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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is interesting to note the different standards on safety issues adopted by the rail companies and the Highways Agency. In his letter (page 10) John Irving points out that the barrow crossing at Haydon Bridge Station was removed for reasons of passenger safety. Not that there had ever been an accident involving passengers or rail employees using the barrow crossing in the past, but that there might have been in the future.

The Highways Agency on the other hand take quite a different approach. When the possible risk of accidents are highlighted at a junction or on a stretch of road, the questions are asked, 'Have there been accidents?' 'How many fatalities have there been?' and only if such statistics indicate the possible need for action may something be done.

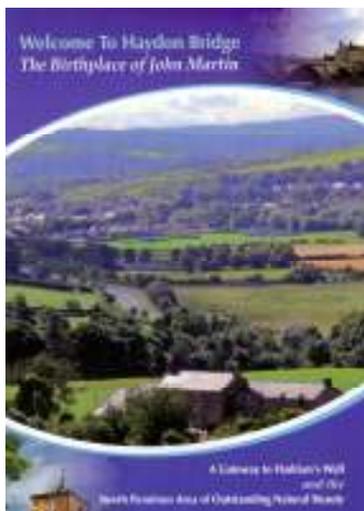
The response to the concerns expressed at the Parish Council meeting regarding the safety of the junctions on the A69, at the eastern end of the bypass and at the Low Gate turning, is likely to relate closely to the questions above. The fact that Road Link have been asked to monitor the junctions could be an indication of the Highway Agency's lack of confidence in their design/construction. It's a matter of wait and see! MP

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in October 2009

The meeting opened with a presentation by Catherine Wheeldon, Senior Resilience Officer at NCC, on the County Council's strategic plans for emergency situations, particularly incidents of flooding. The strategic plan includes:

a list of those areas in the county at risk of flooding; evacuation routes; emergency shelter centres; a sandbag distribution policy.

It was pointed out that there are problems locating suitable local centres for sandbag storage and the limited use of this approach due the bags perishing over time. Gel bags and floodguards were mentioned as more reliable alternatives.

In answer to a question from a councillor about the availability of grants to fit floodguards to properties in high risk areas the officer said that these were available from Defra and that NCC could apply for a grant.

In reply to a member of the public who asked whether dredging the river could provide a solution to the river flooding problem at Haydon Bridge, it was said that this was a matter for the Environment Agency.

Public Participation

The Council was informed that the bin at the cemetery was missing and that water is not available. The bin is to be replaced and the water problem, most likely to be a result of the bypass works, is to be investigated.

With regard to the bypass, the Council was asked when the plaque was to be fixed to the wall on the Langley road to mark its opening. The Highways Agency is to be contact regarding this issue.

A request was made for an overfull dog waste bin at the riverside to be emptied. A resident of Church Street reported repeated instances of a dog owner allowing their dog to foul parts of the back lane. They were told to inform the dog warden when the culprit was known. It was noted that the seat removed from the corner of Church St/Strother Close had not been replaced. A councillor said that Milecastle Housing had refused permission for it to be re-sited at the corner as there was now no space for it. One may be placed outside the library when work on the building is completed.

Council Meeting.

7 councillors present and the county councillor.

NCC report

The county councillor informed the

meeting that a decision on the future of Care Centres and Day Care provision in the county was to be made on Nov 4th.

Budget discussions were taking place to identify areas for spending cuts as the budget was to be reduced by £30 million.

A visit by officers from the NCC Highways Dept had noted the poor state of repair of Land Ends Road between West Land Ends and the bypass and also east of the bypass to beyond East Land Ends Farm. The officers are to contact the bypass contractors, CVC, and also the Highways Agency about implementing repair work as damage to the road surface was caused by the contractors vehicles.

A parish councillor asked about the date and venue of the next NCC Area West Committee Meeting. It was pointed out that as time was allocated within these meeting for public participation then notice needed to be given to enable members of the public to attend. The next meeting of this committee is on **November 10th at 6.00pm in Stocksfield Institute**

Highways

A parish councillor has been collecting information about the state of the roads in the Parish. He is to collate the information to send in a report to NCC Highways Dept.

It is proposed to move the speed camera from its present location. Concern was expressed about the number of vehicles now exceeding the speed limit through the village. It was suggested that a pedestrian crossing be installed across the old A69 at the refuge near Low Hall before the camera is moved. It was felt that this would deter drivers from exceeding the speed limit once the camera has gone. A councillor suggested that the camera be installed on the by pass on the approach to the A686 junction.

Correspondence

A reply was received to a joint letter from the chairmen of the Parish Council and Haydon Development Trust on the issue of Community Forums. In the discussion that followed, councillors reiterated their opposition to the imposition of Community Forums by NCC and the preferred option of Haydon Parish forming its own Forum. This view is based on the fact that the Parish has

already identified its future needs through the recently completed Parish Plan; that it outlines a vision for the future development of the Parish; and includes a design statement to cover planning of future developments. The Parish Council and Development Trust are looking to NCC to adopt these and support their implementation.

Parish Projects

Christmas Lights.

As well as the illuminated trees on the old bridge, two Christmas Trees are to be placed by the war memorial this year. See the report from Howard Oliver on page 16 for full details.

Floodlighting the old bridge.

A written estimate for the cost of this is expected in the next two weeks.

Library.

The meeting was informed that the library will continue to operate as at present when it moves back to the library building in the next few weeks. Other facilities at the library such as the Visitor Information Centre and Internet Cafe will be opened in the new year when the library opening hours are extended. (See report on Page 13)

AOB

Major concerns were raised about the safety of the A686 bypass junction and also the junction of the A69 and Low Gate road. Both issues were raised by many people during the bypass consultation sessions at the Community Centre but to no avail. Requests for a split level junction or a roundabout at the junction with the A686 came to nought. Now we have reports of near miss incidents along with evidence such as skid marks and damaged bollards. One councillor told of his own
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County Councillor: Alan Sharp

JOSEPH MORTON

Joseph Morton was a former resident of Haydon Bridge, proud to be born and bred in the village. Joseph lived with his parents at 'Rose Lea', Brigwood and will be remembered by older members of the parish, especially perhaps as a 'United' bus conductor. Relatives of Joseph still live in the village today.

When Joseph married he moved to 20 Strother Close before leaving for Yorkshire over forty years ago to work at Rowntree McIntosh, as it was then.

Joseph kept in touch with Haydon Bridge events through The Haydon News and 'looked forward to its regular delivery'.

In my last correspondence with Joseph, in 2008, he insisted that I, 'dispense with formalities' and call him Joe.

Sadly, Joe Morton died on November 13th 2008, but fortunately for us, not before contributing some of his memories of Haydon Bridge to my archive of our Parish's history.

One year on from his death, I am pleased to bring you these memories through my 'Notes, in memory of Haydonian Joe Morton (1922 - 2008).

Ingleworth Moor,
Halifax,
West Yorkshire.
June 2008

Dear Dennis,

I am honoured that you have asked me to contribute to your historical archive.

Well now Dennis, I will start with my days at Shaftoe Trust School.

One thing I do recall is that things were strict!

I got the cane for putting the date in the margin before I was told to!!

I also remember we had a headmaster called Mr. W.W. Ridley and one morning when our usual teacher was off, he came to take the class. Mr. Ridley had a cane like Charlie Chaplin and hung it on the blackboard and said: "Anyone who utters a word, boy or girl, will get that." Pointing to the cane. There wasn't a word spoken!

I also remember a teacher called Mr. Stronach. He used to line the boys up in one gangway and the girls in another and we had to answer mental arithmetic questions alternately, as our names were

read out. Mr. Stronach had a strap which he called the 'Cat of Nine Tails'. It had a broad part which he held and about four narrow straps attached. If any of us got an answer wrong we got the 'Cat of Nine Tails'. Mr. Stronach was a very clever man and he expected everyone else to be the same. I remember many mothers going up in arms to the school about him.

Mr. Stronach also taught Science and Electrical Science. I used to love both subjects, especially as my late father used to build home made radio sets. When I left school, the Haydon Bridge Gas Company went bust and I used to do electric jobs in the village.

By the way Dennis, I remember your father, Cecil Telford. He used to teach joinery for a while at Shaftoe Trust School.

Now I remember the shops in Haydon Bridge.

I have added (notes) to Joe's story from this point, so that the younger and many new residents in our parish will be able to place the 2009 location of the shops to which Joe refers.

Starting on Ratcliffe Road, the south side from the west end, there was Taits' fish and chip shop which mother told me used to be the Free Chapel. It was lit by Tilley Lamps and on its final day they sold fish for 1d each and chips 1d. When it closed it came to be the YMCA. (1)

Next on Ratcliffe Road was Mrs. Thompson's shop where on a Saturday she sold lovely pies and peas. We used to go with a jug for the peas. That shop later became Marsh's. (2)

The next shop was two storey and had a large frontage. It was Alan and Johnnie Moffat's joiners' shop. Mother told me that it used to be the Co-operative many years ago. (3)

Water in my day had to be carried from a stand pipe a little further down the street as not many houses had water laid on!

The next shop was Jimmie Birnie's where a hair cut was 6d. (4)

Another shop on Ratcliffe Road was Turnbull's the cobblers (5) then, next to the General Havelock, Frank Storey's the butcher. (6)

A little further along was Ned

Henderson's joiner's shop. (7)

When the second world war first started, Ned made an air raid warning alarm. It consisted of a wooden frame and from the cross bar a metal plate was suspended on two chains. Ned tested it after it was erected by hitting it with a ball-peen hammer.

That was Haydon Bridge's air raid warning!

On the other side of the street was John Heslop's fish and chip shop, I think one of the Moore girls has a hairdressers there now. *(That will be Tula, Joe.)*

Then there was Mrs. Laverick's Fruit and Greengrocers shop. Potatoes were sold loose, as were sweets. We used to buy our sweets first, before she put her hands in the potatoe sack! That shop front was later bricked up and the shop closed down. (8)

Next was Bell and Riddle's Haydon Bridge Drug Store and Chemist. I used to buy my late mother a bottle of cheap perfume for 6d from there. (9)

John Spark's, the grocer's, was next (10) then the Post Office. (11)

Round the corner, next to the Railway Hotel, was a lady we knew as Granny Urwin and her daughter Phyllis. Her shop sold toys, fishing tackle - rods, nets etc., and also little nets we used to buy for 1d to catch minnows in. (12) 'Granny' Urwin would come into the shop with a white shawl around her shoulders and say, "Yes honey?" My Granny (Brown) used to tell me that her husband used to be a grave digger.

The next shop in Church Street, from the Railway Hotel, used to be Applebys', an outfitters. (13) Then Stan Brown's, who sold various toys and bits and pieces for cycles. (14) Then Harding's newsagents (15) and next, Joe Armstrong's fruit and vegetable shop. (16)

Joe Armstrong was a very likeable man and a practical joker. He had a little delivery van and I was told he delivered along Belmont Gardens where a family lived in 'Tynedale' and their surname was Shout. So the story goes, on the families back door opening into the lane behind Belmont Gardens was a sign that said: 'SHOUT. TYNEDEALE'. So when Joe delivered there he used to shout.

"Tynedale!!"

I also remember a hat shop in Church Street. It belonged to Daisy Thompson (17)

There was Vickers the bakers on Church Street as well. (18)

Biscuits were sold loose in them days Dennis. The biscuit tins had glass tops and were in frames stacked three rows high. I remember mother telling me that she was in the bakers, shopping, and a lady getting served bought some biscuits. The tins were at the customer's side of the counter and when she was serving, the assistant left the lid off the tin. While she was weighing the biscuits, the customer's big black dog decided to urinate on the biscuits in the tin!

I never went there for biscuits again after hearing that tale Dennis!!

Across the bridge, on the corner of Shaftoe Street, was Miss Todd's sweet and grocery shop (19) then, next to their garage, Watsons' sweet shop where Elsie Watson sold sweets and all the latest novelties and toys. Tops and whips, marbles, toy guns and caps, exploding bombs, etc., etc. (20)

On the opposite side of the street was Watsons' radio shop (21) then going back down the street, the Store Butcher's. (22) I remember your uncle, Ridley Telford, was the Store butcher.

Next was the Co-operative Store. (23) The Co-op was a two storey building, groceries downstairs and clothing and various drapery items upstairs.

The next shop on Shaftoe Street was Miss Gladstone's, she sold millinery. (24) Then there was Minto's who sold sweets and bags of sherbert, and little toys made in Hong Kong that sold for 1d each. Minto's shop later became the fish and chip shop. (25)

Next to Minto's was Tot Barron the baker and on the other side of Alan Scudamore's garage, Cowan's. Another butcher's shop. (26)

By the way Dennis. I remember you were friendly with David Brown. David is my cousin. I don't know if he still plays golf but I think he once won a cup for it!

Our dear old Granny Brown, who used to live at Charlton's Buildings, (27) was a very dear old soul. I never heard her say a wrong word about anyone.

On a Wednesday night in the summer, I used to go around to her house and her and I used to go through the Catholic field to the Tofts and along to the Old Church for the service.

I haven't mention entertainment yet Dennis!

I used to be a member of a Minstrel

Troupe. I played the violin, another chap the piccolo and another the cello. We gave concerts for charity in Haydon Bridge and visited Humshaugh, Allendale etc. The only problem was that a clean white shirt was needed each night as the black grease paint ran when we perspired.

Then there was Beckitts' Travelling Theatre. Seats for school children were 3d if you sat on a wooden form and 4d for a 'plush' seat. The Beckitt family stayed for quite a few months at the Scotch Arms, a pub at the south west end of the bridge. The actors were Alf Beckitt, his wife, his son, daughter, his son in law and mother in law. They put on wonderful shows and the shows changed every two nights. I used to wonder how they remembered their script.

I remember one show which was very sad. It was named 'East Lynne'.

Previous to Alf Beckitt was the silent pictures with only the words on the screen.

All this was in the Town Hall, which became the Working Men's Club.

I remember the first night of the talking pictures. I think everyone in the village was there for the grand opening and guess what?

It broke down!!

Everyone was given a complimentary ticket.

That was only one of the misfortunes of the Haydon Bridge Town Hall Cinema. I can recall many more, some very amusing.

I am pleased you remember me Dennis, I am 85 years young now and still have happy memories of Haydon Bridge and will be happy for you to publish my memories in The Haydon News.

Yours very sincerely,
Joe.

JOSEPH MORTON : 1922 - 2008

I am grateful to Joe's family, especially daughters Carol and Brenda, for allowing me to publish their father's memories of his early days in Haydon Bridge.

NOTES

(And in 2009!!)

- (1) 'Valley Veiw' (Not my spelling!)
- (2) 43 Ratcliffe Road.

- (3) 39 Ratcliffe Road.
- (4) 25 Ratcliffe Road.
- (5) 17 Ratcliffe Road.
- (6) 7 Ratcliffe Road.
- (7) 1 Ratcliffe Road
- (8) 14 Ratcliffe Road.
- (9) 10 Ratcliffe Road.
- (10) Haydon Bridge Co-operative.
- (11) Tony Petts' Art Studio.
- (12) 'Woodies' Café.
- (13) Haydon Bridge Pharmacy.
- (14) 7 Church Street.
- (15) Claires - Newsagents.
- (16) 13 Church Street.
- (17) 17 Church St.
- (18) 19A Church Street.
- (19) Shaftoe's Guest House.
- (20) Now Peter Watson's office.
- (21) Next to the arch at 19 Shaftoe Street.
- (22) 5 Shaftoe Street.
- (23) Unoccupied. Previously Jim Smith's Haydon Bridge Antiques.
- (24) Ground floor of the Oddfellows.
- (25) Harry Steele's Fish & Chip shop.
- (26) 6 John Martin Street.
- (27) Charlton's Buildings were demolished in the late 1950's but stood behind and to the north, of what is today, 48 Ratcliffe Road.

It is disappointing that Joe's 'very amusing' stories of the Town Hall Cinema will not now be told, but it is a reminder to us all, how important it is that we record our own memories of the past, before they are lost forever.

HAYDON BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL

It is appropriate in this month of remembrance to look back to **September 1921**, when the memorial at Haydon Bridge was unveiled in its original position, to the memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War.

The memorial of a life size figure was commissioned by a parish committee and the agreed cost of the work was £475 for the bronze figure, £425 for the surround and engraved tablets, £72 for the architects fee and £3 travelling expenses.

The figure on the monument depicts a Northumberland Fusilier in full fighting equipment and was erected on a 6'x 4' base of Woodburn stone.

The agreed site for the memorial in 1921 was next to the village's stone bridge and it was flanked by two Lime trees that had been planted in Ratcliffe Road by councillors John Davidson and Thomas Carrick some years earlier.

The monument was on a raised platform

approached by three steps from the roadway and enclosed on three sides by stone walling. The south wall, parallel to the River Tyne, incorporated two bronze tablets bearing the names of fifty six men and one woman who fell during the war, out of around three hundred and fifty who joined up from the parish. The inscription on the base of the monument read:

**IN PROUD AND
LOVING MEMORY
OF THE MEN OF THE
PARISH OF HAYDON
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR KING AND COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1919**

The unveiling ceremony took place in fine weather on Sunday afternoon **September 25th 1921** and according to the Hexham Courant: 'There would be few parishioners who were not present.'

At three o'clock, the ex service men under Capt. Blaney M.C., the officers in full regalia and members of the Haydon Lodge of the R.A.O.B., marched in procession from the station yard to the site of the memorial where relatives of the fallen were seated.

Supporting the Vicar and chairman of the War Memorial Committee, the Rev. W.H. Ainger, was Brigadier General Sir C. Loftus Bates K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

The hymn, 'Oh God Our Help In Ages Past' was accompanied by the Haydon Bridge Brass Band.

The Last Post was sounded as Sir Loftus Bates drew the cord holding a Union Jack and exposed the memorial to view. Sir Loftus described the figure as: Standing at the "ready", grasping the rifle in both hands; and the grim and determined countenance as, "typical of the man in the trenches as he fearlessly awaited the order. Over the top!"

A dedicatory prayer was read by the Rev. J.E. Trantor (Congregational).

The chairman of the Memorial Committee then handed custody of the memorial to the Parish Council which was represented by the chairman Mr. J. Makepeace. Mr. Makepeace expressed the hope that: "..... all the future councils would endeavour to preserve it and thereby perpetuate the memory of those heroes and the heroine whose names were inscribed on the panels."

The National Anthem was sung and the Reveille sounded. A large number of floral tributes were then laid at the base



The War Memorial at Haydon Bridge is Unveiled : September 25th 1921

of the memorial.

In November 1948, the names of the sixteen men who gave their lives in World War II were added to the memorial and unveiled by Major General F.W. Festing C.B., C.B.WE., D.S.O. Hon. Colonel of the 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers.

On this occasion, the Vicar conducting the service was W.J. Lapping, the prayers and addresses were offered by W. Morris (Congregational), Leslie G. Buckingham (Methodist) and Mr. Dan Liddle who had fought in the conflict. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by the Haydon Bridge Bandmaster, Harry Swallow.

On June 21st 1969, the memorial was moved to a new site on Church Street, when the new bridge was built.

The Haydon Bridge memorial, first unveiled on Sunday September 25th 1921, is still an important feature of Church Street today, in abiding and loving memory of those who fought and died for us in both World Wars.

Sources:

- Minutes of the Parish War Memorial Committee.
- Chairman: Rev. W.H. Ainger.
- Secretary: W.W. Ridley.
- Treasurer: W.S. Walton.
- Haydon Bridge Parish Council minutes.
- Hexham Courant.

William Veitch, one time Haydon Bridge resident and occasional correspondent to The Haydon News, reviews the research undertaken by our late lamented historian

L.C. Coombes and reflects on the early history of the Haydon Bridge War Memorial and its origins.

As we approach the **11th** hour of the **11th** day of the **11th** month the thoughts of many will turn to the memories of those who gave their lives in two world wars - and other conflicts since.

The **Haydon Bridge War Memorial** is a reminder and tribute to all those young men who gave their lives in defence of our country.

Disgracefully, in some instances these memorials have been vandalised and even defaced (think of the bayonet).

Many will recall that the Haydon Bridge War Memorial used to stand at the north west corner of the old bridge before the advent of the new bridge necessitated its removal to its present position.

If only they had approved the by-pass before building the new bridge none of that would have been necessary!

The first meeting of the War Memorial Committee was held in the Ante Room of the Town Hall on the April 11th 1919. The members were Rev W.H. Ainger (Chairman), W.W.Ridley (Secretary), W. S. Walton (Treasurer), W.M. Turner, J. Clemitson, J. Woodman, R. Ridley (Lipwood Well), W. Rutherford, Miss Middleton, Mrs Carrick, J.H. Henderson, M. Waugh, W. Thrower, W. Kindred, M. Ridley (Elrington), and N. Beattie.

The committee decided that between £800 and £1000 would be required and called for subscriptions (no-one explained how they arrived at this figure).

By mid June almost £600 had been

raised which was an appreciable sum for those times.

As could be expected, agreeing a site proved to be controversial and several were suggested - a space in front of the Shafoe Trust School; Church Street (ironic as it proved to be the monument's later home); and the north west or north east corner of the bridge. Two members suggested a grandiose scheme for a massive monument of rough hewn cairns on the skyline in a prominent position. e.g. near the Tofts.

Failing to reach agreement, three members of the Haydon Bridge Branch of the Comrades of the Great War (equivalent to the British Legion) were invited onto the committee - Major Blaney, Captain H.M. Carrick and Lt. W. Clemitson.

These additions meant that the committee was now becoming very large - and we all know what that means!!

Finally, a site between the Reading Room and the bridge end was proposed - a most surprising choice since it would have been next to the old urinal which stood there - however, the County Surveyor pointed out that it would be in the way of traffic for the Gas House. (Yes, Haydon Bridge had gas in those days.) He suggested the site between the two trees at the north west corner of the bridge and this site was agreed upon by the committee. (He was obviously more accommodating than current Town and Country Planners).

Tenders were invited for designs for a monument which would include the figure of a Northumberland Fusilier in full marching order, at a cost not exceeding £900.

By this time, J.C. Clemitson had become the War Memorial Committee secretary.

When designs were submitted, the committee were not impressed with the various proposals and they approached a Mr. Charlewood, an architect, and asked him to liaise with a Mr Alves concerning the design and erection of the monument.

It is surprising that Mr. Charlewood agreed, as the secretary originally referred to him as Mr. C. Wood, and then as 'Charlie Wood'.

Agree he did and Mr. Charlewood submitted a design at a total cost of £975 and the committee accepted his tender.

The inscription was quickly agreed but then the 'falling out' began as some wanted the inscribed names to include

rank (these were the ex-officers Blaney and Carrick), but the majority disagreed so it was decided that only names would be inscribed.

At the next meeting however, the earlier decision was rescinded (sound familiar) and it was agreed to hold a postal vote among the relatives, subscribers and comrades.

This vote may or may not have been held, but at last a majority finally agreed that the inscriptions should show in alphabetical order; name, rank and regiment of those who had given their lives.

The Haydon Bridge War Memorial was unveiled on September 25th 1921 by General Sir Loftus Bates, two years after the original suggestion.

Problems still remained however as the committee were still £100 short of the required payment. The Amateur Theatrical Society (never knew there was one) helped out, but £50 still remained owing.

By March 1922 Mr J.C. Clemitson, the secretary, said that he was being threatened with legal action by Mr Alves if he was not paid in full (the committee had obviously relaxed their fund raising efforts). The issue did not end up in Court however and by June 1922 only £10-18s (£10.90p) was owed so the committee opened their own wallets and paid it off.

It is interesting that two of those named on the memorial, Howard Bell and Maurice Dove did not live in the parish, but they were originally from Haydon Bridge.

And, rather surprisingly, a Mr Turner refused to let his son's name be recorded on the Haydon Bridge memorial.

Why I wonder?

Will we ever know?

Source:
L.C. Coombes.

NICHOLAS DUNN PRINGLE

Last month (October) I published correspondence from Dr Christopher Hogger who was seeking information on Nicholas Dunn Pringle. Nicholas Pringle was a Haydon Bridge chemist whose business activities were carried out at 10 Ratcliffe Road.

Thanks to Dr Hogger, I have acquired further information on Mr Pringle's known movements that will be of

interest to readers of my Historical Notes.

Nicholas Pringle was born at Newcastle in 1874, being the son of a fruit merchant, Robert Brown Pringle. In 1896 he obtained his 'Chemist & Druggist' qualification by sitting the relevant examination of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

N.D. Pringle set up his shop in Haydon Bridge in 1905 and later that year (on September 12th) married Clara Brown Scott at St Cuthbert's Church. Clara was the daughter of Peter Scott, contractor and quarry manager who lived at the Tanyard.

Nicholas and Clara did not have children but remained at 10 Ratcliffe Road until about 1919-20, after which Nicholas began a new life in Portsmouth.

It is interesting that three of our residents - Maurice Armstrong, Edmund Charlton and Bill Foster - remembered Mrs Pringle living at 8 Shaftoe Street, before Lloyd and Iris Brown moved into that property, and insisted that she lived there after 1920.

This mystery can now be explained!

Nicholas Dunn Pringle left his Haydon Bridge wife Clara (nee Scott) and took up a new partner, Alice, in Portsmouth, with whom he had one child, while his first wife remained in our village.

It was following Nicholas Pringle's move to Portsmouth that his chemist shop on Ratcliffe Road became Bell and Riddle's, with Jenny Anderson as manager, and finally Reynoldson's before the business moved to the east side of Church Street. In 2008 of course, the business moved to its present position at number 5 Church Street, as the Haydon Bridge Pharmacy.

Nicholas Dunn Pringle died in Essex in 1946 by which time he was living with his third partner, Ellen.

His first wife Clara Brown Pringle (nee Scott) remained at Haydon Bridge until just before her death (at Lanchester) in 1949.

Any further information about Mr. Pringle would be most welcome.

I was able to provide Dr Hogger with a photograph of N.D. Pringle's 1900's chemist shop in Haydon Bridge, for which he was most grateful, and in this issue of The Haydon News, in which Joseph Morton recalls shops he knew as a boy (pages 4 & 5), I thought it appropriate to publish this early photograph for you. (See page 8)

How many services in St Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge have required loudspeakers to relay the occasion to a congregation overflowing onto Church Street? It was perhaps no surprise to those who have been touched by Mike Fry's warm personality over the years, that St. Cuthbert's was full to capacity, and more, for a thanksgiving farewell on September 19th 2009.

Mike was a committee member of The Friends of Haydon Bridge for a while, during his early years at Haydon Bridge, and we are grateful to Avril Kirsopp for this dedication to Mike's life.

MIKE FRY

Sadly, Mike Fry of Chesterwood, Haydon Bridge died on Friday September 11th aged 59 years, following a long illness courageously borne.

Mike came up to Haydon Bridge in September 1993 from Southend - on - Sea, Essex, following his appointment at Haydon Bridge High School as Head of Drama and Theatre Studies.

Mike made an immediate impact on all the students and staff and quickly established himself as a genuinely funny, kind, sincere, generous, if not eclectic personality! Since 1993 if students were asked who their favourite teacher was, inevitably the response would be:

"Fry, without a doubt!"

Mike's school theatre productions were

legendary, as was the boundless energy with which he approached his directorial duties. Mike retired from teaching in July 2008.

Mike's love of the theatre extended beyond school, with numerous acting/directing roles in productions in Bellingham, Hexham and Riding Mill.

Mike's energy and zest for life made him a popular member of the Harriers running club in Hexham and also allowed him to take part in many exhausting fell running competitions. Perhaps one of Mike's greatest achievements occurred this year when he finally conquered the Munro and Corbett mountains, culminating with Goat Fell, the final Corbett, being triumphed in April of this year, despite Mike having undergone gruelling courses of radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

There was a service celebrating Mike's life on Saturday September 19th at 11.00am at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Haydon Bridge (where Mike had served as a lay reader since 1993). Mike would have been both astonished and touched by the phenomenal support shown at this service by the entire Haydon Bridge (and beyond!) community.

Following humorous, yet poignant addresses by Mike's brother James, former Headteacher, David Thompson, close friend John Matthews and an especially uplifting address by former student Stewart Pringle, Mike was given the applause that he so richly deserved as he touched so many hearts and minds in this district.

Special thanks are extended to Judith Hampson for such a warm welcome at St. Cuthbert's and to all those who contributed in their own way, be it cooking for the refreshments in the school hall following the service, or washing up in the canteen!

It was a particular wish of Mike's family that any donations were to be received by the Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association. Again, Mike would have been overwhelmed to learn that £1,214.90 was given on the 19th in his memory, with additional contributions still being made.

Mike Fry was a symbol for all that was good, eccentric, kind, generous and thoughtful and he is already greatly missed by all.

Avril Kirsopp



MIKE FRY



Nicholas Dunn Pringle's 1905 Chemist Shop at Number 10 Ratcliffe Road (see page 7)

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

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Our front cover this month celebrates a wonderful achievement for fourteen year old Will Nicholls from Haydon Bridge. Will is '**Britain's Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year**' and won the award with his entry of a red squirrel photographed at Leaplish Waterside Park, Kielder.

Will first became interested in photography two years ago as a twelve year old and he told The Haydon News:

"I decided to take a camera outside and snap a few photos of the sheep in the fields. I then bought myself my own digital camera and spent about a year with that camera taking photos whenever I could. Eventually this camera didn't meet my photographic needs and I bought myself a Nikon D80.

A year later I have taken loads of photos, many of which are now proudly part of my portfolio."

Will's national success is especially remarkable because he admits to being self taught and not having taken any photography courses; and yet, as well as being voted Britain's Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year, he has won the BBC's Look North Children in Need Calendar competition for February and was short listed by 'Photography Monthly' magazine for their United Kingdom's top fifty photographers.

Of his success with 'Photography Monthly', Will explains:

"I did not progress into the top 25 as we were tested on photographic theory and being the youngest by many years, everyone else had many more years of experience to put into the test. I was 25% from the top mark though, so I don't think I did too badly."

An understatement Will if you don't mind me saying so. A fantastic achievement for one so young and inexperienced.

LANGLEY CASTLE

Congratulations to Langley Castle Hotel on achieving second place in the One North East, '2009 North East England Tourist Awards'.

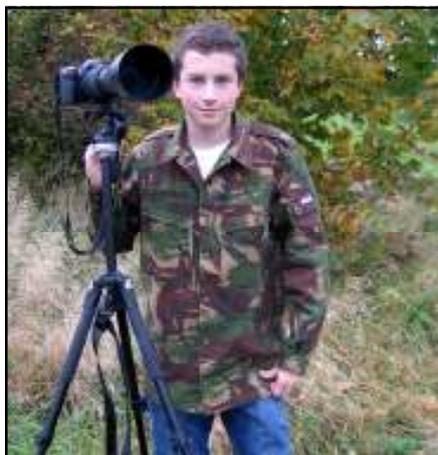
Anton and his staff can be very proud to have been placed on the North East short list again this year and winning the Silver Award for 'Small Hotel of the Year'.

The 2009 Gold Award was won by Headlam Hall Hotel, Darlington.

Will already sells his work from quite a few galleries, but would like to display in some larger ones; in Newcastle for example.

And as for the future? At this stage, Will doesn't really want to take up photography as a profession, preferring to continue his interest as a hobby.

We wish him every success in whatever he decides to do.



If you are interested in Will Nicholls's talented work, would like to view his portfolio or sign up for his mailing list, why not log on to his impressive websites for more information.

www.willnicholls.co.uk

www.wrnicholls.com

Or, to sign up for Will's mailing list:

www.eepurl.com/ciON

FRIENDS OF HAYDON BRIDGE

On behalf of The Friends of Haydon Bridge, I'd like to thank **Dennis Gilert** for the time he has spent on the Friends' committee as Vice Chairman, overseeing the affairs of the Friends' and supporting the production of The Haydon News.

Dennis has relinquished his position on the committee for personal reasons and we shall miss his wide knowledge and his humorous take on local issues.

Thank you Dennis and best wishes.

Dennis Telford (Chairman)

GEORGE LESLIE HILL

In my Historical Notes last month I listed those Haydonians who had joined the Haydonian Working Men's Club at the inaugural meeting on August 15th 1957.

One of the original members was Mr Hill of Martin's Close, whom I knew as 'Jake' Hill as, it appears, did the secretary or treasurer who recorded the Club membership in 1957.

Mr Hill's son Leslie, who lives in Haydon Bridge, would like it to be known that his father's given names were George Leslie.

Thank you Leslie, I am pleased to update the record.

HAYDON BRIDGE LIBRARY

David Edwards and Gary Cunningham put the finishing touches to Haydon Bridge's new Community Library. It is most pleasing to see local businessmen involved in the project and the recent renovation of the building on Church Street is an excellent recommendation of the quality of their workmanship. (See **Mike Parkin's report, page 13**)



Three hundred miles south, Simon's birthday bash at Rothwell Park Manor House made all the headlines, but on Saturday October 3rd in Haydon Bridge, Sue's five eventful years in the Railway Hotel were celebrated in fine style with Bob and Emma entertaining the enthusiastic residents.

A grand evening; but for me the most pleasure was gained by seeing Haydon folk of all ages mixing and joining in the celebrations together.

It is a most pleasing aspect of our village life, and has been over many years, that younger generations of Haydonians can mix and celebrate comfortably with their elders.

A night to enjoy then, happy to be among my own Haydon Bridge folk (And Tim. And Carol.) rather than at an extravagant affair in North London. Although! An invitation for a night out with Wor Cheryl might have seriously tested my resolve to celebrate locally!!



Philip, Peter and Martin re-fuel after rockin' all over the world.

Incidentally, as 'The Promise' generated a wonderful atmosphere in the Railway Hotel through their music, an interesting question was raised:

"How did Jock King's acoustic band fill the large Haydon Bridge Town Hall with the sound of their music when, in a small venue, today's entertainers need loudspeakers that probably arrive on a low loader?"

For those under seventy years old, the line up of Jock King's Haydon Bridge band was:

Jock King - accordion.
 Bobby Hodgson - accordion.
 Billy Johnson - piano.
 Ronnie Rodger - banjo and vocals.
 'Kitchie' Moore - guitar and vocals.

Do any readers have a photograph of Jock King's band, for my collection?

It is good to know that John Irving, our representative on the Tyne Valley Rail User Group, does not allow concerns in relation to our rail services to go unnoticed. John's most recent, well researched, correspondence to those charged with tackling the issues which affect commuters from Haydon Bridge, is reported here.

I was in the Railway Hotel, Haydon Bridge soon after 1800 hours yesterday when a village resident entered in a foul mood; he had just missed his train to Newcastle because he could not cross the tracks whilst the level crossing gates were closed to allow the passage of his train and the evening service to Stranraer. The individual was on his way to a concert and was obliged to book the village taxi which he said would cost £40. Perchance a Good Samaritan entered the pub and on hearing of our resident's plight offered him a lift.

This is a common occurrence. I know TVRUG have taken up this subject with Northern Rail but their response - get to the station earlier - was typical of that company's attitude to its customers. I believe TVRUG should get back to Northern Rail and ask for an explanation, possibly in the form of an article in the Haydon News.

Haydon Bridge's problem is one of geography but has only become critical since the barrow crossing between the two platforms was removed for safety reasons a few years ago. Network Rail and Northern Rail should be reminded that HM Railway Inspectorate has not been tasked to investigate an accident in this village since 1841 and that had nothing to do with passengers crossing the line.

Being half way between Carlisle and Newcastle it is inevitable that trains travelling in opposite directions will meet in the village. Ours is the only station on the line without either a footbridge, underpass or barrow crossing. When the crossing gates are closed intending passengers can not cross the tracks until after the train (or trains) has departed.

The 1800(ish) eastbound departure from Haydon Bridge seems to cause the most grief. For most of the year it is scheduled to leave at 1804 hrs. If the 1754 westbound departure is slightly late the crossing gates remain closed until both trains have left.

In the autumn the timetable is adjusted to cope with problems caused by leaves on the line. The 1804 departure

becomes 1756 whilst the 1754 westbound departure remains. Conflict is not just likely but inevitable. The choice of eastbound departure time from Carlisle (1720 most of the year, 1712 in autumn) appears to have no reason. There are no advertised connections at either end and on reaching Newcastle the train is shut down and locked at one of the west end bay platforms. It has no further work for at least an hour.

One way to remove this conflict for this particular train would be to time it to leave Carlisle at 1725 all year round, however, Northern Rail should be asked to provide a solution.

The autumn adjustments are difficult to fathom. Apart from being poorly advertised they do not follow a logical pattern. I shall explain.

The Monday - Friday service has 15 departures from Newcastle to Carlisle. In the autumn all but the first and last trains of the day retain their departure times. The first departure leaves 5 minutes earlier and reaches Carlisle at the same time. The last train leaves 10 minutes earlier and arrives 3 minutes later. Comparison of the pre and post 7th September timetables shows the following extra time allowed for the journey: +5, +4, +2, 0, +3, 0, +5, 0, -1, 0, +2, 0, +2, 0 and +13 minutes.

Not surprisingly, 15 trains leave Carlisle for Newcastle. In the autumn the 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th and 15th departures are brought forward by varying amounts. Extra time allowed is: +4, 0, 0, 0, +3, +8, -1, 0, -1, +4, +9, +9, 0, +3 and +2 minutes.

The result of poor railhead conditions caused by leaves on the line is either to increase journey times, reduce them or have no effect whatsoever. Network Rail and Northern Rail should be asked to explain why. Meanwhile the residents of Haydon Bridge are becoming ever more displeased with their rail service.

**Yours,
 John (Irving)**

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Regular users, and occasional visitors, will have noticed the poor and deteriorating condition of our village Community Centre building. Despite the continuing and determined efforts of members of the Community Association Committee, progress towards getting remedial work done is proving to be painfully slow.

In the Parish Plan, produced by the Parish Council in 1995/6, residents of the Parish identified a new Community Centre as their top priority. The Community Association applied for funding from several sources. The bulk of the money for the new building came from the National Lottery Fund but other generous grants were also received from Northumbrian Water, European Funds, Tynedale Council, our own Parish Council and the Community Association. In addition funding was also received from a few smaller charities.

The new Community Centre opened for business in July 2000.

However, in 2005 problems began to be noticed particularly dampness in the walls.

Following a preliminary survey by NCC in 2007 a report was sent to the Community Association identifying three defects in the original construction. These have led to the problems with dampness in some internal walls. The defects identified are:

Missing cavity closure at the top of the sloping roof over the corridor, despite Dorin, the builders of the Centre, reporting that the cavity closure existed. This has resulted in dampness in the internal corridor walls and toilet walls

A missing emergency overflow to the gutter on the low side of the corridor roof. This has resulted in water entering the building during periods of heavy rainfall.

Possible inadequate drainage, due to undersized pipes. This may have contributed to the flooding of the building.

During the year following this report, several letters and emails were sent to NCC and one letter to our local MP, but NCC failed to admit liability or to enter into any written correspondence. NCC informed their insurance company of the situation as they would cover professional liability. As a result NCC couldn't admit liability as this would prejudice any insurance claim. In June of this year a report on the

building defects was considered by the Risk Panel of NCC. The Community Association informed a representative from the panel that it wanted the defects corrected and the building restored to good condition. The loss of income due to the poor state of the building was also drawn to their attention.

About the same time the Community Association's insurers were contacted and they agreed that there is a claim for flood damage. They will repair the fabric of the building that has been damaged by flood, however, they will not repair any design defects. They have also informed NCC that they would be looking to recover the cost of this work from NCC.



Damage to the walls of the Centre foyer area due to water penetration.

Since the meeting in June progress has remained frustratingly slow.

A firm of architects has been appointed by NCC to prepare a specification for remedial work. Engineers have also been appointed to establish the adequacy of the drains. In the last month they have carried out a CCTV survey and measured the size and fall of the drains and will now calculate their capacity. If it is found that the drains are inadequate then repairs could be very expensive, between £100,000 and £150,000. While NCC has still not formally admitted liability, all discussions with, and actions taken by, NCC indicate that they are aware of their responsibilities, and the expectation is that the County Council will pay the whole cost of repairs.

At the recent meeting of the Community Association it was

recommended that the committee estimate the loss of income, as a result of the poor state of the building, and formally notify NCC.

It was also recommended that NCC be invited to assess the 'fit for purpose' of the building with regard to health and safety issues.

Footnote.

On Friday, 23rd October 2009 a meeting was held between the Trustees of the Community Association and Cllr A Tebbutt, a county councillor on the NCC Risk Panel and Ian Brown an officer from NCC. Ian Brown gave a summary of the findings of the engineers' survey of the drains. He said that the drains were adequate but silt had been cleared from some parts. He also stated that the down pipe from the guttering alongside the corridor roof was partially blocked with a piece of wood causing the water from the gutters to enter the building. The wood has been removed. Any repair work to the fabric of the building was for the Association's insurers. No mention was made of the missing cavity wall closures or the lack of an emergency overflow down pipe from the gutter both of which were cited in previous reports as building design faults. The wall closures and emergency down pipe are 'Building Regulation' requirements.

The Trustees were far from satisfied with the outcome and have asked to see a copy of the report prior to a further meeting to discuss it.

Any insurance claim is likely not to succeed until NCC have addressed the design faults highlighted in previous surveys. The saga seems set to continue.

MP

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Apologies for there being no Dr's pages in last months "News". Unfortunately, I was a little late in getting my "copy" to the editor. I hope I don't hear too many of you shout "just like in the waiting room" I will try harder.

I had written a few things about the summer:

It's been a lively summer for me...trips to the West Coast of Scotland for some wild and occasionally sunny weather... a couple of beautiful nights camping and one so wet the water came up through the groundsheet of our tent, etc, etc. The kids have loved being off, as for Sara... she says the return to school has come just in time to save her sanity. But we're already moving on towards Halloween, bonfire night, ducking apples and toffee brittle. I've been enjoying the autumn colours and the falling leaves (except on one occasion, when a large number of them obscured a front wheel grabbing hole in the path I was cycling rapidly along, but that's another story). So, I've had to swap my summer jokes for a smattering of Halloween ones:

What do you get if you cross a vampire with a cow?

Answer: Drac-moo-la

What subject do witches like?

Answer: Spelling

Why do spiders spin webs? Answer:

Because they don't know how to knit!

The smallest Wyatt grows apace with new words everyday and new tricks seemingly even more often...Imagine our surprise when he found his way solo in to a hotel lift on the first floor and managed to push the button to make it go up. His face was a picture of delight and then a tiny trace of fear as the lift door closed in his face. Luckily I managed to guess the right floor (the fourth!) and found him soon after, cradled in the arms of a bonnie bridesmaid, chortling happily to her.

Work wise, my summer (and early autumn) has been dominated by three big issues:

1. Plans to train Junior Doctors and to extend the building:

We recently submitted a bid to become a GP Training Practice. This is an exciting opportunity for the practice.

A successful outcome of this bid will enable us to improve the level of service we offer to patients of the practice.

Specifically, this will mean:

· An extended GP surgery - with a

new waiting area, new consultation rooms, and a new Reception and Dispensary area;

· The possibility of a wider range of services being offered from this extended building in the future.

Of course, as a GP training practice, this means that we will have fully qualified doctors spending time in the practice, thereby allowing a regular increase in the number of doctors within the practice available for you to see.

These doctors will adhere to the same high standards of confidentiality as all other members of practice staff. Their training will be externally supervised by doctors from the Northumbria vocational training scheme. Sometimes this will include case discussion. These discussions will adhere to standards of confidentiality set out by the General Medical Council.

We are excited about the opportunities this will offer us as a GP practice. We hope that you welcome this development. A lot of work has to be undertaken between now and summer 2010, to bring this vision to reality.

2. "normal" seasonal flu vaccinations

This programme will go ahead as in previous years. We offer vaccines to the following groups:

serious heart disease, serious lung disease, like emphysema, bronchitis, cystic fibrosis or asthma
serious kidney or liver disease
a long-term health problem, like diabetes

a weakened immune system - eg from chemotherapy, radiotherapy or steroid treatment or HIV/Aids

Everybody over the age of 65

I believe this is a crucial part of health prevention. The focus on swine flu has emphasized how dangerous a virus flu can be. Vaccination reduces your risk of getting flu (and thus its more serious complications) by about 2/3.

We have arranged several special flu vaccination days as in previous years.

By the time you read this many of you will already have received your vaccines, but there will still be two "open" (i.e no need to book) vaccine sessions left:

At Haydon Bridge Health Centre between 2.00PM and 5.30 PM on:

Wednesday 10th November 2009

Thursday 19th November 2009

3. Swine Flu and Flu vaccinations:

The swine flu saga has yet to unfold fully. We are all anticipating a new wave of swine flu over the winter months. The swine flu helpline remains fully operational...call **0800 1513 500** for advice and possible treatment unless you are pregnant, breast feeding, looking after a child under 1 or have a severe comorbid condition when you should **PHONE THE SURGERY.**

Once again, this is a new illness. It is typically fairly mild, but there have been some deaths in groups of patients not typically affected adversely by seasonal flu. We will be offering vaccination for swine flu to the following groups (chosen by the Department of Health to be those most at risk of severe complications of swine flu):

i. individuals aged six months and up to 65 years in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups (see above)

ii. all pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters

iii. household contacts of immunocompromised individuals

iv. people aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical at-risk groups listed above. **I.E. NOT EVERYBODY OVER 65**

We will publicise widely when the vaccination becomes available (we are currently anticipating the end of October), so watch this space....

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE TECHNICALITIES OF DELIVERING THIS NEW VACCINE WE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO OFFER THE VACCINE IN SPECIAL VACCINE CLINICS, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND IF YOU CAN AND LET US KNOW IF YOU CANNOT.

It is also possible (although not yet clear) that people **may need two vaccines 3 weeks apart** to be vaccinated against swine flu.

The normal seasonal flu vaccine will not protect against swine flu.

It is a very important part of personal health protection to come for the vaccination if offered. It will also help to reduce the spread of the virus through the population to some extent.

Paul Wyatt

LIBRARY PROGRESS REPORT

Work on the Haydon Bridge Library building is nearing completion. Refurbishment of the building has included; treating an area of rising damp; insulating the walls and ceiling and installing a central heating system; creating a new toilet room for use by staff and the public; making a new entrance area; rewiring; fitting new counters and storage; new doubled glazed windows and complete internal redecoration. The new fitted carpet has been ordered. Local builders and trades people have been used for all the refurbishment works which were designed and overseen by local architect, Michael Haggie. While a date has not been set for the library to move back into the building it can only be a matter of a few weeks. In the meantime the library continues to operate from its temporary premises in the Community Centre. The library building, to be renamed 'The Bridge' when it is officially opened in the new year, will also include a Visitor Information Centre and Internet Cafe. These will be introduced early in 2010. This will be the first of the projects completed by the Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust. The Trust was formed earlier this year to implement the Haydon Parish Plan. The Trusts' work on the creation of a new village and parish website is also well underway. This was identified in the Parish Plan as one of the priorities in ensuring the future viability of Haydon Parish.

Our picture below shows Pat Snowden returning books to the shelves at the end of a Saturday morning session in the Community Centre. Pat is one of the many regular volunteers now working in the library. While Pat is looking forward to getting into the 'new' building she says she'll miss the company of the Saturday Coffee Morning regulars, who use the same room as the library for their social gathering. MP



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experience when, while waiting in the central reservation to turn right into the village, a car, coming from the west and overtaking at speed, ignored the red painted 'ghost' refuge and would have collided with him head on, had he not been able to take avoiding action by moving off to the left.

At the Low Gate road/A69 junction there was recently a 7 vehicle pile up. Following concerns expressed by another councillor to the Highways Agency he was informed that Road Link are monitoring the safety of the junctions on a monthly basis. The council are to request copies of the monitoring information.

Northern Rail are to pay for the white-lining of the Station Car Park and have also been requested to change the sign at the entrance to include 'short stay parking for shoppers'.

Some years ago the Parish Council requested speed activated warning signs on the A69 approaches to the village. The request was turned down. As they have been installed on the approach roads into Hexham, the Council are to renew their request, to help reduce the speed of vehicles entering the village.

MP

Next meeting Nov 26th at 7.30pm

SEEKING LANGLEY'S LOCAL HISTORY.

The Garden Station at Langley is seeking to furnish its 'Leaning Shed' with memories, photos, facts and artefacts relating to the railway and industrial history of Langley. If any reader of the Haydon News can help with such memorabilia, they are kindly asked to contact Mike Winstanley, the proprietor, on 01434 684 391 or by email to welcome@thegardenstation.co.uk

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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Les Hann

Remember, Remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot...

Well I don't remember, at least not personally. But we do still get the fireworks out and warn the children about the dangers of playing with them. We continue to celebrate the fifth of November because it's fun and can be quite spectacular.

On the 11th of November we are asked to observe two minutes silence and on Remembrance Sunday some will attend services of remembrance. We will remember those who died in various wars. Some will have personal memories of loved ones lost or of conflicts served in. For many this is a recent experience.

Touching something very hot burns, we remember that and we try not to repeat it.

We remember those who have died in wars and, I hope, promise not to go to war unthinkingly. We honour those who have died in the cause of peace by living and working for the peace.

Too often nations and individuals cannot forget the hurts and insults and horrors we inflict on each other and so we feel we have to retaliate. There are some things we should remember and some things we should forget, God grant us the wisdom to know which is which.



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

Let us remember to work and pray for peace, not just on Remembrance Sunday but every day of our lives.

To begin the process of reconciliation some one has to make the first move, make a start today with some one you know.

Les Hann

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

1st November

10.00am morning Service
Rev Russell Hillbourne
6.00pm Evening Service
Mary Weatherall

**8th November
Remembrance**

Refreshments served after the
service at Memorial
6.00pm Evening Service
David Stabler

15th November

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Roger Bland

22nd November

10.00am Morning Service
Barbara Rowarth
6.00pm Evening Service
Jackie Males

29th November

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

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

1st November

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

8th November

**Remembrance
Henshaw**
10.00am Service then depart for
War Memorial

15th November

*11.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

22nd November

Beltingham
9.30am Communion Service

29th November

Henshaw
9.30am Joint Communion

6th December

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

**Next Service
January 2010**

**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**

1st November

11.00am BCP Communion

8th November

10.15 am Remembrance
Service then War Memorial

15th November

11.00am Joint Service

22nd November

11.00am Communion

29th November

9.30am Joint Service, Henshaw

6th December

11.00am BCP Communion

A BELATED THANK YOU

The memorial service for Mike Fry was an inspiration. The way everyone rallied around at short notice was testament to the enthusiasm and good nature of the man. His family were moved at the generosity and regard that everyone showed. Mike was a truly dedicated teacher, friend and Christian. We shall all miss his energetic and cheerful presence around the village.

That Person Is a Success by R L Stevenson

That person is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much.
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May he rest in peace.

Autumn Coffee Morning
Saint Cuthbert's 10.00am
until noon
Saturday 28th November
Cakes, morning coffee
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Usual stalls/teas/Santa

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COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN NURSES.

Many thanks for everyone who came along and supported this event. The children thoroughly enjoyed chatting to visitors.

There are 3 raffle prizes remaining; wine 656, smellies 773 and toffee 745. Please contact school if you have the lucky tickets and we will get the prizes to you.

We made a grand total of £200.

This was such a success we hope to hold further coffee mornings to raise money for charities / watch this space for details.

Bypass Questionnaire.

The children appreciate very much the time taken by people who completed the questionnaires. We received 12 replies.

Main findings:

- The village is more peaceful, safer and a better place to live and work in.
- Some vehicles are being driven faster / mainly felt to be people who live in the village.
- More adults and children are cycling round the village.
- People more likely to shop at the Co-op because of easier parking on Ratcliffe Road, though some dangerous parking was commented on.
- Walking round village more and using the shops.
- Less dust and pollution.
- Bypass well designed with very little noise heard in the village

CHARITIES.

Many thanks to anyone who sponsored children for 'Turn on the Tap'. This year children in school are trying to exceed their total of 24 shoe boxes for the Christmas appeal. Both these events are organised by 'Samaritans Purse'.

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

**OPEN DAY IN SCHOOL —
Tuesday 10th November.**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR — Friday evening
11th December 3.30—5.30**

**TEA and SONGS
for senior citizens —
Monday 14th December 2.00pm**

APPLE MORNING.

Children in the Early Years Unit pressed apples to make their very own apple juice (which was delicious)! Two apple trees were planted in the walled garden.

LIGHTS UP

**Sunday 29th November
3.45pm**

May I through the columns of
The Haydon News
give publicity and
details for this year's
Christmas lights.

The bridge will be decorated again with fifteen trees contained in groups of three per container. The difference this year will be two lit trees, one on either side of the war memorial.

The pupils of the Shaftoe Trust First School will sing a medley of songs before counting down the seconds for trees to be magically lit!!

Continued in next column.

I think it is uplifting how headmistress Audrey Cox and her young pupils are so enthusiastic and give the village wonderful support for the major activities in Haydon Bridge. Hopefully it will give them all a sense of belonging when they grow up and will keep the community spirit alive. It is an example for all of us.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the adults would join in as well and enjoy the singing? It could be the beginning of the formation of "Singing for Pleasure" which the BBC is keen to promote?

Who fancies being on Television?

The bridge and Church Street should look really attractive and could lend themselves as locations for enjoying the Christmas period. Barring accidents, they will remain up until the first week of January.

The decorations are there, it would be a wasted opportunity not to use them as a backdrop to local celebrations.

Finally, I owe so many thanks to the people who put so much time and expense to make this display special both this year and last.

Dennis Oliver and his company, David Knowles and his family and Leazes Estate have been hugely generous. None wanted any form of recognition but their input has made the project a pleasure.

In the next issue when the lights are up and running, I will thank everyone who will have helped and of course the team of ladies who have volunteered to organise the refreshments again this year.

Howard Oliver.



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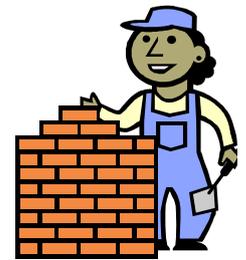
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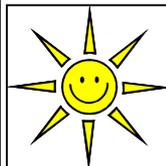
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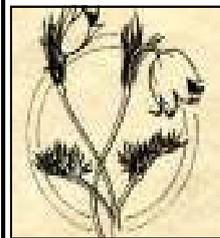
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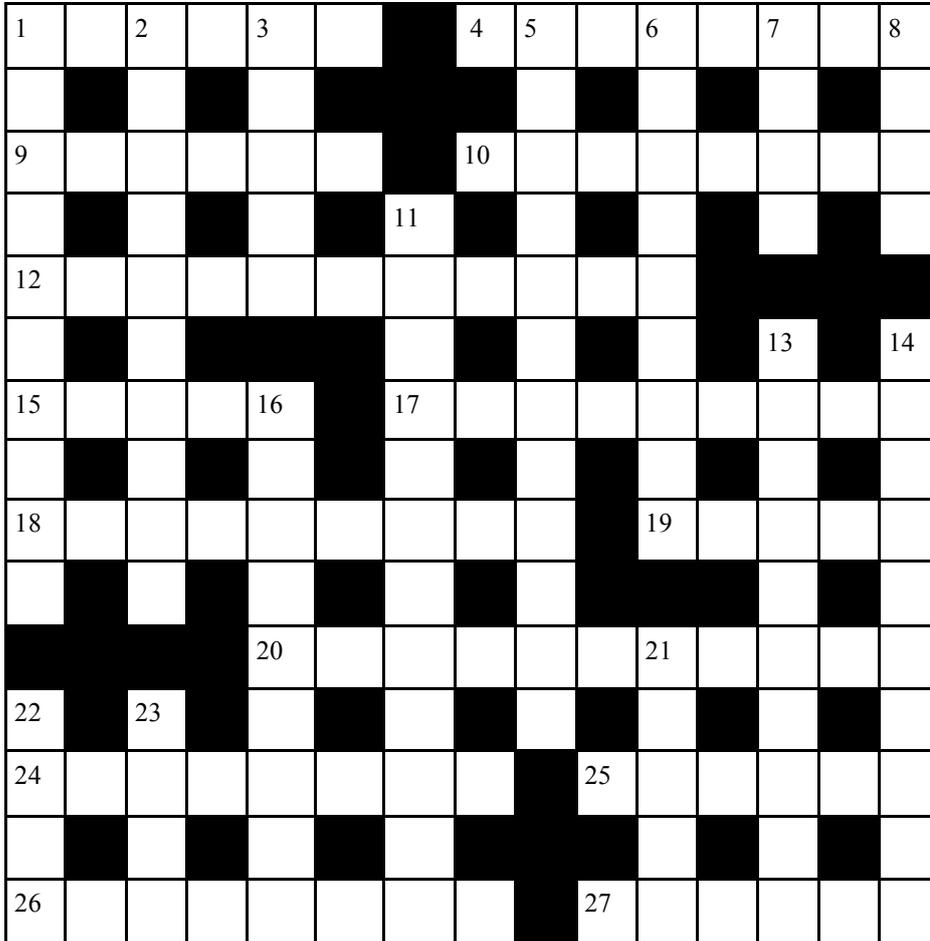
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ACROSS

- 1 Author with a document for her majesty.(6)
- 4 Charge and branded with energy.(8)
- 9 Acts when one has acted.(6)
- 10 Main lab the French can make waterproof.(8)
- 12 Delightful suit has admirers.(11)
- 15 Only very unusual leguminous ecosystems initially lead to egg cell location.(5)
- 17 Extreme Carbon and Nitrogen mixture gives waste matter.(9)
- 18 Let Roy tag around the series of four.(9)
- 19 Dined in London restaurant subsequently.(5)
- 20 Neither Coral or Pine are without material form.(11)
- 24 Lust at an amalgamation of spirit visible in the case.(8)
- 25 Discharges projects.(6)
- 26 Seen on opposite poles, poppycock.
(8)
- 27 Be dark and moderated. (6)

SOLUTIONS TO OCTOBER'S CROSSWORD. (46)

Across

- 1 Barbel
- 5 Barathe
- 9 Estrogen
- 10 Fenced
- 11 Craquelure
- 13 Sate
- 14 Blue
- 15 Toothpaste
- 18 Patterdale
- 20 Bags
- 21 Flux
- 23 Incatenate
- 25 Patina
- 26 Chevalet
- 28 St Helena
- 29 Breast

Down

- 2 Australia
- 3 Baroque
- 4 Log
- 5 Bantu
- 6 Refreshment
- 7 Tunisia
- 8 Event
- 12 Exterminate
- 16 Ova
- 17 Tightness
- 19 Textile
- 20 Bandage
- 22 Least
- 24 Cocoa
- 27 Ebb

DOWN

- 1 One who knew the value of lyrics.
(10)
- 2 Equated in a niggardly manner.
(10)
- 3 Decide upon the Spanish electroconvulsive therapy.(5)
- 5 Track hired by around five hundred American racers.(3,9)
- 6 The mental toughness may be gentle but the metal is strong.
(4,5)
- 7 Able to return to island.(4)
- 8 Garden in need of refurbishment.
(4)
- 11 Card for a number of associations.
(5,2,5)

- 13 Let Ken flog those who were well bred.(10)

- 14 It may be less tidier but it's germ free! (10)

- 16 Annihilate in a time before Lady and a hundred dined.(9)

- 21 Contrasting part of secret brotherhood.(5)

- 22 Stupefy a good man and a French one.(4)

- 23 Unknown section of human ontology.(4)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
6 All correct

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

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