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FOR THE SUBSTRUCTURE OF THE HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS (see page 9)**

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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 then to The Haydon News On Line, a web site that will build throughout the coming months and already includes an archive of earlier editions.

Contributions to The Haydon News in the form of articles or letters are welcome, especially from those with a family connection within the parish.

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**Dennis Telford. (Chairman)  
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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

About the time I am writing this editorial, on the evening of Thursday 27th March, the authors of our Parish Plan will be presenting their findings and proposals to the Haydon Parish Council.

After many hours undertaken voluntarily by the committee, £1,600 financial support from Northumberland Community Action and Haydon Parish Council and, essentially, an excellent response from residents, the ten year plan is almost ready to be unveiled to the public.

The importance of a realistic but visionary Parish Plan should not be underestimated. After all, our last ten year plan was instrumental in providing Haydon Bridge with a newly built Community Centre, and new challenges are already upon us. The planned opening of the Haydon Bridge bypass; housing developments that have significant implications for the parish within an overall plan for Tynedale; and a need to encourage and support businesses, community groups and individuals, who **are** our rural community.

So we look forward to bold, imaginative and far reaching proposals from the Parish Plan Committee that will inspire all our residents to join together and make an already wonderful part of our country, an even better place in which to live, work and visit.

D.T.



## HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS



Many of our on line readers are unable to visit Haydon Bridge regularly and we are pleased to be able to update you on the changes taking place due to the construction of our bypass.

The Haydon Bridge bypass is being constructed to the south of the village, from West Rattenraw in the west to the junction of the A69 and A686 in the east.

The first view here is a reminder of how the Tyne valley looked on 24th January 2007. Compare the scene with the view on 18th March 2008.

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**Thank you**

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in March 2008**

The meeting opened with a presentation by C. M. Bell, RAF Regional Community Relations Officer, on Low Flying Exercises by RAF personnel. The presentation started with a quick resume on the role of the RAF today both in combat and in supporting civilian agencies e.g. supporting the police and fire services during the floods of 2007. Ms Bell went on to explain that low flying exercises were an essential part of training and a necessary part of ensuring pilots flying skills continue to improve. The main reasons given for low flying being an important skill were; -the enemy have less time to react when an aircraft is flying low, -by flying low aircraft can help protect ground troops by frightening the enemy, getting troops and/or provisions into position, -search and rescue operations. The councillors were told that low flying only took place over those parts of the country with a sparse population, was restricted to the minimum required to meet needs and had been reduced by 60% over the last few years. Use is made of simulators but these do not give the pilots the skills required under actual low flying conditions. Low flying exercises take place between 0700-2300 Monday to Friday and are publicised in advance to try and reduce disturbance. One councillor asked why low flying exercises only take place over areas of countryside when in combat aircraft are often required to fly low over towns and cities. He was informed that the risk was too great for low flying to take place over conurbations and other large centres of population. In the case of an accident then the number of casualties would be very much higher.

### **Public Participation**

A member of the public asked why seven men from Cornwall delivered the brown waste bins. She was informed that the contract would have been put out to tender by Tynedale Council and that their company must have got the contract. It was reported that a Wrights bus was unable to get along Shaftoe Street due to the number of cars parked on both sides of the road. The bus had to reverse, turn round and continue via the Alston road. A councillor said that such incidents must be reported to the police

immediately as they are obliged to deal with any obstruction of the highway. There was a complaint about the amount of mud on Langley Road and East Land Ends Road as a result of the bypass works. Both roads are particularly slippery. The Council are to contact CVC and request the roads be cleaned more frequently during the current earth moving operations. The Council was informed by a member of the public that many of the gullies around the village require cleaning out and that he had informed NCC. The Council are to contact NCC.

### **Parish Plan**

Completed drafts of the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement were presented to the Parish Council. An extra meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on April 10th to discuss these documents.

### **Council meeting**

10 councillors were present including one Tynedale Councillor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### **Tynedale Council Minutes**

The Council was informed that the regulations had been changed regarding the letting/selling of houses in the social housing development recently given the go-ahead in Bardon Mill. The change means that the 14 houses in this scheme must be let/sold to local people only. This will also apply when the houses are sold on or re-let. It was pointed out that this could set the precedent for future social housing schemes in Haydon Bridge. Another councillor said that a Courant report on the scheme stated that Tynedale Council was funding the children's play area in the Bardon Mill development. This would normally be paid for by the developer. However, Milecastle Housing had argued successfully that the scheme would not be viable if they also had to fund the play area. This could set a further precedent for future social housing schemes. (Bellway, in their presentation to the Council on the Showfield housing proposals, had said that 40 houses would be required to make the scheme viable. Perhaps this may now be reviewed).

### **Highways.**

Spa Well Footpath. Some trees close to the path appear to be in danger of collapse as the river has eroded away the rocks and soil from beneath them. Permission has been received from the land owner to pollard some of the trees. It was noted that the whole area of the Spa Well is in need of major refurbishment and would require a grant to undertake this work. The Spa Well is a listed building.

Langley Road has been reopened following completion of the work on the bypass bridge. As a result the John Martin Trail is now fully open and the diversion signs removed.

The Council was informed that when the Alston road is closed for linking into the bypass, traffic will be diverted along John Martin St and Shaftoe St and not through Hexham as originally planned. At present Fastflow are carrying out renewal work on the water mains along Shaftoe St.

The poor state of Land Ends Road was noted as it will require reinstatement when the bypass is completed.

A councillor reported that the bins, stored by the seat at the corner of the Land Ends Road, had blown over in the strong winds of early March and their contents scattered along the length of the road.

A brown tourist sign is to be erected at the Esp Hill junction to encourage tourists to use facilities available in Haydon Bridge including; accommodation, refreshments, picnic and play area at Shaftoe Green and local walks.

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#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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### **STUBLICK COLLIERY**

**I continue my visits to  
'Buildings at Risk' in our Parish  
as listed by English Heritage**

**In earlier Haydon News' I have looked at :**

**Chesterwood (December 2007)  
and**

**Langley Barony Lead Mines  
(February and March 2008)**

In my February and March 'Notes, I recalled a pleasant September afternoon in the solitude and seclusion of the Honeycrook dene where the historic stones remain as a memorial to Thomas Bewick's Langley Barony Lead Mine. My situation today could hardly be one of greater contrast as a mass of black cloud forms lower and lower over the fell; an eerie leaden wintry sky turning day into night from Carts Bog to Langley Hill Top, Branchend and the Paise Dyke, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

A warning I should have heeded as a bitter January wind at once brings hail and sleet slashing horizontally from the north to batter the boundaries of this North Pennines Area of Natural Beauty. Even the hardy sheep huddle close together in the lea of a dry stone wall - that needs mendin' - for shelter from the icy blast.

Hardly the time for me to be mooching around the ruins of one of our old industrial sites then. In what is today a dreary moorland setting I could be part of a bleak scene from one of Catherine Cookson's novels; maybe a dashing hero will appear on horseback from the wastes of Stublick Bog to lift the gloom. And wouldn't that be appropriate I'm thinking, as I turn towards the dark waters of the Langley Smelt Mill dam and the house in the conifers beyond, where the great lady chose to make her home.

In Nikolaus Pesvener's *Buildings of England* (pub. 1992), the remains of Stublick Colliery are described thus:

*'A dramatic group of industrial buildings, set on an outlier coalfield amongst the high moors, with which there is nothing to compare on the main coalfield.*

English Heritage in their Register of Buildings at Risk is equally praiseworthy of this Listed Grade II, Scheduled Ancient Monument:

*'The beam engine house is part of the Stublick Colliery site - the finest early 19c group of colliery buildings in the region.*

In light of this 20c/21c praise is it not puzzling that a succession of literary visitors and historians have failed to report on this monument to our past, preferring instead to wax lyrical about the neighbouring lead smelter (mostly long gone) and its flue chimney. Maybe the coal mining industry on our doorstep has for too long been overshadowed by the collieries that once surrounded the great conurbations to the east and perhaps it is time for those visionaries responsible for developing our new 2008 'Parish Plan', to place a special emphasis on this monument to Langley and our industrial heritage.

There are two fields of coal in our area of Tynedale. To the north lies the Little Limestone Coal, found in a single workable seam beneath the limestone rock and mined in our parish certainly as early as 15c; and then there is the geologically younger outlier coal of the true Coal Measures of the Northumberland coal field where four or five workable seams can lie close together - and at Stublick, seven seams!

I am informed by a musty volume in the library of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers, in the wonderful 19c building that is Neville Hall at Newcastle, that the '90 fathom Stublick Slip Dyke' runs from Cullercoats on the east coast to Devil's Water near the Linnels bridge and thence on a direct course to Stublick and beyond to the River Allen at Staward Peel, Coanwood and Tindale Fell.

Incidentally, the description is attributed to our old friend of Honeycrook Lead Mine fame and one time Vice President of The Mining Institute, T.J. Bewick. (See HN Feb./Mar. 2008)

*By the way. To my mind the convenience of internet research will never fully replace the joy of thumbing through the vast volumes and papers in an atmosphere such as that pervading the Neville Hall Library and its like, where the ornate interior remains unchanged for over a hundred years.*

According to leases available in Greenwich Hospital archives, at least two pits were worked at Stublick in the 17c. One mine - variously documented, or interpreted from the flourishing script of ancient papers, as Cragshhead, Cragshield, and Gregshield - was leased in **1684** for three years at £2 per annum to William Curry, William Richley and Michael Atkinson. The other, 'Stublick' colliery was leased for twenty one years from **1693** to John Bittlestone, John Dodd (or is it Todd?) and Richard Willy.

In the County's Quarter Session books, a complaint was recorded in 1690 that several coal pits and shafts were 'very nye' the King's Highway from Haydon Bridge to Allendale at a place called Cragshield.

The coal worked from the early bell pits and shafts at Stublick was presumably used for lime burning and to a lesser extent competing with the abundant quantities of turf and peat for domestic use. Langley Barony farm and estate leases in the 17c/18c often stated that coal had to be provided for the landlord by the tenant. Certainly, in **1710** the tenants of Rattenraw in our parish were required to carry five fothers of coal (*about 68 cwt*) yearly to the Radcliffes at Dilston, and other leases of the day included similar agreements.

A change of ownership occurred at Stublick in **1716** when the Barony of Langley, as part of the Radcliffe estates, was forfeited to the Crown and administered by the trustees of the Greenwich Hospital. (See HN July 2007)

Ledgers hand written by the 'Coal Mine Viewers' of the time are a unique source of information relating to our historic collieries. A report within the 'Barnes View Book', created by Amos Barnes on October 23<sup>rd</sup> **1736**, appears to be the first attempt by the Viewers to access 'Stublick and Cragshhead Colliery'.

The visit resulted in a confrontation between the lessee William Bacon and the viewers who sought to go down into the mine. Bacon refused to 'comply with any such thing'. The Viewers

eventually sought their information from some of the workmen they met and reported on 60 horse loads of coal per day selling at threepence a load. They also recorded, 'an old pitt which is about 30 yards from the present working pitt which lyes to the south west which is 10 fathoms the present working pitt is 11 fathoms and we believe she rises to the North and deeps to the South'.

The two 1736 Viewers, Amos Barnes and Jas. Layburn were obviously impressed by what they saw and heard from the workmen at Stublick that day, as they later made a proposal for taking the colliery themselves which was of the following.

'The said Barnes and Layburn would pay the sum of twenty pounds per year for the term of twenty one years for the said colliery providing that the commissioners would grant us liberty to build a house on the common and take in about 6 acres of ground.'

*(As yet I have no recorded information as to the response to this proposal, but certainly their proposal was not accepted.)*

The building of the Greenwich Hospital lead smelter at Langley in **1767**, for ore from the Greenwich Hospital lead mines on Alston Moor, provided a new customer for the Stublick Colliery output. In fact it was the relatively easy access to the coal as a result of the existing workings there, together with a constant supply of water from the colliery drainage drift, that convinced the Hospital commissioners to build their smelter at Langley rather than using the site of an earlier 17c smelt mill at Woodhall which appears to have closed between 1721 and 1735.

A further Viewer's report created on June 27<sup>th</sup> **1774** by John Barnes provides more detail of the 18c Stublick Colliery:

'This colliery seems to have been an old working colliery and consists of the following seams. 1 Yard – 4½ fathoms, below is ¾, 3½ below is the Main and 13 fathoms below the Main is the Little Coal and 2½ under the latter is the Stone Coal.'

Barnes also confirms that in 1774 two pits were working at Stublick, in the yard and the ¾ seams. Production was estimated at 6,000 fothers (4,050 tons) per annum of which 300 fothers (203 tons) was supplied to the Langley Lead Mill. The remainder was sold locally and by this time coal was beginning to replace peat and certainly turf, as the predominant domestic fuel.

(Note! 300 fothers going to the smelt mill is a small percentage of the total production at Stublick but it must be remembered that in 1774 peat was still being used in the smelt mill and certainly until 1776, coal was also brought in from pits at Corbridge, Unthank and Whitfield Hall.)

The Viewers' visit of June 27<sup>th</sup> 1774 also confirms that water from a drainage drift from the mine, which was a constant and unwavering supply which rarely froze, was taken by trench to supply the smelt mill.

By **1785** coal was also being supplied for smelting to the new Blagill Mill that had been built adjacent to the original Langley Mill, and a new winning at Stublick reached lower seams of coal, partly satisfying those with concerns that the supply there would soon become exhausted.

Any uncertainty concerning future mining on the Stublick site clearly had implications for the water supply that was derived from the colliery and was essential for the smelt mills.

To provide some guarantee of a continuous supply of water in the event that the mine ceased working, around the turn of the century a dam was built as a reservoir at Nilston Rigg; now known as Langley Dam of course. *(Perhaps one of our readers can supply more information on the date and construction of the dam?)*

Once the smelt mills were established at Langley it was in the interests of the owners, Greenwich Hospital, to take full control of the production at Stublick in order to guarantee a continuous supply of coal there and to this end, between November 1804 and November 1805, Five hundred and sixty nine pounds seven shillings and ninepence was spent on another new winning.

A visitation by the Greenwich Hospital Commissioners in **1805** confirms that by then the colliery was no longer leased out but managed by the Hospital's own coal bailiff, William Wardle, who was paid fifty pounds fourteen shillings per annum and provided with a house, which is Stublick Farm today.

This suggests that a lease that had been negotiated in 1800, for twenty one years, was interrupted.

Sixteen men were employed at Stublick in 1805, raising a yearly average of 5,000 fothers (3,375 tons)

and coal was sold at the pit mouth at 3 shillings and sixpence a fother (13½ cwt's).

The Commission reported that the annual output of 5,000 fothers could be maintained for a century.

By May **1821** the lease mentioned above and negotiated in 1800 was due for renewal and a Coal Viewer's Report of 1820 by Mathew Dunn recommended an annual lease, that could be abandoned at the end of each year, rather than the twenty one year lease as had been agreed previously.

The Viewer was of the opinion that when a Newcastle to Carlisle railway was opened as far as Haydon Bridge, the terms of any lease specifying guaranteed coal supplies to the smelt mills would need to be renegotiated, as coal of 'superior quality' to that of Stublick may be easily transported to the mills via the Haydon Bridge rail head.

The lease was to be negotiated with Adam and Septimus Foster.

As it turned out, the Newcastle to Haydon Bridge railway link wasn't opened until 1836.

By **1833** six seams at Stublick were reported as being worked.

21 inch Cannel Coal. (1ft 3ins thick) Yard. (2ft thick)

Three Quarters. (2ft 6ins thick)

Main Seam. (3ft 8ins thick)

Little Coal. (1ft 10ins thick)

Stone Coal. (1ft 3ins thick)

A seventh, 13 inch or 'Footcoal' seam was dormant.

Deeper mining had necessitated the driving of a drainage level and later a beam pumping engine was installed to enable even deeper working. I cannot confirm the year but further research will probably show it as being 1838.

In **1833** Greenwich Hospital put their nearby smelt mill out on a long lease and L.C. Coombes, in his history of the Barony, surmises that they did the same with the Stublick coal mine. Available records show that Joseph Dinning had a seventeen year lease from **1865** at 4,000 fothers annual rent. (Dinning was also lessee of the smelt mill.) It is interesting that fireclay was also being raised at this time and firebricks produced at two shillings a thousand; the start of a new fireclay industry at Langley. It is worth noting that fireclay was also being mined from a drift into a six feet seam between the Little and Stone Coals at Harsondale.

In the late 19c, lead mining in the area

and as a consequence the Langley smelting operation began to suffer from foreign competition and about the same time, the Greenwich Hospital Governors chose to sell their Langley estates. In **1882** they found a buyer in Cadwallader John Bates.

**Next month I will continue my history of Stublick Colliery into the 20C**

### JOHN FLETCHER

In The Haydon News of October 2006 we reported on the appointment of Haydonian John Fletcher as Director of Rugby at Newcastle Falcons. John's role created a new interest for me and others who previously had only a passing interest in rugby. It is disappointing that John is no longer with The Falcons, but managing any sporting business seems to be a precarious occupation these days and we wish him every success on the next stage of his career.

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### GUINNESS IS STILL GOOD FOR YOU

On the day that our politicians added 4p to a pint of beer, in the Railway Hotel pints of Guinness were reduced. It must have been an Irish night!

I am pleased to report that joy continues to abound in Haydon Bridge — as witnessed by the music, song, limericks and general bonhomie when Sue hosted the annual St. Patrick's Night on the evening of Monday 17th March — in spite of our unimaginative Chancellor's efforts to spoil the party.

### EASTER MONDAY WHEELBARROW RACE



Liam Scudamore & Chad Alder. **1st**

Steven & Jack Lambert. **2nd** Robbie Turnbull & Jamie Harris. **3rd**  
Dennis & Jackie Oliver. Janice Turnbull & Lynn Coulson. John Kirkup & Les Collins. Karen Cameron & Emma Wilson. Lee Doughty & Daniel Fitzimmons

The first Haydon Bridge wheelbarrow race was held from Taits' Yard in 1966 when the winners were Ken Tulip and Roy Alexander. This year another good crowd turned out to support the sixteen enthusiastic competitors.

Liam Scudamore and Chad Alder won the event by a street - or was it a bridge - I'm sure they called into Liam's dad's garage for a pint of high octane between suppin' in the Club and the Anchor. John Kirkup and Les Cullin could have done with a garage when the wheels came off their challenge, but undeterred they carried the vehicle to the finishing line. Mind, I was a little concerned about the number of ladies with hairy legs; but I'll have no hesitation in calling 118 118 to ring the bell for me! Jackie Oliver looked as though she was expecting a bundle of joy, sadly the delivery left Dennis so out of breath that he could hardly speak.....honestly!!

Congratulations to all who took part and to the Club, the Anchor Hotel and Sue at the Railway Hotel for providing another successful local event.

### HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

When presented by Graham Bell of Wooler, photography and descriptive detail of the wonderful world of nature is pure entertainment..

Graham had the members of the Nature Club enthralled with his presentation of a remarkable trip to Siberia in search of Ross's Gulls - and I was also delighted to see his photographs of the Bewick's (Haydon Bridge) Swan nesting on the Arctic Tundra (*See HN Aug./Nov. 2004*). If you weren't at the Nature Club on 6th March you missed a treat but Graham will undoubtedly be invited back and I urge you not to miss his next performance.

Members of the Nature Club are guided round the world at their meetings on alternate Thursday evenings, but seldom has a presentation reached the heights of the talk on 20th March when Haydonian Ian Foster took us to Mount Everest Base Camp in the Himalayas.

Ian followed his eighteen day October 2006 journey, along with thirteen scouting colleagues and sherpas, by air from Kathmandu in Nepal to Lukla and thence on a camping trek through the foothills, across narrow suspension bridges high above gushing glacial rivers (that made me yearn for the late and lamented bridge at Plankey Mill), past many stupas and Buddhist monuments and Sherpa Tenzing's memorial, reaching Base Camp at 17,000 feet - and out of breath!

Ian's wonderful photographs, including the magnificent snow covered Himalayas and Mount Everest, made the evening most enjoyable and left me eager to visit this spectacular part of the world. It will have to be from the air however as a walk up the North Bank and the altitude at the Tofts is about all I can manage these days.



Ian Foster on his trek to the Himalayas



HAYDON BRIDGE'S  
W. T. MCGONAGALL APPRECIATION SOCIETY

Not content with celebrating one Scottish Bard (Robbie Burns – see March HN) Gary and Joanna at the General Havelock hosted another riotous occasion on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February; this time to the memory of William Topaz McGonagall (1830 – 1902).

In the tradition of celebrations to the poet's memory the evening's programme was undertaken in reverse order, so should you come across any contradictions in this report you can be sure that they are intentional.

Dressed in flat caps, mufflers and nicky tams, members of the McGonagall Society and their guests - twenty three in all - met for the last inaugural meeting of the Haydon Bridge Branch. The renowned poet's name may (or may not) live for a very, very, very long time through the acclaim afforded to such poetic verses as:

*Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silv'ry Tay!*

*Alas! I am very sorry to say*

*That ninety lives have been taken away*

*On the last Sabbath Day*

*Of 1879*

*Which will be remembered for a very long time.*

And:

*Beautiful Moon with thy silv'ry light,*

*Thou cheerest the fox in the night,*

*And lettest him see to steal the grey goose away,*

*Out of the farm-yard from a stack of hay.*

McGonagall, variously described as the best and the worst Scottish Bard, published 200 poems in his lifetime, mostly on broadsheets sold in the streets or after giving one of his entertainments which either delighted or appalled his audiences.

The Bard's discordant reputation was played out in perfect disharmony at the General Havelock where our famous restaurant's reputation was put through a severe test.

The evening meal started with tay or coffee and ended with a Silv'ry Tay soup starter, between which Tom Buist addressed the entry of the cow pie main course. New members Tom Hodgson - whom we can with little doubt blame for the disorder we found ourselves in - Tom Buist, John Irving, Dave Nesbitt and Lindsay Thornton all resigned from the society; each having made representation to the Grand Master Dennis Gilert, recited one of the Bard's works to the assembled enthusiastic throng and received the Order of the White Elephant.

As you may have gathered, decorum was not the order of the evening and the spirit of celebration to Dundee's best remembered nobody was much in evidence during an uproarious gathering brought to a musical finale by Angus (Gardner) McGonagall.

I can personally vouch that the do was one to forget:

*A bad headache on the next day*

*A sign of too much from the dray!*

And I cannot wait a very, very, very long time until the next one, when I may have the long awaited opportunity to resign forthwith from the society.

An Ode to the celebration of William Topaz McGonagall  
held at The General Havelock, Haydon Bridge, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2008

REVERSE THE BILL OF FAYRE

The Northumbrian version!

Aa received an invitation, that begged us not to go  
Te the last inaugural meetin' of the Topaz McGonagall show.  
It gave the price as £16.....or was it £61?  
Mebees it's aa'l inclusive, or pay for two and you might get one.

There's only men will be allowed, the unfair sex we'll shun,  
So they'll miss the songs that we recite and the poems that will be sung.  
It said aa could drink pints galore, once the barrels had run dry,  
And the joy and laughter that abounds, wes sure to mek us cry.

So I stood up, in me auld arm chair and wrote this little verse  
That'll easily match McGonagall's. In fact.....it's turned oot worse.  
They said aa had te gan there drunk and vomit on the way,  
And the do would start when the sun came up, at the endin' of the day.

So it's te the Havelock General, for a night in on the toon,  
Dennis Gilert is the Master Grand, but he might be late, soon.  
Mind aa might have guessed, for certain, it wad be a strange event,  
When the Menu was the 'uneM' and the 'eeffoC' was first sent.

They hold it once in every year on the 29<sup>th</sup> of Feb.,  
Except when it's a leap year – it's on the 27<sup>th</sup> instead.  
So! Lower a glass te McGonagle, famous Bard of no renown,  
There's some might say "it's bottoms up" for us it's bottoms down.

Noo Topaz wes the butt of jokes, that's why we turned up theor,  
Te hev wor bait the wraang way roond and wish us aa'l bad cheer.  
But the worst, it wasn't ower 'cos aa yem back waa'lk te had,  
Pretendin' aa wes sober. And write this verse? **Aa never wad.**



The main protagonists perform their duties for the McGonagall Appreciation Society

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy would like to thank you for your continued support and let you know how things are progressing.

We now have a new telephone number which is **(01434) 684354**

We would like to thank the pharmacy staff Pauline, Sylvia, and Gladys who have been fantastic in maintaining a high standard of service at Haydon Bridge Pharmacy. They will be joined by two new pharmacists.

**Glenys Thompson** will join as manager and work on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Glenys has worked in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at Gateshead as well as having several years experience working in community pharmacy in Northumberland.

**Laura Larrieu** will be the assistant manager and will work on Mondays and Tuesdays. Laura has previously been working in the Royal Victoria Infirmary.

We invite everyone to call in and introduce themselves to Laura and Glenys who are looking forward to developing a strong relationship with the people of Haydon Bridge.

During 2008 the plan is to move the pharmacy across the road to new premises in 5 Church Street. This move will give the pharmacy an opportunity to update its facilities including a private consultation room to make it suitable for delivering health care services for the future.

We welcome you to pass any comments and suggestions about how the pharmacy service in Haydon Bridge can be improved, to Laura and Glenys.

Ratcliffe Road.  
11th March 2008.

Dear Editors,

The poem 'Northumberland' in the March issue of The Haydon News took me back twenty years to another description of Northumberland. My husband and I had just moved into the village of Rochester in Redesdale. We could be seen most mornings walking around Tod Law and the river to watch the wildlife. One morning a friend joined us and my husband was talking about Northumberland, to him there was nowhere quite like it, and how lucky we were to live there. We were sat quiet for a while when our friend said, "You are right, there is nowhere like it. It's Heaven with the gates shut!" My husband and I were brought up on Tyneside and our friend was from Liverpool. For myself, I still love Northumberland and Haydon Bridge is my home.

Mrs. Bell.

### Development of Haydon Parish Plan and Village Design Statement Exhibition and Public Meeting held on 5th March 2008 on the draft plan

At the first public meeting to launch the Haydon Parish Plan in March 2007 a commitment was made to hold a further public meeting at the end of the consultation process to test out the draft findings and recommendations for action before the plan was finalised.

On 5th March 2008 a public exhibition on the draft plan and Village Design Statement was held in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre for local residents and partner organisations. This was followed by a public meeting in the evening to present the findings and recommendations for action.

58 people attended the exhibition during the day - 47 were members of the local community and 11 from partner organisations - Tynedale Council; The Environment Agency; Northumberland National Park; Hadrian's Wall Heritage; Community Action Northumberland; Milecastle Housing; Northumberland County Council. 37 people attended the public meeting in the evening.

There was strong endorsement for the direction and areas for action set out. At the exhibition each visitor was provided with 3 sticky dots which they could use to highlight either issues of concern or priorities for action.

There was strong endorsement that Haydon Parish is a good place to live.

All the main concerns that had been identified in the draft plan were endorsed, especially: the need to sustain services and networks of support, for all generations of the population; the concern that population growth might fragment the local sense of community; and concern that, with the building of the by-pass there is not a development 'free for all' in the Parish. An additional concern raised was that of vandalism.

#### The areas for action that were most strongly identified were:

- Promoting tourism, including a new role for the Library as a tourist information centre, and upgrading the riverside.
- Improving the physical landscape and environment after the bypass through planting, signage and other action.
- Improved car parking and transport links.
- Controlling housing growth, whilst addressing the need for affordable housing and accessible housing for older people.
- Re-building our sense of community spirit through a range of action, including: an annual parish event, a

volunteer register.

-Sustaining services, including our health centre.

-Improving the range of services and activities for children and young people; and for older people.

-Website development.

Additional suggestions included:

Funding for The Haydon News.

Co-ordinating litter clearance.

A number of people/local groups volunteered to help with taking the Parish Plan forward.

Peter Fletcher



Steering group members  
Sonja Bailes from Woodhall Mill and  
Kate Minto from New Alston prepare  
the Community Centre for the  
Parish Plan Exhibition.

**THIS IS A FINAL REMINDER TO  
RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THEIR  
HOUSING NEEDS SURVEYS**





## HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS UPDATE

As work takes place above ground on the major structures of our bypass, there is more to see and it is much easier to follow the progress of the works.

The Langley (Cemetery) Road opened for traffic on Saturday 15th April with the completion of work on the bridge which will take the new A69 east and west.

**TAKE CARE!!** Remember that the road past the cemetery still runs through a construction site and extra vigilance is most important for drivers and pedestrians.



**A view from above Esp Hill you probably haven't seen before.**

**The new bridge carrying the bypass over the Langley Road**

Two areas of the construction works which are not accessible to the public are in Gee's Wood and in the River Tyne at West Rattenraw. Installation of the bearing piles is now complete and our front cover photographs this month show progress on the substructure piers alongside the Gee's Wood Burn and in the River Tyne.

Work on the underpass / culvert on Land Ends Road is also continuing, eventually the Land Ends Road will be diverted under the A69 through the underpass.



**Another unique view.**

**This time, the construction of the underpass that will take the diverted Land Ends Road**

The piers and abutments of the South Tyne Viaduct will be of composite steel and concrete construction and the steel for the deck of the viaduct is being fabricated in the West Rattenraw compound. Eventually the fabricated steel will be lifted into position onto the completed piers - an operation that will have to take account of road traffic, rail traffic and river levels.

CVC Highway Solutions Project Manager Andrew Harding is grateful for the public's understanding during the construction process. Considering that over 300,000 tonnes of earth has been excavated and moved round the site for re-use, I think you will agree that inconvenience has been kept to a minimum.

**Aerial photographs by kind permission of CVC Highway Solutions**

## THE HAYDON NEWS

The publishers of The Haydon News require a **new printing machine**. While our advertisers' support the monthly revenue costs of The Haydon News - e.g. paper, masters, ink, servicing and maintenance of equipment - any capital expenditure relies on your subscriptions and donations to The Friends of Haydon Bridge.

Keeping in mind that all the work done to write, print, collate and deliver The Haydon News to your door is done on a voluntary basis, we ask that if you enjoy receiving this parish publication you consider a subscription or donation to the publishers: **The Friends of Haydon Bridge**. (See page 2.) A new printer will cost us a minimum of £3,000

**Thank you.** (Dennis Telford. Chairman FoHB)

## HAYDON BRIDGE PLAN

As we ponder the future of our parish in 2008, I am reminded of one individual's hopes for Haydon Bridge **by 1957**, which were given an airing in the Hexham Courant in **June 1927**.

- A new bridge.
- New drinking cups at the Spa Well.
- Each scholar at Shaftoe Trust to be presented with an orange and apple each Derby Day.
- The local council to finance a campaign against Black Beetles.

And a 2008 reminder to Peter Fletcher and his committee: we still haven't got the drinking cups!!

## HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2008

**3rd April:** Judy Dunford.  
'Biodiversity of the Roadside Verge.'

**7.15 p.m.**

**In the Methodist Church  
Coffee/tea and biscuits provided**

## SUMMER WALKS

**Thurs. 17th April:** Iron Age Hill Fort, Warden Hill 3 - 4 miles.  
Meet at the Boathouse Inn car park.  
Emmi Althaus Tel. (01434) 606173

**Thurs. 1st May:** Wark Common and Ramshaw Mill 3 miles.  
Meet at The Battesteads, Wark.  
Ben Gibbard Tel. (01434) 688608

### Keep Going!

Several articles have appeared recently relating to joint and back pain.

A study in Australia has shown that the older you get the more important it is to remain fully physically active in order to reduce joint pain. The more active the older people involved were, the freer from pain they were.

Moving ALL your joints through a full range of movement several times each day will preserve flexibility and suppleness. No need to struggle into a sequined posing pouch to do exercises – ordinary clothing will do. For those less steady on their feet, exercise one side at a time whilst hanging on to something firmly fixed or very heavy. For those who cannot manage exercise standing up – do the best you can in a chair or in bed.

Every little helps.

### **Back to square one**

Almost every employed person will have been offered or given training with lifting and handling with a view to lessening back pain and injury – and litigation against an employer. The bad news is that there is no objective evidence that any of it makes any difference. A study in Finland has looked at available evidence and given this authoritative view.

It seems fair to say that almost everyone gets back pain at some time in their lives and yet there is very little evidence concerning the exact cause in many cases. Obvious things like fractures, arthritis and disc problems can be seen on X-ray but that leaves a huge number of people in pain with no good explanation.

My own view is that the problem is largely evolutionary in origin. We are incompletely adapted four legged animals and those primates closest to us struggle to stand for even short periods. In addition, we are simply not supposed to live for more than about thirty years at most.

Interestingly, some genetic evidence has appeared lately that suggests that far from slowing down, our evolution is

actually speeding up. It would be fascinating to know what adaptations will arise to allow us to function well as two legged animals.

In the meantime, the experiment that needs to be done is to allow a group of human children to live their lives swinging from trees and see if it helps in later adult life. Difficult to arrange, even if it were to prove conclusive.

### **Falling**

Falling over hurts! Falling over when you are elderly is more common and can lead to injuries – some of them serious. The risk of falling over can be made much less with help and advice from physiotherapists and occupational therapists.

There is a Northumberland Falls Service, available to all, that can be reached, by patient or relative or friend, by phoning 01434 611940. They will take your particulars and either send you a form to fill in or simply visit you directly.

This is all free and only a phone call away.

Pick up the phone today and save yourself a load of grief and pain.

### Interesting statistic

Regardless of where you stand on the issue of the U.S. involvement in Iraq, here's a sobering statistic:

There has been a monthly average of 160,000 troops in the Iraq theatre of operations during the last 22 months, and a total of 2,112 deaths. That gives a firearm death rate of 60 per 100,000 soldiers.

The firearm death rate in Washington D.C. is 80.6 per 100,000 persons for the same period.

That means that you are about 33% more likely to be shot and killed in the U.S. Capital than you are in Iraq.

Conclusion: The U.S. should pull out of Washington as soon as possible!

### **Comforting thoughts**

1 Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

4. Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

6. If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

8. Never buy a car you can't push.

9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

12. The second mouse gets the cheese.

13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

15. You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

16. Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once

17. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.

18. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

## Thanks

Thanks to all those who have shown and continue to show an interest in the future of rural practice.

Several people have been kind enough to send copies of correspondence that they have sent and received from various people. The replies from the Care Trust and politicians have been anodyne and emollient rather than helpful.

Do the managerial and political classes know how insincere they sound?

## Free emergency contraception for 13-18 year olds

This service is available from Boots and Tescos in Hexham. Our village pharmacy may join in too I suspect.

## New pharmacists

A new team seems to be settling into the village pharmacy. After a transitional

period things are now more on an even keel, though the date for the move across the road remains to be confirmed, as I understand things.

Pharmacists have a lot to offer. Make use of them!

Soon there will be a separate room for patients to discuss things with the pharmacist in private.

The same rules of confidentiality apply as they do to our staff and us. If the pharmacist is unable to help or feels that things need further investigation they will always direct a patient to their regular doctor.

## Holiday planning

Have you booked up any time away for this year?

Have you checked what injections you need? If in doubt, get a travel form

from the front desk and fill it in. Nurse Mary will then run the information through the computer and compare what you have had with what you need and get you fully up to date.

This needs to be done NOT LESS than eight weeks before you go. Don't forget the risk of malaria too.

We have had a number of people each year who return from holidays completely terrified because of a risky sexual encounter whilst abroad. These men and women will have a wait of at least three months before they learn whether they have become HIV positive.

Some areas are riskier than others but nowhere is truly safe – not even the UK.

Have a great holiday – safely!  
Don't forget to consider carbon off-setting if you must fly.

Steve Ford

## Parish Council Notes. (cont'd from page 3).

As NCC refused to erect a brown sign for Haydon Bridge at the Repeater Station junction with the Military Road, a request was made that the present worn sign for the village be replaced with a new one.

## Lighting

NCC is to pay for lighting the church clock in future.

## Correspondence

Notice was received about a Tynedale Planning Forum Meeting. A councillor is to attend.

In a reply to a letter sent by the Council last month the Environment agency said it was not concerned re flooding issues as a result of the Showfield development. A councillor point out that this was due to the surface drainage being directed into the main sewers from the currently proposed development rather than into the river. The Council is to write to Northumbrian Water for their view.

The Council are awaiting a reply from NCC Libraries Dept about arranging a meeting to discuss the next stages in the hand over of the library in Haydon Bridge to the local community. It is likely that the meeting will take place in April.

The Council received a reply from the Tynedale Planning Dept about

requesting the clearance of an area of riverside land that, in its present state, presents a possible danger to the public. The land is at the end of the picnic area and adjacent to the John Martin Trail path. It is covered with scrap/waste material and is unsightly as well as potentially dangerous to any intruder, particularly children. The Council agreed to ask Tynedale to proceed with the request.

## Village Projects

The Council discussed the spate of vandalism at Shaftoe Green Play Area. (See report on page15).

The matter has been reported to the police.

The cost of replacing the bark chippings is likely to be about £4,000. Until this is done the Toddlers' Play Area will have to remain closed.

A councillor suggested that a Friends of Shaftoe Green be set up to look after the area. The councillor was informed that such a group already exists and that it was the members of the group who had spent so much time clearing up the Green after repeated acts of vandalism. One councillor said that too much was left to volunteers. Schemes such as Shaftoe Green were a real asset to the village and visitors and should be managed by a Council employee.

Concern was expressed about the effect of the light outside the entrance to Shaftoe School. As the light

illuminates the school car park and the steps to the Green it encouraged young people to gather in the area at night. The light had been erected by NCC, though it had not been requested by the Parish Council. A light had been requested for the pavement outside the nursery entrance on Langley Road.

The councillors who attended the Belonging Communities Meeting in Allendale Village Hall gave a brief resume of the outcome. (Report in next month's Haydon News).

A mast is to be erected at the side of the railway track at Altonside as part of Network Rail's communications system. It was reported that, following a meeting with two councillors, the High School is keen to get involved in the life of the village and Parish Council. The councillor asked if the school could include an article in the next edition of the Haydon News.

In a closed session the Council discussed employees terms and conditions of employment and also reviewed cemetery fees. The charges made by the council for cemetery plots are to be brought into line with those of neighbouring council cemeteries.

## Next meetings:

**April 10th.** This is an extra meeting to discuss the Parish Plan

**April 24th. 7.30pm This meeting is at Langley Village Hall**



**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Judith Hampson*

**APRIL 2008**



**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

In first-century Palestine, shepherds had a bad press, especially if they were hired hands. Flocks were only allowed to be kept in the wilderness since any sheep that was found between Jerusalem and Bethlehem was considered to be a sacrificial victim. So shepherds spent their lives in the wilderness scratching for food for their sheep and facing the danger of wild beasts.

Those who were poorly paid hired hands tended to lead their flocks onto other people's land and had a reputation for pilfering. Because they often worked for months at a time without supervision, they were frequently accused of stealing from the flock. The pious were warned not to buy wool, milk, or kids from shepherds, on the assumption that it was stolen property. Shepherds were not allowed to participate in the judicial system, not even as witnesses. Polite society considered that there was no more disreputable occupation than that of a shepherd; and Philo, a Jewish philosopher of the day, wrote about shepherds, "Such pursuits are held mean and inglorious." So when we call Jesus "the Good Shepherd", we may be saying something much more revolutionary than we realise.

He is the one whom the sheep rightly trust to keep them safe and lead them to good pasture, Jesus tosses a final insult towards the religious leaders of the day. He implies that they were

nothing more than hired hands, by asserting that all who came before him were thieves and bandits caring nothing for the sheep. Therefore, said Jesus, the sheep failed to listen to these religious leaders. But Jesus affirms that the sheep instantly recognise him, hear his voice and identify him as their shepherd.

I hope you can trust the Good shepherd too.

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**6 April**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Christine Caddy  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Joan Histon

**13 April**

10.00 am Family Service  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Acomb Choir

**20 April**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Joyce Short  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Rev Peter Wright

**27 April**

10.00am Morning Service  
Sandra Martin  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
David Campbell

**4 May**

10.00am Morning Service  
Ridley Reader  
6.00 pm Evening Service  
Rev David Flavell

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**6 April**

**Henshaw**  
10 am BCP Communion

**13 April**

*10.30 Confirmation Service  
Haydon Bridge*

**20 April**

**Henshaw**  
10.00am Matins

**27 April**

**Beltingham**  
10 am Joint Service

**4 May**

**Beltingham**  
10 am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**Next service is Evensong  
4th May at 4 pm**

**ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY  
CHURCH SERVICES.**

**Mass each Sunday**

9.30am Haydon Bridge  
11.00am at Haltwhistle

**Mass on weekdays**

(except Mondays)  
10.00am St John's or Haltwhistle

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**6 April**

10.30 All Age Service

**13 April**

8 am BCP Communion  
10.30 Joint Service

**20 April**

10.30 Communion

**27 April**

*10am Joint Service  
at Beltingham*

**4 May**

10.30 All Age Service



**Concerts at the Methodist Church**

**Price £5 which includes supper**

Saturday 5th April 7.30 pm

**Concert by the Stanhope Band**

Saturday 19th April at 7.30

**Return visit by the Derwent Singers**

Tickets for both events  
are available from  
Ethel 684523 or  
Patsy 684482

## NEWS FROM SHAFTOE TRUST FIRST SCHOOL



### WORLD BOOK DAY

Children and staff in school dressed up as characters from story books on Thursday 6th March.

A colourful story tent was erected in the school hall and great fun was had reading and listening to stories throughout the day.

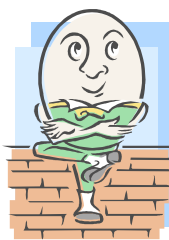
Our Early Years Unit was full of chatter earlier this term when all the children recited nursery rhymes. They raised the magnificent sum of **£300** for the '**Chatterbox Challenge**', a charity that supports children who have difficulties communicating.

### WORLD MATHS DAY

Children across school participated in quick fire maths activities on the computer competing against children from around the World.

They really enjoyed it with many of them choosing to continue at home. Because of the large number of points our school accumulated we were awarded free subscription to some maths software.

**WELL DONE SHAFTOE.**



We are currently organising a '**proggy mat**' project. When this is up and running we would welcome any members of the community who would like to participate.

**Bring along your knowledge or learn a new skill!**

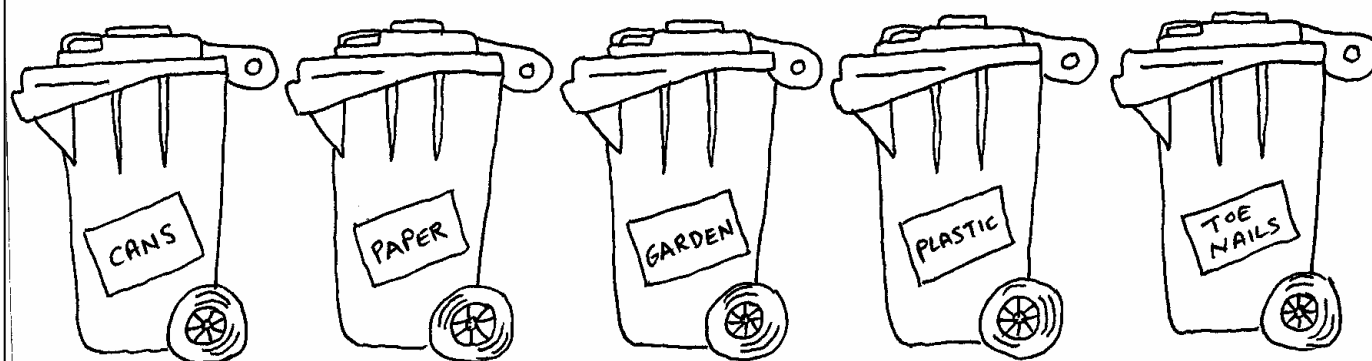
**SHAFTOE** continues the **Egg Jarping** tradition; this year the competition was held on Thursday 20th March with the final taking place after the Spring Festival.

The winners, Matthew Irwin and Katherine Barker were awarded a chocolate Easter egg.



### WELCOME

We are so pleased to welcome Shaftoe Trust First School's news to your magazine this month. Thank you to Mrs. Cox (Head Teacher) her staff and pupils.





## VANDALISM CLOSES PLAY AREA

Glass from smashed beer and wine bottles has caused the Parish Council to close the toddlers' play area at Shaftoe Green. What is seen by many people as a real asset to the village is being turned into a liability due to the criminal activity of some young(?) local(?) people.

The Friends of Shaftoe Green, a group of volunteers from the village, check the play and picnic areas on a regular basis and carry out a litter collection to help keep Shaftoe Green safe for its young users.

At the end of January the volunteers collected enough bottles and cans from Shaftoe Green to fill 4 large black sacks. Most of these were found in the toddlers' play enclosure. Most of the cans were beer cans and most of the bottles were wine bottles. Practically all of the bottles had been broken. It took the volunteers about 3 hours to clean up, often on their hands and knees with a dustpan and brush because the paths were covered in tiny shards of glass. They didn't leave until they were sure the site was 100% clear of glass.

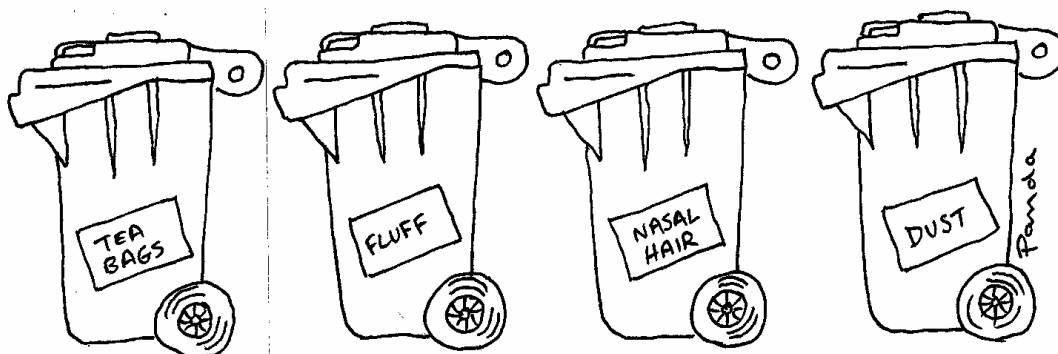
At the beginning of March there was a repeat performance as once again the toddlers' play area was littered with broken bottles and cans. Once again it took a group of volunteers several hours to clean up. However, only two days later, Tuesday 11th March, they were horrified to discover that the same area was strewn with broken glass again. This time, with glass embedded into the toddlers play equipment and large amounts of broken glass amongst the bark chippings covering the ground, the Friends of Shaftoe Green had no option but to inform members of the Parish Council. The decision was made by the council to close the area until it could be made safe.

The police have been informed and have visited the site to see the damage for themselves. They were shocked to see the amount of glass embedded into the play equipment and the potential for serious injury to any young child using it.. The police are appealing for people with any information about the incidents to contact them by phoning **0845 604 3043**.

It is to be hoped that people will come forward with information. The perpetrators of this kind of wanton damage, done either mindlessly, or with the intention of causing serious injury to the youngest people in our community, should not go unpunished. On the positive side it is good to report that the Friends of Shaftoe Green have had offers of help clear the glass from most of the site in time for Easter Weekend. **However, the toddlers' play area will remain closed until the Parish Council, who are responsible for maintaining the Green, have had the area checked and are satisfied that it is safe to use.** MP



Some of the toddlers' play equipment at present unsafe to use due to shards of glass embedded in the woodwork



At the beginning of March all households in Haydon Bridge received a brown wheelie bin for recycling garden waste. The first collection of waste from the brown bins will be made in April.

### HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB

SEQUENCE DANCING



EVERY  
MONDAY NIGHT  
7.30 to 10.00pm  
TEA & BISCUITS  
ONLY £1  
DANCING IS FOR FUN  
Ask for details at:  
**01 434 684 459**

### VICTIM SUPPORT

*Working for victims of crime.*

If you are a victim of crime, we are able to offer support in practical and emotional ways. Just a phone call away. Call **Leanne** at:  
**01661830770**  
**82, Front St. Prudhoe. NE42 5PU**  
or  
**01670822334**  
(Bedlington office)

## NOTICES

### HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS

#### MEDICAL PRACTICE

*(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)*

Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 12.00 noon  
2.00pm to 6.00pm

Doctors consult from: 8.00am to 11.00am  
3.00pm to last appointment at 5.30pm

All phone calls for appointments and visits, including 'out of hours': **01 434 684 216**

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: **01434 688351**  
E-mail address: **Admin@GP-A84045.NHS.UK**

### THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

Come and Join your friends for Coffee and Refreshments  
on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 10am – 12 noon

FAX facilities

Warm welcome to all

### HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

**HBUAFC** hold their monthly meeting on the first **Thursday** of every month at **7.30pm** in the Lounge of the **Railway Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.

This meeting is also open to members of the public.

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Calling all parents/carers! Did you know that there is a Music and Movement group running in Haydon Bridge?

We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons ( 1.10pm and 1.50pm ) during term time.

This is a fun get-together for parents/carers and pre-school children alike which involves singing, instrument playing and movement with coffee and orange juice served afterwards.

Please contact **Julie Finch** on: **01434 607 490** for further details.

### WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

*FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6yrs-11yrs*

TAG/CONTACT RUGBY

MEET AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
ON SUNDAYS 10.30am- 12.00noon

CONTACT SUE BELL 688534. ALL WELCOME.

### HAYDON BRIDGE JUDO CLUB.

Keep Fit, Have Fun! Young and Old welcome.

On Tuesdays at Haydon Bridge High School

Juniors: 6pm – 7pm

Seniors: 7pm – 9pm

BJA Qualified Coaches

Contact Michael on: **01 434 684 783**

### WHIST DRIVES

*Langley Village Hall*

Fortnightly on Saturdays  
at 7pm.

50p entrance  
(Everyone welcome)

### NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

#### POLICE COMMUNITY SURGERIES

at The Methodist Church Hall, Haydon Bridge.  
between 10am-11am

on **Thursdays, 17th April, 8th May, 29th May**

*All welcome.*

*Your opportunity to meet our community police.*

### HERMITAGE ENSEMBLE

Professional ensemble of soloists from

St. Petersburg, present Russian Sacred Hymns & Folk Songs  
a capella

**St. Peter's Newbrough at 7.00pm on 4th May 2008**

**Tickets £8, including refreshments**

**Contact: 01434 674292**

### Langley WI

It was a smaller group than usual that met for Langley WI's March meeting but a great evening was enjoyed by all. Allan Anderson took us through, step by step, the making of pigs using clay. Whilst guiding us through the process he regaled us with tales of past demonstrations at other WI's and schools. Some parts of the evening were very quiet with everyone concentrating on their pigs and then there was lots of laughter especially when one lady decided that her pig looked more like an elephant. However with careful nasal surgery all was not lost. Allan left Langley with a box full of clay pigs ready to be fired we are all looking forward to Allan's return visit when we will decorate our pigs.

The evening competition for a farm animal was won by Doreen with Kate second.

**The next meeting is the 8<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.**

### Haydon Bridge WI

Haydon Bridge WI welcomed Indian Head Massage expert Hazel this month along with guests from Whitfield WI. Hazel gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on the art of Indian Head massage. By the end we were all very jealous of Rachel who volunteered to let Hazel demonstrate on her. Head massage has long been used for relieving stress, bringing with it a wonderful feeling of well-being and calmness. I don't know about the rest of the audience but I found Hazel's soft Irish lilt wonderfully relaxing in itself! For those of you who are wondering, Rachel slept like a log that night just as Hazel predicted she would. The evening was rounded off with a lovely supper and raffle.

**The next meeting will be on 15th April 7.30pm** in the Community Centre and will be a social evening consisting of a quiz and card bingo. **Members and non-members welcome.**

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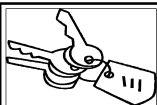
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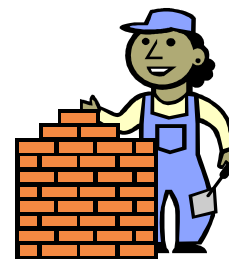
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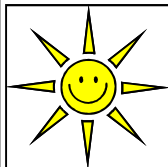
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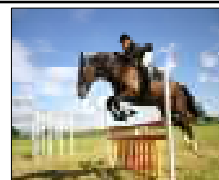
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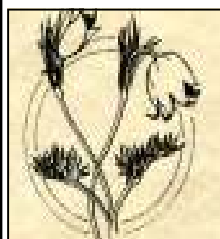
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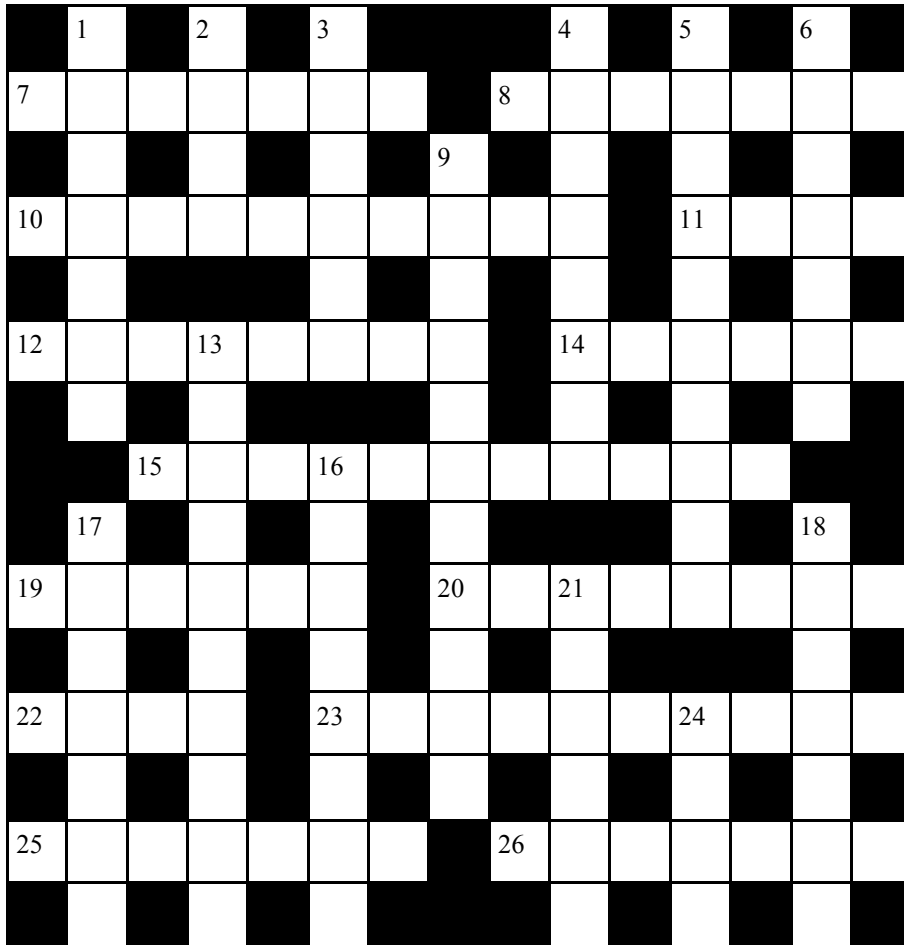
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## ACROSS

7. One where a room exploded around small occupier.(7)
8. Love animals without number around this one.(7)
10. Tenet caned about event that has happened before.(10)
11. Employer uncovered a ruse.(4)
12. Half of one did art in composition. (8)
14. Bird that is green perhaps.(6)
15. Illustrious tropical reptile found on this island, possibly.(5,6)
19. Avoid being involved in, so Einstein Can work his jaws.(6)
20. Dismissed when the queen carried out her duties away from home.(5,3).
22. This is one to go to! (4)
23. Croupier to work in one.(5,4)
25. Get in a pickle when rage returns after French wine.(7)
26. One that could be the home of Flipper.(7)

## SOLUTIONS TO MARCH'S CROSSWORD. (30)

### ACROSS.

- 1 Odds on
- 5 Philibeg
- 9 Osseters
- 10 La Tene
- 11 White crops
- 13 Neem
- 14 Ages
- 15 Resurgence
- 18 Tantamount
- 20 Hank
- 21 Beau
- 23 Saturation
- 25 Berate
- 26 Plethora
- 28 Tantalus
- 29 Easter

### DOWN

- 2 Dysphagia
- 3 Sheaths
- 4 Nee
- 5 Pesto
- 6 Illustrator
- 7 Intense
- 8 Ernie
- 12 Chrome-steel
- 16 Sou
- 17 Concourse
- 19 Toutant
- 20 Hatches
- 22 Enema
- 24 Tapas
- 27 Exe

## DOWN

1. Reckon with the right variable for the territory.(7)
2. Staff of one of one.(4)
3. Supreme leader with belief for tiresome speech.(6)
4. Enemy tore endlessly through this Californian town.(8)
5. This old one takes us to a bland configuration.(10)
6. This one is the land of the free but not the home of the brave.(7)
9. He craves sad composition for top coverings.(4,7).

13. Point to a vocation, or so it sounds, for this one. (5,6)
16. A novel way to communicate and be officially ambiguous.(9)
17. One in voyages to Niagara Falls.(7)
18. Cactus can yield home of Florence. (7)
21. One that provides a vital composite.(6)
24. Part in which an actor could earn his dough.(4)

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