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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Haydon Bridge is a conservation village.

At its centre an old stone bridge with special heritage protection.

On either side are streets lined with sandstone buildings in a range of styles.

Interesting and intimate spaces are created by the arrangement of buildings and there are eye catching views, through arches and gaps, of the countryside beyond.

A pleasant place to live and visit made even more so now that it can be appreciated without the noise and dirt of trunk road traffic passing through.

It is, however, a great pity that so much of what has been built beyond the conservation area in recent years, detracts from, rather than adding to, the qualities that make Haydon Bridge a special place.

Had we a prince to hand then maybe he could have cried 'carbuncle' at the planning stage or, as in the case of the Chelsea Barracks development, telephoned the landowner to get the whole thing called off.

Unlike the London developments referred to, which probably had much of modern architectural merit, those in Haydon Bridge have none and will remain a 'carbuncle' on the face of a much loved village for many years to come.

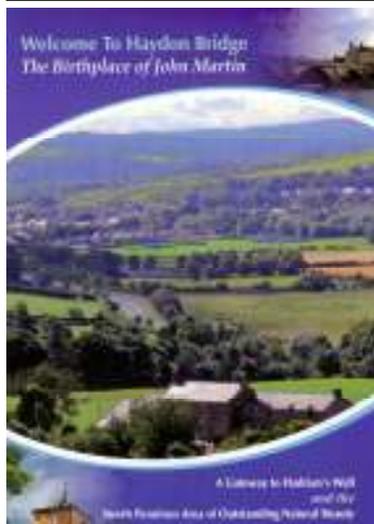
It should of course be remembered that carbuncle has two meanings;

1. a large pimple or boil on the skin
2. a round red gem.

Which of these meanings is intended by the writer is left to the reader's discretion. After all, just like the new developments, with either definition you end up with something in **RED!!**

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in June 2009

The meeting opened with a presentation by John Gillot of Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership (TVCRP). John explained that the role of the Partnership is to promote and develop passenger rail services on the Tyne Valley line with the objective of improving rail services and increasing passenger numbers. At present the Partnership is giving particular attention to improving services west of Hexham. He emphasised the role the railway played in transporting local people to their place of work and places of entertainment as well as bringing people into the valley and so improving local economies. It was noted that the rail company had failed to publicise the additional train services now operating from Haydon Bridge. If the services are not used they could be withdrawn. John informed the meeting that the TVCRP had developed following proposals to close all stations west of Hexham and many of the village stations between Hexham and Newcastle in the days of railway rationalisation. The Partnership wants to see improved signage from the A69 to railway stations. The removal of some recycling bins and the re-siting of others has increased the number of parking places at Haydon Bridge station. These are for use by rail passengers and local shoppers/visitors to the village. As part of the improved signage the TVCRP is also wanting to link the train services with cycle routes and walking trails, as well as better marketing, to increase rail use and improve services. The idea was proposed for a Station Adoption Group to improve the appearance of the station by planting and tending flower tubs on the platforms. It was suggested that local schools as well as community groups and individuals could become involved. TVCRP could access funding to provide the tubs and make them secure. Concern was expressed by one councillor that such a group might be expected to tend the area between the platform and Station Road. Another councillor said new trains were required to help increase passenger numbers. A question was raised about the use of the Hadrian's Wall Country Line branded train on the Newcastle to Carlisle route. It was explained that this particular set of carriages is used throughout the Northern region.

Finally a question was asked about the cost of rail travel. John was thanked for his talk.

Public Participation.

16 members of the public were present. Most of these had come to make representation regarding the application for the addition of a riverside public footpath to the definitive map.

The chairman decided to bring forward the agenda item dealing with a review of the Council's previous decision to support the application, so that views could be taken from the public on this issue.

Two councillors declared an interest and withdrew from this part of the meeting.

It was pointed out that the Parish Council needed to hear views from both sides and that at the previous meeting only one side of the argument had been heard.

A letter was read out to the meeting from Brigwood residents.

A long discussion followed during which the existence of a footpath was questioned as people walking the route had been challenged. The Council was reminded that 20 people had given written submissions that they had walked the route frequently over a 20 year period. This evidence was challenged by some members of the public.

Having heard views from both sides the councillors took a vote on the application. The decision was taken to return a neutral stance in what is a disputed claim.

The county councillor present explained that the decision whether or not to add the path to the definitive map would be taken by the Rights of Way Committee at its September meeting.

A Church Street resident told the meeting that the foul smell from the street drain had not been cleared. The clerk is to contact Northumbria Water again to try and get the problem resolved.

The council was asked when the yellow lines are to be removed from Ratcliffe Road to allow parking on the north side of the road and so help alleviate the parking problem in Church Street. This was agreed as part of the improvements to Ratcliffe Road. The Council's attention was drawn to

the new directional sign at the east end of the bridge that is obscured by a nearby tree. A loose manhole cover in Church Street was reported. NCC is to be contacted to deal with these highway issues. A question was asked about the proposed skateboard park and the Parish Council's proposal to acquire the land at the west end of Innerhaugh for this purpose. The clerk had received an answer to her enquiry about the cost of purchasing this land, £25,000 per acre. Councillors pointed out that several sites had been considered, that the Innerhaugh was just another tentative enquiry and that suggestions would be welcomed as no suitable site had yet been identified.

Council Meeting.

9 parish councillors present.
County Councillor in attendance.

Unitary authority

The county councillor reported that £50,000 had been allocated to the 'Community Chest' for funding local projects and that the Sunshine Panners and two further school based schemes had successfully bid for funding. The discussion on the decision to charge for the brown bin garden waste collection service continues. Haydon Bridge Football Club have received planning permission to extend the pavilion. The planning application for a wind turbine at Five Stones has been deferred until the next planning meeting. The councillor expressed concern at the proposed cuts to the day care service for older people. The debate continues.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

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County Councillor: Alan Sharp

**HAYDON BRIDGE TOWN HALL
1908 — 2008**

See also Dec, 2008 / Feb. May. June 2009

Part 5

Just as the opening of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall in November 1908 had been a low key affair, neither do the anniversaries of the occasion appear to have been marked with any significant celebrations.

On the **twenty fifth anniversary** of the Town Hall opening in 1933, the Haydon Bridge Cricket Club held their Annual Whist Drive and Dance. The Haydon Bridge first XI finished fourth in the West Tyne League that year with the following players: W. Johnson, G. King, E.H. Walton, S. Armstrong, J. Taylor, C. Bates, J. Maughan, W. Cooper, N.L. Brown, A. Robinson, W.G. Thompson, Wm. Rutherford, S. Holliday, F. Welton and J.W. Brown.

When the big screen came to Haydon Bridge in the 1920's and again from 1937, folk from across the parish left their cares and woes on Shaftoe Street, in favour of The Town Hall Cinema's nightly offering of westerns, comedy, thrills and excitement, intrigue and romance. On the **fiftieth anniversary** of the Town Hall, in November 1958, patrons settled down to enjoy *The Pride and The Passion* and *The Naked Truth*. I should point out that this is not a report of events in the plush double seats along the back row on both sides of a central gangway. Although perhaps it could have been!

On this occasion however, I am referring to the emotions being acted out on screen by Frank Sinatra and Sophia Loren, and Terry Thomas, Peter Sellers, Peggy Mount and Shirley Eaton.

By the Town Hall's **seventy fifth anniversary** in November 1983, the cinema was long gone and the 1908 building had been converted to the Haydonian Working Men's Club. As far as I remember, we were unaware of the significance of the date as we danced to 'Isabel on the Organ'. And probably consumed copious amounts of Federation Special!

*On a stage in the room,
Isabel played a tune,
We'd no cares in the world
When the week's work was through.
I met John, Jeff and Flash,
Cap, Ed, Ray and Joe Bass,
For a pint of the Fed Special brew.*

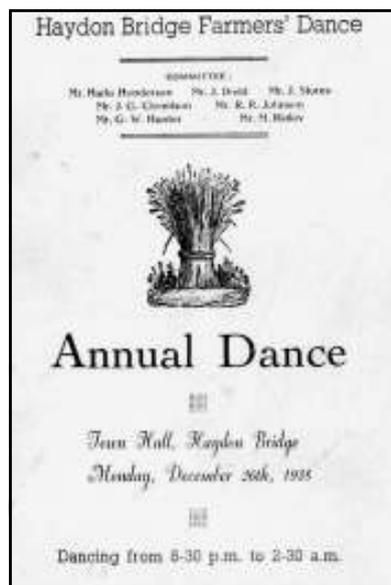
So the generally recognised Silver, Gold and 75th Diamond anniversaries of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall passed by without pomp or ceremony. But does that matter?

I think not, when every single night over the years at this wonderful village venue will have been special or memorable for one or another of us.

One of the main social events of the year in Haydon Bridge in the 1900's was the Annual Farmers' Dance, first held in 1906 in the Shaftoe Trust School and thereafter moving to the new Town Hall.

The charity 'Ball' attracted the 'great and the good' from all walks of life in the parish and the wider community and the Haydon Nursing Association, the Hexham War Memorial Hospital and the Royal Victoria Infirmary at Newcastle each benefited from money raised at the dance.

In 1938, one hundred and fifty couples packed the Town Hall and took the floor to Hodgson's Dance Band for the 32nd Annual Farmers' Dance.



Thanks to Ken and Joan Benson I have a copy of the invitation to the 1938 event.

This invitation was accepted by Joan's relatives, Elliot and John Ballantyne who farmed at 'Sharpley' near Simonburn; a clear indication of the widespread interest in the event. As it happened, on this occasion the Ballantyne families were unable to reach Haydon Bridge due to heavy snow falls in the North and South Tyne valleys and as a result the invitation remained in the family's documents eventually handed down to Joan.

In 1943, there occurred what was almost certainly the most traumatic incident in the life of the Town Hall Cinema.

I reported some of John Bowman's reminiscences in last month's Haydon News, and in December 1943 John was an eighteen year old assistant operator to Walton Spark at the Town Hall. On Saturday December 11th it was Walton's night off and he had gone fishing.

"Any excuse to go fishing." Remarked Rene, Walton's wife.

Walton was replaced in the projection box, for the two Saturday night performances of 'Flight Lieutenant' starring Glenn Ford, by sixteen year old Sid Thompson.

Significantly, Walton Spark's cousin Jimmy King also climbed the steps into the projection room that night. Unfortunately, Jimmy was smoking and when he nipped out the burning end of his cigarette it fell into the highly inflammable nitrate film lying on the floor. The result was a substantial fire in the projection room, the immediate evacuation of the Town Hall and a month's stay in Hexham War Memorial Hospital for John Bowman and Sid Thompson.

There was a single access and exit to the projection room in 1943 and this was inside the foyer, up a metal ladder above the ticket office at the west end of the Town Hall. John and Sid had to escape through the fumes and flames of the fire that spread into the entrance area on the ground floor.

John tells me that it was lucky that Katie Waugh, who sold the tickets, wasn't locked into her small office at the time, or the consequences of the fire would have been much worse.

John Bowman still has the burn marks today as a reminder of the Town Hall fire over sixty five years ago.

I'll let John tell his story.

"The fire at the Town Hall was on the Saturday night. Aa was seventeen years and eleven months old and aa was in the box, but aa was supposed to gan into the army on the Tuesday.

Aa was gannin in the Durham Light Infantry.

Well. It aa'l went wrong when Jock King's son Jimmy came up to see

Walton Spark. Whey Walton was off that night and there was me and Sid Thompson on. Jimmy was smoking, and when he left he dropped his cigarette on the film.

Aa was on the far machine, and when Sid come up he seen the flames and kicked the tin of burning stuff doon the ladder.

When the air got at it, it went up, white hot. It was nitrate film then you know. Whey it went up just like petrol.

Aa can remember Sid getting hold of the asbestos blanket and putting it over, an' aa pulled him oot the way.

You couldn't get air you know. There was just a little tiny six inches by five inches window oot onto the road at the back - opposite the Land Ends - and there was nee second way oot then.

Whey, aa pulled Sid oot the way and he jumped oot like, but aa got hold of the ladder. And that's when aa burnt me hands. And then aa fell into the flames in the bottom."

John recognises how fortunate they were that the doors on the ground floor were unlocked that night.

"Mind we were lucky. That night, Miss Waugh had left the door facing the school open. Aye; it was always locked, but for some reason it was left open that night and we got oot that way. We would never have gettin to the door on the north side. Where you used to come in you know."

Once out of the Town Hall along with everyone else, John and Sid's thoughts turned to their injuries.

"Aa went into the Haydon pub. Aa remember it was a real hard frost and the pain aa had was terrible, but there was nobody in there who could do owt with it. So Sid and me walked right up the North Bank to Doctor Hall's. Do you remember? You had to go down the steps inside his house, into the kitchen. Aye. And you know what he did? He give us a glass of whisky.

Aa was in agony man when aa walked home. Me hair had been on fire and me face and arms were burnt and everything. And he give us a glass of whisky and sent us off.

Aye, he give us a glass of whisky, that's what Doctor Hall did!

Aa'll tell you who saved me face after it was burnt. It was Sid's sister. We lived next door and she came in to see us and when she saw what me face was like, she rubbed olive oil on it.

Aa'm sure it was olive oil that saved me face. Not Doctor Hall's whisky!"

On the Sunday morning after he had visited John at home, our village policeman P.C. Scott sent John's brother James to get Doctor Hall and insisted that he came to visit John immediately.

"So Doctor Hall landed down then like and got us away to hospital. By the pain was dreadful."

The fire and the injuries he sustained put an end to John's army days, before they had started.

"Aa failed me medical for the army after the fire. But mebee it's just as well." John said with a grin.

"Aa'd have been shot likely if aa'd gone in!"

Both John Bowman and Sid Thompon recovered from their experience and injuries and both continued as Town Hall projectionists, although it wasn't easy for John after the trauma he had suffered on December 11th 1943.

"The first time aa went back to the picture hall aa couldn't gan up the ladder and went home. What a queer feeling it was gannin back! Aa eventually got up and started again like."

On February 1st 1944 at Hexham Police Court, Matilda and George Stoddart of Chopwell expressed their regret at what had happened, but as owners and licensees of the cinema since 1937, they were held responsible for breaches of the regulations and pleaded guilty.

Following the fire, it was discovered that parts of the electrical installation were not covered with fire resisting material and a number of other structural defects were discovered. The Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema was closed for a week, while the necessary repairs were carried out and the owners had plans approved to bring the operating box more up to date.

The alterations to the projection box at the Town Hall included an additional access using external step irons which can still be seen on the west wall of the Haydonian Social Club.

Today these irons are seven steps to nowhere, but a reminder of a frightening experience in the Town Hall for those who were there on Saturday night, December 11th 1943.

During the war years the Town Hall continued to be a popular venue for dances, whist drives, beetle drives and bring and buy sales; the events being organised for the express purpose of raising money to support the war effort, and especially those men and women from our parish caught up in the conflict.

In March 1942, an amazing £4,998 had been raised in Haydon Bridge through various events, as part of Hexham and District's £325,000 total towards the adoption of 'HMS Tynedale', a Type I Hunt Class Escort Destroyer.

It is interesting that in October 1943, it was reported that: 'by a remarkable coincidence, two Hunt Class Destroyers, 'HMS Tynedale' and 'HMS Haydon', were hunting together in the Mediterranean and bearing the names of famous neighbouring fox hunting packs.'

HMS Tynedale was launched on June 5th 1940 as the first Royal Navy ship to bear the name of a Fox Hunt in Northumberland. On December 12th 1943, 'HMS Tynedale' was hit by a U-Boat torpedo and 66 of the 146 crew lost their lives.



HMS Haydon, a Type II Hunt Class Escort Destroyer, was launched on April 2nd 1942 and, as far as I am aware, was the second Royal Navy ship to be named after a Northumberland Fox Hunt. 'HMS Haydon' survived the war at sea.



The generosity of those at home continued throughout the war. 'The Local Soldiers' Gift Fund' and 'The Local Soldiers' Comfort Fund'; 'The Merchant Seamen's Fund'; 'The Hexham and District Spitfire Fund'; 'The Prisoners Of War Gift Fund'; 'The British Red Cross P.O.W. Fund'; 'The Empire Fund for Bombed Areas'; 'The Forces' Welcome Home Fund' and 'The Haydon Bridge Nursing Association' - financing 4,170 visits by Nurse Warhurst in twelve months - all benefited from events in the Town Hall

during the war.

The 'Stand Down Dance' for Platoon 'E' Company of 4th Battalion Home Guard, in December 1944 and the 'VE Dance' in May 1945 were two Town Hall events that signalled the ending of the conflict.

If one series of events epitomised the social benefits of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall through the coming together of Haydonians from all walks of life in shared entertainment, it was probably the many concerts held on the stage and acted out by those who lived in the parish.

These entertainments will live long in the memory of the audiences and especially maybe, those who took part.

In April 1998 'Owld Tawny', a regular contributor to The Haydon News, portrayed in his inimitable style - which you may recognise - one such event in March 1945.

I hope you will enjoy reading it again as part of my Town Hall history.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FAIRIES GONE?

It was a spring-like morning as I came out of the Post Office from collecting my pension, the Oyster Catchers had arrived back to the river and were clammering and giving their loud "Kleep - Kleep - Kleep" calls along the gravel beds below the bridge, quite oblivious to anything or anyone, as they performed their mating dance.

Above the clammer of the Oyster Catchers another musical sound reached my ears as I wandered past the 'Street Fashion Shop'. I couldn't believe my eyes as I drew level with the paper shop, for there stood three ancient gentlemen singing in perfect harmony outside Armstrong's Groceries. It was Bowler singing in a most beautiful bass voice, whilst old Jerry Attrick sang in high pitched squeaking notes that somehow did not seem to detract from the melody, and Mop Armstrong the grocer, who had the edge over the other two, singing in the wonderful tenor voice acquired from his days in the Church choir - under the watchful eye of the Rev. Salisbury and organist Mr. H. Myers. In perfect harmony they sang a song we had all been taught at Shaftoe Trust School in the 1930's - "Who Is Sylvia - What Is She?"

"Wat's thuw think uv that son?"

Said old Jerry to me as the grocer vanished into his shop to serve a

customer.

"Aye, not bad for three owld gadgies!"

Grinned Bowler from under his deer-stalker as the song stirred memories from long ago.

"Deek!" said old Jerry, "See hor there?" As he nodded his head in the direction of a little body coming out of the paper shop.

"Aye, wat aboot hor?" Said I as he went on to say, "Wey, she used to be a fairy."

I responded. "A wat? There's nee sec things as fairies!"

"She DID." Went on Jerry. "She was a yen on yen've Mrs. Snaabals Pantomimes in the Toon Hall way back in 1945."

And so as Bowler went off into the shop for a sit down, old Jerry, on hearing the Church clock strike eleven and seeing the door of 'The Railway' open began a determined shuffle in that direction - leaving me alone with my thoughts in the morning sun.

'Mrs Snowball's Dramatic Society' - now there's something to stir the memory.

Mrs Snowball and husband Tom lived down John Martin Street in a house long gone, demolished to make way for the new bridge. He was the local water man and looked after the sewerage works, then situated on the riverside below the Vicarage. She was a polite body who taught pianoforte, they had no family of their own, but she was rich in good works - hence she threw herself into all sorts of kindly deeds with the full support of her husband.

Hence the Dramatic Society was founded with village folk giving of their very best in her productions in hope of being discovered as another Ronald Coleman or Bette Davis.

During the blackout of the long winter nights of 1944 village folk practised their parts and committed to memory the lines for their part in the pantomime "Cinderella" to be staged in the Town Hall in aid of the 'Welcome Home Fund' to help local men on their return from the war.

I remember sitting enthralled enjoying this pantomime on March 1st 1945, made more pleasurable because we knew all the cast to be local people who were amongst us every day.

The pantomime was produced by Mrs.

Tom Snowball and Mr. Brightwell, a bank manager in Newcastle, but lived at 'Foxton' up the North Bank. He introduced the performance and said the 'Welcome Home Fund' would benefit by £70 through their efforts, not a lot you might say but remember that was 53 years ago when £70 was a lot of money.

(e.g. *At that time the return bus fare to Hexham was one shilling = 5p*)

The whole show was brilliant in it's performance from curtain up to curtain down, with the change of scenes, an extravaganza of colourful costumes and songs holding our interest as it unfolded before our eyes.

Mrs. Hall was responsible for the wardrobe, her husband Dr. Hall died young, and his ashes were placed alongside their infant son, buried at the Old Church.

The Principals were:

Harry Swallow - the local bandmaster.
Mrs. D. Snowball - no relation to the producer of the show, but used to be Mollie Waugh of the station Yard whose husband Dennis was serving with the R.A.F. in Belgium at the time.
Stan Armstrong and Miss Jenny Walton delighted everyone with their comical antics as two of the ugly sisters.
Cecil Telford the local joiner; Johnny Bates a butcher at the Co-op; Jimmy Mews the railway porter; Mrs. Haydon Walton and Mrs. Stan Armstrong.
And Ernie Harrison from The Tofts delighted everyone with his rich baritone voice, adding that extra touch of class to the singing.

Many others took part and I can well remember them to this day: Mrs. Baker from Belmont Gardens; Miss Christine Drydon, West Deanraw; Mr. & Mrs. Dinning from Ratcliffe Road; Bob Campbell and John Leathard from John Martin Street; Joe Morton, P. Short and Joe Longstaff, Brigwood; Roger Rutherford, Mill Hills; William Thompson, Pool Bank; Mrs. Johnny Bates; Mrs. Billy Cooper the local decorator's wife; Mrs. Peter Spooner, whose husband was away to war in Burma; Miss Ella Gibson and Miss Betty Shout.

Ah, but yes now - the fairies - where did they fit in?

Well old Jerry was right, because I know of at least two flitting about the village, mind you not as sprightly now 53 years on as they flitted over the Town Hall stage all those years ago.

But let me stir your memory and picture

those cute little woodland nymphs, the very epitome of grace and charm as they pranced and skipped in tinsel sparkling dresses - the picture of innocence with impish gossamer wings along with four tubby little elves to the theme of 'The Woodland' belted out on the piano by Mrs. Gordon Kay.

The chorus comprised of: Maureen Armstrong, Eileen Graham, Jean Ridley, Maureen Ridley, Joan Cooper, Heather Campbell, Joy Sillitoe and Marlene Tumbull.

The elves were: Peter Snowball, Peter and David Routledge, and Alan Telford.

There was one other outstanding event that took place in that pantomime in March 1945, it was the highlight of the show that brought the house down, and had everyone standing on their toes for a better look when two four year olds gave an excellent performance of a "Minuet" - these were Lorna Dixon and Dennis Telford!

Oh the stylishness, the magnificence, the well timed body action of the pair as four little legs strutted their stuff across the boards of the Town Hall stage to the delight of everyone.

With their deportment and fashionable elegance in white dress and suit of silk, satin lace and frills climaxing in an enthusiastic ovation that was to become the subject of conversation for many a month. In fact it was said at the time that Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were by no means any match to the pair!

Ah well, it only goes to show that if you start very young you will become proficient, skilled, qualified and thoroughly versed in the steps of dance, and become a Master of the Terpsichorean Art.

*A few steps in, a few steps out,
Gan roon the best ye can.
Move on tiv another lass
And hor another man.*

'Owld Tawny' 1998



'....in white dress and suit of silk.....'

LINTON HOUSE

Thanks to Haydonian David Brown, Lucy Burrowes' request for information about Linton House - published last month along with our photograph of the property - was brought to the attention of Susan Wight (nee Boaden).

Locals will remember that the Boaden family were the last residents in Linton House before it was demolished to make way for the High School Sports Hall and Susan has happy memories of this once large and beautiful property.

I will record Susan's memories in a future edition of The Haydon News and knowing that Lucy's letter and the photograph last month has created some interest in the village, if any readers would like to add their own memories or knowledge to the story and history of Linton House I would be delighted.

Many thanks.

Please get in touch if you are able to contribute.

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TYNE VALLEY RAIL USER GROUP

At the April TVRUG meeting with Northern Rail, reference was made to a number of issues of interest to Haydon Bridge commuters.

The long term aspiration is to have just two signal boxes on the Tyne Valley Line, one in the west at Low Row and one in the east, probably Prudhoe or maybe Hexham. At Low Row a new signal box has been built next to the old one. It is modern and has room for possible future requirements.

In 2012 a new scheme is planned at Low Row, to control the line from Carlisle to Haltwhistle. When that happens, the boxes at Haydon Bridge and Hexham will remain.

Flooding at Haydon Bridge near West Mill Hills should be alleviated by recent drainage works.

The issues of the crossing gates at Haydon Bridge closing for ten minutes

or more (due to trains coming in both directions within a short space of time) stopping passengers from reaching the platform in time for various trains, was discussed. The only solution offered was to suggest that Northern Rail highlights in the timetable the need for passengers to get there early!!

A flyer is to be produced to inform residents of extra trains stopping at Haydon Bridge.

(The flyer is being distributed with this month's Haydon News.)

Northern Rail have provided instructions for replacement bus drivers travelling west and east off the Haydon Bridge Bypass.

John Irving.

Haydon Bridge Representative TVRUG

CORRESPONDENCE

Haydon Bridge.
May 29th 2009

Dear Editors,

Would you be kind enough to use the good offices of The Haydon News to ask its readers if anyone can verify or remember seeing the Pitmen Sword Dancers.

Many years ago, in the 70's, I watched a performance of the Ashington Pitmen Sword Dancers. The swords of course were the implements used at the coalface. If they or similar exist, I think a demonstration would be of interest and, who knows perhaps we could organise a combined pit dance in the village!!

Howard Oliver.

Haydon Bridge.
May 31st 2009

Dear Editors,

Having enjoyed the brilliant Street Party, I got to thinking about the possibility of repeating it next year.

My train of thought led to the Parish Council who must play a large part in facilitating such events, and then I began to wonder how the members of the Parish Council are selected.

I know occasionally people are co-opted when there is a vacancy, but are there ever elections?

I may have missed something but I can't remember an election and I've been here a long time.

Maybe someone could write in and answer my musings.

Yours faithfully,
Kevin Williams.

I promised in the last issue of the Haydon News to give a summary of the Street Party; this is going to be quite difficult as so many people contributed and took part. If I attempted to put everyone's name on a list it would fill much of The Haydon News, so can I just say to all those who helped on the day, all those who baked the cakes and scones and also those who donated the cash - without you all, this memorable event could not have taken place. It is said that community spirit no longer exists - we certainly proved it does.

I must mention the schools:
The Haydon Bridge Community High School for their wealth of musical talent, they entertained everyone and were a pleasure to work with. - Thank you. Shaftoe Trust First School did a magnificent fund raising event - Thank you for supporting them. And Little Badgers gave their support. We appreciate all of you.

Our local businesses also gave generously, they were:

'Claire's' Newsagents; The Co-op; Langley Castle; Tula's Salon; The Railway Hotel; Haydonian Social Club (Ida & Co); Haydon Bridge Tandoori; W.M.H. Farm Fresh Meats; The General Havelock; and Tesco's.

The Parish Council and Councillors and our District Councillor Alan Sharp must also be thanked for their support.

Thank you, to Sandra Brough and her helpers who held a Coffee Morning / raffle / tombola, which was very well supported.

The total of all donations received was a staggering £ 3,395.37

This added to our original bypass fund of £573.16 gave us a total of £3,968.53

AFTER ALL EXPENSES HAVE BEEN MET WE ARE LEFT WITH A BALANCE OF £2,065.86

The working committee agree that this should be used as a contingency fund for future village events as that was the purpose for which it was given. A committee will be formed to oversee this.

IT IS TRULY AMAZING THAT A FABULOUS DAY WAS HAD BY ALL AND WE ARE LEFT WITH A FUND WHICH WILL MAKE FUTURE EVENTS POSSIBLE !

Thank you all so much.
Eileen Charlton.

NOT TO BE MISSED

I have had a sneak preview of Ernie Swinburn's slide show of the street party and I can say it is very good – your chance to see it will be on:

Sunday 12TH July at 7:00pm in the Community Centre

Ernie will be selling CDs of the event on the night, so you can keep the memories of the Street Party to look back on in years to come. Entrance will include tea coffee and nibbles – you may like to bring your own pop!

Quote: "It was a joy to see residents of all ages enjoying the day together."



Quote: "Can we have another one?"

CORRESPONDENCE Cont.

Hexham.
June 6th 2009.

Dear Editors,

I was delighted to find your on-line Haydon Bridge News magazine, and wonder if any of your readers could let me know of any Mason family descendants in the area.

My five times great grandfather was George Mason, baptised in Haydon Chapel on march 25th 1750, son of William Mason and Mary (nee Richardson) of Page Croft. George Mason moved to Middle House, Newbrough as shepherd to Jasper Gibson of Newbrough Lodge and died at Middle House on November 21st 1809. I have seen Middle House from a distance and would dearly love to see a photograph of Middle House and also Page Croft, if anyone has one.

George left a will dated December 9th 1807, proved March 28th 1810, naming his children George Mason, Jane Dixon, Mary Nixon, Sarah Toppin, Ann Mason. William and Thomas Mason, his sons, were his executors. This last William Mason was my four times great grandfather and married Jane Nichol of Falstone in 1813 at Warden. He died at Haydon Fell House in 1821 aged 37.

William's wife Jane Mason lived to the ripe old age of ninety two and died at Grindon Cottages, Haydon Bridge on February 26th 1882. Jane Mason was for forty eight years a shepheress to William Langhorn, East Mill Hills.

Thank you in advance for any help or information.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Yvonne Purdy.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB 2009 Summer Walks Programme

Walks start at 6.30pm from the given meeting place.

9th July: Whapweasel Burn, Hexhamshire. 4 miles.
Meet Crabtree Ford, Rowley Burn.
GR 90285647

Dave Rutherford. Tel. 01434 601461

23rd July: Portgate, Housty and East Allen. 4 miles.
Meet Allendale Town Square.
GR 838558

Dot de Stefano. Tel. 01434 683124

All are welcome on the Nature Club's summer walks

Shaftoe Trust First School

SUMMER FAIR.

Saturday 11th July. 10 - 12 noon.

Please come along and support our annual summer fair. There will be a selection of stalls, games and many other attractions.

SCHOOL TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP.

Our tennis team won through two rounds to represent Tynedale and on Tuesday 16th June attended the Inter-District Finals held at Northumberland County Ground at Jesmond.

They performed with great skill, determination and sportsmanship to achieve second in their division.

Well done to everyone involved!

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN.

The support for this event has been magnificent; over £600 has been raised for cancer research. Well done and many thanks to the runners and all those people who sponsored them.

CREATIVE LEARNING.

Throughout the year all children in school have been working outdoors with Mr Ian Hopper. They have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and have learned a great deal about issues such as:

- Teamwork
- Natural environments
- Developing countries
- Building fires
- Flooding
- Rocks and soils.
- Shelter building
- Developing self esteem.

We are currently assembling a photographic display about this work.

Please pop in to see it any time after Monday 29th June.

LOCAL ARTISTS' 6th ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION

The Annual Local Artists' Summer Exhibition, held in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre, grows in popularity. Ninety seven adult entries and ninety six entries from Shaftoe Trust First School pupils were hung and enjoyed by four hundred visitors to the exhibition this year.

Secretary Robert Ford and Chair of the Local Artists' Association, Barbara Wardle, expressed their delight with the response and enthused over the new hanging facilities that provide a professional presentation.

The Association looks forward to building on the success of this year's exhibition with new entries in painting, photography, embroidery and video art already promised for next year.

In this photograph, six year old Abbie Hodgson shows her painting, displayed at the exhibition, to mum Joanne and cousins Sophie and Chloe Surtees.



DON'T FORGET!

The Tyne Rivers Trust 'River Watch Day Out'.
At the Haydon Bridge picnic site on Saturday July 11th 2009 10.00am to 4.00pm

ROAD LINK(A69) LIMITED **ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009**

Extracts from Road Link's Annual report.

Road Link have now completed 13 years of a 30 year Contract with the Highways Agency to operate and maintain the A69 Trunk Road between Carlisle and Newcastle.

The Highways Agency Information Line (Tel no 08457 50 40 30) is displayed on signs at various locations along the road. This number can be used to report faults or forward any comments/concerns/complaints. Any calls made to this number are passed to Road Link for a response. However, if you would like to contact us direct please use the contact details for our office at Stocksfield. Over the last 13 years many of the comments/suggestions we have received have resulted in improvements being implemented along the route. Any comments or suggestions you may have are always welcome.

Routine and Winter Maintenance

North Pennine Link Group (NPLG), a consortium of Cumbria, Northumberland and City of Newcastle Councils, undertake all routine maintenance activities along the A69. This includes routine activities such as grass cutting and litter picking but also the more important activities such as winter salting and responding to emergencies. The 2008/09 winter period was the coldest for several years with snow falling on numerous occasions. NPLG were required to spread salt on 113 different occasions this winter (compared to 75 occasions last year and only 42 occasions the previous year). The efforts of NPLG ensured that delays to road users as a result of adverse weather conditions were kept to an absolute minimum.

Landscape Management

Our landscape management work includes an annual thinning programme, phased removal of the larch nurse crop species and scalloping of plot edges to break up the straight line effect alongside the carriageway. In addition specific areas are targeted each year to improve age and species diversity as well as encouraging the development of woodland plants.

Litter

We are required to pick litter in accordance with the Code of Practice issued by Defra. The Code dictates where and how often litter is collected. Our maintenance contractor collects litter on considerably more occasions than is required in the Code. In addition to the collection of accumulated litter an annual litter pick of the whole route is also completed. We would kindly ask all road users, 'PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME'.

Haydon Bridge Bypass

The construction of the long-awaited bypass around Haydon Bridge was completed in March 2009. This Highways Agency scheme included the construction of 3km of road together with the construction of 4 new bridges. Various landscaping and environment works were also included to mitigate the impact of the bypass on the surrounding countryside. The new bypass removes 12,000 vehicles per day from the village (of which approx. 2,000 are HGVs), provides a significant improvement for A69 road users, and makes Haydon Bridge a more amenable place to live. The new road becomes the maintenance responsibility of Road Link with the old road through the village now maintained by Northumberland County Council.

Haltwhistle Business Park

The construction of a new roundabout was completed on Haltwhistle Bypass in early 2009. This allows direct access to land on each side of the A69 with the intention of encouraging economic regeneration in this area. As well as the new roundabout, access roads to the development land on each side of the A69 have been constructed together with street lighting and a flood defence embankment.

Safety and Environmental Improvements

At regular intervals, and in conjunction with the Highways agency, a Route Safety Study is undertaken along the A69. This involves a review of accident statistics to identify possible safety improvement schemes. Several schemes have been implemented to good effect in recent years such as

signing/white lining improvements and a new section of footpath has been constructed together with the associated street lighting.

In addition to the safety improvements the Highways Agency also consider ways in which the landscape environment of biodiversity can be improved. Two such schemes have been completed recently.

A biodiversity scheme was completed at Haltwhistle with the construction of two ponds in the roadside verge. These ponds provide a varied habitat for a wide range of freshwater plants and animals and have been created in line with the Highways Agency's Biodiversity Action Plan. This plan is part of a long term strategy for the improvement of conservation of habitats and species along motorway and trunk road verges. The ponds will be allowed to develop under natural conditions. No fish will be introduced and only a limited amount of vegetation planted so as to keep the ponds oxygenated.

At Bridge End roundabout near Hexham a landscaping scheme was identified which will enhance the approach/gateway into Hexham. This work was completed in March 2009 and involved wildflower planting, tree thinning and replanting and changes to the future maintenance regime. In time this site will greatly enhance the approach to Hexham.

A69 Injury Accidents 2008

Severity:

Fatal	4
Serious	10
Slight	71
Total	85

Future maintenance 2009

Low Row to Temon. Resurfacing work. June 09 for 8 weeks with overnight lane closures.

Hexham Bypass. Bridge repairs. August 09 for 10 weeks with 24 hour lane closure/contraflow.

East of Haydon Bridge. Resurfacing. Sept 09 for 1 week with overnight lane closures.

Greenholme Bends, Corby Hill.

Resurfacing. Sept 09 for two weeks with overnight lane closures.

Road Link (A69) Ltd

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Email: enquiries@roadlinka69.co.uk

WORK ON THE OLD BRIDGE



1



2



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Stage one of the refurbishment work to the Old Bridge has recently been completed.

This involved repairs to the invert that crosses the river beneath the bridge. The invert is rather like block paving (except the blocks are rather larger than those used on the average driveway or patio). Its purpose is to prevent washout of the riverbed which would damage the bridge foundations and could lead to the catastrophic collapse of the bridge.

The invert across the river was originally formed with a timber grill frame infilled with masonry. The invert has been repaired in the past when water has eroded the masonry. A start was made on the work last year but was delayed due to high river levels last summer. Work restarted in May this year and was completed in June.

As the Old Bridge has the highest level of heritage protection, consent was required from English Heritage for the refurbishment work. English Heritage required replacement of like for like materials, so where stonework was eroded it had to be replaced with suitable stone. Where concrete, from previous repairs, had been washed away, new concrete would suffice.

The photographs:

1

The invert prior to repair with what appears to be part of the original timber grill frame.

2

The large blocks of stone being replaced.

3

The job completed

The next stage of the refurbishment is repair work to the two spans at the north end of the bridge where the reinforced concrete cantilevers are degrading. Work is to be carried out later this year.

It was originally intended to start this work three years earlier but the necessary traffic management measures would have clashed with the bypass works. It was deemed best to wait until the bypass opened so removing the bulk of the traffic from the village.

Work will consist of an access scaffold, removal of the parapets, diversion of a water main, excavation of the fill on the bridge, removal of the cantilevers, waterproofing the top of the new concrete surface and then the reinstatement of the fill, surfacing and parapets.

An inspection is also to be carried out on the flaking concrete to the arches beneath the footpath and carry out any necessary repairs.

Information for this article was provided by NCC.

Photographs by NCC.

MP.

Haydon News Blog June 09

When I started thinking about writing this month's blog the sun was shining and the weather warm... Hopefully it will come again this summer. Hopefully when you read this you will be basking outside (in the shade, of course... or covered in sunscreen, of course) drinking a long cool drink and looking through eyes, half-closed to block out the glare, thinking how similar Tynedale looks to Tuscany, Provence, Benidorm?! (now that IS pushing it).

Now in the middle of two wet weeks in June it's already hard to believe that the sun has already been quite warm once this year... it has... I know. I was sitting on the beach at Low-Newton, near Beadnell, listening to sausages sizzling and feeling roasting hot after a high intensity game of rounders... Children all around me were running in and out of the sea, screaming and loving it. The water looked very tempting, blue, with only a gentle swell. I thought I'd give it a try, having always loved a brisk dip in British waters. I think it's in the blood.

My mum has often regaled me proudly with tales of my family's fishy prowess. My great uncle lived to be a fit and feisty 199, largely due to his daily swim off the coast of Jersey. (I'm not sure if a daily dip in the Tyne would have the same effect. I'm sure the raging currents of the Tyne in spate would rip the bathers, if not the limbs, off a much younger man.) Then there's my uncle Jim, allegedly the first to swim the length of Lake Ullswater... and against the current.

But, back to my story. I decided to take my life in my hands and risk the North Sea in late May. I sprinted across the sands following all the little footprints ahead of me and splashed vigorously into the sea, spume about. A motorboat at full speed, almost bluebird-like. Then the icy grip of the water began to set it, a little flutter on my ankles, a bear hug on my chest. About my head it was more like a vice. I don't know if you've ever tried it but the effect of swimming is like tightening the vice, squeezing icily about your temples, or so it felt to me. I had to stay in... the middle Wyatt boy had been splashing around for hours in this stuff, on and off surf boards, in and out of sandcastles. I gritted my teeth and kept

going. 10 secs, 30 secs. ...I had to get out. I am no fish, I told myself. More built for running, or rounders.... maybe sausages...

So to the real point of the story and my health advice for this month... I did slip. I did slap, but I didn't slop... Not enough anyway. And the sun which I had thought my friend, had burnt both my feet, not too badly but enough to make shoes uncomfortable for the next week or so... As for the water I had thought my enemy, it invigorated me, a little like a slap on the cheek perhaps, but really invigorating. ...maybe my great uncle was right.

Now for a few bad jokes about the sun, our most time friend and sometime enemy:

Three men were in a NASA conference room to decide how to spend \$10 billion.

"I think we should put our men on Mars!" said the first man.
"Ooh, good idea," said the other two.
"I think we should put our men on Venus!" said the second man.
"Ooh, good idea," said the other two.

"I think we should put our men on the Sun!" said the third.
"How are you going to do that?"
"Easy. We go at night."

More comments from NASA:

Most books now say our sun is a star. But it still knows how to change back into a sun in the daytime.

Some people can tell what time it is by looking at the sun. But I have never been able to make out the numbers.

The sun never sets on the British Empire. But it rises every morning. The sky must get awfully crowded. (oh, those envious Americans)

Skin Cancer and Sunburn:

Skin cancer is the second most common cancer in the UK. The number of new cases increases every year and has doubled in the past 20 years.

The cause of skin cancer is nearly always over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation - from the sun or a sunbed.

Ultraviolet radiation is reflected off light coloured surfaces, especially water, sand and snow - this increases its strength.

You can still get sunburnt through light cloud or under shallow water - protect yourself when swimming.

There is nothing healthy about a suntan. Your skin darkens because it has been damaged.

Most cases of skin cancer could be easily prevented.

Protect yourself against the sun.

Cover Up - with loose, cool clothing to keep the sun off your skin.

Protect Children - they are particularly vulnerable. Sunburn during childhood can lead to skin cancer later in life.

Keep babies out of the sun completely.

Seek Shade - especially during the hottest part of the day, from 11am to 3pm.

Use a Sunscreen - SPF 15 or higher on any exposed skin. Use it an hour before going outside and reapply it frequently and generously.

So remember to slip, slap, slop this summer. SLIP on a shirt, SLAP on a hat and SLOP on some suncream.

And if you're worried about a new mole or a changing mole, especially if it is more than about half a centimetre across, is inflamed or has an irregular colour, (especially deeply pigmented) or an irregular outline come in and see us!

I think that's enough from me for one month, So here's to a lovely summer.

Paul Wyatt

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Les Hann

JULY 2009



Dear Friends,

Just For Today

Just for today I will be happy.

After all, most people are about as happy as they make up their mind to be.

Just for today I will try to live through this day only - and not tackle my whole life problem at once.

Just for today I will try to add to the strength of my mind.

I will learn something useful; I will read something that requires a measure of concentration and effort.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is; and I will not keep trying to adjust everything to my own desires.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways:

I will do somebody a good turn, and not be found out.

I will do at least two things I don't want to do.

If my feelings are hurt, I will not show it to anyone.

Just for today I will try to look as agreeable as I can.

I will act courteously, criticise no one, and not try to improve anyone but myself.

Just for today I will map out what I am going to do.

I may not follow it exactly, but it may save me from the pests of hurry and indecision.

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

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour all by myself for meditation and relaxation. During this time I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Just for today - and for every day thereafter, I will place myself in God's care, and know that I am being filled with his love, grace and power.

.....
Please read this every day

Les Hann

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

5 July

10.00am Morning Service
Brian Scorer
6.00pm Communion
Rev Les Hann

12 July

10.00am Family Service
Brenda Mearns
6.00pm Songs of Praise
Rev Peter Wright

19 July

10.00am Morning Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Doug Hogg

26 July

10.00am Morning Worship
A reader
6.00pm Evening Service
Charles Ford

2 August

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

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

**5 July
Beltingham**

9.30am BCP Communion

12 July

*10.00am Deanery Service
at Hexham Abbey*

19 July

*11.00am Joint service
at Haydon Bridge*

**26 July
Henshaw**

9.30am Joint Service

**2 August
Henshaw**

9.30am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

26 July
6.00pm Evensong

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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**

5 July
11.00am BCP Communion

12 July
*10.00am Deanery Service
at Hexham Abbey*

19 July
11.00am Joint Service
at Haydon Bridge

26 July
*9.30am Joint Service at
Henshaw*

2 August
11.00am BCP Communion

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(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

Monday to Friday: The Health Centre is open continuously from 8.00am until 6.00pm (except for the afternoon of the second Wednesday of every month)

Doctors consult between: 8.00am and 11.00am
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THE MEETING PLACE

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

Warm welcome to all

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **Tuesday** of every month at 7.30pm in the Lounge of the **Railway Hotel** where representatives of every football team in the village are invited to attend.
This meeting is also open to members of the public.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Calling all parents/carers! Did you know that there is a Music and Movement group running in Haydon Bridge?
We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons (1.10pm and 1.50pm) during term time.

This is a fun get-together for parents/carers and pre-school children alike which involves singing, instrument playing and movement with coffee and orange juice served afterwards.

Please contact **Julie Finch** on: 01434 607 490 for further details.

WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6yrs-11yrs

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HAYDON BRIDGE PLAYGROUP AND TINY TOTS.

TINY TOTS from Birth upwards

Tiny Tots sessions run on Thursday mornings, from 9.15 to 11.15 at Haydon Bridge Fire Station. These sessions are for parents and carers of young children and provide an opportunity for a coffee & chat, whilst the children play. **Cost: £1.50 per family** and includes a drink & biscuit.

PLAYGROUP - From 2 years

Playgroup runs on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.15 to 11.15 at Haydon Bridge Fire Station

The sessions give children a chance to learn through play and to experience lots of different activities. Playgroup is lead by a fully qualified Playgroup Leader & assistant(s). **Cost per session is £5.50**
Haydon Bridge Playgroup is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance

For more information on the above sessions or an informal chat please contact Katie Bradford on Tel; 01434 684167



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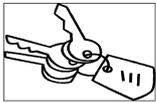
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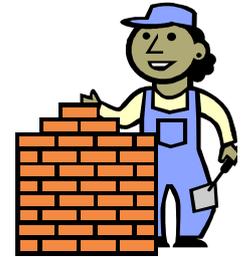
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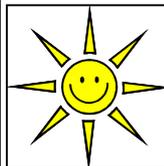
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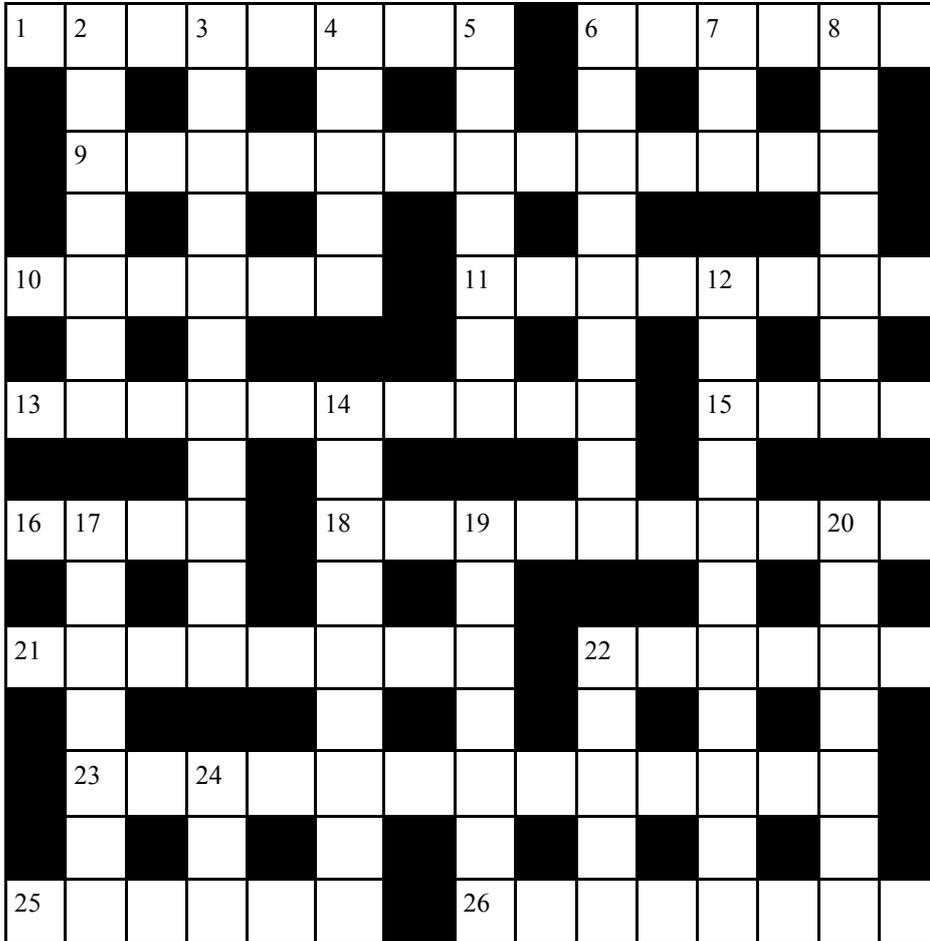
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ACROSS

1. Bounteous fish used to start fires.(8)
6. Mother, in front of hospital, not in, rides elephants.(6)
9. As poor soaping suggests, bad at faces.(13)
10. Cuts insects between points.(6)
11. Builds upon, we hear, areas of pool avoided by non-swimmers.(4,4)
13. 365 over 365.(4,2,4)
15. Foul nature conceals bone.(4)
16. Two fathers establish art movement.
(4)
18. Check turn over by means of a gauge.(10)
21. Waste time, clock round features.
(4-4)
22. Old measure of copper pieces? (6)
23. Arson, burglary, the war in Iraq, etc.
(7,6)
25. Bear is confused in East Europe.
(6)
26. Of chances and fashionistas? (8)

SOLUTIONS TO JUNE'S CROSSWORD. (43)

Across

- 1 & 13. Seventies Top Ten hit
8. Bantam
9. Please
10. Apeman
11. Stagnant
12. Kith and kin
15. Help
17. Tart
19. Life on Mars
23. Campsite
24. Escape
25. Abides
26. Retain
27. The United States.

Down

2. Vincent
3. Niagara
4. Solitaire
5. Orange
- 6 & 18. Teenage rampage.
7. Night
8. Blanket
14. Daintiest
15. Ham
16. Postern
20. Nascent
21. Adam Ant
22. Assign
23. Chest

DOWN

2. Wish I am a bean.(7)
3. Tear hide for theatrical drapery.
(4,7)
4. Clubs or fetters? (5)
5. A thousand Eastern Europeans initially become high ranking personage.(7)
6. My French southern royal informer resides in Spain.(9)
7. Owns area of South Asia.(3)
8. African and a gun. Mayhem.(7)
12. Calm rest.(11)

Down (cont'd)

14. Longing regret.(9)
17. Worry about silver in the process of being Eastern.(7)
19. Sell ape in error to The Chian Painter.(7)
20. Day trips expose gays? (7)
22. Plant one hundred before first part of play.(5)
24. Throw learner overboard initially.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
13 (11correct)

THIS MONTH'S WINNER
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