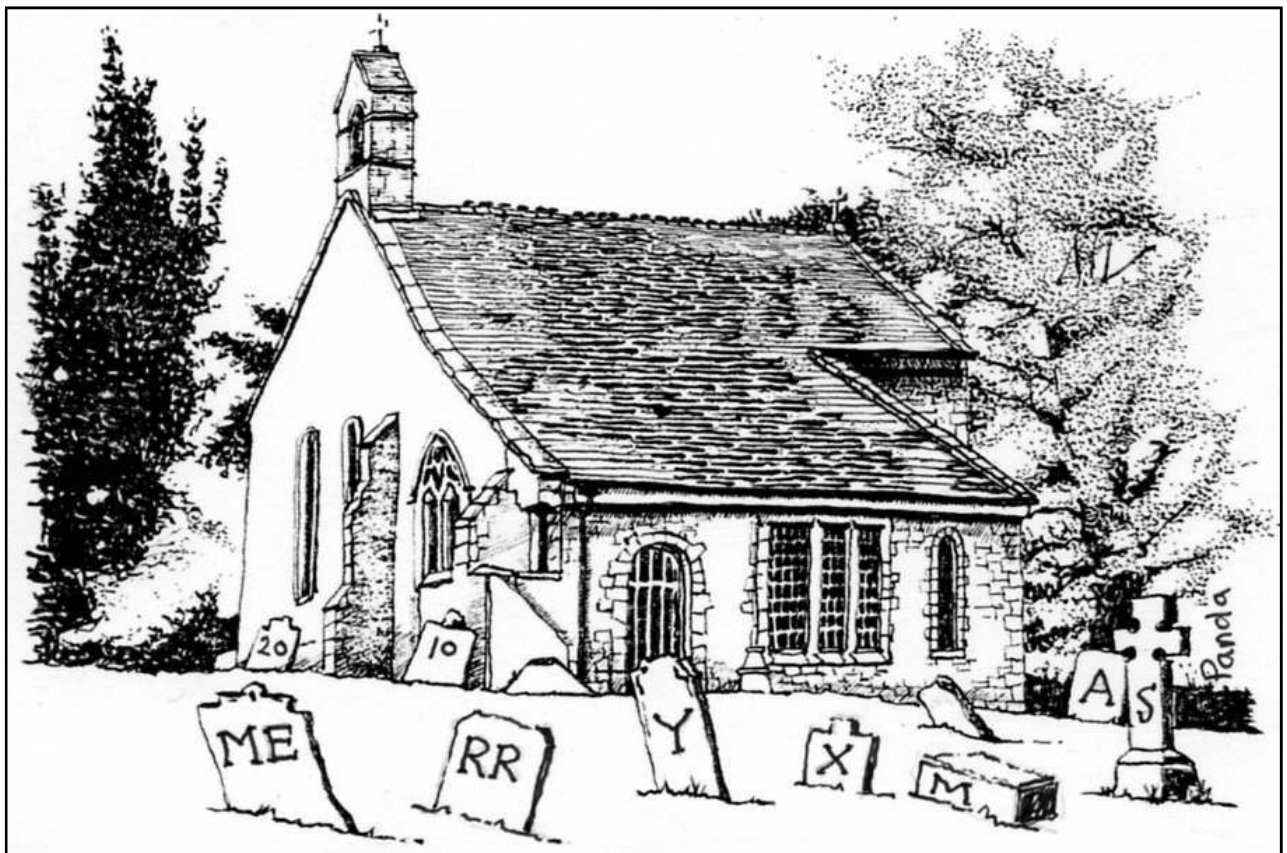




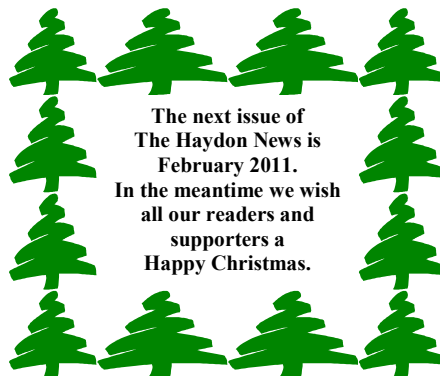
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HAYDON OLD CHURCH by Panda

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7.30pm on Monday, 10th January 2011
at Haydon Bridge Community Centre.**

*New committee members needed.
All members welcome to attend.*

*A new treasurer is required for 2011
as Mike Parkin is stepping down after
5 years in the post.*

*If you are interested in becoming the
'Friends' honorary treasurer please
contact Mike Parkin on 684340
or Dennis Telford on 684636 or just
come to the AGM*

Haydon Howlers

**Meeting 14th Dec at 1.30pm, Methodist Church Hall, to
prepare for sharing their progress with family, friends and
supporters who should arrive at 2.20pm for eats etc.**

The first session of the new year is on January 11th 2011;
usual time and place. All welcome.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in November 2010

Public Participation.

Representatives from the Haydon Bridge Football Club informed the Council that the Club has decided to clear the land it owns between the Low Hall Park Football Grounds and the river, to create a Junior Football Pitch. Several complaints have been received in the past about this area, as it has been used by bikers as a play area and has also been used for fly tipping. The Footpath to the Spa Well crosses the area but won't be affected by the development. No mature trees will be lost but some poor quality self seeded trees and shrubs will be cleared. Councillors supported the scheme and suggested the Club apply to NCC Community Chest and also the Community Foundation for funding. The Club was also advised to get in touch with North Country Leisure for advice on other funding sources.

Council meeting

8 councillors and the NCC councillor were present.

NCC Report

Alan Sharp reported that the extension of the 30mph speed limit on Station Road would be introduced in early December.

Work on the ramped pavement edge outside the Chip Shop has not been carried out due to complaints from a local resident when workmen turned up to do the job.

Cllr Sharp has had a meeting with some local residents from West Rattenraw to discuss improvements to the drainage along the lane and the resurfacing programme.

Meetings and discussions have been held to discuss the NCC Parking Strategy. A parish councillor pointed out that while this doesn't affect parking in Haydon Bridge, it does affect local residents who travel to Hexham for work, shopping and now to access their bank. Parish precepts have to be sent into the County Council by January 24th.

The issue of the transfer of responsibility for the maintenance of play areas was brought up again. A parish councillor, who has been keeping a close eye on the issue, told the Council that the delay in transferring responsibility to Parish Councils was due to the fact that at present the play areas in the newer housing developments in Haydon Bridge were still owned by Bellway. Only when the ownership has been transferred to NCC will they be able to transfer

maintenance responsibilities to the Parish Council. No money has been allocated for play area maintenance in the Council's precept for 2011/12 as the money to cover these costs is still held by the County Council. It was given to NCC by the developer as part of the planning agreement. There is also the consideration of what happens to the interest accrued, over the period the funding (£40,000+) has been held by NCC and which, had the transfer gone ahead earlier, would have been available to the Parish Council.

Highways

In a letter to the Parish Council a NCC Traffic Officer informed councillors that he had spoken to some local residents, who park near the bus stop on Ratcliffe Road, about parking on the bus stop platform or within the yellow box and 'Bus Stop' sign painted on the road. He noted that on subsequent visits to check parking in the vicinity of the bus stop, there were no vehicles obstructing bus or passenger access. He did add that 'matters might be improved as and when the Council [NCC] decide to standardise the echelon parking on this side of the road and mark in proper parking bays'.

On a point from Highway Regulations he informed the Council that while the parking in this section of Ratcliffe Road was unrestricted, it is restricted at the bus stop itself. As the bus stop 'is marked with a yellow box, a broad yellow line and bus stop sign it is an offence for any vehicle, other than a bus, to park in or obstruct the bus stop in any way'.

Fly tipping in the lane to Harsondale has not been cleared although reported to NCC some time ago.

Blocked drains on the A686 at Langley and in Church Street are to be reported.

Planning applications

The following applications were received for comment;
Construction of first floor extension to the side and conservatory to rear of Alexandra House. No objections

Proposed first floor balcony and conversion of window to door at 1a, Ratcliffe Road. The Council expressed some concerns regarding the effect on the privacy of the neighbouring resident.

Accounts and Budget

Regular monthly payments and this year's donations to selected local charities were agreed.

The Parish Council received the minutes of a meeting held last week when 6 councillors discussed the budget requirements for 2011/12, and set a precept for the full meeting of the Parish Council to discuss, amend and agree.

A precept of £41,015.00 was proposed following last week's meeting. This was £1,371.00 less than the current financial year precept. However, a councillor expressed concern that no money had been allocated, within the proposed budget, for the Christmas Tree Lights in 2012. The council agreed to add £1,000.00 to the precept for the lights. The precept for the next financial year was set and agreed at £42,015.00.

(The precept is the amount of money the Parish Council needs to fulfil its duties and support Parish activities. It is set each year by the Parish Council and sent to NCC for approval. The precept is added to the Council Tax, set by NCC, and charged to Council Tax payers living in Haydon Parish.)

Correspondence

A letter of complaint about the timing of the Remembrance Day Ceremony was received. When the correspondent arrived in Church St at 10.45am, with the intention of attending the Ceremony she was surprised and annoyed to find it almost finished.

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JONATHAN MARTIN

1782 — 1838

(Part 4)

For parts 1, 2 and 3 see HN's
Aug., Oct., Nov. 2010

On the cold and frosty morning of Monday February 2nd 1829, Jonathan Martin climbed down a rope, taken from the Belfry of York Minster, which he had knotted and hung from the Five Sisters Window in the West Aisle of the Minster's North Transept.

Jonathan, formerly of Haydon Bridge, had left behind a fire burning in the Minster Choir, and within a few hours his deliberate and well planned handiwork brought down much of the most sacred part of the great cathedral.

Jonathan's flight to the north east of England, after starting the fire, his subsequent apprehension at 'Codlaw Hill' above Hexham and his return to York City Gaol, were reported in my 'Notes in November's Haydon News.

Feelings were running high when Jonathan Martin was returned to York from Hexham's House of Correction. Naturally there was a very strong reaction in the city to the devastating fire and against the perpetrator. Many were intent on revenge; they demanded Jonathan's immediate trial and that he be hanged. The authorities had very real concerns about civil unrest in York, and fears that a mob would take the law into their own hands. It was even suggested that Jonathan be hung from the city walls in the manner of a traitor. Such was the strength of public feeling, after two weeks of his incarceration, visitors were granted admission to the gaol just to stare at Jonathan the incendiary. It was reported at the time that on some days Jonathan received a hundred visitors.

I imagine the occasion to be a bit like my annual trips to an uncle's in London as a small boy, when the Chamber of Horrors at Madame Tussaud's was top of my list of places to visit. A morbid curiosity to stare at the wax images of Christie, Crippen, Jack the Ripper, et al. Much more interesting on this 19th Century occasion, however, was that the perpetrator of the crime was very much alive. - And he came from Haydon Bridge!!

Jonathan did make what seems to have been a half hearted attempt to escape from York Gaol, tearing his bed rug into strips and making a rope, following a

dream in which he saw an angel assisting a man down from the top of the gaol wall. When his escape attempt failed, Jonathan told the gaol keeper's wife that it must have been the will of God that he should fail, and from that time on he seemed resigned to his confinement.



Jonathan Martin in Prison at York (1829)
An engraving after a portrait by E. Lindley

Jonathan's visitors included his wife Maria who took him food, and brothers William and Richard who, according to the York Courant of March 17th 1829, were arranging for his defence. There were others, however, who had gone to York City Gaol simply to stare at 'the mad-man' as they filed past the barred window of his cell.

Remarkably, some were there, according to the Yorkshire Gazette: 'To have the honour to shake the incendiary's hand. Noblemen and titled ladies, a crowd of persons of rank and distinction all graciously received.'

Jonathan, whose behaviour was exemplary, seems to have rather enjoyed the publicity and declared that he, "never in his life shook hands with so many people of quality".

Oh aye! And what about Haydon Bridge folk like?

It is worth noting that although Jonathan was universally criticised for the method he used, in God's name, to show members of the church the error of their ways, he was not alone during this period in his hostility to the Church of England. Many, not least

those of a Methodist persuasion I guess, believed that it was losing its way had become too worldly and had forgotten its true spiritual purpose.

In a letter to the Dean of the Minster, a Colonel Chumley of York wrote:

'I wish to make some remarks about the service on a Sunday evening. It is quite disgraceful to see the wanderers and love makers in every part of the Cathedral, and when the anthem is finished, it is like the close of a theatre.'

It seems that the Nave of the Minster wasn't used for religious purposes at all, but a setting for secular musical concerts; great social occasions for the gentry. It was even reported that if 'ordinary people' wanted to sit in one of the pews for evensong, they had to tip the Verger to unlock and open the door at the end of the pew. Meanwhile, the Deans and Canons lived in large houses and were very much part of York's social scene.

It was against this background, and the ruined heart of the Cathedral, that Jonathan Martin was summoned before a Grand Jury on Monday March 23rd 1829 in the Guildhall at York, for a preliminary investigation of 'the crime'.

It was reported that:

'The anxiety to see Jonathan Martin induced an immense number of people to repair to the Hall, many well dressed women were amongst them, who seemed to take their share of the pushing and struggling in good part..... there was an incessant tumult in the Court, occasioned by the continued arrival of spectators and the struggle to gain places.'

Jonathan was brought to the Guildhall and, as he stood up in the dock, he seemed to be perfectly unconcerned at the situation in which he was placed. 'His countenance was perfectly placid: it wore no traces of terror and certainly none of guilt.'

Onlookers filled the hall and part of the yard, and the prisoner was reported as having placed himself at the front of the dock and turned his face towards the crowds, frequently talking to those with whom he came more immediately in contact, and laughing at their observations.

One lady asked Jonathan.

"Do you not feel sorry for what you have done?"

Jonathan replied.

“Oh, no! Not at all.....it may make (the Ministers) stand and consider their ways. All those who are really converted will think I have done right enough.”

Justice Bayley, noticing Jonathan standing up, ordered him to sit down in the dock and expressed the view that his public exhibition was very improper.

The investigation pieced together the events leading to the charges, from witness testimony and Jonathan's own detailed account.

The accusations were accepted, as was an application made by the defence to have the trial heard in the Castle of York Crown Court rather than the City, where it was felt it would be impossible to secure an unprejudiced jury due to the excited state of public opinion.

When asked if he had any objection to this, Jonathan replied.

“I do not care where I am tried, Sir. The Lord's Will be done.”

Jonathan Martin was tried for setting fire to York Minster

An engraving of the investigation, was published on April 6th 1829 by A. Barclay, Bookseller York



Jonathan Martin's trial was set for Monday March 30th 1829, and his defence was conducted at his brother John Martin's expense.

Within a few years, John himself was almost ruined as his own finances ebbed away. John's good friend and confidante, Ralph Thomas, apportioned the blame for John's problems partly to the financial commitment he made to Jonathan's defence; for which he engaged perhaps the most prominent barrister of the day, Henry Brougham. Brougham had gained fame and reputation in 1820, by leading a legal team for Queen Caroline, the estranged wife of George IV. In 1830, Brougham was given a peerage and became Lord Chancellor.

On March 30th 1829, once again initial

reports of the event concentrated on the public curiosity.

‘The announcement of the trial of Jonathan Martin occasioned as much interest in any case we ever recollect.’ So much so that tickets were issued for admission to the public galleries and the issuing Sheriff's house was literally, ‘besieged with applicants’.

I will record here verbatim, the events of the morning of March 30th 1829 in York.

‘On Monday morning, we saw parties wending their way to the Castle as early as seven o' clock. The doors were opened for the admission of parties by ticket at eight o' clock - and the galleries were soon filled. When the doors were opened for the public there was a tremendous crush.

The crowd, to the amount of some thousands, had previously accumulated in the Castle yard, forming so dense a mass in the immediate vicinity of the court, that it was scarcely possible for an officer to make his way through. At half past eight o' clock, Martin was placed in the dock. He tripped down the steps with an air of the most perfect indifference, bowed and smiled to the court as the Clerk of Arraignment read the indictment against him.’

“Jonathan Martin, you stand indicted that you, the said Jonathan Martin, on the first day of February did unlawfully and maliciously

Jonathan interrupted the proceedings here. “Not maliciously Sir.”

“..... maliciously and feloniously, did set fire to the Cathedral of Saint Peter of York.

What say you Jonathan Martin. Are you guilty or not guilty?”

To this question, Jonathan answered:

“It was not me my Lord; but my God did it.”

The Judge interpreted this as a plea of: “not guilty”.

On Tuesday March 31st the court was again crowded to excess, ‘the small and large galleries filled with well dressed ladies and gentlemen as the members of the jury were sworn in’. Interestingly, none of the twelve jurors were from the City of York.

It was reported that Jonathan was, ‘decently dressed in a blue coat and trousers, a black silk waistcoat and his greatcoat was carried over his arm’.

Much of the substance of Jonathan's

trial has been covered in my earlier narrative of his life. Statements were taken from his friends, including Edward Kell of Codlaw Hill near Acomb, his employers and workmates, his gaolers from West Auckland and Gateshead Asylums, William Lawn, with whom he lodged in York before the fire, the junior chorister, Robert Swinbank, who raised the alarm on the morning of Monday February 2nd., those who investigated the scene of the fire, and his captor, William Stainthorpe from Hexham.

Jonathan's actions were, of course, never in dispute, the prosecution witnesses simply confirmed his account of the events. An account of his dreams, motives and actions that was presented by Jonathan personally, to the court in York Castle, ‘with considerable energy and vehemence of manner, very fast with some impediment of speech, and in a strong Northumbrian accent.’

The excitement and anticipation in the public galleries was intense. Arson was a capital offence in 1829 and Jonathan Martin, the incendiary of York Minster and once of Haydon Bridge, was being tried for his life.

Jonathan's brother John Martin and his appointed counsel Henry Brougham, were well aware that to save Jonathan from the gallows it would have to be proved that he was insane when committing the crime.

The ironies of Jonathan's court appearance, ensured that the transcript of his 1829 trial has for ever since been selected reading for students of Law.

How ironic that Brougham's efforts to prove insanity were discouraged by the defendant himself. Jonathan was said to be ‘exasperated’ on learning that it was being arranged to prove him insane, and insisted that God would not have chosen a man of unsound mind to carry out his work.

How ironic that Jonathan's friends and former colleagues, who were called as witnesses, undermined the defence's case by insisting that Jonathan had never shown signs of insanity when in their company. On the other hand, the two witnesses who disliked Jonathan and would have been happy to see him found guilty, ‘had no doubt that he was mad’.

Which witnesses were the jury to believe?

Jonathan's case appears to have turned on the testimony of three medical professionals called by the defence, who

claimed that Jonathan was indeed insane, but only in specific circumstances. A monomaniac whose insanity was only occasioned by issues related to the Clergy.

It is interesting to reflect on a pre trial instruction of which we are now aware and which may - or may not - have influenced the tenor of Jonathan's trial. The council for the prosecution agreed to do nothing during the court proceedings that would arouse prejudice against the Methodists and turn the occasion into an exhibition of bigotry!

The Judge, Baron Hullock, spoke for one hour and forty minutes summing up the case. He told the court that there was no manner of doubt that Jonathan Martin was the individual who set fire to York Minster, and he instructed the jury.

"If you think he was sane then you must find him guilty of the offence charged. If you think he was not sane, or if you entertain a rational doubt upon the subject, you will give him the benefit of it, by acquitting him on the footing of insanity."

The jury retired at five forty in the afternoon and deliberated for only seven minutes before returning to deliver their verdict.

The foreman of the jury spoke.

"We find (Jonathan Martin) guilty, but consider that he was insane at the time he committed the act."

"Then gentlemen", said the Judge, "your verdict must be that of, not guilty on the grounds of insanity; and he must remain in custody during His Majesty's pleasure."

Jonathan was said to be disappointed and dejected at the verdict of 'insanity' and is recorded as having said to his son Richard, a visitor to the gaol following the trial:

"Aa'm thinking that God has used me vary badly."

Jonathan Martin's infamous 'deed' was carried out in the name of his God in Heaven, and yet it resulted in the final eight years of his own life being spent in the Hell on earth that was the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem at St George's Fields, London. Better known as Bedlam, Jonathan was taken to the Criminal Lunatic Asylum on April 28th 1829 and remained there until his death on May 27th 1838.

There appear to be few records of

Jonathan during his years in Bedlam. Thomas Balston, in 'The Life of Jonathan Martin', published in 1945, refers to what appears to be the one and only eyewitness account.

I have chosen three extracts that perhaps illustrate Jonathan's tortured life, and the two sides of our former resident's eccentric character.

'He stood up, and never in my life have I beheld a human being in appearance so perfectly harmless he looked anything but a Bedlamite. Had I met him in the highway, I should have concludedthat he was one of the most gentle of God's creatures; apparently he would not injure a worm. It required an effort to make me feel that I was talking to the Incendiary of York Minster.'

'(Jonathan was) drawing a Bishop with seven heads....rushing into the jaws of a colossal crocodile. The artist disappointed me: he had none of the sublimity of his great brother, the painter of Belshazzar's Feast.'

'His manners were modest and rustic: he conversed like a good - humoured cottager.... He was not merely resigned but perfectly satisfied.'

Jonathan's brothers, John and Richard (who died in 1837), his sister Ann (Mrs Atkinson) and his son Richard, were his only visitors in Bedlam other than curious strangers.

Four days after Jonathan's death, his son Richard, who was living with his uncle John and his family, wrote of his father's last days in a letter to his uncle William Martin. William was living in Newcastle and had, in 1833, published a thirty one verse poem on Jonathan and his burning of York Minster.

I close my story of Jonathan Martin with his death, as described in the words of his only son Richard.

30 Allsop Terrace,
London.
May 31st 1838.

My Dear Uncle (William),

I do not write to you often, and when I do I have only to communicate occurrences of a melancholy nature. I last year wrote and told you of your brother Richard's decease, and now I have to announce that my poor father is released from his bodily confinement: his spirit has escaped the boundaries of his prison walls, and returned to Him Who

gave it and Whom on this earth he made it his duty diligently to serve.

When we take into consideration the unfortunate circumstances under which he was placed, and think on the pleasures so dear to him from which he was effectually debarred - only in his thoughts visiting the scenes of his childhood and his friends in the north, of whom he often spoke, and often wished to visit - retaining the love he had of roaming in the flowery fields, and visiting the pleasant haunts of his youth - it is but natural to suppose that he inwardly fretted, though he never complained.

Being, as he was, prepared to meet his God, he anticipated with pleasure his coming release, which took place on Sunday May 27th, after three days' illness.

Knowing the happy state of mind in which he died, we are in some degree reconciled to his loss, though I shall feel his loss very much and at being deprived of the melancholy pleasure of visiting him in his prison. My aunt Atkinson and I were there on the Monday, two days before he was taken ill; he was delighted to see us, and appeared cheerful and contented: he talked about his friends in the north, and asked if we had heard from you, and hoped that you were doing well. He had got permission to draw a little, which he had not been allowed to do for a long time. I left him paper, etc., and he began with eagerness, and must have worked very hard at it; for he would not get the paper until Tuesday morning, and on Wednesday it was that he felt himself ill, and gave his drawing and everything up to the keeper, and said he was assured that he would not require them any more, and he would only read his Bible. In a short time he had half covered a large sheet of drawing paper with a serpent, lions, archers shooting, and other things which I do not remember, as I have not the drawing yet.

He did not keep to his bed until Saturday when he felt himself a great deal worse, especially towards the night. The keeper came and told us of the condition he was in. My uncle and I immediately went to see him, but he was in a state of lethargy and insensible to everything around. He did not know us. We remained with him till twelve o'clock, but he continued in the same state, and remained so until about an hour before his death, when he revived

and retained the use of his faculties and reason: and, when being told that he would rally and get better, he smiled and said, "Oh no, I feel much worse; I shall soon be released now," and then laid his head back on the pillow, and expired like one going into a quiet slumber: truly his end was peace.

You, my dear uncle (William), will be much grieved at losing a brother to whom you were so strongly attached, and who retained for you the strongest affection; but I trust we shall meet where affectionate brothers, relatives and friends will never part.

With the kindest loves of all the family, Aunt Atkinson, Mr. Warren, uncle, aunt, etc., I conclude and remain, my dear Uncle, Your affectionate nephew,

Richard Martin. * See postscript below.

Main sources of information for my Historical Notes on Jonathan Martin

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POSTSCRIPTS

Antiquarian, John Browne, directed the clearance of the rubble after the fire and during the clearance he was to make a remarkable discovery.

A hidden 11th century structure below the fire damaged floor of the Minster was revealed to be the crypt and columns of a post Norman Conquest building that had stood on the site. Until that time, no one knew that anything of this earlier building had survived. Today, this space is open to the public as the Undercroft.

York Minster was fully restored over a period of three years following the 1829 fire.

*On Sunday August 5th 1838, less than three months after his father had died, Jonathan's son Richard, an artist in his own right who had two paintings hung in the Royal Academy, went out of his mind and committed suicide while living with his Uncle John. 'Cutting his throat with a razor in a most dreadful manner.'

It is a delight that descendants of two of our most famous industrial families and entrepreneurs have 'found' The Haydon News.

We welcome our correspondents Brian Bacon and Mick Bewick this month.

The Bacon and Bewick families made their reputations mining lead in the district, albeit many years apart.

Queensland,
New Zealand.
Sept. 2010.

Dear Editors,

In a moment of boredom I inserted my full name into Google and was surprised that it came up on 'Haydon News Online' (April 2010). It produced my name which was entered into the visitors book of the Haydon Old Chapel.

I am a direct descendent of John Bacon who is interred in the Old Church on the hill. We were there during Sept 2000 and left our names in the visitors' book.

I took photos of the marble tablet on the north wall recording the interment of my ancestor. Having spent 40 years at sea, my wife Joan played 'For Those in Peril on the Sea', on the small organ there!



**BEWICK
MEMORIAL
HAYDON
OLD
CHURCH**

For thirty years I have made a genealogy study of my Bacon ancestors with Wills in U.K. repositories and entries from parish registers.

George Bacon was born in North Wingfield, Derbyshire and migrated to Northumberland and settled in Allendale about 1640 after the death of his father Thomas. He commenced mining lead and married Cecilia Robson of Ninebanks. Their son John, who is buried at Haydon, became Lord High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1693. He became very wealthy.

The Bacons intermarried with the landed gentry. Son, William of Staward, married Margaret the sister of Thomas Forster, the Rebel General of the 1715 Jacobite rebellion.

The pedigree was last entered at the London College of Arms in 1814 and with Wills and papers, I updated it in 1978 which entitled my family to the Arms conferred by the College of Arms on grandson John Bacon of Newton Cap in 1752. I have put together a large history of the family dating back to 1536.

I have just visited the Haydon Bridge News web site on haydon-bridge.co.uk (Oct/Nov. 2005 and Feb. 2007) and read your research of my august Bacon family and their connections with Staward Peel. You have done a lot of work and it was most interesting to read.

Permit me to tell you at this stage something about myself and my interest in my pedigree, which I have been researching now since 1977 after getting possession of family papers and records pertaining to my ancestors.

I followed a career at sea and being a Foreign Going Master Mariner I was in command of large super iron ore carriers carrying iron ore to Japan. Being at sea gave me plenty of time to follow genealogical research and to record it for the use of my small family. I am now retired and live in tropical Queensland.

To aid my research I have here the entire 15 volumes of 'A History of Northumberland' by John Crawford Hodgson FSA. I have made many trips to the UK and have been to many of the places which my ancestors owned. I was received by Colonel Bell some years ago at Staward Manor, by Robert Dickinson of Styford Hall, the Little family of Broadwood Hall, Allendale and the owner of Adderstone Hall. My travels have taken me to all the known burial places of my ancestors. I have been to several repositories holding records of the Bacons. I have collected most Wills dating from early Bacons of North Wingfield, near Chesterfield circa 1534, and had to pay an expert to transcribe their content.

I have quite a story!

Dennis, I am so pleased to correspond with someone who knows as much as I do about the Bacons of Staward and

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when I have time I will expand on what you have already written and tell you a lot more.

I hope that your readers will be interested in this email.

Best regards,
Brian M Bacon.

Thank you Brian. I have no doubt that readers interested in our social history, and Haydon Old Church, will indeed be delighted to read about your research and your connection with our parish.

London.
August 2010

Subject: Thomas John Bewick.

As you will see I'm a Bewick who happens to be more related to Thomas John than the other Thomas, the artist who lived at Cherryburn.

In fact Thomas John Bewick's father, John William Bewick (1786-1861 - I think) was brother to my three times great grandfather, Abraham Bewick, who was born in Ovingham in 1792 and became variously a miller, flour dealer, grocer and tea merchant associated with a firm called Grenville's of Newcastle; according to my now deceased uncle.

It is therefore Thomas John Bewick and his family that I'm seeking the details of.

Amongst other things, I've read Sue Harley's book 'In The Bewick Vein' and even visited the grave of Thomas Burrell Bewick's youngest son, Thomas John, in Putney Vale Cemetery; and his house, 'Tynedale' where Thomas John senior and Thomas Burrell both died. Thomas John Bewick's second wife, Catherine, died in Haydon Bridge. (April 8th 1888.)

(Ed's Note: Thomas John Bewick lived at 'The Nook' in Haydon Bridge. Thomas Burrell Bewick was his son whose twenty first birthday, in December 1877, was a day of great rejoicing in the village.)

In brief; if you or any of your readers can help, the information I'm after is:-

Anything about Thomas John Bewick's daughters; Mary Ann (b. 1844 - I have a copy of her birth certificate), and Elizabeth. - e.g. Elizabeth's birth. Did either or both of them marry and to whom? And if not, where and when did they die? - There are a lot of people with exactly the same names scattered around the North East!

I know the dates of the life events of Isaac (neonatal death) and Thomas Burrell but it's the latter's wives that I'm a little lost on.

For some reason I don't seem to be able to pin point Mary Ann Bewick's (nee Burrell) date of death, but I have a copy of her marriage certificate and know she was christened on 1st November 1825 - the best I can come up with is 3rd March 1865 - is that right?

When and where was Catherine Bewick, (nee Stanbrough) born?

From the 1841 -1871 censuses I know she is supposed to have been born somewhere between 1828 and 1832 in Rushton, Northamptonshire and was a spinster / governess who'd worked in a number of places around England and Wales.

From her marriage certificate of 10 April 1876 in Banstead, Surrey, her father was a Thomas Stanbrough of Walton on Thames and I have a copy of her death certificate and a photo of her grave in Haydon Bridge.



CATHERINE BEWICK'S GRAVE AT HAYDON OLD CHURCH

Now, there is a large Stanbrough family in Walton on Thames. Father Thomas, mother Susannah and eleven or twelve children, all born between 1811 and 1825 - but no Catherine. Further, the only reference to a Stanbrough in Northamptonshire is the marriage of a Thomas Stanbrough from Walton on Thames to a Susannah Christopherson in Wilsborton (not far from Rushton) on 8th Feb. 1810. I have tried to find the connection but failed, although the coincidences are numerous, thus Catherine's date of birth and / or baptism and whereabouts is important - you can see I have tried.

Can you help in anyway or put me on to someone who can - I'd be very grateful?

Thank you.
Mick Bewick.

If any of our readers can help Mick; information to the editors please.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES

The Haydon News was established in 1979 and preceded on and off for over forty five years by a Church Parish Magazine. Published by the Friends of Haydon Bridge, The Haydon News is written, printed, collated and delivered by volunteers and 1,000 copies are distributed free of charge, ten months of the year, throughout the Parish.

At the end of another year in the life of The Haydon News, and on behalf of our readers, I would like to thank all those who make its publication possible.

The officials and committee members of The Friends of Haydon Bridge, and Storey Hall, Averil Harrison and Peter Parker who have overseen or supported the publishing process this year.

The regular and occasional contributors to The Haydon News; including 'Panda', John Harrison, Pam and Ken Linge, Shaftoe Trust School, and our crossword compilers. Thanks also to William Veitch who, in addition to his occasional articles, carries out valuable but unseen genealogy research on behalf of our correspondents.

Businesses who advertise in The Haydon News and those individuals who provide finance through donations and membership of The Friends of Haydon Bridge. Without your support this parish publication would not exist.

And a special thanks to our village newsagent Claire Marshall, who provides a post box and delivery service for The Haydon News; and to the distributors who volunteer their time to deliver the publication.

Joyce Armstrong. Pam Armstrong. Ed Brown. Peter Carruthers. Ann Carter. Tommy Cunningham. Ralph Curry. Jean Ford. Ben Gibbard. Mrs. Gilhespy. Phil Harley. Moira Howard. Claire Hunter. Liz Jukes. Gordon Liddle. Kate McKirkle. Margaret Marshall. Doris Murphy. Elena Parkin. Brian Pearson. Mrs. Plumb. Louise Ray. Mrs. Ratcliffe. Mabel Renney. Gladys Robertson. Pauline Smith. Sammy Smith. Richard Snowdon. John Steele. Henry Swaddle. Petula Thompson. John Wardle. Mike Winstanley and Christine Youngman.

**Thank you.
And I wish you all a
Happy Christmas and a
Healthy New Year.**

**Dennis Telford
(Chairman: Friends of Haydon Bridge)**

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



The Rev. Judith Hampson officiated at the Haydon Bridge Remembrance Service on Sunday 14th November. A congregation of over 100 joined William Foster and Robert Erskine on Church Street as they read out the names of those who gave their lives in two world wars.

HSBC SIGNS OFF : November 5th 2010



The moment was captured by Peter Parker

CASH POINT

A Cash Point is now available in Claire's Newsagents.
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TAKE FIVE!

In last month's brief history of Haydon Bridge's financial institutions, I forgot to mention the former grocery store on Church Street where the proprietor took a calculated risk by keeping a single £5 note which he loaned out to customers; on a weekly basis in exceptional circumstances. Contrary to popular belief, the fiver was not white and neither was it attached to a length of elastic. In fact, in these austere times, it would be appreciated by the keeper of the till, if the last recipient of the five pound note could return it. I'm sure consideration may even be given to waiving the accrued interest..... Or maybe not!!

THE LAST WORD

Setting aside HSBC's debatable efforts when justifying its decision to close the Haydon Bridge branch, another point does arise in relation to businesses in the parish. Unless those of us who live here support our local retailers and service providers, it is unlikely they will survive. The businesses I refer to also have a responsibility of course; to recognise their customers' needs and provide quality at a competitive price.

It is good to see that Claire has moved quickly following HSBC's demise and, thanks to her, we still have access to our own money in the village.

DIOGENES THROWING AWAY HIS CUP

A rare watercolour by John Martin was sold for £38,400 at Bonhams' 19th Century Paintings auction in October. The estimate had been £10,000 - £15,000.



Friday Dec 17th
12.00 - 2.00pm



Annual Complimentary
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For
Haydon Bridge Pensioners

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or to book a place;
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HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

WINTER PROGRAMME

2010

9th December: Bob Tyson.
'An Engineer Abroad.'

2011

6th January: Trevor Bridges.
'The Scottish Highlands - Fort William.'

20th January: Brian and Sophia Fuller.
'Norway Nature.'

3rd February: (AGM)
Derek Parker. Audiovisual Presentation.

Talks are at 7.15pm in
Haydon Bridge Methodist Church
every other Thursday
Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

Annual subscription: £10
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ALL ARE WELCOME
INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS

For further information please contact:
John DeStefano, Hon. Sec. Tel: 01434 683124

Or Programme Secretaries:
Emmi Althaus: Tel: 01434 606173
Christine Swaddle; Tel: 01434 684498

Shaftoe Trust First School

DON'T FORGET...

**Monday 13th
December
2.00pm**

**Christmas
Production
and
tea
for
Senior citizens.**

WORLD WAR 2!

On Wednesday 20th October children from Kielder class re-enacted World War 2 evacuations. After being taken by 'steam train' to the quiet village of Haydon Bridge they were met by a rather stern billeting officer in the church vestry. Children were split into two groups and then deposited at the homes of Mrs Brown and Mrs Armstrong for juice and broken biscuits.

On Monday 15th November members of the community kindly attended our World War 2 activities. They tasted the delights of war-time cooking, answered children's questions and then joined the whole school to sing a rousing selection of war-time songs.

Remembrance day was marked by a whole school assembly and each class designed their own war memorial, decorated with pictures of remembrance on poppy petals.

FUN FOR ALL!

On Thursday 18th November, children met the author David Harmer who performed, with great flair, a selection of his poems. Children dressed up as pirates and some acted out the very humorous encounter of super hero, batman, smelly man and deodorant woman!

On Friday 19th November everyone saw spots before their eyes as children and staff dressed in spotty attire for Children in Need. Throughout the day there were many spotty events: games of twister, spotty cakes for sale, sponsored spot the difference games, count the spotty sweets in the jar and finally 'Spotlight' performances. At close of day we had collected £160 and the counting was not over!

CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Many thanks to everyone who packed shoe boxes.
This year we collected 33 in total.

News from Haydon Bridge Health Centre

One of the recent additions to the practice has been a large TV screen in the waiting area. Sadly not for football or East Enders catch ups, it enables us to show 'The Life Channel', and a series of public information slots offering advice, guidance and information. For example, November marked Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and the Life Channel took a look at its causes, in particular the damage smoking can do. Cigarettes contain many poisonous substances which can cause cancerous cells to form, but it is a habit that can be overcome: there were handy hints as to how to beat the habit, including the use of nicotine replacement therapy. You can also seek smoking cessation advice from our Nurse Practitioner, just ask Reception to make you an appointment.

As Christmas approaches, we all can easily indulge in a little more of what we fancy! We can easily eat and drink too much. The use of alcohol can sometimes reduce the control people have over their actions and often they way people believe they are coming across to others can differ considerably after a few drinks. In particular, new drinkers such as teenagers need to drink sensibly and be wary of their actions, and of how irresponsible drinking can lead to unprotected sex, and how regularly exceeding the safe amounts of alcohol intake can lead to serious health issues.

Talking about Christmas, please note our Christmas opening hours:

Normal working hours up to and including Friday 24th December.

Between Christmas and New Year:

- Early morning extended hours: Wednesday 29th December.
7.00am to 8.00am Pre-booked appointments only.
- Late evening surgery: Thursday 30th December.
6:40pm to 7:40pm Pre-booked appointments only.
- Early morning extended hours: Tuesday 4th January.
7.00am to 8.00am Pre-booked appointments only.

Our Dispensary will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve

Please ensure you have enough medication for the Christmas period prior to this date.

Resume normal opening hours Wednesday 5th January.

Although our dedicated flu clinic and open session have ended for 2010, **you can still receive a flu vaccination** if you are in one of the risk groups (see our website for further information on these risk groups - www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk.) If you do require a flu vaccination, please contact Reception and you will be given an appointment to see our Practice Nurse.

As the festive season approaches, all the staff at the Haydon Bridge Health Centre wish our patients and all residents a happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas, and a healthy New Year!

A VIEW FROM UP THERE

A lasting memory of my father is of Remembrance Day when he stood to attention with many others at the war memorial in the town square in my home town of Crewe. To me as a young child, he and those around him, who used to number many hundreds in those days, looked like the rock on which anybody who tampered with this country would founder. I wonder what he would have made of the current plague of 'identity theft' – of someone stealing his identity? Having given so much of his life in service to his country, how would he have felt about those who seem unable to make a positive contribution to society but prefer to be parasites within it? This is a story for my dad.....

On a long journey, a man visited a village pub for a bite to eat and stood at the bar. In the bar was a local who everyone seemed to be calling 'S'. "Hello S", "Fancy another pint S?", "What do you fancy for the 3.00 race S?" Eventually curiosity got the better of the visitor and he asked the local "Why does everybody call you 'S'?" This was the reply "Well my name is Sid really but someone stole my ID". (*Blame Sam for this one*).

Wherever I have lived I have usually been told that the local weather isn't like anywhere else and that the weather forecasters invariably get it wrong. In a sense, anywhere in the UK can be said to experience very localised weather conditions – we live in a climate the dominant characteristic of which is massive variation over short distances and over short periods of time. I can often see this as we look across to Elrington from Plunderheath – this was particularly obvious during the cold weather last winter when the north-facing slopes across on the other side of the valley retained the snow and ice for longer. This variability is due in part to the changing nature of weather systems as they move from west to east across us, but is also due to the shape of the land surface – its hills and valleys. Because the majority of our rain comes from the west, one particular feature of Northumberland is a 'rain-shadow effect'. The heaviest of the rain usually falls on the hills to the west and the air is thereby drier by the time it reaches us. This effect doesn't of course spare us from heavy rain and as I write, there has already been 77 mm (3 inches) of rainfall in the first 9 days of November.

As for October, 'dull' was the most appropriate description of more than half of the days of the month. Over the first week, while the wind was from a between SE and SW, air temperatures at night remained well above freezing but conditions became cool and rather murky as the air came in from the North Sea between the 8th and 12th. The 8th was particularly murky as fog lingered all day. Colder air from the north eventually cleared away the cloud cover on the 16th but under clearing skies the night-time air temperature fell below freezing by the 17th, the first autumn air frost. Night temperatures hovered close to freezing until the 26th when the cloud cover returned. Much of the rain fell in the first three days, with squally showers later in the month. The total rainfall (43mm) was well below the seasonal average – roughly 60% of normal.

A full monthly weather summary and the daily readings are available for reference at The Bridge.

Monthly Weather Summary (Haydon Bridge : Height 162m asl)

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Highest Temperature Deg C	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Lowest Temperature Deg C	Rainfall mm
October	12.2	17.6	5.9	-1.8	43.0

And finally, one of **Gladys Friday's** many male acquaintances decided to take his son to church. Some way into the service the boy leaned over to his father and said that he was feeling ill and needed to be sick. The church didn't have a toilet so my friend suggested that he went outside and was sick behind one of the bushes. The boy dashed away but was back in a matter of seconds. "That was quick son" said my friend. To which his son replied "It's OK Dad, I didn't have to go as far as the bushes, there's a box at the back of the church which says on it 'For the Sick'".

John Harrison

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

£80.00 was raised from donations for refreshments served during the Flu Innoculations at the Methodist Church on Friday, 15th October.

The amount raised was forwarded to MacMillan Cancer Support and a letter of thanks has since been received.

Colin and Kathleen Todd.

Thanks to all who helped and donated.

HAYDON BRIDGE RED SQUIRREL GROUP



A new group has been set up in Haydon Bridge to protect our red squirrels. Organised by Marion Craig and her son, local wildlife photographer Will Nicholls, the group aims to collect information on sightings of red and grey squirrels and to provide help with trapping and dispatching grey squirrels.

Visit their website for more information about how to get involved at www.haydonbridgeredsquirrels.com or contact Marion on 07984 630 967.

GRAND PLANS FOR THE ANCHOR HOTEL

The Anchor Hotel has recently changed hands, but this time the people running the hotel are the owners, and they have long term plans to return the hotel to its former glory.

With a career history of running large, well known venues in the world of leisure, arts and culture, including managing large capital programmes, the family management team hope to use their combined skills and experience to ultimately create a hotel offering affordable chic, food of the highest standard at a price to suit all, and entertainment for the whole community to enjoy.

Since opening on the 1st October the focus has been to introduce the new menu. Steve, an experienced chef de cuisine, previously at the Caledonian in Edinburgh, the Zetland Estate and with a large multinational company, has installed a new kitchen and the new menu, served from 12 noon 'till 9.00pm everyday, began on October 30th. All meals are freshly prepared and traditional Sunday Lunch is also served on Sundays. In the long term the plans for the Anchor include, improving the outside of the building including creating an outside area for al fresco eating and drinking, repainting the building (colour suggestions welcomed), lighting the outside of the building in keeping with the lighting of the bridge and a new roof (essential).

Inside it is hoped the original bar can be reinstated as a snug, allowing greater flexibility for different types of entertainment to happen at the same time, e.g. darts in the snug, dining in the lounge, or alternatively dining in the snug whilst a band, or football on the TV, plays in the main bar. The two function rooms on the first floor have great potential and will be turned into beautiful rooms for smaller weddings, christenings, birthdays etc.

The bedrooms will be refurbished to create a 'Mr and Mrs Smith' type accommodation, with each room being individually decorated in a quirky boutique style.

Our aim is to refurbish The Anchor to echo and respect its great history, to ensure the Hotel befits its location within the village whilst bringing it up to date with 21st century comfort and standards.

Excellent customer service is key and though the team have had a few hiccups along the way already, including a very fickle boiler (which has now been replaced...hurrah), they are determined to put every effort into creating a warm, welcoming, beautiful hotel for everyone to enjoy.

Eat drink and be merry at The Anchor Hotel

OLD BRIDGE REPAIRS ALMOST COMPLETE

By the time you're reading this the Old Bridge may well have reopened to pedestrians. After several months, the refurbishment of the decking at the north end of the bridge is about complete. At the time of writing, mid November, the parapets have been rebuilt with only the pointing work to complete. The water mains are being reconnected, so before the end of the month the carriage way can be repaired. When complete, the works team will be concentrating on further works beneath the bridge. This should enable the bridge to be partially reopened to pedestrians and the Christmas Tree Lights to be erected on the bridge.

The additional work to the concrete walls at the north end of the bridge and at the Railway Hotel corner of Church Street will commence as soon as possible. Following a meeting with Parish Councillors in early November, to finalise a decision on the preferred fencing design, the works will be issued to NCC Contracts Dept.

Finally a cautionary note. As NCC Highways Dept is now into the 'Winter Services' it may mean that the workforce is depleted by members having been out overnight salting roads etc. This could delay the works. *(But hopefully won't).* MP.



Mhairi Gowans, of Westley Bank, with Annie, her Jacob sheep, which won two first prizes-Best sheep of breed & Best ewe lamb, at the Glendale Show earlier this year



COMMUNITY CENTRE REOPENED

The Community Centre reopened at the end of November. The first event at the Centre was the Local Artists' Annual Table Top Sale.

Following 3 months of work to restore the building, after damage caused by years of water ingress, the Haydon Bridge Community Centre once again provides a facility of which the village can be proud.

Unfortunately not everyone shares that view. Just before the Centre was due to reopen 2000litres of oil was stolen from the storage tank, delaying the opening by two weeks. MP

Parish Council Notes (cont'd)

Councillors agreed with the complaint. Several councillors noted that the two minutes silence and wreath laying took place well before 11.00am, and that several people missed the ceremony even though they arrived 10 minutes or so before 11 o'clock. A letter is to be sent to the three church leaders in the village to request that the Remembrance Ceremony takes place at the nationally agreed and accepted time. At present it appears to be a continuation of the Church Service held beforehand.

A letter from NCC Planning Dept invited the Parish Council to send representatives to a site meeting at The Showfield to meet with members of the Planning Team and representatives from the developers, Bellway. The aim of the meeting is to try to resolve the apparent non compliance with the planning requirements, laid down in the planning permission for the housing development, which stated that a hedge should be planted on the outside of the perimeter fence, 'to avoid a harsh and inappropriate interface between the development site and the surrounding open land'. No hedge has been planted and there is no room for the planting of one as the fence provided runs along the boundary of the site, probably where the hedge should have been.

The Council was informed that the Accident and Emergency Dept has moved from Newcastle General hospital to the RVI.

Village Projects.

The programme for the John Martin Heritage Project is at present being drawn up. The project will start in March 2011 and go on to the end of 2012. One of the main activities in the project is the development of a John Martin Heritage Centre in the Community Centre. The project group is looking for volunteers to research information on John Martin, his life, family, works of art and engineering schemes and, with the help of a graphic designer, to plan and set up the Heritage Centre.

The Christmas Tree Lights will be switched on at 4 o'clock on December 5th. A fairground organ will provide music before the 'switch on'. Santa will be in attendance and there will be carols and songs from Shaftoe First School and the Community Band. Students from the High School will also be participating in an event that gets bigger and better each year. Hot refreshments will be available too.

Howard Oliver, the event organiser, thanked the Knowles family, Dennis Oliver and the Leazes Estate for their continuing help and support.

It was proposed, that in future sponsorship might be sought to provide decorative sculpture, for illumination each Christmas, as this would could be used for several years. A small working group is being set up to organise for the lights in the future.

It is likely that the floodlighting for the Old Bridge will be in place by the end of January.

A meeting is to be held in the village to discuss possible sites for a replacement ATM. Two parish councillors are to attend the meeting with planners and a bank representative. One site that has been suggested is on the land just south of the Library. In this position it would be off the pavement and not intrude into the general view of the street.

Next Council meeting is at 7.30pm on December 16th.

'CAROLLING AND CRUMPETS'

WITH

John Kirkpatrick

SATURDAY, 11TH DECEMBER at 8.00pm

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Judith Hampson

**DECEMBER 2010 &
JANUARY 2011**



Well, here we are. How do you feel just now, I wonder? Is there a warm glow thinking of the approaching festivities? Or perhaps there's anxiety over family tensions, or a sense that you never want to see another sprout again? Many of us today will be a little anxious for all sorts of reasons, one of them being feeling the pressure to buy things. After all, we have been subject to a relentless marketing campaign that started sometime in August, and by Christmas we've spent more money than at any other time of year. It would take a saint to resist.

Marketing is big business these days; it's all about targeting the right people in the right places with techniques and tricks that get ever more sophisticated. One campaign a year or two ago famously sought out the "coolest kid in the playground" in order to give them a computer game console for free. The reasoning was that if the coolest kid had it, then everyone else would want it too. Apparently it didn't work too well, but it was a bold move, that's for sure!

What a refreshing change, then, to read of Jesus' birth. While today's experts are finding cleverer and cleverer ways to target the right person in the right place, God targets all the wrong people in the wrong places. Instead of delivering their child among their friends and family, among people who might know a bit about the mysterious circumstances of Jesus' conception, or have heard Mary tell of what the angel said, Mary and Joseph have to deliver the saviour of the world in a town that they don't know, in an anonymous inn, among people who haven't a clue that the one that all Israel has waited for for centuries is tucked up in an animal-food trough next door. It's true that this unexpected journey to the town of Jesus' ancestors fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies and would ultimately help to cement his credentials, but at this early stage, it doesn't look too good.

So enjoy the climax of that season of goodwill, sit back as the adverts for summer holidays kick in on Boxing Day. Try to shake off all that advertising, all that marketing, and revel in the love of a God who sees the value in the most unvaluable people, and who is willing to spend the resources of heaven on bringing us close to him again, even if it's not good business. OK, so we've bought a lot of things. So be it. Let's enjoy the gifts given and received for what they are: not the fruit of a marketing campaign, but a symbol of another gift – a child born in a strange place, with just his Mum and Dad and a few shepherds who knew who he was – the greatest gift of all.

Enjoy your blessings

Judith Hampson

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



**Methodist Church
Christmas Fayre**
Saturday, 4th December
stalls/teas/Santa
Opened at 2.00pm
by Eileen Charlton



**St Cuthbert's
Winter Coffee Morning**
Sat. 11th December
10.00am until noon
coffee, cakes, tombola and
good company

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

December 5th

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev. Peter Wright
6.00pm Evening Service
Joan Histon

December 12th

10.00am Toy Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Service
Bill Stoddart

December 19th

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Harry Wood
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Les Hann

December 26th

at Haltwhistle
10.30am United Service

*Information on January services was
not available at the time of printing
the Haydon News.*

*If you require information about
services please contact the Methodist
Minister, Rev Les Hann.*

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

December 5th

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

December 12th

*10.30am Joint Service at Haydon
Bridge*

December 19th

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

December 26th

Beltingham
10.30am Joint Communion

January 2nd

Beltingham
10.30am Joint Service

January 9th

*10.30am Joint Service at Haydon
Bridge*

January 16th

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

January 23th

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

January 30th

Henshaw
10.30am Joint Communion

**ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY
CHURCH SERVICES**

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am

Mass each Sunday at
11.00am at Haltwhistle

Mass on weekdays (except
Mondays) at 10.00am
either St John's or
Haltwhistle

**ST CUTHBERT'S
CHURCH
SERVICES**

December 5th

11.00am BCP Communion

December 12th

10.30am Joint Communion

December 19th

11.00am Communion

December 26th

10.30am Joint Service at Beltingham

January 2nd

11.00am BCP Communion

January 9th

10.30am Joint Service

January 16th

11.00am Communion

January 23th

11.00am Communion

January 30th

10.30am Joint Service at Henshaw

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

**Next Service
9th January 2011**

**Epiphany Evensong
4.00pm**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2010

Sunday 19th December 2010

6.00pm United Village Carol Service, *Methodist Church*

Christmas Eve (Friday)

4.00pm United Christingle Service, *St Cuthbert's C of E Church*

9.30pm Christmas Carols, *St John's R.C. Church*

10.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass, *St John's R.C. Church*

11.30pm Midnight Mass, *St Cuthbert's C of E Church*

Christmas Day (Saturday)

9.30am Mass of the Nativity of the Lord, *St. John's Church*

11.00am Communion at Christmas, *St Cuthbert's C of E Church*

Sunday 26th

9.30am Mass of the Holy Family, *St John's R.C. Church*

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB

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NOTICES

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

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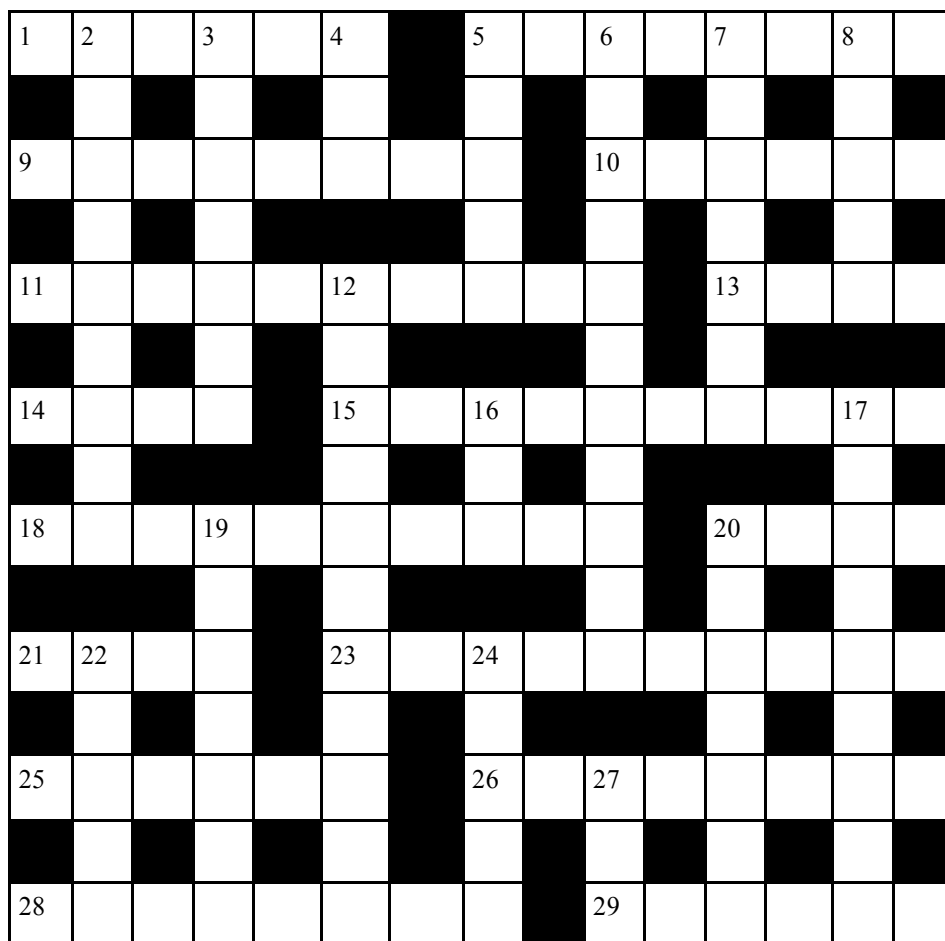
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1. A cheap treat for tribal member. (6)
5. Escape crash abroad.(5,3)
9. Oil a comb, out of place in Mexico. (8)
10. Nipper movement.(6)
11. Hiker delayed filler.(10)
13. Indian chic party.(4)
14. Shade metal model.(4)
15. Principal van controller.(10)
18. Main nation goes to pieces.
One with no morals? (10)
20. Obese England. Death results.(4)
21. Eggs left sports ground.(4)
23. In error send crit, i.e. imprudent.(10)
25. Monkey I turned into fish.(6)
26. Friendly follower of philosopher.(8)
28. N.E. footballing flier.(5,3)
29. See 5 down.

SOLUTIONS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (57)

Across

1. Football team
9. Arboretum
10. Crewe
12. Strabismus
14. Self made
15. Agenda
17. Retake
19. Polo-neck
22. Bridesmaid
23. Reap
26. Light
- 27&11. Leicester
City
28. Pretty Things.

Down

- 1 Franc
- 2 Orbital
- 3 Bore
- 4 Latitude
- 5 Tomcat
- 6 Accrington
- 7 Seaman
- 8 Redshank
- 13 Smoke eater
- 14 Scrabble
- 16 Solidify
- 18 Things
- 20 Everton
- 21 Amulet
- 24 Paris
- 25 Mesh

DOWN

2. Poor bat in peculiar novitiate.(9)
3. Old alien. Davy? (7)
4. Fall back, retreat.(3)
- 5,29. A dark horse.(5,6)
6. Expert mines at sea tests.(11)
7. Two sets of relations combine to
construct small barrels.(7)
8. Alter greatly on a high boundary.
(5)
12. Drunken, I'd chop a sari to obtain
stimulant.(11)

16. French mate in a minute.(3)
17. Fanatic texters, I'm upset.(9)
19. Claims I revised of the Muslim
faith.(7)
20. Hardwood found in Argentina or
Brazil.(7)
22. Blunt voiced.(5)
24. Terminus dictator loses a point.(5)
27. Some of the Albanians might wear
this.(3)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
13(12 correct)

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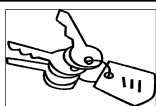
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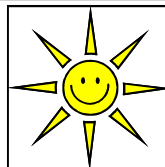
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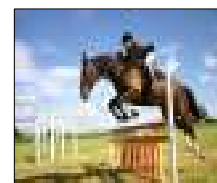
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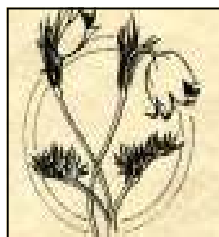
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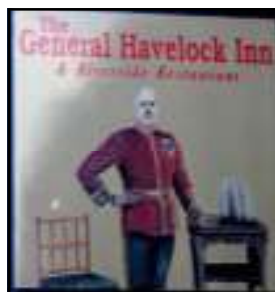
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Dec 24th.
Open for morning coffee and lunch only
Dec 25th. Fully booked
Dec 26th.
Open for morning coffee, lunch, dinner.
Dec 27th. & 28th. Open for morning
coffee, lunch, afternoon tea & dinner.
Dec 29th. Open for morning coffee,
lunch & dinner
Dec 30th. Open for morning coffee and
dinner only.
Dec 31st. Morning coffee only
Jan 1st. Open for lunch, afternoon tea &
dinner.
Jan 2nd. Open as usual.



THE GENERAL HAVELOCK INN

Mon 20th.-Fri 24th. December Open
Lunch 12noon-3pm; Dinner 7pm.-9pm.
Christmas Day & Boxing Day.
12noon-5.00pm; Closed evenings.
December 27th. & 28th.
Closed
December 29th. & 30th. Open
Lunch 12noon-3pm Dinner 7pm-9pm
New Year's Eve. Open
12noon- 3.00pm & 7.00pm-1.00am
Quiz open to all. Fizz & Fireworks at
midnight.
New Year's Day. Closed
Jan 2nd. Open 12noon-5.00pm
Jan3rd. Closed
Jan 4th. as usual.
Home made Xmas Puddings for sale
Burns' Night with 'Canny Crack' &
Gordon the piper & 'Hoick' haggis.



CARTS BOG INN

Festive opening times.....
Christmas Eve. Bar open usual times
Food at lunchtime only..
Christmas Day. Booked Meals only
Bar open 12noon-3.00pm
Boxing Day. Food served 12.00noon -
4.00pm. Booking essential.
Bar open 12noon-11.00pm
Bank Holiday Dec 27th.
Bar 12 noon-2.00pm & 5.30pm-11pm
Food 12noon -2pm & 5.30pm-8.30pm
New Year's Eve.
Bar 12.00midday- 12.30pm
Food.... Bookings only.
New Year's Day.
Bar 12.00noon-11.00pm
Food 12.00noon-2.00pm
Bank Holiday Jan 3rd.
Bar 12noon-2.00pm & 5.30pm-11pm
Food 12noon-2pm & 5.30pm-8.30pm



THE ANCHOR HOTEL

(See main advert opposite also)

**Enjoy the Christmas Spirit at the
Anchor Hotel.**

Anchor Party Nights from 9.00pm
Friday, 10th Dec.

Kenny 'the sax' Kirsopp

Saturday, 18th Dec.

The Pink Sinatra..... swing with a twist
Sell out shows at the Brighton Fringe
Festival in May & highly acclaimed at
Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2010.

Christmas Day Lunch 12noon-3.00pm
(Please book in advance)

Closed in the evening.

**Boxing Day. Complimentary canapés
and mulled wine. Sunday lunch**
12noon-9.00pm

New Year's Eve 12noon -1.00pm

New Year in Hogmanay style.

**Haggis piped in at 10pm with tatties &
neaps. Complimentary dram or sparkly**
at midnight.

New Year's Day.

Hangover Brunch from 10.30am

9.00pm Hair of the Dog Party Night
with Beeblefish

Call 01434 688121 for bookings & info



THE GARDEN STATION

We are closed for the winter, but groups
of 8 or more are welcome to book -
anything from tea and cakes or warming
soup for a group of walkers, to a festive
meal for your staff night out.

Contact us on 01434 684391 or go to
'enquiries' on our website
www.thegardenstation.co.uk

*Festive greetings to all Haydon News
readers*



Haydonian Social Club

Shaftoe Street, Haydon Bridge
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A Social Club For Everyone - CIU Affiliated

NEWSLETTER

Dec 2010 / Jan 2011

Only £2 a year to join for :-

£250 & £100 Bandit Jackpots—playable by members & associated members only

2 x Plasma Screen to enjoy all Sky Sports and more.

Digital Juke Box
Choose from 1,000's of singles

Key Draw — Weekly cash draw for £50 plus jackpot starting at £500 and increasing each week. Last tickets sold 9.30pm in Bar, drawn at 10pm

BINGO
Wed 8.30pm
Sun 8.00pm

FUNCTION ROOM
Ask about our free-function room for private parties and fundraising, disco's and karaoke's £75. Catering can be provided at great prices.

SKY TV / ESPN
Watch all Premiership and England football matches shown live on SKY / ESPN TV.

Children's Parties for members children every Easter, Halloween & Christmas

Quiz Machine
Play the latest games on the new touch screen.

2 Darts Boards and Pool Table

Date	What's On	Entry	Start
Sun 5th Dec	Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm		8.00pm
	West Brom v Newcastle		1.30pm
Wed 8th Dec	Bingo		8.30pm
Sat 11th Dec	Family Christmas Prize Bingo	(50p per book)	7.30pm
	Newcastle v Liverpool		5.30pm
Sun 12th Dec	Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm		8.00pm
Wed 15th Dec	Bingo (including wine & chocolates)		8.30pm
Sat 18th Dec	Members Children's Xmas Party—see poster in club		1pm till 4pm
	Sunderland v Bolton		12.45pm
Sun 19th Dec	Bingo (including Meat Vouchers) + Key Draw at 10pm		8.00pm
Wed 22nd Dec	Christmas Bingo (Cash Added Bingo)		8.00pm
Sat 25th Dec	Closed All Day — Christmas Day		
Sun 26th Dec	Boxing Day		Open All Day
	Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm		8.00pm
Mon 27th Dec	Bank Holiday - Bar Karaoke	Free	8.00pm
Wed 29th Dec	Bingo		8.00pm
Fri 31st Dec	New Years Eve Disco	Free	9.00pm
Sat 1st Jan 2011	Open All Day—Happy New Year		
Sun 2nd Jan	Bingo + Key Draw at 10pm		8.00pm

2011 **Bingo as normal every Sunday at 8.00pm and Wednesday at 8.30pm**

HAVE FUN AND KEEP FIT

EVERY TUESDAY

AEROBICS

We look forward to seeing you over the festive period.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for prosperous 2011.

Opening Hours

Monday—Thursday	6pm till Midnight
Friday	6pm to late
Saturday	12noon to late
Sunday	11.30am to 3pm & 7pm to 1am

Merry Christmas

Our opening hours are extended for special requests such as christenings, Sky / ESPN football matches— see notice board inside club.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All members are reminded that there annual memberships for 2011 are now due.

Please renew your memberships behind the bar during December 2010 and January 2011.

All memberships are £2 for the calendar year Jan to Dec 2011. If you have missed paying your 2010 subs you will have to rejoin and pay £1 for your share. New members are welcome, application forms behind bar.

Now Due

New Years Eve Disco & Karaoke Party



Start 9pm

Free Entry



Join us to celebrate and welcome in 2011.



Book a Children's Party at the Club OR a venue of your choice, including Disco, Party Games, Karaoke and lots of fun, prices start from £75. Call Paul for further information on 07792 741 843.