise, our cartoonist, for the sake of even handedness, offers the following view of a range of daily newspaper readers.**

## EPILEPSY ACTION

Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions second only to migraine, with 1 – 131 people living with a diagnosis in the UK. It is also one of the most misunderstood. Historically, epilepsy has been considered a curse of the gods, 'demonic possession' and a form of madness, consequently epilepsy is a condition that has been feared and rejected. Misconceptions have led to social isolation for the individual with epilepsy and in many cases, for his or her family. It is therefore no great surprise that the myths and prejudice that have surrounded epilepsy has resulted in stigmatisation of people with the disorder. Epilepsy Action wants to bring epilepsy out of the shadows through awareness of what it really means to live with the condition.

Epilepsy Action Tynedale is one such group in the North East of England who are providing that much needed mutual support to its members through the sharing of experience with others. The local group meets on the second Monday of every month at Hexham Community Centre, Gilesgate between 6.00pm – 9.00pm. Whether you are living with the condition, a friend, carer or you are just interested in finding out more, all are very welcome.

Groups can get involved in a wide range of activities:

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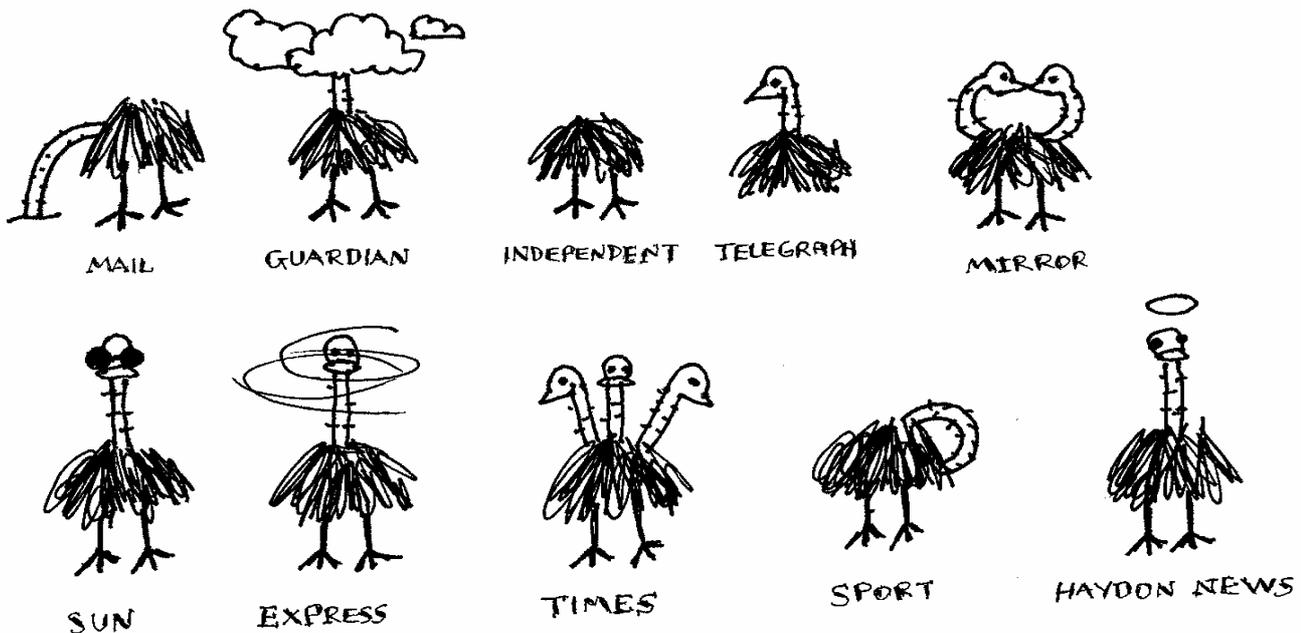
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**TYPICAL READERS** by Panda

# SILVER AWARD AND BARONY FOR LANGLEY.



**Hugh Taylor, Chairman of English Marketing Advisory Board; Dr Stuart Madnick and Yvonne Price-Madnick, owners of Langley Castle Hotel; Anton Phillips, Manager of Langley Castle Hotel and Elaine Robinson his deputy, at the award ceremony on April 18th 2007  
The awards were presented by Sandi Toksvig.**

Earlier this year Langley Castle Hotel won Gold in the regional heat of the Visit Britain Tourism Awards, winning the title of 'Best Small Hotel in North East England'. This was the third occasion Langley has won the regional award. The hotel was then invited to be one of the three finalists in the national 'England for Excellence' competition. At the award ceremony, on April 18th 2007, Langley Castle Hotel took the Silver award for 'Best Small Hotel in England.

Langley has now been nominated for 'England's Leading Castle Hotel' in the World Travel awards 2007. The awards will be announced at the Sage, Gateshead on October 9th 2007.

Congratulations are due to the hotel manager, Anton Phillips and his team, for achieving such high accolades. It is thanks to their hard work and commitment, along with the encouragement and support of the hotel's owners, Dr Stuart Madnick and

Yvonne Price-Madnick, that has made Langley Castle Hotel so successful.

The local and national publicity such awards attract is good not only for the hotel but for other tourist facilities and businesses in the area.

Langley Castle Hotel already makes an important contribution to the local economy, providing jobs, using local services and attracting tourist into Tynedale and Haydon Bridge.

At the same time as the hotel awards were made, it was also announced that Dr Stuart Madnick had been successful in his efforts to return the title of Baron of Langley to the castle.

Both the Barony and the Castle were seized by the Crown from James Ratcliffe, Earl of Derwentwater, when he was executed at the Tower of London in 1716 because of his support for the Jacobites in the 1715 rebellion. King George 1 assigned these and

other properties to the governors of Greenwich Hospital, a Crown charity.

In 1882, Cadwallader Bates, a local historian and Sheriff of Northumberland, purchased Langley Castle— but not the Barony— from the Crown. And so the title and the castle were separated for the first time in more than 500 years. Cadwallader devoted much of his life up to his death in 1902 to the restoration of the Castle.

On receiving the Barony, Dr Madnick commented; 'Langley has been our 'labour of love'. We have tried to continue the work of Cadwallader Bates to restore Langley to all its past glory. By reuniting it with the Barony, the restoration is truly complete'.

Dr Stuart Madnick, a Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, USA and a high-tech consultant, purchased Langley Castle in 1985.

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**Village Projects.**

A report on the last Parish Plan meeting was given to the council (See page 8)

Riverside Picnic Area

Northumbrian Water have agreed to fund the reinstatement work at the Riverside Picnic Area. The area suffered extensive disruption during the laying of new pipes two years ago. Payment will be made when they have received a written estimate of the costs. Reinstatement work will include levelling the area, removing the damaged picnic table, and reseeding.

The chairman informed the council that the developer of the Foundry Yard was willing to pay £800 as a good will gesture for the loss of the bus shelter and seat during the redevelopment.

Tynedale Council have agreed to repair the damage to the church wall by the road into the riverside.

The owners of the properties adjacent to the short wall near the Co-op are being consulted regarding its repair by the council.

Fastflow are to be requested to reinstate the grassed area at the end of Hordley Acres following completion of their work in the area.

The council was informed that the Flood Warden Scheme was progressing well. At present the team of volunteers are working on a flood action plan. The flood warden scheme will form a vital element of the completed Parish Plan.

Hanging baskets and plants will be Delivered from Tynedale in the near future and will be displayed on the buildings in the main thoroughfares of the village.

Concern was expressed about a dead tree at the entrance stile to the Dene footpath. While the footpath is the responsibility of NCC the tree is the landowners responsibility.

**The next Parish Council Meeting is on May 24th at 7.30pm in Haydon Bridge Community Centre.**

Working with his wife, Yvonne, they have established it as one of the foremost hotels in England. The efforts of the all the Langley Hotel staff have been recognised and acknowledged in a series of recent awards. The most recent of these was on Sunday 22nd April at an informal celebration of the hotel's success in the England for Excellence' competition when Dr Madnick and his wife presented service awards to five of the staff.



Carla Wall, a member of the staff at Langley Castle Hotel, receives a long service award from Mrs Madnick

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