



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



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Welcome to existing and new on line readers of The Haydon News.

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

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

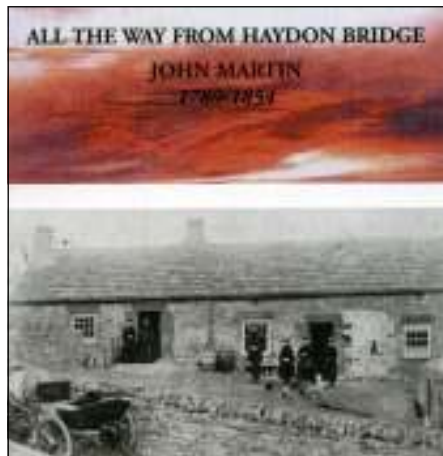
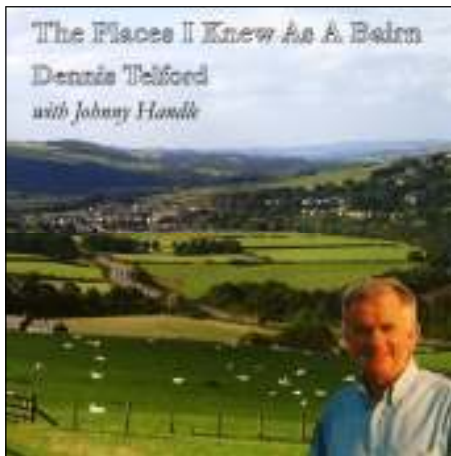
Contributions to The Haydon News in the form of articles or letters are welcome, especially from those with a family connection within the parish.

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**Dennis Telford. (Chairman)
Friends of Haydon Bridge.**

We again provide an opportunity for our on-line readers and ex Haydonians to purchase the few remaining copies of two popular CD's that reflect Haydon Bridge life, history and the famous Victorian painter John Martin who was born in Haydon Bridge in 1789 and died on the Isle of Man in 1854.

On the CD, '**The Places I Knew As A Bairn**' Dennis Telford, accompanied by Johnny Handle of High Level Ranters fame, sings 15 of his own folk songs about Haydon Bridge and his life in the Tyne Valley. '**All The Way From Haydon Bridge**' celebrates the life of John Martin through the words and music of present day performers.



PERFORMERS ON THIS CD
In order of first appearance

Johnny Handle
Jill Henderson
Dennis Telford
Pupils of Shaftoe Trust First School (2004)
The High Level Ranters
Tom Leader
Henry Robson
Haydon Bridge Community Band
Shaftoe Chorale
Sue Dunne
Keith Armstrong
The Street Martians
Graham Raine
Katy Cook



John Martin 1822

Additional support on track 6, from Sue Harley (violin), Phil Harley (guitar), Dennis Osulton (pipe accompanist).

All tracks other than 5 / 6 and 29 recorded by Ren Hamer of Azis Audio Haydon Bridge.

Tracks 5 and 6 recorded at Wolf FM. Track 29 recorded by Graham Raine.

For details of individual tracks see inside this booklet.

Produced by Dennis Telford.

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Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

As a pupil member of her School Council, my nine years old granddaughter Sally had to ask two questions of a prospective Head Teacher during her interview for a job at the school. Sally's seven years old sister Lucy had no doubt what her priorities would be.

"Ask her if she knows the name of every child in her present school."

"Cool! And the second question?"

"Please will you name them?"

Gosh! A school where the Head has to know the name of every pupil..... sounds like Shaftoe Trust..... sounds like my kind of school !

So It is with some caution and not the euphoria displayed by Heads and local politicians, that I view a plan combining four or five schools, including our High School into a vast partnership, as a guarantee of 'higher quality learning'.

I notice that the scheme is 'putting the learner first'. I'm so pleased to hear it. Not political and financial expediency then? (See page 7)

Oh there I go again! Harking back to the days when the Headmaster of our Secondary School, and the village Bobby, gained respect and good manners because they lived among us, knew us, knew our parents, knew our uncles and knew our aunts. When a village Doctor was available in Haydon Bridge twenty four hours a day seven days a week. When the Bin Man picked up the rubbish from the back yard. When all the post was first class, and arrived before eleven o'clock in the morning. When there were more Indians than Chiefs.

When 'Assistant Referees' were Linesmen.

AND when Newcastle United won the FA Cup every year.

Oh how times have changed!!

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The CD's are £10 each or £17 for the two. Including postage and packing. In the first instance please email: editors@haydon-news.co.uk providing your name and address.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in February 2008

Additional Parish Council Meeting .

An additional meeting of the council was held on February 21st to discuss the proposed development of 40 houses, with a children's play area, at the Showfield.

The planning application by Bellway is for affordable housing and rented social housing.

This size of development is justified according to a housing needs survey, carried out over the whole of Tynedale in 2007, as it indicated this level of housing need in Haydon Bridge.

Several residents from the Showfield, Douglas Gardens and Land Ends Road attended the meeting to express their concerns about the development.

These were:

Difficult access due to the narrowness of Shaftoe St and the existing road into the development.

Access problems created by cars parked along Shaftoe St and also at the entrance to the First School.

The capacity of the existing sewerage system to cope with addition waste.

The siting of the play area next to bungalows intended for older people.

Loss of privacy for people living in homes overlooked by the Showfield.

Drainage issues. As parts of the field are frequently waterlogged it has caused flooding in gardens within the existing development. This has been partially resolved by putting in extra drainage.

This final point was picked up by councillors concerned about the further draining of the hillside directly into the river and how this will, in periods of heavy rain, increase the flood risk to properties in the lower lying areas of the village. The by pass construction has already led to the draining of water from the upper parts of the hill directly into the river up stream of the village. Councillors also queried the size of the development and whether or not this was to satisfy **local** need or for people from all over Tynedale.

It was also felt that the size of the development was out of scale with one appropriate for a village and that it extended the built area of Haydon Bridge.

A councillor did say that the original development at the Showfield had been criticised by the government planning inspector as being an unnecessary extension of the village and was

detrimental to the rural nature of Haydon Bridge.

The council objected to the proposals and requested that any decision on further housing development in Haydon be postponed until a survey of **local housing need** had been carried out as part of the Haydon Parish Plan.

Meeting held on February 28th

Public Participation

Concern was expressed about the condition of the public footpath to the Spa Well between Low Hall Park and the blue bridge. This section of the path is being used by cyclists/motor cyclists and as a result is badly eroded. NCC Highways to be informed.

A member of the public queried the closure of the Alston road during the final stages of the by pass construction and whether this was in the original orders. Worries were expressed over the safety issues, with increased numbers of vehicles being diverted down Langley Road and along Shaftoe St during this period, which is likely to last for several weeks. It was explained that traffic is to be diverted through Hexham from the Carts Bog junction. However, the council agreed to contact CVC Solutions, the by pass construction company, to explain concerns.

The sign has now been moved from the end of Martins Close.

Council meeting.

8 Parish Councillors were present and a NCC councillor.

Tynedale Council Notes

A presentation made to Tynedale Council on the current problems on funding Primary Care services left councillors with the impression that agreement was not too far away. Elections for the new Northumberland County Council will be held on May 1st.

The parishes in the 'Allendale Belonging Community' are to hold a meeting at Allendale in March.

Highways

The Lowgate road between Snape Farm and the Elrington turning has not been resurfaced yet. NCC to be

contacted. A blocked drain, also on the Lowgate road at Woodhall, is to be reported to NCC.

Planning Applications.

Demolition of barn and building of new barn at Westley Bank; no objections
Erection of agricultural shed at Beamwham; no objections.

The council was informed that the planning application for a holiday accommodation development at Langley Brickworks had been refused by Tynedale Council.

The clerk read out a letter she had written to the Tynedale Planning Department following last week's council meeting. The letter, of some length, detailed the council's objections to the proposed development at the Showfield. The public present applauded the letter and the chair praised the clerk for her letter writing skills.

Village Projects

An exhibition and meeting, to present the proposals contained in the Haydon Parish Plan, is to take place on Wednesday, 5th March. (See page 14 for details).

A meeting is to be held to discuss the handing over of the running of Haydon Bridge Library to the Parish Council.

Councillors discussed possible improvements to the Spa Well area including pollarding a tree close to the steps down to the landslip.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

Esmond Faulks (chairman)
Mr. D Charlton 684505
Mrs. E Charlton 684505
Mrs. V Fletcher 688872
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Mr. D Smith* 684480
Mr. R Snowdon 688871
Mr. E Brown*. 684084
Mr H Oliver 688856
Ms J Males
Mrs J Thompson. 684376
(* also a Tynedale Councillor)

Parish Clerk
Mrs. C McGivern
688020(after 6pm)

I continue this month with part two of my notes on the Langley Barony Lead Mines, situated alongside the Honeycrook Burn.

Why is it that Haydonians are likely to know all the old lead mining remains here as 'Joicey's Shaft' rather than say 'Leadbitter Shaft' or even its given name 'Langley Barony Mines'?

The ancient Barony as an influential Manor was many generations ago of course and this site is nowhere near Langley the village, but the true answer is probably that the original mine 'shop', where the miners changed and dried out their clothing above a smithy's, is now a cottage at Joicey's Shaft and is the remaining permanent and occupied property providing a link with the industrial past and present generations. Joicey's shaft was behind the 'shop', in the garden of the present day cottage, but it no longer exists. There are still clear signs of 19c industry near here however. The higher reservoir at Hindshield, so essential to Bewick's mining operations, collected water from the surrounding fell and it was channelled to the various dressing floors of the site. Dilapidated stone walls remain in the dip to the west of Joicey's Shaft Cottage, the purpose of which we are left to guess, and sterile waste heaps still scar the landscape. These waste heaps or 'gangue' totalling over 92,000 tons were trowled in the 1950's by Mineral Treatment Ltd., for barytes, witherite, zinc and lead and 4,000 tons of zinc concentrates were recovered. The waste was moved during this process, from an area near Joicey's Shaft to the prominent position it occupies today.

More recently, 'New Age Travellers' chose to park up here for a while, until eventually they were escorted away by the police to Cumberland or some other distant county. I never did quite understand that! Battered old vans and cars with neither excise licence nor, apparently, insurance, escorted by the police along the A69 where, a few weeks earlier, I had been threatened with a fine for a four weeks overdue M.O.T. on my pristine Peugeot 205. You don't hear much about their like now. Do you? Maybe the strategically placed boulders along Haresby Lonnin have seen to that. Or perhaps they've gone off somewhere to save the world

from global warming. Or better still, they've been re-cycled!

Within my own lifetime, as I remember it, the Joicey's Shaft Cottage has been owned by John Rogerson of Darlington - who had purchased Joicey Shaft, along with the neighbouring Rattenraw estate, from Greenwich Hospital in 1882: George Wardle - and occupied by the Robley family: Dr. Richard Bell - as a weekend retreat from his surgery on Ratcliffe Road: Prof. Colin Gallagher - whose Northumbrian Pipes' music echoed across the valley: Sue and Phil Harley - also known locally for their folk music but more importantly in the context of these historical notes, for their 'Honeycrook Press' publishing activity.

When Sue lived at Joicey's Shaft Cottage she wrote an interesting and informative account of the Honeycrook mines and for those who would like to know more about this fascinating place and subject, *'In The Bewick Vein'* by Sue Harley is well worth reading and copies are available in our village library.



Sue Harley who wrote 'In The Bewick Vein'. Published 1999.

A story of the Honeycrook Lead Mines.

During the mid to late 19c, around the time that production at the Langley Barony Lead Mines was at its peak, coal mining in the north was experiencing many labour disputes and serious accidents were commonplace, and yet this does not appear to have been the situation at Bewick's lead mines at Haydon Bridge.

The Langley Barony Mines company was a small independent partnership who financed their own exploration and Thomas Bewick, living in and running the company from Haydon Bridge, probably knew each individual worker. According to him it was rare to find a lead miner who was not a native and, '... they had little inclination to move from the place of their birth'.

Thomas John Bewick's paper, 'On Mining in the Mountain Limestone of the North of England', presented to the Institute of Mining and Mechanical

Engineers in 1869, showed that he had a clear understanding of the workers' demands and a desire to satisfy them; even to the extent of rarely occupying the mine worker for more than 40 hours each week. '... enabling him to devote attention to his garden or little farm to the occupying of which, lead miners aspire.'

Bewick pointed out that 'lead mines generally, and particularly those in this district, are remarkably free from accidents to the workmen; there are no explosive gases generated as in coal mines, and few falls from the roofs; the workings are for the most part carried out with a strict regard to safety to the miner.'

That is not to say that a lead miner's life was all 'beer and skittles'!

Boys as young as ten years of age were involved in dressing of the ores, working air machines, and driving underground ponies and the average life expectancy of a lead miner was only 50 years. Thomas Bewick put this situation partly down to, 'commencing work at too early an age, and also from a want of proper attention to bodily cleanliness - if the use of a bath was more common we shall have a longer lived race of miners!!' (exclamation marks are mine, not Bewick's.)

As for the 'beer', John Wesley and his disciples had been influential and drunkenness was not common. It was also noted that crime was very rare indeed and the miners were, 'on the whole ... a steady, hard working and respectable body'.

Many of the miners at the Langley Barony Mines undoubtedly came from close by, in fact there are 169 lead workers listed in the 1871 Census as being from our parish. However, I recall my grandfather telling me stories of those who walked from as far away as the West Allen and Alston on a Sunday evening to the Honeycrook and Settlingstones mines, returning on the long trek home on a Friday or Saturday. Thomas Bewick owned 'Cubstocks' at the time and his workers from outside the parish lived there during the week. They rode up and down from the mine alongside the Honeycrook Burn, their horses, carts and clothing covered in lead dust. The effects of this lead waste was still being felt many years later, when in 1928 William Foster moved to

‘Cubstocks’ from Melkridge, bringing his poultry with him. The ‘free range’ around the one time lead miners’ lodge wasn’t all it appeared and one by one all William’s hens died. Presumably of lead poisoning. *(Thanks for that info. Bill.)* Lead poisoning was also an issue during the lifetime of the mine and we know that in 1895 and 1896, Mr. Pigg of Chesterwood Farm claimed to have lost three horses due to lead poisoning.

In spite of an enviable safety record, there was one accident at the Langley Barony Lead Mines and it was reported in the Hexham Courant on Thursday 28th August 1877.

Nineteen years old Septimus Herdman was in the Leadbitter Shaft when he was struck on the head by a descending cage and fell 180 ft. to the bottom of the shaft. The young man had a serious skull fracture and died before he could be brought to the surface. Septimus was a seventh son and his father was a shepherd to John Awburn at Lipwood Well. An inquest at the Anchor Inn returned a verdict of ‘Accidental death’.

As an aside; Septimus Herdman lived at ‘Seldom Seen’ and it occurs to me that this may be the most appropriately named dwelling in our parish. It is my guess that very few of our readers have ever clapped eyes on ‘Seldom Seen’!

A much happier occasion was recorded later in the same year when Thomas Bewick’s son, Thomas Burrel Bewick, celebrated his ‘coming of age’.

Reports at the time make it clear that T. J. Bewick and his son were well respected in the area and according to the Hexham Courant, ‘Wednesday (5th December 1877) was a red letter day in the annals of the naturally quiet town of Haydon Bridge which was thrown into a state of pleasurable excitement through the rejoicings’ The ‘good old town’ was ‘gay with bunting’ and ‘bright and varied coloured flags and banners, while the booming of cannon and the ringing of bells were kept up incessantly throughout the day. At the entrance to Mr. Bewick’s residence a splendidly triumphal arch was erected In the evening, the Haydon Bridge Brass Band promenaded the streets playing lively tunes, there was also a fine display of fireworks.’ In the afternoon, Mr. Bewick entertained his employees to dinner at the Anchor Inn.

Thomas Burrel Bewick’s role in his father’s activities was to manage a lead smelting works at Hebburn, to where the

concentrated lead from Honeycrook was sent by train, having been loaded in the Haydon Bridge goods yard.

Although the Langley smelt mills, first established in 1766/67, were operating during the life of the Honeycrook mine, as far as I am aware there is no record of Langley Mill or the adjacent Blagill Mill smelting Bewick’s Honeycrook ore. But of course they may have done.

Thomas Bewick lived at Haydon Bridge in ‘The Nook’ which was later to be called ‘Haydon Park’ and subsequently became part of the Haydon Bridge Technical School, while partner Andrew Leslie owned Selwood House and neighbouring Walkup Houses. It may be that the company’s offices were here, in the buildings that are now ‘South View’; although if anyone can confirm this, I would appreciate it.

Sadly, for the prosperity of the district, the Honeycrook mine was forced to close in 1893 and by 1897, with his father ill, it was left to Thomas Burrel to wind up the business affairs of Bewick and Partners.

Thomas John Bewick died at his son’s London address, ‘Tynedale’, Putney Hill, on August 29th 1897, aged 75 years.

Bewick’s obituary in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle was fulsome in its praise.

‘... a worthy gentleman, and won the regard of all classes. He was greatly respected by his work people, and news of his death will be received with sincere regret by a large number of people in the North and especially in West Tynedale.’



THOMAS JOHN BEWICK

Photograph published with the kind permission of IM&ME

Thomas John Bewick’s wife Catherine had died at ‘The Nook’ in 1888 and was buried in our old churchyard at Haydon.

A headstone in the churchyard records both Catherine’s death and an epitaph to our inspirational mining engineer.



IN MEMORY OF
CATHERINE
THE DEARLY LOVED WIFE OF
THOMAS JOHN BEWICK
OF HAYDON BRIDGE AND LONDON
WHO DIED AT THE NOOK HAYDON BRIDGE
8th APRIL 1888
AGED 59 YEARS
ALSO OF THE ABOVE
THOMAS JOHN BEWICK
WHO DIED AT
TYNEDALE PUTNEY HILL LONDON
29th AUGUST 1897
AGED 75 YEARS

MORE ORE

Bewick’s Langley Barony Lead Mine on the Honeycrook Burn was the most important of the mineral producers at Haydon Bridge (1873 - 1893), there have however been **other successful lead mining attempts in our parish**. The belt of mineral veins west and north of Haydon Bridge is recorded as being over five miles long, extending from Morralee south of the Tyne, through Waterhouse - a name seldom referred to nowadays but the site of an important ale house in years gone by, on the roadside between Lipwood and Whitechapel (*see photo’ on page 6*) - to the Langley Barony Honeycrook Mines and eventually to Settlingstones and Stonecroft / Greyside.

MORRALEE VEIN:

On the east bank of the River Allen, in

and just north of Morrale Wood, two adits were driven and a shaft sunk as part of the area's 19c exploration. The Morrale mine was active from 1856 to 1864 and again in 1880 and 1881, producing a total of 119 tons of lead concentrates containing 7 ounces of silver per ton of lead.

WATERHOUSE MINE:

One quarter of a mile west of Lipwood Hall, an adit was driven from the north bank of the Tyne and the level reached a vein assumed to be a continuation of the Honeycreek 'Bewick Vein'. Records are available for this operation from 1861 to 1865 and 1880-1881. 572 tons of lead concentrates were mined with, as at Morrale, 7 ounces of silver per ton of lead.

WHINNETLEY MINE:

The continuation of the 'Bewick Vein' was also explored from an adit driven north west from the Honeycreek Burn near Lipwood Hall. The output was 136 tons between 1858 and 1860.

SETTLINGSTONES VEIN:

Initially, the lead mining operation at Settlingstones was probably worked from an outcrop in Settlingstones Burn, well outside our present day parish of Haydon. Surveys suggest however that the vein may have been a continuation of Bewick's 'New Vein', accessed from the Leadbitter Shaft at Honeycreek but relatively unsuccessful there.

(Incidentally, prior to June 1879 Haydon Bridge was in the parish of Warden.)

At Settlingstones and eventually the Settlingstones Mine shaft at Grindon Hill just north of Hindshield plantation, which does fall within our parish today, lead was mined from before 1690 until 1873. After this date it is interesting that until the mine closed in 1963, it became for long periods the only producer of Witherite in the world!

Lead mining at Settlingstones has its own fascinating history.

HAYDON FELL VEIN:

The Haydon Fell Vein was explored from a level driven eastwards from the Capon Cleugh Burn - again just outside our parish today - the parish boundary follows the burn north from The Cleugh, towards Fell Cottage.

SILLYBURN VEIN:

Silly Burn follows the road past West Brokenheugh from Plunderheath, from where two exploration levels were driven and the Sillyburn Mining Co. was operating in 1860.

BIRCHY BANK and HOWDENSIDE:

In 1741, exploration for lead was being carried out at **Birchy Bank**, to the north east of West Mill Hills, and in 1882 the **Howdenside Mining Co.** was operating.

I have been unable to find any further information on either of these mines, nor on the results of a licence given in 1786 for lead exploration near Haydon Bridge's John Shaftoe School.

Can anyone help?

So that concludes, for now, my 'Notes tracing our parish's lead mining activity of 19c. A history given substance through the inspiration and entrepreneurial spirit of our own Thomas Bewick.

I am grateful to the earlier writers whose works have been a valuable source of reference for my own research.

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Sue Harley. ('In The Bewick Vein' Published 1999 by Honeycreek Press)

And a special thanks to Sue for allowing me access to her research notes.

ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage is willing to support any group of people interested in improving the site at Honeycreek. The Heritage's role would be to negotiate with the various owners of the site, support applications for financial assistance and oversee the work. Interested persons can make contact in the first instance with Jenny Lee at English Heritage:

jenny.lee@english-heritage.org.uk

CORRESPONDENCE

Newcastle upon Tyne.

Dear Editors,

Google has led me to your interesting historical pieces on Haydon Bridge.

John Davidson, Agent of the Greenwich Hospitals Trust and Primitive Methodist, was my great great grandfather. He may be the same Councillor Davidson whose enthusiastic comments on the prospects for Haydon Spa you have quoted. (*See Haydon News July 2001*)

I have been trying to find out more about the family in Haydon Bridge, such as where exactly is Belmont House; where they are buried (both John and his wife Jane appear in the records for Haydon Chapelry, but I don't know to which graveyard the entries refer), and anything that can shed light on their lives in Haydon Bridge.

Could I ask you to let me know where would be good places to look?

Best wishes,
Malcolm Young.

If any readers can help our correspondent, please contact the Haydon News editors in the first instance.

THE OLD WATERHOUSE INN STOOD ON THE ROADSIDE BETWEEN LIPWOOD HALL AND WHITECHAPEL



Queensland,
Australia

Dear Editors

I am currently involved in tracing the family history of my late mother-in-law Doreen Dodsworth (nee Mason) and would be most grateful if any of your readers could shed some light on her childhood. She was one of either seven or eight children born in 1919 to Charles and Georgina Florence Mason of Page Croft. She emigrated with her husband Ken and son John (my husband) first to Africa and then eventually on to Australia where she died. She last visited some of her siblings in 1954 and then seemed for unknown reasons to have drifted apart.

Yours faithfully,

Sheila Dodsworth

If any readers can help our correspondent, please contact the Haydon News editors in the first instance.



OLDEST RESIDENT?

Isobel Alys Icteton died on January 30th 2008 and unless anyone can tell me otherwise, I believe that Mrs. Icteton, in her 100th year, was our oldest resident.

As a county hockey player and English selector, and an England ladies cricketer, Mrs. Icteton had a most impressive sporting CV, however she will perhaps be best known by older residents in her role as P.E. Adviser for Northumberland County.

As we carried out our daily physical training exercises in the school yard at Shaftoe Trust School, shivering in vests and shorts or knickers, Mrs. Icteton would cast a critical eye over the performance of both pupils and teachers. — As with Mr. Atkinson the Schoolboard Man and Mr. Ireland the school dentist, we all awaited with some trepidation Mrs. Icteton's visits. Mrs. Icteton came to Haydon Bridge in 1939, has lived at 'The Belmont' (in earlier days our village Temperance Hotel), and was a well known and respected member of our community. Our condolences go to Mrs. Icteton's daughter Hermione, son in law Brian and grandson Jon.

So, who is our oldest resident now?

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FOR THE 2008 SEASON**

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SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

Haydon Bridge Community High School and Sports College together with Allendale Middle School, Bellingham Middle School and Samuel King's School at Alston, are currently undertaking the statutory processes required to remove the 'Community' category from each individual school, so that they may join together in a 'Foundation' which will be known as the 'North Pennine Partnership Learning Trust'. Other schools (e.g. Haltwhistle Middle School) may also consider joining the partnership.

The proposed partnership will 'enable the schools to benefit from efficiencies of scale' and 'minimise duplication'. We are told that it will be at the 'cutting edge of educational development' providing 'an innovative solution to meet the needs of learners across a vast deeply rural geographical area (in excess of 1,000 square miles) across Cumbria and Northumberland'.

Readers may recall recent press comment from the National Association for Small Schools, predicting 'massive school closures' in our rural areas. It is thought that the formation of a 'Partnership Trust' on this scale may strengthen the case of individual schools in the light of these concerns. The proposed implementation date is 1st April 2008.

We are interested in how these proposed changes will affect our pupils' education and Haydon Bridge High School's involvement with the community. Your editors have invited Mr. Dowler, Head Teacher at our High School, to share with The Haydon News his school's view and interpretation of the plans.

BURNS' NIGHT AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

Patrons at the General Havelock enjoyed the hotel's traditional Burns' night in the restaurant this year. Gordon Gowans piped in the haggis and Iain Gowans addressed the chieftan o' the pudding - race, while Gordon, Johnny Handle and Dennis Telford provided the evening's entertainment.

Haydon Bridge.
26th January 2008.

Dear Editors,

Please find attached, photographs of the General Havelock's Burns' night.

We had a great night, the artists and cooks were on top form and the move into the restaurant made all the difference.

Gary and Jo's whisky went down well too!

Thanks for everyone's efforts making the event such a success.

Yours sincerely,
Henry Swaddle.



JOHN MARTIN TRAIL.

The John Martin Trail has brought many visitors to our parish to follow the walk inspired by our most famous son. We welcome reports from those who have followed the trail. This month we join Storey Hall and a group of walkers from South Shields.

Sunday 3rd February 2008 and the weather today is dry but very cold with a blustery wind. A walking group from Mortimer Community Association, based in South Shields, has chosen this day to make a gallant attempt at the John Martin trail.

A party of thirty arrived by coach and several of the fitter and more hardy walkers decided to trek both the North and South sections; beginning at the library and then around Haydon Old Church and the North Bank.

The remainder of the group chose to walk only that part of the route that lies to the south of the village.

It was thought that it would be easier!

East Land Ends was soon reached and the information board was read and digested by all. My knowledge of John Martin was tested by the questions being fired at me, I was able to fend these off with knowledge gained from reading the history notes penned in earlier Haydon News's. However it soon became apparent to all that this was not to be the stroll in the park they thought it would be. February can be a raw time of the year to be up on the fell side.

The casual stroll up to Lees Farm was very pleasant with much discussion taking place when we reached the point where the bypass construction passed over the road. This set me thinking about the destruction we are doing to our environment with road building now, there must be a better way of transporting goods.

The climb from Lees Farm to Lees Heugh turned out to be quite an ordeal as the ground was completely waterlogged due to the Friday snow melt, and we needed frequent stops. This was enjoyable for me as it gave the opportunity to look back and appreciate the views to Haydon Bridge and beyond, taking in the hamlets of Lipwood and West Rattenraw; Langley Castle could also be seen nestling in a dip of the land. Further views of the castle could be appreciated on the return journey but that was still to come.

The descent to Morrilee Wood was enjoyable as was the pit stop at Allen banks where the toilet facilities and the

picnic benches provided by the National Trust were perfect for a coffee break.

The walk continued through the Allen Gorge to Plankey Mill. Lunch, picnic style at Plankey Mill, helped to restore energy for the climb ahead.

At this point some of the party, myself included, decided to cut short the walk and head up the bank from Plankey Mill past Strother House which gave us an easier walk back to the village. We walked along the bridleway past Lough Green, past Black Byre Plantation ending up at West Land Ends and from there returned to the village, the comfort of the Railway Hotel and a pleasant pint in warm and comfortable surroundings.

The fitter walkers of the group who had continued up to Staward Peel stopped to admire the views of the gorge before returning back to Plankey Mill and eventually follow the trail of the earlier group.

All met up in the Railway Hotel and it was agreed unanimously that they would return later in the year when the weather should be kinder.

Several of the group took home copies of the information leaflet produced by the John Martin Heritage Group and the pupils of Allendale Middle School. For myself I was quite happy to return home to enjoy a hot bath and the remnants of my Sunday lunch.

Storey Hall

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB AGM

The Nature Club held their AGM on Thursday 7th February so it is a good time to look briefly at one of our most successful club's origins.

The Nature Club has held its place in our parish's social calendar for almost thirty nine years having started its activities in 1969 when members of the Haydon Bridge Community Association were introduced to the flora along the south banks of the River Tyne; from Martin's Close to Spa Well.

The club was formed by Doctor Robert High - at least it was he who first proposed the idea and asked anyone interested to put a note through his letter box. - The inaugural meeting was held in the Community Centre in June 1969.

It was in anticipation of Dr. High taking a leading role that the meetings were held on a Thursday, the surgery's half day. In the event, Dr. High was

not able to commit his time to the regular meetings and it was left to Mrs. Dr. Bell, Mr. E. Armstrong, Mrs. Jean Brown and our Community Association Secretary Charlie Coombes, to oversee the start of what developed into a flourishing community group.

The Nature Club's longevity is no doubt partly (or maybe mainly) due to a wide ranging membership who attend from all parts of the Tyne valley. This has been a feature of the club's thirty eight years, along with a succession of hard working chairmen and ladies, secretaries and committee members who see to the administration and organise speakers and walks. (Oh! and I mustn't forget the tea and biscuits.)

The Haydon Bridge Nature Club has given a great deal of pleasure to many people over the years and continues to do so with the excellent autumn/winter talks regularly attracting over forty members.

If you are not a member, and especially if you live in Haydon Bridge and the wider parish, why not go along to the meetings in the Methodist Chapel on alternate Thursdays. I know that the present chairman Bill Foster, secretary John De Stefano and the rest of the committee and members will make you most welcome.

Officers appointed for 2008 include:

President: Mrs. E. Hargreaves.

Chairman: Mr. W. Foster.

Vice Chairman: Colin McCabe.

Secretary: John De Stefano.

Treasurer: Alan Howard.

Programme Secretaries:

June Henrikson and Ann Carter.

Committee: Mrs. J. McCabe and Mrs. D. De Stefano.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2007/08

6th March: Graham Bell.

'Siberian Dream — to find nesting Ross's Gulls.'

20th March: Ian Foster's illustrated talk describing his trip to Mt. Everest.

3rd April: Judy Dunford.

'Biodiversity of the roadside verge.'

7.15 p.m.

**In the Methodist Church
every other THURSDAY**

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

**A programme of evening walks and
excursions will be arranged
during the Summer months.**

New members welcome

END OF AN ERA

Almost 34 years of selling the news - or in the case of this magazine, giving it away - this month John and Maureen Clarke are making the news. The end of an era without doubt and we wish John and Maureen good health and happiness during their well deserved retirement.

In its early days, the shop on Church Street was owned by E. Walton before being taken over in 1924 by Robert Brogdon. The business remained in the Brogdon family through Harrison (Harry) Harding and his wife and eventually their son Robert. When Robert died in 1974, John & Maureen **Clarke** became our village Newsagents.

John was born in Cumberland at Egremont and the family moved to Huddersfield when he was three years old. After leaving the army and taking a job with BICC which brought him to the North East, John arrived in Haydon Bridge in 1968 where he took board and lodgings with Peter and Joyce Brown on Church Street.

Maureen was born in Wallsend, her father decided in 1954 to leave the shipyards and moved the family to Stonehaugh, a brand new forestry village in the North Tyne. In 1962 they moved to Hexham.

John and Maureen met at the Fandango. (Where else?) It was then that John took a career change and moved into sales, a job that would keep him in the North East. They were married in 1970 and lived in Hexham until May 1971 when they moved to Thursby in Cumberland.

It was while working for Platignum Pens that John made one of his regular calls on Hardings' Newsagents, 11 Church Street, Haydon Bridge to find that the business was up for sale. Following the death of her husband Robert, Marie Harding and daughter Elizabeth had decided to sell up.

The idea of being on the other side of the counter and returning to Haydon Bridge appealed to John and he took over the business with Maureen on July 1st 1974. John and Maureen's eldest son Stephen celebrated his first birthday the day after they took over. Daniel arrived in 1975 and Lucy in 1978. The family lived in the Church Street premises until 1979.

Maureen recalls the shops in the village when they arrived in 1974.

On the south side there was the O & M Porteous VG shop; Arthur & Kathleen Fulton's Fish & Chip Shop, and a butchers that I think was still the Co-op and it might have been Gerald Pearson

and Norman Heslop who were in there. The Co-op Drapery was in the Odd Fellows, with Bobby & Sally Todd on the corner.

On Ratcliffe Road there was Wilf and Mary Marsh; Antonio's Hairdressers; Jim Smith who followed Mavis Heslop into her shop; the Co-op where Ossie Moore was the manager, and next door Jack and Audrey Shiel had the Post Office.

On Church Street, David Jeans had his bike shop; there was Mrs Law's and Marjorie White's Drapery Shop (where the Olivers lived) and the Midland Bank. Maurice Armstrong's General Dealers (his dad, Joe was still around as well) and Jasper Robley's Carpets & Drapery. Peter & Joyce Brown's shop was empty I think, with Tula opening the hairdressers there in 1976. There was Ronnie Routledge's, the Bookies; Bowmans' Chemist and Telford & Storey's Butchers.

Many of these shops have been turned into living accommodation now.

Maureen continues.

In 1974 our Newsagents shop on Church Street was only a third of the size it is now, open six days a week and selling mainly daily newspapers, cigarettes, confectionery and stationery. Greetings cards were stored in boxes on a shelf. In the early eighties the shop was modernised, taking in what was the downstairs accommodation and turning the upstairs into a self contained flat.

The extra space gave room to expand on greetings cards, stationery and toys and to introduce convenience lines.

It was about this time that John was offered a Sunday newspaper delivery round covering Newbrough and Fourstones and surrounding areas. After a lot of thought and to keep the business competitive, John decided to take on this delivery and also bring Sunday newspapers into the shop. There was for a little while a coffee area at the back of the shop where readers may remember that Isa held hold court most days.

The year 2000 saw a long awaited change, the old kitchen and out buildings were knocked down and rebuilt to provide a new kitchen/storeroom and at last, an inside toilet.

When we first came, newspapers had to be collected from the railway station in Hexham with John and Werner sharing the job. In those early days part of our early morning trade was workmen going to the fluorspar mines,

nowadays it's workman on the bypass along with our regular local characters. There is always someone willing to lend a hand to carry the papers in.

Claire Marshall is the only full time employee we have had and we are delighted that Claire will be taking over the business, with the help of her family.

We have many part time staff to thank for their help over the years:

Nancy Engwert, Mavis Heslop, Mandy Robson, Ida Burrows, Ann Burrows, Christine Youngman, Janet Johnson, Kerry Parker, and Freda Reed. Mavis was with us for twelve years and Ida nineteen years.

Many girls and boys have helped out on a Saturday, including:

Jocelyn Brown, Dawn Wylie, Helen Curry, Sylvia Ord, Susan & Linda Simm, Joanne Swinburn, Jane & Jill Henderson, Kate Hunter, Alison Armstrong, Catherine Armstrong, Victoria & Rebecca Cooper, Andrea & Fiona Johnson, Kirsty Newman, Amy Johnson, Rachel Telfer, Melisa McVay, Louisa Sterling-Hill, Neil Reed, Peter Johnson and of course our daughter Lucy.

My apologies to anyone I may have missed.

There have been many paper boys and girls over the years and I have tried to remember as many as possible. Again, my apologies to anyone I have missed.

Wilf & Mary Marsh were delivering papers for Marie Harding when we took over and they carried on for a few years for us. Then there was Arthur Beadle, Alan Curry, David Telford, Gordon Robson, Charles Mason, Kevin Marshall, Stuart Youngman, Alistair & Samantha Clark, Keith, Paul & Steven Carruthers, Graeme Irwin, Andrew Round, Jon & Chad Alder, Robert & Gillian Turnbull, Richard Hines, Jason Dalton, Andrew & David Smith, Ian Burrows, Neil Reed, Peter Mead, Jamie & Carl Eals, Michael Armstrong, Paul & Kevin Charlton, Michael Liddle, Lee Lowden, Mark Duffy, Shaun Charlton, Peter Johnson, Jordan Pender, Matthew Green, Mark Batey, Phillip Simm, Kevin MacDonald, Rees Edwards, Douglas Harding and not forgetting our son, Daniel.

We have had a busy but very rewarding 33 years and are very grateful to Marie and Elizabeth Harding for giving us the opportunity to take over their business. Our customers have been really loyal over the years and we thank them most sincerely for that. Thanks to all those who have not only been staff but also friends, for all their help and support over the years. Thank you to Peter and Joyce Brown and their family for they have been a tremendous support.

We will be staying in Haydon Bridge in our retirement, 'Netherfield' is home to Daniel & Lucy and where the memories are. Life after Church Street will I'm quite sure be the 'Spital' at Hexham and hopefully some better golf.

Thank you all so much.

John and Maureen

SO MANY CHANGES – WHERE SHALL WE START?

As I write this there is still no settled contract but we can be reasonably certain that we will be required to do more and more with less and less in the years ahead. The future is very uncertain for the whole of primary care and the NHS in general. Haydon Bridge is **not** the most threatened practice by a long way and so there is no immediate panic but changes will have to be made.

The polyclinics that are often mentioned in the media will be developed first in the big cities. Quite how they will relate to rural areas is not clear. If, as expected, they are run by commercial organisations such as BUPA, Tesco and Virgin – where's your nearest branch of those organisations?

The bottom line is that the NHS is being privatised and there is masses of evidence to show that the more commercialised a nation's health service is the worse the health outcomes for the population and the greater the expense – look at the USA. If you want to blame someone then I suggest you start with Milton Friedman and the Chicago school of economics and then work your way through to G. Brown Esq.

Everyone I know in the health service is utterly appalled at what is being done to it. Today, 16/ 2/08, the medical chat rooms are incandescent about Lord Darzi's plan to extinguish personal doctoring.

Most of you will know my personal response – I am intending to stand in the next general election in Hexham as an Independent (Environment & Health). The first consultant for whom I worked after qualifying was Dr. Richard Taylor; he has been elected twice for Wyre Forest. He overturned a 26,000 Labour majority – Peter Atkinson's majority is about five thousand – we shall see what we shall see...

Survey

The survey we have just conducted has shown equal numbers of votes for and against Classic FM in the waiting room and likewise for Radio2. Over the years I've also tried a variety of other music types without achieving any kind of general agreement.

Perhaps we'll just have a Karaoke machine for everyone to please themselves.

The other results of note concern when we should be open. Fortuitously this coincides with the rather confused messages we are getting from London. We always used to be open on Saturday mornings but very, very few people ever turned up and, of course, we have no access to laboratory testing over the weekend, which rather derails the hope that we could do things at the weekend rather than in the week.

A larger local practice has been told that it is too small to qualify for early morning opening. Very odd.

We are currently planning to have both some early morning opening and later evening opening times. Details will be announced when the arrangements are settled.

Another idea that we have had to improve matters is to have almost continuous doctor/nurse practitioner appointments from opening to closing time but only one person consulting at any one time. This should cut down on the numbers in the waiting room and give some increased flexibility about time.

Making an appointment

Naturally, we would never expect a patient to tell a receptionist what is wrong with them when making an appointment. This results in everyone getting a ten-minute appointment, which is not always the best arrangement.

If the only thing you need is a sick note, then five minutes is more than enough. On the other hand, if you have been hit by some personal catastrophe, then twenty or even thirty minutes may be needed.

A well person check or HGV or Insurance medical will take twenty minutes – or thirty, if the quantity of thermal vests and corsets is very great.

We need you to decide how long you think the appointment should be AND SAY SO.

With your help, we can run the

appointment system much more efficiently.

Taking care of yourself

We send out armfuls of letters every day asking people to attend for this that or the other. Many of these letters are second or third copies!

Most people keep track of when their car needs its MOT and when their boiler needs servicing.

We would like you to make sure that you keep track of when you need medical checks, either for screening (e.g. cervical smears) or for regular checks for medical conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, COPD (chronic bronchitis) and asthma. If you can't remember, please ask.

Usually people with these conditions need to have some blood, urine or lung tests done by a nurse once or twice a year, and then a few days later to see their GP (or nurse, if only on medication for diabetes, asthma, COPD or blood pressure) for a medication review. The date this is due is on the right hand side of your prescription. Please make a note of it and find out whether you need tests beforehand, then book both appointments in plenty of time.

Cervical smears are done every 3 years from age 25 and every 5 years from age 50-65. Don't forget to request an STD screen, while you're at it, if you have had a change in partner(s). Smear results are sent by post – always.

Everybody, including teenagers, should have their blood pressure checked every 3 years and people with a family history of heart attacks or angina in close relatives under 60 should have their cholesterol checked 3-5 yearly.

Immunisations also need to be kept up to date; you should keep your immunisation record card in a safe place and check, from time to time, whether you need any boosters.

Also, if you have a blood or other test at the surgery or arranged by the surgery, **it is your responsibility to find out the result**. A week after the test you can phone us; best times are late morning or early afternoon. If you prefer to get the result by speaking to a doctor or nurse,

arrange a telephone or ordinary appointment with them.

The surgery is having to reduce the number of reminder letters we send out, so it's over to you! It's your health and your responsibility!

A meeting in London

In early February I went to a meeting in the Royal College of Physicians in London on the subject of climate change. There were several big name speakers and even a videoconference linkup with NASA.

Good news - if you are over forty years old you will not live to see the worst of it, so relax.

Bad news - we have about sixty months, at the most, to initiate radical, global decarbonisation of our entire planetary man-made environment/culture or the children will fry. We are already well above the newly revised best estimate of a tolerable atmospheric CO2 level of 350ppm.

Today we are in the midst of a mass extinction event to equal the others to which the planet has been subject. Three

species per hour are being lost and the rate of loss is projected to increase by an order of magnitude. With optimal dispersal characteristics for threatened species the loss of species by 2050 will be about 33%, without dispersal 58%. It will take ten to twenty million years for evolutionary processes to restore the diversity to our planet.

Man or woman, old or young, rich or poor, left or right, sceptic or believer, climate change is coming for you!

There's nowhere to hide, no-one to bribe, no fairy Godmother to make it all go away.

We may not be able to stop it but we can prepare for it. We can lessen the burden for our children and their children.

The current Parish Plan effort is a marvellous opportunity for our own community to press ahead with the changes that can be accomplished locally. Can we make our community carbon neutral or better – carbon negative? We are well placed in that we have a railway station (but need more trains to stop), there are some buses (but more would be better), we could cycle to our neighbouring towns (if there were good traffic-free cycle ways), we have hill tops on which we could generate our own village

electricity from wind (but Toshiba are developing a micro-nuclear reactor for small communities – which would you prefer?), we have some new houses going up and they should be ultra-low carbon homes, we can improve our existing housing stock, we can avoid using cars within the village (everyone needs the exercise), we could grow much more of our own food, the animals we eat need only go a few miles from field to plate, we are far enough above sea level to be able to stay dry even in the worse case scenario...

Haydon Bridge could be a good place to be in the years ahead.

The first thing I did when I got back from the London meeting was to buy the smallest car available – as the observant amongst you may have noticed – for work, when there's only me in it. My son, when shown a photo on his mobile phone, asked if I remembered to put the lid down when I'd finished.

I pray that there will still be scope for humour when he is my age.

Steve Ford

Parish Council Notes (continued from page 3)

Correspondence

The council received information about the new garden waste collection scheme. Brown bins are to be distributed in March and the first collection made in early April.

The council have been informed that the footpath between Hordley Acres and Greenwich Gardens is to close for two weeks between March 25th-April 4th. This is required to allow new cabling work to be carried out.

An anonymous letter received by the council expressed concern about the use of the path along the south bank of the river being used by cyclist/motorcyclists and also about cars parking on the traffic calming humps in Martins Close. The council are not able to send a written response but suggested the complainant discuss the situation with the police, who will be able to take the appropriate action.

Cemetery Maintenance.

The council received 16 applications for the job of maintaining the cemetery. Mr Andrew Gray has been appointed.

The cemetery gates are to be refurbished or replaced once work on the by pass is completed.

Any other business

The sewage outflow at the side of the new bridge has been checked and fixed by Northumbrian Water. Situation to be checked when water levels in the river are low.

Estimates are to be sought for repairs to the War Memorial. The soldier's bayonet has been snapped off. Once estimates are received application will be made to the War Memorials Trust for a grant to carry out the repair.

Two councillors are to repair the small corner wall near the Co-op, damaged in an accident several years ago. Once repaired a planter is to be placed behind the wall to help improve the appearance of this corner of the village.

Councillors discussed the current level of charges for a plot in the cemetery. Evidently the charges made by Haydon Parish Council are considerably less than those of neighbouring councils. The pricing levels are to be discussed at a future meeting and an annual review of charges carried out, to ensure prices are comparable to those of other councils.

During periods of rain a large pool is forming on the pavement outside the Co-op. This is making it difficult for pedestrians, particularly those wishing to reach the post box dry shod. A request is to be made for the pavement to be repaired.

Concern was expressed at the large amounts of garden waste being dumped on the side of the lane to New Alston. It was pointed out that the road side dumping of any waste is illegal. The matter is to be reported to Tynedale Council for action.

Next meeting March 27th at 7.30pm

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle

The Invitation

It doesn't interest me what you do for a living.
I want to know what you ache for,
And if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's
longing.

It doesn't interest me how old you are.
I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for
love,
For your dream, for the adventure of being alive.

It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring with
your moon.
I want to know if you have touched the centre of your
own sorrow,
If you have been opened by life's betrayals, or
Have become shrivelled and closed from fear of further
pain.

I want to know whether you can sit with pain, mine or
your own,
Without moving to hide it, or fade it, or fix it.
I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your
own;
If you can dance with wildness and let the ecstasy fill
you.

I want to know if you can live with failure, yours or
mine,
And still stand on the edge of a lake and shout to the
silver
Of the full moon, "Yes!"

It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how
much
Money you have. I want to know if you can get up
after
A night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the



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

Bone and do what needs to be done for the
children.

It doesn't interest me who you are, or how you
came to be here.

I want to know if you will stand in the centre
of the fire with
Me and not shrink back.

It doesn't interest me where or what or with
whom you have studied.

I want to know what sustains you from the
inside when
All else falls away.

I want to know if you can be alone with
yourself,
And if you truly like the company you keep
in the empty moments.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

2 March

10.00am Family Service
Mark Knowles
6.00 pm Evening Service
Les Hann

9 March

10.30 am United Service at
Trinity, Hexham
6.00pm Evening Service
Daniel Forshaw

16 March

10.00am Morning Worship
John Green
6.00 pm Evening Service
John Wall

23 March

10.00am Family Service
Les Hann
6.00 pm United Evening Service
Christine Caddy

30 March

10.00am Morning Service
D Wilson
6.00 pm Evening Service
D Wilson

BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

2 March

Henshaw
10 am Family Communion
for Mothering Sunday

9 March

*10.30 Joint Service at
HaydonBridge*

16 March

Beltingham
10.00am Matins

23 March

Beltingham
10.00am Easter Communion

30 March

Henshaw
10 am Joint Service

6 April

Henshaw
10 am BCP Communion

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

2 March

10.30 am Morning Prayer
For Mothering Sunday

9 March

8 am BCP Communion
10.30 Joint Service

16 March

10.30 Communion

23 March

10.30 am
Easter Communion

30 March

*10am Joint Service
at Henshaw*

6 April

10.30 All Age Service

HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICES

Next service is Evensong
4th May at 4 pm

Holy Week and Easter 2008

Tuesday 18th March

7.30 pm St John's - Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 20th March

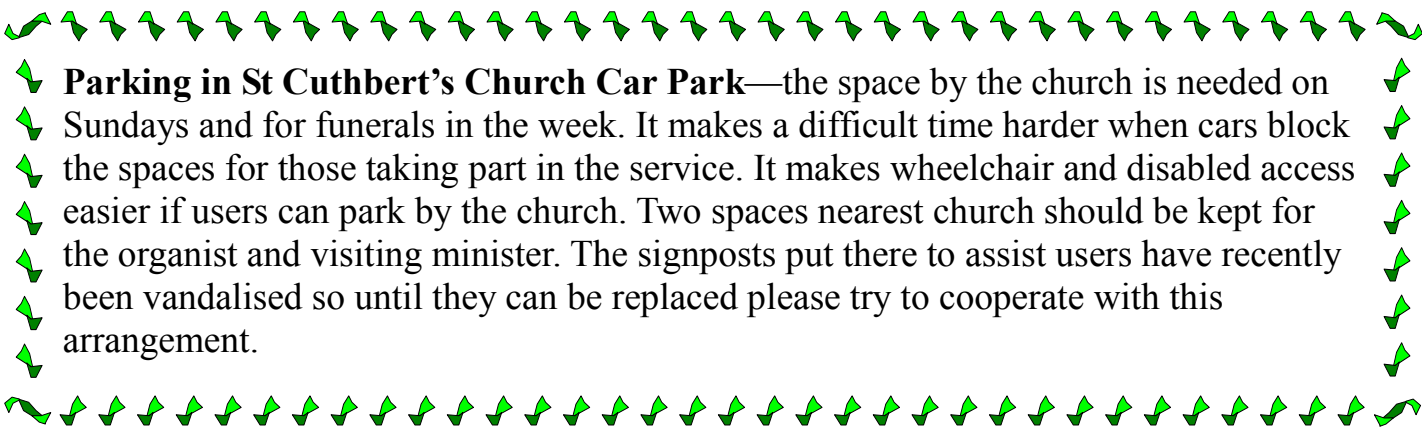
7.30 pm St Cuthbert's—Lord's Supper

Good Friday 21st March

11 am Methodist Church— Service for Good Friday. Les Hann

Noon St Cuthbert's—Devotions by the Cross

2pm All Hallows', Henshaw - The Last Hour



Parking in St Cuthbert's Church Car Park—the space by the church is needed on Sundays and for funerals in the week. It makes a difficult time harder when cars block the spaces for those taking part in the service. It makes wheelchair and disabled access easier if users can park by the church. Two spaces nearest church should be kept for the organist and visiting minister. The signposts put there to assist users have recently been vandalised so until they can be replaced please try to cooperate with this arrangement.

HAYDON PARISH PLAN



You are invited to contribute to the
Public Consultation
on the draft Haydon Parish Plan
on Wednesday 5th March
at the Community Centre, Haydon Bridge

10am - 4 pm, Exhibition

7.30 - 9.00pm, Public meeting followed by wine
and nibbles

This year-long project is coming to a close and we are ready to present the draft Parish Plan to you.

Hopefully, you will have had your say at the consultation events we have held through the year and now you can see how this has helped shape the plan for our parish for the next 10 years.

This will be your last opportunity to have your say so please do come along.

THIS IS YOUR PARISH AND YOUR FUTURE

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW



HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS UPDATE



Bypass Project Manager Andrew Harding has provided us with two views of the construction work that are not easily seen by members of the public.

Sandwiched between the present A69 and the Newcastle to Carlisle railway is the foundation of the west abutment for the South Tyne viaduct. The general public cannot access the construction site at this point.

Two aero dynamic lozenge shaped concrete piers are being constructed in the River Tyne. The contractors are working within the cofferdams and can only be viewed from aerial photographs.



THANK YOU

To John and Maureen Clarke for providing not just our newsagents but also a village notice board, a drop off point for our Haydon News and associated mail and by no means least, a meeting place where we could discuss anything and everything, fact and fiction, and be sure of a smile and a memorable response.

**WELCOME TO
CLAIRE'S NEWSAGENTS**



Claire and Jackie would like to thank John and Maureen Clarke for all the help, support and advice they have given in the take over of their newsagents shop. We hope John and Maureen have a very long and happy retirement together.

**BUSINESS AS USUAL
at
CLAIRE'S NEWSAGENTS**

NORTHUMBERLAND

The old and the new came together in the Railway Hotel last Thursday when Angus Murray serenaded the regulars with his favourite Northumbrian verse. A Wilfrid Wilson Gibson poem published in 1918 that Angus' father was taught seventy years ago at school.

And the new? Ian Foster produced a hand held 21c 'gizmo' and between slurps of his ale, searched the internet until he found the words to Gibson's much loved poem.

Wilfrid Wilson Gibson was born on 2nd October 1878 at 1 Battle Hill Terrace in Hexham.

Incidentally, Angus believes that everyone should have to learn this poem before being credited with Northumbrian citizenship. Perhaps he has a point. What do you think?

Heatherland and bent - land,
Black land and white,
God bring me to Northumberland,
The land of my delight.

Land of singing waters,
And wind from off the sea,
God bring me to Northumberland,
The land where I would be.

Heatherland and bent - land,
And valleys rich with corn,
God bring me to Northumberland,
The land where I was born.

Six of Gibson's poems were included in Philip Larkin's 'Oxford Book Of Twentieth Century Verse'

William Gibson's collected work was published by MacMillan in 1926.

You may be lucky and find a second-hand copy.

BROADBAND CORNER

An occasional column that brings you news and views from the internet that you may have missed.

Contributions from our readers for this column are welcome

This item was sent by a reader of the HN on our website, Mathew Hutton.



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HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS

MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

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

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

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

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

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

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

FAX facilities

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At February's meeting, Langley WI welcomed several visitors to hear Aileen and Dylan give an enthusiastic talk about the origins of Peter's bakery. Aileen told how Peter Knowles returned north after working as a baker in the south of England. He was persuaded by his father to open a bakery on a newly built estate. That was in 1965. By 1987 the business had expanded to 38 shops.

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Aileen and Dylan then showed a short film detailing the fire in April 2004 which destroyed the bakery and offices. However, it only took the staff 31 days to transform a redundant factory in Peterlee into a bakery and then to reopen the shops. Since the fire, they've taken on concessions in Aldi and the Co-op.

Dylan and Aileen kindly provided the supper for the WI and their guests with such favourites as chocolate snowballs, scones, pasties and tea cakes. Everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The competition for a cooking utensil was won by Shona, with Eileen second.

Next meeting: 11th of March- "Pigs and Frogs". All welcome.

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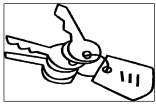
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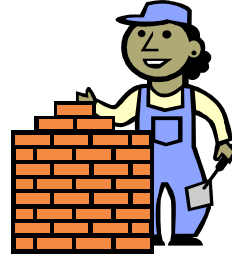
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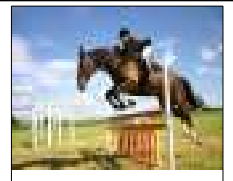
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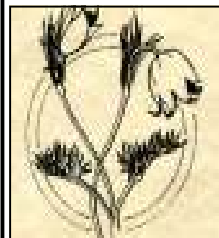


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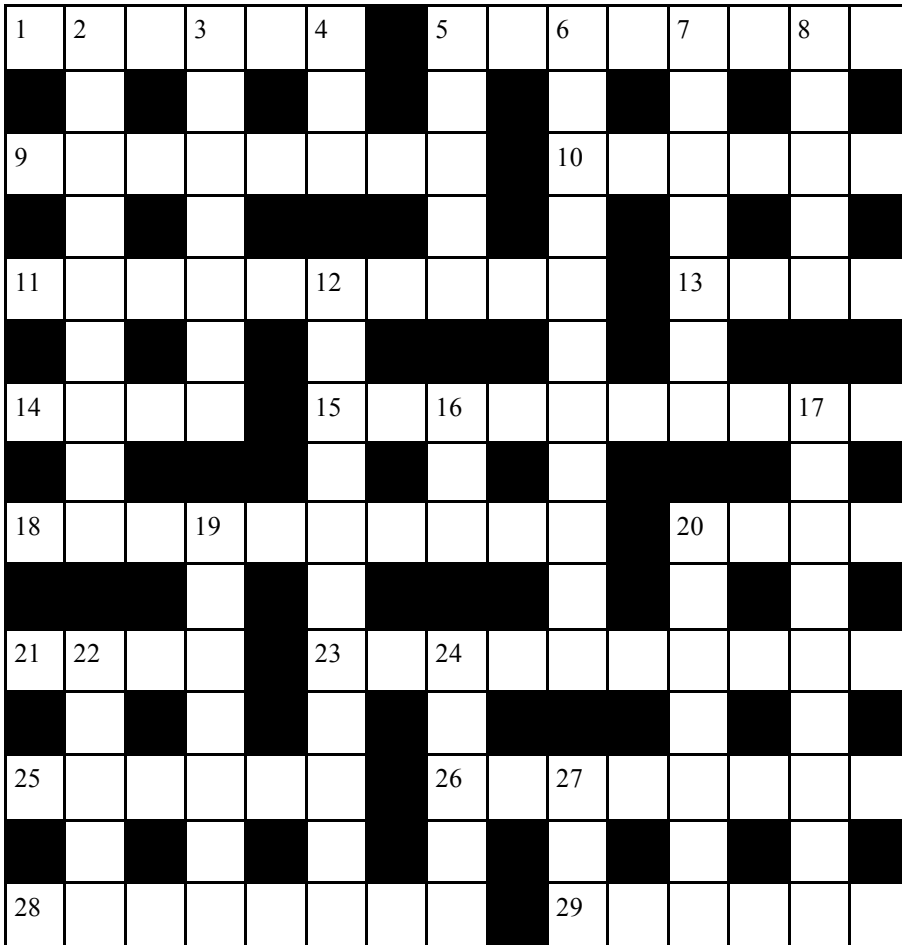
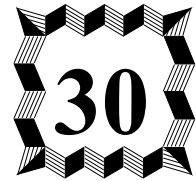
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ACROSS

1. Strange offspring but clearly the favourite.(4,2)
5. I solicit behind Collins Scottish attire.(8)
9. Fish, swimming, rests toes.(8)
10. Former NE Shallows in Switzerland. (2,4)
11. Colour cuts grain.(5,5)
13. Melia oil. 4 plus 4th of 22. (4)
14. Deteriorates in garages.(4)
15. Green curse spoiled comeback.(10)
18. Equal to French aunt bulk.(10)
20. Roll a length.(4)
21. Escort coxcomb.(4)
23. Ruin a toast in danger of overflowing. Could be 26.(10)
25. Insect and rodent combine vigorously to chide.(6)
26. Portal he used to excess. Could be 23.(8)
28. Son of Zeus drinks case.(8)
29. Point Her Majesty to festival.(6)

SOLUTIONS TO FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD. (29)

ACROSS

1. Designer
5. Stamp
10. Goodnight
11. Aisle
12. Tide
13. Understand
15. Lapped
16. Scarface
18. Cable car
20. Obtain
24. Restaurant
25. Abet
27. Alibi
28. Beefeater
29. Inane
30. Integral

DOWN

1. Digital
2. Stood up
3. Gone
4. Engine
6. Transcribe
7. Mascara
8. Stretch
9. Needle
14. Federation
17. Nairobi
18. Cereal
19. Bastion
21. Arbitrator
22. Natural
23. Intern
26. Mere

DOWN

2. Agitated spy hid Aga. It's hard to swallow! (9)
3. Be quiet, consume, here is laid condoms.(7)
4. Joint lost a thousand. Born this way. (3)
5. Irritation, love sauce.(5)
6. Sketcher, not well, we transpose alternative technology, other ranks combined.(11)
7. At home, overwrought, agonizing. (7)
8. The fastest milkman in the west. (5)
12. Two metals become one.(6-5)

16. A small amount but market loses a thousand.(3)
17. Blue track leads to a large hall.(9)
19. Third forename of Confederate General. Every worker.(7)
20. Revolutionary's headgear under which he plots.(7)
22. Two typographical measures a cure for constipation.(5)
24. Italian food prepared for Spanish snacks(5)
27. Former lover, English flower.(3)

I apologise for the misplaced blank in the bottom line of last month's crossword grid. Oops again !! MP

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