



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

'The impact of this limited structure (at Plankey Mill).....is not considered to adversely affect the special scenic quality of the Area Of Natural Beauty or the appearance of the District's countryside.'
(Tynedale District Council, April 2007.)

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Hello again and welcome to our on line readers of The Haydon News.

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

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

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

Welcome again then to The Haydon News on line, a web site that will build throughout the coming months, including an archive of earlier editions.

In the meantime, we invite you to follow our links to the well established World Of John Martin web site and the developing Visit Haydon Bridge web site. we feel sure that you will enjoy the experience.

Dennis Telford. (Chairman)
Friends of Haydon Bridge.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The clocks may have been put back an hour and the afternoons turn to evenings rather sooner but, from the number of notices we have received for events in the village this month, it's going to be far from gloomy.

From flower arranging at the Methodist Church Hall on the 6th November to a performance by Black Umfolosi at the Community Centre on the 16th November and a double bill on December 1st with the Local Artists' Table Top Arts and Crafts Sale at the Community Centre and St Cuthbert's Church Winter Sale in the Church Hall. Fortunately they don't overlap too much, one starting in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Then on the 14th November there's the display and public consultation on a **Village Design Statement**. Many villages throughout England have produced a Design Statement. In those Districts with a council that encourages public participation in decision making, the Village Design Statements (VDS) have been adopted by the planners as **supplementary planning guidance**. This requires developers to meet the criteria laid down in the VDS when undertaking developments in that village.

If there is sufficient interest shown at the consultation on November 14th and Haydon Bridge does produce a Design Statement it will hopefully be adopted by Tynedale Council and influence future developments in our village.

Oh and don't forget the Cricket Club AGM at the Railway on November 28th and the many other events happening in the village this month but not advertised in the Haydon News

PS. We have many new advertisers this month on page 16

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND ENGLAND



The village of Haydon Bridge nestles in the South Tyne valley
30 miles west of Newcastle and 30 miles east of Carlisle on the main A69 road

The Friends of Haydon Bridge is a voluntary organisation and is responsible for the publication of The Haydon News
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To support the revenue costs and provide capital expenditure for new equipment etc., The Friends of Haydon Bridge rely on donations
If you have enjoyed our on line magazine and would like to make a donation, please email the editors in the first instance

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Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in October 2007

Public participation.

It was pointed out that the seat at the corner of Church St and Strother Close had not yet been replaced. It was removed prior to the construction of Old Foundry Court. The council is to look at the possibility of replacing it.

Surprise was expressed that no member of the parish council was present at the Tynedale Council planning meeting when Tait's Yard development was discussed. The chair said that the parish council is not the planning authority and that the PC had responded to the planning application when it was submitted for consultation.

A local businessman told the council of plans he had to create a play/sports park on land to the east of the village. He went on to say that he would include a cycling & skateboard area if there was support for this. There was concern regarding access and the cost of improving the pavement along the A69 to include a cycle track. He was advised by councillors to approach the Planning Dept at Tynedale with a view to applying for planning permission for such a venture.

A request was made for an additional street light to be erected on the old bridge at the same time as the planned repairs to the structure take place. A councillor said that English Heritage would need to be consulted, as well as a request made to NCC for a street light, as the bridge is a scheduled industrial monument. A complaint was also made about the amount of dog excrement left by dog owners on the bridge.

A loose piece of masonry on the old bridge parapet was reported. Concern was expressed about the number of trip accidents on Church Street since the new paving stones were laid as part of the heritage scheme. It was suggested that the accidents be reported to NCC and a request made for them to carry out a risk assessment.

Parish Council Meeting

8 councillors were present.

Tynedale Council Minutes.

As there was widespread concern about the grouping of parishes in the NCC 'belonging communities' proposals, Tynedale Council are to take another look at the present groupings and consult once more with parish councils over the issue. It was stressed that this was a very important issue as when

Northumberland becomes a unitary authority parish councils and the 'belonging communities' will have greater power over what happens in their areas than at present. A non elected body will represent a group of 'belonging communities' and disburse funding to them to enable the parish councils to carry out their duties and responsibilities.

Highways.

The parish council was informed that the following road repairs are to be carried out by NCC;

Filling of potholes in the lane from West Rattenraw to Pelewell,
Patching areas of the Lowgate road between Snape Farm and Darden Burn.

New signs have been erected at Langley crossroads but unfortunately they block the view of traffic emerging from Langley. A request has been made for their re-siting.

Concern was expressed that speed restrictions have not been introduced on the A69 at the by pass works east of the village. It was reported that there have been two accidents at this point. Northumberland CC have written to Tynedale District Council asking for its priorities for the 2008/9 minor improvements programme. The following requests were made:
Improvements for drivers turning right into the Lowgate road from Haydon Bridge; extension of the 30mph speed limit to the caravan site, Land Ends Road; traffic calming measures in some residential areas of Haydon Bridge.

The PC was informed that a request was being made for funding to be made available in 2009/10 to carry out a study for improvements to Ratcliffe Road following its de-trunking once the by pass is opened. As the bypass is due to open during the early part of that period a study needs to be carried out before then to ensure that work on improvements can go ahead as soon as possible after the road is de-trunked. It is thought that the work will include crossings, parking bays and environment works.

Correspondence.

The council received a letter from NCC informing members that the

annual rent for the Library building was £2,600 and that at present it was held on an annual tenancy. Network Rail did not wish to enter into a longer term leasing arrangement just in case it required the building for its own use at some future date. It was pointed out that funding to improve the library facilities is only available if the building is held on a twenty year lease. It was suggested that Network Rail may consider a longer lease arrangement with a break clause to terminate it should this be required.

Village Projects

The council were informed of a display and public consultation taking place at the Community Centre on Nov 14th to gain the village people's view on possible future developments in the village. It is hoped that if sufficient interest is shown then a Village Design Statement can be produced and adopted by the District Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance. (See announcement on page 11 for further information)

The council was informed that Northern Rail is interested in making improvements to the station car park. This would include resurfacing work and painting of parking bays. However, before any work could begin the council would need to find an alternative site for the re cycling bins. If the work did go ahead and the PC take over the library then Northern Rail would like to place a ticket machine in the library. Tickets for countryside destinations would be available from the machine which would also earn commission for the library/PC.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Mr. D Charlton

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(* also a Tynedale Councillor)

Parish Clerk

Mrs. C McGivern

688020(after 6pm)

As we take our parish magazine into the 21c with our own web site, it seems to me a good time to take a brief look at the development of The Haydon News.

The first Haydon News was published in February 1979 as a free newsletter for all residents in our parish.

In 1979 The Haydon News was, and of course still is, published by the Friends of Haydon Bridge, a group formed as the result of a general lack of confidence in Haydon Parish Council's handling of a particular contentious issue.

Bill Howard was the first chairman of the Friends of Haydon Bridge and in the first issue of the newsletter he provided an introduction to the organisation and the role it would play in the life of the parish.

'An Explanation' by W. Howard 1979

This is the first issue of our newsletter and therefore the first time many of you will have heard of the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'. It is therefore an appropriate time to say something about the need for such an association and our general aims and aspirations.

Firstly may I say that it is not our intention to subvert the functions or responsibilities of the Haydon Parish Council who are, after all, elected by those who care to exercise that right. However, we do feel that we can fill what we believe is a gap in the structure of the community in acting as a receiver of information, opinions and suggestions, providing a forum for discussion and when necessary taking action through the appropriate authorities.

In common with other places, little interest has hitherto been taken in the affairs of the Parish and District Councils and our representatives more often than not have made their decisions, unheard by all but a few. We think it is important that Parish Council matters should be brought to the notice of all residents. We feel that we might help this process by providing a dialogue outside and separate from the formal decision making process.

Bill's comments may be as relevant today as thirty years ago, particularly as a group of councillors and residents are now engaged in writing a Parish Plan that will set guide lines for our parish's development over the next ten years.

Why the 'Friends of Haydon Bridge'?

A member of the first committee, J. Pumphrey, answered the question in our first publication.

The siting of two factories in the station yard, in the middle of the village of Haydon Bridge, has caused a considerable upsurge of feeling throughout the parish against the Parish Council who recommended the grant

of planning permission. Perhaps they did not realise what an eyesore the first factory would be, sited as it is.

Protest meetings followed but even a petition signed by 724 people in the village and presented to the Council failed to stop or delay authorisation of the second factory.

Some members of the "anti-station yard" group decided to form an association to see what could be done, first to find a remedy for the station yard and second to ensure that no such harmful decisions were made in the future.

While there is apparently nothing we can do to change the past, there is something we can do about the future. This is the reason for the formation of the body, as a section of the Community Association, calling itself "Friends of Haydon Bridge".

A prime objective for the Friends of Haydon Bridge was independence from the political process of the day. The Friends' policies were outlined in 1979.

- 1) To show an interest in meetings of the Parish Council.
- 2) To debate and if necessary take action on any matters arising from meetings of the Parish or District Council.
- 3) To ensure that their work is more widely known and appreciated. With this object in view to publish a regular news sheet which would also include other matters of parish interest.
- 4) To strengthen the sense of community within the parish by whatever means possible, seeking to utilise the considerable skills and expertise available in the Parish for the overall benefit of the residents.

The first committee of The Friends of Haydon Bridge, chaired by Bill Howard, comprised:

Mr. Bell; Mr. & Mrs. Carey; Mr. Duncan; Mrs. J. Heslop; Mr. & Mrs. Pumphrey; Mr. E. Swinburne.

The regular news sheet referred to in the 1979 policies of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, has continued as 'The Haydon News', more or less continuously since its formation and represents the main focus of the present day Friends of Haydon Bridge.

What were the issues represented in the first Haydon News in 1979?

They included the factories in the station yard of course; reports of the Parish Council meetings, which have continued as an essential part of the Haydon News today; the parish rate which was 1p in the £; the by pass (to start between 1981 and 83 apparently!)

and plans to provide a gas supply to the village of Haydon Bridge.

Eighteen years later in November 1997, a test issue of the Haydon News was placed on the internet by Stanley (Mitch) Mitchell. Mitch continued to include an edited copy on his personal web site until November 2000.

So what was happening in 1997?

The football club was raising money for their Low Hall Park facility; £726 from an auction at the 'Club and £384 from a quiz.

There was a 'sober' trip to Trinity House with the Methodists and a 'boozy' High School quiz at Ridley Hall.

Quizzes were the fashion in 1997. The Toddlers Group held one in the Church Hall and the Haydon Hotel was a venue every other Sunday.

The 'Parish Council Pickings' reported Martin's Close residents complaining about speeding cars; building work being planned for the Haydon Hotel and the Church clock in bad repair. (Nothing changes!) A commemorative seat for the Spa Well was planned and a funding request towards the football club's all weather pitch was received.

The thirty year dispute as to whether or not Temple Houses was a right of way, was taken to court, but hopes for a village bowling green were described as 'doomed'.

A river theme mural was unveiled at Shaftoe Trust, celebrating the school's 300 year anniversary, while a much younger Haydon Bridge High School was 'examined' and given a clean bill of health.

There have been eleven Editors of your Haydon News since the first edition in February 1979.

- Peter Bradley: January 1979
- Keith Lees: July 1980
- Chris Bulman: September 1981
- Martin Scudamore: December 1981
- Marion Howard: February 1983
- Gina Richardson: February 1991
- Stan Mitchell: February 1995
- Richard Snowdon: September 1999
- Alistair Bowen: July 2004
- Mike Parkin & Dennis Telford: February 2005 to the present.

Equally important are the many advertisers, volunteers, distributors and contributors since 1979, without whose support The Haydon News would not have continued for almost 29 years.

“...memories are made of this...”

I noticed with interest that Len and Molly Hepple of Hexham celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in August of this year. Now as far as I'm aware Len and Molly don't have a close connection with Haydon Bridge, but I can say with some certainty that their activities over the years **have** played a significant part in the lives of many a Haydonian of my generation and younger.

But a word of warning. If sentimentality and personal nostalgia is not your cup of Dandelion and Burdock, perhaps you should give this piece a miss.

For the rest of you:

Smear on the Brylcreem and lace up your brothel creepers. Powder your nose and dust off your dancin' shoes and;
“.....let's go to the hop, let's go to the hop..... All the cats and chicks can get their kicks at the hop....”

While most of the publicity given to Len and Molly's long connection with the Hexham dance club scene concerns their Fandango night spot, it is their earlier venue that will remain forever in my memory. The first floor of a building behind Dentons' newsagents at the top of Battle Hill, accessed by an outside flight of stairs, provided some of my very best nights in an early adolescent life.

Low lighting. Intimate atmosphere. Teenage crushes. Innocent kisses and cuddles – there was even a dance Len and Molly christened 'The Cuddle' that we made sure lived up to its name.
“....a few steps in, a few steps out, go round the best you can. Move on to another lass and her another man.”

Did the dance hall have a name? Not as far as I'm aware. To those on the outside it was probably 'Hepples', but for those who revelled in its friendly surroundings it was quiet simply, Len and Molly's.

No alcohol necessary in those early days. We were intoxicated by music from the groove of a 78 single or 45 E.P. Drugs? Unheard of! I suppose the only artificial stimulants we might have been subjected to, were the 'E' numbers in the hot Blackcurrant or the D&B we sipped at Charlie's on Back Street, where the evening so often started. But no. The truth of the matter is we were high on a dose of reality and loving it.

A single visit to Len and Molly's well over fifty years ago and I was hooked –

line and sinker. From then on there was to be a spare seat at the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema every Saturday night. From Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe and Jean Simmons; to the 'Hexhamshire' lasses with tight fitting blouses tucked into full swirling skirts and petticoats, all pulled tight at the waist with a wide, coloured belt.

And not just on a Saturday night. I mean to say. "If the Catholic girls were allowed to Rock and Roll on a Sunday, why not a Protestant boy!"

My own first records were bought for a few shillings at The Piano Shop in Hallgate, from a quiet unassuming lady and a gentle man who were probably in their element purring over the qualities of a Mason and Hamlin or a Steinway Grand, but seemed to me a most unlikely couple to be handling such raucous offerings as 'Long Tall Sally,' 'Poison Ivy,' And 'Great Balls of Fire.'

I doubt if Mr. and Mrs. Piano Shop ever went near Len and Molly's rock n' roll emporium. But who can tell? Let's be honest here. Who would have guessed that one of **my** early record purchases was Ronnie Hilton's romantic offering, 'A Blossom Fell' ? (That was In spite of the efforts of the Brown brothers, Drew and David, to convert me to Bix Biederbecke, Dave Brubeck and the like. I did meet them part way mind; buying anything Chris Barber that had Lonnie Donegan in the line up! ".....and if you want to ride you've got to ride it like you find it get your ticket at the station on the Rock Island Line.....")

The Piano Shop in Hallgate has long gone, but their records haven't. They're in a wooden shed in my garden, never spun on a turntable now nor ever likely to be. But they are **Me** (circa 1950's) and as yet I've been unable to part with that bit of my life, unmoved by the encouragement to "chuck it out!" from the lady who cleans.

"Take out the papers and the trash, or you don't get no spending cash. Get all that garbage out of sight, or you don't go out Friday night....."

So **My** memories have been shifted from one house to another during our seven moves in fifty years and **My** past has ended up mouldering in a rusty metal cupboard in the garden shed. Is that sad or.....?

And by the way, it will have to remain

there a while longer, as neither of the wheelie bins thrust upon us in 2007, ticks the box for Capitol, Parlophone, Nixa, Pye; brittle shellac resin / vinyl; disc shaped.

Neither the Grey Bin allocated for green rubbish nor the Green Bin allocated for rubbish that isn't green!!

(I wonder if the 'powers that be' had this curious colour coding system in mind when they decided that Tynedale Council could no longer be trusted to administer the district's affairs!)

Anyway. Back to Mr. and Mrs. Hepple. If these short reminiscences were accompanied by a sound track - and you may have guessed that **my** 1950's cannot be truly represented without a sound track - I would be bopping to:
"Saturday nite 'n' aa just got paid.... a'm gonna rock it up and ball tonite."

And jiving to:

"Put yer glad rags on an' join me hun, well have some fun when the clock strikes one,..... we're gonna rock, gonna rock, around the clock tonite....."

Then, in the Bradford Barn dance:

"Someone broke into my heart and stole a beat or two, the finger of suspicion points at....."

My heart skipped that beat with:

"Hey there! You with the stars in your eyes....."

And I'm not kidding pet:

".....only you, and you alone could thrill me like you do, you're my dream come true my one and only you....."

It didn't always work out perfectly of course, Adam Faith knew that.

"Someone else's 'by-bee', someone else's special date....."

Oh dear! In that case:

".....better forget her, her with her nose in the air....."

Half past ten already? I can't believe it!

".....don't forget who's taking you home and in whose arms you're gonna be, darlin' save the last dance for me."

The lights are turned up and the music down. Coats collected from the cloakroom. Tightly belted and buttoned up to the neck. No skimpy strapless tops and short skirts on Battle Hill in those days!

Fumbling over small talk; that came so easily earlier in the high tempo and low lighting on the dance floor.

"....I walked on by her side, just as if I had a right to do, the conversation first was shy but then it turned first class....."

First class indeed!

"Gee it's great after bein' out late walkin' my baby....." hand in hand in the moonlight up the dene – did all the Hexham girls live in Priestlands?

"....she had, mmm, mmm, kisses sweeter than wine; sweeter than wine; sweeter than wine....."

But, "all good things come to an end" as they say; so until next week.

"Let me go-o, let me go-o, let me go lover....." I have to catch the last Charltons' double decker up the valley and, as it negotiates the narrow roads and tight bends via Fourstones and Newbrough back to Haydon Bridge, join in the cacophony of chat re-living the night's experiences of loves won and lost.

".....sweet, sweet, memories you gave-a me. You can't beat, the memories you gave-a me....."

Set the TARDIS in reverse Doctor! I'll be first in the queue for the 1950's. And it will not surprise me if Baz, Cap, David, Eddie, Harry, Jeff, Joe, John and Raymond, and probably a few more Haydonians, are right behind me."

p.s. Let 'Flash' know we are on our way!

*"So thanks for the memory..... (and darling how are you?
And how are all the little dreams that never did come true?
Oh, well, it was swell while it lasted
We did have fun and no harm done...."*

Yes! Thanks for the memories
Len and Molly

p.s.

*We learnt the facts of life on Lennie Hepple's dance room floor,
Where we held the lasses closer than we'd ever dared afore,
But if we tried owt mair, then Molly hoyed us oot the door,
When the man that's in me heed is still sixteen!*

LYRIC COMPETITION

There are **18 different lyrics** or part lyrics mentioned in my reminiscences above. Can you list the title of each song and the singer in order of appearance?

Entries must be handed in to J & M Clarke, Newsagents, by Monday 31st December 2007.

Addressed to: 'Lyrics. Haydon News'.

There is a **£10 prize** for the first correct, or nearest correct, entry drawn.

The editors' decision is final.

Good Luck pop pickers!

CAN OUR READERS HELP?

Tyne and Wear.

September 2007.

Dear Editors,

I am writing to enquire whether any of your readers have information with regard to a 'Walkup House' that existed in Haydon Bridge in the 1850's and 1860's.

My great x 2 grandmother was born there in 1849 to Adam and Margaret Henderson (her name was Margaret too).

By 1871 Adam Henderson and his family lived at the Haydon Bridge railway station where he worked as a porter.

By 1897, Walkup House was re-named 'South View House' but I am unsure whether or not the original building was demolished and South View House built on the site.

Any information on the family and/or the house would be highly appreciated.

With kind appreciation and regards,
Craig Lowther.

September 2007.

Dear Editors,

I wonder if any of your readers can help in our family tree search?

I enclose an old photograph so far we are unable to name.



Could he be Archibald Birkett Crowe who died at Brokenheugh, Haydon Bridge in 1922?

He married Maud Ellen Shipp at Jesmond in 1906.

We should appreciate any help.
Thanking you,

Mrs. E. Backhouse

Please pass any information to the editors and we will forward it to our correspondents.

OUR FIRST WEBSITE CONTACT

Former Haydonian Ian Turnbull has the distinction of being the first correspondent to our new Haydon News web site.

To the Editors,

I thank you for your new web site.

The address was given to me by Jeff Marshall when I called in to see him on my way 'up north'. I find it excellent..

All the best, Ian.

Older readers will remember Ian who lived in Innerhaugh with his brother Edward (who lives at Ryton now), mother Margaret and stepfather Stan Hughes. The family first moved to Haydon Bridge in 1951 and finally left for Prestatyn in 1970, where Stan passed away in 1993 and Margaret more recently in April 2006 aged almost 94.

Ian, who lost his wife Joy in 1983, was in the RAF for 22 years, eventually working as a civilian, until his retirement in 1999.

We wish Ian well and are pleased to hear he is keeping in touch through our web site www.haydon-news.co.uk

BACK ISSUES

Our request last month for back issues of our magazine, to complete the web site archive of previous numbers, was met with a very positive response.

We are grateful to the staff at Haydon Bridge library for making their files of early copies available and especially to Stan (Mitch) Mitchell who has provided his old Haydon News's, collected over the years on behalf of The Friends of Haydon Bridge.

We now have an almost complete collection of 'The Haydon News' from February 1979. Thank you to all who have donated.

The back issues are being archived on www.haydon-news.co.uk

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2007/08

1st November: Bryan Jeffrey.
'Arctic Adventure.'

15th November: Hugh Chalmers.
'Border Forest Trust - Carrifran Wildwood.'

29th November: Aisling Lannin.
'Berwickshire and the North Northumberland Coast European Marine Site.'

13th December: Conrad Dickinson.
'North Pole.'

7.15 p.m.

**In the Methodist Church
every other Tuesday
Coffee/tea and biscuits provided**

All welcome

BYPASS UPDATE

Unless like me you clamber over walls, tear your clothes on barbed wire fences and walk through clarty fields, to get nearer the action, much of the bypass construction work is hidden from view. So this is what you are missing: Work progresses steadily at the west end rail/river crossing, where bearing piles are being installed and excavation is taking place on the north west river bank, the railway pier, the river piers (2) and the south east abutment. From 1st November, strict guidelines will be observed in the river to ensure that the salmon runs are not disturbed. The earthworks forming the cuttings from East Land Ends to the Langley road compound and from Esp Hill Farm to Gee's Wood, are substantially complete with tar having been laid on the stretch east of Esp Hill. Concrete is now being poured for the Langley road bridge supports, although it is likely that the road diversions will have to continue until Easter 2008. Project Manager Andrew Harding tells me that fine tuning of the construction programme means that tying - in at the east and west ends of the bypass will probably be undertaken together in the new year, and over the winter period the contractors will concentrate on the bypass drainage work.

For those able to access The Haydon News on www.haydon-news.co.uk, we hope to add a photographic record of the project shortly.

ST. JOHN'S REVISITED BY PHILIDA WITH FLOWERS



Philida Irving demonstrated the art of building flower arrangements inspired by her love of 'CROSSWORD PUZZLES, FLEMENCO MUSIC & SUNSETS'.



While she worked, Philida related her stories to her experiences and kept the audience of forty ladies highly entertained for two hours. The arrangements were raffled during the afternoon tea in the hall, with eight lucky ladies taking home a beautiful prize. Our thanks to Philida and all who supported this very enjoyable afternoon in aid of the jubilee fund.

Maureen Clarke.

CRICKETING JOY

Our village cricket teams haven't had much success this season, but we can take pleasure from the fine performances of ex Haydonian Neil Clark who plays for Tynedale.

On May 19th at Priors Flat, Neil took his accumulated league runs for Tynedale to 8,146. This puts Neil into third place on the list of all time run scorers for Tynedale Cricket Club. A fantastic achievement.

Congratulations Neil.



Neil Clark in action for Tynedale

Photograph published by kind permission of The Hexham Courant

HAYDON BRIDGE FLOOD GROUP

Aims

To increase awareness in the local community of the risk of flooding in Haydon Bridge and to endeavour to ensure that residents are better prepared to deal with any future flood event.

Objectives

To prepare a Local Flood Plan and Advice Leaflet to be delivered to residents at risk of flooding in Haydon Bridge.

To distribute Environment Agency fridge magnets containing emergency information to residents at risk of flooding in Haydon Bridge.

To produce a newsletter detailing the groups aims and objectives for inclusion in the Haydon news.

To join and actively participate in the National Flood Forum.

To identify vulnerable residents in Haydon Bridge and those who may need special assistance in the event of a flood.

To identify a local site for the storage of flood defence equipment e.g. sandbags, and to obtain flood defence equipment.

To investigate the possibility of buying flood defence equipment e.g. barriers, in bulk for local residents.

To organise a public event to demonstrate the effective use of sandbags and other flood defence techniques.

Shortly, a leaflet will be distributed throughout the village giving details of the group and contacts numbers of key personnel.

The response to two national news items with local interest has one of your editors confused.

As rumours of a financial disaster spread from the great northern house in Gosforth, queues began to form outside the branches of our famed institution. To calm the storming depositors our pecuniary protectors returned from their summer sojourns to declare. "Fear not. Your life savings are safe in our parliamentary hands." On the following morn the population arose as one and the queues grew and grew and grew and

On the very day those busy bodies who believe they know what is best for us inform me that my fifty years close association with John Barleycorn will be the death of me. And the boozy middle classes are warned to restrict the crushed grape to a few small glasses (sorry, units) each week. Shares in Scottish and Newcastle Breweries rocket sharply north by 119p.

Explanations to Dennis Telford please

Oh dear! What have They done to my beloved Plankey, and Allen Gorge?

From a magical suspension bridge (or 'swing bridge' as it has always been known to me) that fitted almost perfectly into the wonderful landscape of the Allen Gorge and was a joy and thrill to young and old alike; to a ghastly incongruous galvanised structure that is an eyesore in this beautiful place which attracts around 27,000 visitors each year to enjoy its (until now) undisputed character and picturesque delights.



During the floods of autumn 2005, debris was carried downstream, collided with the suspension bridge and damaged the parapet making it unsafe for public use. As a consequence, the bridge at Plankey Mill was closed to the public. Responsibility for maintenance of this public right of way, and therefore the bridge, lies with Northumberland County Council and during a survey of the flood damage, additional defects to the structure were uncovered which, if left unattended, could have resulted in the bridge collapsing without any warning. Understandably, the bridge and footpath had to remain closed until a solution could be found.

A specification for the repair of the bridge was prepared and the total cost was estimated to be in the region of £161,000.

In the light of the estimate for the repairs to the suspension bridge, it was 'deemed appropriate' by the County Council 'to investigate other possible options for crossing the river' on the footpath at Plankey Mill.

During the summer of 2006, path user groups, the Northumberland Local Access Forum, land owners, and other 'interested parties' were consulted to gauge their views on the repair or replacement of the bridge. The Northumberland County Council Area Committee for Tynedale offered

three options to the interested parties.

1. Re-erect a similar suspension type bridge at the existing crossing point.

A similar suspension bridge would have retained the character of the old bridge, which of course has been a loved and unique attraction over the River Allen at Plankey Mill for many years. However, in the words of the 'Northumberland Access and Recreation Manager' Mike Jeffery: ".....the bridge in its current form undoubtedly represents a challenge to those of a nervous disposition and to some less able users who may be deterred from using it by the lack of a rigid handrail and the sway and spring on the deck of the bridge."

2. Erect a conventional rigid footbridge close to the point of the existing crossing.

A rigid footbridge was recommended as providing, '...a lower maintenance structure that would be accessible to a wider cross section of path users, including some less able who may be nervous of using a suspension bridge'.

3. Provide stepping stones.

Stepping stones were deemed, unanimously, to be inappropriate.

So who is responsible for what, in my opinion, is a sad failure to recognise the unique character and heritage of Plankey Mill?

We are told in the official report that: '.... most consultees accept that budget constraints may need to be the deciding factor and were hence happy to accept either type of bridge.'

(If this is true, then I suggest that 'most consultees' - but not the rest of us - got what they deserved. Second rate!)

The Parish Council - Bardon Mill I believe - was in favour of a replacement rigid bridge.

The Ramblers Association generally favoured the idea of a rigid bridge. Tynedale Council is of the remarkable opinion that the rigid structure 'does not affect the special scenic quality of the Area Of Natural Beauty'.

The National Trust, whose staff are almost certainly the experts when it comes to planning and operating in the Allen Gorge, indicated a firm preference for the suspension bridge (to retain the character of the area).

Maybe I have yet to mention the most significant paragraphs in the County Council's report. I could be wrong of course, but here goes!

- 'Insufficient funds currently exist within the Council's public rights of way revenue budget.... Additional funding will therefore need to be identified from within the Council's capital or revenue programme if the bridge is to be repaired or replaced.'

- 'The footbridge at Otterburn was closed in the mid 1900's.... Since that time the Council has been endeavouring to find the funds necessary to replace the bridge.'

- 'After further investigation of options for the construction of the **two bridges**, a contractor has now been identified and appointed to construct **both** footbridges **at a significantly lower cost than previously estimated.**'

So there you have it!

A boring river crossing, compared to the earlier suspension bridge that provided Plankey Mill with much of its character. In my opinion, if not that of Tynedale Council apparently, it certainly isn't interesting nor pleasing to the eye, and neither I suspect will it wholly satisfy the minority groups' lobby, with its awkward steps onto the deck. In other words, neither one thing nor the other.

But perhaps most importantly, for Northumberland County Council, they may have got **two for the price of one**; and I can't help thinking that this probably says a great deal about the way we are treated in the west of the county when it comes to funding!

But I will try not be too despondent.

Plankey Mill may have lost its 'magical swing bridge', but a precarious ensemble of wires and wood still swings to and fro downstream as a memorial to Susan Davidson, who lived at Ridley Hall until her death in 1877 and fashioned the area that has given us so much pleasure. My children and grandchildren, and yours, can continue to be enchanted there, and trust that the eminently sensible National Trust will ensure that this bridge over the River Allen remains for ever.



BOOK REVIEW

**LONDON LIGHTS
THE MINDS THAT MOVED THE
CITY THAT SHOOK THE WORLD**

James Hamilton
Published by John Murray 2007
ISBN 978-0-7195-6639-4
Hardback £25 Paperback £13.99

“So why is there a book about London appearing in the ‘Haydon News’?” You ask.

Well the first clue is in the period covered, 1805-51. This is arguably the most fascinating 46 years seen in the advancement of science, medicine, technology, finance, art, literature, political and social reform not only in London but Europe and the rest of the world. It is the time from Nelson’s death to the Great Exhibition.

James Hamilton’s book looks at the entrepreneurs who came to the capital to put this in motion.

Hamilton is currently University Curator and Honorary Reader in History of Art at the University of Birmingham. His previous, very readable, books of the era have been biographies of J.M.W. Turner, the artist and Michael Faraday the chemist/engineer.

These famous innovators are joined in this volume by the likes of Charles Babbage, who developed the first computers, Henry Maudsley the engineer and steam engine builder, Charles Wheatstone, scientist (and inventor of the concertina), Marc and Isambard Brunel pulley block makers,

shipbuilders, tunnellers and railway developers, Joseph Bramah engineer and inventor of the unpickable lock, Charles Green, balloonist, John Soane Architect and Egyptologist, Charles and John Landseer painters and engravers, William Herschel, astronomer, Ada Lovelace, mathematician and so many others.

All of these famous names were in some way connected or influenced by another man of vision and hence the second clue to the connection to Haydon Bridge. This was, of course, John Martin (1789-1854), the ‘most popular artist of his time’ coming from the humblest of beginnings at the village’s East Land Ends cottage.

The book puts into context the contribution of these renowned names and their relevance to the development of London as the world’s leading city, even above Paris the arch contender.

The city was not without its problems of massive pollution from coal burning, fire, foul stench and waves of murderous cholera plagues caused by impure water. Throughout the book, Martin’s name recurs regularly in connection with not only art but engineering, lithography, social networking and the development of new institutions.....particularly in alternative exhibition venues to the Royal Academy of which he was never a member and loathed.

He even has his own dedicated chapter ‘John Martin and the Watering of London’ devoted to his visionary, but unadopted, schemes to clean up London and build a city worthy of its creative citizens.

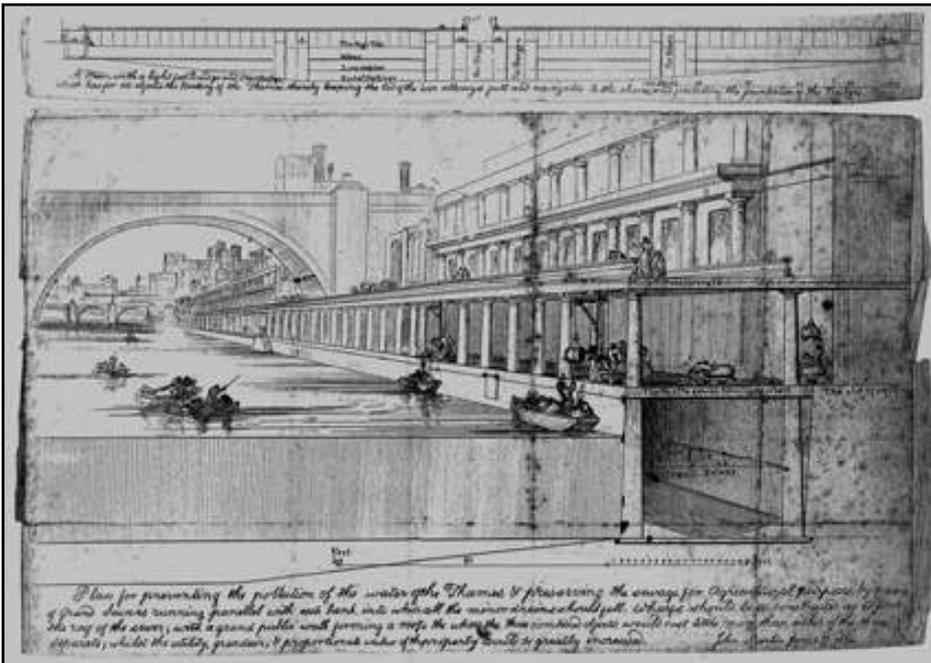
The vast classical architecture in his paintings would be echoed in these developments. Promotion of the schemes nearly lead to his personal bankruptcy but were later partially adopted in Joseph Bazalgette’s London sewer reconstruction projects.

Martin also had schemes for a circular railway system for the Metropolis and for the reclamation of sewage for agricultural purposes.

This book is essential reading for anyone who is interested in the development of Science and Technology from these early ‘sparks’ in Regency/Victorian Great Britain. There are excellent sections on the early photographers, city architecture and ‘The Circuits that Illuminated London’ in particular. There is even a *Dramatis Personae* to allow you to keep track of the characters as they progress.

It is also a record of social advancement and echoes **our own John Martin’s amazing contribution and influence in establishing the city and institutions we still have today.**

Henry Swaddle



John Martin’s Plan for Prevention of Pollution of the Thames 1834

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH
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FLOWER DEMONSTRATION
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THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Will be held in the
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EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

ITS NOVEMBER...
START SHOPPING!

Brakes please

Several times each year, including at the health centre, I come across cars parked at a jaunty angle, or parked amongst another car, or parked in a hedge or fence and sometimes frankly free-ranging.

The plain uncompromising truth is that handbrakes on any car cannot and must not be relied upon - ever. When parking any car with a manual gearbox (that's one with three pedals (go, stop and clutch) – for the non-technical) it is absolutely vital to BOTH apply the handbrake fully and leave the car in first or reverse gear.

Cars with automatic gearboxes (the kind with only two pedals – go and stop) must be left in 'P' or park. This locks the gearbox solid and the car cannot move at all. When stopped, for example at lights, and the pause is going to be more than a few seconds, it is always worth slipping an automatic gearbox into 'P' – it saves wear and tear on the innards of the gearbox and removes the risk of the car creeping forward if the pressure on the footbrake is eased unintentionally – as in turning to talk to those on the back seat.

Another brake related point: Almost all cars these days have anti-lock brakes, also sometimes called ABS. This system prevents the wheels locking and skidding when the force being applied to the brake pedal exceeds the wheel's grip on the road. Numerous lives have been saved by this technology.

Even more lives could be saved by ABS if people understood what it does and how to use it. There are many recorded instances of cars with properly functioning ABS brakes driving in a perfectly straight line into the car in front. The purpose of ABS brakes is NOT to ensure fault-free stopping, it is to allow a driver in a panic stop situation to both brake AND steer at the same time. You may not be able to stop in time but your chances of steering around the problem are increased. So, the next time this happens to you, don't freeze with your foot hard on the brake but steer out of trouble or at least into something less unyielding than the HGV in front.

ALWAYS WEAR A SEAT BELT!!!

Wry neck

Several times each year people attend the health centre with their heads held at a peculiar angle and wincing with every movement.

Usually, they were simply turning their heads or reaching for something when a sudden devastating pain shot through their necks and they remained stuck fast in that position. Any movement bringing on more unbearable pain.

This is a condition called wry neck or torticollis, if you want the posh version.

Though the agony is dreadful, the condition is very short-lived. Painkillers, warmth, massage and relaxation will usually bring relief in a few hours or a couple of days.

Advertising

In a number of countries, for example New Zealand, drug companies are allowed to advertise their 'prescription-only' products direct to the public. This is a tad controversial, to put it mildly. Doctors are often accused of being too easily swayed by drug advertising and we are supposed to know about these things. Do you feel that you could properly evaluate the information provided and be able to pick the best product from several on offer?

If Mega-Pills Inc. tells you that their new product 'Stupendopol' is the greatest breakthrough since lunchtime are you going to go through all the product information and comparative trials to see if they are telling the truth?

If Dr. Mutterbucket, of Sunday newspaper fame, assures you that 'Fabulostatin' is well worth the extra billions that it is going to cost the NHS and that you'd be a fool to be fobbed off by your GP's 'Cheapostatin', are you going to know where to look for confirmation? If the good Dr. Mutterbucket tells you that the vague malaise and pain in the little toe, that you are bound to get with 'Cheapostatin', is the first sign of catastrophic illness bought on by the penny-pinching NHS bureaucrats (can three readers from Bogmouth-on-Sea all be wrong?) - who is kidding whom and why? Just how well-lunched was

Dr. Mutterbucket when his plutocrat newspaper proprietor twisted his arm up his back as he typed his column?

Isn't free market capitalism wonderful!

Strange but true.

In a recent study in northern England, reported in The European Journal of Cancer, patients living near their health centre got a quicker diagnosis of cancer of breast and bowel. Those who live farther away are more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage of the disease.

The probability of detecting cancer at a late stage increased by about 1% for every minute of car travel time between the patient's home and their health centre. Pays to shop locally apparently.

Magnets

Adverts for magnets for pain relief, amongst other things, can be found in many popular magazines.

The Canadian Medical Association Journal has published a study of the use of magnets for pain relief. 29 separate trials were grouped together for the study. There is no evidence that magnets relieve pain.

Free market capitalism is heavily reliant on people's uncritical acceptance of unsubstantiated claims for its continued success. *Caveat emptor – let the buyer beware!*

Date rape

In past editions of the Haydon News I have highlighted the risks, especially to women, of having their drinks spiked.

Every year we come across a handful of severely distressed people who have been raped whilst under the influence of drugs.

These things happen in Tynedale, not just in foreign holiday destinations.

Be very careful.

If it has happened to you or you think it may have done then get seen immediately – either at the health centre or, preferably, by the police doctor. There's loads of support available, your health can be protected and the DNA he leaves behind can nail the guilty party.

A 'party' in a brewery

There is an enormous amount happening

with healthcare locally at present. Keeping eyes and ears open will reveal some startling things. It's rare for well over two hundred GPs to turn up to a meeting but it has happened a couple of weeks ago because of all that is happening.

The Care Trust (aka Head Office) has a created a large deficit – allegedly of the order of £5million from a budget of about £500million – these are simple round figures only. A 1% deficit.

General practice is being asked to take a cut in funding of between 15 and 20% in the coming years. This will lead to cuts in personnel and services.

There's an excellent local expression for just this situation – 'There's a rabbit away!'

It is far from clear how this is all going to be resolved – watch this space.

Furthermore, a major shake-up in district nursing has been dropped on us without consultation. Established teams are being broken up and nurses sent hither and thither all over the place.

And finally...

Some recording from air traffic control – said to be genuine.

Tower:

"Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702:

"Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower:

"Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

BR Continental 635:

Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger, and yes, we copied Eastern, we've already notified our caterers

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed.

The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

While taxiing at London 's Gatwick Airport, the crew of a US Air flight

departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"

Steve Ford

HAYDON BRIDGE PARISH PLAN.

THERE WILL BE FURTHER HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN HAYDON BRIDGE DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

DO YOU WANT TO INFLUENCE PLANNING DECISIONS ON FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR VILLAGE?

IF YOU DO, THEN YOU'LL WANT TO SUPPORT A VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN.

COME TO THE DISPLAY AND CONSULTATION SESSIONS at

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

**Wednesday, 14th November between 9.00am - 12noon or
4.00pm—8.00pm**

Have a look at the Village Design Statements produced by other villages in England. We can do the same.

If you have any photographs of village scenes, buildings or views around Haydon Bridge that you particularly like please bring them to the display to share with others.

If you cannot get to the display but wish to make your views known please note them down and send them to us c/o The Editors, Haydon News at the address on Page 2 or via J. & M. Clarke newsgents.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle

There must be more. There must be more to life than the daily round as we know it. And there is. There is immersion. There is immersion into life just as we know it and becoming ever more fully alive. Take a leaf from the Prophet Naaman's book.

Experience the refinement that follows immersion. There is cleansing and rejuvenation. These things do not take vitamin pills but rather a heeding and a listening. We listen to the word of the Prophet who knows about life and the larger life. The Prophet says, "Get a life!" And to get a life immerse yourself in life and experience healing and wholeness, rejuvenation and maturation, wider horizons and depth.

It is in the immersion of everyday experience that we meet him. It is on the way and while we travel that we meet the risen Lord. Like us, Jesus is on the way to the New Jerusalem, the Kingdom. And for this encounter with Jesus to be significant and meaningful we have to stop and stand and call and greet. "Jesus! Master! Take pity!" In other words we acknowledge the Master and the Lord of life. We say, "Do something about our condition of want and need, incompleteness and emptiness. We **are** but poor mortals. Make us immortal, life-filled and Spirit-filled."

And Jesus says to us, "Go. Go for it. Go for the fullness of life. Do not settle for a half life in the shadows!" And the going is the healing. And the going is the cleansing, the maturing, the divining and the deifying of us, making us one with our God.

**NOVEMBER
2007**



WHO AND WHERE

The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge

Rev Judith Hampson,
with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
The Vicarage, Station Yard
Tel. 01434 684307

Rev Les Hann,
with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank
Tel. 01434 684265

Realizing what is happening to us in our lives we go back, we go back to our roots. We let go and let God be the be all and end all of our lives. We clear our minds of the monopoly exercised by our ideas and our hearts of the slavery to our emotions. The new consciousness dawns and we are free at last, free to be our true selves and free to be all we are meant to be and want to be. We live in conscious loving union with God and man. Now this is salvation, what we call heaven, and it is heaven all the way to heaven.

Leo Pyle

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

4 November

10.00 am Morning Worship
Stan Rowntree
6.00pm Communion
Les Hann

11 November

10.15am Remembrance at Saint
Cuthbert's
11 am War Memorial

6.00pm Evening Service
S Carrick

18 November

10.00am Morning Worship
Les Hann
6.00 pm Evening Service
Caddy

25 November

10.00am Morning Worship
Eavis
6.00 pm Evening Service
Henry Ford

2 December

10.00am Morning Worship
J Wall
6.00 pm Holy Communion
David Flavell

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

4 November

Beltingham
10 am BCP Communion

11 November

Henshaw
10 am Remembrance
11 am War Memorial

18 November

Beltingham
10.00am Morning Prayer

25 November

Henshaw
10.00am Joint Service

2 December

Henshaw
10 am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

6 January

4pm Epiphany Service

**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**

4 November

10.30am All Age Service

11 November

8 am BCP Communion
10.15am Remembrance
11 am War Memorial

18 November

10.30 Communion

25 November

10 am Service at Henshaw

2 December

10.30 am All Age

All Souls' Service Friday 2nd November
6.30 pm at All Hallows', Henshaw
7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge
A quiet service of contemplation where we remember our loved ones.
Books of Remembrance will be dedicated at these services

WINTER FAIR AT HAYDON BRIDGE
SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER STARTING AT 2 PM
Saint Cuthbert's Church Hall
Grand Raffle, Stalls, Cake Stall, Refreshments
Put the date in your diary and come to buy.

(Parish Council Notes. From page 3)

Site Allocations

The council have not yet responded to the Site Allocations document regarding suggested sites for development in Haydon Parish. It was proposed that the council wait until The Village Design Statement is underway before responding to Tynedale Council as it will then have a better understanding of people's views on future development in the village.

Other Business

The dog bin situated near the Showfield is to be replaced. It is thought that the costs will be met by CVC Highway Solutions.

Following a meeting with Northumbrian Water regarding the problem of drains overflowing at the bottom of the North Bank, the council was told that every time there is a problem with overflowing drains then members of the public must report it to Northumbrian Water. Only if this happens will anything be done about the problem. If people don't report problems then it is assumed that the problem has been resolved.

The council received a letter from the head teacher of the High School apologising for the litter problem caused by some of the High School students. He did point out that most students were environmentally aware and acted accordingly. A school governor told the council that fewer children now stay at school for dinner and that if the school receives a letter from parents requesting permission for their child to be allowed off school premises at lunchtime then the school has to comply with the request and issue a permit.

The seat at the war memorial has not yet been repaired but the council have been assured that the work will be completed by Remembrance Day.

There will be no Christmas light decorations in the village this year but prices are being sought for transformer boxes to be attached to the lamp posts so that next year individual decorative light displays can be fixed to some of the posts.

It was noted that the cemetery grass had not been cut for three weeks, although the weather has been dry. A final warning is to be issued to the person employed to cut the grass. The small stone wall near the Co-op shop is to be repaired in the near future.

A sponsored run has raised £463 towards the cost of a grave stone to mark 'Stan the Pole's grave. (See letter in last month's HN). A request was made for the council to waive the fee for the erection of the stone. This was turned down as it was felt it would set a precedent.

In reply to a query the council was informed that a donation of £35 per year is made to Tynedale Sports Council .

The council was asked if it had been consulted about the replacement of the suspension bridge at Plankey Mill as it was reported that the views of Bardon Mill PC had been sought. The council was told that the Haydon Parish boundary, which follows the River

Allen from Ridley railway bridge, turns to follow the foot of the hill at the back of Plankey Mill and only rejoins the river beyond the fields. Plankey is in Bardon Mill Parish!

Next meeting Nov 22nd at 7.30pm

MP

COMPANION REQUIRED

by woman 40s
with varied interests
i.e. Arts, Crafts, Family history.

Prefer non smoker.
References essential

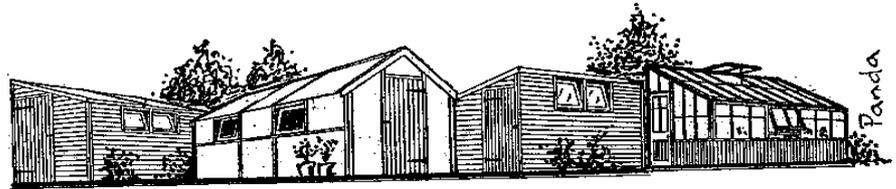
All expenses paid.

Email: elizamtemple@hotmail.com

THANKS

I wish to thank the many people who have sent me cards and best wishes following my fall. I am pleased to say that I am now on the mend and I'm very grateful for kindness and consideration people have shown.

Thank you all
Iris Waugh



California Gardens proves to be ideal model for Affordable Housing development.

For those
Christmas
presents with a
difference

**HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS'
TABLE TOP ART AND CRAFTS
SALE.**

at

**HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY, 1ST DECEMBER. 10.00am-3.00pm**

Light
refreshments
and soup
available.

RAFFLE

PEOPLE WISHING TO SELL ITEMS AT THE SALE SHOULD CONTACT BARBARA WARDLE ON 688 886 TO BOOK A TABLE .

BROADBAND CORNER

An occasional column that brings you news and views from the internet that you may have missed
Contributions for this column from our readers are welcome

This item appeared in Personneltoday.com

"Trafalgar Updated"

Nelson: "Order the signal, Hardy."

Hardy: "Aye, aye sir."

Nelson: "Hold on, that's not what I dictated to Flagg. What's the meaning of this?"

Hardy: "Sorry sir?"

Nelson (reading aloud): "England expects every person to do his or her duty, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious persuasion or disability." - What gobbledeygook is this?"

Hardy: "Admiralty policy, I'm afraid, sir. We're an equal opportunities employer now. We had the devil's own job getting 'England' past the censors, lest it be considered racist."

Nelson: "Gadzooks, Hardy. Hand me my pipe and tobacco."

Hardy: "Sorry sir. All naval vessels have now been designated smoke-free working environments."

Nelson: "In that case, break open the rum ration. Let us splice the mainbrace to steel the men before battle."

Hardy: "The rum ration has been abolished, Admiral. It's part of the government's policy on binge drinking."

Nelson: "Good heavens, Hardy. I suppose we'd better get on with it..... full speed ahead."

Hardy: "I think you'll find that there's a four knot speed limit in this stretch of water."

Nelson: "Damn it man! We are on the eve of the greatest sea battle in history. We must advance with all dispatch. Report from the crow's nest please."

Hardy: "That won't be possible, sir."

Nelson: "What?"

Hardy: "Health and Safety have closed the crow's nest, sir. No harness; and they said that rope ladders don't meet regulations. They won't let anyone up there until a proper scaffolding can be erected."

Nelson: "Then get me the ship's carpenter without delay, Hardy."

Hardy: "He's busy knocking up a wheelchair access to the foredeck Admiral."

Nelson: "Wheelchair access? I've never heard anything so absurd."

Hardy: "Health and safety again, sir. We have to provide a barrier-free environment for the differently abled."

Nelson: "Differently abled? I've only one arm and one eye and I refuse even to hear mention of the word. I didn't rise to the rank of admiral by playing the disability card."

Hardy: "Actually, sir, you did. The Royal Navy is under represented in the areas of visual impairment and limb deficiency."

Nelson: "Whatever next? Give me full sail. The salt spray beckons."

Hardy: "A couple of problems there too, sir. Health and safety won't let the crew up the rigging without hard hats. And they don't want anyone breathing in too much salt - haven't you seen the adverts?"

Nelson: "I've never heard such infamy. Break out the cannon and tell the men to stand by to engage the enemy."

Hardy: "The men are a bit worried about shooting at anyone, Admiral."

Nelson: "What? This is mutiny!"

Hardy: "It's not that, sir. It's just that they're afraid of being charged with murder if they actually kill anyone. There's a couple of legal-aid lawyers on board, watching everyone like hawks."

Nelson: "Then how are we to sink the Frenchies and the Spanish?"

Hardy: "Actually, sir, we're not."

Nelson: "We're not?"

Hardy: "No, sir. The French and the Spanish are our European partners now. According to the Common Fisheries Policy, we shouldn't even be in this stretch of water. We could get hit with a claim for compensation."

Nelson: "But you must hate a Frenchman as you hate the devil."

Hardy: "I wouldn't let the ship's diversity co-ordinator hear you saying that sir. You'll be up on disciplinary report."

Nelson: "You must consider every man an enemy, who speaks ill of your King."

Hardy: "Not any more, sir. We must be inclusive in this multicultural age. Now put on your Kevlar vest; it's the rules. It could save your life"

Nelson: "Don't tell me - health and safety. Whatever happened to rum, sodomy and the lash?"

Hardy: "As I explained, sir, rum is off the menu! And there's a ban on corporal punishment."

Nelson: "What about sodomy?"

Hardy: "I believe it's to be encouraged, sir."

Nelson: "In that case..... kiss me, Hardy!"

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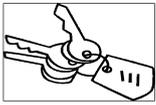
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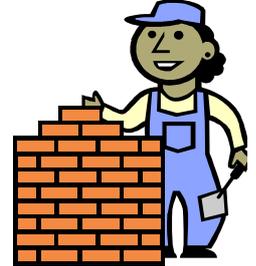
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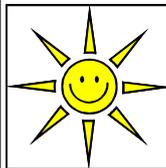
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