



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



We have altered the front cover format this month in order to display our village photographer Ernie Swinburn's wonderfully atmospheric view of the Stublick Colliery chimneys

The story of this famous landmark in our parish was told in the April Haydon News and continues in this month's issue

You will find Ernie's business advertisement on page 17 of this month's Haydon News

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

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

Welcome then to The Haydon News On Line, a web site that 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.

Please email us:

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

EDITORIAL COMMENT

We are not about to write off one of the most popular features in The Haydon News without a fight, but Dr. Steve Ford's plans for the future, revealed officially on page 11 of this month's issue, are a bit of a worry.

For those who look forward to his monthly contributions, we can only hope that when Steve gives up the day job he continues to regale Haydon News readers with his writing and those 'from all over the world' who seek to replace him are made aware that the terms of reference include a regular Doctor's (or Doctors') Page in our parish magazine that must continue to offer diagnosis, advice and above all, laughter!

After all: 'When you're smiling, when you're smiling

And does anyone know of a better tonic? And not only that, it's infectious!

Last month we included the first of our regular updates from Shaftoe Trust First School. In this issue we are pleased to put together a selection of news items from information provided by John Dowler our High School Headteacher.

They are on page 8 and we hope you consider them a valuable contribution to your Haydon News.

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WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND ENGLAND



WORK CONTINUES ON THE HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS

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

The Haydon Bridge bypass is being constructed to the south of the village, from West Rattenraw in the west to the junction of the A69 and A686 in the east. This photograph was taken on 2nd. May 2008.



The Friends of Haydon Bridge is a voluntary organisation and is responsible for the publication of The Haydon News.

Some of the revenue costs of publishing around 1,000 copies of The Haydon News, ten times each year, are met by advertising fees. To support the revenue costs and provide capital expenditure for new equipment etc., The Friends of Haydon Bridge rely on donations. If you have enjoyed our on line magazine and would like to make a donation, please email the editors in the first instance

editors@haydon-news.co.uk

Thank you

Editors: Mike Parkin. Dennis Telford.

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in April 2008

Extra Meeting held on April 10th to discuss the Parish Plan.

The council congratulated the Parish Plan Steering Group on the production of the document.

Peter Fletcher, the leader of the Steering Group, gave a short presentation to the council on the main points in the plan and how the plan had been produced. He told the council that the plan was different to the previous Parish Appraisal as it did not have a 'big idea', such as the new Community Centre, which was the main issue and outcome of the previous plan.

Peter explained that the current plan dealt with the more complex issues around the opening of the bypass and its effect on the village and wider parish.

As part of an economic strategy, to ensure the future viability of the Parish, the 'marketing' of Haydon Parish is one important issue addressed by the plan. As part of this, a close link with the Hadrian's Wall Heritage Partnership is suggested. Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site is currently being promoted widely and is a nationally recognised tourist attraction and potential growth area. It is suggested that the village uses the slogan, 'Haydon Parish in Hadrian's Wall Country... and much more', as part of its marketing strategy.

The 'community' section of the plan contains many ideas from the public consultation sessions.

To enable the Parish to access funding, not available to the Parish Council, to implement projects/ideas in the Parish Plan report, it is proposed that a Community Trust is set up. The Trust would apply for charitable status.

Mike Parkin, a Parish Council representative on the Parish Plan Steering Group gave a brief outline of the Village Design Statement (VDS), to be published as a supplement to the Parish Plan. It is hoped to get the VDS adopted by the planning authority, in which case it would become Supplementary Planning Guidance for all developments planned for Haydon Bridge.

The Parish Plan and VDS were adopted by the Parish Council although it was explained that the Plan was still in draft form and wouldn't be finalised until meetings had been held with key

partners in its implementation.

These include:

Hadrian's Wall Heritage.

Northumberland National Park.

Northumberland County Council.

Tynedale District Council.

The North Pennines AONB.

One councillor suggested that someone should be employed to co-ordinate the implementation of the Parish Plan. It was pointed out that this would be well beyond the Council's financial means but that funding could, and would, be sought to fund people to work on the implementation of particular parts of the plan. e.g. developing a parish web site.

The future plans for the community taking over and running the Village Library is one of the main points for development raised in the plan. Eileen Charlton, a Parish Council representative on the Steering Group, and instrumental in organising the community involvement in the Library's future, informed the council that funding for the Library project had been applied for already. It was suggested that the Community Trust could oversee the development of the Library and secure further funding if required.

The development of a skateboard park features in the plan. It is now several years since this was first mooted. It was suggested that, under the Parish Plan implementation, the skateboard park be planned and developed by members of the Community Trust and Parish Council rather than leaving it up to the young people who proposed the idea.

Funding from the development at Innerhaugh Mews, probably about £30,000, is still being held by Tynedale Council. When enquiries were made about this money, and its use for the development of Shaftoe Green Play Area, it was explained that the money was earmarked for sport provision in Haydon Parish.

Dr Ford, another member of the Steering Group suggested that the money should be used to purchase a field. This could then be used to develop a skateboard area as well as other sport provision.

A councillor asked whether Olympic money might be available for developing sport facilities in the

Parish.

There was insufficient time to discuss all the issues raised in the Plan but this will be returned to on many occasions in future Council meetings.

Peter Fletcher informed the Council that the next stage was to organise meetings with representatives from the key partner groups and then finalise the Parish Plan. Members of the council and steering group volunteers are to attend these meetings.

Finally the Council was informed that when the Plan is finalised the Steering Group will be disbanded, though some of its members may be willing to continue to work alongside the Parish Council in implementing the Plan.

MP

Parish Council meeting held on April 24th at Langley Village Hall (Notes by Storey Hall)

Public Participation:

The subject of the siting of the British Rail masts was raised, it was decided that a site visit should take place to decide an agreed location to local residents' satisfaction.

Complaints were highlighted regarding problems with the ambulance service. Tynedale Council are aware and are investigating.

An enquiry was made regarding policing when the new Unitary Authority evolves. Northumbria Police intend to provide a liaison officer for the village and it is intended that he will be present at Parish Council meetings.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

Esmond Faulks (chairman)
Mr. D Charlton 684505
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(* also a Tynedale Councillor)

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

My Historical Notes in December 2007 and February, March and April 2008, have focussed on the history of the buildings at risk in our parish, as registered by English Heritage. The bastles at Chesterwood; Langley Barony Lead Mines at Honeycrook and last month, Stublick Colliery.

This month I continue my chronicle of Stublick Colliery.

You will recall (HN April 2008) that Stublick was leased to Joseph Dinning for seventeen years from **1865**, during which period, in 1882, the Greenwich Hospital Governors chose to sell their Langley estates. By the **end of the 19c** the Stublick Royalty had passed from Dinning's executors to Matthew Stobart and records for the time show that employment at the pit was minimal. In **1896** there were just four employees and in **1902** five employees. The Stone Coal seam was apparently abandoned in **1900**.

Matthew Stobart continued to work the colliery until his death in **1907** after which his son John William carried on for a further two years. John William Stobart was from Hill Top, Langley, where he had lived all his life. He had worked at the Langley Barony Lead Mines for ten years before joining his father at Stublick.

In **1909** the Stublick Colliery was taken over by the Langley Barony Coal & Fireclay Co. Ltd. — formed for the manufacture of porcelain enamelled sanitary ware — and John William Stobart continued in the employ of the new owners as colliery manager at Stublick, and at the small drift mine at nearby Harsondale.

The change of ownership had, for a while, a significant impact on the activity at Stublick and by **1914**, thirty six men were employed (27 below ground and 9 on the surface), and an average of eighteen men were employed annually between 1921 and 1925. It appears however that by **1925** five of the working seams were either exhausted or abandoned and the colliery officially closed as a major employer in **1926**.

This is not the end of the Stublick story as a coal mine however, as in **1927** a sad incident occurred which is part of our parish's coal mining history.

On Thursday 15th September 1927 at about 10.30 am, John William Stobart was engaged in examining the shaft of the 'Beacon Colliery' (on the Stublick Colliery site) at Langley when a large stone fell from the workings and struck him on the head fracturing his skull. Stobart was about to step out of the kibble onto some staging when the stone came away. He was attended by Dr. Murray of Haydon Bridge and was removed to Hexham War Memorial Hospital where he died shortly after eleven o' clock that night.

John William Stobart was buried at Haydon Bridge Cemetery, after a service at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Monday 19th September 1927. There were over thirty floral tributes and well over two hundred mourners packed into the chapel where the heavy tongued and grooved panels forming a partition at the rear, were removed to allow an overflow of mourners to join in the service from the corridor. The mourners included Mr. & Mrs. Alan Scudamore, a son in law and daughter of Haydon Bridge.

John William Stobart was our own Eric Scudamore's grandfather, and the great grandfather of Martin and Simon.

As an aside, the undertaker was my grandfather William. Ridley Telford and I still have a record of the funeral fees from 1927.

-Solid Oak Coffin: £11
-Burial fees: £1. five shillings and sixpence.
-One car £1. five shillings.
-Total £13. ten shillings and sixpence.

A quick calculation suggests that based on these figures, the cost of living -

sorry, dying - over the 80 year period has increased almost 100 fold. And you won't get a solid Oak coffin in 2008 either!

It is incidentally of no surprise to me that John William Stobart died in a mining accident, having heard Eric's stories of his grandfather's escapades. It seems that John William took over part of the Stublick mine privately when it closed in 1926, presumably calling it Beacon Colliery, and used to go there on his own each night to check everything was in order for the next day's shift. To reach the workings he had fashioned a cradle of sorts that was lowered with a rope or chain over a pulley and fastened to a heavy horse.

Given a command it understood, the horse moved towards the shaft thereby lowering the cradle, and when John William was ready to return to the surface, another shouted command from the mine bottom was sufficient to get the horse moving away from the shaft and the cradle was pulled to the surface. *Health and Safety Officer busy bodies would have a fit at such a contraption today.*

Fortunately, Fred Armstrong a coal hewer from Langley was working in the shaft and witnessed Stobart's accident in 1927 and he was able to summon help and a doctor. At the subsequent inquest, sixty seven year old J. W. Stobart's fatal injuries were recorded as accidental.

There is very little left above ground of our coal mining heritage other than at Stublick. This wasn't the only site in the parish where our miners searched for 'black gold' of course and next month I will visit other locations where coal has been mined in the past.



Thank you to the Scudamore family for providing this photograph of John William Stobart (far right) underground at Stublick with his marras

Dunblane
31.03.2008

Dear Dennis,

Your Historical Notes in the February and March issues of The Haydon News reminded me of days I spent poring over old documents in the Northumberland Records Office and the Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineering (IMME) in Newcastle doing my own research. I'd just like to make a couple of comments about your pieces.

Firstly, about the little arched pack horse bridge, just west of Joicey Shaft Cottage. I came to the conclusion that it wasn't connected to the mines.

Haresby Lonnen was put in in 1791 (if my memory serves me correct), when Greewich Hospital decided to improve the farmland and enclosed the former common land, along with the other lanes in the vicinity. The mines used the track up from the Leadbitter Shaft, along Haresby Lonnen to the North Road as the main way in and out. Also, there are no tracks across the pack horse bridge shown on the old Ordnance Survey maps. I thought that the bridge probably belonged to earlier times, possibly an old route to the north/west before the roads were built.

Secondly, at Joicey Shaft Cottage itself, when the carpets were taken up in the bedroom, top left as you look at the house, the floor boards were quite bevelled along their length in the middle of the floor as though many boots had worn them over time. Perhaps there was a dining table in the middle of the room and the bevelling was the result of the constant scraping of boots underneath it.

Who knows? We can only guess.

Yours,
Sue Harley

Thank you Sue.

*Sue is author of 'In The Bewick Vein'.
A story of the Honeycrook Lead Mines,
published in 1999 by Honeycrook Press.*

While on the subject of Honeycrook Mines, further research of my own has uncovered a second death there, omitted in my original Historical Notes.

On 3rd November 1891 at 7.30 am, Thomas Hetherington a 13 year old lead ore dresser from Haydon Bridge was into the second hour of his shift when he was crushed by machinery at the Leadbitter Chatt Mill. A grease box had

been placed by another boy on the far side of the shafting and as Thomas reached for it, he displaced the clutch bearing cover and catching his foot he was dragged into the machinery and severely crushed, sustaining injuries from which he died two hours later. Thomas was still a schoolboy but had permission to work during the summer months. Sadly, just one week later and he would have been back at school. An inspection found that: 'The place was fenced off in accordance with the Act, the deceased had no business there and he was accidentally crushed.'

Essex.
February 2008.

Dear Editors,

I am pleased to enclose my donation and subscription. Thank you for my favourite publication; The Haydon News.

I have so many memories of Haydon Bridge.

I can remember the hump - backed bridge over the Geeswood Burn at the bottom of Whittis Hill in 1920.

Known as the Lowhall Bridge it was replaced by a 'flat' bridge in 1921.

Regardless of the very difficult times in the 20's and 30's, looking back, it seemed everybody took it without fuss. Bostock and Wombles must have deemed it worthwhile visiting the village; their big-top went up in a field near Rattenraw in the mid 1920's. On a separate visit, a menagerie set up in the same field. I remember the elephants being walked past the Spa Well to Hexham.

I see that the Hexham Courant refers to the demolition of Scudamore's Garage which has a special memory for me. At the age of sixteen in 1932, I was the milkman at Otterburn, delivering from a box-sidecar. It was in September 1932 my boss let me take the bike and sidecar home for a weekend. The point of mentioning this is that I bought a gallon of petrol for one shilling and tuppence at Scudamore's Garage. (Less than 6p a gallon in 1932!) Bill Foster was there and will vouch for seeing me if he can remember. p.s. It was Shell petrol!

Do you want to hear anymore memories? There's a barrowful!

My best wishes,
Harry Veitch.

Thank you, and yes please Harry.

Clitheroe.
27.3.2008

Dear Dennis,

Our dear friend Edna May Boxall passed away on 23rd February 2008, in her ninety third year, in the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne. Edna was the subject of your Notes in The Haydon News of June 2005.

As Edna had ties with Haydon Bridge we thought you may like to place details of her passing in The Haydon News. Perhaps someone in the village may remember Edna and her husband Ralph (Maddison), they bought the Haydon Hotel in 1965.

Edna would want us to remember her very full and active life - she was a good lady.

Yours sincerely,
Terry & Ron Berry.

If you have access to the internet you can read 'Time Gentlemen Please', my Historical Notes about Edna Boxall.

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Click on the 2000 - 2009 archive index link in the left hand column

You will find my article in our issue of June 2005, pages 4 and 5.

SHEILA DODSWORTH

In The Haydon News March 2008, our correspondent Sheila Dodsworth of Queensland, Australia, requested any information about her late mother in law Doreen Dodsworth (nee Mason), who was originally from Page Croft.

I am pleased to report that our efforts have been able to bring the family together and Sheila's husband John's cousin, Margery Wilson (nee Irwin) from Haltwhistle, will be getting in touch with Sheila.

Margery has filled me in with the family details.

Charles Henry Mason and his wife Georgina Florence lived at Page Croft and were grandfather and grandmother to twenty one grandchildren, including Margery and well known Haydonian and good friend, the late Colin Irwin. (Incidentally, it is twenty years ago past March that Colin died.)

Charles and Georgina had eight children: Lorna, Hilda, Walter, Norman, Florence, Arnold, Sidney and Doreen. Doreen, a nurse, married Ken Dodsworth a chemist from Carlisle and with their son John emigrated to Africa and then Australia. John eventually married Sheila, our

March correspondent. It is fifty four years ago since the family were together in Haydon Bridge before losing touch.

In enabling me to fulfil Sheila's request my thanks are due to Margery Wilson and to Ethel Mason, whose late husband Arnold was one of Georgina Florence and Charles Mason's eight children.

Queensland,
Australia
7th April 2008

Dear Editors,

Thank you so much for The Haydon News and for putting me in contact with Margery (*Wilson*) who has written already offering to answer as many questions as she is able (she may regret this!).

As I told her in my reply, as fascinating as it is to get a glimpse into the past, the best and totally unexpected result has been to reconnect with a lost branch of our rather far flung family. Doreen (nee Mason) seemed to disconnect from her siblings after a visit "home" in 1954. Starting this intriguing search and spending hours trawling through the internet has made me realise what an amazing part of the country she lived in and I now see why she talked to me incessantly, and with such passion, of her girlhood home. I am ashamed to say that although I spent the first 16 years of my life in England I never ventured further north than Berkshire! We both intend to visit Haydon Bridge and its surrounds one day.

Many thanks once more for your help.

Kind regards
Sheila (Dodsworth).

Love is.....!

Newcastle upon Tyne.
April 2008.

Dear Editors,

My mother has read The Haydon News and your article about Joicey's Shaft lead mine.

She tells me that before they were married my dad used to lead Barytes from the spoil heaps at Honeycrook to Haydon Bridge station in the 1950s, from where it was taken away by rail. He used to time his run to coincide with mam taking the cattle from New Alston to Cruel Syke to be milked, so he could see her. The cows were taken to New Alston every morning and brought back in the afternoon to be milked.

Yours,
Name and address supplied.

We are always pleased to hear from those who have lived in the parish and then moved on to pastures new.

This month our occasional correspondent William Veitch brings a curious tale of fact to our attention.

AN ODD EVENT

The population of Haydon Bridge must have remained stable for hundreds of years prior to 1800 A.D., this is borne out by the baptisms at St. Cuthbert's Church which averaged between 20 and 30 per year.

Suddenly in the 1800's the population of Haydon Bridge exploded - it had its very own 'Industrial Revolution'. In 1800 the population of the Parish was 1,084 but by 1810 it had risen to 1,347 (an increase of 24%) and by 1850 it had virtually doubled to 2,085 and it then remained more or less stable at that level through most of the 20th Century.

Why did this remarkable expansion take place?

It must certainly have placed a tremendous pressure on the village's accommodation and services and much building must have taken place. The following list of businesses in 1820 indicates a thriving community:- Boot & shoe makers (5), Grocers & Drapers (9), Dressmakers (4), Stonemasons (7), Straw Hat Makers (3), Tailors (4), Weavers (4), Blacksmiths (6) and Joiners (3) and many of these would employ several staff. It's not quite the same today, is it? A typical example was William Davison and his eight sons who were all builders and there was a marked increase in the number of labourers who would be required to support the craftsmen.

However the catalyst for the expansion was undoubtedly the lead industry with associated coal mining, even though Bewick's lead mines at Honeycrook did not commence until 1871, Langley Smelt Mill had been in operation from 1767/8 and there had been lead smelting at Woodhall as far back as 1681.

With the increase in population the number of christenings at St Cuthbert's also increased and by the 1820's were between 50 and 60 per year, then after 1850 they steadily decreased to around 20 per year. This reduction would be attributable to the growth of non - conformism in the village together with Civil Registration. Up until 1850 it was not uncommon

for christenings to take place on Christmas Day and these were usually for the wealthier inhabitants of the Parish (the farmers ??).

It must be remembered that the modern Christmas is essentially a Victorian invention and would be very low key in those early days.

In 1837 a strange event occurred. The number of christenings in those days was approximately 50 per year but in 1837 it shot up to 70 christenings and against an average of 5 per month, there were 22 in June!

What was going on? Had someone put aphrodisiac in the wells?

What is even more odd is that on the 30th June there were 15 children christened (they must have been queuing along Church Street). What made it even stranger was that the 30th June was a Friday!

The answer is that Civil Registration began the following day - 1st July 1837. Someone must have frightened the new parents because in truth none of the children would have needed to be registered, having been born before the 1st July.

Included in the rush was Robert Nicholson, the Sexton, who had two children christened. The news must not have reached the 'Tofts' however, as John and Francis Bell from there had their son Francis christened two days later on the Sunday 2nd July 1837. Maybe it was the thought of having to pay one shilling (5p) for a certificate!

Initially, many people viewed Civil Registration with suspicion (rather like today's proposed I.D. Cards) and in early days many births were not recorded. Parents were only legally obliged to inform the Registrar of a birth if he demanded it of them - it was up to him to find out. Many still thought that if the child had been christened and was entered in the Church Register then that was an acceptable alternative to registration. In some parts of the country it has been estimated that 15% of births were not registered in those early days. From 1875 the parents were legally obliged to inform the Registrar rather than him having to find out for himself.

Someone in Haydon Bridge must have 'got hold of the wrong end of the stick' as the rush of christenings was not universal although some other Parishes had fallen for the same 'con'.

An early example of Government Spin perhaps.

End

HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS UPDATE

Since our last report you may have noticed a lot of activity at the west end of the bypass, as the contractor CVC Highway Solutions constructs the access to West Rattenraw and the so called 'Rattenraw Loop' that will eventually connect the new A69 with Haydon Bridge, from the west.

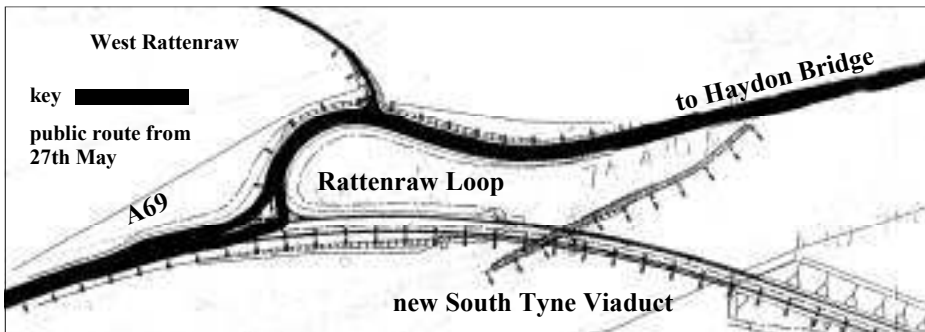
Paul Gibson, CVC Highway Solutions Site Agent for Highway Works, has outlined the programme for this phase of the work.

From Tuesday 6th May 2008 the contractors intend to re-establish traffic control at West Rattenraw, with two-way temporary traffic lights, as they tie-in the existing A69 - east bound - at both ends of the Rattenraw Loop.

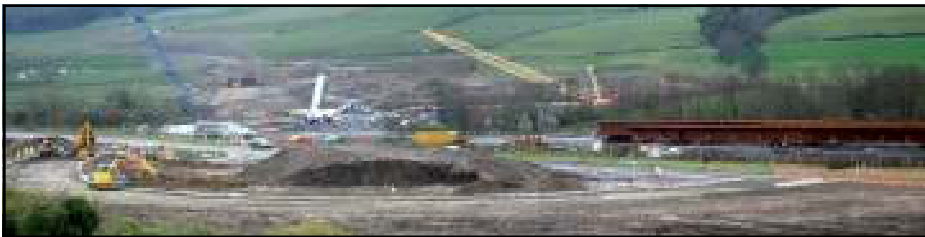
From Friday 23rd May to Monday 26th May, west bound traffic on the A69 will use the existing A69 carriageway whilst east bound traffic will be travelling around the newly completed Rattenraw Loop. There will be no right turn westwards onto the A69 from the narrow Peelwell - West Rattenraw road.

From Tuesday 27th May until the end of June the contractors' plan is for all the A69 traffic to be diverted onto the Rattenraw Loop and controlled under two-way temporary traffic lights, whilst works are carried out to complete the tie-in with the loop and the west bound A69 carriageway.

From the end of June onwards all work to the Rattenraw Loop will be complete and traffic will be flowing unhindered around the new loop access road.



Once the Rattenraw Loop is complete, the work on the west end of the Haydon Bridge Bypass will then be concentrated on the main route and the construction of the new South Tyne Viaduct crossing the railway and the river.



The Rattenraw Loop under construction (April 2008)

The steel for the deck of the South Tyne Viaduct can be seen in the background

LANGLEY ROAD

In the interests of road safety a temporary speed restriction of 30mph will be imposed on the full length of the Langley (Cemetery) Road (C229) from 3rd May 2008 for twelve months.

Work continues on the embankment screening the Haydon Bridge cemetery from the bypass.

Please remember for your own safety, the Langley (Cemetery) Road runs through a construction site!

GEE'S WOOD

It is expected that the support structure will be ready to receive the bridge deck beams in 8 to 10 weeks.

Thank you to CVC Highway Solutions and Project Manager Andrew Harding for monthly updates

HAYDON BRIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PROGRAMME FOR 2008

Tuesday 20th May:
'Thorntons Chocolate'

Tuesday 17th June:
'Matfen Brew' (Educational tour)

Tuesday 15th July:
Summer BBQ

August:
Summer holiday

**Meetings at 7.30 pm in the
Haydon Bridge Community Centre**

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 leader.**

Thurs. 1st May: Wark Common,
Ramshaws Mill, Wark Burn. 3 miles.
Meet at The Battlesteads, Wark.
GR 860768
Ben Gibbard. Tel. 688608

15th May: Vindolanda Circular Walk.
3 miles.
Meet Vindolanda Car Park, Stanegate.
Anne Carter. Tel. 684856

29th May: Brocolitia to Sharpley
Farm along Hadrian's Wall. 4 miles.
Meet at Brocolitia Fort, Military Road.
GR 861712
Henry Swaddle. Tel. 684498

12th June: Hay Meadows around
South Wooley Farm. 3 miles (2 hours).
Meet Allendale Town Square.
Ann Nicholson. Tel. 684639

26th June: River Hill Farm and
Gunnerton. 3 miles.
Meet on roadside near entrance to
Barrasford Quarry. GR NY 909739
Chris Irvine. Tel. 606512

10th July: Eltrington, Threepwood,
Woodhall Mill Farm. 4 miles.
Meet at Woodhall Mill Farm, Lowgate
Road, Haydon Bridge.
Alan Howard.

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

HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations from Westminster!

Minister of State for Schools and Learners
Westminster,
London.
January 2008

Dear Mr. Dowler,

I am delighted to congratulate you and your school on the excellent performance you have demonstrated at Key Stage 4 in the 2007 Achievement and Attainment Tables published in January.

The results for your school show that you are amongst the top performing schools this year based on sustained improvement in 5+ A*- C GCSEs (and equivalent) including English and mathematics GCSEs.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your pupils, staff and governors for their hard work and success, and I send my best wishes for sustained improvement in the year ahead.

Jim Knight MP

Trust Schools Plan Approved

Four schools that form the North Pennine Learning Partnership agreed to acquire a 'Trust' from 1 April 2008.

The governing bodies of Allendale Middle School, Bellingham Community Middle School, Haydon Bridge Community High School and Sports College and Samuel King's School in Alston have all approved this innovative and exciting development.

The Headteachers from all four schools are quoted as saying, "We look forward to building upon the many existing strengths within our schools and working closely with our partners to further improve the educational experiences of the Trust's students."

The external partners include: Cumbria County Council; Institute for Outdoor Learning; Liverpool John Moores University; North Country Leisure; Northumberland College; Northumberland County Council; Rugby Football Union and the University of Cumbria.

The Trust is engendering considerable national interest being the first of its kind in the country.

One Specialist Sports College Becomes Four

In an exciting and innovative development Allendale, Bellingham and South Tynedale Middle schools have become the first middle schools in Northumberland, and some of the first in England, to be designated as specialist schools.

The three Middle schools worked closely with their partner high school, Haydon Bridge Community High School and Sports College, to submit a joint application to the Department for Children, Schools and Families. The successful bid emphasises the benefits of Sports College status in raising the self esteem, confidence and achievements of pupils. PE and sport, with the second specialist subject of science will further improve the learning opportunities and pupil progress across the partnership of schools.

Allendale Middle School Headteacher, Ruth Bradley, is quoted as saying, "This is a significant achievement for our school and I also celebrate the success of our partnership of schools."

Haydon Bridge Headteacher John Dowler said, "Specialist Sports College status has been instrumental in improving the aspirations and progress of our students, not just in PE but across a wide range of subjects. For example visitors frequently comment on the exceptional quality of our students' art, music and drama work. we are delighted that pupils in our partner Middle schools will also benefit from learning in a Sports College."

Exciting Times

This term has been a really exciting one for the Haydon Bridge Community High School and Sports College and the communities we serve.

In school our students have been involved in many exciting and successful activities and events including:

Superb Year 10 and Year 11 R.E. Conference Days
A packed out music night organised by students
Ski Visit
Year 9 Industry Day
Maths Challenge
Rheged Geography Visit
Creative Arts Weekend
Year 9 Girls Rugby, North East Champions
Woodhorn Colliery Visit

There has been considerable local and national interest in innovative developments involving the school.

1. The formation of the North Pennine Learning Partnership as one of the first 'Trusts' in the country.
2. Our re-designation as a sports college which has enabled our partner Middle Schools to become the first specialist schools in the country.

These significant achievements are very exciting for the future of education across the area we serve.

Mr. J. Dowler

Green Energy

We are hoping to install a small-scale wind turbine to look at how we can produce our own energy.

The electricity generated will be fed into the school. Our Year 9 team will be monitoring the turbine each school day and recording the amount of electricity produced.

Offsetting Our Carbon Footprint

To help offset our carbon footprint, we'll be replanting the orchard situated on the North Bank, looking onto the playground within the school grounds.

We will be using aesthetically pleasing trees, such as Rowan, Cherry Blossom and Hawthorn. This area is already surrounded by mature trees and so should not obstruct any views.

Haydon Bridge Into Final

Haydon Bridge High School Sports College U15 Rugby team progressed into the Tyneside Cup Final following a comprehensive victory 48 - 17 in the semi final at Emmanuel College.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our three County Cross Country runners Tabitha Allen (year 12) Josh Brown (year 9) and Charlotte Sadler (year 9) who recently represented Northumberland in the North East Counties Championships at Middlesbrough.

And good luck to Josh Brown who has now been selected to run for Northumberland in the English Schools Championships at Liverpool.

BELONGING COMMUNITIES.

On March 11th the first joint meeting between Allendale, West Allen and Haydon Parish Councils, along with other representatives from these communities, took place in Allendale Village Hall. It was the first meeting of people from what is currently known as the Allendale Belonging Community. It was led by Suzi Goncu and Jane Hart, community workers with Northumberland County Council.

What was made clear from the start was that the terms of reference for 'belonging communities' was not known and that it appeared that they could almost set their own agenda. In the official handout it stated that when Northumberland becomes a unitary Authority, May 2009, the council intend to 'work closely with communities at a much more local level, through existing Parish and Town Councils' as well as other local organisations. 'The intention is to give the people of Northumberland a much greater say in how things are run and done in their local communities and to bring the council closer to its communities'. All very laudable, but how this will be done was not made clear.

It went on to define a 'belonging community' as 'areas in which neighbourhoods, villages and towns have a really close relationship with each other; where for example, the daily activities of socialising, shopping, going to school and enjoying leisure facilities happen. Places in other words, where people spend most of their time'.

Is this how the people of Allendale,

Haydon and West Allen view their 'belonging community' at present?

The meeting was informed that 'each belonging community will have the opportunity to set up a Community Forum, where local residents, including children and young people, community groups, businesses, councillors and agencies can come together to decide what needs doing in their area **and help make it happen**'. How they will do this wasn't made clear.

However, 'it will have regular members but will be open to anyone to come and find out what is being discussed and contribute.

The majority of people at the meeting felt that the 'regular members' should be elected, possibly made up of representatives from the Parish Councils, but that meetings should have a greater proportion of time devoted to direct public participation than in Parish Council meetings. While the meeting was informed that the belonging communities forum; 'will not just be a talking shop; it will directly contribute to the decision making of the new council' [Northumberland CC], just how this will be done and what influence/powers it will have were left unclear. What was made clear was that the 'belonging communities' will not replace existing Parish or Town Councils or other local organisations but they will 'take up issues that no one group of people or local agency can resolve on their own. In order to give local people a greater say, the Forums will have **influence** and take **action**. They will work with local

people to find out what they want. They will make sure the council listens and uses the information to improve services. They will have the opportunity to get involved directly in improving services, and take on the actual delivery of some services if it makes sense.'

So there we have it! Or do we?

Parish Councillors and local representatives attending the meeting had many questions for which at present there are no answers.

How will forums influence County Councillors?

What actions can they take?

Will they have a budget to enable them to implement some of the change, improve services, meet the needs of local people, make things happen? What actual power will the 'belonging communities' have to meet identified local needs?

Where will the boundaries of responsibility lie between Parish Councils, Belonging Communities, Characteristic Communities (about which we have heard very little) and the County Council?

Who will decide?

Can our Belonging Community be really radical and elect a mayor?

Sound questions but at present without answers.

Well except for one. Who will decide?

On 1st May elections will be held to elect the new Northumberland County Councillors.

There will be 67 councillors.

They will have feedback from the meetings taking place such as ours held in Allendale.

They will make the decisions.

Hopefully they will answer many of the questions arising from our meeting.

So, what started out as a bottom up approach, asking local representatives what role they want in the local government process, could well end up as a top down approach as we are told what role local people will have. Perhaps notice will be taken of the ideas and comments from the meetings. We'll know by our next meeting in June.

Representatives from Haydon Bridge at the meeting;

Mary Douthwaite, Community Association
Steve Ford, Health Centre

Eileen Charlton, Parish Council

Mike Parkin, Parish Council & FoHB

MP



LANGLEY WI

The April meeting was members' night at the WI. One of our newest members, Joyce, showed us several of her beautiful handmade cards. After demonstrating several different techniques, she then presented each lady with the elements to make their own card. Each member then produced their own unique card. Next month's speaker will be a member of the fire brigade, who has kindly stepped in to take the place of what should have been the completion of the pottery pigs. At next month's meeting details will be finalised for the plant sale at Langley on May 26th.

**Next meeting is on
May 13th at 7.30 pm.**

Less common science

Every year the Nobel prizes are awarded for outstanding achievements in many fields. It is less commonly realised that a competing system is in existence, called the Ig Nobel prizes, in which awards are given for highly unconventional or even downright strange scientific endeavours.

This year's nominations are an amusing bunch.

Whilst everyone has heard of the Periodic Table, the full list of all the elements of which the known universe is composed, an enterprising pair of scientists decided to construct a large four legged, flat topped, piece of furniture – commonly referred to as a table – from as many of the elements as possible.

The elements excluded were, obviously, those that are gases or liquids and those that are 'overly lethal' – the constructor's own phrase.

A self heating bath tub's design, based on the technology employed in self heating tins of food, has yet to reach a marketable state – the temperatures generated can reach nine hundred degrees centigrade. One suspects that the potential bather would in fact be flash-fried.

A professor of psychology in London has published a seminal (sic) work on 'scrotal asymmetry in man and ancient sculpture'. The author tells us of the derivation of the word 'avocado'. It is based on the Aztec word 'ahuacati', which means testicles, and refers to the resemblance of the two items in question. My self-esteem took a major tumble here as I recalled my last trip round the fruit and veg section of

Tesco – perhaps the Aztecs had a different variety from us or Buster Gonad is actually an Aztec in disguise.

Alabama produced a professor who was able to confirm that states in the USA where radio stations play a lot of Country and Western music have the highest suicide rates. I cannot say that I am surprised.

Versatile drug

Eflornithine is used in this country to weaken the growth of disfiguring hair – for example, in heavily moustachioed women.

In tropical areas it is effective against Trypanosomiasis – a potentially lethal tropical infection.

Strange but true.

Breast feeding

It is very encouraging to see how many women are having a go at breast feeding their babies.

How long to feed for has been a subject for discussion for years. A recent study from Belarussia has shown neither benefit nor harm from prolonged and exclusive breast feeding.

At present then the general advice is to breast feed for somewhere between six and twelve months. There will, almost certainly, never be a final definite figure because mothers and babies are both so very variable. Obeying the instincts of both mother and baby will rarely lead one too far astray.

I understand that the development of the baby's teeth can influence matters somewhat.

Trends in the USA

The UK usually lags behind the USA by a year or two in many economic and social measures.

The USA Centre of Disease Control has recently announced that 26% of girls between 14 and 19 have one or more of the following sexually transmitted diseases: human papilloma virus (leads to cancer of the cervix), chlamydia, herpes or trichomoniasis. In some demographic groups the incidence reaches 48%.

Regular and, if necessary – frequent, tests on men and women will go a long way to combat this problem. Using a condom every time helps. Being very choosy about partners also helps.

Testing can be done at the Health Centre, the various GUM clinics at Newcastle, Hexham and Carlisle – or almost any major city.

Haydon Bridge Spotty Lug Disease

Many years ago we had an outbreak of blisters on the ears of people resident in the Parish. After much investigation and speculation this was eventually put down to a kind of sun induced allergy – for want of a more scientific description.

Now, a new cause has been described. An almost identical condition can arise in those attending livestock births – it arises because of an allergic response to the membranes, fluids and placenta.

Alcohol

38% of men and 26% of women in the UK have an 'alcohol use disorder' – that is not the same as saying that they are alcoholics but rather that the amount and style of

their drinking is causing actual or potential physical, psychological or social harm to them.

Help is available, including new services developing in Hexham.

If you feel uneasy about the amount you drink, then you are probably right. Come and have a chat about it. We don't bite.

Whereas I used to quite enjoy the odd glass of beer or wine or spirits, I am now completely teetotal as alcohol conflicts with my medication. This is tedious but manageable – the consumption of alcohol is almost regarded as a right or a duty in our society and that can make its use almost too easy. Drinking alcohol, or taking drugs, is a voluntary act – change is possible. Nothing bad will happen.

Injury at work – or play

We have decided to keep a few hens in the garden. This has caused us to fence off a section and install a chicken house.

My son and I are now a mass of bruises, cuts, splinters and aching body parts. The dangers involved in using a few simple DIY tools with too much enthusiasm and too little training are apparent to us both.

Whilst the chicken house is a masterpiece of excessive complexity, strength and durability – I estimate it would withstand a direct hit from a low yield nuclear device – the value of the eggs will never cover the costs of construction.

My son made a comment during our labours that at his school the design and technology workshop staff had barely enough fingers between them to make two good hands. Every day I see evidence of old industrial or domestic

injury. It is not possible to take too much care either at work or in the home.

If training is available take it. Safety equipment must be provided and you'd be a fool not to use it. Machinery must have proper guards – use them.

Random Jottings

Two blondes walk into a building. You'd think at least one of them would have seen it.

Phone answering machine message - "...If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key..."

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't, I've cut your arms off".

I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a muscle.

Our ice cream man was found lying on the floor of his van covered with hundreds and thousands. Police say that he topped himself.

Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head. Doc says, "I'll give you some cream to put on it."

Guy goes into the doctor's. "Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my backside." "How's that?" "Don't you start."

A man walked into the doctors, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places". The doctor said, "Well don't go there anymore"

Common Agricultural Policy

The CAP is responsible for 9,000 deaths per annum say the World Health Organisation in a recent report. A system 'designed to kill Europeans through coronary heart disease' it says.

A reduction in subsidies for the production of dairy products especially, would largely eliminate the problem.

The current recommendation for meat consumption is not more than 90 grams daily or about three ounces.

To make it official:

Everyone seems to know and it was never a major secret anyway.

I have decided to retire from medicine on my 55th birthday – that's August this year. My partners are currently receiving applications from all over the world (no – really) and when a decision is reached an announcement will be made

Gap years had not been invented when I was a youth and I have spent many years not having holidays earlier in my career so I'm going to catch up in some respects.

The next general election is currently slated for June 2009, to coincide with the European elections. A new career beckons...

The first consultant for whom I worked after qualification has been elected to Parliament twice as an Independent after his retirement from medicine. So it can be done.

Steve Ford

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Les Hann

Dear Friends,

We are in the days between Easter and Pentecost when the risen Christ appeared to his disciples to encourage and prepare them for a life of faith and good works and sharing the news that God loves, forgives and sustains us.

The 24th May 1738 is a significant day in Methodist history. It is often referred to as the conversion of John Wesley. He went 'very unwillingly' to a meeting in Aldersgate Street in London where he felt his heart "strangely warmed" as he described it. A moment that filled his life of good works and religious observance with love, the love of God. Wesley was released from constant concern over his own salvation and set free to concentrate on the salvation and care of others.

And so a movement of God's spirit spread throughout the world. John Wesley in his "Twelve Rules of a Helper" (Preacher) told them, 'You have nothing to do but save souls', yet he and those early Methodists opened the first free clinic and dispensary in London, an orphan house in Newcastle as well as visited the condemned prisoners in Oxford gaol, begged on the streets for money for the poor and were involved in many more "good works".

Also in May we have Christian Aid Week when we give and pray for those in need throughout the world, and Rogation Sunday which we are encouraged to keep as a day of prayer for the farming community. Two opportunities to show our care for one another locally and world-wide. Fair Trade at home and abroad could be our aim.

As Jesus pointed out the Love of God and the love of our neighbours go together and must not be separated; you can't have one without the other.

Les Hann

MAY 2008



WHO AND WHERE

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

Rev Judith Hampson,
with St Cuthbert's Anglican Church
The Vicarage, Station Yard
Tel. 01434 684307

Rev Les Hann,
with the Methodist Congregation
Wesley Manse, Moor View, Haltwhistle
Tel. 01434 320051

Father Leo Pyle ,
with St John's Catholic Church
St John's Presbytery, North Bank
Tel. 01434 684265

Rogation Sunday was on 27th April

*Creator God, who sustains all you have made by
the power of your Spirit,
help us to rejoice in your bounty, to rely on
your providence and to ensure the fertility of the
land, as we work together with you to produce
food for the body and delight for the soul,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

**Christian Aid Week
11 - 17 May 2008**

Help fight poverty and injustice by supporting one of the world's biggest fundraising events. Thanks to donations countrywide £63m is spent directly on work with those in need. Look out for the red envelopes and make your contribution.

A joint service for the churches in Haydon Bridge will take place on Sunday 11th May at the Methodist Church starting at 6 pm. This is a Pentecost Praise and marks the start of Christian Aid week. Do come along.

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

4 May

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

11 May

10.00 am Family Service
Margery Gazzani
6.00 pm Pentecost Praise
United Service
Rev Les Hann

18 May

10.00 am Morning Worship
Rev Les Hann
6.00 pm Evening Service
Rev Marian Olsen

25 May

10.00 am Morning Service
Rev Stephen Caddy
6.00 pm Evening Service
David Stabler

1 June

10.00 am Communion
Rev David Flavell
6.00 pm Evening Service

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

4 May

Beltingham
10 am BCP Communion

11 May

*10.30 am Service at
Haydon Bridge*

18 May

Beltingham
10.00 am Matins

25 May

Henshaw
10 am Joint Service

1 June

Henshaw
10 am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

4th May at 6 pm
Evensong

1st June at 6 pm
BCP Communion

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

Mass each Sunday
at 9.30 am at Haydon Bridge
Mass each Sunday
at 11.00 am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays
(except Mondays)
at 10.00 am either St John's or
Haltwhistle

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

4 May

10.30 BCP Communion

11 May

10.30 Joint Service

18 May

10.30 Communion

25 May

*10 am Joint Service
at Henshaw*

1 June

10.30 All Age Service

**HAYDON BRIDGE HOLIDAY CLUB IS HAPPENING:
SATURDAY 26TH JULY TO SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST 2008!**

There are a number of things that need to happen over the next couple of months in order to get Haydon Bridge Holiday Club off the ground. These include:

- Team recruitment & training
- Planning the programme
- Publicising all the events that are taking place
- Organising catering and accommodation for team and others
- Raising funds and resources for the mission

Working with Scripture Union and Hexham Holiday Club

If you can help out with any of the above, please get in touch. The next key date for the Holiday Club is the team meeting, which will take place in Haydon Bridge Methodist Church on **Tuesday 6th May 2008 at 7:30pm**. If you want to join the team please try and make it to this meeting as we will be planning the mission in some depth. We look forward to seeing you there!

From Bobby and Rachel Martin (Team Leaders)

Website is WWW.HAYDONBRIDGEHOLIDAYCLUB.CO.UK

Email is TEAM@HAYDONBRIDGEHOLIDAYCLUB.CO.UK

Highways:

- Access for public transport along Shaftoe Street due to cars parking is still a problem. Haltwhistle police are to action to resolve the problem.
- It was confirmed that road cleaning is being carried out by the bypass contractor on a daily basis.
- Road gullies in the village, in particular North Bank, are programmed for cleaning.
- Lowgate Road springs; action still pending.
- Brown tourism signs still awaited.
- Signs at West Deanraw have slipped down the post and one is pointing in the wrong direction it was stated action still awaited.
- The give way sign at Langley has been replaced.
- Bins at Lee's Farm still a problem to be resolved.
- Northumberland County Council stated that the barrier on Shaftoe Street serves no useful purpose, however it was pointed out by a village councillor that it prevents young children running out onto the road. The council will follow this up with NCC.
- It was reported that work will soon take place to repair tarmac on the road bridge into the village.

Correspondence:

Praise was given to the work done at the cemetery and the neatness of the place overall.

THE HAYDON NEWS

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

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

Thank you so much to those readers who have already contributed following our appeal last month.

(Dennis Telford, Chairman FoHB)

Village projects:

- A reply received from Northumberland Water regarding drainage of the Showfield site did not allay concerns, and further investigations are needed.
- The council agreed there should be a community action group set up which should involve both council, schools and general public.
- Peter Fletcher gave an update on the Parish Plan where he reported that the public response to the housing needs survey was 30%. This was considered good enough to take forward to Tynedale Council where a meeting will be arranged.

The plan is in its final stage and will be available for circulation to governing bodies and a press release is imminent. On a down note it was reported that Tynedale Council had turned down funding for the library project there was dismay at this response and further representation will be made to TC and to other organising bodies.

- The Spa Well approach was discussed and it was agreed that a great deal of refurbishment to the fencing and sign is required and the area requires generally cleaning and painting.

This historic asset to the community deserves preserving. The council proposed a volunteer scheme which could include Haydon Bridge High school as a project.

- Langley Gardens play area clean up. It was considered that a better surface could be laid which could be more easily cleaned and it was agreed funding should be sought for this.
- A presentation was given on the Christmas lights scheme for 2008.

Planning

- A new Hadrian's Wall train and bus service will shortly be introduced. Both the train and bus will be painted in a sympathetic scheme to enhance the tourism and should present an attraction for the area.
- A heated discussion took place on the proposed Haydon Hotel development where various residents have made objections, access to the site caused major concerns.
- An extension to a dwelling on Church Street was agreed.

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HAYDON BRIDGE WEST TYNE CRICKET LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR SEASON 2008 All Saturdays unless otherwise stated

Division 1

26th April : v Prudhoe (A)
3rd May : v Allendale (H)
10th May : No game
17th May : v Wylam (H)
24th May : v Matten (A)
31st May : v Haltwhistle (H)
7th June : v Stocksfield (A)
15th June : v Newton (H) - Sunday
21st June : v Hexham Leazes (H)
28th June : v Humshaugh (A)
5th July : v Benwell Hill (H)
12th July : v Prudhoe (H)
19th July : v Allendale (A)
26th July : No game
2nd August : v Wylam (A)
9th August : v Matten (H)
16th August : v Haltwhistle (A)
23rd August : v Stocksfield (H)
30th August : v Newton (A)
6th September : v Hexham Leazes (A)
13th September : v Humshaugh (H)
20th September : v Benwell Hill (A)

Division 2

26th April : v Prudhoe (H)
3rd May : v Allendale (A)
10th May : v Riverdale Hall (H)
17th May : v Wylam (A)
24th May : v Wark (H)
31st May : v Haltwhistle (A)
7th June : v Stocksfield (H)
14th June : v Newbrough (A)
21st June : v Hexham Leazes (A)
28th June : v Humshaugh (H)
5th July : v Stamfordham (A)
12th July : v Prudhoe (A)
19th July : v Allendale (H)
26th July : v Riverdale Hall (A)
2nd August : v Wylam (H)
9th August : v Wark (A)
16th August : v Haltwhistle (H)
23rd August : v Stocksfield (A)
30th August : v Newbrough (H)
6th September : v Hexham Leazes (H)
13th September : v Humshaugh (A)
20th September : v Stamfordham (H)

HAYDON BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB IS SEEKING TO RECRUIT NEW PLAYERS FOR THE 2008 SEASON

PLEASE CONTACT
GRAEME PIGG
01434 688079
or
MIKE JACKSON
01434 688518



ALLENDALE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all those runners and walkers from our parish who took part this year in the demanding 'Allendale Challenge', and a special mention for David Armstrong from Belmont Gardens, who ran the twenty five mile circuit to finish second in a field (or is it a fell) of around sixty runners.

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7.15 PM ON TUESDAY, 13TH MAY 2008
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The first meeting forming Haydon Bridge Community Association was held on 19/11/1959 with Charlie Coombes, Edward Waite, Robert Harding and John Davison (of Peelwell) being the founding members.

The purchase of the Wesley Hall for use as a Community Centre was completed on 4/11/ 1965.

At this time the officers of the Community Association were:

Robert Harding, chairman; Charlie Coombes, secretary; Geoffrey Johnson, honorary treasurer.

In 2000 the Community Centre was rebuilt.

The Community Centre has a main hall and several smaller rooms.

These are hired by many of the village's clubs and groups for their meetings and activities.

The Centre is also available for birthday celebrations and other private functions.

The Community Centre is an important and vital asset in Haydon Bridge.

Haydon Bridge Community Association own and run the Community Centre.

The Association is short of members and needs active committee members to help with running the Community Centre.

The committee meet 4 times a year to deal with Community Centre business.

The Association are looking for volunteers for the following committee officers; Vice Chair, Minutes Secretary, Secretary, Events Coordinator, Building Supervisor.

At present most of this work is done by one/two people. Shared between several people the work and time involved will be minimal.

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. COME TO THE AGM

Without more help and support the Association may not be able to continue.

For more information contact Val Bel 684705 or Mike Parkin 684340

www.haydon-news.co.uk

We understand that some of our Web Site readers are experiencing difficulty in receiving clear photographs in **The Haydon News On Line**. We do compress our original publication to make it easier and quicker for you to download the PDF files, but you should still receive a clear image. We have asked our Web Site constructor for expert advice and this is the response.

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Click CONTROL PANEL

Click DISPLAY

Select SETTINGS tab

ADJUST THE SLIDER to select the required Screen resolution and/or the Colour quality

When you are satisfied: Click OK

Les and Hew Dry, Web Site Construction

JOHN and MAUREEN CLARKE

John, Maureen and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and good wishes received on John and Maureen's retirement.

John is very soon coming to terms with not having to get up in the morning but is missing the banter and the gossip.

And so are we John. And so are we!



Daniel and his wife Joanne with baby Sam, John, Maureen, Lucy and her husband Alistair, baby Charlie and Ruby.

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB

SEQUENCE DANCING



EVERY
MONDAY NIGHT
7.30 to 10.00pm
TEA & BISCUITS
ONLY £1
DANCING IS FOR FUN
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01 434 684 459

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82, Front St. Prudhoe. NE42 5PU
or
01670822334
(Bedlington office)

NOTICES

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS

MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

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

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

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

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

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

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

FAX facilities

Warm welcome to all

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

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

This meeting is also open to members of the public.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

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

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Bank Holiday Children's Party

Mon 26th May 2008

The club are pleased to announce that we are holding our 1st Children's Party which will include karaoke on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2008.

There will be the usual fun, games, dancing and hopefully some great singing.

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What's On

Family Prize Bingo

The family prize bingo takes place on the second Saturday every month. This is a family fun night for all which starts with a fun picture quiz and then chair bingo, followed by the main prize bingo games. After a brief interval which includes tin can alley or other game for the children, the second session of prize bingo continues. The evening normally finishes at around 9.30pm. Doors open from 6.30pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Bingo books are 50p each.

May 2008

Date	Events	Cost	Start
May 2nd	Bar Olympics	£2	8.15pm
May 10th	Family Prize Bingo	50p per book	7.30pm
May 26th	Children's Party/Karaoke	Free	1.00pm

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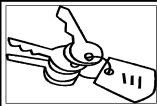
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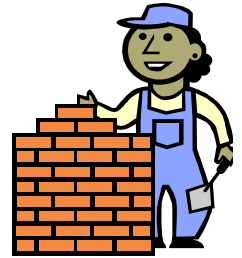
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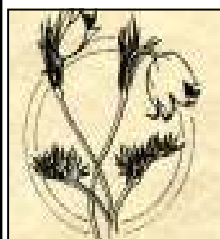
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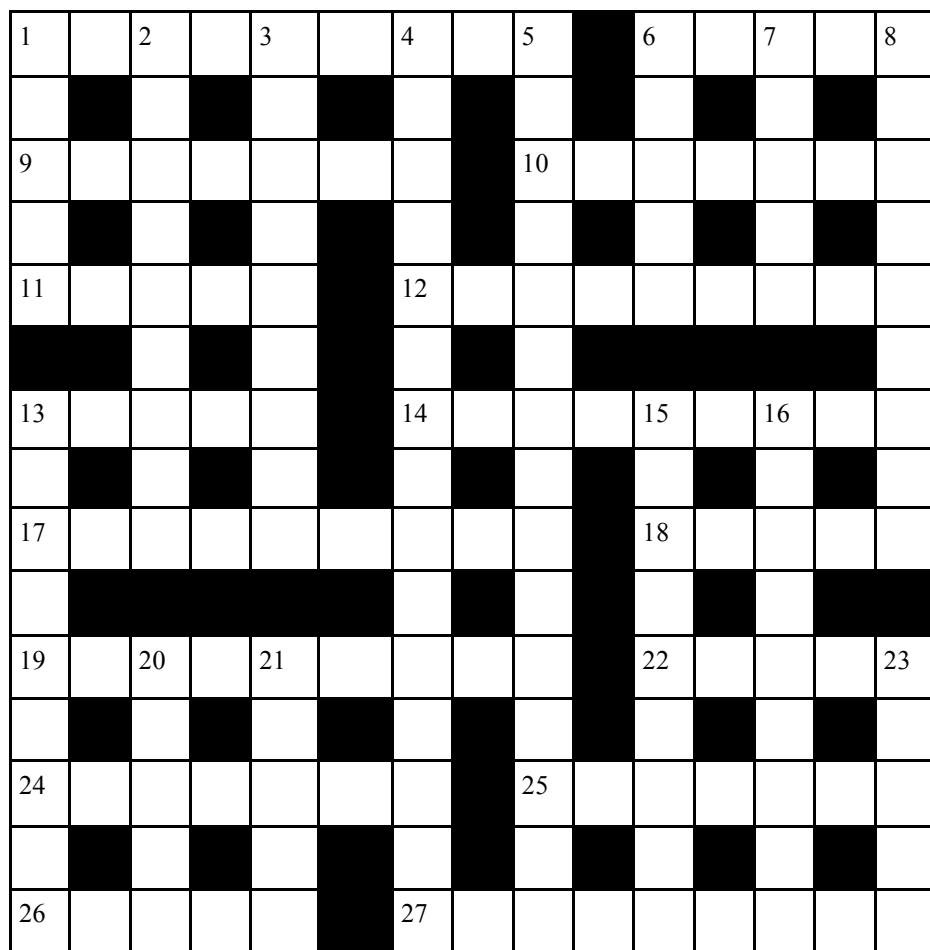
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ACROSS

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6. Rounded divisions of lungs and leaves.(5)
9. Developing non-applicable perfume. (7)
10. Mobile chair has the edge in middle of midday.(7)
11. Trunk case. Could be 7.(5)
12. Animal's leader often seen in fountains.(5,4)
13. Swim length of bath ending at 15? (5)
14. Concerning temporary accommodation, atom can remember.(9)
17. Copper painter.(9)
18. Was team in part failing? Rubbish! (5)
19. Film pub idol. General Havelock? (5,4)
22. Take aside to create objects.(5)
24. Spartan monk.(7)
25. Shining animal idol.(3,4)
26. Number after 12 months. Eat one's heart out.(5)
27. Tight sling. Ear, nose and throat.(9)

SOLUTIONS TO APRIL'S CROSSWORD. (31)

ACROSS.

- 7 Morocco
- 8 Somalia
- 10 Antecedent
- 11 User
- 12 Trinidad
- 14 Rookie
- 15 Grand Cayman
- 19 Eschew
- 20 Ruled Out
- 22 Togo
- 23 Puerto Rico
- 25 Vinegar
- 26 Finland

DOWN

- 1 Country
- 2 Pole
- 3 Screed
- 4 Monterey
- 5 Basutoland
- 6 Liberia
- 9 Head scarves
- 13 North Korea
- 16 Newspeak
- 17 Estonia
- 18 Tuscany
- 21 Latvia
- 24 Role

DOWN

1. Crazy guy in charge.(5)
2. Use new net to make more acidic. (9)
3. Cloying flesh delicacy.(9)
4. The Boston Tea Party was responsible for these unbearable hams.(11,4)
5. Ruler on the edge of Tushielaw? (4,2,3,6)
6. An exaltation of these or speers.(5)
7. Dessert of furniture(5)
8. Hop on the beach.(4,5)

13. Rod like bugs.(9)

15. Extra large drink by the sea.(9)

16. Enclosed at home, the lady towards he male.(9)

20. County company, a drink required. (5)

21. The French container for tongue. (5)

23. Parade or street pothole.(5)

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River Watch is the Tyne Rivers Trust's volunteering scheme designed to support groups and individuals interested in carrying out monitoring and data collection, habitat improvements, clean up events and any other projects that improve the Tyne and its surroundings.

There are many ways you can get involved in the Haydon Bridge area.

Last year, volunteers spent an evening 'bashing Balsam'.

Like many foreign species Himalayan Balsam was introduced to this country by travellers due to its exotic looking pretty flowers and reputed medicinal properties. Himalayan Balsam has fragrant bright pink flowers and was believed to help in the prevention of scurvy.

The negative side is that it also grows extremely well on sandy river banks crowding out our native plants reducing biodiversity.

The 'Balsam Bashing' was a great success with a huge area of balsam cleared from a local picnic site, which was then used for a well-earned barbeque.

Building on this enthusiasm the Haydon Bridge River Watch group are planning more 'Balsam Bashes' for 2008 and intend to extend their activity to riverside clean up events, invertebrate sampling and chemical monitoring.

In contrast to removing the invasive plants, species that the Tyne Rivers Trust wants to encourage are River Flies. Due to their low mobility, relatively long life cycle and specific tolerances to changes in environmental conditions the presence and numbers of river fly species make excellent indicators for the overall health of the river.

The Trust runs workshops in identification and sampling of River Flies in collaboration with the River Fly Partnership and then organises a programme of monthly monitoring.

If you would like to take part in 'Kick Sampling' for river flies please contact Tyne Rivers Trust.



To compliment the Invertebrate recording and to coincide with 'World Water Monitoring Month' Tyne Rivers Trust volunteers will carry out chemical monitoring throughout the catchment in the autumn. No experience needed as instruction will be given to those who are interested.

Another big concern is the litter left on our streets which blows into our rivers.

As well as being an unsightly eyesore it causes danger to birds and animals living along the river banks. River Watch Clean ups hope to reduce this problem at the same time as enjoying a riverside walk and educating people in ways of reducing the volume of litter in the first place.

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HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS' SUMMER EXHIBITION

JUNE 22nd- 28th 2008

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

You are invited to exhibit your art work at our annual summer exhibition.

(Painting, sculpture, photography, embroidery)

GUIDELINES AND ENTRY FORM

1. Entry is open to all artists with a connection to the Parish of Haydon. (Birth, residence, work, education, family etc).
2. Up to 5 works may be submitted, the last one listed may be held in reserve if hanging space becomes limited.
3. **Entry fee is £1 per work. Please make cheques payable to 'HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS ASSOCIATION'**
and send with the entry form below.
4. Please submit your entry form two weeks before the exhibition commences and no later than **Saturday 14th June**.
5. A label should be fixed to the back of each work giving your **Name, Address, Title of work, Medium and Price if it is for sale, or NFS if it is not for sale.**
6. All pictures should be strongly framed with fixings for hanging. Maximum frame size approx 66cms x 76cms (26x30ins).
7. The organising committee reserve the right to select or reject work at their discretion.
8. All works are exhibited at the owner's risk. Any insurance deemed necessary should be arranged by the artist.
9. Works for sale will be on a 20% commission basis. Proceeds will be used to offset the exhibition costs.
10. Works must be delivered to the **HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE, Ratcliffe Road, between 9am and 11am on Saturday, 21st June ready for exhibiting.**
11. Works must be collected at the end of the exhibition on **Saturday, 28th June at 6pm.**
12. Exhibitors will be encouraged to act as invigilators during the hours the exhibition is open.
13. All entrant are invited to the **PREVIEW on SATURDAY, 21ST JUNE FROM 5pm-7pm. A limited number of tickets will be available for their guests.**
14. If you have any queries about your exhibit(s) or the exhibition please telephone Robert Ford 01434 684486.
If you wish to show work at our exhibition please return the entry form below

HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' SUMMER EXHIBITION 2008. ENTRY FORM

Your name

Your address.....Post code.....

Telephone numbers; Day..... Evening.....Mobile.....

Fee Paid.....(Cheques payable to 'Haydon Local Artists Association').

Title of work	Medium	Price or NFS (not for sale)
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3		
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Please return your completed form with your payment to;
Robert Ford. 28, Strother Close, Haydon Bridge, HEXHAM. NE47 6JN