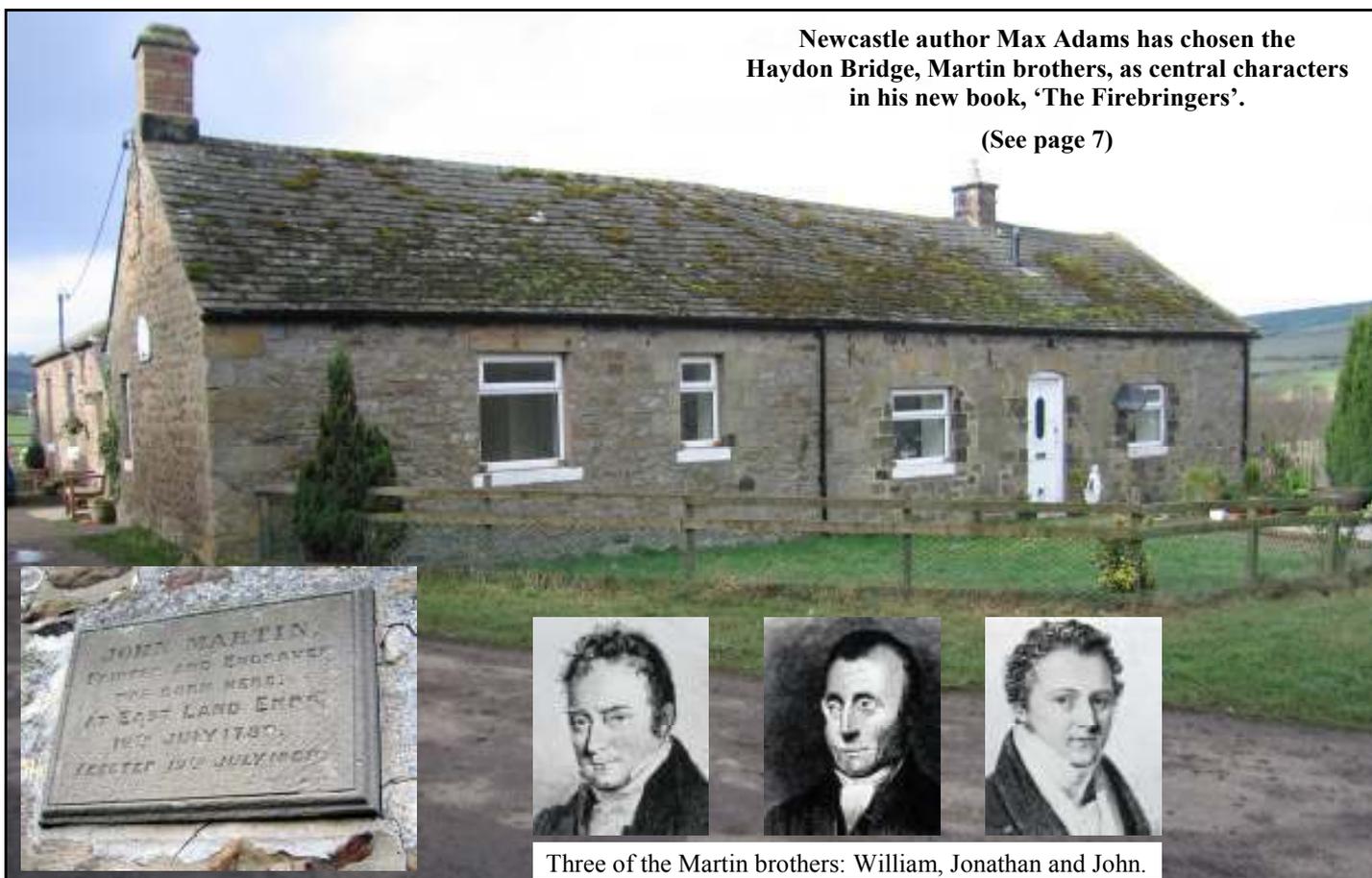




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Newcastle author Max Adams has chosen the Haydon Bridge, Martin brothers, as central characters in his new book, 'The Firebringers'.

(See page 7)



Three of the Martin brothers: William, Jonathan and John.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It seems something of a disappointment that the completion of our long awaited bypass in the next week or so may not be the wholly joyous occasion it should have been. Not that such feelings will be due to getting a bypass, or the disappearance of the men and machines responsible for its construction. It may be more to do with the construction legacy.

Take East Land Ends Road for instance. Used throughout the bypass construction period, from its junction with the Castle Farm lane to Shaftoe St, it is now in rather a sorry state with pot holes, crumbling edges and damaged verges. However, it was announced to the Parish Council on Thursday that the road is not to be repaired and resurfaced from one end to the other, as it should be, but only in the most worn/damaged sections. No mention was made of restoring the green lane from Castle Farm to West Land Ends nor of returning the grass verges at the West Land Ends junction to their former well tended glory, following their mauling beneath the wheels of heavy machinery. There are other lengths of road, used during construction, in need of some serious repair e.g. the junction of the Langley and Alston roads, the bottom end of the lane to Threepwood and the lane at Castle Farm.

Then, of course, there was the let down over the bark at Shaftoe Green. Having volunteered to do the job, making a start, then keeping everyone waiting for many months with promises to complete it soon, that were never fulfilled, and then not offering to make a contribution when the Parish Council pay the cost of getting the job done, it's all rather a sad reflection on the contractors, CVC.

After the grand PR job done by Capita Systems before the construction began (remember their displays and consultation sessions at the Community Centre ?), and the high standard of finishing and landscaping completing the bypass, the disappointment lies in what appears to be the penny pinching tidy up at the end of the contract. It's great to have a bypass, it would be a shame to have a mean ending. MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



Putting the finishing touches to the new level crossing barriers at Haydon Bridge on the Newcastle to Carlisle railway line

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in February 2009

Councillors held a short meeting prior to the start of the Parish Council Meeting to discuss the current cemetery fees. It was agreed to keep them at their present level but to review them at the annual finance meeting in November.

PC Whittemoor from the community police was in attendance. He noted that attendance at the Community Police Surgeries, held each month in the Methodist Chapel Hall, were not well attended. (See notice on page 16 for dates and times of these sessions). A member of the public raised the issue of cars parked on the pavement in Shaftoe Street. PC Whittemoor responded by informing the meeting that it is not an offence to park on the pavement. Only if the car is causing an obstruction is an offence being committed and in which case the police would take action.

Peter Fletcher gave a brief presentation on proposed schemes to illuminate the old bridge. He outlined three options all using LED lighting. The first option was to illuminate beneath the arches with a blue light, the second to illuminate the sides of the bridge in a white light and the third option was to use both blue and white lights. The council agreed that the white light illumination looked the most effective and to make further enquiries about installing this. An application could be made to Awards for All for funding the capital costs of installation. Revenue costs would be low as LED lighting uses very little electricity.

Dick Phillips, Network Manager from NCC Highways, talked to the council about improvements to Ratcliffe Road once the bypass is opened. He informed the meeting that as the bypass contract had overspent there was only a small amount for making improvements to Ratcliffe Road. He suggested a meeting with the Parish Council, NCC Highways and the Highways Agency would be the best way forward. A meeting is to be arranged. NCC do expect that all repairs will be carried out to Ratcliffe Road and the 'new' bridge prior to it being handed over to them for future maintenance. The 'new' bridge is to be repainted. When asked about the closure of the road for the Celebratory Community Street Party, to be held on May 24th he informed the meeting that NCC may forego the charges for the closure order on this occasion but that there could be a charge for managing the closure, providing the signs etc.

Public Participation.

Members of the public were informed of the council's decision regarding cemetery fees.

A request was made for the replacement/repair of the handrail by the path into Geeswood. To be reported to NCC for attention.

The need for regular road sweeping in the village was highlighted. It was pointed out that Tynedale workmen carry out a litter pick once a week and that the village handyman sweeps the pavements outside the shops, library and round the war memorial every week as well as removing litter from the old bridge and Shaftoe Green.

Council Meeting.

10 councillors were present including three Tynedale Councillors and a NCC councillor.

Tynedale Council Minutes.

A Tynedale councillor expressed his disgust at the way employees of Tynedale Council are being treated at present. Many of them have not yet been informed whether or not they will have a job when the new Unitary Council for Northumberland takes over in a few weeks time.

Planning.

Residents from Langley made several objections to the plans for a holiday accommodation development at Langley Brickworks site. This plan has been resubmitted with some amendments. In view of the strength of feeling from the residents, the Parish Council supported their views and objected to the proposals.

The council also objected to the proposed development for a workshop on the riverside near the picnic area.

No objections were raised with regard to planned changes to the pavilion at Low Hall Park.

Highways.

A progress report on the final stages of the bypass construction was given to the council. (See article and notice on page 14).

Recent highway issues reported by the council have been investigated by NCC. The following action is to be taken:
Shaftoe St, work orders issued to re-lay loose flags.

Resurfacing of the road north of Grindon Crossroads and a section of the Lowgate road, near the Elrington turning, will be done when resources become available. A work order has been issued for repair work to the road surface of Station Rd. The poor state of repair of John Martin St is being investigated at present as poor reinstatement by statutory undertakers (utility companies and others who dig up roads) may be the cause.

Parish Projects.

A paper on the future development of the library was presented to the council by the Haydon Development Trust. The council agreed to take on the 20 year lease for the library when it has been checked by the council's solicitors. The council also agreed to the Development Trust taking over the running of the library. NCC are to pay for repairs to the building. These will be undertaken at the same time as the building alterations/improvements are carried out.

The Toddlers' Play Area at Shaftoe Green is now back in use following the replacement of the bark round the equipment.

The Parish Council was informed that Tynedale Council is responsible for maintaining the play area in Innerhaugh Mews.

A councillor suggested the provision of a 'teen shelter' for use by young people as a meeting place. The Langley road was put forward as a possible location. Further information is to be sought on this proposal.

Parish Council Notes continue on page 15.

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I interrupt my history of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall, (HN Dec. 2008 / Feb. 2009) to bring you the contents of a letter published in the Illustrated London News one hundred and sixty years ago this month.

I have waited quite some time for an appropriate anniversary on which I could publish this correspondence in full in The Haydon News, where it will be archived for future reference.

Along with correspondence and provenance related to his paintings and engravings, written explanations of his engineering designs and projects, memories attributed to his contemporaries, and the memoirs of his eccentric brothers and his son Leopold Charles, these 'particulars' written in his own hand, have provided the basis for much of the recorded history of Haydon Bridge's most famous son, **John Martin**.

I am told there are those on our Haydon Development Trust who doubt the significance of John Martin to our history and heritage. If so, I suggest they read on, and continue with the books listed in my bibliography at the end of this piece; then peruse just a few of the seven thousand 'Google' references to the Haydon Bridge Martin family. It may then become clearer why future tourist development in our parish could successfully focus on the Martin family, John Martin and the cottage in which he was born.



John Martin
1839
Henry Warren

The previous issue of the Illustrated London News had contained a review outlining the life of John Martin, written by his son in law Peter Cunningham. The article was not to John's liking and he set about to put the record straight. The following autobiographical letter from the pen of the great artist and Haydonian was deemed so interesting it was reproduced in full by the editor of the famous publication, on March 17th

MR. JOHN MARTIN
Lindsey House, Chelsea.
March 14, 1849.

To the Editor of the
ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS

Sir,—Your journal is so distinguished for the accuracy of its statements, as rarely to present occasion for question; but the article concerning me in your last number was so unfortunate a tissue of errors from beginning to end, that it can only have the effect of misleading your readers; and I must, therefore, request your insertion of the following particulars, which, however brief, may at least be relied on, and thus supersede the unauthorised sketches of my life which have hitherto appeared.

I was born at a house called the East Land Ends, Haydon Bridge, near Hexham, 19th July, 1789, and received the rudiments of my education at the well-known free-school of that place.

Having, from my earliest years, attempted to draw, and expressed a determination to "be a painter," the question arose "how to turn my desires to profitable account" and it was ultimately decided to make me a herald painter in consequence of which, upon the removal of my family to Newcastle, I was, when 14, apprenticed to Wilson, the coach-builder, of that town.

I worked with him for a year, in no small degree disgusted at the drudgery which, as junior apprentice, I had to endure, and at not being allowed to practice the higher mysteries of the art when, just previously to the expiration of the year (from which period I was to have received an increase of pay), one of the senior apprentices told me that my employer would evade the payment of the first quarter, on the grounds that "I went on trial," but that "it was not in the indentures."

As it had been foretold, so it turned out. Upon claiming the increase I was referred to my articles, and the original sum was tendered.

This I indignantly rejected, saying, "What! you're soon beginning then, and mean to serve me the same as you did such an one? but I won't submit;" and, turning on my heel, I hastened home.

My father highly approved of my conduct - declared that I should not go back - and immediately furnished me

with proper drawing materials, the most satisfactory reward I could receive.

I worked away to my heart's content for some days; when, at length, while so employed the town sergeant came to take me off to the Guildhall, to answer charges brought against me by my master.

I was dreadfully frightened, the more so as none of my family was within call to accompany me: and, on entering the court, my heart sank at sight of the aldermen and my master, with lowering face, and his witnesses.

I was charged on oath with insolence - having run away - rebellious conduct - and threatening to do a private injury. In reply, I simply stated the facts as they occurred. The witness produced against me proved the correctness of my statement in every particular and the consequence was a decision in my favour.

Turning then, to my master, I said; "You have stated your dissatisfaction with me, and apprehensions of my doing you a private injury: under these circumstances, you can have no objection to returning my indentures."

Mr. Wilson was not prepared for this, but the Alderman immediately said,

"Yes Mr. Wilson, You must give the boy his indentures", they were accordingly handed over to me; and I was so overjoyed that, without waiting longer, I bowed and thanked the court, and running off to the coach factory, flourished the indentures over my head, crying,

"I've got my indentures, and your master has taken a false oath; and I don't know whether he is not in the pillory by this!"

My family were delighted with the spirit I had displayed, and at my emancipation from an occupation they saw was uncongenial, and my father at once took measures to place me under an Italian master of great merit, and some reputation in Newcastle, named Boniface Musso, the father of the celebrated enamel painter, Charles Muss. I remained under his instructions about a year, when Mr. C. Muss, who was settled in London, wished his father to come and reside with him, and M. Musso urged upon my parents the advantage of my accompanying him.

After much cogitation, many misgivings on my mother's part, and solemn charges to our friend, it was ultimately

agreed that I should join him in London within a few months.

I accordingly arrived in London at the beginning of September, 1806; but, unluckily for the lovers of romance, I was not cast upon the wide world in quite such a forlorn and destitute condition as your earlier contributor states; for I had a good outfit - small, though sufficient funds for immediate purposes, notwithstanding my having been robbed off all my loose cash, by a poor passenger in the ship - and most important of all, I was placed under the protection of kind and excellent friends.

The treatment I experienced from Mr. C. Muss soon satisfied me that he conceived my means to be far more extended than they were; I therefore took an early opportunity of informing him that I had resolved never more to receive pecuniary assistance from my parents, who had already done enough in providing means for establishing me in London; that, as my present resources were not equal to a due recompense for his liberality, I thought it only right to tell him my position.

He was pleased with my honourable candour, and saying that he would do all in his power to promote my laudable intentions, immediately undertook to employ me in his glass and china painting establishment in a department where my facility in designing and painting landscape scenes would be very useful; and from this time I supported myself solely by my own exertions, and with advantage to my employers.

After a few months, feeling uncomfortable, owing to some little differences with a member of Mr. M's family, I removed from his house in Wynyatt Street, New River Head, to Adam Street West, Cumberland Place, continuing to work for Mr. Muss's firm during the day, and sitting up at night till two and three o'clock in the morning acquiring that knowledge of perspective and architecture which has since been so valuable to me. Here I remained till 1809, when I married, and removed to Northumberland Street, Marylebone, thence to High Street; thence, in 1818, to 30, Allsop Terrace, New Road; and thence, after 30 years' residence, to my present abode; and these are the only places in London I have ever lived in.

Shortly before my marriage Mr. Muss's establishment broke up, and those employed in it had the option of seeking independent employment or following the fortunes of the different members

of the firm. I, of course, accompanied my friend, and was subsequently engaged with him in the glass painting, carried on by Mr. Collins, in the Strand, occupying my evenings upon water-colour drawings, and contriving, in odd hours, to paint in oil my first picture ever exhibited ("A Clytie"), which was sent to the Academy in 1810, and rejected for want of room, though not condemned, as I afterwards learnt through Mr. Tresham. I therefore sent it again in 1811, when it was hung in a good situation in the Great Room!

At the beginning of the following year, having now lost my employment at Collins's, it became indeed necessary to work hard, and, as I was ambitious of fame, I determined on painting a large picture, "Sadak," which was executed in a month. You may easily guess my feelings when I overheard the men who were placing it in the frame disputing as to which was the top of the picture!

The work, however, though hung in the ante-room of the Royal Academy, received, to my inexpressible delight, a notice in the newspapers, and was eventually sold, under interesting circumstances, to the late Mr. Manning, for 50 guineas.

The following year, 1813, I sent "The Expulsion" to the British Institution, and "Adam's first sight of Eve," to the Royal Academy, and was again given a place in the Great Room.

My next painting, "Clytie," though a picture which has stood the test of criticism during many years, was in 1814 placed in the ante-room of the Royal Academy.

The following year I sent the "Joshua," which was again hidden in the ante-room; the next year, 1817, I sent it to the British Institution, where it attracted great attention, and I was rewarded with the chief premium of the year, £100; but the picture was not sold till some years afterwards, when it went as a companion to the "Belshazzar."

Down to this period I had supported myself and family by pursuing almost every branch of my profession - teaching - painting small oil pictures, glass enamel paintings, watercolour drawings; in fact, the usual tale of a struggling artist's life.

I had been so successful with my sepia drawings that the Bishop of Salisbury, the tutor to the Princess Charlotte,

advised me not to risk my reputation by attempting the large picture of "Joshua."

As is generally the case in such matters, these well-meant recommendations had no effect; but, at all events, the confidence I had in my powers was justified, for the success of my "Joshua" opened a new era to me.

In 1818 I removed to a superior house, and had to devote my time mainly to executing some immediately profitable works; but, in 1819, I produced the "Fall of Babylon," which was second only to the "Belshazzar" in the attention it excited. The following year came "Macbeth," one of my most successful landscapes. Then, in 1821, "Belshazzar's Feast," an elaborate picture, which occupied a year in executing, and which received the premium of £200 from the British Institution.

In the next year, 1822, appeared the "Destruction of Herculaneum," another elaborate work. In 1823, the "Seventh Plague" and "Paphian Bower." In 1824 the "Creation;" in 1826 the "Deluge," and in 1828 the "Fall of Nineveh,"

In addition to the above were many smaller pictures, duplicates of some of the above subjects, sketches, and drawings, but the most important of all was my acquiring the art of engraving, and producing the "Illustrations of Milton," designed on the plates (and for which I received 2000 guineas) the "Belshazzar's Feast," the first large steel plate ever engraved in mezzotinto; the "Joshua" and the "Deluge," between the years 1823 and 1828.

Thus it will be seen that all my greatest works which have gained me a reputation both at home and abroad, were produced within the eleven years immediately succeeding the first fair exhibition of my "Joshua," and that "the bitter sayings of envious artists" arose from no inertness on my part, whilst the rapid and substantial success which attended my efforts certainly warranted no supposition of any "false and temporary appreciation of my merits." On the contrary, the inferences are all the other way, if we may judge from the fact that, of all my numerous works, I have but one oil painting in my own possession - the earlier works having been purchased by the late Mr. Henry Phillip Hope, the Duke of Buckingham, Lord de Tabley, Earl of Durham, Earl Grey, and others; the more recent ones by the Duke of Sutherland, Prince Albert, and Mr. Scarisbrick - to whose cultivated taste I am as much indebted as

to his liberal patronage.

The notice and honours I have received from foreign courts arose chiefly from the circulation of my engravings, as only two of my pictures have ever been seen abroad - the "Fall of Nineveh" at Brussels, and the "Deluge" in Paris; the first procured me the large medal of the Exhibition, the order of Leopold, and my election as a member of the Academy of Antwerp; the second the gold medal, and a magnificent present of Sevres from the King of the French.

These facts show that if I had enemies among the artists, their aspersions did not retard my progress, However, I myself much doubt the existence of such ill-feeling in the outset, though there can be little question that eventually my success, by my own independent means, raised a sufficient number of detractors.

As regards the Royal Academy, I, doubtless, had reason to complain; for as I progressed in art and reputation my places on its walls retrograded my first works being placed in the Great Room, whereas, all the subsequent, and with every show of probability, superior, productions were placed in a dark hole called the Ante-room. This led to my ceasing to enter my name upon its books, to my considering its laws, and to my opposition on public grounds, my quarrel being, not with individual members, but with the association itself; for I was satisfied that a body so constituted, a close and narrow monopoly, with the privileges of a Royal charter and power of a public institution, could not but produce a mischievous effect on art itself.

I have expressed these convictions in evidence before the House of Commons, and yet hope to see a thorough reform, and all such monopolies thrown open.

I have already encroached so much upon your space that I have scarcely room to account for the last 20 years of my life; suffice it, that some portion was devoted to engraving, which I was eventually obliged to abandon, owing to the imperfect laws of copyright, my property being constantly and variously infringed, that it became ruinous to contend with those who robbed me and I was, therefore, driven from the market by inferior copies of my own works, to the manifest injury of my credit and pecuniary resources, while I may, without vanity, affirm that even art itself suffers by the non-circulation of the engravings, for, of course, neither my

own plates nor the pirated copies will sell without the impulse of novelty.

In consequence of the strong interest I had always felt in the improvement of the condition of the people, and the sanitary state of the country, I turned my attention to engineering subjects; and two-thirds of my time, and a very large portion of my pecuniary means, have, since 1821, been devoted to the objects I had at heart, though even here I have been obstructed and injured by the same objection of the inefficiency of the patent laws, and, indeed, total absence of real protection of original designs in engineering and mechanics.

Your limits will not admit of the particulars of injuries I have sustained on this head, and I will therefore merely enumerate the plans I have put forth.

My attention was first occupied in endeavouring to procure an improved supply of pure water to London, diverting the sewage from the river, and rendering it available as manure; and in 1827 and 1828 I published plans for the purpose. In 1829 I published further plans for accomplishing the same objects by different means, namely, a weir across the Thames, and for draining the marshy lands, &c. In 1832, 1834, 1836, 1838, 1842, 1843, 1845, and 1847, I published and republished additional particulars - being so bent upon my object that I was determined never to abandon it; and though I have reaped no other advantage I have, at least, the satisfaction of knowing that the agitation thus kept up constantly, solely by myself, has resulted in a vast alteration in the quantity and quality of water supplied by the companies, and in the establishment of a Board of Health, which will, in all probability, eventually carry out most of the objects I have been so long urging.

Amongst the other proposals which I have advanced is my railway connecting the river and docks with all the railways that diverge from London, and apparently approved by the Railway Termini Commissioners, as the line they intimate coincides with that submitted by me, and published in their report - the principle of rail adopted by the Great Western line - the lighthouse for the sands appropriated by Mr. Walker In his Maplin sand lighthouse - the flat anchor and wire cable - mode of ventilating coal mines - floating harbour and pier - iron ship -

and various other inventions of comparatively minor importance, but all conducing to the great ends of improving the health of the country, increasing the produce of the land, and furnishing employment for the people in remunerative works.

With every apology for the length of my communication, which must satisfy you that I have never been an idle man, I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN MARTIN.

John Martin had at least eight further new works that I am aware of, hung in the British Institution and Royal Academy after the date of his letter to the Illustrated London News. As well as three further proposals aimed at improving the conditions for the residents of London. And, early in 1851, John embarked on his Judgement paintings, 'The Great Day of his Wrath', 'The Last Judgement' and 'The Plains of Heaven'.

John's output of art and design was truly remarkable.

On November 12th 1853 on the Isle of Man, John Martin suffered a seizure that was to deprive him of his speech and the use of his right hand and by the end of the year, having chosen abstinence as an unsuccessful remedy for his complaint, his health deteriorated rapidly and he died on the February 17th, 1854.

(For John Martin's Isle of Man connection see HN's August/October 2006)

It was appropriate that at the time of his death, John Martin's Judgement Paintings had been brought to Newcastle to be exhibited at the Victoria Rooms in Grey Street. Subsequently however, the Laing gallery was unable to meet the £1,500 auction price for the three paintings.

If it was unfortunate that the Laing failed to secure the paintings for the county of the artist's birth, it was positively unforgiving that the committee of the Haydon Bridge Library and News Room, - later to be called the Reading Room - had been so dilatory in a response to their most famous son, that a letter from the then secretary of the News Room, accepting John's offer of paintings for the place of his birth, did not arrive until the day of his funeral. *(See HN September 2000)*

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If you would like to read more about John Martin, I can suggest a number of

publications that will be appropriate. The **Haydon News** of course, as noted, and *October 2000 to February 2001*. Henry Swaddle's world of John Martin **web site**: www.wojm.org.uk

Reminiscences of John were published by Leopold Charles, John's son, in *The Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* (January 5th to April 20th 1889).

The original John Martin biography in book form was '**John Martin Painter**' written by Mary L. Pendered (1923).

This was updated to a large extent by '**John Martin**' Thomas Balston (1947).

Over eighty examples of John's work are illustrated and annotated in '**John Martin**' by Michael Johnstone (1974).

'**The Art of John Martin**' by William Feaver (1975) is very readable and well illustrated. If you are going to read only one book on our famous Haydonian as an artist, this is my recommendation.

'**John Martin Visionary Printmaker**' by Michael J. Campbell (1992) is an excellent presentation of John Martin's prints.

John Martin's remarkable and influential position in our country's Victorian 'hall of fame', is well recorded in '**London Lights**' by James Hamilton (2007).

And finally (for now):

A 2009 publication - straight off the press. In '**The Firebringers**' Newcastle author **Max Adams** has chosen the colourful Haydon Bridge, Martin family, as a constant thread with which to weave his tapestry of a host of Victorian pioneers and their achievements.



The richly varied lives of the Martin brothers, each of whom spent some time at the family home and place of John's birth at East Land Ends, reflected the many upheavals of Britain in the age of industrial revolution. They were four, in a generation of artists, scientists and inventors whom, according to the author, witnessed the creation of the modern world.

William, the eldest, was an eccentric inventor; Richard, a courageous and elusive soldier; Jonathan, a hellfire preacher tormented by madness and touched with a visionary genius, who almost burned down York Minster in 1829; while John, the youngest Martin, invented, mastered and exhausted an entire genre of painting, the apocalyptic sublime; while playing host in his London home to the foremost writers,

ROBERT HENRY VEITCH

I am sad to have to report the death of Harry Veitch. A one time Haydon Bridge resident and a subscriber and contributor to *The Haydon News*.

Harry moved with his family to his grandfather Robert Saint's house, 29 John Martin Street, in 1920 and lived there until 1935. Fortunately for the records of our parish history, Harry had a remarkable memory for the people, places, dates and events during his fifteen years here.

Harry's recollections, often written in fine script, were for me a joy to read and always contained remarkable detail. I could fill *The Haydon News* with his written memories and our regular readers will recall many occasions when I have referred to his correspondence in my Historical Notes.

The job situation was so bad at Haydon Bridge in 1935 that Harry left for London in October of that year looking for work. He used to tell me that, "John Martin wasn't the only Haydon Bridge boy prepared to spread his wings!"

Harry never forgot our parish and kept in touch through a weekly delivery of the *Hexham Courant* and *The Haydon News*, of which he was so generous in his praise and financial support through the Friends of Haydon Bridge.

I don't doubt that I will continue to call on my archive of Harry Veitch's correspondence for my historical records of our parish, and I know that he would appreciate that.

Harry Veitch died on January 31st 2009, four days before his 93rd birthday, after a fall and a subsequent short illness.

Our sympathy goes out to his family at this sad time and I leave you with Harry's words written to me in August 2008 as a post script to yet another recollection.

'From someone who has such clear memories of Haydon Bridge. Not just clear but dear.

The passage of time means nothing!

RV



My 1933 photograph shows Harry Veitch (top right) near Pandon Pool, once a favourite spot for Haydonians; on the River Tyne below and east of Temple Houses.

Back row from left to right: Harry Watson. Willie Cowan. Cyril Fatherley. George Curry. John Wilson. Harry Veitch.

Front row: Sidney Melvin. Charlie Bates. Robin Armstrong. Ernie Marsh. June Armstrong.

scientists and intellectuals of the day. Max Adams' historical knowledge is presented as a fascinating story, where everyone who was anyone during this era of technological, political and social revolution, turns up in the 300 pages, with our Haydon Bridge family as the central characters.

Success for 'The Firebringers' will surely bring our Martin brothers to the attention of a wider public.

If, after many years of personal

research, I have accurately judged John Martin's character, I fear that our famous son will be turning in his Kirk Braddon tomb at the failure of the publisher to correctly attribute the dust jacket painting. Nevertheless, there is much in Max Adams' book to provide succour for the newly formed Haydon Development Trust, in its search for tourism opportunities for the parish - if they are prepared to pick up the torch and run with it!

FIRST CLASS MAIL

As our capital city slithered and drifted to an ignominious halt in the face of a few snow showers - and made a song and dance about it - I was reminded of those who keep the public services running here in our parish.

Unable to reach our house up a snow bound icy lane, Christopher Coombes completed his risk assessment, put his letters in a sack and completed the 1/4 mile delivery on foot.

Thank goodness for Northumbrian resourcefulness and commitment. William Brayson, Matt Smith, Eric Taylor, Sep Waugh, David Corbett, Bill Foster, David Tulip, Nellie Charlton, Lizzie Law, Amy Young, Audrey Phillips, & etc., each of whom walked without complaint for miles in all weathers to make sure the post was delivered on time, would have been, or will be, pleased that a pride in the service of their chosen profession is still alive locally.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB Annual General Meeting

The Secretary John DeStefano reported the sad loss of Treasurer Alan Howard, in December. Otherwise, 2008 had been another successful year for this popular club with 80 members. The following committee was elected for 2009.

President: Betty Hargreaves.

Chairman: William Foster.

Vice Chairman: Colin McCabe.

Secretary: John DeStefano.

Treasurer: Ben Gibbard.

Membership Secretaries:

Margaret Moffat. Dot DeStefano.

Programme Secretaries: Emmi Althaus
Christine and Henry Swaddle.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

WINTER and SPRING TALKS 2009

5th March: Mr. & Mrs. Jamieson.
'The Flowers of the Dolomites.'

19th March: Mike Pearce.
'The Azores.'

2nd April: Michael Carrier.
'A Look at Immigration. (Birds)'

**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**

LAST ORDERS

With a recorded history of almost six hundred uninterrupted years, the Anchor Hotel is clearly of great importance to the life of Haydon Bridge and the wider parish.

The Anchor was developed into an hotel of exceptional quality by John and Vivien Dees but following their retirement has had a chequered history and a number of owners, tenants and managers until Janice (Turnbull) and Norman (Wardle) took on the responsibility, under the ownership of New Century Inns, of building again a reputation for good food, a pleasant stop for visitors and a welcoming atmosphere locals of all ages could enjoy.

Unfortunately, after six and a half years, Janice and Norman have been unable to reach informal agreements with the present owners, Greene King Pub Partners, that they enjoyed with the previous owners, and they served their last drinks on February 22nd.

I understand that our historic Anchor Hotel will re-open on March 4th and I'm sure that the recently formed Haydon Development Trust, will want to seek assurances from the owners that a flourishing letting and pub trade is uppermost in their plans for the hotel's future. Especially when a priority, once the bypass is open, will be to attract more visitors to stay a while in Haydon Bridge and district.

Janice tells me that in August 2002, Norman and herself were given only twenty four hours in which to decide whether they were prepared to take over the Anchor as tenants and, although she had doubts at the time, Norman's previous experience as a chef and in the pub trade, including time at the Anchor, was to serve them well as they developed the business.

Good food, eleven letting bedrooms, and a close association with Langley Castle; while continuing to provide a village 'pub' atmosphere where pool, darts and football teams were made welcome, was a sign of their success. After a cautious start, Janice and Norman are proud to have survived as

the longest serving tenants since the Dees' family owned the Anchor and are sorry to be leaving. They have particular concerns for their loyal staff and customers, and wish them well. "It has been an experience we will never forget," said Janice. "Even though the working hours are long, that has been more than made up for by the lovely people we have worked with and met over the six and a half years."

The success or otherwise of an hotel, is usually reflected in its visitors book and Janice and Norman leave behind a long list of compliments from those who have visited and stayed at the Anchor during their tenancy.

'Lovely stay once again. Great food. The best roast ever'

'Top spot. A great night.'

'Great stay. Friendly people.'

'A very good stop with friendly staff and service.'

'We would travel miles just for Norman's Sunday dinner.'

'Friendly and helpful hosts.'

**Norman and Janice have left their
mark on a prominent and historic
Haydon Bridge hotel
and we wish them well in
whatever they choose to do next.**



**A proud moment for Janice and Norman ,
winning the silver medal in**

ANCHOR HOTEL 2002 — 2009

NORMAN and JANICE

**Thank all staff and customers for their loyal
support over the last six and a half years.**

Best wishes to you all for the future.



FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday January 12th 2009

At the Friends of Haydon Bridge AGM held in the Haydon Bridge Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday January 12th 2009, the following officials were appointed.

Chairman: Dennis Telford

Vice Chairman: Dennis Gilert

Secretary: Elena Parkin

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Mike Parkin

General Committee: Catherine Hall, Storey Hall, Sylvia Mitchell.

Editors: Mike Parkin, Dennis Telford.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2008

During 2008, subscriptions/donations were received from 122 members of the public and special thanks are due to those readers who responded to our appeal for donations towards a new printer. A new printer for the Haydon News was purchased in 2008.

THE HAYDON NEWS

In 2008, the **Friends of Haydon Bridge** continued to publish 'The Haydon News' as a parish magazine. 985 copies were printed, collated and distributed free each month (10 issues during the year, excluding January and September). The Haydon News is posted to 26 subscribers each month and a limited number of spare copies are left at Claires Newsagents; for those who do not receive direct delivery of The Haydon News.

The **Haydon News On Line** is published monthly on www.haydon-news.co.uk where back issues of The Haydon News are archived.

Regular features in The Haydon News during 2008 included: Editorial Comment, Parish Council Notes, Historical Notes, Correspondence, Doctor's Pages, Church Pages, Poets' Corner a monthly cartoon by 'Panda', the monthly crossword, reports on local group meetings/events/ projects, reports of individual achievement and issues of interest and concern within the parish. Regular reports on events at Shaftoe Trust First School during 2008 have been well received by our readers and we are grateful to Mrs. Audrey Cox and her staff and look forward to their continuing contributions. We also look forward to regular contributions from the Haydon Bridge Pharmacy in the coming year.

Dr. Steven Ford retired from his practice during 2008 and on behalf of The FofHB I wish him well and thank him for his excellent monthly contributions over the years. I welcome our new GP partner, Dr. Paul Wyatt, as a contributor, replacing Steve Ford, and can report that his interesting, amusing and informative Haydon News Blog has already proved to be a hit with readers.

The Haydon News continued to report on the progress of the Haydon Bridge Bypass as a result of monthly meetings with Andrew Harding the contractor's Project Manager.. Regular updates also included the activities of the Parish Plan Steering Group, the Tyne Valley Rail User Group and the Tyne Rivers Trust.

Our May issue included the Haydon Bridge Local Artists' Summer Exhibition entry form and a Tyne Rivers Trust supplement. In February 2008 we included the Village Design Statement and Questionnaire and in December we included the Haydonian Social Club Newsletter and a programme of licensed festive events.

I take this opportunity to thank all our regular and occasional writers and correspondents who have contributed to The Haydon News in 2008 and hope they continue to do so in 2009. Thanks are also due to Ernie Swinburn, the Hexham Courant and particularly Steven Brown, for providing access to and occasional use of their photographs.

PARISH PLAN

As chairman of the Friends of Haydon Bridge I submitted a number of agreed proposals on the Friends' behalf, in response to the Parish Plan Steering Group's Survey. I await the outcomes of the newly formed Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust to determine whether our recommendations/comments in relation to the next five years in the parish are acted upon.

The Friends of Haydon Bridge was represented on the Parish Plan Steering Group by Mike Parkin.

www.visit-haydon-bridge.co.uk

Further work on this village web site, developed and maintained on a **voluntary** basis by committee members of The Friends of Haydon Bridge and Henry Swaddle, has been abandoned on the news that the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust intend to develop their own funded village web site.

REMEMBRANCE

Storey and Catherine Hall laid a remembrance wreath at the Haydon Bridge memorial in November 2008, on behalf of the Friends of Haydon Bridge.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

During the year, the Friends of Haydon Bridge has undertaken its Community Association responsibilities and has been represented on the Community Association by Mike Parkin.

Finally, thank you. To our advertisers, to those volunteers who deliver The Haydon News and to those who support printing and production. To Claire Marshall (Newsagent) who provides a central location for The Haydon News contributions etc., and to the officers and committee members who carry out and oversee the activities of the Friends of Haydon Bridge.

Dennis Telford
Chairman. (January 2009)

I am sure you've all noticed the snow. The last couple of weeks have shown us winter can still have a sting in the tail even in these globally warmer times. I love watching the white stuff falling and love getting out there sledging or dreaming of the days when I had time and the finances to go on skiing holidays (no children then)!

So I must have had a bit of a bee in my bonnet last week when I had an afternoon off and 3 children to look after. The first, gentle slope at the top of Causey Hill went down fine... I thought I was starting to make competent sledgers of them.... the hot chocolate was a positive blast with the younger Wyatts, too.... But I must have lost hold of the more discerning bits of my mind when I pointed my 6 year old down a 45 degree slope in full charge of the "blue flash". He started off fine, your honour. He even seemed to be enjoying it initially. Then, unfortunately, the pace got too much for him and a great plume of powder, blue plastic and boy began rolling and turning what seemed like miles below me (I am sure snow blindness must have clouded my judgement and foreshortened the hill...) He should have been safely at the bottom by this time, but my poor son stood up, with a trickle of blood just starting on his upper lip no more than half way down the slope! This reminded me of something I was forgetting... snow is dangerous... sledges go fast... I now remember dimly a trip of my own to casualty many years ago with a suspected broken collar bone following a sledging accident. I think it was only because I used to play hockey with the casualty doctor that he indulged me with an X Ray. He then told me I was just a bit shaken up, it did not look broken, it was not broken... He was right, it was much better in only 3 or 4 months.... But I digress, fortunately my elder son was also no more than bravely shaken up. He even managed to walk himself back up the hill. And there was no need for a trip to casualty... I only had to face my wife with our slightly battered son.

I must be forgiven as she "let" me take them sledging again today and I can now proudly say that my 6 year old can definitely steer a sledge, 20 or so years earlier developmentally than his father could!

But, of course, snow is dangerous as well as fun. I have been very impressed

by the response of Haydon Bridge residents to the snow. On that first Monday of last week I must have seen 6 or 7 of our villagers in their 70s and 80s who had walked to the surgery through up to 2 inches of snow! Well done to all of you, but please don't put yourselves at risk to come and see us. We do understand cancellations of routine appointments, etc made because of the weather!

I have, of course, been dredging up old and new jokes of low to middling quality about snow, so here are a few that made me smile:

- How do snowmen travel around ?
 - By icicle !
- Where do snowmen go to dance ?
 - Snowballs
- What happened when the snow girl fell out with the snow boy ?
 - She gave him the cold shoulder!

How do you know when there is a snowman in your bed?
□ You wake up wet !

Late Health advice for the New Year

The following is lifted directly from an organisation called 'bandolier' which summarises the best available evidence on health related topics. These are their top 10 non-medicinal evidence based tips for living a healthy life (not in order of importance):

Eat whole grain foods (bread, rice or pasta) on four occasions a week. This will reduce the chance of having any cancer by 40%. Given that cancer gets about 1 in 3 of us in a lifetime, that's big advice.

Don't smoke. If you do smoke, stop. If you can't stop try to reduce your smoking, as there is a profound dose-response. (The more you smoke the more likely you are to have cancer, or heart or respiratory disease). So cut down to below five a day and leave long portions of the day without a cigarette.

Eat at least five portions of vegetables and fruit a day, and especially tomatoes (including ketchup), red grapes and the like, as well as salad all year. This protects against a whole

variety of different nasty things.....

It reduces the risk of stroke dramatically.

It reduces the risk of diabetes considerably. It will reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer.

Use Benecol instead of butter or margarine. It really does reduce cholesterol, and reducing cholesterol will reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke even in those whose cholesterol is not particularly high.

Drink alcohol regularly. The type of alcohol probably doesn't matter too much, but the equivalent of a couple of glasses of wine a day or a couple of beers is a good thing. The odd day without alcohol won't hurt either. Think of it as medicine. (Drinking more than this loses the benefits and drinking significantly more quickly leads to a whole host of other medical and social problems.

Eat fish. Eating fish once a week won't stop you having a heart attack, but it reduces the likelihood of dying from it by half.

Take a multivitamin tablet everyday, but be sure that it's one with at least 200 micrograms of folate. The evidence is that this can substantially reduce chances of heart disease in some individuals, and it has been shown to reduce colon cancer by over 85%. It may also reduce the likelihood of developing dementia. Folate is essential in any woman contemplating pregnancy because it will reduce the chance of birth defects.

If you are pregnant or have high blood pressure coffee is best minimised. For the rest of us drinking four cups of coffee a day is likely to reduce our chances of getting colon cancer and Parkinson's disease.

Get breathless more often. You don't have to go to a gym or be an Olympic marathon runner. Simply walking a mile a day, or taking reasonable exercise three times a week (enough to make you sweat or glow) will substantially reduce the risk of heart disease. If you walk don't dawdle. Make it a brisk pace. One of the benefits of regular exercise is that it strengthens bones and keeps them strong. Breaking a hip when elderly is a very serious thing.

Check you height and weight on a chart. to see if you are overweight for your height. Your body mass index is the

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Leo Pyle



“Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” MT.4.4
.....a truth to make our day and every day of our lives. Just see the power of the word in Jesus’ life and know for certain what that word can bring into our experience. “The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days...was tempted by Satan...was with the wild beasts and the angels looked after him.

That is a brilliant literary summary of the whole of our lives too, context, the desert, Satan, wild beasts and angels. Informed by the word Jesus lives life to the full, with all its positives, negatives, plus’s and minus’s and through it all he experiences God’s constant angelic care. The same description applies to our lives, desert, Satan, wild beasts and angels. And we can outcome with Jesus.

As Jesus says, “The time has come....and the kingdom of God is close at hand.” To experience all this here and now all we need to do is go with radical the change we call repentance, being worked in us by God’s unconditional love. All we need to do is to live by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

We become covenant people, riding life’s storms and experiencing deep down salvation. The good and upright Lord shows us the way, guides our every step and teaches us all we need to know.

So our Lenten exercises remind us of the logic of our baptism. Our baptism was not a once and for all event which took place umpteen years ago. That great event was but the start of a lifelong relationship, always maturing, always deepening as we identify more and more completely with Jesus, the way, the truth and the life.

Now that is living, “living on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

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

It really must be some kind of madness and we know it is, to miss out on God’s free offer. But then, that is up to us. It is up to us to say “Yes” to God and his unconditional love and go for it.

Leo Pyle

Holy Week 2009

Tuesday April 7th
Stations of the Cross. St John’s 7.30pm

April 9th Maundy Thursday
Lord’s Supper. St. Cuthbert’s 6.30pm

April 10th Good Friday
Methodist Church11.00am.
St. Cuthbert’s12.00 noon
Passion of our Lord. St John’s 3.00pm

Saturday April 11th
Easter Vigil Mass St John’s 7.30pm

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1 March

United Service 10.30am
Trinity, Hexham
Transport will be arranged
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Stephen Caddy

6 March

10.00am Women's World Day of
Prayer—Brenda Mearns

8 March

10.00am Morning Worship
Raymond Rutherford
6.00pm Evening Service
Daniel Forshaw

15 March

10.00am Morning Worship
Joyce Short
6.00pm Communion Service
Rev Les Hann

22 March

10.00am Family Service
Mothering Sunday
Patrick Eavis
6.00pm Praise Evening

29 March

10.00am Readers Service
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Les Hann

BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

1 March

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

8 March

*11.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

15 March
Beltingham

9.30am Matins

22 March

Henshaw
9.30am Family Communion
Service—Mothering Sunday

29 March

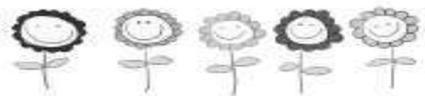
Henshaw
9.30am Confirmation
Bishop Stephen Pedley

5 April

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 March

11.00am BCP Communion

8 March

11.00am Joint Communion
Service

15 March

11.00am Communion

22 March

11.00am Family Communion
Service—Mothering Sunday

29 March

*9.30am Confirmation
Service at Henshaw*

5 April

11.00am BCP Communion

Women's World Day of
Prayer

Friday 6th March
10am at the Methodist
Church
Speaker—Brenda Mearns
All welcome

Concerts at the Methodist Church
Saturday 14th March 7.00 pm
Return visit of the Derwent Singers

Saturday 4th April 7.30 pm
"Sheds on Fire" Community Band
tickets £5 (with supper) Kathleen 688131 Patsy 684482

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

If you would like to be confirmed then please get in contact with the Vicar asap to
arrange appropriate preparation sessions.

For more information ring 684307, email vicarette@homecall.co.uk
or call in at the Vicarage .

BYPASS UPDATE

As the March opening date for the Haydon Bridge Bypass gets ever closer, plans are complete for parishioners to **visit the bypass on Sunday March 8th.** (See separate notice below.)

Local residents will be welcomed at the Cemetery Road compound any time between 10.00am and 2.00pm (parking



A69 HAYDON BRIDGE BYPASS OPEN DAY SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2009 10am Till 2.00pm

Prior to the official opening of the Bypass, CVC Highway Solutions are offering the opportunity to view the new road before traffic is allowed to use it. Mini buses will be running from the main compound on Cemetery Road to provide a short guided tour of the Bypass.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available at the main compound for those wishing to attend

THE VICTORIANS

Are you watching Jeremy Paxman's TV programme, revealing Victorian Britain through 19th century art?

We do not know how much of our parish's landscape ended up on the 'cutting room' floor, but the final programme of the series will feature the work of our famous painter John Martin.

So don't forget to tune in or set your recorder for: **9.00pm on Sunday March 8th 2009, BBC 1 TV.**

available) and will be provided with refreshments and have an opportunity to question CVC Highway Solutions staff.

A 15-20 minute mini bus tour of the bypass will follow.

Children from Shaftoe Trust First School will enjoy an organised visit to the bypass on Friday March 6th.

Once the bypass finishing work is completed - road signs, white lines, cats eyes etc. - the road will be opened and works that cannot be completed until the traffic is moved onto the new bypass, will be undertaken; including a permanent power supply to the lights at the east end junction.

Landscaping and re-instatement of the fields adjacent to the bypass, that have been used during construction, will be completed once the land dries out sufficiently, hopefully by the summer

THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR BARRY

There was a surprise climax to the Railway Hotel's, St. Valentine's night Mr. & Mrs. competition.

On the question of romance, Barry Hope's credentials were laid bare when he came out on top with his partner Carolyn Hislop.

There follows a candle lit dinner for the winners, through the kind generosity of Langley Castle Hotel.

Move over Vera. There's another lady in your son's life!!

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY R.C.CHURCH HAYDON BRIDGE

TABLE TOP SALE
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH.
10.00 am TILL 2.00 pm

£5 PER TABLE.

TO BOOK A TABLE CONTACT
MAUREEN CLARKE
01434 684666

months.

As we approach the final stages of the work, the contractors, CVC Highway Solutions, wish to express their gratitude through The Haydon News, to the residents of Haydon Bridge and the wider parish, for their understanding during the construction of the new bypass.

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

As we go to print, I am informed that plans are at an advanced stage for the **Official Opening of the Haydon Bridge Bypass**, on Wednesday March 25th 2009, when invited guests will be present at the unveiling of a plaque set in stone to commemorate the opening.

We expect to have a report of this event in next month's Haydon News.

Some advice on BEATING THE COLD from June Henriksen

I hear there are some good **local recipes** going round. Here is one to be going on with:

Sausage Casserole

1 lb sausages
1 large apple, sliced or chopped up into pieces
1 tin tomatoes
2 or 3 large potatoes for mash (decide how much you want)
Mixed herbs
A couple of spring onions
Cheese to grate

Grill the sausages until most of the fat has gone.
Cook the potato (boil or steam) and mash with butter, seasoning and a little milk.
Chop the two scallions and add to the mash.
Cut the sausage up into bite size chunks.
Layer the bottom of a casserole or deep pie dish with chopped apple.
Put the sausage chunks on top.
Add the tin of tomatoes and spread across the casserole.
Season and sprinkle with mixed herbs.
Spread the mash on top to cover the dish.
Sprinkle over grated cheese.
Add a couple of knobs of butter.

Bake at 200° C for 40 mins.

Serves 4, with green veg.

Recipe from: Peggy Hedley



Langley W.I.

Most members braved the arctic conditions to reach Langley Village Hall for February's meeting. The speaker for the evening was Mrs Langford. She talked about her childhood living in occupied Holland. She told of having anything of value confiscated by the Germans and of the lengths people went to in order to keep their possessions. One farmer dug a hole and buried his car until the war was over. She was unable to say whether the car still worked when it was dug up.

Mrs Langford told how her father was sent to a prison camp for six weeks because he had a small picture of the Dutch Queen at his workplace. She read extracts from her English mother's diary which was written in English towards the end of the war. The diary described the cold harsh conditions of everyday life under occupation. The extreme shortage of food, conserving candles and the cold winter weather were all described in the diary. Mrs Langford recalled her mother and sister cycling to a farm on bicycles with no tyres to collect food parcels which it was forbidden to have. Returning from the farm they had to cross a bridge guarded by Germans. Her mum left the food parcels at a nearby house and borrowed changes of clothes so that she could cross the bridge several times wearing different clothes to fool the guards. It took several hours to do, but she succeeded in getting all the food parcels home. When Holland was liberated they were able to move back into their own house having spent the war with friends and relatives while a German officer occupied their house. Mrs Langford told how she used to go over to the Canadian camp for breakfast every morning. She then showed us a small Canadian uniform which she had been given. She emphasised several times during her talk how grateful the Dutch people were for the contribution Britain gave to them during the war, especially listening to the elicit radio and hearing the words 'This is London Calling'.

Next month's meeting, 10th March. Speaker will be from Traidcraft. All Welcome.

Cathy Duffy

Parish Council Notes (continued from page 3).

A brown tourist sign is to be erected at the Langley road entrance to Shaftoe Green to direct visitors to the picnic area.

Other business.

The poor condition of the external walls of the Anchor Hotel was noted. As this is such a prominent building in the centre of the village, Grade 2 listed for its historical significance and architecture, the council are to contact the owners to request improvements.

Model Financial Regulations for the Parish Council were accepted but further discussion is to take place on contracts and tender requirements.

The toilet sign at the end of John Martin Street is to be repaired.

A councillor reported difficulties trying to contact Riverside Housing (the housing association managing the new houses at the Showfield) despite the fact that during their presentation to the Parish Council the company stressed their local credentials. The councillor reported that having made several attempts to get through to the 'local' office in Gateshead he had not yet succeed in

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THE BYPASS SUCCESS

Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service wish to bring to the attention of local people the hazards that the new junctions on the bypass will bring to motorists.

Drivers leaving the village and joining the new road need to be aware that traffic on the bypass will be travelling at 60mph, and in some cases even faster. At these speeds a much greater gap will be needed before drivers move out from the junctions to join the main carriageway. Where previously they might have edged slowly forward to get out of Church Street, or any of the other junctions, on to the A69 Ratcliffe Road, this could prove to be a deadly manoeuvre when the traffic they are joining is travelling at much greater speeds.

The Service remind motorists of the tragic events that took place after the opening of the Haltwhistle Bypass, when several incidents involving local people occurred in the first few months.

PLEASE DON'T LEARN THE HARD WAY

Make sure the A69 Haydon Bridge Bypass is a real success for local people and village visitors.

**TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE
BYPASS WE ARE PLANNING FOR A
COMMUNITY STREET PARTY IN
RATCLIFFE ROAD ON
SUNDAY, 24TH MAY.**
**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP PLAN
THE PARTY, ORGANISE EVENTS, AND RAISE
FUNDS.**

**IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE COME TO THE
VOLUNTEERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH AT 7.30pm
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
Further information from Eileen Charlton 684 505**

getting past the head office in Liverpool.

A meeting is planned for March to look at possible improvements to the Station Car Park.

A request was made for a bus stop sign outside the Community Centre, particularly useful for visitors to the village, and for an additional bus at mid morning peak travelling times. The advent of the senior citizens free bus pass often means that mid morning buses are full and some passengers get left behind. Not a happy situation with an hourly bus service.

The council is to be requested to make a donation towards the cost of the Street Party. (See above)

Next meeting March 26th 7.30pm

LAST ORDERS - OR NOT???

If you have read page 8 you will see that we wished Norman and Janice well in whatever they chose to do next.

Their choice is.....to manage The Anchor Hotel!!

Fact is often stranger than fiction at Haydon Bridge.

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB

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

NOTICES

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

Monday to Friday: 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
3.00pm and 5.30pm

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

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: 01434 688351

E-mail address: Admin@GP-A84045.NHS.UK

Website www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

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

FAX facilities

Warm welcome to all

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

HBUAFC hold their monthly meeting on the first **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

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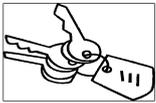
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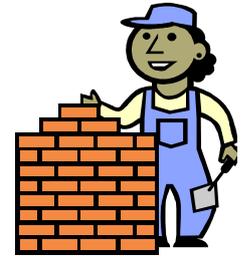
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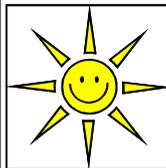
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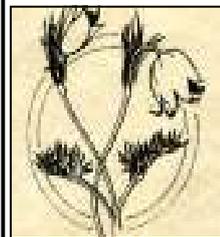
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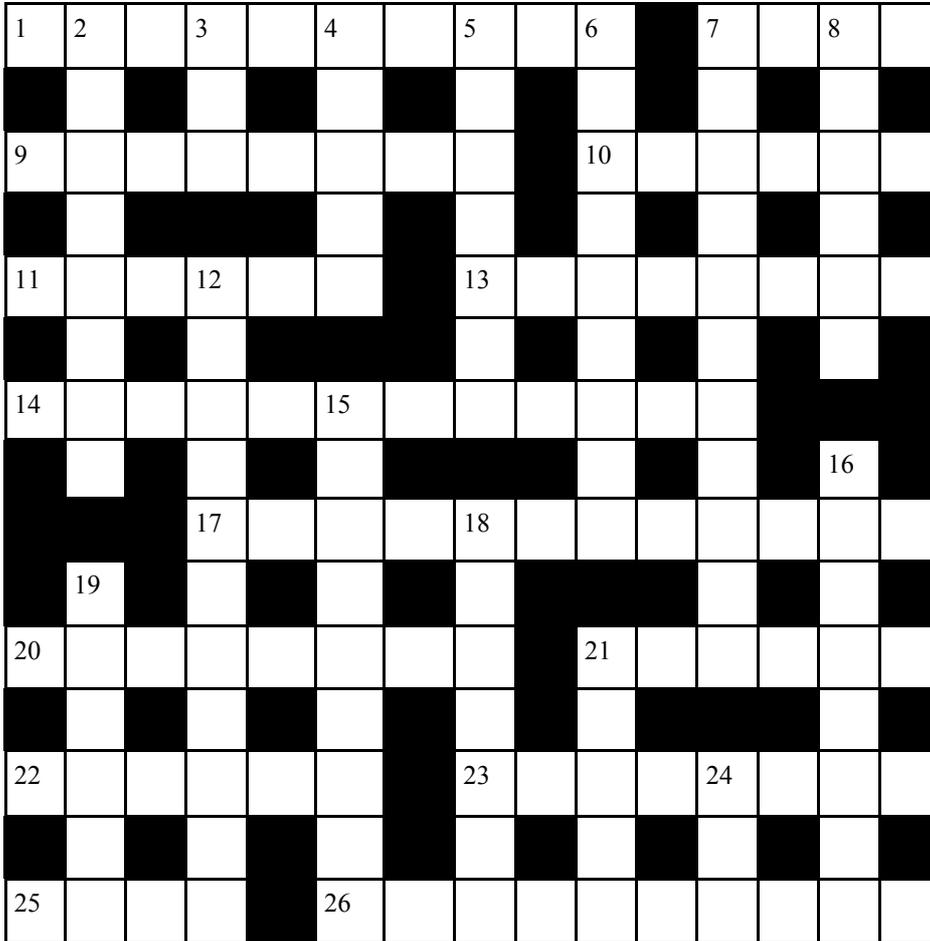
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ACROSS

- 1 Sounds like a unique rota for someone who knows a lot about something.(10)
- 7 Twaddle accompanied by quiet.(4)
- 9 Blubber smuggled a brand of tobacco.(8)
- 10 The French walls attract nocturnal animals.(6)
- 11 Swell up against ring.(6)
- 13 Irritating, braves A1 roundabout.(8)
- 14 Not out of French cage, study Church of England autonomy.(12)
- 17 Scent trend, an amalgam second to none.(12)
- 20 Southern engraver runs on the flat. (8)
- 21 Type of gun bird.(6)
- 22 Sounds like position for swimmer. (6)
- 23,19. Flight of fruit.(6,3,5)
- 25 We journalist cast off.(4)
- 26 Mistrusting badly loaded septic guns.(10)

SOLUTIONS TO FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD. (39)

Across

- 1 & 22 Haydon Bridge
- 4. Contract
- 10. Conceited
- 11. Aster
- 12. Emerged
- 13. Antacid
- 14. Disco
- 15. Uncooked
- 18. Corncobs
- 20. Fed up
- 23. Recital
- 25. Reserve
- 26. Drupe
- 27. Grenadier
- 28. Edentate
- 29. Begged

Down

- 1. Hacienda
- 2. Yankees
- 3. Overgrown
- 5. Ordnance Survey
- 6. Toast
- 7. Article
- 8. Tirade
- 9. Stadium of Light
- 16. Obfuscate
- 17. Appeared
- 19. Occlude
- 21. Darting
- 22. See 1 across
- 24. Treat

DOWN

- 2 Words for words.(8)
- 3 Copper right to tie up mongrel.(3)
- 4 Same as nothing French declared invalid.(5)
- 5 Cold country in hot water.(7)
- 6 Fluctuation of clear tone lends itself to swing.(9)
- 7 Thunderer adherent.(5,6)
- 8 Rivets do one's best to strain.(6)
- 12 Animated, I feel direct excitement. (11)

15 Identical cape worn for truth.(9)

16 Winning sequence broken but tape is in sight.(3,2,3)

18 Masters arrange flowers.(7)

19 See 23.

21 Hang-out concerning father.(5)

24 It's not right! But get rid of learner and we'll have a newt.(3)

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