



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



THE OLD BRIDGE LIGHTS UP FOR CHRISTMAS (see pages 8 and 11)

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Welcome to the December issue of The Haydon News On Line.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

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

Welcome then to The Haydon News On Line, a web site that also 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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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Over the last year the village has been a particularly active place. While activity such as the bypass construction and the new village pharmacy will obviously spring to mind, much has also been going on behind the scenes too.

Long hours have been spent over the course of the year preparing for our 'Christmas Lights on the Bridge'. For the next few weeks we can all enjoy the results of this work following last Sunday's switch on.

The results of other behind the scenes activity, like much of the Parish Plan, will take a little longer to come into the light but 2009 promises to be the year of change for Haydon Bridge. It appears that work on our village bypass is ahead of schedule and may be completed earlier in 2009 than originally planned.

Once the bypass is opened the proposed changes to Ratcliffe Road should gradually be put into place giving improved parking for residents and visitors, a new look to the junction with Church St and maybe even some street-scaping.

Work on the Showfield Housing Development, although just begun, is due to be completed in July. Perhaps we will see quite a lot of new people coming to live in the village.

Then there's the Library, on which more hours of planning and negotiation have taken place over the last two years than even the participants realise. 2009 should see repairs to the building undertaken in preparation for the 'community take-over'.

After this there'll be further works, plans have already been drawn up, to improve the Library space and facilities and make provision for a tourist information service.

Will it all be completed by the end of 2009? That's a 'wait and see' situation, but if it isn't, it won't be for the lack of trying.

The new play area in Langley Gardens/Strother Close should be installed by the summer and the much needed repairs to our Community Centre undertaken by NCC after years of 'discussion'. 2009 looks as though it is going to be a rather special year for Haydon Bridge.

In the meantime we hope you enjoy the remainder of 2008 and have a very Happy Christmas.

MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



On Sunday 30th November, Haydon Bridge Shaftoe Trust First School pupil, Madeleine Vall, switched on 3,000 Haydon Bridge Christmas lights on 15 trees on the Old Bridge crossing the River South Tyne.

At West Rattenraw, Haydon Bridge, work moves towards completion of the South Tyne Viaduct and approach roads for the new Haydon Bridge Bypass.



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Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in November 2008

Presentation by Riverside North East.

Riverside NE are the housing association who have taken over the management of the 40 housing units, at present being built by Bellway, in the second stage of the Showfield Development.

Two representatives from the company, Steve Ward and Andrew Williamson gave a brief presentation to the council. They explained that Riverside North East will be responsible for letting the 26 dwellings in the development that are for rent as well as dealing with the 14 houses for sale in a shared ownership scheme.

Riverside will be required to offer accommodation to people on the housing waiting list from Haydon Parish in the first instance. Any houses not sold or let to local people will be offered to those on the housing list living in neighbouring parishes and then more generally across the Tynedale/Northumberland area.

They did point out that any issues regarding the building of the Showfield housing should be addressed to the developers, Bellway.

Andrew Williamson told the council that Bellway is already working closely with Showfield residents in an attempt to improve access to the development site for construction vehicles. The present access, through the existing Showfield housing, is far from satisfactory. An alternative has, however, not been found.

He went on to explain that although the HQ of Riverside Housing Association is now in Liverpool the company was founded in Newcastle in 1928 to improve housing. They have been in the North East ever since and now manage many housing schemes across the region. Their local office is based in Gateshead.

Steve Ward told the meeting that Bellway have put a planning application forward for 6 underground gas cylinders to serve the development. A resident from the Showfield said that this seemed inappropriate at a time when sustainable/renewable energy sources were being encouraged.

A councillor expressed concern about the drainage of the site. Another councillor asked whether or not Riverside would be responsible for the maintenance of the play area provided in the scheme.

The completion date for the development is July 2009.

Public Participation

A member of the public reported a light out at the south end of the old bridge.

Tynedale Minutes

Nothing to report.

Highways

A councillor informed the council that CVC Highways had found a broken pipe feeding the water to the cemetery tap from a spring in the hill side near the bypass construction site. This has been repaired. CVC have offered to lay a pipe from the water mains to the cemetery tap. The council agreed to them carrying out this work but, as water will be metered, not to make the connection to the tap. This will be done at a later date if water from the spring dries up, as it has done in the past during very dry spells of weather.

NCC Highways have proposed the following changes to signage on the Langley road;

Introduce a hidden dip sign where the present speed de-restriction is located south of the school entrance;
Moving the 30mph signs about 20m further south;
Paint a SLOW road marking on the highway near the present triangular school warning sign.

The council agreed with a proposal from Showfield residents for dropped kerbs to be introduced on the pedestrian route from the Showfield to the old bridge to improve access to the village centre for infirm and older residents. NCC to be consulted.

Lighting.

The position of the additional light at the south end of the old bridge has not yet been decided. The light was requested by pedestrians walking in this area at night. However the original position for the light at the end of the bridge parapet outside the Scotch Arms was a cause of concern to local residents.

Cllr Sharpe told the meeting that he would be willing to use some of his County Council funding to meet the costs of installing a light in the archway between the Railway Hotel and the pharmacy. The parish council is to

request permission from the owner of the pharmacy to fix the light to the wall of the building.

Planning Applications.

Plans were received for the new play area in Langley Gardens and Strothers Close. It was hoped that the new play equipment would be installed between the two sites, however, the plans indicated that most of the equipment would be on the Langley Gardens site and just a small area for football and basket ball provided on the green at Strothers Close. The councillors approved the plans but requested further consultation on the distribution of the play equipment between the two sites.

A planning application was received from Bellway to install 6 underground gas cylinders at the Showfield site. It was agreed that this was contrary to the Village Design Statement and Tynedale's own Local Development Framework both of which stress the need for developers to use sustainable/renewable energy sources in their new building developments. The parish council objected to the plans.

Concern was expressed at the new Northumberland County Council's Charter for local government and the provision of services in the unitary authority.

In the Charter 'localities' have replaced 'belonging communities' but their purpose in determining local need and provision of local services remains far from clear.

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HAYDON BRIDGE TOWN HALL 1908—2008

Has there been a public building in our village's history that has enjoyed such popularity and been a source of more entertainment and pleasure than the **'Haydon Bridge Town Hall'**?

I think not! – In spite of the competition.

The Oddfellows' Hall may have done during its early days, the foundation stone having been laid by William Benson Esq., of Allerwash House on June 22nd 1869, but it seems that political canvassing, academic lectures and temperance meetings - drink being the curse of the working classes of course - were favoured events. So, speaking from a personal 2008 perspective, I doubt it.

The old Wesley Hall on Ratcliffe Road maybe? Following its closure as a church in January 1946 it became home to the Haydon Bridge Youth Club in 1948; to Bob Campbell's 1st Haydon Bridge Boy Scouts; Ralph Pickering's Langley Boys' Club; and to those individuals for whom the village Badminton Club provided energetic activity and social intercourse - *there's nowt the matter with a bit of social intercourse after a strenuous game of badminton!*

So the Wesley Hall will have a special place in the hearts of those who spent many happy hours there - and, I expect, those who still do, in the new Community Centre on the same site.

The Shaftoe Trust School hall and the halls or school rooms of the Catholic, Methodist, Congregational and St. Cuthbert's churches perhaps? They have, over the years, played their part in our village's social calendar. Especially the old St. Cuthbert's Church hall on the east side of Church Street, where whist drives, beetle drives and dances for those of different denominations sat comfortably alongside its religious role - churches together, long before it became fashionable - until the hall was consumed by fire in September 1963.

And what about the Reading Room? A male preserve - by chance rather than design - from when it was built as The News Room and Library in 1841, through 1886 and 1913 when smoking and recreation rooms were added and it became home to those for whom billiards or snooker was their sport, until

its sad closure in the face of competition for leisure time, from television. A wonderful place in which to relax, a wonderful warm atmosphere to savour. To join in the gossip round a roaring coal fire on the ground floor or a heavy cast iron stove above, or simply to stand at the low windows and watch our parochial world go rushing by outside.

A host of memories then for all those able to recall the simple pleasures enjoyed in each of these venues, but surely it is the Town Hall in its various roles that takes some beating as the centre of Haydon Bridge's 20c social activity.

When the Haydon Parish Council was formed in December 1894, it seems that the building of a public hall in Haydon Bridge, which could provide rooms for the council's business, was an item for discussion. The new council was offered a satisfactory meeting place in the Shaftoe Trust School however and as a consequence it was felt that new accommodation was no longer necessary. It was to be almost twelve years before the issue of a public hall was raised again officially.

The origin of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall, that celebrated its centenary in November 2008, can almost certainly be traced back to a General Election and its related political canvassing in January 1906.

The campaign for a public hall in the village seems to have been generated by a Hexham Courant contributor on Haydon Bridge matters; one 'Dilston Ratcliffe'. (*Who was behind the nondeplume I wonder.*)

The early indications of a popular movement in favour of a Haydon Bridge village hall can be found in the Hexham Courant of February 3rd 1906, where 'Dilston Ratcliffe' suggested that the January election had: 'Emphasised once more - *so it wasn't a new problem* - the need there is in Haydon Bridge for a larger public hall than the Oddfellows' Hall for such meetings as those held at such times and at other times as well.' The 'Courant correspondent continued, 'I hear there is some talk at present about having a Temperance Hall but whether it will amount to much more than mere

talk is a moot question. If it should come to anything it would perhaps meet the case but if this should fall through it would be well if the question were taken up in some other quarter for it seems ridiculous that a village the size of ours should not have a decent hall in which to hold a public meeting. Of course the schools are used for some meetings but they are out of the way as well as not being adapted for that sort of thing and it ought not to be necessary to go there for anything of that kind.'

As the campaign continued to gain favour, a twenty two name petition headed by the Rev. E.C. Rattray, to consider erecting a public hall, was presented to the council by the rate payers at the Parish Council meeting on March 8th 1906. Vice chairman Richard Davison took the chair, in the absence of the chairman John Davison, and the councillors present were: Peter Scott, Jos. Storey, Wm Rutherford, W.C. Drydon, W.S. Walton, W.J. Morrison, Irving Reay, John Hamilton, T. Cowing and J.L. Dickinson (clerk).

The councillors were clearly divided on the action they should take in answer to the petition, but after a lengthy debate they did agree to hold a public meeting. Although they took the view that any decision that came out of a public meeting 'to build a public hall' would not be binding upon them!

Further comments in the Hexham Courant of March 10th 1906 suggest that earlier proposals for a Temperance Hall had been abandoned and it is pointed out that the Parish Council was being encouraged to take the initiative but appeared to lack enthusiasm for the project. The questions were also posed as to whether it would be possible to run a public hall at a profit and whether it would be possible to raise the amount of money necessary to build and run a hall, through subscriptions.

By March 17th members of the public had entered the debate and a reader's letter in the 'Courant proffered advice that maybe the time had come to re-model or re-build the Reading Room, as the site was 'one of the most central and prominent in the village'. The writer goes on to suggest that finance might be raised by issuing £1 shares, which he believed working men of the village would take up. The writer's proposal included, 'A large hall on the

ground floor, ante room with lavatory etc., with reading room, billiard room or bagatelle room on the first floor and a couple of good attic rooms with dormer windows for the caretaker.'

These proposals did not find favour with 'Dilston Ratcliffe' who pointed out that the Reading Room, although built by public subscription, was run by trustees for the benefit of the members and not the public. It was then, in his opinion, a private concern.

In any case, he considered the site was too small to erect a really good hall upon and as a hall would be for the benefit of the people, it ought to be built by the people.

If the parish councillors had their doubts about supporting the call for a public hall, their parishioners clearly did not and at a packed Parish Council Annual General Meeting on Saturday March 24th 1906, in the Shaftoe Trust School, the debate in favour of a public hall continued. Immediately following the AGM a special meeting was convened to determine the most appropriate way forward.

A lively discussion ensued with the Temperance Party apparently seeking to dominate the proceedings but being vigorously opposed by Mr. T. Cowing; after all, the earlier Temperance Party proposals had come to nothing.

"We have nothing to do with temperance here." Stated Mr. Cowing. "We are here to discuss parish matters. We are not here to discuss teetotalism."

After the chairman had brought order to the meeting, a number of suggestions were put forward and discussed:

- The proposal to build a temperance hall.
- Building a hall in connection with the Reading Room.
- Selling the Reading Room to raise part of the money for a new building.
- Taking a house on Ratcliffe Road to build a public hall at the back where there was a large garden.

Speakers who expressed their views on the subject included Mr. Hare, Mr. Brogdon, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Drydon who thought that, "What with sewer and water rates, (the council) had sufficient to bear without putting (a public hall) on the rates." – *As for the female view; I assume that the ladies of the parish were at home in the kitchen or looking after the bairns!*

Mr Morrison, Headmaster of Shaftoe Trust School, pointed out that the Parish

Council had the power to build the hall under the Public Improvement Act, but half the cost would have to be borne by public subscription. The council could borrow money from and with the consent of the County Council, as long as it was properly and wisely looked after.

Finally, after much debate, Mr. Brogdon moved that:

'This public meeting of the inhabitants of Haydon Bridge request the Parish Council to take into consideration the advisability of erecting a public hall if they find they have the power to do so.'

The motion was carried.

If the parishioners left the meeting satisfied with the final outcome, it was not to be long before their hopes of council support for a public hall were dashed.

At a meeting on April 12th the parish councillors referred the resolution back to the petitioners, inferring that as the resolution had been passed at a public meeting and not a council meeting, the council was unable to act upon it and therefore any further issue became the responsibility of the petitioners. (*So put that in your pipe and smoke it!!*)

How the individual councillors dealt with their irate petitioners from thereon is a matter for conjecture after one hundred years, there is nothing in the council's minutes however that suggests the subject was brought up again officially until eighteen months later.

On October 10th 1907, the Haydon Bridge Choral Society submitted a resolution, passed by their members at an A.G.M., that they recognised there was an urgent need for a new public hall for Haydon Bridge and they urged upon the council: 'The desirability of calling through their chairman a public meeting (*Here we go again!*) to consider the position, and if the project should carry, the members of the society pledge themselves to further it by every means within their power.'

Councillor Jos. Storey was scathing in his response, suggesting that the Choral Society should come up with the money to build the hall if they were so keen to have one. Another long debate on the possibility of a public hall and its financing followed, but the Choral Society's proposal was 'left on the table'

unresolved.

The parish councillors went on to discuss a matter which was not quite so taxing: Mr. Bates' stile leading from Langley Castle to Humbledon which was in a dangerous condition. (Mmm!)

A further period of official inactivity in respect of a public hall followed, but on Tuesday evening March 3rd 1908, one of the largest ever attendances for what was in those days a most popular 'Haydon Bridge Debating Society', met in the Oddfellows' Hall to hear a paper read by Mr. W.S. Walton on: 'A New Town Hall for Haydon Bridge and the Best Means of Obtaining It.'

Mr. Walton's proposal was to erect a single storey building at the rear of and attached to the Oddfellows' Hall. The new hall would be 66' x 33' and capable of seating 500 people with a platform at the back, behind which there would be two dressing rooms, the whole to be heated with hot water. Mr. Walton informed the meeting that the existing Oddfellows' Hall would be made into a caretaker's house and he had estimated the total cost of the work to be £1,500 and annual income generated from activities to be £112; from which a dividend would be paid to investors and £50 allocated to expenses.

The detailed paper and plans presented, evoked a great deal of interest and comment.

At the end of the society's meeting however, the members were intrigued to hear that another proposal, prepared by unnamed entrepreneurs but as yet unpublished, favoured a new building on a new site in the village.

There is no doubt that this surprise revelation set residents' tongues wagging, but Haydonians did not have long to wait before the situation became much clearer as, to quote the Hexham Courant, 'The echo of the Debating Society's discussion had scarcely died away before the **New Town Hall Company** was heard of.'

The company directors included one Dr. Walter Murray of Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge's medical practitioner, and William Samuel Walton. (*Well I never did!*)

One month later, on April 11th 1908, the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Co. Ltd submitted plans for a hall to be erected on a site at the west end of Shaftoe Street. The hall would be 66' x 33' capable of seating 500 people with a platform at the back behind which there

would be two dressing rooms.....!!
(The members of the Debating Club had heard it all before!)
Incidentally, Dr. Murray, a significant property owner in the village, was later to apply for planning permission to build four new houses on the site next to the Town Hall (April 13th 1911) and later, to turn the Oddfellows Hall into a home. (April 17th 1913)

So, was W.S. Walton's paper to the Debating Society, a thinly disguised attempt to judge the public's mood and the likely success of a new public hall as a business, or was the presentation made tongue in cheek? Was the new company formed as an act of philanthropy in the interest of Haydonians or was it for personal gain? Or perhaps a bit of both? One hundred years later we will have to make up our own minds, but does it really matter? Individual entrepreneurial spirit has often benefited the masses and the result was that the **Haydon Bridge Town Hall**, which the residents had long desired, was made possible by the combined efforts of, among others, William Samuel Walton and Dr. Walter Murray and has been a venue for much entertainment and pleasure since it opened on **November 27th 1908**.



A view of the land at the west end of Shaftoe Street before the Town Hall was built there.

My history of the Town Hall, its construction and its 100 year life, will be continued in a future edition of The Haydon News.

Why don't you share your personal memories of the Town Hall / Club with our readers?

Contact me; Dennis Telford, on 01434 684636, leave a message at Claires Newsagents, or write to me at 'The Buildings', West Rattenraw, Haydon Bridge. NE47 6ED.

Thank you.

MUMBAI

As we go to print our thoughts are with Mick and Diane Murphy, caught up in the atrocities in India. We wish them a safe return and a speedy recovery.

CORRESPONDENCE

Following our 'Notes in the Haydon News on George Anderson (October/ November 2008) we are delighted to have received correspondence from George's daughter, Mildred, who has interesting memories of Haydon Bridge.

Aberdeen.

Dear Editors,

I was so very delighted to read the October and November editions of the Haydon News with the glowing review you gave of my father George Anderson's life, and particularly of his love of and loyalty to his native Haydon Bridge. I know how proud he would have been to be remembered in your archives and I congratulate you on your comprehensive record of his life.

My father was determined that I was made aware of his English roots and I have several photographs of us all there when I was a toddler.

Then in the 1930's my mother and I came down by car with one of my father's drivers, to visit his Auntie Polly. *(At 20 Smith's Terrace.)*

Auntie Polly was a formidable old lady, dressed in black, sitting in front of the range like a dowager; although probably younger than I am now!! Auntie Jean *(Jenny Dinning)* lived there then and it was a great treat for me to go down to the chemist's shop *(on Ratcliffe Road)* where she allowed me to tidy those lovely mahogany drawers, full of soaps, ointments etc. At the back of the shop was a large coffee grinding machine - the aroma of which I can still recall!! It's amazing how I can also remember the hissing hot smell from the horses' hooves at the blacksmith's shop opposite the chemist shop.

During the war we came down by train to Carlisle and then Haydon Bridge. It was always a great pleasure to meet the Stokoe family - George, Edie and their family, George, Betty, Amy and Mary, and I still remember those lovely plate tarts Edie used to give us at tea time.

At that time, Miss Usher lived next to Auntie Polly *(on Smith's Terrace)* and I remember her son in law, Eddie Waite. He was head master at Shaftoe Trust School at the end of Whittis Hill.

I also remember visits by car to Grindon Mill Hills, near Hadrian's Wall. This austere house was reached through a field in those days and was occupied by Mary Hindmarsh and her

brother Willie. I think she would have been a relative on my father's maternal side and was the kindest of persons, sending my husband and me little Christmas presents when I'm sure she herself had very little. They came down to Chapel regularly and also to Beetle Drives. How they managed the journey in all weathers is amazing!

Haydon Bridge has still left its connection for me, as the then doctor, Dr. Ferguson, cine-filmed my wedding in Aberdeen in March 1953.

I'm so grateful to Auntie Jean Dinning for sending some old yellowed newspaper cuttings to me when she left her home, otherwise my father's journey through life would have been rather hazy as time marches on. And now my daughter Gillian (53 years) and my son Gordon (49 years) will have a lasting record of their maternal grandfather, thanks to the Haydon News.

The Anderson name was so special to me that I married Graham Anderson - and believe it or not, my father-in-law was also George Anderson - and we're still happily married!! Both eighty years old.

Thank you again for the honour you paid to my father in The Haydon News.

Yours sincerely,
 Mildred Anderson.

Thank you Mildred.

We are pleased to have been able to introduce our readers to a small part of Haydonian George Anderson's life and to archive it for future generations. We are always grateful to receive recollections of our parish, and your memories of Mary and Willie Hindmarsh and their long walk, made twice every Sunday to attend the Methodist Chapel, will be shared by many residents of a certain age. Including me!

Incidentally, I can add a little more detail to George Anderson's introduction to life at Haydon Bridge. Sad though it is. *(See October HN.)*

George Albert Anderson was born on June 6th 1887 and his mother, Rachel Jane Anderson, gave birth to another child, a daughter, in December 1888 but died in childbirth, at the age of twenty seven. Rachel's daughter, George's sister, was christened Rachel Jane Anderson after her deceased mother but sadly lived only nine months and was buried on 26th September 1889. Having already lost his mother, two year old George's father died on Sunday August 24th 1890. I have found a copy

of the inquest report and it seems that on Tuesday 5th August, thirty two year old Mr. Anderson mounted his horse by jumping into the saddle without putting his feet into the stirrups. His horse bolted and hit a wall, throwing the rider onto the ground and then the horse fell and rolled over him. The horse got up and stood over his master who had fractured his right leg and suffered severe spinal injuries.

Mary (Polly) Anderson, Mr. Anderson's sister, was soon on the scene and she informed the inquest: "When I saw him he was lying on the road and the saddle was lying between him and the horse. He was unable to rise and said to me. 'Oh dear Polly. I am done.'"

Haydon Bridge's Dr Murray stated that Mr. Anderson did well until August 20th when he grew worse and died on Sunday August 24th.

From that date, the young George was brought up by his father's sister Polly, at 20 Smith's Terrace in Haydon Bridge.

WILLIAM TAIT

The Haydon News is very fortunate to be able to call upon an archive of the writings of the late and much loved Haydon Bridge naturalist, William Tait.

The years pass by with apparent undue haste and yet Bill's extensive knowledge and inimitable style will always be current.

It is a delight to be able to introduce Bill's reminiscences to a new generation and to share them with old friends. We thank Bill's wife Jean most sincerely for allowing us to publish her late husband's wonderful reflections on nature and life.

MAIR SNAA' TE COME!

A biting wind blew across the hill, bringing a shower of sleet and snow which quickly blanketed the ground in a frozen stillness of white.

For several days the temperatures had steadily dropped, the crisp frost finally taking the earth in its grip. The Linn Burn showed a crinkled fringe of ice at its edge and where it tumbled over, the tall icicles began to form.

Sheep began coming down from the high ground to seek shelter among the trees which skirted the wood. As they huddled together, ice from their warm breath turned to ice on their already frozen wool beneath their chins. The moon, pale and cold, shone through the stark, bare tree branches. The stars glinted down as the dog fox found a place to sleep in a couch of dead bracken, beneath the overhanging rocks of the Harsondale Burn.

As morning approached, away to Plankey Mill, a hungry vixen came upon a meal - a dead pheasant left from the shoot of the previous day. Hunger satisfied, she screamed her eerie love call which echoed on the crisp air across the field.

For old Ned, the night had been a sleepless one as he lay turning, trying to keep warm in his cold room.

Patterns of frost had etched themselves on the small panes in the window of his cottage, and as he turned over once more, Ned heard the vixen's scream.

Like a signal, it prompted him to rise, to dress, and shuffle across the stone flags to the kitchen.

Re-kindled, the embers flickered back into life, the burning Hawthorn twigs soon heating the blackened kettle to sing on the hob.

Alerted by the vixen's call, the dog fox stirred from his resting place, rising and shaking off the fine sprinkling of snow that had settled overnight on his red coat. His head turned, catching the distant barking of a collie beyond the trees at Harsondale as Raymond White set off to do his rounds of the sheep.

In the low-beamed kitchen, the usual early morning smell of bacon frying, and wood smoke mingling with the onions hanging from the dark beams, wafted about as old Ned pulled on a tattered tweed jacket over a collar-less shirt and wrapped a tartan scarf around his neck, opened the door and stepped out into the morning sunshine.

A flock of rooks soared and wheeled to a great height above the mist, their much excited cawing causing the old man to look across the woods to Lane Foot, where, only three weeks earlier he had watched the rooks ridding the ground of larvae and grubs as, at a safe distance, they followed the

horse-drawn plough of John Dodd. Soon the rooks would be back among the elms behind the old man's cottage.

Old Ned welcomed the rooks back to his corner of the woods. For they reminded him of the past days of his youth in Allendale, tucked in its sleepy hollow, of the curling wisps of smoke, of the long-gone ring of the blacksmith's anvil, of the rookery in the Vicarage elms, and Wentworth Place. All as much a part of Allendale as the new year's eve bonfire.

As he gazed at the cold morning sky, Old Ned's eyes watered and, muttering to himself, "Mair snaa te come", he turned, creaked open the cottage door and shuffled back inside to the warmth of the fireside.

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JOHN MARTIN 1789-1854

You can never tell where our most famous son's work will turn up next!



Two versions of John Martin's water colour, 'Manfred on the Jungfrau' were exhibited, in 1826 and in 1837.

On this new CD cover, his 1837 painting introduces Tchaikovsky's 'Manfred Symphony' by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vasily Petrenko.

John Martin was born at East Land Ends on 19th July 1789.



Manfred on the Jungfrau by John Martin 15" x 21 1/4" Water Colour

Manfred, an outcast from society, stands on the precipice about to jump.

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THE OLD BRIDGE LIGHTS UP

Temperatures -3°C didn't deter hundreds of Haydon Bridge folk as they packed the old bridge on Sunday afternoon to support the 'Christmas Lights on the Old Bridge' event. The 3,000 lights on fifteen trees were switched on by Madeleine Vall from Shaftoe Trust First School (see page 11) and Santa Clause welcomed the young Haydonians onto his sleigh to the lively background music of the Sunshine Panners. The ladies of the village provided welcome sustenance with soup, sausages, hot dogs and mulled wine and the whole event was a most enjoyable family occasion. Those volunteers who organised and supported the event deserve a great deal of credit. The view from the south side onto a crowded old bridge, (see front cover.) reminded me of the bygone September days of the Haydon Bridge Show - admittedly, in somewhat different temperatures. **Well done everyone.**



Shaftoe Trust First School

DATES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DIARY:

Friday 12th December Christmas Fair at 3.30 p.m.

Monday 15th December Dress rehearsal of Play and Tea for Senior Citizens.

WORLD WAR 2 DAY

The children would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who visited school on October 23rd. They found it extremely helpful and enjoyed talking about their topic sharing personal stories.

We are intending to present a photographic display of the event and if you would like to view them please call at school anytime from Wednesday 27th November.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Children, parents and staff made a really great effort to support this appeal and raised over £300.

Activities included sponsored spelling, non uniform day, Pudsey Bear made from coins, cake stall and raffle.



Pupils, members of the community and staff enjoy World War II day

EVENTS

On Tuesday 25th November all children in school will be involved in tree planting, as part of the Haydon Bridge Bypass activities.

CHRISTMAS CHILD

A very big thank you to all staff, parents and children who contributed 31 shoe boxes to Christmas Child.

BYPASS UPDATE

The construction of the Haydon Bridge Bypass moves into its final stages, as the surface of the embankment on the south side of the West Rattenraw rail/river bridge is completed and waterproofing, handrail and kerb laying is underway on the bridge structure.

Freezing temperatures in recent weeks have held up progress in some of the construction activities, however it is still expected that the bypass will open for traffic early in the new year. Well in advance of the programmed April 2009 completion date.

The Land Ends road will re-open before Christmas when its diversion under the new bridge there will be complete. Other activities will continue until the official opening: e.g. The work on the east end tie-in where traffic management will be necessary after Christmas and the Alston road will remain single lane in one direction for traffic.

Any inconvenience suffered at this late stage is clearly for the long term benefit of most residents.

VILLAGE TRAIN SERVICES

Our Haydon Bridge Representative on the Tyne Valley Rail User Group, John Irving, is pleased to report that **train services from the village are to be improved** from the timetable change which comes into effect **from 14th December**. There will be mid-morning and mid-afternoon services to both Newcastle and Carlisle.

Westbound departures should be at about 1003 and 1506. Additional trains for Newcastle should be around 1110 and 1610.

These are improvements John has been banging on about for years and commuters will be grateful that his efforts have paid off eventually.

THANK YOU

At the end of another year in the life of The Haydon News, it is time to thank all those who make its publication possible.

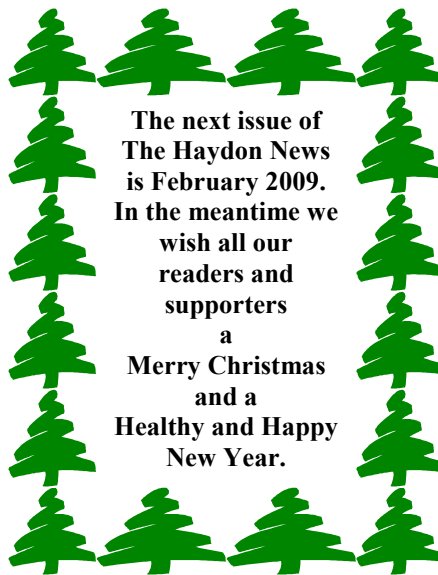
The committee members of the Friends of Haydon Bridge who oversee the publishing process. Businesses who advertise in The Haydon News and those individuals who provide finance through donations and membership of The Friends of Haydon Bridge; without this generous support we would be unable to continue publication.

The regular and occasional contributors to The Haydon News.

And a special thanks to our village newsagent, Claire Marshall; to George Hutton for his support during production and to the distributors who volunteer their precious time to deliver the publication to your door.

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Thank you all on behalf of our readers



**The next issue of
The Haydon News
is February 2009.**

**In the meantime we
wish all our
readers and
supporters**

**a
Merry Christmas
and a
Healthy and Happy
New Year.**

FOR THE FALLEN

They went with songs to the battle,
they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady
and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against
odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are
left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in
the morning

We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon 1869 - 1943



**At the Haydon Bridge service of remembrance in November,
William Foster and John Kenneth Bennion read out the names
of those who gave their lives in two world wars.**

CORRESPONDENCE Cont.

Request from Down Under!

Western Australia.
October 2008.

Dear Editors,

My husband's grandmother was Hannah Shipley. I have a copy of her birth certificate which says she was born on 8th October 1888 at Plunderheath, Haydon, England. Her father was Ralph Shipley, he was born in 1838 and died 29th March 1905.

We believe Hannah came to Western Australia at the age of 14 or 15 years. We have a possible arrival date for a 'Miss Shipley' aboard the 'Marloo' on 7th May 1903.

Hannah married James Barr in Perth, Western Australia on 2nd December 1915 and her daughter was my husband's mother.

We would be interested to know if there are any members of her family still living in Haydon who could tell us more.

Yours,
Nola Powell.

**As usual. Any readers with information
are asked to contact the editors in the first
instance. Thank you.**

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

WINTER and SPRING TALKS 2008 - 2009

11th December 2008: Ken Carlisle.
'Benin, Togo and Burkina Faso.'

2009

8th January: David Noble-Rollin.
'Bird Watching in Majorca.'

22nd January: J. M. Almond.
'River and Wetland Wildlife in
Northumbria.'

5th February: A.G.M.
Trevor Bridges.
'More Images of Northumbria.'

19th February: Eddie Carrington.
'New Zealand.'

5th March: Mr. & Mrs. Jamieson.
'The Flowers of the Dolomites.'

**Talks are at 7.15 p.m. in
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church
every other Thursday**

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

Annual subscription: £10
Non-members £2 each meeting

**ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING
NEW MEMBERS**

Family life

Christmas has come early for me this year. I have been off work this last week being the main carer for my 3 young children whilst my wife was otherwise engaged. As a result thoughts of work and medicine are far from my mind. I am more interested in when the baby's feed is next due...what time is soccer practice?...where has my oldest son left his book bag? It has been great fun and a lot of laughs, but not exactly a holiday.

This morning my eldest son, full of ideas about making a potion that would cause our dead pumpkin plants to revitalise themselves and grow, Jack's beanstalk like, to the clouds, was searching the garden for mud, grass, strawberry plants, anything to flesh out this abomination (Roald Dahl, I am sure I could teach your children a thing or two). "Do you think this will work, dad....just think of it, pumpkins the size of our house, super-sized rosemary, giant conkers, etc,etc" (he has quite an imagination). My middle son was wandering round with a screwdriver and a pin hammer looking for things to "fix", (the only word he knows how to spell...before even his name!) or a new machine to make: "dad you start it off and I'll finish it"...dad, what about this one". Meanwhile the baby was climbing the stairs to the top bunk; vomiting on my middle son's arm (he took it well); climbing in the pot cupboard; turning the TV on and off; wanting to play peekaboo; crying for a nappy change; screaming for milk.....Full time mums and dads everywhere, you have my admiration!

Whilst on the subject of domestic bliss here is a possibly apocryphal story I was once told:

A man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. The doctor started a long and thorough examination, but finally found nothing wrong with the man.

When the examination was complete, he said, "Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me." "Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy." "Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife".

And another story about a husband (not me):

A concerned husband went to a doctor to talk about his wife.

He says to the doctor, "Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and always asks me to repeat things." "Well," the doctor replied, "go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply move about 5 feet close and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness".

Sure enough, the husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some vegetables and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He hears no response. He moves about 5 feet closer and asks again. No reply. He moves 5 feet closer. Still no reply. He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

She replies, "For the fourth time, vegetable stew!"

Communication and ownership of problems:

These stories hopefully make you smile but they also illustrate two things that are commonly on my mind when seeing patients:

Does this patient understand me and do I understand him/her? Medical jargon can be very useful to communicate precisely what the problem is. It can also be used to hide behind by doctors (including me) and by patients (in this case to try to blind his wife to the problem). All of us in the practice value your understanding and it is usually possible to explain things in simpler terms. So, if you don't understand, please ask.

What can I do to help this person with this problem? This may mean a prescription or an injection. Often, however, it involves trying to help someone to see something that is in front of their eyes: "Maybe it is me who is becoming deaf"; "I need to lose weight"; "I might be getting depressed".

Eating Habits and obesity:

Scientists in Japan have recently added to our proof about two habits related to weight: speed of eating and eating until full. Both these habits appear to increase the likelihood that an individual will become obese. The effects appear to be cumulative so that people who do both these things are nearly 4 times more likely than people who do neither to be overweight.

Interestingly it seems that we tend to rely more on visual and external cues than internal ones when it comes to eating. (i.e. we mostly have a stronger internal imperative to "finish the plate" and to "eat lots of that...it looks nice" than our appetite and satiety drives telling us we are full). Some think this is a result of parents pushing children to eat more...younger children are better at self-regulating food intake than older ones...(It is IMPOSSIBLE to get my baby son to eat something he doesn't want. It is hard with the older ones, but, if I really try I sometimes prevail). Others think it is more about an inherited drive to put on weight in times of plenty to survive possible future famine!

Where does this leave those of you wanting to loose weight? Well I think it gives two important tips: try to eat in a slow and relaxed way and in non-distracting environments (not in front of the TV!) and listen to feelings of impending fullness. The other pointer is for parents (including me!): listen to children when they say they do not want more (as long as this doesn't mean they get more pudding...apparently my eldest son has an extra stomach for this located somewhere under his armpit!)

National Bowel Cancer Screening programme:

This is now in full swing in our area. This programme is **aimed at men and women aged 60 to 69**. The programme tries to identify bowel cancers early when many cancers can be removed completely. The programme asks people to post samples of their faeces in a special pack. This is obviously a bit messy but not too invasive. More than 9 in 10 will screen negative and this will be the end of the story for them. About 1 in 20 will screen positive and be invited to the next stage. This is usually a telescope test, looking directly at the

inside of the bowel. I am told this is unpleasant but bearable! The surgery is not directly involved in this programme but we do receive copies of results, so I know that many of you are returning samples. I would urge those of you who haven't done so to think about returning your sample as **the majority of cancers discovered by the programme are at a stage where they are still curable.**

Anybody 70 or over who wants to be screened can opt into the screening programme by phoning: **0800 707 60 60.**

Chlamydia Screening:

Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted infection that can cause severe illness and infertility in women. Men and women can also become infected and not know about it (and commonly do). Nationally about 1 in 10 of under 25s who volunteer for screening have Chlamydia. Chlamydia is easily treatable with antibiotics. Until recently testing for Chlamydia meant an intimate examination. It is now possible to screen for Chlamydia using a urine sample (this is not as accurate as taking swabs on examination so we do still do this where risk is high).

We are now offering screening for Chlamydia as part of the national screening programme to under 25s. You can **collect a pack from the foyer** in the front of the surgery. You **do not need to**

see a member of staff and the service is **completely confidential.** We recommend screening for all those under 25 who have been sexually active and **every time you have a new sexual partner** (using a condom does substantially reduce the risk of contracting Chlamydia but it is possible to contract Chlamydia despite using a condom).

Remember, Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease but there are others (including HIV). We can screen for all other STIs within the practice or you can contact the Genito-Urinary medicine clinics at Newcastle (0191 2195011) or Hexham via (08448) 8118111. These are self-referral clinics and you can choose not to have any information sent back to us if you want to have this information kept completely confidential.

Some more Notes from medical records where people have been trying too hard:

- On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1983.
- I will be happy to go into her Gastrointestinal system, she seems ready and anxious.

- Discharge status: Alive but without permission.
- The patient will need disposition, and therefore we will get Dr. Blank to dispose of him.
- Healthy-appearing, decrepit 69 year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.

A few more "Well Known Facts":

The Red Sea is named after a species of algae that turns the sea's normally intense blue-green waters red when dying

Lake Nicaragua (in Nicaragua) has the only freshwater sharks in the world

More than 700 languages are spoken on the island of New Guinea (which is about twice the size of the U.K). This is about a third of all the known languages in the world

Finally an apology: It was Graeme Murphy (not Colin as I wrote last month) who completed the three peaks and kindly donated a significant sum to our equipment fund. Thank you again Graeme.

Seasons Greeting to everyone as my next article will be in 2009!

Paul Wyatt

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION DESIGN COMPETITION



A group of children from Shaftoe First School entered into the spirit of the village's 'Christmas Lights on the Bridge' project by taking part in the competition to design a Christmas Tree decoration. Pictured here are the three winners; Madeleine Vall 1st, with her Christmas Fairy design, Katherine Barker 2nd, with a Rudolph design and Erin Armstrong 3rd, with her Christmas Robin. Pictured with them is Cllr Howard Oliver who has led the Christmas Lights project from the start and without whose enthusiasm and energy the project would never have got off the ground. Madeleine received a 'Cuddly Polar Bear', donated by Claire's Newsagents, as her prize. The three winning designs have been made up into 6 Christmas cards to give to their friends. All the children who entered the competition received a jumbo tube of Smarties as a 'thank you'.

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Les Hann

Dear Friends,

Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's hat,
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do
If you haven't got a ha'penny God bless you.

Christmas is a time to celebrate and a time to remember those who are in need.

Have you noticed that many of the stories associated with this time of year are also about doing good, sharing, helping other people? The Christmas Carol, "Good King Wenceslas has the king trudging through the snow to help the poor man.

Christmas is about the incarnation - God honouring our material world with his presence, telling us that His world and its people are precious to him.

At Christmas we give thanks for the presence of God in the baby Jesus, who was born in a byre in poverty with very few of the comforts of home and hunted by the country's ruler Herod within days of his birth. We can truly serve Christ by helping those who are poor, in need, persecuted, unloved or unwanted.

John in his first letter writes: "If you do not love your brother or sister who you have seen you cannot love God whom you haven't seen?"

**WINTER FAIR
HAYDON BRIDGE
SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER
STARTING AT 10 am
In Saint Cuthbert's Church**

Raffle, Stalls, Cake Stall,
Bran Tub, Santa, Refreshments
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Come and join us

**DECEMBER 2008
JANUARY 2009**



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

Of course doing good is excellent but not enough, we need a sense of wonder in our lives and a recognition that the world is created and sustained by a good God who loves us.

At the heart of the Christmas story there is love poured out on a world, and its people.

Our world is still in desperate need of that love. Will you be a channel by which this love and peace can reach everyone?

January 6th is the day for taking down the Christmas decorations, doesn't it make the house look bare? It is also the day when we remember wise men bringing their gifts to Jesus who brightens up all our lives.

One old hymn begins Wise men seeking Jesus travel from afar... Wise folk still seek Jesus to help them keep the promises they make and to know more about God's love.

Les Hann

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

7 December

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev. J Errington
6.00pm Holy Communion
Rev Les Hann

14 December

10.00am Toy Service
Les Hann
6.00pm Christmas Praise
Miss P Thompson and
Miss Lorraine Dodswell

21 December

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev M Lloyd
6.00pm Village Carols on the
Bridge or at St John's

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

9.30am Rev Les Hann

28 December

10.00am Morning Worship
Patrick Eavis

4 January

10.00am Morning Service
4.00pm Joint Service at Haydon
Old Church

11 January

10.00am Service
6.00pm Evening Service
Mr. Kevin Williams

18 January

10.00am Morning Service
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev P Wright

25 January

10.00am Morning Worship
Mr. B Elstob
6.00pm Praise Evening
Mrs. Christine Caddy

1 February

10.00am Morning Service
6.00pm Evening Service

*Thank you to all who supported the
Christmas Fayre at the Methodist
Church*

*Hamper Value competition winner Alison Robson
Name the Penguin competition winner Pauline
Smith*

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

7 December

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

14 December

*Joint Benefice Service at
Haydon Bridge*

21 December

Henshaw
9.30am Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Henshaw
6.00pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

28 December

Beltingham
9.30am Joint Service

4 January

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

11 January

*Joint Benefice Service at
Haydon Bridge*

18 January

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

25 January

Henshaw
9.30am Joint Service

1 February

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

4 January

4.00pm Evensong for Epiphany

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

Mass each Sunday

9.30am. Haydon Bridge
11.00am. at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays

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

Christmas at St John's

21st December at 6.00pm
Carols on the Bridge or at St
John's
24th December 9.30pm Carols

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

7 December

11.00am BCP Communion

14 December

11.00am Joint Service

21 December

11.00am Communion
6.00 pm Village Carols on the
Bridge or at St John's

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Crib Service at Meth.
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

11.00 am Communion

28 December

9.30am Service at Beltingham

4 January

11.00am BCP Communion

11 January

11.00am Joint Service with
Baptism

18 January

11.00am Communion

25 January

9.30am Service at Henshaw

1 February

11.00am BCP Communion



YET MORE ACTS OF VANDALISM AT SHAFTOE GREEN

On this occasion the memorial seat, donated by Pauline and John Wallis in memory of their parents, was torn from its moorings and overturned. And, presumably done by the same persons, part of the new dry stone wall on Langley Road was pushed over. The police were informed.

Repairs to the seat and the wall were completed as quickly as possible, paid for by the Parish Council.

Hopefully CVC will have replaced the bark in the Toddlers' Play area by the time you get this copy of the Haydon News.

MP

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW PHARMACY



On Thursday 20th November Haydon Bridge Pharmacy was officially opened, with all due ceremony, by Dr Steve Ford.

The staff of the pharmacy wish to thank everyone who attended and hope that the pharmacy will meet the needs of the people of Haydon Bridge in the future

Photograph by Ernie Swinburn

Parish Council Notes

continued from page 3.

What does begin to emerge is that areas like Tynedale, which have seen a relatively high provision of services, may see these decline as the unitary authority look to reduce standards and costs. It also appears that parish councils will be required to deliver more services by raising their local precept rather than these being funded centrally from NCC. The parish council is to request that a representative from NCC attend the next

meeting to clarify some of the issues to enable the council to make an appropriate response to these proposals.

Parish Projects

Parish Plan

The council was informed of the inaugural meeting that took place on November 19th at which the Dissolution of the Haydon Parish Plan Steering Group took place and a new group, Haydon Bridge and Haydon



SHOWFIELD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Work started at the beginning of November clearing the site for the second phase of forty houses in the Showfield Development.

However, within days of the work starting the small compound, erected for the workmen's loo, was burnt to the ground. The local fire brigade and police attended the blaze during the night of Saturday, 8th November.

Work on clearing the site continued uninterrupted when workmen returned after the weekend.

The cause of the blaze has not been made known but it looks as though it was started deliberately.

MP

Parish Development Trust, was formed. This is a constituted body that will oversee the implementation of the now completed Parish Plan. The Development Trust will be able to raise funds from a range of organisations to implement the Parish Plan proposals. One of these proposals is the running of the Library and a tourist information service by the community. A business plan for the library is nearing completion and a funding application has already been made for improvements to the building. NCC Library Services are expected to make repairs to the building prior to it being taken over by the Development Trust.

The council was told that work is to start soon on improvements to the Spa Well path.

The Christmas trees/lights are to be put in place along the old bridge on Saturday in readiness for the lights to be switched on at 3.30pm, Sunday 30th Nov
Next meeting Dec 18th.

MP

Extra Help to Stop Smoking in Haydon Bridge

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy has recently launched an NHS stop smoking service. Stopping smoking is an excellent way of saving money in these financially difficult times. It also is one of the most significant things a smoker can do to improve their health reducing the chances of a stroke, heart attack and cancer.

People who have tried to stop smoking in the past will know that quitting can be very difficult. The pharmacist in Haydon Bridge has been specially trained to help you succeed.

The stop program consists of an in-depth initial appointment where the pharmacist will:

- Establish the nature of your current smoking habit (when and how much you smoke currently)

- Review your past attempts to stop smoking.

- Look at the many different nicotine products that can be provided direct from the pharmacy free of charge if you don't pay for prescriptions.

There is also the option of a new tablet called champix which may be used. If suitable the pharmacist will arrange with the GP for this to be prescribed for you.

The pharmacist will then see you weekly giving you hints, tips and encouragement to help "kick the habit" For those reading this who do not feel ready to stop, call in and see our staff who can provide extra information that may inspire you to stop in the future.

A big thank you to all who gave so generously



Stan

Eustachy Martyniuk, known to the 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 he passed away on 20th July 2000, and after seven years his grave had no memorial stone. To try to rectify this, the Langley Sports Committee, through a number of fund raising events and kind donations from friends of Stan's, raised enough money to buy a suitable permanent headstone. This was erected in August by our local Co-operative Funeral Care branch who we also thank for generously waiving their lettering fee. Once again a big thank you to all involved.

Sue Brownbridge

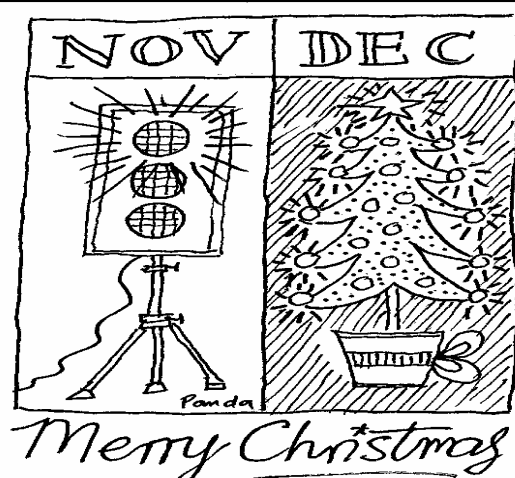
Haydon Bridge Pharmacy
Church Street, Haydon Bridge
01434 684354

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Community Centre
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or
01670822334
(Bedlington office)

NOTICES

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

Monday to Friday: The Health Centre is open continuously
from 8.00am until 6.00pm (except for the
afternoon of the second Wednesday of
every month)

Doctors consult between: **8.00am and 11.00am**
3.00pm and 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**

Website **www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.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 **Tuesday** 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.

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Juniors: 6pm – 7pm

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WHIST DRIVES

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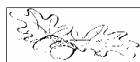
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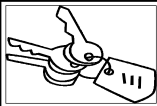
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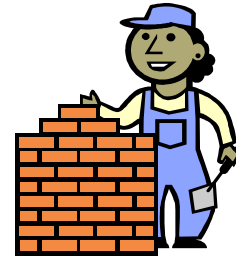
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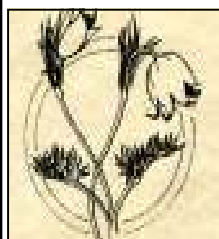
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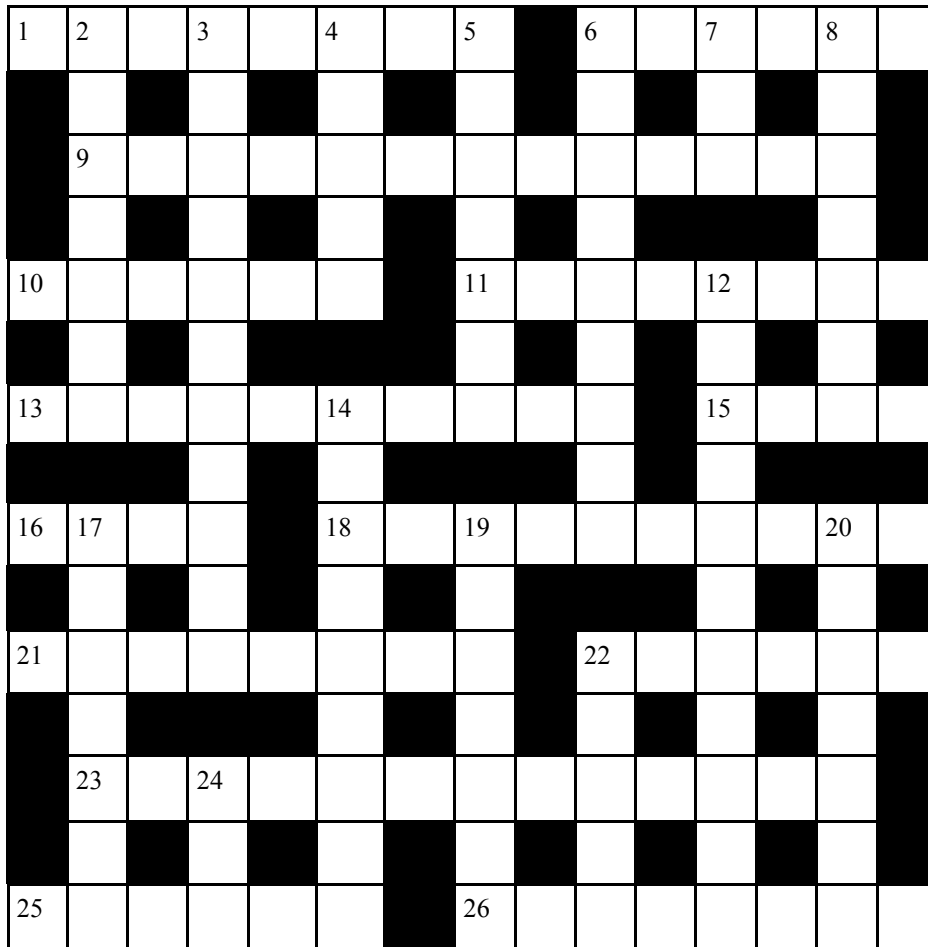
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- 1 Tries volunteers around lures.(8)
6 Animal alien shot.(6)
9 Numeral type of garment craves a mile.(5,8)
10 Large fish town in Scotland.(6)
11 Protects protuberances with the limbs askew.(8)
13 Tie often leads to 3.(10)
15 Goose seen in North East twice.(4)
16 Bistros wanted part of bird.(4)
18 Naïve religious person vulgar Cockney ogled.(6-4)
21 Showing off snake bite.(8)
22 Separate bismuth wing.(6)
23 Programme opponents of imperialism.(6,7)
25 Trendy rents passages.(6)
26 Dangles puss, send crazy.(8)

12. Standard voice declares biggest vote in US.((6,5)
14. Select its improved glands.(9)
17. Noel owl made of yarn.(7)
19. Fishing-frogs.(7)
20. Measure pod journalist recorded in secret text.(7)
22. Toilet we found to be artificial.(5)
24. Protuberance not protected by 11.(3)

SOLUTIONS TO OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD. (37)

ACROSS

1. Staged
5. Pinafore
9. Collection
10. Nile
11. Mnemonic
12. Unlock
13. Aped
15. Suspects
18. Bellagio
19. Pest
21. Scampo
23. Whitefly
25. Miss
26. Television
27. Defrocks
28. Resist

DOWN

2. Troon
3. Gold Medal
4. Decent
5. Princess of Wales
6. Ninjutsu
7. Final
8. Relocates
14. Prescribe
16. Expresses
17. Agnostic
20. Silver
22. Miser
24. Loops

DOWN

2. Soviet right destroyed in Italy.(7)
3. Fighting before or after 13?(11)
4. Paste right for the old man.(5)
5. Slam model the French shunt.(7)
6. Measure incline, Her Majesty fortified house in Northumberland.(9)
7. Half the capital comes before Chaney.(3)
8. Roman 250 behind from a point.(7)

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| Sun 7th Dec | Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm | | 8.00pm |
| Wed 10th Dec | Bingo | | 8.30pm |
| Sat 13th Dec | Members Children's Xmas Party | | 1pm till 4pm |
| | Christmas Family Prize Bingo (50p per book) | | 7.30pm |
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AND WISH ALL THEIR CUSTOMERS AND OUR READERS A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



RAILWAY HOTEL

Dec 13th Live music

Dec 17th. 12.30pm. Annual Christmas
Lunch for Senior
Residents of Haydon
Bridge

Opening hours over Christmas.

Christmas Day **11.00am-1.00pm**

Closed afternoon & evening.

Boxing Day 11.00am –Midnight

Free buffet.

Music evening with John H

From Dec 27th opening hours as usual

New Year's Eve.

'Go as you please' Party Night

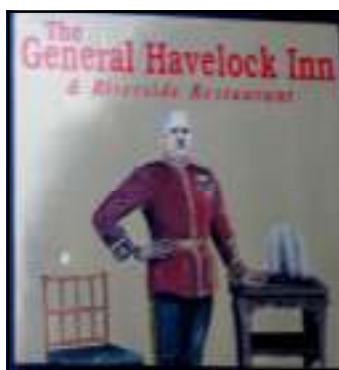
New Year's Day. Lunchtime Buffet.

Saturday, 24th Jan. **Burns' Night**

Haggis Supper with
traditional music



See full page of seasonal
activities and events over leaf.



THE GENERAL HAVELOCK & Riverside Restaurant

*Havelock Christmas Puddings for sale
Large £7 medium £4*

Opening times over Christmas and

New Year

Christmas Day: 12noon-4pm

Closed in the evening

Boxing Day: 12noon-4pm. 7pm-12.00

Dec 27th & 28th Usual hours

Dec 29th Closed

Dec 30th Open 7pm–12 midnight only

New Years Eve: 12noon –3pm

7pm-12 midnight

Midnight Fizz & Fireworks.

Jan 1st & 2nd closed

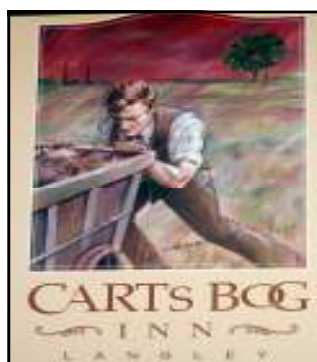
Sunday, 25th January:

Burns' Night Celebrations

For further information

Telephone 01434 684376

email: info@generalthavelock.co.uk



CARTS BOG INN

Christmas Eve.

Food served 12noon - 2.00pm

6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bar open 12.noon - 10.00pm

Christmas Day 12noon-2.00pm Bar only

Boxing day. Food served 12.00-2.00pm

Bar 12.00-4.00pm

New Year's Eve opening hours as
Christmas Eve.

New Year's Day opening hours as
Boxing Day.

Festive menus available.

Christmas Parties enquiries welcome.



ANCHOR HOTEL

Christmas Day opening hours.

12.noon - 2.00pm

8.00pm - 10.30pm

Christmas Day lunches fully booked.

Boxing Day. Evening Disco.

Christmas Fayre available throughout

December . Bookings taken.

£19.95 per head.

Menus on request.

Tel 01434 684227

From Dec 26th open hours as usual



LANGLEY CASTLE

Langley Castle is open for festive
lunches throughout December
(excluding Bank Holidays)
Enjoy a three course lunch with
Christmas novelties and a glass of
mulled wine upon arrival (Monday -
Friday) £20.95 per person.

If you can't come for lunch, dishes on
the Josephine Restaurant menu will have
a Christmas theme during this period.
Open every evening from 7.00pm -
9.00pm.

Four mouth-watering courses for £34.95
per person

**The staff of Langley Castle wish all a
very Merry Christmas and
prosperous New Year.**