



# THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



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A web site that includes an archive of earlier issues.

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

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

This is the last Haydon News for a couple of months as editors and regular contributors take a summer break. When our next edition appears at the beginning of October work on the village library should be nearing completion and plans be in hand for the opening.

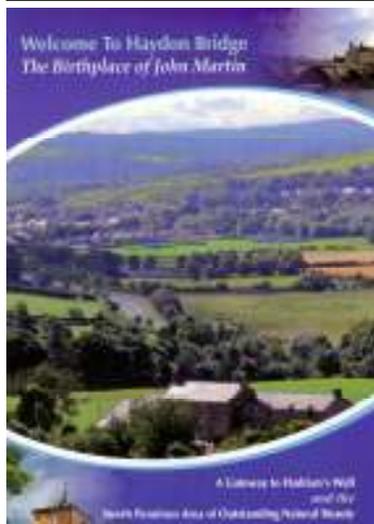
The small group of people, who over the past two years have given much of their time to ensuring the village retains its library, have now been joined by a much larger group of volunteers who will run the library when it reopens. In fact they're already operating the temporary library in the Community Centre while work is underway refurbishing the old building. It's another example of people willing to give a long term commitment of their time in support of their community.

There are many such groups in the village from those who organise the sports clubs, the Community Association, The Friends, Church Groups, Local Artists' Group, the Shaftoe Green Project, the bypass group, Parish Council, Development Trust, school governors and parents groups and the many clubs, to those groups that get together for a short period of time to organise community events like the John Martin Project in 2004 and the celebratory Street Party this year, the annual village tidy up, or the balsam bashers! All make a valuable contribution to the life of the village but which often goes unacknowledged and without thanks. So, before we go off on our summer break, **a thank you**, to all those people who give generously of their time, from those who benefit from your efforts.

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**SHORT OF HOLIDAY IDEAS? THEN CHECK OUR LIST OF ACTIVITIES/EVENTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY ON PAGE 15.THERE'S SO MUCH TO CHOOSE FROM. AND THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE THE MANY ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY OUR LOCAL SWIMMING POOLS, LEISURE AND SPORTS CENTRES.**

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



Are you reading 'The Haydon News On Line' as an ex Haydonian yearning for memories of home?

Or perhaps your family / ancestors have connections with Haydon Bridge and / or its parish and you would like to find out what all the fuss is about!

Maybe you are contemplating a visit to Haydon Bridge / Haydon Parish and you are looking for an introduction to the area.

Whatever your interest, Dennis Telford - Co-editor of The Haydon News - has written and published a personal welcome to Haydon Bridge, with historical references, just for you!

For your copy, send a cheque for £3 (incl. post & packing) to:

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**Site construction by Henry Swaddle.**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in July 2009

### **Public Participation.**

No members of the public were present.

### **Council Meeting.**

8 councillors were present.  
Our local county councillor arrived later in the meeting.

### **Unitary Authority Report.**

The county councillor informed the meeting that the main issues dealt with at the NCC Area West meeting were Provision of Day Care for older people, the Ambulance Service and response times, and the on going concerns over the brown bin collection service. (See fuller report on this meeting on page 11)

The councillor was asked whether planning applications were being dealt with as quickly as they were previously with Tynedale Council. He responded that they probably weren't at present due to staff changes in the planning department.

A request was made for NCC to produce a who's who booklet to make it easier than at present to contact the appropriate person/department at County Hall or area offices.

### **Highways.**

In response to a letter sent by the PC last month, NCC Highways Dept is proposing a combined road works and gully cleaning programme for Church St. Residents will be informed beforehand to ensure the road is clear of vehicles. It was suggested that cones be placed along the road edges as well to stop visitor/shopper parking interrupting works.

Ratcliffe Road is in the process of being de-trunked, it could take as long as nine months to complete the hand over to NCC. This could delay any improvements to the road requested by the PC.

The branches overhanging the new road sign on the east side of the bridge have been cut back.

As part of the scheme to insert dropped kerbs along the walking route between the Showfield and the village centre, dropped kerbs are to be put in place outside the Fish and Chip shop, when resurfacing works are carried out on John Martin St/Shaftoe St later this year.

The Council prioritised the following road improvements for NCC Highways Dept to consider in the coming year; improvements to the junction of the Lowgate road and the A69; provision of a lay-by on the Langley road at the Shaftoe School entrance; provision of a footpath by the topiary at the bridge to link the riverside path and John Martin St.

A councillor suggested that all councillors undertake a road survey in the Parish prior to the next PC meeting to check road repairs and update priorities.

The road surface at the entrance to the cemetery needs urgent repair.

### **Planning applications**

Construction of two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension with balcony above and extension to first floor balcony to rear, at 7, Ratcliffe Road.  
No objections

### **Correspondence.**

A letter was received from Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service outlining the changes to the working arrangements that have taken place within the Service. It was noted that in recent years the Service has moved from a traditional reactive role of purely responding to operational incidents, to a more proactive role, which achieves a balance between operational response, community safety, fire prevention and education activities. Through Local Government Review this year, the Fire and Rescue Service and the Community Safety Dept in Northumberland have come together under a single leadership, to further improve community engagement and address community safety issues.

The provision of new community fire stations at Hexham, Berwick and Alnwick is part of the modernisation of the Service. The proposal for Hexham is to develop the EW Motors site on West Road as a community fire station.

The Service reiterate its commitment to developing strong links with other partnerships, key organisations and agencies. Examples are given where local groups and services use fire

stations as their base or regular meeting place. (*Like Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots*)

### **Parish Projects**

#### **Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust**

The meeting was informed that work on refurbishing the library building started on July 6th and work on redesigning the village website is also underway.

### **Christmas Lights.**

David Knowles and Dennis Oliver have been contacted re dates for erecting the trees and lights and the 'grand switch on', on 29th November 2009.

It is also proposed to look at the possibility of decorating one tree in the Church Yard this year as there are some spare lights. A councillor suggested that a newly formed community events group could be approached to organise the 'switching on event'.

(This group is holding a public meeting on August 11th to form a committee. Details on page 13.)

### **Lighting the old bridge.**

A request has been made for an estimated cost of the LED lighting scheme for the old bridge.

### **AOB**

#### **Outfall at the Riverside Picnic Area.**

A letter was received from Northumbrian Water informing the Council that the outfall was from a combined sewer carrying water from street drains and household sewage  
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#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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**HAYDON BRIDGE TOWN HALL  
1908 — 2008**

See also: Dec. 2008 and February, May, June and July 2009

**Part 6**

I ended my historical notes last month with 'Owld Tawny's' recollections of one of the many concerts held in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall. Most of the shows were put together by residents of the parish and the entertainment usually showcased local 'talent'.

In 1950, the Haydon Bridge Show celebrated its centenary year and a number of events were organised to raise funds for the September show, including a variety concert in the Town Hall in March 1950.



On Wednesday February 20th 1952, it was the turn of the 1st Haydon Bridge Boy Scouts, the country's smallest Gang, to enthral the Town Hall audience and, as with the adult performers, Mrs. Snowball from John Martin Street was a strict drama coach for us all during our rehearsals in her front room. There was no fooling around when Mrs Snowball was in charge and her voice was often raised, and yet I'm sure in hindsight we all appreciated the time and effort she spent ensuring that we learned our lines and eventually sang and danced to perfection. Those who packed the Town Hall for two nights to see the first ever Haydon Bridge Gang Show, including Ted Potts who popularised the famous Newcastle Gang Show, certainly enjoyed the performances and Scout Leader Bob Campbell was rightly proud of 'his boys'.

The Gang Show was described in The Hexham Courant as, 'a happy blending of humour, drama and music during which boys turned 'girls' for dancing numbers and the entire production held the interest of the audience from first curtain to last'.

And the boys who made up the 'Gang' in 1952 ?

Alan Bates, Bobby Beckwith, David Brown, Robert Brown, Gordon Brown, Dennis Boyd, Bernard Corbett, Brian Corbett, Clifford Corbett, Trevor Corbett, Robert Ford, Donald Gardiner, Richard Graham, David Jeans, Harry Jeans, Jeff Marshall, Michael Leppington, Tot Moore, Harry Philipson, Roy Philipson, Billy Philipson, Alex Robinson, Fraser Robinson, David Routledge, James Skeen, Dennis Spooner, Alan Storey, Alan Telford, Dennis Telford, Alan Thompson, Edward Turnbull, Ian Turnbull and Norman Veitch.

I have already expressed the view in earlier 'Notes that every night spent at the Haydon Bridge Town Hall was 'special or memorable' for most but I can choose, without a second thought, what was for me an 'extra special' night.

On January 22nd 1954, Newcastle United and England centre forward Jackie Milburn visited the Town Hall and presented 'caps' to members of Haydon Bridge Second XI who had been champions of the West Tyne League for two successive seasons. The famous Newcastle footballers of the 1950's were heroes to most youngsters in Haydon Bridge and elsewhere and the visit of 'Wor Jackie' to the Town Hall as a guest of the Cricket Club, and as a star struck ten year old I might catch a glimpse of him, was something I had looked forward to for weeks beforehand.

When the evening arrived and Bill Foster, a member of the Cricket Club organising committee, sought me from the seats in the main hall and led me up the stairs behind the stage, to where Jackie Milburn was being entertained to supper in the first floor ante-room, my head was spinning with excitement.

What we said to each other that night I was introduced to my hero, for the life of me I cannot recall. I have a strong suspicion however that I was

speechless!

A very special night indeed for me in the Town Hall, and one I will remember for ever.

*Little did I know then that twelve years later, in 1966, I would spend a year working with my Newcastle United hero organising his testimonial match.*

*A fantastic event attended by 46,000 at St. James's Park on May 10th 1967 and described by Jackie Milburn as the most memorable night of his career and a night he would remember for ever.*

The players receiving their awards from 'Wor Jackie' at Haydon Bridge Town Hall in 1954 were John Waite (Capt.), Alan Moffat, Bill Foster, Jackie Heslop, Norman Foster, Rodney Nicholson, Ronnie Moffat, Jasper Stephenson, George 'Pudie' Brown, Dr Ian Ferguson and Dudley Reynolds.

In return, Jackie was presented with a silver salver by Captain John Waite.

Jackie Milburn had not been the first Newcastle United footballer to attend presentation nights in the Town Hall as, with autograph books in hand, we also met Frank Brennan in 1952 and George Robledo in 1953.

Not surprisingly, when I worked with Jack in 1966, his memories of Haydon Bridge were not of meeting a speechless ten year old in the Town Hall ante-room, but of a harrowing incident on Friday January 13th 1956.

When travelling with his wife Laura and friend and colleague Bobby Mitchell, to present the 1955 West Tyne League Championship medals to Haydon Bridge cricketers in the Town Hall, they were involved in a car crash at Styford on the A69. An accident which left them shocked but fortunately without major injury. From that day on, Jack and Laura called Friday 13th their lucky day!

It was a big disappointment however, for over five hundred folk from the parish packed into the Town Hall, hoping to see two of the north east's most famous footballers present medals to the West Tyne League winners of the previous season.

In the absence of Jack and Bobby, Col. Robert Allen presented the medals to: Ronnie Furlong, Keith Brown, Johnny Brown, Lloyd Brown, David Corbett, Don Donaldson, Wilf Dawson, Bill Foster, James Hall, Jackie Robson and Rodney Nicholson.

What are *your* special memories of the Town Hall? Are you willing to share them? If so, I'd love to hear from you.

For example. Maybe the young Haydonians who enjoyed their first passionate embrace at the 1952 Town Hall Flower Show Dance would like to share the intimate details with us.

If their romantic memories are deemed inappropriate for a family magazine such as The Haydon News however, you could always buy them a pint of Deuchars Ale and a Whisky and Soda in the Railway Hotel and that might just encourage them to voice their secrets to you!

In 1956 the Town Hall was sold again.

The 'Haydon Bridge Town Hall Co. Ltd.' had been established in 1955 to acquire the land and buildings of the Town Hall, from Matilda Stoddart. The new company was formed with capital of £3,000 in £1 shares and was in the ownership of Thomas James Scott, Mary Scott, Charles Forrester Knight and Robert Welsh; all of Hexham. Tom Scott was secretary of the company.

Faced with increasing competition from other activities for the public's leisure time however, even the luminaries of the big screen were unable to guarantee a long life for the Town Hall Cinema under the ownership of Tom Scott, and the performance on Sunday June 28th 1959 of 'The Ringer' starring Herbert Lom and Mai Zetterling, and a black and white science fiction film 'Devil Girl from Mars' was the last official picture show in the Town Hall.



Mr. Tom Scott, who was also owner of 'The Queens' and 'The Forum' cinemas at Hexham, as Managing Director of Hexham Entertainments Ltd., told the Hexham Courant that he had decided to close the Town Hall Cinema at Haydon Bridge along with the Princess Cinema at Corbridge, as they had been running at a loss for some time.

Mr. Scott said.

"It is uneconomic to keep them going as the tendency is for people to travel to Hexham and other big towns for their picture going. Also, many people have stopped going to the cinema now they have got two television programmes."

So on Sunday June 28th 1959, it was a case of 'that's all folks' for the picture goes in Haydon Bridge. But the warm memories of those early years linger on for those who were there.

"Long queues down Shaftoe Street waiting to get into the flicks to see a film." - Or, in these parts, a 'filum'.

"Buying two ounces of sweets at Elsie Watson's shop to take to the pictures. Unless we were courtin' and then it was chocolates - no expense spared!"

"Making a mad dash for the front row seats. Unless we were courtin' then it was sneaking into the back row seats."

"The light from the projector shining through a haze of tobacco and cigarette smoke."

"Applause, whistling, and stamping our feet when the film broke."

"Booing the baddies. Cheering the cavalry."

"The hall lights or a torch switched on if we didn't behave ourselves."

"Imitating our screen heroes and copying their hair styles."

"Pathe News - usually weeks late."

"The Three Stoogies. Old Mother Riley. Roy Rogers and Gene Autrey." Not forgetting Trigger and Champion.

"Cowboys who sung their way through a crisis and never lost their hats in a fight."

"The glamour and romance of the musicals."

"Boy (girl) friends."

"A first kiss."

"Cuddling and kissing till the lights went on."

"Reading Film Fun every week and getting Picture Goer Annuals at Christmas."

The list, and pleasure, is/was endless.

Dances in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall continued for a while after the closure of the cinema and Friday July

17th 1959 must have been a special night for one Haydon Bridge youngster.

The July dance was organised to choose the Haydon Bridge Flower Show Queen for 1959 and the proud winner was Miss Ann Davies.



1959 Show Queen Ann Davies  
(Photo: Hexham Courant)

The contest for the 1959 Flower Show Queen was judged by north east comedian Bobby Thompson and his wife Phyllis. That 'little Bobby' turned up at all must have been a relief to the committee, given his reputation for missing personal appearances, but it was a wonderful opportunity for Haydon Bridge folk to meet the north east legend in person.

Beauty competitions may be frowned upon today in some quarters, but I remember, as young lads in the 1950's with only two things on our minds - and the other one was football - we all looked forward with anticipation to the parade of fourteen teenage girls each July in the Town Hall, one of whom would be chosen as the village Show Queen.

Do you remember the girls?

Were you one of the girls?

1950: Irayeda Armstrong: with Lorna Dixon, Dorothy Ridley, Gwen Routledge and Linda Ridley as attendants.

1951: Viola Humble: with Sandra Moore, Kathleen Wardle, Shirley Temperley and Joan Bates attending.

1952: Olive Humble: - Viola's sister - with Marjorie Ohlson and Mavis Telford. Olive was chosen by Newcastle United's famous centre half Frank Brennan - so it was football and girls for the Haydon Bridge lads in 1952.

## THE OLD HAYDON BRIDGE 1909 - 1910

1953: Marjorie Heslop: (*Who were the attendants in 1953? Was it you perhaps?*)

1954: Patricia Charlton: with Joan Charlton and Joan Tait.

1955: Alma Phillipson: attended by Eileen Bates and Pat Jeans.

1956: Isabel Charlton: Kathryn Ferguson and Heather Powell attended.

1957: Margaret Swallow: with Kathleen Armstrong and Carol Jeans.

1958: Ann Hutchinson: with Janice Gilchrist and Eileen Wardle.

At Haydon Bridge's one hundred and ninth Flower Show on September 4th 1959 - the last Haydon Bridge Show in its traditional format - Ann Davies undertook her role as Show Queen, with Petula Moore and Christine Snowball, who had been chosen by ballot at Shaftoe Trust School, as her attendants.

On the Saturday night The Town Hall was the venue for the Annual Show Dance. Sadly, the last time it was held.

One of the last meetings in the building before it closed for ever as a Town Hall, was most significant in relation to Haydon Bridge's social calendar.

On Monday April 25th 1960, twenty village folk, including the show committee, attended a meeting in the Town Hall ante-room to discuss the future of the Haydon Bridge Show. Following a proposal by John Waugh, seconded by Billy Watson, it was agreed unanimously to suspend the show, 'due to a lack of interest'.

*A famous long running Haydon Bridge event, the first of which was held in September 1841, had come to an end.*

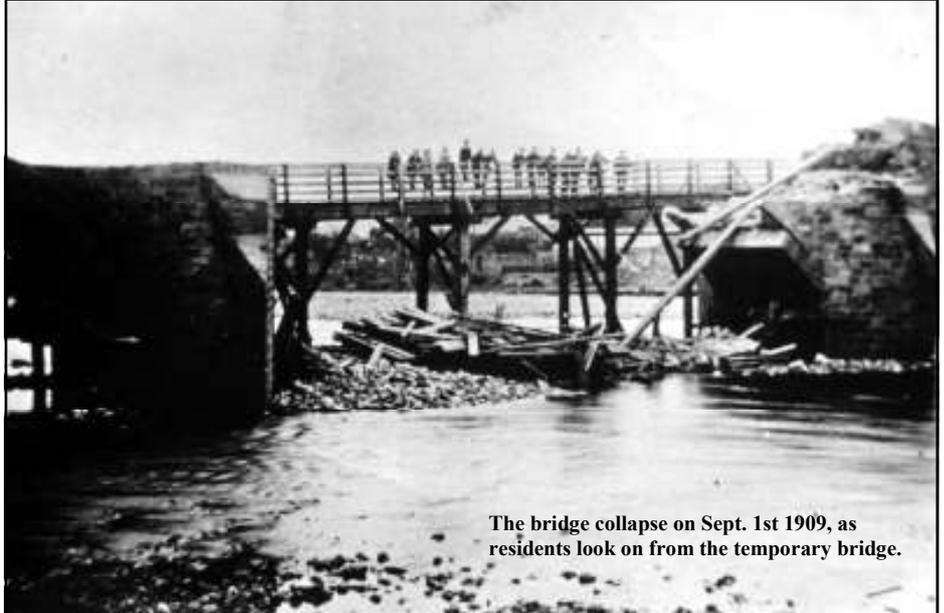
*Following the demise of the Haydon Bridge Show, the committee of the Floral, Horticultural and Industrial Society did support a much smaller event that was held in the Community Centre from 1968 to 1980.*

When the doors finally closed on the Town Hall in its original form, another door was soon to open on a new era for the building.

On **Saturday December 9th 1961** the first pint was pulled in the Haydonian Working Men's Club, the forerunner of the Haydonian Social Club that continues to this day.

### To be continued

**Do you have memories of the Town Hall as the Working Men's Club?  
Will you share them?**



The bridge collapse on Sept. 1st 1909, as residents look on from the temporary bridge.

I don't want to worry those construction operatives likely to be working on the repairs to the old bridge. But! If they are in any way superstitious..... I am going to.

One hundred years ago next month our stone bridge, which was then as now under repair, collapsed into the River Tyne.

The Northumberland County Council had decided to alter the north end of the bridge to reduce a sharp gradient at the end of the bridge. This involved moving the two arches at the north end.

By early August 1909 a temporary bridge had been erected and was open for traffic - a few motor vehicles but mainly horses, carts and pedestrians - and work had commenced on the permanent structure.

By the end of August, considerable progress had been made in taking down the masonry, more particularly with the second arch which was the highest on the bridge. The centre of each arch had been taken down and the sides shored up.

Shortly before 7.00am on **Wednesday September 1st 1909**, four workmen were on the arch removing the stonework when without warning the structure collapsed and fell onto the river bed, taking the workmen into the river with it. (*See photograph above.*)

The crash of the falling masonry could apparently be heard for some distance and quickly attracted many willing helpers to attend to the injured men, and Dr. Murray was soon on the scene.

The most severely injured workman was one Walter Holmes of Carlisle and he was taken by train to Carlisle Infirmary. Two other workmen from Carlisle were cut and crushed and the fourth worker was Robert Hudspith from Haydon Bridge who suffered cuts and bruises.

*Thanks to the Hexham Courant archive and the facilities at Hexham Library, I am able to bring the detail of this incident to your attention, and I found it most interesting to follow the 1909/1910 saga of our bridge through the critical eyes of our local correspondent of the day, 'Dilston Radcliffe', who takes up the story.*

'Those inhabitants who do not rise with the Lark, but who prefer to do their early rising the night before, had a somewhat rude awakening on Wednesday morning (*1st September 1909*) when one of the arches of the bridge fell with a crash into the river. I should say that nine tenths of those who saw it on Tuesday afternoon were quite prepared for the result. Even the most casual observation was sufficient to show that the woodwork would not support the mass of stone - it is hoped that greater care is taken in taking down the next arch.

The question that ought to be considered next is - Is the next arch to the south safe? The only way to make a safe and decent job now is to take that arch down as well.

Then what about Saturday? Show day. The Flower Show day is the day of the year, the traffic will be very heavy and steps ought to be taken to ensure the

safety of the people who are crossing during the afternoon and night.’

*(The flower show of Saturday September 4th 1909 was the 69th annual Haydon Bridge Show.)*

‘Dilston Radcliffe’ continues.

‘The oldest arch of the bridge was pulled down on Tuesday morning (**September 14th**) as a large number of inhabitants watched.

It was clear that when the old bridge was built there had been no shoddy workmanship or materials put into it. The old mortar held together with tenacity.’

By October 1909, the County Surveyor confirmed that there was no danger from the apparent slipping of the second pillar and he stated, in response to residents’ concerns, that the bridge would ultimately be as strong if not stronger than before.

**February 5th 1910** and our Hexham Courant correspondent brings readers up to date.

‘Work on the Haydon bridge is getting on very slowly due to the weather. The temporary bridge is still being used - with red lights and barriers.’

**On March 5th 1910**, eight months after the start of the work, a hint of sarcasm from ‘Dilston Radcliffe’.

‘The end of the bridge works is coming in sight - never in all the history of bridge building will there have been such a wonderful sight. - I will not be surprised if people come from the ends of the earth to see it.’

And there’s more on **March 19th 1910**.

‘They are making headway with the bridge now. It will be partly of stone, partly of concrete and there are a number of different colours to the stone, and to add to the absurdity there are different kinds of stone dressing: machine sawn, hand dressed and rough cut. It is really I should say, a unique bridge.’

The saga of the bridge repairs drags on: **April 16th 1910**.

‘The bridge’s imperfections become more apparent as it approaches a finish. We certainly expected that when it was finished two motors would be able to pass. But no! It seems that when two ordinary carts meet, one of them must stop until the other is guided past and if a motor car and cart meet one of them must back out of the difficulty. This is made all the worse by the fact that the centre of the bridge is still so high that

you cannot from one end see what is coming from the other.’

Our correspondent’s patience is almost exhausted by **April 23rd 1910**.

‘Last week the County Council laid down the curbing and the footpath and of course everybody expected that they would be proceeding to lay the flags next. But no! That is not their way. They had to take up the curbing again and make the footpath a bit narrower. It is now possible for two cars to pass. But who pays for all the blunders?’

Haydon Bridge residents’ obsession with the re-building of the bridge was interrupted as they celebrated a Newcastle United FA Cup final victory on April 28th 1910 and mourned the death of King Edward VII on May 6th.

But ‘Dilston Radcliffe’ was not to be put off for long.

‘I was crossing a bridge the other day and I saw a tablet on which was inscribed the names of those who were responsible for the erection of it. I fear a similar tablet on our bridge would not quite be a role of fame and I should fancy that those who are responsible will not be likely to want their names to be too closely associated with the structure.’

**And finally.** Well almost!

From the Hexham Courant of Saturday **June 25th 1910**.

‘The success or otherwise of tar road - making is a subject of frequent discussion at Haydon Bridge just now. Of course the only experience we have had of it is the new bridge and its effects during hot weather on white petticoats and summer dresses, not to mention a number of gentlemen’s trousers that have got the mark of the beast upon them, and quite a number of best room carpets that have received such impressions that you can now trace little footprints in the tar and I fancy that the dear ladies have shed tears copiously over the many and sad disasters that have occurred through the wonderful tar.

I presume that things would not have been so bad had not the very hot weather come so soon after it had been laid. But as it is the tar has run out in places almost as streams.’

But! A hint of optimism to close.

‘It is perhaps well in looking at this to glance at the other side, for certainly if we have had tar on the bridge we have not had dust there and that is

something to be thankful for because we certainly have had it in clouds on the streets, rushing along with the wind and penetrating every nook and cranny!’



**The surface of the old bridge is replaced : 1910**

**And in August / September 2009?**

It is interesting that the refurbishment to our old bridge today involves repairs to the two spans at the north end. The very spans that caused so much heartache one hundred years go.

**C**losing this chapter of our Hexham Courant correspondent’s reports of one hundred years ago, I got to thinking that if Karen Lumsden wasn’t such an honourable lady, reporting today’s events with respect and propriety, historical researchers one hundred years hence would read that the bridge and invert repairers of 2009:

‘...laid sand bags to divert the river, only to have them washed away by the waters of Tyne. So they... laid sand bags to divert the river, only to have them washed away by the waters of Tyne. So they... laid sand bags to divert.....’

**And finally.** Definitely!

The architects of our 2009 Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Plan, in their efforts to attract tourists to the parish will be interested to learn that in spite of ‘streams’ of tar and ‘clouds’ of dust, on **Thursday June 23rd 1910**, nine hundred visitors - **Yes. 900** - alighted from three trains that stopped at Haydon Bridge that day.

And what did visitors in their hundreds do in Haydon Bridge one hundred years ago?

I know from my earlier research that the main attractions in our parish were Haydon Spa, Haydon Old Church, Gee’s Wood, John Martin’s birthplace, Langley Castle, Staward Pele and wonderful walks alongside the Rivers Tyne and Allen and through our beautiful countryside.

**Attractions that we still have today, ready and waiting to be ‘marketed’!**

Wall,  
Hexham.  
June 2009

Dear Editors,

You may be interested in the following:

It was with interest that I read the article on Haydon Bridge Town Hall in the Haydon News (June 2009). In particular the reference in the June issue made to Jock King's gardens. The said Jock King being my grandfather!

I have vivid memories of the market garden and the old sheds which included the Nissen huts where 'Pop', as he was known to me, reared a few pigs; the 'dock' where the wagon was loaded with the produce; and the sheds. The sheds were made up of three sections, a weighing area, a central section dedicated to maintenance of vehicles from tractors to rotavators and finally, to the east, a storage area for hay.

The wagon would come twice a week from Bookless's in Newcastle, laden with empty orange boxes and load up with all manner of produce.

I spent my summers picking soft fruit, mainly strawberries and raspberries, and I thought I was well off when I was given my two shillings for the hours I put in.

I remember Pop's days in the height of Summer starting at 5.00am and going on through until 9.00 and 10.00 o'clock at night.

The strawberries were reputed to be the best in the area and Haydon Bridge peas a real delicacy 'doon the toon'.

The huge tomato greenhouses were another place where I was allowed to

help.

Pop would send me around 'tickling' the flowers with a little paint brush or a pheasant's feather. This, I was led to believe, was an essential part of the growing process, although I now distinctly have my doubts; it was more likely a means of keeping me out of mischief. Nevertheless I was rewarded with the first tiny ripe fruits, which to this day are still the best tomatoes I have ever tasted.

In October it was all hands on deck for tatty picking week, but come the Winter months I stayed well clear of 'the Gardens', as it was too cold!

Throughout the year we, as a family, were nourished by the fresh and, I believe organic produce, which the fertile soil yielded, but at Christmas there was an extra special perk of having a Pop who managed the market garden.

The wagon would bring an orange box full of special treats; dates, figs and tangerines, etc. Today with food so readily available out of season, that special magic is somehow lost: or perhaps childhood memories play tricks.

I would also like to share the fact that my Pop's father managed the gardens before him. The family came from Oldhamstocks, near Dunbar in East Lothian and they came to Haydon Bridge when my Great Grandfather was appointed by Mr Bookless. Thomas King had initially a small stake in the gardens but sold this back to the family.

Pop and his father planted the row of

sixty poplar trees along the eastern perimeter of the gardens. These were a land mark from almost everywhere in the village for so many years. When they were planted all but six grew; but these were replaced and the row grew strong and tall for more than seventy years. I wonder if anyone in the village has a picture of those trees: I would dearly love one!

It is with joy that I drive along the new section of the A69 and I would like to congratulate the folks of Haydon Bridge on at last getting their by-pass.

I remember some talk of plans about said construction way back in 1959 when the fields to the south of the A69, which were also part of the gardens (where Innerhaugh Mews now stands) were measured up.

The end result then was the widening of the road and eventually the building of the new bridge.

So 50 years on; success at last!

And finally thank you to **The Haydon News** for bringing back such happy memories of my childhood and also to Rene Spark for hers.

I hope she remembers me.

Elva Mason (nee Porteous)

**Thank you so much Elva for adding to our archive of Haydon Bridge memories.**

**You can be sure that Rene at Haltwhistle and many others in the village remember you with affection, as they remember your family and of course, 'Jock King's Gardens'.**

## Shaftoe Trust First School.

### A BIG THANK YOU!

The weather was kind to us and everyone had a great time on Saturday morning July 11th at our Annual Summer Fair.

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event and made it so successful.

Thanks again to Brendan Healy for opening the fair and judging the fancy dress competition.

We raised an incredible £1,229.01!

### LOCAL ARTISTS' EXHIBITION.

Once again the children thoroughly enjoyed seeing their art work exhibited in the Community Centre.

The children were extremely interested in the various types of art and their comments were really thoughtful.

It is a great opportunity for them to witness art in action at a local level.

## HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED AFC PRESENTATION EVENING

In its 128th year Haydon Bridge Football Club are without a senior team, but 108 players representing thriving and successful junior teams must be a positive sign for the future.

The club's presentation evening on June 13th 2009 was held in honour of Norman Heslop, one of the best ever players to represent the club.

Norman passed away in December 2008 and will be sadly missed by everyone connected with Haydon Bridge Football Club and all those who knew him.

Life President Dent Oliver presented the prizes for the 2008-09 season; to the Under 9's as league champions: Under 10's, West Division Cup, Challenge Shield and President's Cup winners: and the Under 15's West Tyne Shield winners.

The Isobel Icton Award was won by the

Haydon Bridge Under 9's team, captained by Joel Pearson and managed and coached by Warren Pearson. The youngsters boasted a remarkable record, winning every league match played since January 2008. A winning streak of 36 games during which they scored 303 goals.

Thanks were also given to David Kirsopp for his work in preparing the 'hallowed turf' at Lowhall Park; to Gary Brown who is responsible for the club's web site - [www.hbuafc.org.uk](http://www.hbuafc.org.uk) - and to the families and supporters, sponsors, managers, coaches and committee for their support during the season.

TEAM	LEADING GOALSCORER	PLAYER OF THE SEASON
U8's	CAVAN SCOTT (20)	MORGAN ANDERSON
U9's	JOEL PEARSON & OWEN PEARSON (69)	LIAM ROBERTSON
U10's	CEDWYN SCOTT (45)	DALE GRAHAM
U11's	MICHAEL ARMSTRONG	DAVIV EVERARD
U12's	DECLAN GOWLAND (56)	SIMON RICE
U13's	DANIEL MACMILLAN (22)	ALEX WHITFIELD
U14's	JACK ROBSON (29)	NATHAN FAIRLESS
U15's	KIERAN ROBLEY (27)	MICHAEL WELCH



**NORMAN HESLOP**  
(front row centre)  
**CAPTAINS**  
**HAYDON BRIDGE**  
**IN SEASON**  
**1954-55**

How many other players, officials and supporters do you recognise?

Full line up  
in the next issue  
of  
The Haydon News.  
'October 2009'

### FOOTBALL CLUB PAVILION

Our footballers' presentation evening was followed by news of a successful application to add a second floor to the pavilion at Low Hall Park.

In spite of five letters of objection, voicing some residents' concerns, it was agreed that the proposals would add to the club's and village's amenities.

The existing ground floor changing rooms will remain, with stairs and a lift to two new social or meeting rooms and a kitchen on the first floor.

### RAILWAY HOTEL SHOW

Taking the Daily Telegraph's accolade as one of the seventy best Great British Pubs in their stride, Sue, her staff, customers and committee are preparing for this year's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

Since its inauguration in 2006, the show has increased its profile year on year. The show takes place on Saturday August 29th this year with an auction on Sunday 30th at noon.

Remember - this is a show for everyone in the parish, not just regular patrons of the Railway Hotel.

In addition to the show, Sue has amassed an array of wonderful prizes for the charity raffle.

So why not show your flowers, vegetables, home baking, jam and chutney at this increasingly popular Haydon Bridge event?

**More information on page 13.**

## FAREWELL TO HAYDON BRIDGE SCOUTS

**If you read the headline and thought it was the end of Scouting in the village, don't worry; it's only me who is saying farewell. However, there may be some truth in it nevertheless, so please read on to find out more.**

I am Ian Foster, and those of you who know me will know that I have been one of our team of Scout and Cub Leaders for a long time – the last 20 years or so, actually. In all this time I have promised myself that I should really put something about the Scouts in the Haydon News, and it is to my eternal shame that I am only doing so now that I have decided to pack in. You might have seen the article about me in a recent Hexham Courant, and it really did a very good job of summing up how I feel about my time in Scouting and what the Group needs to help it keep running after I am gone.

Like many village lads, I joined the Scouts when I was 10, and have been having adventures with them ever since. While a lot has changed in Scouting over the years, the basics remain the same; the chance to learn self-reliance and experience the outdoor life while all the time having great fun doing it. We may not be able to go to camp in John Heslop's cattle wagon any more, (*Or even Harry Watson's wagon if you go further back*) but the basics of camping haven't changed, and it's still just as memorable to today's kids as it was to all those previous generations.

However, all good things must come to an end, and I have decided that I am getting a bit too old to do the job properly any more.

Scouting needs enthusiasm, and once that starts to wane, then it's time to move on. It's also a chance for someone younger and fresher to take over and help take the Group onwards.

We're quite fortunate at the moment in that we can find enough help to run our activities; in fact we have quite a team going at the moment. Where we would notice the difference once I have gone is in the admin side of things. My job as Group Scout Leader involves taking care of the administrative side of Scouting as well as helping with the activities; after I leave there will be nobody to do this. It is not a job which can be taken over by the existing leaders, who have more than enough to do already, but neither is it too much for a few volunteers to oversee. Ideally, we could do with a new Group Scout Leader, and steps will be taken to

find one, but in the meantime the Group needs a few interested helpers to form a committee which will be able to oversee administrative matters so that the Leaders can get on with Scouting. This is not as big a job as it might sound; we are on a sound financial footing with little need to do the fundraising we used to have to do in the past, and few liabilities to worry about.

So far, appeals for willing helpers have not brought much response. I can quite understand why people would be cautious, as few of us seem to have time for extra responsibilities. However, in this case I believe that committee duties shouldn't take up too much time. It is more a case of a committee needing to be there for official purposes, to meet our duties to the Scout Association and administer the funds. I'm sure that there must be some concerned ex-Scouts out there who would be willing to step in and give a few hours of their time to help, or just someone who has time on their hands and would like to use it to keep an important village organisation going.

Whatever happens, I will be on my way after the summer holidays, and we will need some new people by then, or things could look bleak. The village has already seen the Guides and Brownies fall by the wayside through lack of help; please don't let the same thing happen to the Scouts, particularly when we do have people willing and able to run them. I came back to the Scouts in just such a situation, when John Dixon left us and help was needed. It would be nice to think that someone else could do the same.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, and particularly offer to help, my contact details are:

Ian Foster, 27 Strother Close,  
Haydon Bridge. NE47 6JN

Tel: 01434 684527

E-mail: [fossil.ian@btinternet.com](mailto:fossil.ian@btinternet.com)

And the latest news is: at the recent Back to Basics camping competition, our patrols came first and second, beating the rest of the district for the second year running – surely something which we shouldn't give up on easily.

*Ian Foster has served the Haydon Bridge Scouts so well both as a scout from the age of ten years and as a scout leader for twenty years.*

*On behalf of all those who have benefited from his enthusiasm, we thank Ian for his commitment to the Scouting movement and particularly Scouting in Haydon Bridge. Without those volunteers who organise and oversee our social groups, our parish would be a much poorer place in which to live.*

*Thanks again Ian and best wishes to Raymond Henderson, Isobel Davison and all those who play their part in ensuring the continuation of the Haydon Bridge Cubs and Scouts.*

### CORRESPONDENCE Cont.

15th July 2009.

Hello Mr. Telford,

I have just spent a very interesting day at Haydon Old Church and Churchyard. To stand on a gravestone in the floor of the old church, where a burial took place almost 400 years ago, was like stepping back in time.

The reason for my visit was to trace my ancestors.

I was born in 1943 and orphaned at the age of three, until fifteen years of age. It has taken me twelve years to trace my ancestors this far and I now know that there is a Haydon Bridge connection in my family.

My four times great grandfather's son was John Stokoe, a weaver who lived at Land Ends. He was born on May 27th 1808 and was baptised at Haydon Old Church on August 28th 1808.

Another Stokoe, James, farmed Land Ends and he married Mary Thompson at Haltwhistle in 1801 or 1802. They had ten children, nine of whom were born at Haydon Bridge.

I enjoyed a lovely view of East and West Land Ends and Langley Castle, looking across the valley from Haydon Church, and on my return to the village I was told you may be able to help me add to the connection between my ancestors and the parish of Haydon.

Arthur Stoker. (Historically 'Stokoe'.)

**Mr Stoker's comments are a reminder, lest we forget, that our parish has a fascinating history and beautiful countryside, much appreciated by visitors but maybe occasionally taken for granted by those of us who live here.**

If any reader can shed further light on Mr Stoker's ancestors, please contact the editors.

## Northumberland County Council

### West Area Committee.

*It is not intended to run a regular feature on the meetings of the West Area Committee as a report on NCC is given to the Parish Council each month and included in the Haydon News notes on Parish Council meetings. However, on July 7th the West Area Committee held its monthly meeting at Haydon Lodge, here in Haydon Bridge, so a brief report on this meeting seems appropriate.*

When the Northumberland Unitary Authority was established on April 1st 2009 three Area Committees were also established in the north, south east and west of the county. Although not decision making bodies these three committees, formed from all the elected council members in each area, do take proposals, questions and local area concerns to the Council Executive for decisions/action.

The West Area Committee has 17 members and covers the former Tynedale area with the addition of Ponteland.

At the two previous meetings of this committee, members of the public were able to make a contribution throughout the meeting. However, as this approach was lengthening meetings and making discussion by elected members on agenda items difficult, this meeting opened with an announcement by the chairman, Cllr C. Horncastle, that public questions will be limited to the first 30 minutes of the meeting.

As it was, public participation only lasted a few minutes. The only question raised concerned the rather harsh treatment by NCC officers of those people who had made late payments of their Council Tax particularly after the change in payment date from the 15th to the 1st of the month. This change only applies to cash/cheque payments and not direct debit payees.

Computer generated letters, and NCC pursuing Council Tax payments, especially in SE Northumberland where there is a history of poor payment, were sited as the reasons behind the current approach.

A Haltwhistle Town Councillor presented a petition with well over 1000 signatures protesting at the threatened closure of some Day Care Centres for older people.

Councillors discussed a petition presented at the previous meeting requesting the introduction of a school bus between Mickley and Heathfield School. In a report responding to the request, councillors were informed that the current policy requires the distance between home and school to be 3 miles or more to qualify for free transport to school, or for there to be no available safe walking route. As neither of these conditions applied in this case the policy does not allow for the provision of free transport to school. As a change in current policy on school transport would require a political decision by NCC members, the committee decided to forward the details to the executive.

In a discussion on the Community Chest Grants some concern was expressed that grants had been allocated by the West Area Grants Panel prior to the closing date for applications in November. The view was also expressed that regardless of publicity many community groups were unaware of the Community Chest Funding. After discussion the committee agreed to continue with the rolling programme of fund allocations to ensure successful group applications received money when they required it. Six community groups have been allocated grants so far, ranging from £500 to £2,000.

The committee decided against supporting the Ambulance Service's application for Foundation Status there being concerns over accountability.

The contentious issue of charging for the brown bin (garden waste) collection services was discussed at length.

An officer from the County Council Waste Collection Service was in attendance to explain issues raised. The following points were made: NCC inherited a range of approaches taken by the District Councils i.e. Blyth Valley made a charge for the brown bins but collection of waste was free.

Castle Morpeth charged £35 per year for the service.

Tynedale offered a free service.

NCC took the decision to introduce a £20 charge for the garden waste collection service.

June was the deadline for payment. Some concerns had been raised regarding people who had made payment but had not received the

orange sticker for their bins, required for the garden waste to be collected. There has been a large reduction in the number of households using the service. NCC are in the process of recovering the bins from those people not using the service.

Councillors expressed concerns about : the cost effectiveness of the scheme given the reduction in use, difference in recycling targets achieved, further reduction in the service due to some routes being uneconomic, e.g. where only one or two households in a street are using the service.

A Lib Dem councillor pointed out that the Lib Dem and Conservative members of the council, including all those present, had voted for the budget and were aware of the outcomes (*including the £20 charge for the garden waste collection service presumably? Ed*).

A request was made for the service to be monitored regarding cost effectiveness and viability.

A presentation was given by two officers from the NHS on the proposed development of hospital services in Northumberland and North Tyneside .

The main proposals are for a new specialist emergency care hospital to be built at Moor Farm roundabout, Cramlington; the refurbishment of Wansbeck and North Tyneside Hospitals; the rebuilding of the community hospitals at Berwick and Haltwhistle.

The new hospital at Cramlington would centralise specialist A & E doctors and consultants in Northumberland and reduce the reliance on junior doctors in Accident and Emergency care. Patients admitted to the Cramlington hospital would be taken to the General Hospital nearest to their homes after two/three days for continuing treatment if required.

The new community hospitals at Berwick and Haltwhistle would continue to offer a minor injury service. Ambulances would continue to take emergency patients to the nearest hospital whether that was in Newcastle, Cramlington or Carlisle.

In answer to a question regarding the cost of parking at hospitals the committee was told that charges would remain as they covered the cost of parking provision.

The next meeting of the West Area Committee is at 6.00pm on September 15th. Venue to be announced.

MP

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editors,

**In response to Howard Olivers' letter about the Pitmen Sword Dancers. We do not remember the Pitmen Sword dancers back in the 1970s, however, our involvement with traditional music and dance over the years has brought us into contact with many sword dance teams around the region and we are pleased to say that rapper sword dances are very much still in existence.**

**The rapper dance is a fast traditional English dance whose origins lie in the mining villages of the Northumberland and Durham coalfields of England and involves five people connected by short, two-handed, flexible swords (called rappers) forming a chain. Without breaking this chain the dancers weave in and out of one another twisting the swords to form locks and breastplates, sometimes even jumping or somersaulting over the swords.**

**The dance also includes two supporting characters, known as 'Tommy' and 'Betty.' The Tommy introduces the dance with a traditional song and provides a running commentary on the dance and the dancers, where facts are not allowed to get in the way of a good story. The Betty is a large, and preferably bearded, man in a dress who emerges part way into the dance and interacts with the Tommy. Rapper dances normally conclude with a star being tied and displayed to the audience, the dancers facing forward.**

**An encouraging feature in the continuing evolution of the rapper tradition is that teams continued to be formed around country in the 1990s, followed by an almost exponential growth since the millennium. There are now rapper sides all over England, including Hexham.**

**Rapper is now danced by both men and women, with a few mixed sides as well. Most rapper teams today perform dances of their own composition, using a pick and mix selection of invented and (mostly) borrowed figures. However, traditional notated dances remain popular, especially among teams in the north-east of England,**

**Together with the Morris Dancers the Rapper teams including the team from Hexham can often be seen performing at many local events. They can also be seen dancing outside and sometimes inside public houses.**

**We hope to have a performance by the Hexham Rapper team on Saturday December 19th in Haydon Bridge Community Centre during a concert by John Kirkpatrick. For more information please call Brian or Valerie Bell Tel. 684705.**

**Valerie and Brian Bell**

Dear Editors,

re the Editorial Comment in the July Issue. It was with regret that I read another negative editorial on the Innerhaugh.

The estate has been here now for more than five years, and is, I think, a very pleasant place to live.

It would be nice if, as a courtesy to us residents, M. Parkin could now accept the fact that red brick and all, we are here and part of the village.

Let us enjoy that.

Yours faithfully,

Jean Brown (Mrs)  
Innerhaugh Mews.



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**4th ANNUAL**  
**FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th 2009**

**£2 PER ENTRY.**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE BENCHED BY 1.00pm**

**JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.00pm**

**CASH PRIZES**

**RAFFLE**

**EVENING ENTERTAINMENT**

**AT 8.30pm**

**MUSIC BY JOHN HODGSON**

**FREE SUPPER**

**GRAND RAFFLE DRAWN — GREAT PRIZES**

**AUCTION OF ENTRIES AT 12 NOON ON**  
**SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST**

***MONEY RAISED TO BE DONATED TO***  
***AIR AMBULANCE***

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME***

***Thanks to all who donated so generously***

**Parish Council notes. (continued from page 3)**

and acted as an overflow during heavy rain preventing flooding from street drains and manholes.

The meeting felt that this was a most unsatisfactory arrangement particularly as the outflow was onto the rocks by the river and not into flowing river water. Councillors agreed that it presented a health and safety hazard to the public using the riverbank public open space and river and that urgent measures are required to change the situation.

A letter is to be sent to Northumbrian Water and also to the Environment Agency stating the Parish Council's concerns and requesting action.

**Parish Council's Website.**

This is to be developed as part of the Village Website. Following discussion it was decided to include the Council Meeting dates for the year, the agenda for each meeting, minutes of previous meetings and reports on Parish Projects.

**'Teen Shelter**

Possible sources of funding for the shelter are to be investigated while a site is being sought and agreed.

Notice was given that tree works are to be carried out at Greenwich Gardens and Langley Gardens.

Estimated costs for materials required for the continuing improvements to the Spa Well path are to be sought.

**Next meeting, 24th Sept. 2009 at 7.30**

**RAILWAY HOTEL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW**  
**CATEGORIES**

A COLLECTION OF 3 MIXED VEGETABLES

TWO ONIONS DRESSED  
HEAVIEST DRESSED ONION

4 TOMATOES  
6 CHERRY TOMATOES ON THE VINE

BLANCHED LEEKS

HOME BAKING (Any category)

JAMS (One section)

CHUTNEY (One section)

VASE OF FLOWERS

DISPLAY OF FLOWERS



**ENTRIES ACCEPTED UNTIL 1.00pm ON SATURDAY AUGUST 29th**

**WARNING!**

**WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN.**

**After the success of the Bypass Celebratory Street Party we are actively seeking**

**volunteers to form a**

**committee to plan for**

**future community events.**

**We're holding a public meeting on 11th August in the Community Centre at**

**7.30pm**

**Further details call**

**Jo Thompson 684376**

**Tula Thompson 684578**

Went to the doc to see about this "swine flu".  
He said "you just got a pig of a cold"

How did the pig get to Ibiza?  
The swine flew.

## **Swine Flu:**

We have been expecting a flu pandemic for some time (where a new variant of flu spreads rapidly through a population who have little or no immunity to it.....The flu virus is, unfortunately, constantly changing).

As I'm sure you all know this flu has been dominating the health agenda over the last few months and has now found its way to Tynedale, to Haydon Bridge and to our surgery. I could not write a blog this month without focussing on "swine flu", or, as the Americans are calling it H1N1.

### **First The Good News:**

Swine flu appears no more dangerous (and possibly less dangerous) than typical seasonal flu to each individual who contracts it. For the vast majority it is a self-limiting, if nasty, illness leading to a high temperature with some of the following symptoms:

- headache,
- achy muscles or bones,
- cough,
- sore throat,
- blocked or runny nose,
- diarrhoea and vomiting

Most people who get swine flu are recovering quickly and fully. Many people do not get all of the above symptoms and yet will develop immunity to swine flu.

Those over 40 and certainly those over 50 seem at a much lower risk of contracting swine flu than younger people...this is good news as the elderly are usually the highest risk group for complications.

**This does not look like the nasty pandemic flu (cf "Spanish flu" which killed millions worldwide after WW1) many medical professionals have been fearing.**

### **Now the Bad News:**

**Many more people will get swine flu than get seasonal flu...due to lack of immunity...**

**Some people are being badly affected by swine flu**, albeit a tiny minority. There have been several hundred people admitted to hospital and at least a handful of deaths probably directly attributable to swine flu in the UK.

It is certain that these numbers will be significantly higher by the time you read this....average annual deaths due to flu run at 3000-4000 in "typical" years.

Certain groups of people are thought to be at higher risk of significant complications from swine flu. These are:

Those under 5 and especially babies under 1 year

Pregnant women

Those over 65 (but much less likely to contract the disease)

Those with most chronic medical conditions: especially respiratory conditions

If you are in one of these groups you **SHOULD SEEK ACCESS TO ANTI-VIRALS IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SWINE FLU.**

**What to do if you think you have swine flu:**

**Phone the 'National Pandemic flu service' on 0800 1 513 100 or visit the website at [www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu).**

They can assess your symptoms and issue a prescription for anti-virals if appropriate.

**General supportive advice: drink plenty. Use paracetamol or ibuprofen (if you can take it) to control symptoms. Keep away from large groups of people to avoid spreading the virus**

**Remember: 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. i.e. use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes and throw them in a bin. Wash your hands if you have been in contact with somebody who may have had swine flu.**

**Do not come to the surgery or visit A&E (just because you have symptoms of flu).**

### **Vaccination:**

We are expecting a vaccination to be available some time in the next month or two. It looks likely that this will be made available to everybody....it will involve two vaccinations some time apart..... watch this space.

A few **definitions** to lighten the tone a little:

An **ANTIQU**: An item your grandparents bought, your parents got rid of, and you're buying again.

**AVOIDABLE** : What a bullfighter tries to do.

Your **BOSS**: Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

A **CANNIBAL**: Someone who is fed up with people.

A **CLOTHES DRYER**: An appliance designed to eat socks.

Have a good summer,

Paul Wyatt

## WHAT'S ON DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ?

### ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

#### Mon 27th-Thurs 30th July

Time Travellers Go...Roman.  
Admission charge. EH members  
free

*Chesters Roman Fort, from 11am.*

#### Wed 29th July

Forest Fun.

*Kielder Castle, 1pm-5pm*

#### Fri 31st July-Thurs 6th August

SAS Week.

*Seven Stories, Children's Book  
Centre, Ouseburn, Newcastle.  
Call 0845 271 0777 ext 715.*

#### Everyday throughout August

Family Summer Trail. Tickets £2  
*Cherryburn, Mickley. 1pm-4pm.*

#### Sat 1st August

Nature into Art. An inventive drop  
in day with our art tour artists.  
*Garden Station, Langley.  
10.45am-4.30pm.*

#### Saturdays throughout August

Hidden History Tours.

Admission charge.

*Housesteads Roman Fort.*

*3-4 tours per day.*

*Call 01434344363 for times and to  
book your place.*

#### Sat 1st & Sun 2nd August

Medieval Falconry & Hunting.

Admission charge.

EH members free.

*Belsay Hall, from 11am.*

#### Sat 1st & Sun 2nd August

Children's Roman Festival.

Admission charge.

EH members free.

*Birdoswald Roman Fort,*

*nr Greenhead, from 11am.*

#### Sun 2nd August

Kids' Archaeological Dig.

*Killhope Mining Museum.*

*Call 01388 537 505 for details.*

#### Sun 2nd August

Kite making.

Materials provided.

*Kielder Castle.*

*Booking recommended.*

*Call 01434 250 209.*

#### Sun 2nd August

Gilsland Agricultural Show.

*Treirmain Farm,*

*10am-4pm.*

#### Mon 3rd-Thurs 6th and

#### Mon 17th-Thurs 20th August

Time Travellers Go...Roman

Admission charge

*Birdoswald Roman Fort,*

*nr Greenhead, from 11am*

#### Tues 4th August

Working Forest.

*Kielder Castle, 2pm-4pm*

#### Wed 5th/12th/19th & 26th August.

Family Activity Days,

*Cragside, Rothbury. From 11am.*

#### Thurs 6th August

Family Open Air Theatre.

The Mowgli Stories.

Adults £15. Children £7. Under  
5s Free

*Walled Garden, Gibside,*

*nr Rowlands Gill. 6pm*

*Booking essential.*

*Call 01670 773939*

#### Fri 7th-Thurs 13th August.

Pirate Week.

*Seven Stories, Children's Book*

*Centre, Ouseburn, Newcastle.*

*Call 0845 271 0777 ext 715*

#### Sat 8th August

Slaley Show.

*Townhead Field, Slaley.*

*10am-5pm*

#### Sat 8th & Sun 9th Aug.

Soldiers of the Wall

Admission charge.

EH members free.

*Housesteads Roman Fort.*

*From 11am.*

#### Tues 11th August

Easy Print Making with

Jo Westgate.

*Garden Station, Langley.*

*1.30pm-4.30pm*

#### Fri 14th-Thurs 20th Aug

'Fabulous Fairies' Week.

*Seven Stories, Children's Book  
Centre. (See above for contact  
details)*

#### Sat 15th August

Allendale Show. 9am-5pm

#### Sat 15th & Sun 16th August

Roman Falconry.

Admission charge. EH members  
free.

*Chesters Roman Fort, from 11am.*

#### Thurs 20th August

Firebird Rising Craft Event.

Ages 4years -12years

*Allendale Library, 2pm-3pm*

*To book a place call 683550*

#### Fri 21st August

The story for the soil, with Marc  
Perry. Be prepared to get mucky!  
*Garden Station, Langley.  
1.30pm-4.30pm.*

#### Fri 21st-Thurs 27th August

Heroes and Villains Week.

*Seven Stories, Children's Book  
Centre. (See above for contact  
details)*

#### Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd August.

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#### Wed 26th August.

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*Kielder Castle, 1pm-4pm*

#### Fri 28th Aug-Thurs 3rd Sept

Where's Wally? week.

*Seven Stories, Children's Book  
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#### Sat 29th August

Bellingham Show 9am-5pm

#### Sun 30th & Mon 31st August

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#### Mon 31st August

Blanchland & Hunstanworth Show.

*Sports Club Field, 12noon-5pm*

**CHURCH PAGE**

**CLERGY MESSAGE**

From

*Judith Hampson*

Winston Churchill had held various offices in the British Government, but the nineteen-thirties, his "wilderness years", found him outside and even opposing the Government of his own party. He stood out on many issues, sometimes rightly, sometimes not. But with hindsight his warnings about the rise of Hitler and the need for rearmament were spot on. Eventually, popularity, even adulation, returned as he led Britain to victory over the Nazis.

John's Gospel chapter 6 describes Jesus' slide into something of a "wilderness moment". It comes at the conclusion of a chapter of great intensity and controversy. In brief, Jesus feeds five thousand; the crowd want him to be king; he refuses; they follow him to Capernaum; he teaches that he himself is the bread of life who came from heaven, and those who consume his flesh and blood will live for ever.

Putting ourselves into the shoes of Jesus' audience, it is not hard to imagine that we would join them in thinking this extraordinary man had gone rather mad. But Jesus did not seek to tone things down and reassure the crowd of his sanity; rather he adds insult to injury by speaking of himself, the Son of Man, "ascending to where he was before". So having started the chapter with five thousand followers, Jesus ends it with twelve – and even they are asked wistfully whether they also wish to go away.

He had become, for the crowd, a phenomenon, the best act in town, who now even offered free food! But Jesus did not want to be a celebrity showman. The loaves and fishes were timely sustenance for those who ate them, and had symbolic significance, but even they could be a distraction if the people took them *only* at face value – and wanted second helpings! Jesus' message was tougher than one of a full belly.

So Jesus builds on that theme of eating but speaks of eating his flesh. This is serious and profound teaching, on the depth of Jesus' self-sacrifice, but it is also *meant* to be difficult. It is meant to sort out those who were prepared for the hard graft of discipleship not those who were after a free lunch. This is the kind of disciple Jesus wants: one committed to him personally, not just taking advantage of his extraordinary powers. At the moment when so many deserted Jesus, the nucleus of an embryonic Church is forming before his eyes – a Church that would sing his praise for two millennia and more.

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER  
2009**



**WHO AND WHERE**

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

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

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

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Haltwhistle

Lastly, we sometimes reduce Christian faith to a set of beliefs, yet God wants disciples who are not just committed to an idea or ideology but to the person of Jesus, the Holy One of God.

*Judith Hampson*

**METHODIST CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**August 2**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Joan Histon  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Rev Janet Flawn

**August 9**

10.00am Communion  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Graham Wilson

**August 16**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Roger Anthony  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Local Arrangement

**August 23**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Rev Jim Errington  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Kenneth Hargraves

**August 30**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Norman Fullard  
6.00pm Communion  
Rev Stephen Caddy

**September 6**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Patrick Eavis  
*Evening United Service*  
*6.00pm at Prudhoe*

**September 13**

10.00am Family Service  
Rev Andrew West  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Rev Andrew West

**September 20**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Roger Bland  
6.00pm Communion  
Rev Peter Wright

**September 27**

10.00am Morning Worship  
Graham Wilson  
6.00pm Songs of Praise  
Mark Knowles

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW  
CHURCH SERVICES**

**August 2**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**August 9**

*11.00am Joint Service*  
*At Haydon Bridge*

**August 16**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am Communion

**August 23**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Joint Service

**August 30**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Joint Service

**September 6**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**September 13**

*11.00am Joint Service*  
*At Haydon Bridge*

**September 20**

**Beltingham**  
9.30am Communion

**September 27**

**Henshaw**  
10.00am Joint Service  
Harvest Communion

**October 6**

**Henshaw**  
9.30am BCP Communion

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
SERVICES**

**August 2**

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**August 9**

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Family Communion

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**October 6**

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**HAYDON OLD CHURCH  
SERVICES**

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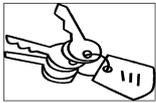
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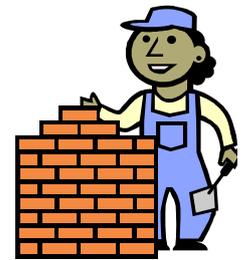
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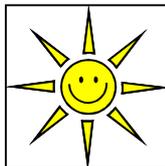
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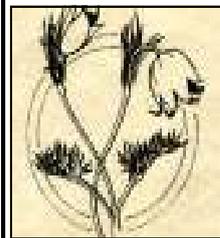
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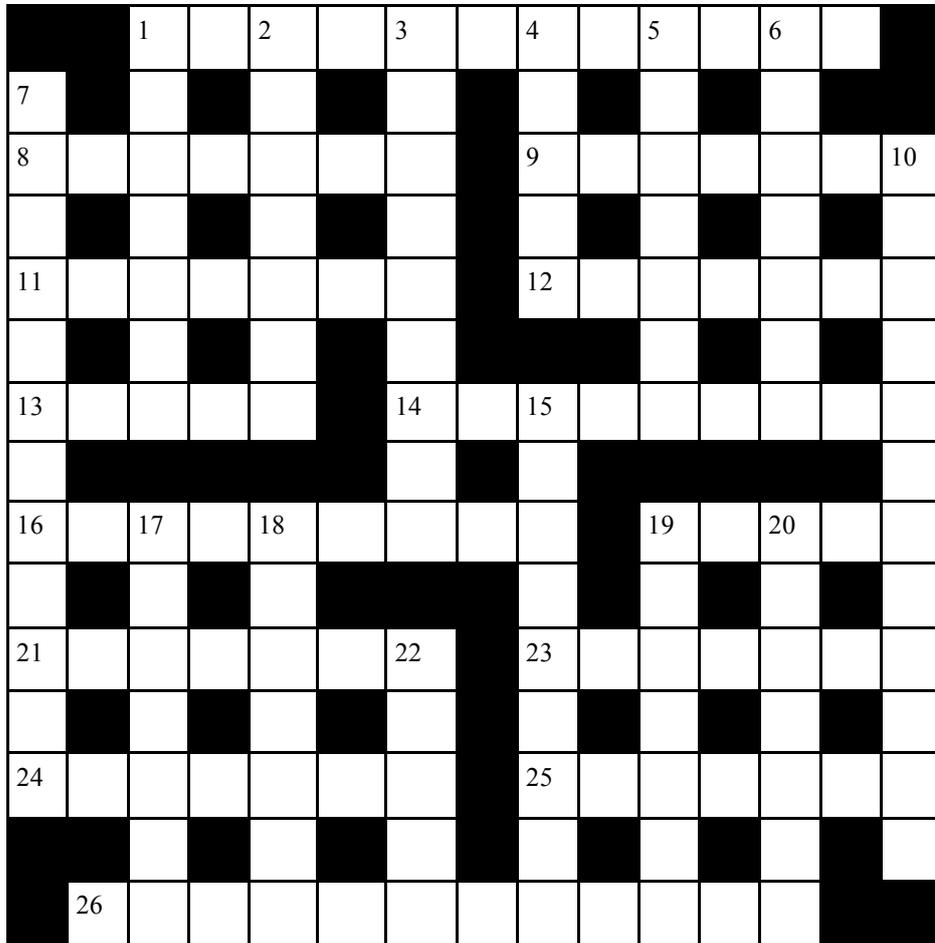
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### ACROSS

- 1 Excellent vessel for the Tyne and the Tees this year!!(12)
- 8 In favour of glass for fuel.(7)
- 9 Star in CID becomes desperate.(7)
- 11 Diluted mixture and broke the machine.(7)
- 12 Pure art leads to euphoria and exaltation.(7)
- 13 Idles around not wanting to be noticed.(5)
- 14 One that steps forward in true novel, perhaps.(9)
- 16 Shamefaced spinner might, we hear. (3,6)
- 19 Was he an explorer in South Africa botany?(5)
- 21 Mr O'Connor cannot sing above a medley, we hear.(7)
- 23 Bedroom antics could lead to monotony.(7)
- 24 Rest on these and be happy.(7)
- 25 Mull over holidays in Crete and Florida?(7)
- 26 Notable guess above ninety but below one hundred and eighty.(6,6)

### SOLUTIONS TO JULY'S CROSSWORD. (44)

#### Across

- 1 Kindling
- 6 Mahout
- 9 Prosopagnosia
- 10 Slices
- 11 Deep ends
- 13 Year on year
- 15 Ulna
- 16 Dada
- 18 Scantillon
- 21 Moon-face
- 22 Cubits
- 23 Illegal action
- 25 Serbia
- 26 Slimmest

#### Down

- 2 Impulse
- 3 Drop curtain
- 4 Irons
- 5 Grandee
- 6 Monserrat
- 7 Has
- 8 Ugandan
- 12 Equilibrium
- 14 Nostalgia
- 17 Agonise
- 19 Apelles
- 20 Outings
- 22 Cacti
- 24 Lob

### DOWN

- 1 Worded wrongly after a hundred were crushed.(7)
- 2 Extreme greed for wealth and caviare perhaps.(7)
- 3 Kept safe prior to being waited on. (9)
- 4 Instruct as part of a metaphor derivation.(5)
- 5 Juggle her pans to put an edge to it.(7)
- 6 United with right act of encroachment.(7)
- 7 Stale red pulp makes lovely sweet. (5,7)
- 10 Have fruit with fruit as a salad item.(6,6)

### Down (cont'd)

- 15 George Gordon can bond lorry together.(4,5)
- 17 Sid came round, drank the dry wine up, only to unsettle.(7)
- 18 Plate of gold in the highland.(7)
- 19 Became cautious when car fuel exploded.(7)
- 20 People wanting a lot, perhaps.(7)
- 22 Style in fashionista stereotypes.(5)

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES**  
**4 (2 correct)**

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