



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



John Alder and John Kirkup prepare for the Cricket Club Duck Race (see page 7)

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As you know, The Haydon News is not published in September. We haven't been idle since we last met however and our parish magazine can now be read on the World Wide Web!

The impetus for this move into the 'technological age' was generated in 'Broadband Corner' at the Railway Hotel, when Ian Foster raised the question: "Why is The Haydon News not on the internet?"

Ian firmly rebuffed excuses like: "It would take forever to re-write The Haydon News for the internet." And. "Anyway, the computer language 'html' is a complete mystery to your editors."

"You don't need to re-write The Haydon News in html. You could publish it as a pdf. (Portable Document Format apparently.) In fact, if you come round on Saturday afternoon I'll show you how to do it."

"Oh! No excuses now then!"

Much has happened since that evening; most importantly the offer of help from Haydon Bridge's expert web constructor Henry Swaddle.

In designing the Haydon News web site, we have chosen to maintain the format already successfully developed by Henry for www.visit-haydon-bridge.co.uk and his well established World of John Martin site www.wojm.org.uk, both these sites can be accessed via links from www.haydon-news.co.uk.

Regular readers of The Haydon News who are able to visit our parish magazine on-line, will notice one or two differences from the delivered copy; notably that the photographs are in colour. These coloured images will allow a much greater scope for special features on the web site.

Page 2 of The Haydon News is also different on the web site. It is there that we will find room for information provided specifically for on-line readers.

The August 2007 issue of The Haydon News has been on-line for a month now as an experimental **CURRENT ISSUE** but there is still much to do to fully develop the site, so don't be too disappointed if on your first visit to

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you are unable to access all the links immediately – the rest of the content will be prepared and uploaded eventually.

Where we have been able to make considerable progress is in the **BACK ISSUES** section.

By the time this October Haydon News is published, back issues of the magazine should be available from 1998. We are grateful to The Friends of Haydon Bridge committee member Storey Hall for his help in converting our early hard copy editions into pdf documents.

By the way, if you don't have a pdf reader you can download one to your computer, free from the web site.

Our thanks are also due to former editor Richard Snowdon for his 'back issues', and to Eileen Charlton who has provided almost 100 early Haydon News' to add to the web site archive.

We are still searching for full year's editions or single copies of The Haydon News, from the first issue in January 1979 through to the 1990's. Can you help us in our search?

Finally, The Haydon News on-line will reach many more potential readers than previously and this **may** be something our contributors and advertisers wish to take into account

when providing copy. If you envisage any problems in this regard, please contact the editors.

(At the moment, to ensure the information on-line is up to date, most advertisements will only appear through the **CURRENT ISSUE** link and will be deleted from more recent back issues before they are uploaded.)

We hope a world wide circulation of The Haydon News will encourage those with a connection to our parish, to keep in touch; both by reading and contributing to the parish magazine.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

What are 'belonging communities'? This is a title given by Northumberland County Council to towns and villages it has grouped together to help administrators identify local service provision and future needs. This does of course mean that it will have funding implications for the development or otherwise of the places within the groupings.

It is some time ago that Northumberland undertook this exercise and sent its proposals out to local councils for consultation. It either wasn't made clear at the time, or our parish council just failed to recognise the importance to the future of Haydon of the 'belonging community' into which the village was grouped. As it is we were grouped with Corbridge and Hexham into the 'Hexham Belonging Community'. I don't know what criteria were used when the officers of NCC made their 'grouping decisions', but even as an 'incomer' I don't feel any sense of belonging to a community centred on Hexham. Do you?

The parish council, in asking for a reconsideration of the grouping have suggested Haydon be grouped with Allendale.

While Allendale always seems a bit 'over the hill and far away', I recognise that like Haydon its history and development is based in the rural economy and mining industry and that people whose lives have been spent in either place would have much in common. The parish council in their discussion recognised the present educational and medical services links. Perhaps for the future of both places a 'belonging community' of Allendale and Haydon is the better option. MP.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

**The Haydon Bridge Nature Club's
winter programme of talks
is now underway
for 2007/08.**

Every other Tuesday at 7.15 p.m. In the Methodist Church.

4th October: John O'Reilly. 'Hay Time Project.'

18th October: Paul Austen. 'Aspects of the Roman Wall.'

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

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in September 2007

Presentation on Affordable Housing.

Vicki Law, the house enabling officer from Tynedale Council gave a brief talk on the need for 'affordable housing' in Haydon Bridge. She explained that Tynedale has the highest average house prices in the region but also people with some of the lowest average incomes. She said that the need for social housing in the village, 100 housing units over the next five years, was well beyond what they would be allowed to build. 237 people/families on the housing list, had requested accommodation in Haydon Bridge but only 34 of these had a local connection. Concerns were raised about the ability of the sewerage system to cope with further large developments in the village. The point was also made that large developments would damage the rural aspect of Haydon Bridge. It was stated that the Showfield could only be used for social housing as it is a 'greenfield site', but it was pointed out that access to this area from the village centre via Shaftoe St presented problems and also that the site was some distance from amenities, e.g. bus and rail services, shops etc.

The council asked for an in depth survey of housing need in Haydon Bridge.

Public participation.

A large number of young people were present to ask about progress made on their request for a cycle/skate board area. They were informed that £6000 had been raised by a group making a similar request some years ago and that this would be available to them, if they could produce a viable plan. It was also pointed out that money was available from the contribution made by the Innerhaugh developers for sports facilities in the village and that the local county councillor also had some funds he could direct to a suitable scheme.

A dispute over access to the north bank of the riverside, between the bridge and Brigwood, was raised by four members of the public. As with a previous access dispute brought to the council earlier in the year, the chair said that the parish council would remain impartial. The county councillor present asked those raising the issue to write to him and he would pursue the matter.

The general state of the cemetery was once again raised and the public told that the council had taken action to improve the situation.

Council meeting.

5 councillors were present, 6 having sent in their apologies.

Highways.

The poor state of repair of the Pelewell to West Rattenraw lane and the Lowgate road between Snape Farm and the Elrington turning were reported along with the potholes appearing in the Land Ends Road near Land Ends Farm. NCC Highways Dept is to be informed.

The problem of mud on the Alston road at Esp Hill is to be brought to the attention of the by pass construction team.

Planning

The planned conversion of the old stables at Haydon Lodge to music rooms for the High School was turned down by Tynedale Planning Committee as no bat survey had been carried out. Following a survey the plans have been re submitted. The parish council objected to the plans again as the objections it raised previously had not been resolved in the re- submitted plans.

Correspondence.

power is to impose a charge of £185.65 for administration on the bill for lighting the church clock. The charge for electricity is £28 approx. As another parish council experiencing a similar problem is to have the admin charge paid by NCC the clerk is to write to the county council to request that the charge imposed on Haydon Council is treated in a similar manner.

Following a letter from Tynedale Council stating that the dog bin near the Showfield is not being emptied as it has been damaged by the by pass contractors the parish council agreed to pay for its replacement. Compensation may be sought from the contractors to cover the costs.

Village Projects

Christmas lights.

Due to organisational difficulties it is doubtful whether there will be

Christmas lights on Church Street this year.

Other business.

There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of litter in the village particularly in the Church Street area since the return of the High School students after the summer break. A letter is to be sent to the school to alert them to the problem.

Belonging Communities.

For the purpose of identifying local need, the provision of services (public and private) and future investment in infrastructure and regeneration Initiatives, Northumberland has been divided into areas known as 'Belonging communities'. In our area these are; Haltwhistle (parishes from the Cumbrian border to Bardon Mill); Mid Tynedale (Bellingham, Humshaugh etc); Allendale (the Allen Valleys) and Hexham (including Corbridge and Haydon Bridge).

Concern was expressed by councillors at the grouping of Haydon Bridge with Hexham. Not only was it expressed that there is no special link between Haydon Bridge and Hexham but it was also felt that in future strategic planning, particularly when Northumberland becomes a unitary authority, Haydon Bridge would lose out to the other two towns in the group. The future of the High School was given as an example as well as provision of other services.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Mr. D Charlton
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**THE RAID ON HAYDON BRIDGE
OCTOBER 1587**

**Long ago in days of dark deeds,
Its waters ran red with the blood
Of the brave young men from
Haydon,
Who fought the foe their heads
unbowed.
From Borderlands they came and
stormed us,
Kinmont Willie and his clan,
But they met their match in Tynedale,
From Haydon men those Armstrongs
ran.**

*A single verse from my song,
'The Langley Burn'.*

Who knows? I may have flattered the Haydonians of the time, as there is no indication in the Calendar of Border Papers that 420 years ago this month the raiders 'met their match' turned tail and galloped with great haste back to Liddlesdale and the like.

Indeed, it is more than likely that the folk of 'Hawden brigg',* at that time a town with 'about two hundred men who could be expected to defend it', were caught unawares going about their daily routine and had little chance to plan a retaliation, given that one of their own (And one of my ancestors at that!) conspired with others, to save their neighbouring property from plunder by deliberately failing to warn the Haydonians of the impending raid.

**It is interesting that a capital 'H' and a lower case 'b', are used in the correspondence relating to the incident, suggesting perhaps that our village was still referred to in 1587 by its old town name of Haydon (by the bridge). This is unlikely, as there are clear references to Haydon Bridge two hundred and sixty four years earlier, in 1323, when Anthony de Lucy obtained a royal charter granting him a market on Wednesdays 'at his manor of Haydon Bridge'. Our local historian, the late L.C. Coombes has left a likely explanation.*

"In early documents, 'Haydon', like 'Langley', appears to carry a territorial connotation rather than a description of a precise place on a map."

Serious affray and bloody acts of revenge were part and parcel of life in Tynedale during the latter part of the 16c. For example it was recorded that 'The people, (of the Middle March i.e. Coquetdale, Redesdale and Tynedale)

daily murdered by the Scots, are utterly dejected in spirit and courage.' And it was estimated that, 'above one hundred and sixty masters of families' had been 'spoiled and slain in their own houses' since 1568.

The execution of Mary Queen of Scots, for treason, at Fotheringhay Castle in 1587 gave a further excuse (if it was needed) for even greater violence in the Borders. It was even suggested that a fortification modelled on Hadrian's Wall should be built as a defence against the Scots.

So the sacking of Haydon Bridge certainly wasn't an isolated incident, but one of many almost nightly raids on our villages, hamlets and farmsteads during the late 1500's.

Why then was the raid on Haydon Bridge recorded in such detail, at a time when many similar occurrences rate only the briefest of mentions?

Clearly, the raid's notoriety was the result of accusations that John Heron of Chipchase, the Keeper of Tynedale; his second son Reginald; William Ridley of Willimoteswick, Heron's son in law; and other members of our local Ridley family, were accomplices in the Haydon Bridge incident.

The Borderers' strategy for the raid of Haydon Bridge in October 1587, appears to have been planned following an earlier incident reported thus.

'The barony of Langley which was wont to have a great many of tall men in it, yet a great part of it was lately spoiled and some houses, corn and hay burned by a few riders from Liddlesdale, who came and went without any resistance'.

The ease with which the Langley raid was accomplished - it was later reported that, 'the gentlemen (of Langley) are so afraid of deadly feuds as whensoever there is any affray and any goods taken away, not one will rise to help his neighbour.....though the Scots come by their doors with the spoil' - must have encouraged the lawless thieves and cattle stealers from the north to repeat their activities in our locality.

There are those, who support the belief that the Langley skirmish was not a coincidence, but a planned reconnaissance in preparation for the raid on Haydon Bridge.

So, in October 1587 four hundred horsemen from Liddlesdale, Ewsdale, Eskdale and Annandale, led by William Armstrong of Morton Rigg (best known as Kinmont Willie) attacked our 'Hawden brigg'.

The attack took place during daylight hours; an indication maybe that the raiders were fully aware that they could ride into Tynedale unopposed and the population would not have received prior warning. It would not have surprised Kinmont Willie, following the ease with which his earlier Langley affray was achieved, that the people of Haydon Bridge received no help from the men of the barony.

Staward Pele had played a major role in keeping the Scottish forces at bay in the 14c, but this Border stronghold had lost its role after Langley Castle was built in 1350 and although in 1580 the castle was recommended as a place where a garrison could be stationed, in 1587 it was in a state of ruin and unoccupied.

Although John Heron, the Keeper of Tynedale, failed to provide the protection the locals might have expected, the brave Haydon Bridge folk did summon up a response to the attack and fought with the reivers, but it was much too late to be wholly effective and although it is recorded that there were wounded on **both** sides, the fire of burning houses could be seen from many miles away.

The route taken into Tynedale by the raiding party is not clear from accounts at the time; however a theory was published in 1957 by Dorothy Charlesworth, for the Journal of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne.

'It is possible that the Scots crossed the border at the head of the Liddel and came south along high ground to the west of the North Tyne, but considering the composition of the party, it is more likely that they advanced over the Bewcastle and Spadeadam Wastes, an area much weakened by the feuds of the Grahams and Musgraves.

A memoranda of 1584 describes it as a defenceless state.

Sir Simon Musgrave was Captain of Bewcastle, with his son as deputy, at the time of the raid, but the castle was in need of repair. Askerton Castle, nominally the headquarters of the Steward of Gilsland, and Naworth was

also in disrepair. Moreover, Thomas Carlton of Askerton had conspired with Kinmont two years previously and allowed him to enter the barony of Gilsland. So this side of the country lay open to the riders.

In Henry VIII's time, a party raiding the barony of Langley had crossed the Wastes and entered the South Tyne valley by Busy Gap, near Greenhead, but on this later occasion they appear to have kept to the high ground until they were nearer their objective.'

It may have been on this 'high ground' that John Heron's son, 'who having been abroad that morning with two or three other gentlemen with him, saw the Scottes when they wer come to the fell', and he reported this to his father.

By eleven o' clock in the morning, William Ridley of Willimoteswick also had news of their coming,

The story of the raid and its aftermath is built up from the letters of Lord Hundson, Keeper of Berwick and by 1587 Warden of the East and Middle Marches, and it is to this correspondence that we turn to consider the dubious part played by Heron and Ridley in the 'taking up of Haydon Bridge'.

It is important to remember that in the interests of self preservation or gain, those with influence within the Border Marches were not averse to striking bargains with their enemies and even encouraging the raiding if it was to their advantage.

In this regard it is worth noting that neither the Willimoteswick nor the Ridley estates were 'spoiled' on the occasion of the Haydon Bridge raid.

The activities at Haydon Bridge would probably have been consigned to a paragraph or two in the annals of Border history had one Edward Shaftoe of Little Bavington, John Heron's brother in law, not brought to the attention of Lord Hundson that Heron and Ridley knew beforehand of the raid.

Shaftoe's threat to tell the Warden of the March about Heron's failure to respond was obviously a concern to the Keeper of Tynedale, so belatedly he gathered five or six hundred men together in an effort to redeem himself in the eyes of Lord Hundson.

But he was still in no hurry to confront the riders.

He wouldn't go forward to Haydon Bridge where he could see the fire of the burning houses, nor would he go up onto the fells to intercept the returning Scots and rescue the stolen goods.

Heron decided to, 'keep upp the watter of Tyne, where he was shewer he should doo them no harme.'

It was Lord Hundson's outrage at first hearing the news of Ridley's and Heron's tardiness and Hundson's subsequent correspondence that ensured the raid of Haydon Bridge would find pride of place in Border history. Hundson's conclusion was that:

'If Mr. Rydley or Mr. Heron had done their duties, neither the barony of Langley nor Hawden brigges had bene either burnt or spoylde for they had but the warning of the Scottes coming in by eleven o' clock in the fornone and yet neither of them gave anny warning to either Hawden brigges or Langley.'

The overall benefit to the country, had the raiders been challenged, was also recognised by Hundson and he was to report that:

'It is affirmed most certainly, that yf hee (Heron) had gone upp to the waste as he was counceled and required, he had given Liddlesdale such an overthrowe as England would a bene quiet for them this yere.'

Of Ridley, Hundson wrote:

'Being within two myle of Rydley, who having warning of their comming in had gathered a good companie together, and seeing the fyre in Hawden brigges, and heering the frae in the contrie, would not stepe one foot to help them; which if hee with his companie had gone to them, the town being near 200 might have put back the Scottes and have reskewed and saved the towne from spoyling.'

And in respect of Heron's failure to act, Hundson stated:

'(Heron) neither warned the contrie nor gathered any men together to make any resistance, untill the Scottes were come to Hawden brigges and the fray rayseed; and a man of myne, called Shaftoe, who ys a brother in lawe of his, called upon him, who had much ado to make him ryse, untill he toulde him that hee would tell me of yt.'

As for Kinmont Willie and his villains; over confident maybe with their success and the ease with which their ride into the South Tyne valley and the sacking of Haydon Bridge had been achieved, they divided their forces into two on the way home with their spoils. One party took a route through the

West March, with the intention of 'taking up' two towns on the way. Their return journey was not quite so straight forward however and they were attacked and chased over the border without 'taking up' the towns as planned. One of their men was killed, another wounded and part of the spoil, including horses, recaptured.

To their credit, a number of Heron's horsemen who were kept out of the way 'upp the waater of Tyne' were more determined to avenge the Haydon Bridge raid than Heron himself, and they broke away from his horsemen to join up with the 'men of North Tyne'. Together they pursued the second group of Kinmont's raiding party, took seven Scots' prisoners and rescued twenty or thirty head of cattle.

If Will o' Kinmont had clandestine support from influential men in Tynedale for his activities, it was nothing compared to the encouragement he received from north of the border.

Sir John Foster a Middle March Warden wrote, 'I am credibly informed that one of the chief men of Liddlesdale was with the King, (James VI) who commanded him and his company to take all that could be gotten out of England' - this was the James who was to become King of England in 1603!!

And following the Haydon Bridge raid, Lord Hundson informs us that:

'Sens the taking of Haden brigg, Will of Kinmont, who was the principall man that was at yt, hathe bene with the Kinge in his cabenett ower an ower, and att his departure the Kinge gave him 100 crownes.'

And what of Chipchase Heron and Willimoteswick Ridley?

Lord Hundson had 'very vehement suspicions' about 'Ridley himself and some other Englishmen' and he threatened, 'which if I find true, I will make them hop headless whosoever they be'.

When Hundson questioned a man who acted as messenger between 'Reginald Heron, John Heron's second son, and the Armstrongs', he learnt that at least twelve or fourteen people had been involved in drawing the Scotts to Haydon Bridge. As a consequence, Hudson wrote to Queen Elizabeth I for permission to remove John Heron from his position as Keeper of Tynedale and he was charged with 'negligence in that service at the burning of Haydon Bridge'.

At Alnwick on 12th March 1588, William Ridley and John Heron's sons were charged with 'March treason' for which the penalty was death, but both 'Wyllyam Rydley of Wyllymans Weeke and Renolde Herron' refused to stand trial, preferring to submit themselves to the Queen's mercy.

We are also told that, 'Rydleyes seconde brother' and 'too more of the Rydleyes' fled, probably over the border, and those taken were captured only after a great chase.

One unnamed man was condemned at the Court: 'Not only for the burnyage of Hawden brygges but for other displeasures done too gentylemen yn the contrey by bryngying in of Scotcs.'

And so the 16c Border affair known as the 'Raid on Haydon Bridge' ended at the Court in Alnwick, but later Border Calendar Papers confirm that neither Ridley nor Heron were executed for their part in the episode.

Ridley was killed in another fray near Bewcastle in 1590 and Heron was, as far as is known, still alive in 1612.

As for Kinmont Willie Armstrong, he continued his riding and raiding, notoriously avoiding justice until, it is believed, he died in his bed of old age.

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Pub. 1902.

And finally a plea:

Please don't hold the descendants of the 'Rydleyes' responsible for the misdeeds of their ancestors.

But as for the Armstrongs!!!!

EARLY ISSUES OF THE HAYDON NEWS CAN YOU HELP ?

The 'Back Issues' link on our new web site: www.haydon-news.co.uk provides the perfect opportunity to archive all the previous copies of our magazine. The first issue was in January 1979 and we are looking for copies of most of the issues from 1979 to 1985. The issues for 1992 are also missing from our present collection. If you have kept your old Haydon News' and are willing to let us copy them, please contact the editors.

All the originals will be returned

'THE MADMAN IN THE MINSTER' EXHIBITION AT YORK ART GALLERY ENDS OCTOBER 21st 2007

If you are visiting York in the next few weeks, you will be just in time to visit an exhibition held in York giving a fascinating insight into the mind of our famous son John Martin's brother Jonathan, who burnt down York Minster.

Jonathan was born at 'Highside' near Lowgate in 1782, when his father Fenwick worked there as a woodman, and moved to East Land Ends at Haydon Bridge when he was seven years old; the year his brother John was born.

In the early hours of February 2nd 1829, Jonathan used hymn books, cushions and curtains to create a blaze that threatened to completely destroy the biggest gothic cathedral in northern Europe. The roof of the choir, the floor, sixty six stalls and magnificent organ were all lost, but the fire was eventually put out with the help of hundreds of brave people from the city.

Jonathan, obsessed with a personal crusade to reform the Church of England on his own Methodist and Wesleyan principles, claimed he was "told by the Lord" to destroy the Minster on account of the clergy going to plays and balls, playing at cards and drinking wine.

A reward of £100 was offered for Jonathan's capture and he was arrested on Friday February 6th 1829 at Codlaw Hill, between Acomb Fell and the military road.

John Martin undertook the whole of the expense of his brothers defence but it took the jury just seven minutes to find Jonathan guilty of setting fire to York Minster while in an unsound state of mind.

He spent the rest of his life in the infamous mental asylum Bedlam where he died on May 26th 1838.

The exhibition in York continues until October 21st and tells the tale of Jonathan Martin, explores the Cathedral before the fire, the fire itself and the sad aftermath.



Jonathan Martin in Prison, the reward poster of February 1829

The following is a Description of the said Jonathan Martin: viz.

He is rather a Stout Man, about Five Feet Six Inches high, with light Hair cut close, coming to a point in the centre of the Forehead, and high above the Temples, and has large bushy Red Whiskers; he is between Forty and Fifty Years of Age, and of singular Manners. He usually wears a single-breasted blue Coat, with a stand-up Collar, and Buttons covered with the same cloth; a black cloth Waistcoat; and blue cloth Trowsers; Half-Boots laced-up in front; and a glazed, broad-brimmed, low-crowned Hat. Sometimes he wears a double-breasted blue Coat with yellow Buttons.—When Travelling, he wears a large black leather Cape coming down to his Knees, with two Pockets within the Cape; there is a square piece of dark coloured Fur, extending from one shoulder point to the other.—At other times he wears a drab coloured great Coat, with a large Cape and shortish Skirts.—When seen at York last Sunday, he had on the double-breasted blue Coat, a common Hat, and his great Coat.

The said JONATHAN MARTIN is a Hawker of a Pamphlet entitled "The Life of Jonathan Martin, of Darlington, Tanner," the Third Edition of which is printed at Lincoln, by R. E. LEARY, 1828.—He had lodged in York about a Month, and quitted it on the 27th of January last, stating that he was going to Tadcaster for a few Days, and thence to Leeds. He returned to York on the 31st of January, and said that he and his Wife had taken Lodgings in Leeds. He was not seen in York after the 1st of February.

RAILWAY HOTEL 2nd ANNUAL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Eight classes and a remarkable prize fund of over £1,600 for the second annual Railway Hotel Flower and Vegetable Show, was testament to the voluntary work undertaken by the show committee; Cliff Eales, Mick Smith, Ronnie Youngman and Sue Zellas. Mick Smith was especially pleased that the entries included quite a number from young Haydonians. "This is very good for the future of the show." he said.

Saturday 25th August stayed fine and the committee were able to bench the vegetable section of the show on Church Street, while the flowers, jams and cakes were displayed in Woodies Café. Prize winners in the various classes were chosen by judges Vera Jermyn and Jim Donaldson, as follows:

Onions:

1. Brian Burrows
2. Josie Brown.
3. Jack Brown.
4. Mick Smith.

Collection of Vegetables:

1. Irene Cunningham.
2. Mick Smith.
3. Brian Burrows.
4. Joyce Brown.

Cherry Tomatoes:

1. Brendan Healey
2. Ronnie Youngman
3. Brian Burrows
4. Joyce Brown.

- Standard Tomatoes:**
1. Mick Smith
 2. Irene Cunningham
 3. Josie Brown
 4. Jeff Marshall.

Trench Leeks:

1. Mick Smith.

Flowers:

1. Janice Whittle.
2. Peter Hopkinson.
3. Caroline Tully.
4. Ronnie Youngman.

Jam:

1. Jack Brown.
2. Jack Brown.
3. Joyce Brown.
4. Laura Thompson.

Chutney:

1. Cliff Eales.
2. Jack Brown.
3. 'Spanish' Paul.
4. Cliff Eales.

Cakes:

1. Hannah Kennedy.
2. Beth Kennedy.
3. Sarah Cunningham.
4. Joyce Brown.

Pastries:

1. 'Spanish' Paul.
2. Charlotte Kennedy.
3. Jack Brown.
4. Brendan Healey.

The special prize for the **Heaviest Tattie** was won by Jack Brown.

If everyone was in jovial mood during the day, it was very much an occasion for the blues when the bar was packed for John Hodgson who provided the evening entertainment.

The raffle was drawn and the auction held on Sunday 26th and the proceeds from both were donated to The Great North Air Ambulance.

Sue at the Railway Hotel thanks everyone for their efforts and support.



OUT FOR A DUCK

A good crowd took advantage of the good weather and packed along the old bridge and in the Anchor Hotel car park for Haydon Bridge Cricket Club's Annual Duck Race on Sunday 26th August.

The afternoon's event got off to a false start when the race starter and local fireman John Alder, was called to an incident a few minutes before the ducks were due to be placed in the Tyne at Kidd's Hole. The participants were left unattended on the river bank but fortunately appeared quite content and remained in their positions without so much as a quack, until another starter was found to encourage them downstream.

The event provided a welcome opportunity for Haydon Bridge North side to meet Haydon Bridge South side (smokers and non-smokers together) in a spot of social intercourse in the sunshine on the bridge, where Ivan's regular reports from the Anchor kept us up to date on the progress of the Middlesbrough v Newcastle football match.

Come to think of it, maybe if we'd known which of the ducks were ours it would have added to the excitement of the race. Teams of black and white ducks, red and white ducks and Carlisle blue ducks would certainly have upped the ante.

Of course it is always good to be able to support a deserving local event and as usual Haydonians had rallied to the cause and over previous weeks, 700 ducks had been sold to support our village cricket club's funds.

Once the race got underway two of the entrants floated well ahead of the remainder of the paddling. Brian Ray and Ian Watson ending the race comfortably in first and second place, where they were netted by the race organiser John Kirkup.

There were 28 donated prizes on offer this year for those who purchased a duck, and the race raised £1,200 towards cricket club funds. Thanks are due to the organisers, John and Paula Kirkup and all those who provided prizes and volunteered their time to make the afternoon such a success.

AND MORE DUCKS?

A glance at the West Tyne League table at the end of the 2007 cricket season, suggests that this year there have been more ducks than the 700 out on the Tyne on 26th August.

From winning the title last year to the wooden spoon this year must be a big disappointment for the players and officials of Haydon Bridge Cricket Club and we all hope they can turn it around next season.

But there's no need to feel downhearted. After all, "it's not the winning (that counts) it's the taking part."

Pull the other one, it's got bails on!



AND THE WINNER IS!

HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS

A summer of heavy rainfall to our west continues to disrupt the construction processes in the river, but Project Manager Andrew Harding is still hopeful that most of the sub-structure in the Tyne will be completed as planned by the end of October.

The next most noticeable change on the line of the bypass may be a tie-in from the existing A69 at West Rattenraw, where through traffic will be diverted onto the new slip road presently under construction. Some form of traffic management, probably temporary or permanent traffic lights, will be necessary at this western diversion.

Difficulties in containing and diverting water courses on the southern slopes of the valley mean that work on the Langley (cemetery) road is behind schedule and consequently the Langley road is unlikely to be opened as planned by the end of December.

In spite of the difficulties caused by the weather and the surface water, our bypass is still on course for a spring 2009 completion.

The following communication was received on 2nd August 2007 from **CVC Highways Solutions.**

Extended Working Hours South Tyne Viaduct.

Due to the recent atrocious weather and sustained high flow levels in the South Tyne, it has proved impossible to maintain our programme.

It is now looking highly unlikely we will complete construction within the river before the start of the salmon spawning season. It is a contractual requirement (imposed by the Environment Agency) that we can not carry out any works in the river after 31st October 2007. To mitigate the impact of this requirement we will be extending our working hours from now until the end of October. The increased working hours will be 7 days a week 12 hours a day.

CVC HIGHWAYS SOLUTIONS SITUATIONS VACANT

The following position is available for a period of approximately 12 months.

CHAIN MAN:

Mon. - Friday 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

If interested contact:

Site Secretary - Tel. 01434 688715

TOON MASCOT

August 29th proved to be a day to remember for Haydon Bridge's 10 year old Cabel Rees; a junior supporter of Newcastle United. Cabel was chosen from 6,000 entries in a Junior Magpies competition, to lead his favourite team onto St. James' Park as mascot in a 2nd Round League Cup match against Barnsley.

When asked if the day had been a success, the answer was immediate. "Oh it was great. Excellent. Meeting Peter Beardsley, Rob Lee and the Newcastle players, it was a brilliant experience." And that was just Caleb's mam Samantha! Caleb was equally enthusiastic. "It was mint! The best day of my life." Caleb was a lucky mascot too. Newcastle won 2-0.



**MASCOT CALEB REES WITH
NEWCASTLE UNITED CAPTAIN,
GEREMI.**

TOON ARMY

Our village was well represented at St. James' Park in August. The week before Cabel's honour, ten of the ball boys for the Aston Villa Premier League game on Saturday 18th, were from the Haydon Bridge under 14 junior football team. Dan Alexander, David Hall, Michael Charlton, Kevin McDonald, Frazer McKenna, Dan Parker, Kieran Robley, Dan Stainton, Stuart Sim and Michael Welch.

The Haydon Bridge youngsters were invited by sponsors Northern Floorcraft, through Newcastle United's 'Football in the Community' scheme. Warren Pearson from Northern Floorcraft is one of the volunteers helping to run the Haydon Bridge junior teams.

Another day to remember for our young footballers, on duty in front of 51,049 spectators.

LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the AGM in September, members were reminded of the previous month's visit to Orton Grange near Carlisle when our President, Sylvia, confessed to having got stuck on one of the farm stiles during the ramble. She recovered quickly however after a nice meal and some retail therapy.

WIA Brenda Houlison was welcomed to the AGM and after supper gave us an insight into her life with the WI, also showing us the new calendar for 2008. Brenda then supervised the re-election of Sylvia as President.

The committee were thanked for their work and all agreed to remain on the committee for the next year. Brenda presented a silver cup to Peggy Dakers for having the most competition points. Shona Wardle was runner up. Muriel Brown won the competition for a WI motto.

It was agreed that the annual pie and pea supper will take place in November as usual.

The **next meeting on 9th October** is a 'Birthday Meeting' and two other WI's have been invited to attend.

Cathy Duffy.

HAYDONIAN LEEK, PUMPKIN AND MARROW SHOW

The Haydonian Social Club's annual show was held on Saturday September 8th. Our former village policeman Bob Richardson, a regular exhibitor at the show, was a winner in both the pot and blanch leek stands.

The marrow and pumpkin sections of the show were won by Brian Burrows and Ronnie Youngman.



**COMMITTEE MEMBER MICHAEL SMITH
CHECKS THE
ENTRIES AT THE RAILWAY SHOW**



PARISH PLAN UPDATE AND INVITATION
Progress continues on the development of the Haydon Parish Plan

- We will be talking to community groups over the next two months to find out about their priorities.
- We will be talking to young people and the schools.
- The flood group is continuing to develop its work and will announce plans for future public involvement soon.
- We will be arranging to meet with all sports clubs in the parish.
- We are planning an open meeting to get your ideas about future design and accessibility of Haydon Bridge and the wider Parish — this will lead to the development of a Village Design Statement.
- We have started meeting with outside organisations who can provide us with advice and support to make the emerging priorities in the Parish Plan actually happen (for example Hadrians Wall Heritage and Tynedale Council).
- We have a volunteer to help with web site development.
- We held a productive meeting with local businesses and services on 19th September to discuss the economic future of the Parish after the bypass. This meeting highlighted the importance of pulling together and promoting what we already have as a Parish in terms of services and attractions so that we can promote ourselves better. It also identified a number of areas for development — for example signage from the main roads to the Parish (Langley as well as Haydon Bridge), improved parking, a tourist information point, website development to market our services. It was also agreed to have a follow up meeting to look at potential for further economic and business development in the Parish — you are all welcome to come.

**Come and discuss business and economic development ideas
 for the Parish of Haydon
 this is your future**

**7.30pm On Thursday 11th October 2007
 at the Haydon Bridge Community Centre**

**DO COME - YOUR PARISH NEEDS
 YOUR IDEAS AND ENERGY**

CAN OUR READERS HELP?

Station House,
 West Elrlington.

Dear Editors,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and to thank you and your team at the 'Haydon News' for assisting us as new residents in settling in to the area.

My partner Roy and I are the new owners of Station House in West Elrlington.

Some of the main reasons for buying the house were its location and history and the latter is something we are very keen to preserve.

In order to restore the house to its

former glory we would need some more information on its history and especially some old photo's of when the house was actively part of the Hexham to Allendale railway line. This is where we would like to kindly ask for the Haydon News readers' assistance in tracing old photographs for which we would be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Magnolia Kannava.

**If any of our readers can help
 Magnolia and Roy in their search,
 please contact them direct or let the
 editors know.**

CORRESPONDENCE

August 14th 2007.

Hello Haydon Bridge,

My wife and I have just returned from our weekend in Haydon Bridge. We come once a year (this was our fourth visit) to our friends Gary and Jo and family at the General Havelock.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to the people of Haydon Bridge for their hospitality. This year, as in previous years, whilst walking round, complete strangers would stop and have a chat with us. We found this very enjoyable and made our weekend that much better. It was like being part of the place.

Living in a town near Coventry, we find that strangers only speak if they want directions etc. so what a nice change.

Thanks to you all (not forgetting Sue and staff at the Railway Hotel who put us up again).

Regards,

Roy and Olive Parkes.

September 23rd 2007.

Dear Editors,

Eustechy Martyniuk

Eustechy Martyniuk, known to locals as Stan 'the Pole' lived in the cottage at the bottom of the Langley Castle drive. He is still remembered by many for his cheerful caring spirit and his love of homeless animals and birds.

Unfortunately Stan passed away on 20th July 2000 and it has been brought to our attention that after seven years his grave still has no memorial stone.

Stan had no relatives to assist in providing a headstone and I believe that those locals who knew him may want to make a contribution, as a way to remember him, and not just let his memory vanish with the present wooden cross.

To support this, the Langley Sports Committee through a number of fund raising events, is willing to try to raise enough money for a stone to be erected. The first event being a sponsored run in the The Great Cumbrian Half Marathon Run on Sunday 14th October 2007.

If anyone would like to sponsor this run, for Stan, sponsorship forms can be found in shops in Haydon Bridge and Langley Post Office. Alternatively email suevself@hotmail.com Phone 01434 684503.

Yours faithfully,
 Sue Self.

HAYDON PARISH PLAN

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.

making local character count in new development

Village Design Statements were introduced in 1996 and endorsed on behalf of the government by the Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer.

WHAT IS A VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT ?

'Village Design Statements are about helping local communities...participate in, and influence, the way the planning system operates locally. They offer a framework for engaging local people in constructive debate about how to help ensure that new development in their area fits its surroundings and is in keeping with local character. They can help developers to understand local views and perceptions at the outset of the design and development process. Used properly, Village Design Statements can provide a useful tool for managing long term change.' John Gummer.

An effective Village Design Statement:

- is developed, researched, written and edited by local people;
- is representative of the views of the village as a whole;
- has involved a wide section of the village community in its production;
- describes the visual character of the village;
- demonstrates how local character and distinctiveness can be protected and enhanced in new development;
- is compatible with the statutory planning system and the local planning context;
- is suitable for approval as supplementary planning guidance;
- is applicable to all forms and scale of development; and
- is about managing change in the village, not preventing it.

A VDS is important to planners because:

- it represents the view of the whole village community;
- it complements the existing planning and development control system and strengthens the local planning authority's position when advising or negotiating on design and at appeal;
- it provides a structured, flexible approach to assessing village character;
- it is not a drain on their resources as it is undertaken by the community themselves;
- it is applicable to all areas not just conservation or designated areas;
- it enables local people to make a positive contribution to the development debate, rather than having to rely on protest and a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) stance to make their views heard;
- it provides support for elected members' decisions;
- it can be used as guidance in design and development briefing, when approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- it enables an informed dialogue to take place with the community; and
- it can be material evidence when used at appeals, when approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

YOU'VE SEEN THE 'SITE OPTIONS' DOCUMENT OR READ REPORTS ABOUT IT IN THE HAYDON NEWS OR HEXHAM COURANT

THERE WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN HAYDON BRIDGE. (See report on Page 11)

SHOULD OUR VILLAGE PRODUCE A DESIGN STATEMENT ?

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PLAN GROUP ARE ORGANISING A DISPLAY AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION, TO TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION.

We would welcome photographs taken of buildings, architectural details or views in or around the village that you particularly like as well as those you don't. Just bring them along on the day.

A Hair – Removing event!

Three fire-fighters, based at Haydon Bridge Fire Station – have helped to raise an amazing £641 for a local playgroup. The colleagues, all Haydon Bridge-based, suffered much pain (whilst everyone else enjoyed watching them!) being waxed to raise the money for Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots.

Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots has been operating from the Fire Station in the village for over a year now. Committee members want to thank the Fire Crew for their continued support, and especially those who were waxed for charity earlier this summer!

Seen presenting the cheque are (from left) Watch Manager Michael Lowdon, Fire Fighter Dan Jackson and Crew Manager Craig Tulip (who was waxed on behalf of his colleague Stephen Todd). Receiving the cheque are Pam Armstrong (Playgroup Assistant) and Kathryn McHarg (Chair of Playgroup and Tots Committee). On the night they were joined by Geoff Oldham who also helped to raise funds for the group. Thanks also go to Transcend Hair and Beauty's Hayley and Tracey for waxing the lads; to the Railway Hotel for allowing us to host the event there and to Gordon Currie for his generous sponsorship.....

The playgroup runs on Mondays and Friday from 9.15am – 11.15am and is for children aged from 2 years. Tiny Tots currently runs on a Thursday morning and is for mums, dads and carers of young children. For more information please contact (01434 – 688718)



ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY HAYDON BRIDGE



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by

PHILIDA IRVING

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18th 2007

at

2.00p.m.

FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA

Tickets £5

from

J&M Clarke

or

at the door



Development work in
Haydon Bridge continues
apace.

DEVELOPMENT SITE OPTIONS MEETING.

A very well attended meeting at the Methodist Church was told that over 300 sites have been suggested throughout Tynedale for development and that this was considerably more than would be required to meet the district council's target of providing 100 new homes per year.

Lucy Greenfield and Wendy Taylor, officers from Tynedale Planning department, went on to explain that the development site suggestions were nothing more than that, and the public consultation now taking place was part of the process of selecting the most suitable sites for possible future development. As well as taking into account public opinion the council's own criteria for selecting sites must also be followed. This includes proximity of the site to public transport, available facilities e.g. schools, shops etc, preference for using 'brown field' sites (sites that have previously been used for building) and all proposed sites must be within existing settlements. When decisions have been made regarding which sites to propose for development, a 'Preferred Options' document will be sent out for further public consultation. It is expected that this document will be ready by June 2008. Only after this further period of consultation will selected sites be approved for inclusion in the Local Development Framework; the 10 year development plan for the Tynedale area.

In response to questions from the public it was stressed that the main priority for the council was the provision of 'affordable housing' and that most, if not all, the proposed housing sites would be required to be used for this purpose.

Widely shared concerns were expressed about the capacity of the present street drains and sewers to cope with further development in Haydon Bridge. The meeting was informed that discussions were being held between the planners and Northumbrian Water regarding drain and sewer provision/improvements.

The role of the Environment Agency and flood assessments in the decision making process was also discussed.

Responding to a question on the allocation of affordable housing a district councillor informed the meeting that these were offered to people in the immediate area first and only then made available to people from further a field.

Most people attending the meeting took away comment forms to express their views on the suggested site options for the village. Further comment forms are available from the Planning Dept, Hallgate, Hexham.

MP

AUTUMN ALREADY!

Flu jabs

This year's flu jab extravaganza will take place in the

Methodist chapel on 19th October from 9.00am to 4pm.

First come – first served. Tea and biscuits provided.

This is the full list of Target Groups and Clinical Risk Groups – if you don't understand the words just give a ring – usually, if you've got the condition, you'll recognize the name.

Chronic means persistent or continuing.

- all those aged 65 years and over
- all those aged 6 months or over in a clinical risk group
- those living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care
- those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer for an elderly or disabled
- individuals with Multiple Sclerosis and related conditions or
- hereditary and degenerative diseases of the Central Nervous System.

Chronic respiratory disease and asthma that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations requiring hospital admission

Asthma and Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including chronic bronchitis and emphysema; bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, interstitial lung fibrosis, pneumoconiosis and bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD)

- Children who have previously been admitted to hospital for lower respiratory tract disease

Chronic heart disease

- Congenital heart disease
- Hypertension with cardiac complications
- Chronic heart failure
- Individuals requiring regular medication and/or follow-up for ischaemic heart disease

Chronic renal disease

- Chronic renal failure
- Nephrotic syndrome
- Renal transplantation.

Chronic liver disease

- Cirrhosis
- Biliary Arteritis
- Chronic hepatitis

Chronic neurological disease

- Stroke
- Transient ischaemic attack (TIA)

Diabetes

- Type 1 Diabetes
- Type 2 diabetes requiring insulin or oral hypoglycaemic drugs
- Diet controlled diabetes

Immunosuppression

- Immunosuppression due to disease or treatment
- Patients undergoing chemotherapy leading to immunosuppression
- Asplenia or splenic dysfunction
- HIV infection
- Individuals treated with or likely to be treated with systemic steroids for more than a month at a dose equivalent to prednisolone at 20mgs or more per day (any age) or for children under 20 Kgs a dose of 1mg or more per kg per day.

Shiny and wonderful!

A national Access and Patient waiting Time Survey has been undertaken recently and the results have been posted on a government website. Try:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/PublishedSurvey/GPpatientsurvey2007/gppatientsurveyA-Zonly/DH_075124?indexChar=N

- then click on Northumberland.

We seem to do pretty well.

How long to wait
When faced with frightening symptoms that come on suddenly, such as chest pain, people are often uncertain about how quickly to ring for help.

A recent publication suggests that, for people who already have angina or who have had a heart attack in the past, they should take up to four good squirts of the under-the-tongue GTN spray and wait five minutes. If the pain goes away completely then nothing more need be done. If it does not go away completely – dial 999 without any more delay.

Anyone who has not had the symptom before should ring for advice

immediately or dial 999 if the pain is bad or accompanied by feeling sick, sweaty, faint and especially if it goes from the chest to the jaw or left arm.

An interesting choice

Professor Sir Ara Darzi FREng, KBE, FmedSci, a very eminent surgeon, has been appointed to oversee the re-development of general practice in London – with the unspoken implication that his proposals will find their way to other places later.

His ideas include sweeping all GPs into gigantic mega-practices of up to fifty doctors and associated staff. You may recall that in the whole of the west of Northumberland, including Tynedale, there are only a little over thirty GPs. The implication is that when we are all swept into a single practice there is no guarantee that it will be sited in Hexham – the patch isn't big enough.

If the proposals are pursued as written then the nearest practice may be Newcastle or Carlisle.

It is worth noting, in passing, that the Professor has never trained or worked in general practice or the community outside hospital – ever! One could compare his appointment with placing an Admiral in charge of the Air Force – most unwise.

Understanding risk

'What are my chances?' – a common question. This might mean what are the chances of being affected by a disease, or the chances of recovering from it, or of living to a particular age or almost anything.

Often the reply will be 10% or ten-to-one or one-in-ten or some similar expression. Research shows that people can get very easily confused about what such figures actually mean for them in particular and the same research shows that doctors, amongst others, are often a bit vague too.

Then there is the question of test results – how certain are we that the test can correctly identify the disease and how often is the test wrong?

I can recommend a book called 'Reckoning with risk' by Gerd Gigerenzer, published by Penguin.

ISBN 0-140-29786-3.

This is very easy to read and will make things as clear as is possible.

A new use for coffee

Sniffing coffee beans has been shown to help people distinguish between different fragrances – I mean sniffing the smell, not the whole bean, up the nose! The theory is that the odour molecules from the beans are sufficiently intense in their action to push other odour molecules off the smell receptors in the nose.

This may also be related to coffee's appetite stimulating quality.

Gallstones

Huge numbers of people have gallstones and never have any trouble with them but those who do have symptoms are very glad to be rid of them. 10-15% of westerners will develop gallstones and between 1 and 4% of them will develop symptoms each year.

The liver is a large all-purpose chemical factory for the body – it does vast numbers of useful things, quietly and unobtrusively.

Think back to school dinners. Remember fried or casseroled liver? The little tubes that you could see, and which were very rubbery to chew, are what take the waste products, gall or bile, from the liver to the gut for removal. The tubes come together to form one big tube and partway along the big tube to the gut there is a branch off to one side

that leads to the gall bladder. Here bile is stored until the next meal goes past when the gall bladder squirts it's contents all over the part digested food.

It's bile in the poo that is responsible for its brown colour. Jaundiced people, whose bile is trapped, look yellow and have porridge coloured poo.

For a variety of poorly understood reasons, stones sometimes form in the gall bladder and when they try to squeeze out down the tube to the gut IT HURTS! A LOT! The stones are sometimes associated with infection too, which can make you feel very poorly indeed.

Finding gallstones is very easy with ultrasound scans. Once found they can, almost always, be removed laparoscopically – keyhole surgery.

Supercalorfragilisticexpialidocious...

To commemorate her 69th birthday, actress/vocalist, **Julie Andrews** made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie, "Sound Of Music".

Here are the lyrics she used:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs, cataracts, hearing aids, glasses,
Polident, Fixodent, false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads, hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no need for sinning,
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinning,
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eye lids sag
Then I remember how great life has been,
And then I don't feel so bad.

(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.)

Steve Ford



Come and join in our fun classes at
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

AEROBICS Tuesday 9.15—10.15am
& 7.00—8.00pm

PILATES Tuesday 12 noon—1.00pm
Wednesday 6.00—7.00 pm

MOVEMENT
& MOBILITY Tuesday 10.30—11.30pm

Contact; LORNA 07747 842364 or 01434 684424

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE SECRETARY OF HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

On July 21st we held our competition to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Unit at the RVI.

We raised £370 which has already been sent to the hospital.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle.

Alan Bates.

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CLERGY MESSAGE

from

Les Hann



Dear Friends,

This month when we hear such comments as “the nights are drawing in”, and “ it will soon be time to turn the clocks back” and by the end of the month we start thinking winter’s really here and it will be cold and wet and.....Then again we can marvel at the changing colours of the leaves on the trees and the first of those beautiful crisp mornings.

You know the old story of two people looking at the same glass; one sees it half empty and the other sees it half full. For some it is always the difficulties that are seen and for others it is the opportunities that spring to mind.

For most of us there will be times of sadness, anxiety or pain but also moments of joy, perhaps a sense of peace and satisfaction.

In whatever circumstances we find ourselves we are not alone. There is always someone who is thinking of us, always God and his love surrounding us. One World Week, held this month, is about celebrating and seeking to understand each other’s cultures and needs. As we look at what is going on in the world we may wish to wring our hands and cry what a terrible world we live in and that things really couldn’t get any worse. On the other hand we can recognise there is also goodness, beauty and kindness in the world.

We belong to each other because we belong to God. He has created us to live together and his hope is that we live together in peace with justice and integrity.

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

As I write this there is news of a new case of Foot and Mouth and farmers will be feeling extremely anxious about yet another outbreak and the aftermath of it will being felt as you read this.

Please pray for all those involved in farming and its ancillary industries. God cares for all that he has made and you are remembered in prayer in the churches.

You can call **Farming Help on 07002326326** or any of the clergy telephone numbers.

Les Hann

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7 October
10.00 am Morning Worship
Doug Hogg
6.00pm Evening Service
Les Hann

14 October
10.00am Morning Worship

6.00pm Harvest Service
Acomb Choir

21 October
10.00am Holy Communion
Les Hann
6.00 pm Evening Service
Roger Anthony

28 October
CLOCKS CHANGE
10.00am Morning Worship
Graham Wilson
6.00 pm Praise Evening
Dot Taylor

4 November
10.00am Morning Worship
Stan Rowntree
6.00 pm Holy Communion
Les Hann

BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

7 October
Henshaw
10.00am BCP Communion

14 October
10.30 Joint Service
at Haydon Bridge

21 October
Henshaw
10.00am Matins

28 October
CLOCKS CHANGE

Beltingham
10.00am Joint Service

4 November
Beltingham
10 am BCP Communion

HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICES

7 October
6pm Harvest Evensong

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

7 October
10.30am All Age Service

14 October
8 am BCP Communion
10.30am Joint Communion Service

21 October
10.30 Communion

28 October
CLOCKS CHANGE
10 am Service at Beltingham

4 November
Service at Henshaw

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.

If you would like a name read at either of these services then please sign the list in church or pass the names on to the Vicar

Books of Remembrance will be dedicated at these services

Let the Vicar know by 24th October if you have names to be included

Donations for the People's Kitchen at Harvest

Please bring offerings of tinned or packaged goods as Harvest gifts.

They always need toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap and deodorants.

At present they have a surplus of tinned tomatoes, pasta and rice and cannot use fresh vegetables as the freezer space is limited.

Volunteers to take the goods to Newcastle would be appreciated



HAYDON BRIDGE YOUTH CLUB FAMILY ART DAY

'A great success' was the verdict of people attending the Family Art Day on September 1st at the Community Centre.

Planned, organised and run by the members of Haydon Bridge Youth Club, as part of a grant funded enterprise project, the event attracted a large number of people from the village and made over £430 for the club.

As part of the work on the project club members learned new art and craft skills as well as how to organise and manage the event. Some of the money made is to be spent on a club visit to Alton Towers, involving club members in further planning and organising activities.

The picture shows youth club members with one of their dresses, made to reflect teenage concerns, in this case smoking.

Youth worker, Lydia Coulson, thanked them all for their hard work and particularly Nathan and Curtis Roberts and Anna Goodfellow, who had worked on the project from the start.

She also thanked the Railway Hotel for a donation of £70 made to help fund the project

MP

Parish Council Notes (cont'd from page 3)

The councillors agreed that there are closer ties with Allendale, both historically and at present.

Children from Haydon Bridge attend Allendale Middle School and children from Allendale attend Haydon Bridge High School. The medical practice based at Haydon Bridge Health Centre serves both our village and the Allen Valleys.

Haydon Parish boundary extends almost to Catton.

Historically Haydon Bridge was the railhead for much of the lead mined in the Allen Valleys and the Langley Barony Foundry and brickworks provided employment for many people from Haydon Bridge and Allendale.

Councillors agreed to request a reconsideration of the grouping of Haydon Bridge with the Hexham 'belonging community' and ask for the village to be grouped with Allendale. A letter is to be sent to NCC to this effect.

Next meeting 25th October at 7.30pm at Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

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THE HAYDON NEWS; SOME FACTS.

- The Haydon News is published 10 times each year by the Friends of Haydon Bridge.
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- Advertising fees only cover our monthly production costs
- Capital costs for new equipment must be met from donations.
- So far this year 112 people have made a donation to the Friends of Haydon Bridge to help with our costs. **Thank you for your donations**
- A number of people have made anonymous donations through the collection/payment box at the newsagents. **Thank you for your contributions.**

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To the Secretary of the Tyne Valley Rail Users' Group

Greetings from the Haydon Bridge representative on the TVRUG. The train service offered from this village is not improving, many would say it is worse than ever.

Here are a few examples:

1. Since the barrow crossing was removed passengers need to be on the platform at least 8 minutes before their train departs. For example, those intending to catch the 0914 to Newcastle will find the crossing gates closed against them at 0907 to allow the 0911 departure for Carlisle to pass. Some signalmen allow judicious use of the wicket gates but even this unreliable facility is likely to vanish when new gates are installed in February 2008.
2. In October 1994 I had a letter published in RAIL Magazine which stated that "A Saturday afternoon train journey to watch Carlisle United playing at home, 30 miles away, gets me back at 2159. If I were to watch Millwall playing at home, 300 miles away, I would be back at 2157." Not long after the letter was published the 1720 (ish) service from Carlisle was given a Haydon Bridge stop. Coincidence? Since this month's timetable change the 1720 departure has become 1712 - that's a rush for the fittest of young people.
3. About 25% of the station car park has been fenced off for use by contractors whose vehicles, plus those belonging to Network Rail, occupy much of the remaining space.
4. During a journey with friends to Wylam one evening last week we were told surprising things about Northern Duo tickets. Checking the conditions on Northern Rail's website I find that there are two sets of rules on the same page; they are contradictory and neither set makes sense. Consider the following statement under Availability:
"Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays Not valid at all during December Outward travel - any train Return travel - any train the same day".
If you know anyone who is literate and works for Northern Rail will you please ask him or her to provide the customers with one set of intelligible regulations?

I note from the pocket timetable that this group is now called the "Hadrian's Wall Line Users' Group". As there are no stations anywhere near the Wall does this mean that Gilsland is about to reopen?

With train departures anything up to 4 hours 6 minutes apart I can see no prospect of the residents of this village using the railway any more than they do now.

Yours faithfully,

John Irving.
(Haydon Bridge representative TVRUG)

And a reply from TVRUG Secretary

Dear John,

Many thanks for your email. It is good to receive up to date information from our members so that we can keep in touch with what is happening along the line. The detailed information you have provided will help us with our campaign to have more trains stopping at stations west of Hexham. This is still very much a hot topic for TVRUG although it seems that Northern are rather exhausted after the improvements at Prudhoe (almost all of the trains now stop there). There is an indication that we may be able to get them to stop one more train either way at stations west of Hexham. If this were to happen which train would you choose? (Please note that it cannot be a train operated by Scotrail.) we don't really want to let Northern off with just one extra stopping train but it would be at least a start and if they see increased usage - as they have at Prudhoe - then we can hope that more may follow.

With respect to your other details we will pass them on to Northern, so that they are aware of the realities faced by passengers from Haydon Bridge. I will let you know their response.

Best wishes,

Julie Gibbon (TVRUG Secretary)

NORTHUMBERLAND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

In September, I had the pleasure of attending the Twenty First Anniversary Dinner of The Northumberland Cancer Support Group held at the Tynedale Function and Conference Centre in Hexham. It was lovely to catch up with friends old and new and the evening was a huge success.

The group was celebrating twenty years as a registered charity.

Founded in Joan Ridley's living room in 1986 the group has attracted members, volunteers and therapists from all over the North East. Now based in Hexham at Red Cross House the group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm welcoming everyone into a caring environment where patients, carers and friends can relax and feel at ease. At the weekly meetings there are a range of complementary therapies and social activities as well as support and friendship.

On my way home that evening, I reflected on my very first visit to the group six years ago and how much I had gained help and support through my own illness. We are so fortunate to have this dedicated organisation in our area.

As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations The Northumberland Cancer Support Group are hosting a coffee morning at the Monastic Workshop in Hexham Abbey on Saturday 6th October from 9.30 'til 1pm. Please come along and support this great organisation that provides so much for people in this area and beyond.

If anyone would like more information about The Northumberland Cancer Support Group you can contact Betty on 01434 684337.

Sylvia Mitchell

HAYDON NEWS LOGO



You may have noticed a change to The Haydon News logo this month. The logo (above) was first introduced by Mitch when he was editor of the magazine and this month we have used Ian Foster's recent interpretation of Mitch's original graphic. From 2009, will we require a logo that includes a representation of our bypass?