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**Pre-cast concrete
beams being lifted
into position during
construction of the
Gee's Wood Bridge
over the
Langley Burn
(see page 9)**

**Photographs by kind per-
mission
of the bypass
contractors
CVC Highway
Solutions**



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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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EDITORIAL COMMENT

So the planners have once again ignored the views of local people and given the go ahead to another large housing development in Haydon Bridge, this time 40 houses on the Showfield. On this occasion not only did they receive letters of objection from residents and the Parish Council but also listened to, but perhaps did not hear, the objections raised by residents and a local councillor at their planning meeting. The Tynedale Planning Department also have a copy of the results of the recent Local Housing Needs Survey, commissioned by the Parish Council, and a draft copy of the Haydon Parish Plan and Village Design Statement. Both these documents stress the need for small developments to meet local housing needs in line with the findings of the Haydon Bridge Housing Survey. It would seem, from the outcome of the Planning Meeting, that local knowledge and local need account for very little. It would also appear that their own Local Development Framework for the Tynedale District doesn't mean a lot when it comes to decision making.

Looking ahead to the end of the current Local Development Framework in 2021 Tynedale Council's 'vision' for the District states;

' In 2021 Tynedale will have retained the many positive characteristics that make it such an attractive place to live, visit and work. The scale of development will have been modest and there will not have been significant physical change.

The character of the built environment will have been maintained and in some cases enhanced. New development will have been sensitively located and designed.

The amount of green field land taken up by development will have been minimised and best use will have been made of existing buildings and previously developed land.'

Except in Haydon Bridge?

MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND ENGLAND



**THE HAYDON
BRIDGE BYPASS
BEING
CONSTRUCTED
THROUGH
GEE'S WOOD
AND OVER THE
LANGLEY BURN**

**See also front cover
and page 9**



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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in June 2008

Risk Assessment Meeting. June 5th.

5 councillors attended.

The meeting was held to discuss risk assessment regarding items owned by the Parish Council, activities undertaken by the Council and its employees and the adequacy of the Council's insurance.

A review was carried out of the previous year and then consideration given to future activities.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would carry out a risk assessment of each of the Parish Plan Projects as they progressed. The clerk is to investigate adding the newly acquired Brown Signs to the insurance policy.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to discuss the Showfield Housing Development. June 16th.

6 councillors attended with 10 members of the public and 2 representatives from Bellway, the developers.

A councillor told the meeting that he would attend the Tynedale Planning Meeting on June 18th, when the Showfield Development will be considered, and give the views expressed by the council.

There are no changes to the layout of the development. The only change made is to the proportion of the homes for sale and for rent (See page 15 for details). Several objections were raised by the members of the public and councillors. They included: flooding issues; access and safety; privacy of the houses overlooked by the development; the siting of the play area next to the bungalows and substation; services and drainage problems; the scale of the development.

Parish Council Meeting held on June 26th.

Public Participation

The council was informed that a large puddle is forming during heavy rain at the south end of the old bridge. Drain cleaning to be requested.

A complaint was made about the wheelie bins left on the verge of Land Ends Road.

Council Meeting

9 councillors present.

Alan Sharpe, the newly elected NCC councillor for Haydon and Hadrian, attended the meeting.

Highways

The brown signs for tourists are now in place at the Esp Hill junction.

The sign for Haydon Bridge at the Old Repeater Station junction is to be replaced. The present sign is faded.

A snagging list is to be presented to the bypass construction company as the work nears completion.

The council was informed that Land Ends Road is to be resurfaced when work on the bypass is completed.

A councillor is to make enquiries about brown signs being placed on the A69 at the junctions into the village. Concern was expressed about the hidden dip, beneath the bypass bridge, on the Langley road. It presents a hazard to cars as they move off after parking outside Shaftoe First School and to vehicles overtaking parked cars. NCC Highways Dept is to be contacted about creating a lay-by outside the school.

Members of the council agreed that it was a priority to find out what work is to be done to improve the appearance of Ratcliffe Road following the completion of the bypass, and who is responsible for carrying out improvements. NCC Highways to be contacted.

NCC are also to be contacted about the lighting of the Church clock.

Planning Applications

Several councillors complained about Tynedale Council Planning Department's decision to give permission for the proposed development at the Showfield. Many felt that the process had been rushed, that there had been a lack of consideration given to the local objections raised and that the development is far too large to meet local needs. The council is to write to the planning ombudsman explaining its concerns.

A request was made for information from the Planning Dept. on the external finish to the buildings in the Showfield development.

The council raised no objections to the application by the Environment Agency for a Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed construction of new flood defence at Brigwood/Innerhaugh Mews.

Correspondence

The council was informed that the work on the old bridge, postponed from last year, is to begin on June 30th. A site compound is to be set up near the riverside picnic area.

A letter was received from NCC about the temporary closure of Land Ends Road from June 11th for 21 days to stabilise a landslip.

An invitation to a consultation meeting on proposed Post Office closures was received from Tynedale Council.

Parish Projects.

Parish Plan

The council was told that responses have been received from some of the 'partners' in the Parish Plan implementation.

At a meeting held with the Hadrian's Wall Project Team, one of the 'partners', development time was offered to the Parish Plan Group and PC as Haydon Bridge is considered one of the development areas close to the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage site

The next stage in the Parish Plan process is the setting up of a Parish Plan Development Group. This will liaise with the Community Trust over sources of finance for some of the Parish Plan projects.

The Parish Council will be consulted, regarding long term expenditure commitments, once feasibility studies have been undertaken and costs are known.

Library

The lease on the library building expires this month. As the PC has not yet agreed a long term commitment to the community run library scheme, and will not do until all costs are known, NCC Library Services are to be requested to renew the lease. This can then be transferred to the PC when/if the PC decide to go ahead with the scheme.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

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This month I continue my history of coal mining in the parish by visiting Whitechapel Colliery and Whinnetley Drift.

It is interesting that **Whitechapel Colliery** started life as a lead mine, the drift being dug in a northerly direction from just above the Newcastle to Carlisle road, east of Whitechapel Farm. Unexpectedly, a coal seam was struck after a few hundred yards and as a consequence the miners applied to change the contract from lead mining to coal mining. Perhaps the landowners saw the production process associated with coal as an easier option than that of lead, because they are known to have cancelled the original contract and set up their own coal mining operation from the same drift.

Owned by the **Haydon Bridge Coal Company** from 1917 with offices at 15 Church Street, Haydon Bridge, 6,000 acres of land were purchased by the colliery. 4,000 acres belonging to Greenwich Hospital, 1,200 acres to the Hon. F. Bowes-Lyon and the remaining 800 acres were purchased from the Duke of Northumberland. Whitechapel Farm, after which the colliery was named, was formerly part of the Greenwich Hospital estate.

Whitechapel Colliery was a major source of employment locally in the 1920's and early 30's and many families in Haydon Bridge and the wider parish depended upon the pit for their livelihood. The colliery produced an annual output of over 30,000 tons of coal and by 1925 employed over one hundred and eighty men and boys.

One of the Whitechapel employees from Haydon Bridge, Alexander Robinson of the Oddfellows Hall, Shaftoe Street, was killed by a fall of stone at the colliery on the morning of Saturday 8th December 1928. This was the second fatality at the colliery, Jonty Pattinson of Melkridge having previously been killed there by a fall of stones.

Alexander Robinson was just thirty one years of age and had lived in the village for two years, he left a widow and four children.

At the inquest held in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall, John Heslop of Haydon Bridge said he was working alongside the deceased when he heard a stone fall. When he went to investigate, he found his work mate pinned underneath the

stone. John Heslop stated that there were plenty of support timbers but the stone came down between two props and head trees and he thought that death was practically instantaneous. The working place was twenty six inches high and the Pit Deputy, John Wardle, suggested that Robinson may have been scraping 'scabby coal off the stone but it was very difficult to get off'.

It was agreed at the inquest that the deceased had been, 'the victim of an unfortunate accident which it was impossible to foresee'.

By 1928 the South Tyne Colliery Company from Haltwhistle had obtained a controlling interest, Sir Arthur Wood was elected chairman of the reconstructed board of directors and Cathedral Buildings, Dean Street, Newcastle had replaced 15 Church Street as the company address, although offices were retained on Church Street.

Whitechapel was unusual in that the coal from the colliery was carried by an aerial flight of steel ropes on timber supports across the A69 road, farm fields, and the River Tyne to a siding on the Newcastle to Carlisle railway line; a short distance east of the Morralee Farms. It was here that the coal was screened and graded before being moved to Haydon Bridge station goods yard.

To pave the way for the construction of this aerial flight, the company purchased Low Morralee from the Hon. Francis Bowes-Lyon in 1922.

It is unlikely that many of our readers will have visited the site of the Whitechapel Colliery coal sidings, at the west end of the Lipwood railway bridge and running alongside and to the north of the Newcastle to Carlisle line. And in truth there is little point in a visit unless, like me, it is your pleasure to trace the gradually disappearing tracks of our parish's industrial history.

There are few significant remains to speak of, other than the raised embankments, long ago grassed over and planted with silver birch, on which the four private sidings ran into the coal depot. There are also the almost unrecognisable traces of the stone built, No.12 Railway Cottages. *(More of that story at a later date.)*

It takes some imagination and prior knowledge to picture today's quiet setting as a hive of industry, but certainly that is what it was until 1935. To reach the coal sidings and screens from the colliery legitimately must have been quite a journey for the 20c Whitechapel miners. The only metalled road was via Ridley Hall, crossing the river Allen, and the railway over the Morralee Bridge, and even then a good half mile further past Morralee Farms to the coal sidings.

Ordnance Survey Maps show a 'ford' crossing the Tyne, immediately south of Whitechapel, and a path through East Morralee Farm to the sidings. I wonder; did the miners use this river crossing?

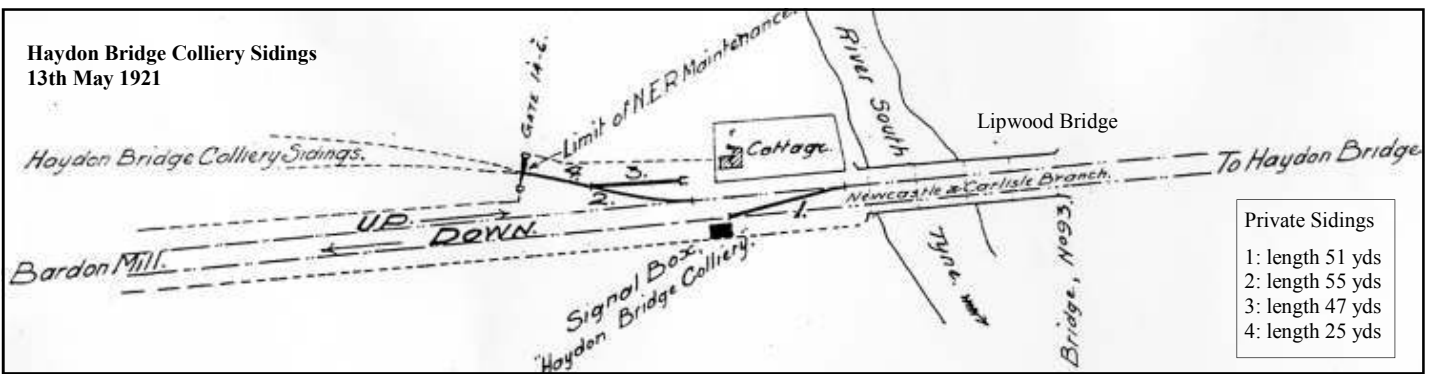
What we do know from stories handed down is that the most direct route, if unofficial and somewhat precarious, was to take a trip in a tub or skip on the aerial tramway. There were two particular problems for the miners using this method of transport. Firstly, the timber supports of the aerial flight were unsafe during windy conditions, having been known to have blown over on occasions. And secondly, if the weather turned unkind it was likely that the occupants of the skips would get a good soaking.

The early prosperity of the Whitechapel Colliery, when employment rose from forty two miners in 1921 to one hundred and eighty three in 1925, was not continued into the 1930s. Even though 40,000 tons of coal was mined in 1933 a receiver had to be called in; he took charge of the business in 1934 and although ninety seven miners were employed in that year, the colliery and Low Morralee were offered for sale.

Whitechapel Colliery closed for good on 22nd June 1935 and as the underground and on bank plant was removed, management and miners accepted that there was no prospect of it re-opening although it was estimated that a very large quantity of coal suitable for gas, coking, household, manufacturing and steam was still workable.

Managers at Whitechapel Colliery from the 1920s included John Cummings, W. Renshaw, C.L. Waddell and C. Hopper, but it is today's Haydon Bridge connections with John Wardle, a colliery official, Deputy and Under Manager, that allows us to dwell a little longer on the history of the colliery at Whitechapel and the Haydon Bridge

**Haydon Bridge Colliery Sidings
13th May 1921**



The sketch above shows the Haydon Bridge Colliery Sidings at Morralee as represented by North Eastern Railways on an agreement reached with the colliery in May 1921.

My thanks to John Irving for a copy of this agreement



To the left a 2008 view of the site of Haydon Bridge Coal Company sidings alongside the Newcastle to Carlisle railway at Morralee.

My photograph showing the raised siding embankment is taken from the 14'6" gate shown on the sketch above.

Haydon Bridge's best known haulage business, when he encouraged Robbie Tait to buy a lorry instead of a horse and cart and signed an agreement giving him the authority to lead coal from Whitechapel Pit. The early days of R.G.Tait & Son and Tait's Transport Services!

John Wardle's important position as Under Manager/Manager at Whitechapel Colliery doesn't appear to have curtailed his strong sense of community spirit. He was a parish councillor and Vice Chairman for a while, an ardent worker for the Methodist Church, and the Co-operative movement, and an official of the local branch of the Order of Buffaloes. John was a tenor in the Haydon Bridge Male Voice Choir and a member of various village concert parties where his singing and clog dancing was heard and seen to great effect.

It was a shock and a great loss to the parish community and to Whitechapel Colliery when John Wardle died on Tuesday 6th May 1930, aged 48 years. He had been responsible for opening up a new winning at Whitechapel when he drove into an old working that was filled with contaminated stagnant water. As a result he developed Typhoid Fever and passed away after a short illness. John Wardle's obituary stressed his; 'Loyalty in all his work' and during his residency in our parish; 'He rendered valuable help in those matters which made for the betterment and welfare of the village'.

It is particularly interesting that John Wardle was credited with inaugurating a social club for working men, during his working life in Durham. Almost fifty years later his son Jackie Wardle was responsible for providing a Working Men's Club at Haydon Bridge.

Coal Company at 15 Church Street. John Wardle was thirty five years old when he came to Whitechapel Colliery in 1917, as an official for the Haydon Bridge Coal Company. Born in 1882, John had been in coal mining all his life and had graduated from pits at Low Fell and Gateshead, Fatfield, Pity Me and Staindrop before moving into the offices of the Haydon Bridge Coal Company at 15 Church Street, Haydon Bridge. John was accompanied to Haydon Bridge by his wife Mary (nee Davison) and their two children, Vi and Oscar. On 18th July 1920, when the family lived at Haydon Bridge, another son, Jack Wardle, was born.

It is to Jean Wardle, the wife of John's youngest son, the late Jack Wardle, and two of their six children, Barbara and Eileen, to whom I am most grateful for helping me put together this pen picture and photographs of an important official at Whitechapel Colliery during its most productive years.

In the early years after John Wardle's arrival as an official, forty six miners were employed at Whitechapel and by the time of his death in 1930, one hundred and sixty one men were employed. The peak of one hundred and eighty three having been reached in 1925.

Older residents will remember Vi as the

wife of Jack Leathard and mother to John, Ann and Vivienne. Jack and Vi lived on Shaftoe Street before moving as the first occupants into 'Duorf' on John Martin Street.

Oscar Wardle and his wife Winnie lived in 'Donisthorpe' on John Martin Street, but sadly Oscar was killed during the second world war.

Vi and Oscar's introduction to Haydon Bridge and their father's place of work, while a source of amusement now, was probably more than a little worrying at the time.

When John took his two children underground at Whitechapel, he was called away to oversee an unexpected situation in another part of the mine and left the two youngsters sitting on a box to await his return. John returned to his home and office on Church Street to be greeted by Mary his wife. "Where are the bairns?"

Imagine her response when John had to admit that he had forgotten them and had left them in the pit! Fortunately, Vi and Oscar were both returned safe and sound and were able to laugh about their experience and the tale has evermore been shared with their family and descendants. And now the world! (www.haydon-news.co.uk)

At Whitechapel, John Wardle was influential in the development of

After John Wardle died, his wife Mary was allowed to stay in the flat above the Haydon Bridge Coal Company's office at 15 Church Street, providing that she continued her work for the company. Mary's task was to co-ordinate the distribution of the company's coal, by producing destination labels and sticking them onto the coal filled railway goods wagons, when they arrived in the goods yard at Haydon Bridge from the sidings at Morrallee.

Mary moved to Shaftoe Street in 1939 and she survived her husband by thirty two years, during which time she was a strong supporter of the Methodist Church in Haydon Bridge.



John Wardle an official at Whitechapel Colliery



John Wardle and his wife Mary prior to John's untimely death in 1930

So Whitechapel Colliery closed on 22nd June 1935, but it will be remembered by locals that for many years the remnants of a colliery that had breathed its last dust laden air, remained as a pit heap to the east of William Creer's sawmill and alongside the A69; until the re-alignment of the road between Lipwood Hall and Whitechapel Farm in the late 1980s.

Well known Haydonian, William Samuel Walton of 'The Dene', was a Director of the Haydon Bridge Coal Company from 1923 to 1933 (see *HN May 2001 for more on W.S. Walton*) and John Cummings of 'Glen Burn' was Colliery Manager until 1925.

W.S. Walton and John Cummings were also Directors of the Langley Barony Coal and Fireclay Company and, as I have recorded in previous 'Notes, the fireclay company owned Stublick Colliery, from 1909 until 1926, and Harsondale Colliery, from 1902 until it closed in 1952.

It might be 'The Tofts' that overlooks Haydon Bridge from the northern horizon above our Catholic Church, but in days gone by - ensconced with their servants and maids in substantial dwellings such as Haydon Lodge, The Nook, Selwood House, Heaton Villa, Bank House, Glen Burn, and The Dene - it was most definitely the toffs who looked down from the North Bank on the artisans and their obedient wives, weshin' and mendin' pit claes, in the terraced and back to back houses clustered around the Haydon bridge.

Perhaps it still is ?

WHINNETLEY DRIFT MINE

Fewer families in our parish relied on Whinnetley for their income than on the pit at Whitechapel, but memories of

Whinnetley Drift are first-hand; it having ceased production as recently as 1964.

Coal from the Little Limestone Seam at **Whinnetley Drift** was first mined by Thomas Bewick and Partners between 1871 and 1893 for their lead mines at Honeycrook.

Abandoned after the closure of the lead mine in 1893, Whinnetley was re-opened in the early 1940s, after Whitechapel closed, by Frank Johnson and Jack Routledge of Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge.

Jack Routledge lived at 32 Ratcliffe Road and had another important role in our community; as the village bookie. A job eventually passed on to his son Ronnie of Church Street, by which time the business was legal (ish) !

Both Frank and Jack had worked at Whitechapel and it seems that other Whitechapel miners, after the pit closed in 1935, were also offered a share in the new Whinnetley company. Bill Foster recalls that his father, an experienced miner who had worked at the Blackett Pit at Melkridge, until it closed in 1927 and then moved to Whitechapel, was offered a partnership in the new Whinnetley venture but turned it down. William (Snr.) did move to Whinnetley from Whitechapel and worked there for a while, but as an employee of F. Johnson & Partners.

Frank Johnson lived at 8 Ratcliffe Road and Haydonians of my generation and older may remember Frank's son Billy Johnson who was secretary of the Haydon Bridge Flower Show committee for many years. Billy worked on the railway and when he moved to Haltwhistle with his wife Lizzie (nee Bell), their commitment to

Haydon Bridge was such that they continued to shop at the Haydon Bridge Co-op and their provisions were delivered to their home at Haltwhistle.

In 1945 six miners were employed at Whinnetley and these employment figures appear to have been static until the 1950's when the drift was taken over by P.W. Sharp Ltd., coal merchants of Haltwhistle. The company was renamed the Whinnetley Coal Co. Ltd., and from 1955 until 1964 employed sixteen miners.

The drift at Whinnetley was directly north of Whinnetley Farm and Prior House and access was along a track running west below the Pit Cover', off the road between Standalone and Haresby Lonnin. The Whinnetley coal mine appears to have been a successful private enterprise and like Whitechapel to the south west, the coal was of a high quality.

It is recorded that the main drift at Whinnetley went 800 yards underground and the coal was won from workings on either side of the main track. In parts, the seam was as low as twelve inches but generally the miners worked in twenty four inches.

Part way into the mine was the 'dip' in the main track to the north west, further driving beyond this dip was eventually abandoned and a new track was opened up in the direction of the old Whitechapel workings where it was known that thousands of tons of coal remained undisturbed.

When nearby Morwood pit was closed in 1960 and the water that had been previously pumped out of the workings there began to find its way into and around the Whinnetley drift, it was a blow from which this mine in our parish

never recovered.

Plans were put in place to 'lose' the excess water into the old lower workings from Whitechapel but unfortunately the driving towards the Whitechapel workings resulted in a further flood of water and the corroded water pipes and old fashioned rusting diesel pumps, one half way down and one at the bottom of the drift, were unable to cope and it was decided to abandon the mine.

Whether a few months more driving, towards the lower Whitechapel workings, would have successfully rid Whinnetley of the underground water will never be known, however the plant and machinery, grown old in a regime of make do and mend rather than any programme of planned maintenance, was long past its expected life span and the mine closed in February 1964.

The old pit yard at Whinnetley is still fenced off, but other than the putrid water that has risen to the surface, there is little of this piece of our industrial heritage remaining in 2008. Memories of the Whinnetley Drift are still clear in the minds of those who worked there however!

And of course there is no better way of recording our history than listening to those who were part of it.

Next month I am sure you will enjoy visiting Whinnetley Drift in the company of Haydonians who were employed there.

THE MAN ON THE MONUMENT

I cannot escape the notion that our national politicians, directed from the wings by the Brussels bureaucrats, are making this country I love, a laughing stock. And then I read in May's Parish Council Notes it has been suggested that the broken bayonet on the war memorial be replaced with a piece of wood!!!

Until last month, it could be argued that our local politicians represented an element of sanity in the Whitehall farce where acts of idiocy appear to be common place. Now I'm not so sure!

Surely those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country deserve the very best in remembrance.

The Haydon Bridge memorial was originally unveiled on September 25th 1921.



CORRESPONDENCE

Wallsend.
Tyne & Wear.
20th May 2008.

Dear Editors,

I remember Haydon Bridge with affection from the time being sent to Langley-on-Tyne as a war-time evacuee. I was billeted with a farming family.

I cannot remember the exact dates but I entrained at Wallsend railway station sometime during 1940 with other boy and girl evacuees. The train took us west in the direction of Carlisle. It was the first train journey in my eleven year old life, and I was in a group destined for Langley-on-Tyne. Other groups went on to places further down the line. My group was under the care of Mrs. Fenwick of Wallsend.

We alighted at Haydon Bridge and went on to Langley-on-Tyne for selection by local inhabitants who had volunteered to take in an evacuee or two. I was last to be chosen, with Miss Christine Dryden taking me to her parents' home at West Deanraw Farm. Miss Christine was a beautiful young girl in every way.

The Dryden family consisted of Mr & Mrs Dryden, Christine and her brother James, both in their twenties. Christine I liked most of all. I always thought she would marry the local doctor Richard Bell, but never did apparently.

Sundays, I accompanied the family to Haydon Bridge Congregational Church and the occasional shopping and cinema expedition to either Hexham or Carlisle. They did their best for me but school was a problem. Heslop, the elderly male teacher made my life a misery. He lived in the adjacent school house.

West Deanraw is an isolated farm and I found it lonely, also it was a long walk to and from school. On Saturdays, I accompanied Miss Christine to Haydon Bridge (It always had to be 'Miss Christine' or 'Master James'), a class thing.

I didn't receive pocket money but never went short. My mother never failed to send comics, sweets, then a bicycle. On one occasion she and an Aunt came to visit and were given tea in the farm kitchen where I usually took my meals with domestic help like

Mrs Johnson of Haydon Bridge and Mrs Hunter the hind's wife, living in a tied cottage nearby.

The dining room and drawing room were out of bounds to me usually. I helped feed the farm cats and the chickens which I enjoyed.

Sometime in 1943, I returned to Wallsend and didn't encounter the Dryden family again.

Several years ago, on a visit to Haydon Bridge, I met someone who said Christine was living in Jesmond, Newcastle. Mrs Dryden had an aged sister who visited West Deanraw on occasions and she lived in Jesmond. Despite being practically blind, a more gracious and kindly person would be hard to find whereas her sister, Henrietta, had a quick temper at times, like her son James.

I'm Wallsend born and bred but spent my entire working life in London. I cannot recall any particulars of fellow evacuees apart from one called Wilfred Patterson from Wallsend. He lived in Langley village. One evacuee at Langley school was a 14 year old from Gosport, Hants. He was the school bully and a Heslop favourite. A local farmer's boy, Dodds, was another annoyance I remember.

I liked Haydon Bridge but it has changed since the early 1940s. The Congregational Chapel has been put to secular use, a new bridge replaces the old bridge and a large estate on its fringes resembles an ugly looking carbuncle.

Dr. Richard Bell, the Rev. Sinclair and old Mrs. Johnson who helped out on wash days at the isolated farmhouse are remembered with affection. Mr. Heslop, headmaster at Langley-on-Tyne, is best forgotten. I see the old school is put to residential use.

I think of my fellow evacuees who, if still alive, must be well into their seventies like myself. I found it a lonely life and returned home well before the end of the war.

Yours sincerely,
Norman Wall.

Thank you so much Norman for recalling, for our readers, your time at Langley as an evacuee. We are so grateful to those prepared to share their memories of our parish, through the columns of The Haydon News.

**And now!
A message from an ex Haydonian who
will be remembered by older members
of our community and indeed,
still has relatives living among us.**

Halifax,
27th May 2008.

Dear Editors,

Please find enclosed my subscription for The Haydon News and a donation to your funds. I find the magazine most interesting as a former resident for 30 years, born and bred at Haydon Bridge.

I lived with my parents at 'Rose Lea' on Brigwood and my mother used to tell me that years ago, my late father was a chauffeur/gardener for a Mr. Campbell who used to live at 'The Rambler' on Brigwood. I remember my mother telling me that my father used to take Mr. Campbell to the Spa at Harrogate for his health. One thing I remember is that his son Leslie, who was a solicitor at Sunderland, used to send my father a whole ham every Christmas, in appreciation of his kindness to his father. The ham used to arrive by rail and the porter used to bring it to our house on the sack barrow. Every year he would say, "Here it is again!"

When I married I moved next door to Laurie and Kitty Thompson at number 20 Strother Close. I was interested to see their son's name, Alan Thompson, in the February copy of The Haydon News which a cousin kindly sent me. I used to work as a bus conductor on the 'United' in those days and had many a laugh with the passengers.

I am surprised to hear that the owners of 'Rose Lea' have changed the name. It was a very appropriate name, as my late father used to grow rambling roses on a rustic fence halfway down the garden, and also on a stone wall which divided it from the next door house. 'Rose Lea', as it was called, is divided off, or should I say semi detached, from 'Sunny Lea'. 'Rose Lea' and 'Sunny Lea' must have been one big house at one time, as in the hall a doorway has been blocked up.

As I said, I find The Haydon News most interesting. I read it and then pass it on to my daughter. She says she will never call Halifax her home.

I arrived here to work at Rowntree McIntosh, as it was then, about 40 years ago and I am now 85 years young. I lost my dear wife and best friend in 1998 and I still miss her.

Thank you again and I look forward to my regular delivery of The Haydon News.

Yours sincerely,
Joe Morton.

NORDA MILBURN

You may recall that Ann Elliott, a correspondent last month, sought information on Norda Milburn who lived in the Settlingstones area.

We have been able to help Ann in her search, thanks to our Haydon News reader Mrs. Margaret Hawkins of East Land Ends, who lived beside Norda at Greystoke.

Thank you Margaret.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2008 Summer Walks Programme

Walks start at 6.45pm from the meeting point given.

If in doubt about the walk taking place due to bad weather, please confirm with the leader.

Thursday 10th July: Elrington, Threepwood and Woodhall Mill Farm. 4 miles.

Meet: Woodhall Mill Farm, Lowgate Road.

Alan Howard.

24th July: Fell above Acomb and Codlaw Dene. 3 miles.

Meet: The Pant, Acomb. North of Miners' Arms. GR 935665

Pauline Nichols. Tel. 681634

All are welcome on the Haydon Bridge Nature Club's Summer walks.

BALSAM BASHING ALONG THE RIVER

Approximately **23** people turned up for this year's annual 'Balsam bashing' event on Monday 16th June. The results of last year's labour can be seen along the river bank near the picnic area where large areas, previously infested, are now clear of the weed and native species of flora and fauna can re-establish.

It is proposed that another 'bashing' session be held on the 23 July and volunteers are welcome, to rid our riverside of the intrusive pests.

BALSAM

Himalayan Balsam.

Scientific Name: Impatiens glandulifera

Other names: Policeman's Helmet, Indian Touch-Me-Not, Ornamental Jewelweed, Pink Peril, Poor Man's Orchid.

A large succulent annual, introduced in 1839 to Kew Gardens as a greenhouse plant, Balsam escaped to the wild and is now naturalised in the British Isles.

Balsam is very invasive and should be removed when found. It is in the same genera as the colourful, bedding Impatiens or Busy-lizzies, but grows much taller - up to 2 metres high.

Preferred sites are moist areas, usually along river banks, but it colonises many other areas. Dense stands suffocate other plants so when it dies away in the winter, river banks are left bare and more liable to erosion.

A single plant can set about 800 seeds, The black, spherical seeds are about 2mm to 3mm across and remain viable for about 2 years, they are buoyant and can travel along waterways to infest new areas, even germinating under water.



TYNE RIVERS TRUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN HAYDON BRIDGE

Wednesday 23rd July. 6pm-8pm: Meet at picnic area (the Eiland) for Balsam bash and clean up, hopefully to cover some new ground.

Monday 4th August. 6pm-8pm: Meet at picnic area (the Eiland) to learn about and start river sampling for invertebrates and chemicals.

Sunday 10th August. 10.30am-1.30pm & Saturday 20th August. 3pm-6pm: Meet at picnic area (the Eiland) for clean up and sampling.

Strong waterproof footwear is essential.

Refreshments provided

Please let us know you are coming by phoning 01434 688886 or 01434 684505

HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS UPDATE

Many readers will be aware that the west end tie-in is complete and although traffic management continues with speed restrictions (20mph) and traffic cones, the temporary lights have been removed allowing vehicles to flow freely west and east round the West Rattenraw Loop.

Meanwhile, 800 tonnes of steel is being fabricated on site in preparation for the 'super lift' at midnight on Saturday 2nd August, when a 1,000 tonne crane will position the steelwork from the west abutment to the first River Tyne pier. The bridge structure will continue to take shape during August with further lifts of steelwork to complete the span, and preparation for the concrete deck.

As the 'super lift' takes place at midnight and spectators cannot be accommodated for safety reasons, we hope to have photographs of the event in the October issue of your Haydon News.

At the eastern end of the bypass, the commencement of the tie-in is planned for 27th August (following the August Bank Holiday), when temporary traffic restrictions will apply to the Alston A689 road.

The 50 tonne pre-cast concrete beams, manufactured in Nottingham and delivered by road for the Gee's Wood Bridge, were placed in position on the 3rd - 6th June (*see cover photographs and below*) and the construction of the bridge deck is in progress.

EAST LAND ENDS ROAD

The contractors express their regret for the recent emergency closure of the

Land Ends Road, necessary on safety grounds following an unexpected land slip.

Project Manager Andrew Harding apologises for any disruption caused. A programmed short term closure, of approximately four weeks during August/September, will be necessary to allow for work to re-align the Land Ends Road with the underpass which is under construction.



The pre-cast concrete beams positioned across the Langley Burn in Gee's Wood

HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS' EXHIBITION

It must have been quite a shock for Robert Ford, secretary of our Local Artists' Annual Summer Exhibition, to receive two entries for this year's exhibition from Alamo in California. I have to say it was also a surprising coincidence for me, having just put down my pen after writing about the artist's grandfather in my Historical Notes for this month, when Robert passed this information to me. The paintings, 'Across The River' and 'Meg's Monday' were sent from California and entered by Susan Routledge whose family have lived in Haydon Bridge since 1903 and whose brother Peter still has a house on the North Bank. (*For a little more information about Susan's grandfather, read my notes about Whinnetley Drift on page 6.*) Susan's married name is Jackson but she has always used her maiden name for her work.

So John Martin isn't the only Haydon Bridge artist whose fame is world wide!

92 paintings were hung in our Local Artists' Summer Exhibition this year and in addition, 96 pieces of work were exhibited by Shaftoe Trust First School pupils. Well done to everyone!



Barbara Wardle hangs her paintings which will form the basis of a calendar of Haydon Parish views for 2009; while Elaine Westall is pictured alongside her representation of 'Tony's Patch'. Elaine has been painting for six years and has just completed a successful exhibition in Pebbles Art Gallery at Allendale. Elaine's studio is a popular venue on the local 'art tour'.

Visitors to the exhibition particularly enjoyed the display by Shaftoe Trust First School pupils.

The children were joined at the exhibition by members of staff during a study visit, when the work of John Paul Hardy formed the basis of a project.



There were six new exhibitors this year and the organisers would like to thank all the artists and members of the public who made their 5th Haydon Local Artists' Exhibition so successful.

We look forward to the 6th Summer Exhibition in 2009.

♪ You are my sunshine, my only sunshine... ♪

A poem

This poem was nominated by the UN as the best poem of 2006 and was written by an African child...

When I born, I black
When I grow up, I black
When I go in Sun, I black
When I scared, I black
When I sick, I black
And when I die, I still black
And you white fellow
When you born, you pink
When you grow up, you white
When you go in sun, you red
When you cold, you blue
When you scared, you yellow
When you sick, you green
And when you die, you gray
And you calling me coloured??

Patient participation

For some time we have been trying to encourage patients to join in with the running of the practice. Helping us to make the right choices about how the practice is run and offering comments on any issue of concern.

I am delighted to report that we found a volunteer to help us interview the candidates for my job.

This kind of help is very welcome. If you would like to contribute, even just a couple of hours each YEAR - please let us know.

♪ You say tomato... ♪

The lycopenes in cooked tomatoes are known to be beneficial for prostates and now the British Society of Investigative Dermatology has shown that they have a protective effect against sun burn too. They have a protection factor of 1.3 when taken orally - not rubbed on!

You are still going to need sun screen.

The market's limits

The key thread running through the NHS reforms being pursued by the government is the transformation from a public funded service to a profit orientated business - in the hands of big business.

Interesting to hear from the USA that 'Walk-In' clinics in supermarkets are not making money fast enough and are

therefore being closed. No suggestion of consultation with the community affected, just summary withdrawal of service. The bottom line is the only subject of interest for business.

The other day I was prowling the aisles in a supermarket and came across a large notice offering 'Mole Checks'. The diagnosis of marks on the skin is fraught with difficulty at any time and the scope for being wrong is considerable - even in hospital.

I wonder what was on offer?

If it was just a non-medically qualified person offering a view I would be concerned. Pharmacists would, I think, be conservative in their exercise of diagnostic skills and be likely to refer on to a doctor. A high resolution photograph sent for dermatological examination would be a reasonable thing.

If what was meant was an all over check for moles then, as hospital attenders will confirm, a total removal of all garments is required and every square inch is viewed - and I do mean every square inch. In a supermarket?

Changing minds

The web offers a breathtaking variety of opinion. I have just come across a site called xkcd - a discussion forum that seems to be the haunt of high school and university types.

The site is divided into domains, not all of which are serious, and in each domain are hundreds of threads. Reading through some of them it can clearly be seen that minds can change and that discussion and exchange of views is good. It also hints at the vast diversity of views and knowledge that exists - the effect can be quite humbling. So many people know so much about things of which one is wholly unaware.

Some contributions can get a little rarified:

Operator-valued fields on R^4 obeying certain Lorentz-invariant partial differential equations and commutation relationships, acting on an abstract Hilbert space.

Or:

Observation of Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen Entanglement on Supraquantum Structures by Induction Through Nonlinear Transuranic Crystal of

Extremely Long Wavelength (ELW) Pulse from Mode-Locked Source Array.

Others, including home made animations, are hilarious.

Result

You may remember that a few months ago there was much uproar about the GP contracts. Myself and others were briefly stars of stage, screen and radio - and the local press - as we drew the attention of local people to what was being done to their service.

Patients in their thousands wrote to the Care Trust, Strategic Health Authority, MPs and others. I am delighted to report that this shook the PCT/SHA/DoH axis considerably.

Recently, a credible verbal account has been brought to my attention, however, revealing that during these events a plan was developed, possibly by a Quisling at SHA level, to report a number of practitioners, including myself, to the General Medical Council for 'frightening the patients' (aka unprofessional behaviour, I imagine), presumably with a view to getting us reprimanded or struck off - or at the very least intimidated into silence. The GMC was to be exploited as a political weapon to silence dissent, it would appear.

The message from these events is 'look how low the Government has had to sink and see the company it keeps in order to accomplish the destruction of the NHS'.

A quote and a book

Richard Selzer is a very well regarded writer on medical matters and in one of his essays he writes:

'Out of the resonance between the sick man and the one who tends him there may spring that profound courtesy that the religious call Love.'

The notion that love exists between patient and care giver is not new - Paracelsus in the sixteenth century and Jean Bernard, amongst others, have made the same observation.

The doctor/patient relationship is discussed at length in 'Doctors and Patients: A Relationship Examined' by Mark Hodson (1967).

A number of people have been kind enough to say that they will be sorry to see me leave the practice - and I will be sorry to go. Already I sense that the

change in relationships is under way and it is, for me, akin to bereavement.

A key element in any lasting relationship is the gaining of a perspective, the development of a narrative, seeing how a patient's life has run and what the past has to contribute to the present and the future. How does the person fit into the local picture or their family structure?

All things must change and end. I will be particularly sorry to lose the threads of so many narratives. What happens next? Did so-and-so achieve their goal? How does the story unfold and end? Was I right to think...?

These questions will remain with me for as long as my memory endures. If any were kind enough to let me know how their story goes, as the years pass by, I would be delighted to hear.

Feeling old

I was surprised to discover that my old school is celebrating its one thousand one hundredth year birthday this year. I remember it well...

Legal wheeze

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defence attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the policeman's credibility...

Q: "Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?"

A: "No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away."

Q: "Officer -- who provided this description?"

A: "The officer who responded to the scene."

Q: "A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?"

A: "Yes, sir. With my life."

Q: "With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?"

A: "Yes sir, we do!"

Q: "And do you have a locker in the room?"

A: "Yes sir, I do."

Q: "And do you have a lock on your locker?"

A: "Yes sir."

Q: "Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?"

A: "You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room."

The courtroom exploded with laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best Comeback" line -- and we think he'll win.

New surgery hours

From Monday 7th July the Practice will be providing additional surgeries specifically for those patients who work outside the local area and are unable to see a GP between 8am and 5.30pm. These appointments will only be bookable in advance and will be for routine non-urgent consultations.

The days and times of these 'new' appointments are based on the recent patient survey asking about patient preferences.

The additional surgeries will be held on:

Monday morning 7-8am(weekly)

Thursday evening 6.60-7.40pm
(fortnightly)

These appointments can be booked using the usual surgery number 01434 684216.

And the new doctor is:

Dr Paul Wyatt. BM. BS (Sheffield)
MRCPsych, CCST, MRCGP, PMTEB.

He has trained locally in the Northumberland Vocational Training Scheme, is in his thirties, married with three children and lives in Hexham.

Steve Ford

Langley WI

Langley WI June outing to High House Farm Brewery began with a pleasant evening drive to the brewery. Our guide for the evening explained that the farm had diversified into brewing after the foot and mouth outbreak. The old farm buildings were converted into the brewery.

The process of brewing was then explained. After each batch has brewed, the assistant brewer has to get into the tanks and clean them out by hand. Not a job any of the members fancied doing. We were shown the Nettle beer, which was in one of the holding tanks. This is a seasonal beer and is only made for a limited time. There is a small bottling area in the brewery but the machine can only do two bottles at a time so it's little wonder that most of the various beers are sent to a bottling plant.

Returning to the visitors centre, several members tasted three varieties of the beers with mixed reactions! There then followed an enjoyable meal before the journey home.

Next meeting: 8th July, speaker from Saint Oswald's Hospice.

Cathy Duffy



CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Judith Hampson

JULY 2008



The disciples of Jesus asked him, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand." He knew the value of a good story. And parables are good stories. He also knew that even the best story won't do unless it is relevant to the situation. It's often easier to remember the story than to remember why it was told. So let's look at why Jesus told the parable of the sower.

A sower went out to sow. A teacher went out to teach. A mother went out to show her son or daughter the way. Or a neighbour gave advice to a neighbour. This parable applies to all of these. One of the greatest problems in relationships between people is when the other person fails to do what you *know* he/him should do. You've advised him/he many times; you've given him/he clear instructions but it's like talking to a brick wall. It's like seed landing on stony ground. The first thing we learn from the parable is that not everything we say or teach brings forth fruit.

See how Jesus teases out the story. The thorns, the birds of the air, the rocky ground, the scorching sun – all mean the seed will not grow. Communicating is like that. We would love to share the Gospel with other people but we fail to get it across to them. There may be good reasons. We may be speaking the wrong language. They may not feel any need for faith. They are on rocky ground. They may feel pressure from their peers, the people around them, the birds of the air, the scorching sun.

But there'll be a brighter day. Oh yes. For beside the thorns, not far from the pathway and the rocky ground, there's good soil. The rain and the sun will help the seed to germinate, grow, blossom and produce fruit. Maybe even a hundredfold. Jesus knew that beside the lake that day were some

WHO AND WHERE

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

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with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
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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

whose lives would be changed.

I'll tell you a story.

A vicar came to a new parish and on the first Sunday he preached a sermon. The second Sunday came and he preached the same sermon again. On the third Sunday everyone was amazed to hear the identical sermon yet again. The churchwarden spoke to the vicar. "Do you realise," he said, "you've preached the same sermon three times?" The vicar replied, "Yes, and I'll go on preaching it until someone does something about what I'm saying!" We should never give up hope. Keep on casting the seeds.

Judith Hampson

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

6 July

10.00am Communion

A reader

6.00pm Evening Worship

A reader

13 July

10.00am Family Service

Mark Knowles

6.00pm Praise Evening

Dot Taylor

20 July

10.00am Morning Service

Rev Russell Hilborne

6.00pm Evening Service

Rev Stephen Caddy

27 July

10.00am Morning Worship

A reader

6.00pm Evening Service

Charles Ford

3 August

10.00am Morning Service

Joyce Short

6.00pm Evening Service

Rev Janet Flawn

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

6 July

Beltingham

9.30am BCP Communion

13 July

*10.00am Deanery Service at
Hexham Abbey*

20 July

*11.00am Joint service
at Haydon Bridge*

27 July

Henshaw

9.30am Joint Service

3 August

Henshaw

9.30am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

*Remember service is now on the
last Sunday of the month*

27th July at 6pm

Evensong

**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 July

11.00am BCP Communion

13 July

*10.00am Deanery Service at Hex-
ham Abbey*

20 July

11.00am Joint Service at Haydon
Bridge

27 July

9.30am Joint Service at Henshaw

3 August

11.00am BCP Communion

Saint Cuthbert's, Haydon Bridge

Gift Day and Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th July 2008

10 am until Noon

Please support this major fund raising event

The more the merrier

All proceeds for church funds

Deanery Service at Hexham Abbey

on Sunday 13th July at 10 am

Preacher is the Bishop Paul Richardson

Former Bishop of Papua New Guinea

Transport is available

sign the list in church

All ages welcome

Haydon Bridge Holiday Club 2008 is coming!

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August in venues across Haydon Bridge

The fun kicks off at 10am **Monday 28th July** with the **Flagpole**

expect music, dodgy drama, games and other mad events.

We will then split into age groups (4-10's and 11+)

10:30am and 12:30pm for more fun.

Afternoons will feature crafts and games for the 4-10's.

Evenings will be the usual Nightshift craziness for 11+

Coffee morning and chat for adults on Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st from 10.30 'til 12.15

And then we're planning the grand BBQ at the end of the week!

ROAD LINK(A69) LIMITED

Extracts from Road Link (A69) Limited Annual Report.

Introduction.

The A69 Trunk Road between Carlisle and Newcastle upon Tyne is a strategic cross-country link in the North of England. It is part of the Trans-European Network and carries, not only local traffic, but long distance national and international traffic between Scotland, Ireland, the North of England and mainland Europe.

Road Link (A69) Ltd assumed responsibility for the long-term operation and maintenance of the A69 Trunk Road on 1st April 1996. This was the first roads contract awarded via the Government's Private Finance Initiative. The contract included the construction of the Haltwhistle Bypass together with the maintenance of this bypass and the remainder of the 52-mile long route for a period of 30 years. We have now completed 12 years of the contract.

Routine Maintenance.

North Pennine Link Group (NPLG), a consortium of Cumbria, Northumberland and City of Newcastle upon Tyne Councils have been employed as our routine maintenance sub-contractor for the last 12 years. They carry out all day-to-day activities such as grass cutting and litter picking but also carry out the more important activities like winter salting and response to emergencies. A new contract has been agreed with NPLG and they will continue to provide the routine maintenance service for at least another 5 years.

Winter Maintenance.

The winter period spanning 2007/08 was average in terms of temperature but snow was experienced on several occasions. Salt spreading activities were required on 75 occasions (compared to 42 in 2006/07 and 95 the previous year).

Completed Maintenance 2007.

In 2007 we completed a carriageway strengthening scheme on the single carriageway at Naworth. We also completed resurfacing works at Brampton, Hexham Bridge End and Styford roundabouts, and over a 3km length of eastbound carriageway near Horsley. Surface dressing was applied to the east-bound carriageway near

Stocksfield junction.

A bridge refurbishment scheme was completed at North Walbottle and Throckley bridges. At the same time the Highways Agency took the opportunity to complete safety fence upgrading works.

A69 Safety Improvements.

Safety improvements completed in conjunction with the Highways Agency in the last year have included sign improvements at Hexham Bridge End and Styford roundabouts and a new footpath at Scotby. In addition, the design of two junction improvements, [*not named in the report*] is continuing with construction to take place within the next few years as funds become available.

Landscape Management.

Over the winter months a significant amount of thinning works has been completed in the numerous landscape plots that are adjacent to the A69. All work is carried out in accordance with our 10 year Landscape Management Plan. In addition, specific areas are targeted each year to improve age and species diversity as well as encouraging the development of woodland plants.

Litter.

We are required to pick litter in accordance with the Code of practice issued by DEFRA. The code dictates where and how often litter is collected. Our maintenance contractor, however, collects litter on considerably more occasions than is required in the code of practice. In addition to the collection of accumulated litter an annual litter pick of the whole route is also completed. Following the installation of litter bins in several lay-bys near Hexham indications are that the level of litter accumulation in the lay-bys is considerably reduced. However, we still receive numerous requests from the public in relation to litter.

We would kindly ask all road users
PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME.

Future Maintenance.

Re-surfacing works, programmed for summer/autumn 2008 will take place at four locations along the route. The locations are at Wetheral, Greenhead Bank and Ridley Hall on the single carriageway, and on the westbound dual carriageway at the Stocksfield

junction.

The works will involve either a resurfacing of the existing carriageway or the application of a surfacing dressing. All works will be carried out at off-peak times or at night so delays to road users will be minimal.

Bridge maintenance will be undertaken this summer on two bridges—Hermitage Bridge near Hexham and The Chesters Footbridge near Newcastle. The proposed work will be carried out at off peak times or at night. Delays for road users will therefore be minimal.

Haydon Bridge Bypass.

The construction of Haydon Bridge Bypass commenced in early 2007 and will be completed by Spring 2009. The new bypass involves the construction of 3km of new road together with four new bridges. On completion 12,000 vehicles per day will be removed from the village (of which over 2,000 are HGVs). The bypass will provide a significant improvement for the A69 road users as well as making Haydon Bridge a more amenable place to live.

Road Link (A69) Ltd offer the following advice to motorists to help prevent accidents within road works.

Keep to the speed limit, it's there for your safety.

Get into the correct lane in good time—don't keep switching.

Concentrate on the road ahead, not on the road works.

Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering the road works.

Keep a safe distance—there could be queues in front.

Observe all signs, they are there to help you.

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HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

In April this year all households in Haydon Bridge received a Housing Needs survey questionnaire. The outcome of the survey was presented to the Parish Council in a draft report at last month's meeting. However, the statistics in the report were not clearly presented as some tables covered responses to more than one question, making analysis of the findings difficult. The council asked for clarification on several points as this survey seemed to indicate that the demand for affordable housing by local people was rather less than that shown in an earlier survey, undertaken by Tynedale Council in 2004/5. This earlier survey indicated that 20 units of affordable accommodation are needed each year for 5 years to meet the demand. It concluded that a development of 40 affordable houses in the village was justified as it went somewhat towards meeting this demand.

The Tynedale Housing Needs Survey was updated in May this year but the conclusions for Haydon Bridge remain unaltered.

The Housing Surveys were discussed at a meeting between Peter Fletcher, chair of the Parish Plan Group, Mike Parkin, Parish Councillor and coordinator of the Village Design Statement, and two officers from Tynedale Housing Department, Vicki Law and Elayne Bristow. The following points emerge from the meeting.

The results of the Housing Needs Survey undertaken for the Parish Council in April as part of the Parish Plan will be presented in a more readily understandable form showing clearly the responses received to each question. A final report for the Parish Council will be available by the end of June.

When completed the report will have the status of a 'Material Planning Consideration'. This means that its findings may be used as part of the planning process when considering future proposals for affordable housing development in Haydon Bridge. However, Tynedale Council's 2004/5 Housing Survey, amended in May this year, will take precedence over our local survey as this takes into account the national and regional housing policies whereas our local survey just looks at local need.

The Tynedale Survey also includes

people who do not at present live in Haydon Bridge but wish to move to the village and have a family tie with the parish. This could explain the difference in outcome of the two surveys.

In the Parish Council's Survey it emerged that there are people with a housing need in the village but who have not applied to have their names put on the housing register.

Haydon Bridge already has a higher proportion of social/affordable housing than most other places in Tynedale at about 15% of the total housing stock, but this is short of the ideal which is about 20%.

There is high demand for social housing in other parts of Tynedale e.g. Wylam but an unwillingness by landowners to sell available land for building is preventing development. Double counting does take place as people on the housing register do put down more than one choice of place in which they wish to be housed. As a result people will be counted as requiring a house in each of their choices. This does distort the overall picture but as soon as they are allocated a house their name is removed from register including their choice of other places.

Overall there are a total of 1600 people on the housing needs register. Tynedale are required to provide 120 houses per year of which 60 must be affordable houses.

The proposed housing development at The Showfield goes to the Tynedale Planning Committee on Wednesday, 18th June. (By the time we print this edition of the Haydon News the outcome of this meeting will be known).

The proposal is still for forty units of accommodation but the mix of housing type has been amended from that presented to the Parish Council for comment earlier in the year.

Previously 18 houses were to be for rent with 22 for shared ownership. The proposal is now for 26 homes for rent with 14 for sale on a shared ownership basis.

The proposed development is by Bellway for Home Housing Association.

Home Housing operate the agreed Tynedale scheme for allocating accommodation. So if the development goes ahead people living locally and those with a family tie with Haydon Bridge and with a need for housing will be offered accommodation first.

Other people on the housing register will then be offered accommodation at the Showfield.

Such a large development will certainly exceed the local demand at present. As there has been a low turnover in recent years in the available social/affordable housing in Haydon Bridge it is likely that further similar developments will be needed in future years to meet local need.

Village people who responded to the questionnaire for the Village Design Statement were generally in favour of small developments being undertaken over time to meet local housing needs. Large developments will certainly help reduce the number of people on Tynedale Housing Needs Register, move a long way towards meeting Tynedale's target of providing 60 social housing units per year and meet current local need. They will not however meet **local** housing requirements in the future.

With the opening of the bypass Haydon Bridge will be more attractive to house hunters in Tynedale and developers. Whether, with the introduction of the Northumberland Unitary Authority next year, local people will have a greater say in what developments take place in their communities is not known. MP

TOP OF THE POTS

Alex Ferguson and Manchester United are not the only team to do the League and Cup double this season. Congratulations must go to the Anchor Hotel Pool Team who played in the Winter Haltwhistle Pool League, Second Division on Monday evenings. The team, led by skipper Barry Hope played 16 games during the season and won every one so taking the title by storm!

Added to that they won the Second Division Cup, beating Alston's Swan Hotel 5-0 in the final.

The team could also boast having the best player in the league in Jeff Brown who won more games than anyone else. The team give a special thanks to Janice and Norman from the Anchor for their support, use of the Hotel minibus for away games and fantastic suppers. Thanks also go to the following lads who played for the team during the season; Barry Hope, Jeff Brown, Jason Fiori, Craig Tulip, John Humble, John Brown, Neil Fitzsimmons, Ivan Robley, Dennis Oliver, Ken Eales, Brian Ray, Steven Todd, Steven Lambert, Robbie Turnbull and Graham Hamilton.

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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

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Shaftoe Green. The council agreed to replace two of the seats on the Toddlers' swings. CVC, the bypass construction team, are to clear the glass and bark chippings from the Toddler Play Area and lay new bark chippings. The area should be cleared ready for re-opening for the school summer holidays.

Christmas Lights. The councillor organising the Christmas Lights this year has been informed by the conservation officer for Tynedale that there should be no objections to displaying lights across the old bridge as no permanent fixtures are to be put in place.

War Memorial. The bayonet on the War Memorial is to be repaired.

The Parish Council agreed to fund training for its employees in the handling and use of potentially hazardous implements.

**Next meeting; Thursday 24th July at 7.30pm in
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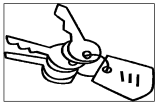
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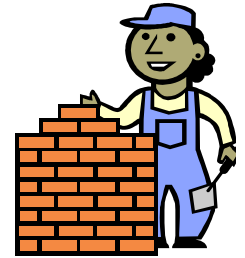
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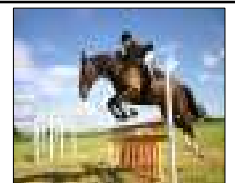
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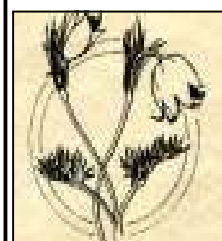
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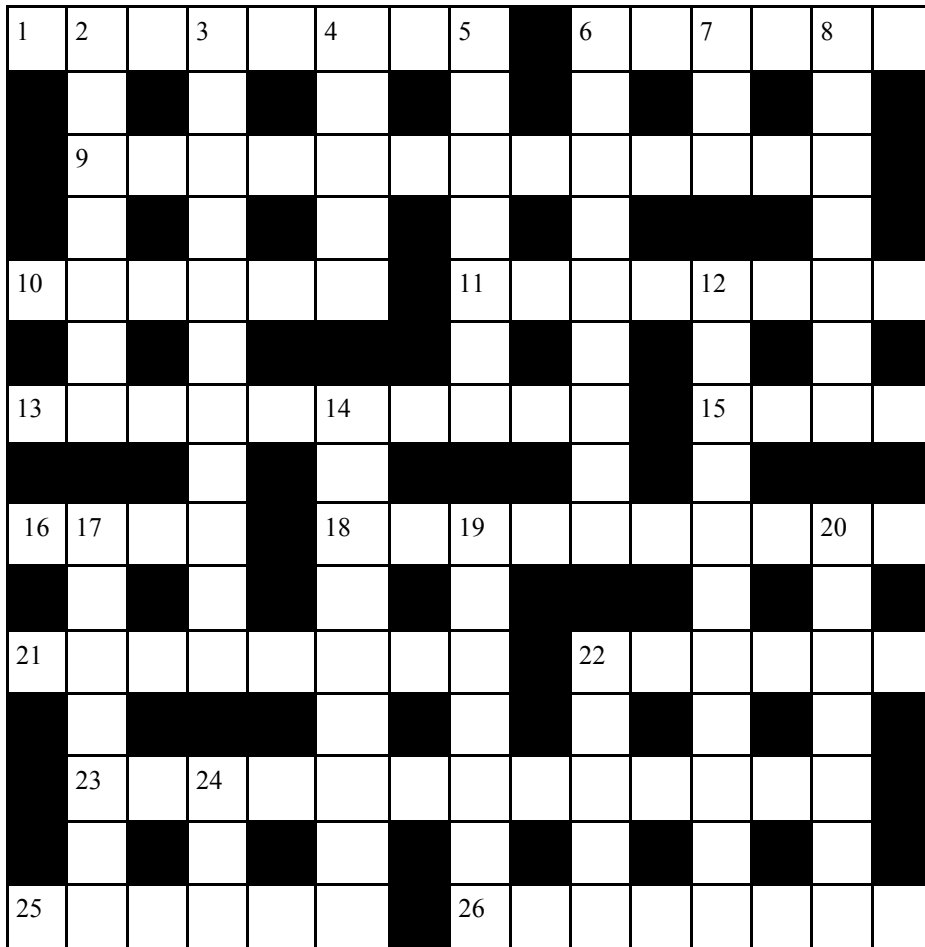
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9. Airborne fighter parking, the lady's
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a gear.(13)
10. Common party.(6)
11. High ranking clergy trap lice in a
strange way.(8)
13. Concerning door, managing to get
in again.(10).
15. Brand mark.(4)
16. Horserace held at York in Roman
times.(4).
18. Tussles with woven scrim games.
(10)
21. Officials worry Irish football club.
(8)
22. Deride cracked rock angle.(6)
23. Festival cover for engines?(6,7)
25. Fashionable mobile home design.(6)
26. Ultimate final.(8)

SOLUTIONS TO JUNE'S CROSSWORD. (33)

ACROSS

- 1 Bright
- 5 Proverbs
- 9 Extra large
- 10 Iris
- 11 Bewilder
- 12 Rattle
- 13 Area
- 15 Underlay
- 18 Valencia
- 19 Note
- 21 Stoker
- 23 Arriving
- 25 Once
- 26 Detonators
- 27 Vendetta
- 28 Endear

DOWN

- 2 Roxie
- 3 Germinate
- 4 Toledo
- 5 Per ardua ad astra
- 6 Override
- 7 Evict
- 8 Brilliant
- 14 Reactance
- 16 Renovated
- 17 Accredited
- 20 Cringe
- 22 Knead
- 24 Norma

DOWN

2. Pop rave gets go-ahead.(7)
3. Drool after rotting flesh
scavenger.(7,4)
4. Rascal the Spanish incite.(5)
5. Bone joint, roast.(4,3)
6. Clipped tree growing in N.
America.(6,3)
7. Slacken up to a girl.(3)
8. Killer whale in a strange musical
instrument.(7)
12. Idiot type of turn, ripening hands
model softening.(11)

14. Revive religious education, under
discussion regarding Connecticut.
(9)
17. Bird, part bird.(7)
19. Ridiculous! Rib lies awkwardly.(7)
20. Two continents taken as one.(7)
22. Tend a sick poet with a vision of
hell.(5)
24. Summon female.(3)

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