



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



R.I.P.

**In January our traditional distinctive level crossing gates were replaced with bland modern barriers - how sad!
(See 'Cover Note' page 8)**

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Dennis Telford. (Chairman)

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Will it be completed by the time the next Haydon News appears at the beginning of March?

We hope so!

The village bypass has been several years in the making, from the time they moved in to carry out their surveys and test drills along the route, the public meetings etc, now they are just weeks away from the opening.

Not that there's going to be much of a ceremony. Just a matter of cutting tape, taking a photo, moving cones, tidying up, cleaning the grey paint off the signs and departing. (and hopefully taking all their temporary road signs **and sand bags** with them). Bit of an anticlimax.

Then it's odd how everything happens at once. Not only do we have to contend with bypass works on the A69 and Land Ends Road, there's construction traffic passing to and fro along the Langley road from the Showfield site and for the last few weeks work at the Church Street level crossings. Not many people I've spoken to have a good word to say about the new barriers and lights replacing our old crossing gates. Very much part of the village scene, the gates are going to be missed by many people for some time to come.

And when all this work is finished every approach by road into the village will have changed. Bypass junctions east and west on the A69, bypass bridges over the Langley road and East Land Ends Road, the latter also 'benefiting' from being overlooked by the new Showfield housing estate, and last, but not least, new rail crossing barriers on the approach from the north.

But then we're getting used to change, aren't we?

MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



The Haydon Bridge Bypass is almost complete. (See page 14 for update)

Photograph looking south east from the rail and River Tyne bridge at West Rattenraw. Taken January 25th 2009

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Thank you

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in December 2008 & January 2009

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on December 18th

The meeting opened with a presentation by Susi Goncu, Locality Officer for the new Northumberland Unitary Authority, about how the new council plans to maintain contact with the communities it serves. 'Belonging Communities' have now been replaced by 'Localities' as a means of organising the county into a number of areas. Each 'Locality' will have a 'Community Forum', meeting 4 times per year. These will provide the opportunity for people living in the locality to make their views and service requirements known to the county council. There will also be a tier of Area Committees. These will be statutory bodies. However, the Parish Council is to remain the most important organisation at local/community level. It is likely that Parish Councils will have an enhanced role regarding the provision of services with their communities. The division of services between the different layers of local government is not yet clear.

Councillors raised queries and concerns on the following issues;

If Parish Councils are to provide a wider range of services then these need to be funded by the County Council.

Double costing, where the Parish Council provide a service, paid for by residents through their council tax to the County Council but, which is funded through the parish precept, an additional payment made by parish residents for services provided by the Parish Council. The proposed community running of the local library was given as an example of this.

A member of the public commented that the whole County Council approach to community involvement should be turned on its head, starting from consultation with communities regarding their needs and service requirements/provision rather than the County Council telling communities how they should be organised.

The Parish Council is to write to NCC to inform it of the comments made.

Public participation

A complaint was made about the broken road surface on the stretch of the Langley road between The Showfield and Shaftoe Street and also about the poor quality of road resurfacing/patching work carried out in the village. e.g. on

Station Road. The council are to write to NCC Highways Dept to report this matter.

A member of the public thanked Councillor Oliver for his work organising the Christmas Lights this year.

Council meeting.

8 councillors present.

County councillor also present.

Highways

The worn road surface on the Lowgate road and the overgrown drains on the A686 at Langley are to be reported to the Highways Dept.

Following a query from a councillor the Council was informed that East Land Ends Road is to be resurfaced when work on the bypass is completed.

Lighting

It has been proposed that a street light is fixed to the west wall of the Anchor Hotel to improve lighting at the south end of the old bridge.

A meeting is to be arranged between NCC and the owner of the Pharmacy building to discuss provision of a light in the archway between Church Street and Parkers Terrace. This will be funded from our local county councillor's budget allowance for local schemes.

A payment of £30 is to be made to the Anchor Hotel for electricity used to illuminate the Christmas Tree Lights.

Correspondence

Following a letter from the Citizens' Advice Bureau the Parish Council is to donate £150 to the organisation.

The council was informed that it or members of the public should contact the Dog Warden Service about incidents of dog fouling. The telephone number of the service is 01434 652 433.

Tynedale Council is to share out £75,000 among the town and parish councils in the district. Haydon Parish will receive about £2,600.

In a letter from the Highways Agency the council was informed that the temporary closure of the A686 at Haydon Bridge for bypass works has been extended to March 2009. However, it is expected the road will

re-open in early February.

The council received notice of the temporary closure of Church Street for 20 metres either side of the level crossing from Jan 10th - Feb 20th 2009. It is expected that the road will be closed on a number of occasions in January to allow work to be carried out on the rail crossing.

Parish Projects

Parish Plan

The Haydon Development Trust has been successful in the first stages of its application for funds to implement the recommendations set out in the Parish Plan. Initially these will be improvement works to the library building to extend facilities to include a visitor information point and refreshment facilities and also the redesign of the village website.

The planned work on the library cannot begin until Northumberland County Council, who at present hold the lease on the building, carry out essential repairs, prior to the lease being taken over by the Parish Council.

The new village website will include a section for Parish Council matters as well as improved visitor/tourist information.

The council is to make a donation to the Sunshine Panners Steel Band in thanks for its performance at the switching on of the Christmas Lights.

Quotes are to be sought for repairs to the Martins Close bus shelter.

Notes from the Council meeting held on January 22nd are on page 9.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

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Mr. E Brown*. 684084

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(* also a Tynedale Councillor)

Parish Clerk

Mrs. C McGivern

688020(after 6pm)

*I welcome in another year and wish
you all the very best for 2009.
Thank you for your support in previous
years and I hope you are able to
continue contributing to
The Haydon News
with your knowledge and/or memories
of Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish.
Thank you and a Happy New Year.*

**I start the new year with Part 2 of my
history of the 100 year old
Haydon Bridge Town Hall**

Haydon Bridge folk had sought a public hall for the community, certainly from February 1906 and perhaps even earlier. Members of the Parish Council were less than enthusiastic however and it was left to Haydon Bridge entrepreneur - and incidentally an enlightened member of the Parish Council - W. S. Walton and his fellow shareholders, including the Haydon Bridge medical practitioner of the day Dr. W. Murray, to set up the new 'Haydon Bridge Town Hall Company' in 1908. (See HN December 2008)

When William Samuel Walton, Dr. Walter Murray and their partners in the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Company submitted plans to the Parish Council on April 9th 1908, for a new hall at the west end of Shaftoe Street, they must have been encouraged in their enterprise by the number of other community buildings being planned and erected throughout the district. The foundation stone for Haltwhistle Church Hall was to be laid on May 2nd. Accommodation for two hundred and forty pupils at the new Hexham Queen Elizabeth Grammar School was being planned. A large extension to the Scotch Church - now the United Reform Church - in Hencotes, Hexham was to be built for three hundred Sunday School scholars (Yes! 300) and the Temperance Hall at Allendale had been built.

So there was plenty of local construction expertise available for the type of parochial building envisaged, and it was to Allendale that the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Company turned for their builder.

The company's plans for a brick built with rough cast finish Haydon Bridge Town Hall - with a 66' x 33' large hall capable of holding about five hundred people and a small hall for lesser meetings, two spacious dressing rooms

and a good roomy platform - were passed by the Parish Council at their meeting on April 9th. Before building work commenced however, there were still signs of the animosity that some individual councillors had shown throughout the period since 1906 when parishioners had first petitioned for a public hall.

For example; a request on May 14th for a supply of water for the new town hall from the overflow on the school hill was the subject of some disagreement.

On consideration of the sketches and proposals provided by W.S. Walton, Councillor Peter Scott of Park Stile, apparently a constant thorn in the side of those seeking to build a town hall, protested against any interference with the present arrangement of water supply at 'The Priests' Well'.

Interestingly, the name of the 'Well' is an historical reference to bygone days and the site of a former chapel of Langley (Barony) dedicated to St. Mary and St. Katherine, on what was subsequently called Chapel Hill and where in July 1697 three roods - three quarters of an acre - of land on which the first John Shaftoe's school was built, was purchased for £10.

Councillor Scott pointed out that the Priests' Well had been a source of supply for over seventy years and he, "Most strongly deprecated any privately vested interest encroaching upon the water supply."

In the event, permission was granted subject to a small annual charge and agreement with the Governors of Shaftoe Trust.



**The Priests' Well, January 2009.
How long since spring water flowed here?**

With the agreements settled, the building of the eagerly anticipated Haydon Bridge Town Hall could commence, and it did so on June 29th 1908. A date I can confirm with some certainty and, for someone eager to discover sources of Haydon Bridge and Parish history, more than a little excitement.

Let me explain:

The contractor chosen to build the Haydon Bridge Town Hall was Mr. F.W. Charlton of Allendale. This Frank Charlton and Charlie Charlton, father of one time Haydon Bridge resident and businessman Edmund Charlton, were cousins.

Edmund celebrated his 90th birthday in September 2008, is a subscriber to The Haydon News, still has a wonderful memory and lives in Hexham where we occasionally meet up to reminisce.

I'll let Edmund take up the story.

"Frank Charlton of 'The Spittle' farm at Allendale and my faather, Charles Charlton, born in 1876 - mind that's gannin' back a bit - were cousins. My faather's faather and Frank's faather were brothers!

Frank was a builder until he took over 'The Spittle' when his faather died in 1912. Apparently Frank was a builder of some repute. He built Allendale Temperance Haa'l and aa have it on good authority that he built part, if not aa'l, of Belmont Gardens at Haydon Bridge. Anyway, after Frank built the Temperance Haa'l at Allendale; W.S. Walton, Dr. Murray - who owned nearly aa'l Haydon Bridge - and mebee William Rutherford's faather at the Mill Hills and Eddie Davidson, who had the Bank at the bottom of the North Bank where you go into Belmont, thought they could do with a haa'l at Haydon Bridge and Frank Charlton got the contract."

Edmund explained to me that Frank Charlton had a daughter Winnie who lived at Hexham, and Winnie "bless her soul" gave him her father's 'Time Book' of his building activities at Haydon Bridge.

"And now I'm passing it over to you for safekeeping Dennis!"

And that accounts for my excitement.

I have in front of me a small book containing meticulous hand written detail of names of employees, hours worked, rates of pay and weekly wages for building the Haydon Bridge Town

Hall from June 29th 1908.

Thank you so much Edmund, and how grateful I am to Frank Charlton's daughter Winnie, now deceased, for keeping her father's records safe in her loft for all those years.

Frank Charlton's 'Time Book' makes fascinating reading one hundred years later.



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<i>Hirby</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>
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<i>Spark</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>
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Hexham Courant correspondent Dilston Ratcliffe, to whom I have introduced you before, (See HN December 2008) reported on July 25th 1908 that: 'The new Town Hall is now fairly started and so far as can be seen from the present state of affairs it promises to be a building such as will fit us up for a considerable time to come. Haydon Bridge will have to grow considerably before the hall is not large enough for anything that is likely to be required in the village. The work is progressing apace and we may hope that in the near future we will have the pleasure of seeing it opened.'

Perhaps your ancestors were employed building the new Haydon Bridge Town Hall in 1908?

F.Thirby, J.Spark, J.Glendingning, N.Burradale, N.Docherty, and J.Brown were each on Mr. Charlton's pay roll during the period June 29th 1908 to the week ending July 24th 1908, when Dilston Ratcliffe reported. Working an average of nine hours a day, Thirby, Spark and Glendingning were paid fivepence ha'penny an hour, Burradale received sixpence an hour Docherty sixpence ha'penny and Mr. Brown, clearly a tradesman of some skill - the bricklayer perhaps - ninepence an hour.

As an aside: my research suggests that in 1908, on average, sixpence would have bought ½ cwt of coal, 4 loaves of bread, ¼ lb of tea, 5lb of sugar, 4 pints of milk and a stone of potatoes – unless

you dug them up one dark night from the California Gardens of course; and I understand quite a lot of that went on in the good old days!! Or what about a Bordeaux Claret for one shilling a bottle, a blended Scotch whisky for three shilling or a Raleigh cycle for £6·17·6 ?

By August 1908, three additional tradesmen; G.Linton, J.Wray and Peter Lee, and three more labourers; N.Tyson, C.Devlin and R. Hudspith joined Charlton's construction team.

Having been rewarded for his persistence in publicising the need for a new Haydon Bridge Town Hall, Dilston Ratcliffe's Hexham Courant soap box had by this time been given over to more pressing matters in Haydon Bridge's day to day activity. For example: The village's water supply. How to obtain a recreation ground for the village. The 'horrible' language at village football matches, so much so that many decent people refused to go. And how to obtain a bowling green at Haydon Bridge. *That one still hasn't been resolved!!!*

Elsewhere, interestingly, in December 1908 Haydonian John Martin's 'Judgement Paintings' were available to the highest bidder and valued at £1,500. They were being sold by John's grandson Carew Martin. Unfortunately, the Laing Art Gallery was unsuccessful in its attempts to raise the money for them and the three paintings – The Last Judgement, The Great Day of His Wrath and the Plains of Heaven – are now in the Tate Gallery in London and worth considerably more than £1,500.

Thanks to the organisers of our 2004 John Martin Heritage programme, we do have copies of The Judgement Paintings in our village's 'Martin Gallery' but due to the disappointingly damp condition of our new Community Centre - the gallery's usual venue - the prints are in storage at present. It's a pity that Frank Charlton's construction team who built our one hundred years old Town Hall, hadn't been around in the year 2000 to build our now crumbling seven years old Community Centre.

And so; back to the Haydon Bridge Town Hall of 1908.

From September of that year it was J. Brown, F. Thirby and J. Laidler a new tradesman on ninepence an hour, who continued the work to completion on

the week ending November 13th 1908. (The remainder of F.W. Charlton's men had moved to a new contract that commenced on September 9th 1908; building houses at Broomhill.)

Frank Charlton's 'Time Book' records that almost 3,000 hours of masons' work, costing £83·10·10 in wages, was required to build the Haydon Bridge Town Hall. It is of interest that based on the minimum wage; this work would have cost around £16,000 in 2008!

Based on W.S. Walton's original estimate, presented to the Haydon Bridge Debating Society in March, (See HN December 2008) the total cost of building the Town Hall must have been about £1,500, and while it is known that the contract for joinery work was awarded to Mr. F. Thompson of Haydon Bridge and the architect was Mr. Murray of Consett, there is a gap in my knowledge that may be filled by further research.

Who were the contractors responsible for the roofing, the services and the finishing trades? Can any of our readers provide this information?

The long awaited new Haydon Bridge venue was completed five months from the commencement of the work and appears to have been opened without ceremony.

On November 27th 1908 a low key Territorial Social took place in the new Town Hall; the first public gathering however, was the Annual Dance given by the members of the Haydon Bridge Company, 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers on Friday December 4th, when two hundred ladies and gentlemen attended.

Before the proceedings commenced, W.S. Walton, on behalf of the management of the Town Hall Company asked Colonel Lockhart, the commander of the 4th Battalion, to make a few remarks on opening the hall.

Colonel Lockhart's opening words were reported in the Hexham Courant:

"Ladies and gentlemen, this unexpected honour has fallen to me to declare this very handsome and commodious and pleasant hall open. Whatever the future of Haydon Bridge may be, I venture to prophesy that for many years to come this hall will be the scene of many pleasant gatherings and be a pleasure to the inhabitants. I do not know, but you will, to whom you are indebted for

having brought the hall into being; to them you owe a great deal of gratitude - (cheers) - and I am sure you will appreciate the possession and repay that debt by making use of the hall on every possible occasion. - (cheers)

Tonight I have the honour of making the first speech, the honour of which I pass on to the Territorial Forces of which I am a humble member.....

Haydon Bridge is one of the places where we are most cordially received and supported. - (cheers) - We do not know how soon the time may come and so we should prepare and always be ready, and the only way to manage that is for the whole manhood of the nation to be trained, and so trained as to be of real use in time of war. I hope everyone in Haydon Bridge will take this to heart, and tell your sons as they grow up not to devote the whole of their time to games, but to give some part of it to such training as is given in the Territorial Forces. It is an agreeable pastime and sets young men up so that they benefit themselves from the advantages which it gives them, and thus they will live longer, live happier lives and be better citizens.

I have much pleasure in declaring this hall open."

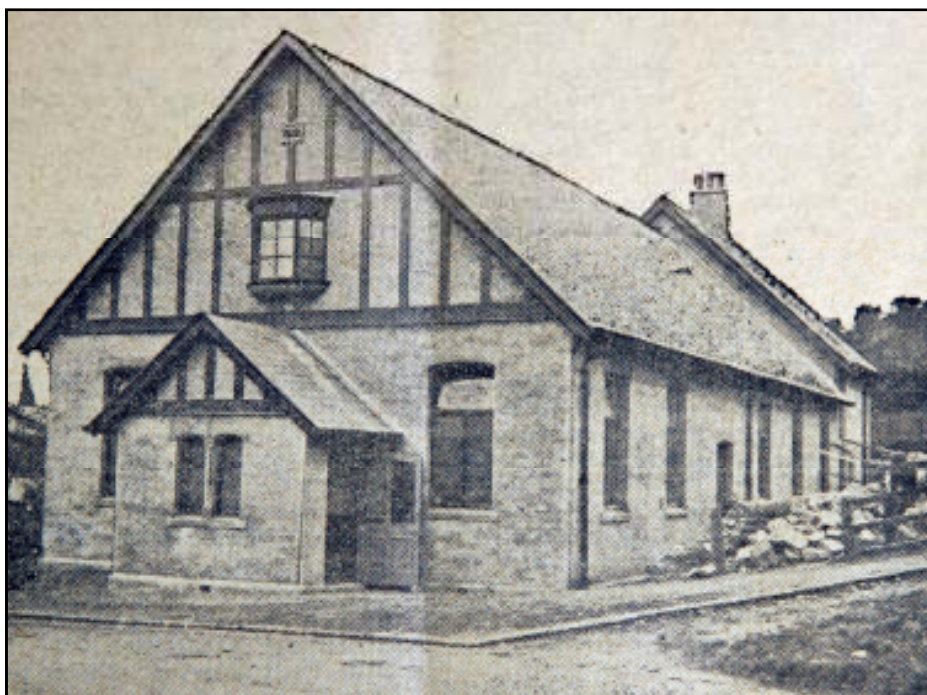
The dancing was lead off by Colonel Lockhart and Miss Carrick to the music of Davison and Foster's Orchestra and; 'The ballroom presented quite a gay appearance.'

The list of Haydon Parish's 'great and good' residents who attended the event by invitation makes interesting reading. Here are a few of the officials the older members of our community may recall: C. Thomson, W. Glendinning, J. Wray, R. Waugh, G. Birnie, W. Clemitson, J. Harle - Henderson, and F. Robinson.

And some of the dancers: W.S. Walton (The Dene), Mr. A.& Misses Spraggon (Willimoteswick Castle), Alderman T. Carrick, Mrs. Carrick & Miss Carrick (Haydon Park), Dr. Routledge (Haydon Lodge), Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Pittar (Belmont Gardens), C.&A. Willan (The Craggs), Miss M. Armstrong (Broadstone), Mr. & Misses Dickinson (Railway Hotel), Miss Dodd (Langley Castle Farm), Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ridley (Elfoot), Mr. C. Ridley (Woodhall), Mr. M. & Miss Ridley (Lowhall), Mrs. Mason (West Haydon), Mr. J. Beattie (Church Street), Mr. T. & Misses Pickering (The Lees), Mr. W. & Misses Shipley (Plunderheath), Mr. R. & Miss Johnson (West Wharmley), Misses Wetherald (Haydon Hotel), Mr. & Mrs. J. Swallow, Miss C. Glenwright (Ratcliffe



A view of the land at the west end of Shaftoe Street before the Town Hall was built there in 1908.



The newly completed Haydon Bridge Town Hall in November 1908.
F.W. Charlton Builders' stone and rubble can be seen piled up on the south elevation.
(Photograph by kind permission of the Hexham Courant)

Road), and Mr. G.W. Nattrass.

I've searched the list of dancers in vain for the names of those 'ragged trousered philanthropists' who built the Town Hall for £83. I just hope they were enjoying a well deserved glass of ale in The 'Scotch Arms'.

Sadly, the list does include a number of those whose sons did not, 'live longer lives' as prophesied by Colonel Lockhart.

The Great War and the 1939-45 conflict were soon to claim more than seventy five of the parish's young men and one lady, who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

But in November 1908, the Haydon

Bridge Town Hall was open for business and the crowds flocked to a variety of activities during the first year.

My social history of the Town Hall and its 100 year life cannot be complete without your help.

Please share your personal memories / photographs of the Town Hall / Club with our readers.

Contact me; Dennis Telford, on 01434 684636, leave a message at Claires Newsagents, email: dennis@telford-haydon.freemove.co.uk or write to me at:

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Thank you.

By email

Dear editors,

Re - Article in Oct/Nov 2008 Haydon News on George Albert Anderson.

My sisters and I recently had a nostalgic trip to Haydon Bridge with our cousin Fran (nee Dinning) and her husband Ian Duncan.

Fran's mother, Jenny, was our dad's (Thomas Albert Anderson) elder sister. He lived at Bank Cottages, North Road with our mother (Hilda) from 1944-1948 with Jean born in Blackpool 1943, Joan born at Haltwistle 1944 and Marilyn Barbara born at Dilston 1948.

We know that our mother Hilda met George Anderson during her time at Haydon Bridge, she always spoke fondly of him.

We are curious to know more of our dad and his family. We know that he had an older brother (Mansfield Anderson) who was killed in the First World War.

We know that our mother, Hilda, returned to live in Bolton, Lancashire in 1948, taking the three of us with her. We still do not know the reason that they separated or what happened to our dad from 1948 onwards. It was one of those subjects that did not get talked about. We do know that he died at the Ambassador Nursing Home, South Shields, in 1989 aged 78 years.

We used to have holidays in the 1950's with our mothers friend, Dorothy Scriven whom we called Auntie Dorothy. She had two children Christine and David, David was born in 1948. We visited their Auntie Mabel and her daughter Carol. The children had a friend called Avril. Auntie Dorothy lived at Greencotes, Warden.

We would be grateful for any further information. Our mother had very fond memories of Haydon Bridge.

Many thanks in anticipation

From Jean, Joan and Marilyn Barbara (nee Anderson)

We would be so grateful if you print this story in the Haydon News in the hope that we may jog some peoples memories

As always we are only too pleased to oblige and are especially delighted if the Haydon News correspondence adds to our knowledge of our parish's social history.

If any reader can help with this query please contact the editors.

London.
December 2008

Dear Mr. Telford,

The wonders of the Internet. I have reached the age when I am taking an interest in my family history. I therefore 'Googled' my grandfather Frederick Crawley and up came your marvellous article in the **Haydon News of Nov/Dec 2006.**

My grandfather was 66 when I was born so by the time I was starting to take an interest in my forbears he had died.

I do remember visiting Hill House with my mother Dorothy Nickolls and being surrounded by lots of dogs and horses.

Fascinating reading about the lost fire engine, the Inquiry and his relationship with Councillor Embleton; his strange visits to your father; his friendship with Conan Doyle and Lenin!

You have opened doors and my journey has just started. I have many questions which your article prompts and would be delighted if there was any way you felt able to answer any of them. Thank you for making my day.

Yours sincerely
Annie Cosh

By email
29th November 2008

Dear Editors,

Would it be possible to put the following letter in the Haydon Bridge News?

Or perhaps you know somebody who might be able to help?

My great great grandparents were both born and married in Haydon Bridge but I have not been able to trace either of their parents. I would be very grateful if any readers can help.

Robert Fawcett. (or possibly Fawcitt)
Born 1812 Haydon Bridge.

Hannah Pearson. Born 1816 Haydon Bridge. Married on 9th January 1836 in Haydon Bridge.

Is it possible that Hannah is related to Thomas Pearson the Wesleyan preacher?

Kind regards,
Martin Rimmer.

Once again! If you can help, please contact the editors in the first instance.

WHO?

There has been much speculation during the holiday period as to who would replace David Tennant as Dr. Who, so Annie Cosh's communication (this page) is a timely reminder that the famous 'Tardis' was pioneered as a police box on the streets of Britain in 1923 by Annie's grandfather and one time Haydon Bridge resident, Fred Crawley. F.J. Crawley was Chief Constable of Sunderland at the time and the original wooden boxes were made by Binns and cost £12·18·6. The trademark to the later 1950's design is held by the BBC.



GEORGE ANDERSON

The ball keeps rolling in relation to my 2008 George Anderson story.

Thanks to David and Avril Kirsopp I am able to publish another photograph of the Haydonian who played in goal for Sunderland and made his name as Manager of Dundee F.C.

David found this photograph in a book dedicated to Sunderland Football Club.

That's probably why I haven't come across it before!!!



George Anderson

Sunderland F.C.

**Born:
Haydon Bridge
1887**

GEORGE HOPE

Continuing on a Haydon Bridge footballing theme; it was good to meet up with George Hope in the village in December. George is making a good recovery from a very serious car accident and was in Haydon Bridge having been a guest of Newcastle United at their match with Stoke City on Saturday December 6th.

George started his playing career at St. James's Park and famously scored the winning goal in a 3-2 home victory over Manchester United in 1973.

The programme from the game makes interesting reading for football fans.

TEAM CHECK Saturday November 17th 1973

NEWCASTLE UNITED	MANCHESTER UNITED
1 Ian McFAUL	1 Alex STEPNEY
2 Jimmy NATTRASS	2 Martin BUCHAN
3 David CRAIG	3 Tony YOUNG
4 Terry McDERMOTT	4 Brian GREENHÖFF
5 Pat HOWARD	5 Jim HOLTOM
6 Bobby MONCUR	6 Steve JAMES
7 Tommy GIBB	7 Willie MORGAN
8 Jimmy SMITH	8 Brian KIDD
9 George HOPE	9 Lou MACARI
10 Tommy CASSIDY	10 George GRAHAM
11 Terry HIBBITT	11 George BEST
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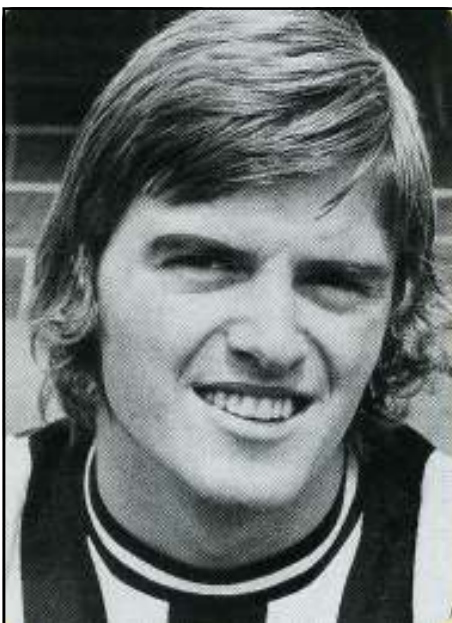


Photo: Tom Buist



George Hope in black and white
and in action against Manchester United

Great names such as George Best, Martin Buchan, Brian Kidd, George Graham and Lou Macari were eclipsed that day when George made a goal for Tommy Cassidy and then, with twenty minutes to go, climbed above Scottish international Jim Holton to a Terry Hibbitt cross, to head a spectacular goal past Alex Stepney.

That goal in front of 42,474 spectators, took Newcastle to second in the old First Division and Manchester United were relegated that season.

George played six times for the first team at Newcastle scoring just one goal, but that goal earned him an eternal place in the club's history, and to this day the game on November 17th 1973 is known as 'The George Hope Match'.

COVER NOTE

Haydon Bridge has a new bypass and a replacement for the station gates; both of which, according to the experts and their statistics, are likely to result in more accidents and probably more deaths in our parish than previously. What a strange affair!

And furthermore. Will the barriers stop me sliding onto the railway line if there's a train coming and I'm travelling too fast to take the sharp left turn along the California Gardens after sledging down the North Bank?

I could be wrong but, for those who haven't had the pleasure, let me tell you there can be few rides that provide such an exhilarating experience as coming down the North Bank belly flap from The Tofts Farm; four inches above the ground on a wooden sledge with iron runners polished to their brightest. Fingers tightly gripping the wooden sides, cold blinding snow dust blown into your face off the toecaps of the hobnailed boots worn by the riders in front, skilfully steering and braking their home made sledges over the hard packed snow - spurred on by a race to finish as far along Church Street as possible and all hoping and praying that neither Geoff Duffy, Wallace Milligan nor Grace Wilkinson are coming in the opposite direction up the North Bank on horse and cart.

The climax, for those with bones still intact, a bag of broken biscuits and a quarter of aniseed balls from Robert Harding's sweet shop.

Happy days!

TYNE RIVERS TRUST UPDATE

Himalayan Balsam seeds are dispersed in September when the seed pods explode releasing around 2000 seeds per plant. The seeds are 'negatively buoyant' meaning that they sink and lodge themselves in river sediment where they can remain viable for 2-3 years. So this is a long term project which requires vigilance over several seasons. But it is possible.

Himalayan Balsam has very shallow roots, which means that the plants can be pulled up very easily, as an invasive species the pulled stems cannot be removed from site but if the stems are crushed to prevent re-rooting they will die away without producing seeds.

The **Haydon Bridge River Watch Group** have been clearing an area near to the picnic site for a couple of seasons already. The site they cleared last year produced a significantly reduced number of Himalayan Balsam plants this season.

This is because the plants were pulled before the seed pods were produced, so seeds were not dispersed, allowing other native seeds which mature later to germinate and colonise the area.

So the **Haydon Bridge RW Group** has been able to move onto another section of the river and will continue their work in years to come to eradicate the problem and reclaim their river bank.

To find out about other events the Haydon Bridge River Watch Group are planning please contact our River Watch:

Barbara Wardle on: 01434 688886

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

WINTER and SPRING TALKS 2009

5th February: AGM

Trevor Bridges.

'More Images of Northumbria.'

19th February: Eddie Carrington.

'New Zealand.'

5th March: Mr. & Mrs. Jamieson.

'The Flowers of the Dolomites.'

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

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

Annual subscription: £10

Non-members £2 each meeting

**ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING
NEW MEMBERS**

Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on January 22nd 2009

Public Participation.

The Council was told that the church clock is 7 minutes slow.

A complaint was made about the look of the new level crossing barriers and lights being installed at the railway crossing in Church Street.

It is to be hoped that the sound of the claxon that accompanies the closure of the barriers is reduced during the night, as promised by Network Rail, to minimise disturbance to residents in the nearby houses.

The Council was asked why a charge of £160 is made for the right to erect a headstone on a grave in the cemetery. This is in addition to the £200.00 charge for a plot. As it was sometime ago since increases in cemetery charges were agreed, no councillor present was able to give an answer to the question. An answer is to be provided at the next meeting. It was, however, pointed out that cemetery charges made by the Council are lower than those of neighbouring councils.

A request was made for the dog waste bin at the corner of the Langley road be moved to a position on the pavement near the field gate south of the entrance to the nursery school.

A complaint was made about the number of vehicles parked on the pavements along John Martin Street and Shaftoe St. The complainant was informed that it was a matter for the police and they should be told if parked vehicles are blocking the road or pavements. It was suggested that the problem could be brought to the attention of the community police who hold regular surgeries at the Methodist Church Hall in Haydon Bridge. (See notice on page 18 for dates and times)

Council Meeting

4 councillors attended & NCC councillor

It was pointed out that two Parish Councillors were attending a meeting of West Tynedale Parish Councillors being held at the High School.

Highways

The Council had received notice that the Lowgate road is to be resurfaced along those stretches where the road is badly worn. Work is also to be carried out on the A686 Alston road at Langley when funding is available.

The worn surface of the road just north of Grindon crossroads is to be reported to NCC Highways Dept.

A councillor expressed concern about the poor state of the road surface on Shaftoe St., particularly at the junction with John Martin Street and also about the condition of the pavements, with several loose paving slabs and displaced kerb stones.

The seat on Land Ends Road just beyond the bypass bridge is to be repaired by the Parish Handyman.

Lighting

Following an approach from NCC a demonstration was organised to illuminate the old bridge using a LED (Light Emitting Diode) system. Those councillors who attended the display on January 7th were favourably impressed and felt that it would be worthwhile trying to get funding to implement a floodlighting scheme. It was pointed out that the costs of installing the LED System would be high but running costs would be low and could be met by the Parish Council. The Haydon Development Trust was asked to consider adopting the scheme as it would attract tourists to the village, one of the main aims of the Parish Plan.

Progress is being made towards getting a light fitted in the archway between the Railway Hotel and the Pharmacy.

Planning applications.

The Council received two planning applications for comment.

1 Demolition of existing building and construction of a single storey unit for storage, distribution and retail, together with car parking at West End Joinery.

2 Change of use, demolition of garage & construction of dwellings at Anchor Garage, Haydon Bridge.

No objections were raised to either application. A councillor pointed out that the change of use at the Anchor Garage could help resolve some of the parking problems in that area of John Martin Street, as off street parking for residents of the planned dwellings is included in the scheme.

Parish Plan

Northumberland Tourism has now approved the plan and offered its support in implementing the objectives.

The Haydon Development Trust's application for Rural Development

Programme money is nearing completion. If successful some of the money will be used to carry out improvements at the library including the setting up of a Tourist Information Point.

NCC Libraries Division has agreed to carry out the necessary remedial repairs to the library building. When these have been completed the Parish Council/ Development Trust will be in a position to take over the lease on the building and start the improvement works. Tenders have been prepared by the architect for the scheme, ready to send out to contractors.

Accounts

£539.63 was raised towards the cost of the Christmas lights project donated by members of the public in the collection jars. A total of over £1,100 has now been received in donations so far. The organisers were congratulated.

Correspondence

An offer made by an officer from NCC to talk to the Parish Council about the new NCC Charter was put on hold until the Charter has been finalised and the role of Parish Councils in the Unitary Authority clarified.

Tenders were received for the repair of the bus shelter at Martins Close. Following discussion the successful contractor is to be informed. It is hoped the work will be carried out as soon as possible.

Contractors have been asked to give an estimate of the cost of replacing the bark in the Toddlers Play Area at Shaftoe Green. The area has now been out of use for a year. CVC Highways, the bypass contractors, had volunteered to carry out the work but, 6 months after the council purchased the bark, the work hasn't been done. The Council hope that the Toddlers' Play Area will be back in use by the end of February.

The problem of irresponsible dog owners and dog fouling in the village, also in and around other residential areas in the Parish, was discussed once again. The council was told of one person being reported to the police for allowing their dog to foul in Church Street. It is likely that this person may now face a fine for committing an offence.

Next meeting will be held on February 26th at 7.30pm in Haydon Bridge

Happy New Year to everybody! I have just been filling in a form reviewing my practice over the last year and looking forward to the next year. I have to plan my professional developmental activities for the year ahead, so, of course, many of the deadlines end in 2010! Time flies and the end of the "naughties" beckons. A character called Danny in a rather bleary eyed film called "Withnail and I" uttered the, immortal to me, lines: "the greatest decade in the history of mankind is coming to an end" on the eve of the end of the 60s (also my birthday aged 0). I wonder, now, how this decade will be remembered?

For me it will all be about children. Linking me nicely to my youngest son. He spoke his first words on the eve of 2009, if ever there was an auspicious day to begin to speak. We were watching some rather lovely fire balloons lifting into space and he followed the general zeitgeist, lifting his arms into the air and saying, unmistakeably "wow"...or rather "WOW!!!". It was a beautiful evening, the moon* was full and we were all looking skywards watching these balloons lifting like little lightships flying towards the moon at the top of Causey Hill. It really was a "wow" and a lovely way to usher in the New Year.

Rather more prosaically, but equally charmingly my youngest has been practising speaking for some time. He has been saying "daadiii" or "DAADAAA", or "daady" to almost anyone and anything that is in his way. Sometimes just to himself or about himself as he potters around waving this thing or that thing in the air; or as he tries to snatch something from his elder, stronger brothers. According to my wife he also approaches strange men in public and tries to sit on their knees saying "dadii". Famously in our family, he recently saw another local GP in the library in Hexham and, calling him "daadii" got him to read him a story for 10 mins or so whilst perched in his lap...

My birthday was on New Years Eve so, of course, I am thinking on growing older. Maybe my dad was too, so here's a short and irreverent joke he told me at Christmas:

"There are 3 terrible things about old age:

Losing your memory

I've forgotten the other two"

Memory Loss and Dementia.

There is nothing at all funny about losing your memory. If you are concerned about your memory or your relative's memory and want to see if there is anything that can be done about it please come and speak to one of us. We do need to see the individual with the memory problem too but this is sometimes best done after a first contact with a relative, etc.

I have included a brief summary of the different causes of memory loss, lifted from patient.co.uk (accessible via the "links" tab on our website):

"There are certain situations that can affect your memory and make you become more forgetful than you normally are. These include the following:

*** Poor concentration. If our concentration is poor then we do not notice things as much, and do not retain things as much as we would normally. Poor concentration can be a result of simply being bored or tired. However, it is also a symptom of depression and anxiety.**

*** Depression. As well as poor concentration, some people with depression also have slowed thinking. This can cause memory problems until the depression clears. Do tell a doctor if you think that you are depressed as treatment often works well. Other symptoms of depression include: a low mood for most of the time; loss of enjoyment and interest in life; abnormal sadness; weepiness; feelings of guilt or being useless; poor motivation; sleeping problems; tiredness; difficulty with affection; poor appetite; being irritable or restless.**

*** Physical illness. If you feel ill, this can affect concentration and memory. Certain illnesses can directly affect the way the brain works. For example, an underactive thyroid can slow down the body's functions, including the brain, and can make you more forgetful.**

*** Age. As we get older it often becomes harder to remember things. This is called 'Age Associated Memory Impairment'. Many people over the age of 50-60 have this common problem, and it is not dementia. For example, it tends to be harder to learn new skills the older we become. Another common example is that you may forget the**

names of people you have recently met. It is thought that the more we use our brains when we are older, the more it may counter the development of this age-related decline in memory function. So, doing things such as reading regularly, quizzes, crosswords, memorising plays or poetry, learning new skills, etc, may help to keep your memory in good shape.

*** Dementia. Dementia is the most serious form of memory problem"**

Dementia is caused by physical damage to the substance of the brain. Causes include: Alzheimer's disease, cerebro-vascular disease and stroke, and a relatively newly understood form of dementia related to Parkinson's disease. There are some medications that help the minority of patients diagnosed with a dementia, but for most personal support and care are the most important aspects of treatment.

Dispensary Saved:

You may remember from last year that our dispensary was under threat. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that it is no longer threatened. The government made an early announcement that there would be **no change to dispensing doctors arrangements.**

I have no doubt this was a directly due to receiving a very large response form patients opposing the changes.

So a **big thank you** to all of you who supported us in protecting this service and in protecting local jobs and services.

Colds and Flu

We are in the middle of the peak season for these problems, both caused by viral infections. It is often difficult to differentiate between these and their complications and also difficult to know when to seek advice. In general it is safe to manage blocked and runny noses, sneezing and coughs lasting for up to one to two weeks by self medication with over the counter remedies (I recommend paracetamol for most and decongestants for some...ask your pharmacist...as well as taking it easy and some TLC). You should consult one of us in the surgery for advice if you get any of the following symptoms with a cold or flu:

- * severe vomiting or diarrhoea
- * severe earache
- * difficulty breathing
- * skin rash
- * uncontrollable cough
- * cough with yellowy green or

rust-coloured sputum (phlegm)

- * extreme lethargy or drowsiness

People in the following groups are particularly vulnerable to the complications of colds or flu:

- * the very old and the very young.

Those with the following conditions:

- * asthma
- * chronic lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- * diabetes
- * heart disease
- * kidney diseases and kidney failure
- * reduced immunity, for example if you have HIV/AIDS or have had your spleen removed

So please try to have a lower threshold for seeing us if you are in one of these groups.

It is important to understand that antibiotics only help with some of the complications of these viral infections, they do not treat the viral infection itself. (We are not currently using the newer anti-viral medications for those who may have flu. These are only available to certain groups where there is a local epidemic or to all contacts in the event of a Pandemic...NEITHER of these situations currently apply in Haydon Bridge)

Once again much more comprehensive information on the causes and self-management of colds and flu is available via the "minor illness" button on our website at

www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk

Appointments:

We are aware that there may have been a slight shortage of appointments over the Christmas period. We have already made some changes to try to increase the number of appointments available in advance. We will be evaluating the effect this has.

This is a peak time for appointment demand. Please try to keep any appointments you make and let us know if you need to cancel them. If you book an appointment and do not turn up you are denying that appointment to somebody else.

And finally, I love Christmas and I like cracker jokes so here are a few of my favourite ones:

What did the fish say when it swam into a wall?

Dam.

What's the most popular wine at Christmas?

"I hate Brussels sprouts"

Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had low 'elf esteem'

Did you hear about the man who fell into an upholstery machine?

He's fully recovered.

What happened to the hyena who fell into a pot of gravy?

He made a laughing stock of himself.

Q: What has four legs and goes "Boo"?

A: A cow with a cold.

What did the snowman say to the other snowman?

A: Smells like carrots

Happy 2009

*The wife says this is technically untrue and that she has no recollection of a moon, but then she admits she spent most of the time at ground level looking for lost mittens and serving out hot chocolate by the light of a feeble torch.....

NOTICES

**MENINGITIS TRUST
COFFEE BREAK
Tuesday 3rd March
6.00pm - 9.00pm
at
GEESWOOD HOUSE
WHITTIS ROAD**

**Raffle - Cakes - Books
Please come and support
this worthwhile cause**

Contact Pam Gibbard Tel. 688608

HAYDON BRIDGE WI Coming Events

February 17th: Joe Burril.
'Allotments and Farmers' Markets'

March 17th:
'Marks and Spencer'

April 21st:
'Mercy Trucks'

**New members always made welcome
Meet 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB

Feb. 14th:

**FAMILY PRIZE BINGO NIGHT
Start 7.30pm**

Feb. 28th:

**KARAOKE NIGHT + COMPETITION
Start 8.30pm (free entry)**

Childrens Parties also available from £60

**2009 Memberships are now due
New members welcome**

EXTRA TRAINS

Thanks to the efforts of John Irving, our representative on the Tyne Valley User Group, we have additional trains to:

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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Judith Hampson

How do you cook? Some prefer to buy all the “right ingredients”, others create with whatever they have in the house. For nearly fifteen years the BBC has run *Ready Steady Cook*, in which professional chefs create a meal from a random bag of ingredients. Each week they hover over the out-turned jumble, visualising their final creation. Then the clock starts ticking and they get to work producing a suite of complementary dishes! The bags vary between being “budget”, “bistro” or “gourmet” standard, but always the chefs make something delicious, and give their special dish a name. In Genesis 1 the Spirit of God hovered over the formless void before creating the cosmos. At Jesus’ baptism the Spirit descended upon him before he was named to the world as God’s own true Son; St Paul says, “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation” (2 Corinthians.5:17). Sometimes our lives feel formless, dark and empty, or like a random bag of ingredients without much hope. But God’s Spirit waits, eager to get to work on us and with us.

John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He chose an inhospitable place – the desert – in which to do it so that those who came would make a deliberate choice to turn from the past and embrace a new era of cleansing from God. Some of them would have been faithful pilgrims who had probably done many similar acts of devotion in the past. But John says, “This isn’t simply ‘more of the same’.” Every act of repentance is a clearing away of the muck of our lives, but John is preparing the way for Jesus to come in. Jesus’ baptism beautifully mirrors the creation account in Genesis 1, and in this way it acts like a pivot, a tipping point, propelling us to the new creation we become when we’re renewed by his Spirit. The inevitable consequence of Jesus’ coming is that heaven is torn open so that God is with us.

When do you feel formless, useless, void? God’s intention is for transformation, and it comes when we embrace his Word and are filled with his Spirit. Occasionally you hear a parent say, “You’re no child of mine”, when their children have been disobedient or

FEBRUARY 2009



WHO AND WHERE

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

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

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

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

disappointing. It’s a cruel thing to say. Yet when we really look at our lives in contrast to how God would have us live, it’s easy to think he would say the same to us. But that’s not how God wants to leave us. His goal is to present us as beloved children, children in whom he can take pleasure, joy and pride. The presentation of Jesus, after his baptism, shows how God wants to raise us likewise from lives drowned by sin, and to restore us in a full and renewed relationship with him.

Let me urge you, therefore, to make your own spiritual journey, choosing the best ingredients life has to offer. Include all that is good and uplifting as the name of the dish will always be yours.

Judith Hampson

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

1 February

10.00am Morning Worship
Brenda Mearns
6.00pm Communion Service
Rev Les Hann

8 February

10.00am Family Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Pastor Henry Ford

15 February

10.00am Morning Worship
David Applegarth
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Maureen Lloyd

22 February

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Leo Pyle

1 March

*10.30am United Service at
Trinity, Hexham*
6.00pm Evening Service
Caddy

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

1 February

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

8 February

*11.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

15 February

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

22 February

Beltingham
9.30am Joint Service

25 February

Henshaw
2.15pm Communion for Ash
Wednesday
(with Henshaw School)

1 March

9.30am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

Next service is Evensong
26th April at 6.00pm

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

Mass each Sunday

9.30am. Haydon Bridge
11.00am. at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays

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

**ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
SERVICES**

1 February

11.00am BCP Communion

8 February

11.00am Joint Communion
Service

15 February

11.00am Communion

22 February

*9.30am Joint Service
at Beltingham*

25 February

7.30pm Communion for
Ash Wednesday

1 March

11.00am BCP Communion

Concert at the Methodist Church
Saturday 14th March 7.00 pm
Return visit of the Derwentside Singers
tickets £5 (includes supper)
contact Kathleen 688131 or Patsy 684482

Confirmation Service on Sunday 29th March at 9.30 am
at All Hallows', Henshaw.

Bishop Stephen Pedley (former Bishop of Lancaster) will be taking the service. If you would like to be confirmed then please get in contact with the Vicar to discuss appropriate preparation sessions. These can be arranged at various times during the next six weeks. If you need more information then ring 684307, email vicarette@homecall.co.uk or call in at the vicarage .

Shaftoe Trust First School

A BIG THANK YOU.

The children thoroughly enjoyed performing 'The Very Hopeless Camel' and would like to thank everyone for joining us and being part of our Christmas celebrations.

The children were thrilled to be included in the village Christmas celebrations and everyone thought the Christmas lights were beautiful and very festive. Those who entered the competition appreciated the generous prizes and Madeleine was delighted to be asked to switch on the tree lights.

WANTED!

We have begun making a proggy mat and need some yellow and grey fabrics.

If you have any unwanted woollen jumpers or cardigans we could use them to cut up and form part of the rug.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

Friday 20th March: if you have any unwanted clothes, sheets or other fabrics please bring them to school for collection and we earn money for school funds. If you need bags collecting please ring school (684309)

Tuesday 24th March: Spring Festival at 2.00 p.m. Children will perform a variety of items including music, dance and poetry.

SCHOOL OUTINGS.

Year 1 visited the Methodist Chapel to have 'Langley' (the class bear) baptised.

Year 4 had a very interesting visit to the newsroom in Newcastle.

In November all the children were involved in tree planting as part of the Haydon Bridge activities.

VANDALISM.

Unfortunately we continue to be the target of vandalism. Many windows have been broken and other small scale incidences recorded. What makes this even more upsetting is that the perpetrators are probably past pupils who we hoped would take a pride in their former school.

HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS

Members of our artists' community are already planning for their 6th Summer exhibition, on June 20th 2009.

Volunteers have been hard at work fixing a new tracking system to the walls of the large hall in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre. The system is now ready and will enable any organisation who requires hanging space in the Community Centre to present their work in a professional manner.

Barbara Wardle and Robert Ford wish to express their thanks, on behalf of the Haydon Local Artists, to the Shaftoe Educational Trust for supporting the purchase of the new system.

Barbara and Robert seek to remind those adults and children who would like to take part in the June exhibition, that preparation should begin well in advance. The organisers look forward to another successful event.

MUSIC and MOVEMENT

Friday fun for toddlers

The Haydon Bridge Methodist Church Hall on Church Street rings with music, rhyme and laughter every Friday during school term time. Enthusiastic 2 to 4 year olds bring their parents along to have great fun with percussion instruments, singing, dancing and creative movement, following the lead of their talented music and dance teachers Lisa Hardy and Julie Finch. This is "Music and Movement", run by a charity of the same name based in Hexham and Haydon Bridge for well over 10 years. Lisa and Julie are both qualified teachers and love working with very young children.

Music and Movement takes place in Haydon Bridge each Friday afternoon.

To find out more please ring Julie on 01434 607490

BYPASS UPDATE

The weather will be a determining factor as to whether our new road opens in February or March. Certainly, unless we have a 1947 style hap-up, the bypass will be open before the April date first envisaged and the client and the contractors must be pleased with the progress of the work. Once the road is open, the whole of the work is expected to be complete except for some ground work at East Land Ends and the removal of the Esp Hill compound.

Like me you must have been surprised to see the removal of earth already graded and seeded at the junction of the A686. Project Manager Andrew Harding explains that it was necessary to find additional material to make up the levels for access to the sewage treatment works

and using the previously graded earth was the solution to the problem. There will be intermittent traffic management at this junction until the bypass opens.

At the **West Rattenraw junction**, waterproofing of the rail/river bridge is complete and the final stage is to lay the top wearing coat of tarmac and complete the tie in and access road to the bridge from the west.

The **Land Ends Road** was opened on December 19th and although it won't affect the opening of the bypass, further work there to deal with surface water drainage from the clay sub-soil may be necessary.

The contractors would like to remind residents that **Gee's Wood** is still a construction site and for their personal

safety, the footpath through **Gee's Wood** is still closed and will remain so until the end of the contract.



FESTIVE SPIRIT

'The Old Bridge Lights Up' project, planned and undertaken at Haydon Bridge by Howard Oliver and his team of volunteer helpers, was a huge success over the Christmas and New Year holidays. I've lost count of the number of compliments offered to everyone involved and the fifteen trees with their three thousand lights adorning the old bridge were a wonderful sight and so well cared for and respected by residents. Unfortunately, due to the poor weather, the Carol Service couldn't take place on the Old Bridge, but it's good to report a large turn out for this annual service, undercover at St. John's.



Haydonians Clifford and Trevor Corbett get the festive season off to a cracking start.

The holiday activities started for some of our residents with the now annual complimentary senior citizens Christmas lunch in 'Woodies Café' at the Railway Hotel.

Thanks again to Sue's generosity and the support of Carol, Tim and the staff at the Railway, a grand afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Gone I'm afraid are the much loved days when New Year revellers thronged our streets and first footed each other's houses one by one on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Family, friends and indeed those never having met before - young and old alike - were all welcomed in. A warming punch, a glass of beer, spirit or ginger wine to herald in a new year midst a general hubbub of gossip, before returning to the cold outside air to join with one or other of the groups of those in high spirit making for another home with a welcoming light in the window.

Nevertheless, those who did choose to join in the New Year celebrations out and about this year had great fun and kept alive the atmosphere of friendly intercourse so essential for maintaining our community spirit.

There are many memories of New Year's Eve's past in our parish that come to mind. Perhaps we will share them in some future Haydon News.



"LIFE IS ABOUT CHALLENGES..."

Saturday September 6th 2008 turned out to be the start of the wettest weekend for many months, but that did not deter Graeme Murphy and Jon Alder when they took on a sponsored 'Twenty Four Hour Three Peaks Challenge' to raise funds for the Haydon Bridge Health Centre.

Having trained by spending their spare time running up Page Croft bank on a circular route round New Alston, and regular circuits at Allen Banks, Graeme and Jon were ready for the 'challenge' which involved 1,000 miles of driving and climbing - Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon - before returning to Haydon Bridge, and back to the day job!

I'm out of breath just typing up their story. Read on and you'll understand why!

The National UK Three Peaks Challenge is to climb, and travel between, the tallest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales over a continuous period of 24 hours.

***Ben Nevis: 1344 metres
Scafell Pike: 978 metres
Snowdon: 1085 metres***

**24 hour Three Peaks Challenge
6th - 7th September 2008
by**

Graeme Murphy and Jon Alder

We decided to do this challenge to give us both a focus for our fitness regimes. Training didn't go to plan however. We just didn't have enough spare time.

We drove up to Fort William on the Saturday morning for a mid-afternoon start and being highly motivated with a fit and healthy lifestyle we headed straight for McDonald's for our final preparation!!

We set off in good spirits on Ben Nevis, up the tourist route in lovely weather in shorts and tee shirts. We summited in two hours to clear skies with an awesome view.

We returned to the car 1 hour 40 mins later and set off on the long drive down to Borrowdale in the Lake District.

Only one problem! Graeme had torn his ankle ligaments on Ben Nevis. An ice pack on his ankle, fashioned from packets of frozen food, was the only treatment available and that, along with a dogged determination to complete the

challenge, enabled him to continue through the pain barrier.

At 11.10pm we were ready to leave Seathwaite for Scafell Pike up to Styhead and then up the Corridor Route, but by now the weather was dreadful.

We battled our way to the summit in the dark; in gale force winds with horizontal rain and about 8ft visibility due to extensive low cloud cover.

We summited at 1.30am on the Sunday morning.

We returned to Seathwaite some three hours later and were really relieved as it was very disorientating and scary up there in those conditions.

People were rescued from Scafell that night by Wasdale Mountain Rescue; a reminder of the amazing service they provide and it is all voluntary.

Now it was back in the car and the long trip to Pen Y Pass in Snowdonia; trying to get some sleep on the way but that didn't really happen.

Setting off up the Pyg Track at 8.10am we summited Snowdon at 10.0am in thick fog and rain.

It was disappointing that we couldn't take in the wonderful views that can be seen from the summit of Snowdon on a clear day.

We descended Snowdon via the Miners Track.

We had completed the, '24 hours Three Peaks Challenge' in 21 hours 36mins and were delighted with our time as the bad weather and conditions over the weekend had increased the difficulty considerably.

In all we walked about 29miles with 11,000 ft ascent and descent and a lot of road miles in-between.

We must thank Chad Alder for being our driver and making the challenge possible. Chad drove over 1000 miles in 24 hours which is very tiring too.

The experience was a good challenge for us, but anybody thinking about trying it should be sure to train properly before making an attempt. It is much more difficult than it may sound.

We would like to thank everybody who kindly sponsored us and helped us raise nearly £800 for the Haydon Bridge Health Centre.

Life is about challenges and we are now aiming at the Cuillin Ridge Traverse on the Isle of Skye. The

toughest mountain challenge in the UK.

Thank you again to everyone who supported and helped us complete the National UK Three Peaks Challenge.

Graeme and Jon.



Jubilant at the end of the 3 Peaks Challenge

Graeme and Jon are no strangers to our fells and mountains. Graeme tells me that he has climbed 80 of the 214 peaks recorded by Alfred Wainwright. And he intends to do the rest of them this year.

Phew!!

HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

During the last two school years the High School has been working towards the 'International Award'.

This prestigious award is given to schools that have embedded an international element in their curriculum and in which the majority of staff and students participate. It is a highly respected award and Haydon Bridge is the first high school in Tynedale to have achieved the award so it is a reason for celebration.

Celebrations also for those students successful in the school Cross Country Championships on November 6th when over two hundred competitors took part. Josh Brown won the boys' race with Kieran Robley second. Charlotte Sadler and Lauren Ray were first and second in the girls' race.

THE LOST 'TOMMY'

In my December list of volunteers who deliver your Haydon News', I omitted to mention Tommy Cunningham.

I offer my apologies and can assure concerned Alexandra Terrace readers that Tommy will continue to deliver your Haydon News' each month. I thank him and every other volunteer for giving of their time. Without our volunteers, The Haydon News in its present form would not exist.

Haydon Bridge.
9th January 2009

Dear Editors,

Through The Haydon News I would like to praise the youth of Haydon Bridge. Over the Christmas and New Year season there was a wonderful display of trees and lights on the old bridge, which remained intact throughout.

In today's society young people are invariably criticised whenever there is vandalism. What about praise when it is due?

The young people of our parish probably enjoyed seeing the trees and lights as much as everyone else.

Thank you all you young people for no vandalism.

Well done to all, including the people who gave their time to erect the display, and hopefully next year we will have the same, or even better!

Happy New Year to all.

Ida Burrows.

Haydon Bridge
December 2008.

Dear Editors,

Christmas Lights on the Old Bridge.

What a pretty sight as one enters Haydon Bridge. It is open to all travellers not just those who venture along Church Street.

A funding idea to raise money for next year's lights.

A village walk along the bypass (before it's open for traffic) on a Saturday/Sunday afternoon prior to opening. Folk pay say £1 each to walk the length of the new road and back if they wish.

What are the logistics in organising such an event?

Chris Green.

Thank you Chris. I have passed on your suggestion to the Bypass Liaison Group; although the information I have at present is that pedestrians will not be allowed on the bypass before it is handed over by the contractors to the client. And..... once it is handed over, the Highways Agency will not allow access of the type you envisage because of insurance implications!!

A good idea, but you didn't expect it to be straightforward did you?

The answer to a celebration of the opening of the bypass, appears to be a street party on Ratcliffe Road in May!!

DT

Church Street,
Haydon Bridge.
January 2009

Dear Editors,

Through the Haydon News I would like to say a big thank you to Claire's Newsagents, the Haydon Bridge Pharmacy, Railway Hotel, Co-op, Hairdressers, General Havelock and the Anchor Hotel for having jars to collect money for the Christmas lights. Also many thanks for the generosity of everyone who contributed. The total amount collected was £539.63.

This was a fantastic amount I hope everyone enjoyed seeing the Christmas trees on the bridge and are looking forward to seeing them again this year

Joyce Brown.

JOHN MARTIN
Now in High Definition!

I was contacted by Jayne Mayes, an arts researcher for the BBC in London, via the www.visit-haydon-bridge.co.uk website. She was busy with the last of four programmes featuring Victorian artists which was to include the 'Last Judgement Trilogy' by our own John Martin, the 'most popular artist of his day'.

Locations were required to be filmed which acted as an inspiration to the young Martin and were echoed in these retrospective, late and most famous three works. 'The Plains of Heaven' (1853) is a dreamlike landscape of the Tyne Valley, 'The Last Judgement' (1853) has his famous ancestor the martyred Bishop Ridley portrayed amongst the worthies and 'The Great Day of his Wrath' (1852) reflects the mine workings, smelter fires and turbulent weather of his youth. These are in the Tate Britain collection and can be seen via www.wojm.org.uk.

Site visits were arranged with Jayne and the series director Phil Cairney. The filming was to be in high definition which Phil explained brings a whole new set of problems and costs. Movement many miles away, background street furniture, even the veins on ladies noses, which cannot be discerned in standard definition, distract and stick out like sore thumbs with this medium. However, the colour, contrast depth and overall

effect is stunning when expertly handled and viewed in full HD. With these factors and Martin's vast and open landscapes in mind, the final locations selected were the Old St. Cuthbert's Church at Tofts, the South Tyne Valley towards the west from Crindledykes, the Roman Wall area from Steel Rigg (with additional helicopter footage) and the industrial mine workings at Stublick Colliery (the best preserved in England). Filming took place in mid December on a tight two day schedule and the weather was kind to the crew.

Whilst in Haydon Bridge, the production unit enjoyed the delights of Gary and Joanna Thompson's cuisine at the Havelock Inn ('... the best sole ever' said Phil!).

The programmes are fronted by Jeremy Paxman who is fascinated by the art of this period.

Phil Cairney's recent BBC productions have included 'The Art of Spain' and 'Travels with Vasari' with Andrew Graham-Dixon. Those of you who have seen any of these series will be assured that the excellence of the productions and brilliant filming will be maintained with this latest work.

Jayne Mayes has expressed the BBC's thanks to all of the Haydon Bridge Community who have helped with this project in particular the Tailford's at Beacon Rigg, Betty Hargreaves at Tofts, Rev. Judith Hampson and Claire's Newsagents.

Set your video for **9:00 p.m. BBC 1 Sunday 8th March 2009** (or BBC HD of course) to see the results.

Henry Swaddle

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This meeting is also open to members of the public.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

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

We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons (1.10pm and 1.50pm) during term time.

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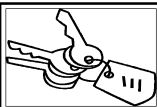
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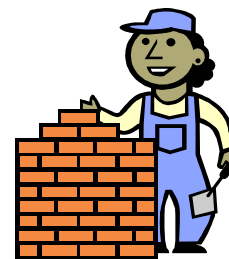
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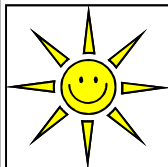
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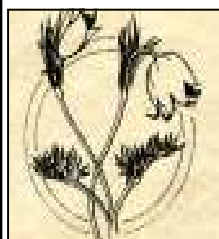
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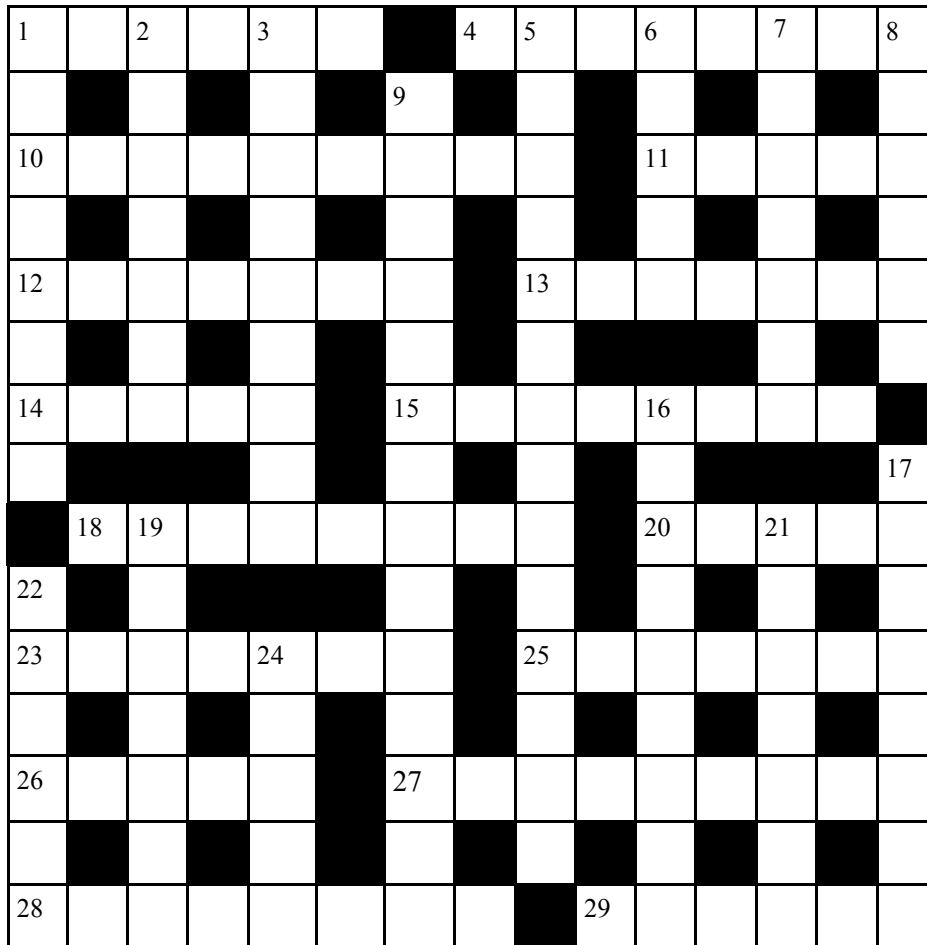
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ACROSS

- 1,22. Ding, boy heard around here.
(6,6)
4. Agree to get smaller.(8)
10. Noticed European Community became vainglorious.(9)
11. Plant in plastered centrepiece.(5)
12. Transpired and redeem about grand association.(7)
13. Can't aid a mixture for indigestion.
(7)
14. Record with love, and dance.(5)
15. Alternative naked chef ran around in the raw.(8)
18. Mixed cereal in loaves is what is left when you have nibbled the kernels.(8)
20. Tired and troubled after a meal perhaps.(3,2)
23. Move a man it sounds like, to give a performance.(7)
25. Reluctance to dish-up again.(7)
26. Fruit that can be pured.(5)
27. Gardener I confused for a guard.(9)
28. Teen date could become toothless.
(8)
29. What the mendicant did when seed was put in plant.(6)

SOLUTIONS TO DECEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (38)

Across

- 1 Attempts
6 Bullet
9 Eight furlongs
10 Biggar
11 Thimbles
13 Commitment
15 Nene
16 Swan
18 Starry-eyed
21 Boasting
22 Bisect
23 Little England
25 Inlets
26 Suspends

Down

- 2 Treviso
3 Engagements
4 Pater
5 Shuttle
6 Bellister
7 Lon
8 Eastern
12 Banner state
14 Testicles
17 Woollen
19 Anglers
20 Encoded
22 Bogus
24 Toe

DOWN

- 1 Chained around a ranch.(8)
- 2 Seek any sportsmen in New York.
(7)
- 3 Lots of weeds on top of and blossomed.(9)
- 5 Charted the course when dancer nervously turned without large government organisation. (8,6)
- 6 Salute with a tot, as in whisky.(5)
7. Composition from the heart I cleverly hide.(7)
- 8 I enter trade and gave heated speech.(6)
- 9 Sat mild, if tough in riverside park.
(7,2,5)

- 16 Old boy caused endless fuss while a hundred dined, to make it unnecessarily difficult.(9)
- 17 A very quiet listener and the editor materialised.(8)
- 19 Organic chemical could leave unrefined deposits everywhere, initially, and block the passage.(7)
- 21 Trading breakdown leads to flying establishment.(7)
- 22 See 1 across.
- 24 Tear around before time and take out.(5)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
5 All correct

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