



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



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'THE BRIDGE'
Community Library and Information Centre
opened on February 3rd 2010.

Ian McKirkle and John Rooke,
two of the volunteer librarians
upon whom so much depends,
prepare the book shelves for visitors.

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Please.

THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE

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The Haydon News on line doesn't replace this traditional publication but allows those living outside our delivery area, who have a connection with or an interest in the parish, to keep in touch.

Welcome then to 'The Haydon News On Line'.

www.haydon-news.co.uk

A web site that includes an archive of earlier issues..

Contributions to The Haydon News in the form of articles or letters are most welcome, especially from those with a family connection within the parish.

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**Dennis Telford. (Chairman and Co-editor)
Friends of Haydon Bridge.**

EDITORIAL COMMENT

There can be no doubt that this winter will go down in the record books. Not that it's been the coldest winter on record. 1962/63 holds that record with freezing temperatures through most of January and February, ensuring that many places had continuous snow cover from late December until early March. However, by March 6th London had a daytime temperature of 17C.

It was colder still in the winter of 1981/82. On January 10th a temperature of -26.1C was recorded at Newport, Shropshire, the coldest temperature in England since 1895. The same night at Braemar saw the temperature drop to -27.2C. But then by mid January mild temperatures had returned, and the remainder of the winter was frost free for most of Britain. The winter of 1947 was certainly one of the snowiest. But in early January that year temperatures of about 14C were recorded. The snowy, cold weather didn't arrive until mid January followed by one of the coldest Februaries on record. Snow fell somewhere in Britain everyday for 55 days. High winds caused deep snow drifts. Drifts 5m deep were recorded in the Pennines on March 6th. This was followed by a rapid thaw in mid March and floods in many parts of Britain.

I think the winter of 2009/10 will probably hit the record books through its longevity. In our part of the country the easterly/north easterly winds set in by 16th December. We are now at the end of February. For most of that period winds have been from an easterly direction and temperatures have been below or well below average on most days. This winter cold spell has now lasted as long as the one of 1962/63 and is two weeks longer than the winter weather of '47.

With a five day weather forecast indicating heavy snow falls in many parts of the country in the next few days, and night time temperatures below freezing, this winter hasn't finished with us yet.

MP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF HAYDON, NORTHUMBERLAND, ENGLAND



THE BRIDGE
The Haydon Bridge
Community Library
and
Information Centre
opened on February 3rd 2010
in the original but renovated
library building.

The interpretive panel outside
the building on the right, is
the start of the parish's
John Martin Trail.

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editors@haydon-news.co.uk

Thank you

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Site construction by Henry Swaddle.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in February 2010

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Problems with the church clock were reported again. The engineer has been contacted to deal with the fault and will, hopefully, rectify it quickly.

A complaint was received about the state of the riverside picnic area. A new litter bin, supplied only last week, has been set on fire. There are large amounts of litter and vehicles have been driven over the grassed area causing extensive damage to the surface. There is also the continuing problem of dog fouling across the whole of the site. The council agreed that the site was a mess but pointed out that the Development Trust plan to upgrade the Picnic Area as this is one of the priorities identified in the Parish Plan.

COUNCIL MEETING

5 Councillors were present.

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Last month PC Cockburn gave a presentation on the problems caused to traffic and pedestrians by car parking in Shaftoe Street. Since this meeting two councillors have started to put together some questions for the proposed questionnaire. These questions are to be circulated to other councillors for comments and additions. The questionnaire will then be completed after the next meeting ready for distribution to the residents of John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street. The Council hope that this may help in the search for a solution to this long term problem.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.

The County Councillor was not present but he had forwarded a report to the Parish Clerk.

In his report Alan Sharp made the following points:

The County Council budget has now been approved. This includes £3million put back into the budget for road repairs;

Discussions are still underway with NCC Highways Dept about repairs to Land Ends Road. Things have moved forward, however, as NCC is carrying out repairs to the road and ditches, and charging the contractors for the repairs when completed. Cllr Sharp went onto state that he was very disappointed with

the contractors, CVC, as he felt they had failed to meet their contractual obligations;

The appeal, against the Planning Committee's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed holiday/leisure development at Langley Brickworks site, has now been deferred until May;

Money, for the maintenance of the play areas within the new housing developments in the village, is to be returned to the Parish Council. [*This money was given to the District Council by the developers specifically to pay for the maintenance of the play areas. With the creation of the 'Unitary Authority' the money was absorbed into its coffers*].

The missing bin at the picnic area has been replaced. [*Cllr Sharp is referring to the bin that was set on fire and reported to the council just a few minutes before. See 'Public Participation'*].

HIGHWAYS

Following a letter from the Parish Council to NCC about the crack in the parapet of the old bridge NCC inspected the bridge. Their report states that minor pointing work is required. Slight widening of the crack may be due to the recent cold temperatures and 'is not of untoward concern'.

A councillor has made inquiries about the provision of interactive speed signs on the approach roads into the village. Further enquiries are to be made regarding costs which will have to be met from the Parish Council's budget, or from the County Councillor's local project funding. It is unlikely that such signs could be in place before next year, as the PC's budget has been set, and the Councillor's funding already allocated.

PLANNING

The following applications were received by the Council for comment: Installation of a 15m high wind turbine at Lowes Farm, Lowgate. No objections were raised.

Creation of a zero-carbon learning zone at Haydon Bridge High School. The council expressed support for this application.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from an Innerhaugh Mews resident expressing concern at the speed of vehicles coming through the village. It was pointed out that the Council are aware of this problem and looking at ways to ensure drivers keep to the speed limit.

A letter was received from the charity Victim Support requesting an additional donation to help meet costs of projects it hopes to introduce this year. This was declined, as the Council already make an annual donation the charity.

Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd reminded the Council of the 'Lighting the Wall' event on Saturday, 13th March. In their letter the company stated that a great deal of media interest has been shown in the event and that it is likely to attract many visitors. They felt that businesses along the 'Hadrian's Wall Corridor', particularly accommodation providers and caterers, should benefit.

A councillor expressed concerns about the influx of traffic and parking problems along the Military Road and country lanes during the event.

A letter was received from a student at Durham university who is required to undertake a community analysis and then prepare and make a presentation on the findings to the Parish Council. The council agreed to participate in this project.

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HAYDON OLD CHURCH - PART III
 For parts I and II see
 HN December and February issues

St Cuthbert's church at Haydon was built around 1190 and was a chapel of ease within the parish of Warden. In 1795 the nave, aisle and tower of the old church were demolished and some of the stone reclaimed and used to build a new church in Haydon Bridge.

The new St Cuthbert's Church was consecrated on July 20th 1796 and of the original church at Haydon, only the chancel and 14th Century south chapel remained, as a mortuary chapel for burials in the churchyard there.

The only major structural changes to the remains of the old church as a result of the 1795 demolition were:

- A wall incorporating a large window

'of modern form', built across the open west end of the remaining chancel, which became a mortuary chapel.

(See notation 1 on the plan)

- A wide single arch from the end of the south wall of the chancel to the newly built west wall.

(See notation 2 on the plan)

- A large sloping buttress built with stones from the demolished walls of the nave, to form an abutment for the arch.

(See notation 3 on the plan)

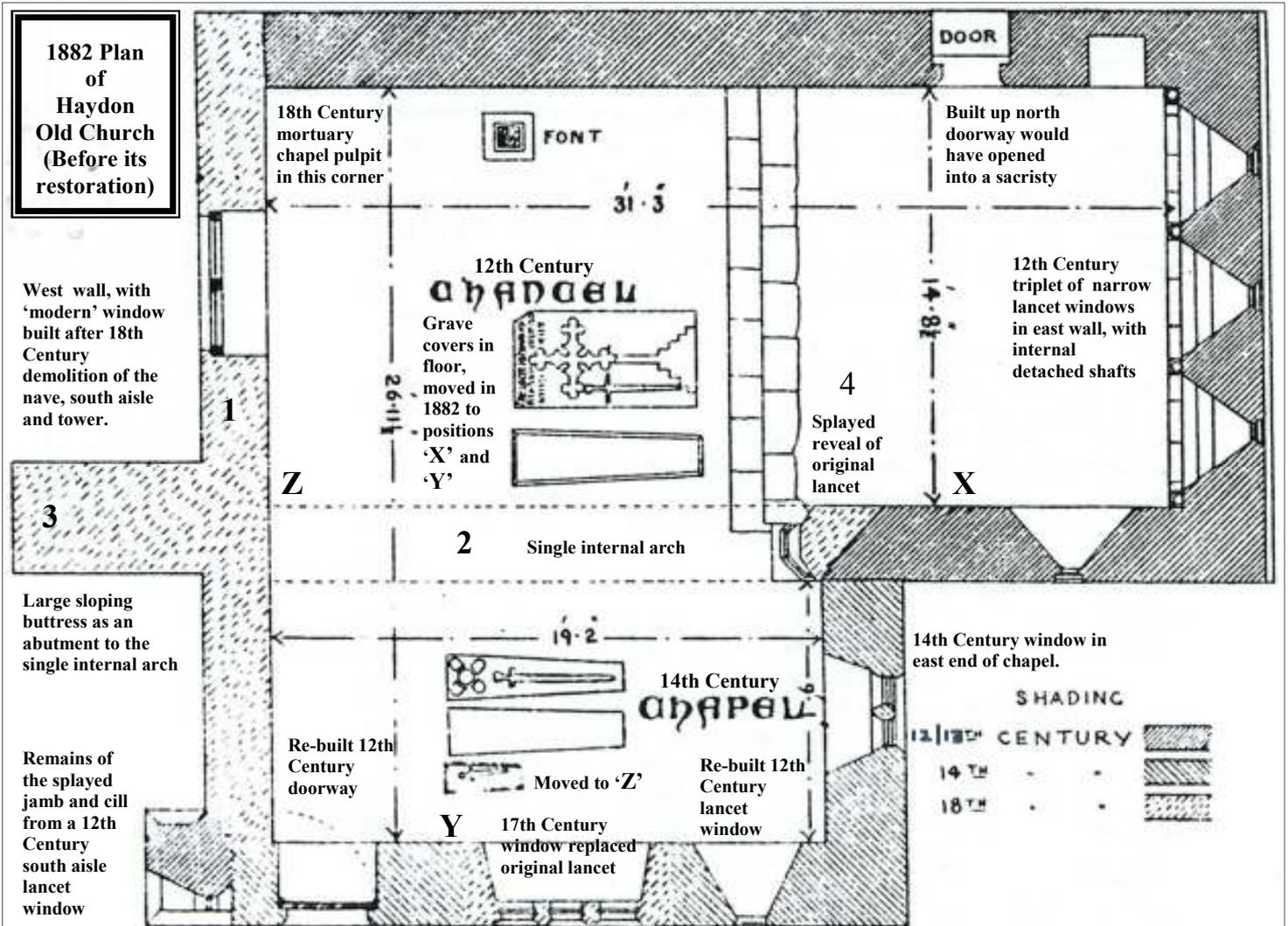
On June 26th 1879, by order of the Council held at Windsor, the Chapelry of Haydon was constituted a separate Parish and titular Vicarage of St Cuthbert's Haydon Bridge, and the Reverend John Heneage Mandell MA of Exeter College Oxford was appointed as first Vicar on the presentation of The Reverend George Cruddas, Vicar of Warden.

So it was that in 1869 Haydon, a chapelry within the parish of Warden, gained its independence - endowed with a stipend of £300. This eventually provided the impetus for the new Parish of Haydon and its first Vicar, the Rev. J.H. Mandell, to initiate improvements to the Haydon Old Church.

Charles Clement Hodges, one time resident architect to Hexham Abbey Church, was commissioned to undertake a survey of the remains of the former chapel of ease and Hodges' description of the building on his first visit to our old church was scathing.

'I never saw a sacred building in a more forlorn or squalid state....'

For most of its eight and a quarter centuries on our northern sky line, the old chapel of ease at Haydon has stood exposed to the elements, with little or no shelter from the stormy blast. Unlike Beltingham Church for example, where



This plan by C.C. Hodges in 1882, shows Haydon Old Church immediately before its 1882 restoration (Edited 2010 by DT)

The shaded portions indicate walls remaining from the 12th / 13th and 14th centuries, and the west wall - added in 1795.

the Yew trees are famously historic, at Haydon Old Church the protective arch of Yews is of 20th Century planting. (See 1908 photograph)

Charles Hodges added to his description of the church in 1882.

‘When complete it would be an excellent example of a small early English church of the northern type, simple almost to rudeness in some of its features, but in every way fitted for its exposed situation and to withstand the force of the storms which sweep over the vale of the Tyne.’

Hodges was thankful that our ancient chapel was reduced to its present proportions - when the nave, west tower and south aisle were removed in 1795 - before the days of architectural societies and unsympathetic restoration.

‘What was left was left untouched, with the bloom of centuries upon its rough walls, ruinous, doubtless, but each stone telling its own tale.’

Following his 1882 survey, Charles C. Hodges was given the responsibility of restoring our old chapel.

I am not aware of any substantial documentary evidence which would enable me to confirm an accurate programme of work during the 1882 restoration of Haydon Old Church. But, until further research reveals more detail, you are welcome to join me on a visit of discovery to our isolated place of worship.

Having been particularly shocked with the signs of neglect and the squalid state of the inside of the building, Hodges’s £500 restoration of Haydon Old Church, in 1882, paid close attention to those conditions and seems to have included:

- Re-creating the original internal arcade of two arches between the chancel and the chapel. (See photograph A)
- Removing the roof covering and lath and plaster ceiling and forming the fine King Post roof which is a feature of the church today.
- Flagging the chancel and re-positioning some of the floor slab dedications.
- Building three windows, matching the church’s heritage, into the west wall. To replace the 1795 window of ‘modern form’. (See photograph B)
- Building a bell-cot where a bell, which was brought from Warden when the tower of that church received new bells, rang out on the solemn occasion of an interment. (See photograph B)



Haydon Old Church in 1908, before the tree cover provided some shelter from the stormy blast

- Replacing the large external buttress on the west end with one of smaller dimensions. (See photograph B) Incorporated into the plinth, on the north side of this new buttress was a stone with Roman moulding, found in the 18th Century buttress during the restoration.

On January 30th 1883 the Haydon Old Church was re-opened, after Hodges’ restoration, by Ernest Roland Wilberforce the first Bishop of Newcastle. The Haydon Bridge Vicar, the Reverend J.H. Mandell, was given much credit by those involved, for having taken great care in overseeing an appropriate restoration of the building.

Before you follow me through the round headed south door into our Haydon Old Church, - the doorway was an original 12th Century feature re-built into the chapel that was added in the 14th Century - look above your head and notice that the internal lintel was formed, by the 14th Century builders, from a former grave cover.

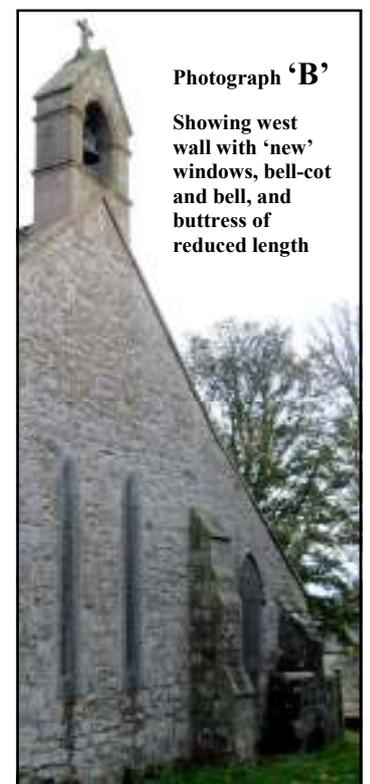


This is one of many interesting historical and architectural features within the church or built into the structure.

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Photograph ‘A’ - 19th Century arcade of two arches



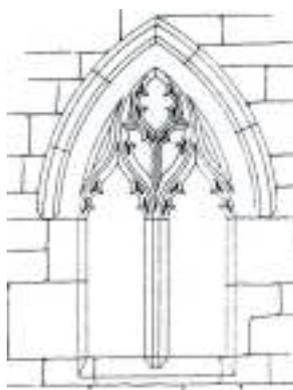
Photograph ‘B’
Showing west wall with ‘new’ windows, bell-cot and bell, and buttress of reduced length

Other grave remnants have been re-used in the sill of the large south window, an 18th Century dedication to George Thompson of Langley Castle and a headstone inscribed to five young members of the Wallace family, who died between 1742 and 1752.

If Hodges is correct and this window dates from the 17th Century, provided to give more light to the interior, the internal sill must have been a later addition. The window replaced one of the two original lancets that had been in the south wall of the chancel and were re-built into the south wall of the chapel - along with the south door - in the 14th Century.

The other original re-built lancet is to the east of the large south facing window. It also has its internal sill formed with an interesting sculptural slab, but without inscription.

It appears therefore, that the only detail of the chapel that was new in the 14th Century, was the beautiful small window with rich carved tracery that is in the east end of the chapel. Unfortunately this window cannot be seen in its full glory today because of the position of the organ.



14th Century window in the east wall of the chapel

A single reveal of one of these 12th Century chancel windows, moved to the chapel in the 14th Century, was exposed during the 1882 restoration and according to Charles Hodges showed traces of fresco painting. (See notation 4 on 1882 plan)

Sadly this detail was not retained, although Hodges did leave us with a description and a sketch of the foliage as drawn in the fresco.

'A kneeling figure, the drapery being delineated by broad lines of a dark colour, and beneath it a circle rather curiously foliated, and within it some conventional foliage of the maple leaf character, indicating late 13th Century work.'



Part of a fresco found by C.C. Hodges on a window reveal in 1882

Historians have generally relied upon the three narrow lancet windows in the east wall of the chancel to provide clues from which to date the building of the original church. The bold string course under this eastern triplet, the narrow lancet and the small carved capitals to two of the detached internal shafts are all acknowledged as 12th Century architectural features and Charles Hodges has left us with fine sketches of the details.

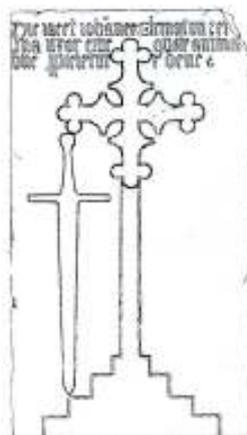


Small carved capitals to the ornamental internal detached shafts

The two shafts to the south are original

There are a number of monuments within our Haydon Old Church that are of special interest and for which the visitor can search but perhaps, more than anything else, the grave covers and their inscriptions will provide most with a sense of the building's ancient history.

Charles Hodges suggests that the slab to John Elrington and his wife, now in the floor below the south facing lancet in the chancel, (See notation X on the plan) is of the greatest interest.



Grave cover with cross and sword dedicated to John Elrington and his wife

The original black-letter inscription, inlaid surmounting the sword and floral cross, can hardly be read today, so we rely on John Hodgson who read the inscription in 1840 and Charles Clement Hodges who was 'able to read every letter' in 1882, to inform us that the words are beseeching God to be merciful to the souls of John Elrington and [Elina?] his wife.

On flat stones in the chancel floor, below the lancet triplet, there are further dedications to look for and interpret.

On one stone: (Although not in this form)

Here lieth interred Hugh Brawne the sonne of Captaine Edmund Brawne esquire who deaseased the 25 of March ano Domi 1636

And on another:

*Here lyes the body of Jahn Elington 1712
Here lyes the body of Miary Elington 1715
Here lyes the body of Anne Mauthoum 1715;
Here lyes the body of Jahne Mauthoum 1715*

And alongside:

Here lies the body of Isabel wife of Michael Toppin of Mill Hills who Died August the 16th 1734 Aged 44 years Also Jane his wife who died Octo the 14th 1759 Aged 66 years

And this small slab, with a sword, to a child, was found in the floor of the south chapel.



The gravestone symbol of a sword indicates a male deceased, whereas the symbol of a pair of shears would indicate the body of a female.

This slab is in the south west corner of the chancel today (See notation Z on the plan)

You will find other floor slabs in the church if you look closely, but most are worn with age and almost illegible now.

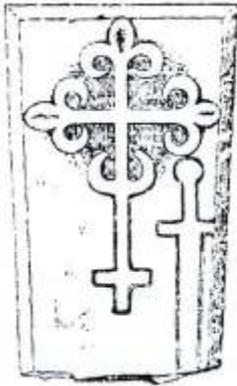
The north east corner of the chapel for example, where a slab covers the remains of Thomas Cowing who died 18th April 174 - (probably 1748) Aged 5 - years (probably 54 years).

And in the centre of the chapel floor: a slab to Thos Hen - Died 1774 (according to my records, probably Thomas Henderson of Chesterwood, Died May 10th 1774.) And a slab nearby with the remains of an ornamental cross but without inscription.

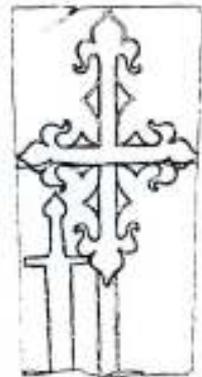
In 1882 it seems that Hodges moved

some floor slabs to positions where they were less likely to be worn away by the congregation. Unfortunately this hasn't halted the ravages of time and neglect.

There were other memorials that attracted Charles Hodges' attention during the 1882 restoration and, as with all the other sketches on these pages, it is Charles Clement Hodges and the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle Upon Tyne whom we must credit for a fine visual record.



These two sepulchral memorial remnants were found when the Haydon Old Church was restored by C.C. Hodges in 1882



Part of an effigy found when a grave was being dug in the churchyard in 1883.



And what of this slab with a wheel ornament replacing a cross?

It was found in the 18th Century buttress during the 1882 restoration but went missing shortly afterwards.

Where is its home now?
Is it a sill or lintel in one of your buildings?
Or a garden ornament perhaps.

There is no doubt that the most treasured possession within our Haydon Old Church is the re-cut Roman altar that has been used as a font, probably since the church was built. The font is plain and lacks inscriptions, however its Roman origin is undisputed. Interestingly, Bulmer's Directory of 1886 suggests that it may be the only instance on record in this country of the conversion of a pagan altar into a baptismal font! In 1882, the font was on the north side of the chancel where a pulpit stood and from which the funeral services were read. Today this Roman artefact, at which many generations of Haydonians have been received into the Christian Church, is placed inside the south door.



My history of our 'Old Church' could not have been undertaken without access to the documentary evidence provided by former scholars and visitors to the chapel of ease at Haydon. I am especially grateful to the following:

- C.C. Hodges. 'Haydon Church' Published 1883

- The publications of the Society of Antiquarians, Newcastle upon Tyne.

- John Hodgson and his 'History of Northumberland'.

- L.C. Coombes and his notes on the history of the Langley Barony.

And not forgetting - the early Registers of the Chapel of Haydon.

There are many dedications inside St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Haydon other than those I have referred to in my Historical Notes so far; and grave stones and covers with their inscriptions, fill the surrounding churchyard.

Many of these monuments have caught my attention over the years and provide clues to the social history of our parish.

I look forward to documenting the most interesting, in next month's issues of The Haydon News.

HAYDON BRIDGE THEN AND NOW



Plans to close the 'Store' on Shaftoe Street were made in 1976 to allow it to concentrate its activities in its Ratcliffe Road branch
These premises became Jim Smith's 'Haydon Bridge Antiques'

In 2010 the old 'store' building is unoccupied

Can anyone name the Co-op employees and provide a date for my photograph?

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

The Nature Club held its 40th Annual General Meeting, in the Methodist Chapel, on Thursday February 4th 2010. The club president, Betty Hargreaves, expressed her very great honour in being president of such a well run club and thanked the officers and committee to whom, she said, great credit was due. Over fifty members present, expressed their gratitude by agreeing unanimously to re-elect the committee for 2010.

President: Betty Hargreaves.

Chairman: William Foster.

Vice Chairman: Colin McCabe.

Treasurer: Ben Gibbard.

Membership Secretaries:

Margaret Moffat. Dot deStefano.

Programme Secretaries:

Emmi Althaus. Christine Swaddle.

The Haydon Bridge Nature Club has ninety four members and Chairman Bill Foster said it was an honour and pleasure for him to be associated with such a successful and long running club at Haydon Bridge.

Following the AGM, club member Derek Parker provided a most enjoyable photographic display of scenes at Harewood House; images through the seasons at Wallington Hall and Belsay; and trees of various shapes and forms in the landscape.

A vote of thanks, on behalf of the members, was proposed by Betty Hargreaves.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

WINTER AND SPRING TALKS March and April 2010

4th March: Mr & Mrs L. Jamieson.
'Flowers of the Mediterranean.'

18th March: Brian & Sophia Fuller.
'A Year of Birds.'

1st April: Rosi Bowyer.
'Aspects of Australia.'

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

Coffee/tea and biscuits provided

**Annual subscription: £10
Non-members £2 each meeting**

**ALL ARE WELCOME
INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS**

**For further information please contact:
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**Or Programme Secretaries:
Emmi Althaus: Tel: 01434 606173
Christine Swaddle; Tel: 01434 684498**

CORRESPONDENCE

Following our publication of Northern Rail's fare offer for seniors (February 2010), one of our readers and prospective morning traveller came across a snag!

Haydon Bridge.
February 4th 2010.

A message to:
Customer Relations,
Northern Rail.

I was quite taken with your over 55s ticket (Information published in The Haydon News February issue) and would like to use it to travel to Newcastle.

However, timetables being what they are, with the 9.30 restriction, I cannot get a train from Haydon Bridge until 1112. This seems a shame for the want of 16 minutes, as I could otherwise catch the 0914, which is after all outside peak travel hours in this area.

If trains stopped more frequently it wouldn't be a problem; as it is I lose the whole morning.

Can you help?

Ian Foster.

And Northern Rail's reply!

To Ian Foster.

I appreciate your comments, which we will pass on to our marketing team.

Unfortunately we cannot change the terms of the offer but we will bear your comments in mind for future promotions.

Regards

Trevor (Northern Rail Customer Services)

'WARM, REEKIN.....' BUT CERTAINLY NOT 'RICH'

My pleasant early evening stroll last month - along the waterside to The Anchor Hotel, across the old bridge, down the Eiland and along the back of the station - was all but ruined by residents and visitors who allow their dogs to foul the public footpaths, picnic areas and walkways; and don't collect the mess and take it home!

I understand this was also a ghastly problem for those volunteers who removed the Christmas trees and lighting cables from the old bridge. In their case they were as likely to cover their hands as well as their feet, in the stuff.

Do we still plead with these thoughtless dog owners in a nice manner?

Or is it time to shame them?

Robbie Burns would have a verse for it.

Or was it Topaz McGonagall?

**Tak care when staukin doon yon road,
Sin' some oaf's dautie left its load,
Wee reekin parcels mess the floor
Of ony hame, 'cept oaf's front door.**

Well. Maybe it's time for a change?

HAYDON BRIDGE MOTHERS' UNION

**You are invited to
'Make a Mothers' Day'**

**Saturday March 13th 2010
From 10.00am to 12.00 noon.
In the Haydon Bridge
Community Centre.**

**As well as refreshments there will be
a raffle and bring and buy sale for
mothers and their families in Third
World countries.**



MAGNIFICENT AEROBATHON



What is this?

It is my attempt to raise money for
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

My friends and I will be staging 12 hrs of Aerobic classes
8am - 8pm

**Haydon Bridge Community Centre
Saturday 20th March 2010.**

We will be providing breakfast, lunch and supper.

**After the last class there will be a
Social Evening with wine and snacks.**

ALL FREE

**Please come and join in the classes throughout the day
No need to book just drop in OR Contact Lorna 07747842364**

CAN YOU HELP?

HAYDON NEWS COMMITTEE:

The Haydon News is published by The Friends of Haydon Bridge and committee members are required; to oversee the general editorial policy and administration of the organisation. The task need not be an onerous one. Occasional support for printing and collating The Haydon News for example, and 4 or 5 meetings each year.

LANGLEY:

We are looking for someone who can provide a regular house to house delivery of The Haydon News to residents in the Langley area of our parish.

You would not be alone, but would support the existing system of distribution undertaken by Mrs. Gilhespy, Ed. Brown, The Garden Station and, hopefully by Easter, the Carts Bog.

For further information, or to express an interest in the voluntary activities above, please contact the editors.

**Tel: 01434 684636
01434 684340**

WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS:

We are grateful to those who already write for The Haydon News, but would like to encourage other parishioners to provide written contributions.

Would you like to report on or review local events you have organised or attended.

Or maybe new poems or short stories with a theme appropriate to the area.

Young or old (or in-between), we would like to include your experience, views, information or inspiration in our future issues.

**Written contributions for
The Haydon News
can be left at Claire's Newsagents
addressed to
'The Editors, Haydon News'**

**Or: emailed to:
editors@haydon-news.co.uk**

HOPELESS

The personal notice in last month's Haydon News (page 10) failed to find a match for our sporting resident.

But let's not be too despondent, we are prepared to allow thirty days of extra time and in doing so expect to achieve a positive result.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

I have shared many stories of our heritage with you, in over one hundred issues of The Haydon News; but what of our parish today? The Parish of Haydon is alive and well in 2010 and there is much to enjoy here and to celebrate. In this series of occasional articles I will take a closer look at some of the special places within the parish boundaries. This month I visit Langley Dam. Articles from readers, extolling the virtues of their parish favourites, will be most welcome for this feature in future issues of The Haydon News.

LANGLEY DAM

Langley Dam, situated at the junction of the B6295 and B6305, has developed into one of the most popular fly fishing sites in the north east of England.

Built as a reservoir at Nilston Rigg in 1805, to ensure a continuous supply of water to the 19th Century Langley lead smelting works, the fourteen acre and ten foot deep lake occupies a position of particular tranquillity and beauty today.

The fishery, owned by Benedict Bates and his sister Annabelle Morshead, is managed by Freddie White and his wife Norreen and I am sure that the water could not be in more appropriate hands. The White family have a long and distinguished history of residency in the Langley area and it takes only a short time in Freddie's company to be struck by his enthusiasm and commitment to the position he has held since 2002. There can be no better accolade than that provided by satisfied visitors to the lake; for example, Peter Edwards of Ponteland comments:

"Langley Dam is hosted by a husband and wife team who make every visitor very welcome with sound, accurate advice and more importantly, a welcoming smile!"

From 1974 to 1988 Freddie worked at Nilston Rigg Farm and it was while he was there that he helped Benedict Bates stock the Dam as a fly fishery in 1986; many years earlier it had been stocked with Perch and Carp for coarse fishing.

Today's visitors to Langley Dam travel from as far afield as Berwick and South Durham, Cumberland and Scotland. Freddie tells me there are many regular visitors to the lake and he keeps them informed each week through the newspapers and radio as to which flies have been most successful during the previous week.

The lake is stocked weekly; mainly with Rainbow Trout but once a year with Brown and a few Tiger Trout. All day tickets are available for sport, when any fish caught are returned to the water, and 'Kill' tickets are also available which allow an agreed number of fish to be kept. The water at Langley can be fished eleven months a year, from the bank or from five boats that are available for hire, and Freddie is usually available for basic tuition, if required by novices or juniors.

I haven't fished myself - not since we tickled the trout and took minnows in a jam jar from the Langley Burn - so I have to admit, Freddie White's knowledge that small traditional fly patterns and lures tend to do well on the Dam, and a Dawson's Olive or a Cat's Whisker can help you avoid blanking on a tough day, went right over my head. One thing I am certain about however, is that a tranquil hour or two spent in a small boat, midst some of our counties finest scenery and beneath a sky that was an inspiration to our own John Martin, would be a grand way to spend a balmy summer evening in our wonderful Haydon Parish.

My thanks are due to Freddie and Norreen White for their hospitality.



YORKSHIRE (?) DALES

I was interested to read that moves are underway to rename the Yorkshire Dales - a National Park since 1954 - 'THE DALES' so that the Park can be extended to incorporate counties other than Yorkshire.

I must say, I thought that extending the Yorkshire Dales had taken place some time ago!

Take a close look at this coffee mug I purchased in 2008.



Shaftoe Trust First School

SHAFTOE TRUST FIRST SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The association organises a biannual 'Bags to School' event during the Autumn and Spring terms. In November 2009 it raised £105!

Members of the committee will be distributing blue bags through doors in the village to collect your unwanted clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. **(NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE)**

If you could support this event we would be very grateful. Any bin bag will be OK should your door be missed. Bags will need to be brought to school before 9.00 a.m on Friday 5th March. If you require someone to collect your donation please ring school. (684309)

The committee is exploring the possibility of organising a 'Ram Roast' during the summer term (probably June or July). If you are a local band wanting to volunteer your services and perform in front of a live audience please contact school. (684309)

CAKE STALL

Our cake stall held on Friday 22nd January raised a staggering £134 for the Haiti appeal. Thanks to all who supported this event.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 25th March - Spring Festival at 2.00p.m. in the school hall.
Friday 5th March - Bags to School.

PROGGY MAT PROJECT

This is underway but progressing slowly. If you would like to spend some time helping us, it would be really appreciated.

ENQUIRY THROUGH THE ARTS

Shaftoe Trust First School continues to provide an exciting and stimulating curriculum for all children. During the next 2 terms we welcome back Mr Ian Hopper who will work outdoors providing unusual and adventurous activities! Ask the children; they will tell you all about it.....

This term we have an architect and sculptor working with all children exploring mathematics through art. Watch out for the final sculpture, to be sited in the walled garden....

Regular readers will know that we enjoy receiving correspondence, photographs and memories from Haydonians.

This month we are grateful to Ann Puddick (nee Hutchinson) for sending us her Shaftoe Trust School photograph.

Ann, who will be remembered as living at The Tofts, lives in Lancashire now and is a subscriber to The Haydon News.



ANN'S 1954 SHAFTOE TRUST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH WILL TEST YOUR POWERS OF OBSERVATION. OVER 55 YEARS AGO, BUT HOW MANY OF THESE 13/14 YEAR OLD PUPILS DO YOU RECOGNISE? AND WHO IS THEIR TEACHER? Names in next month's issue.

Haydon Bridge and Haydon Parish Development Trust Report

Community Library @ The Bridge

The Library moved back into its newly refurbished premises at the beginning of February and opened to the public on February 3rd, 2010. While the Library is part of the Northumberland County Council Library Service, the County Service have provided the bookcases, books and computers, it is now run by the community.

The Parish Council have the lease on the building and pay the annual rent and building insurance. The Development Trust manage and fund the activities taking place in the building, including the Library, and a group of 39 volunteers run our parish library service.

The County Library Service will refresh the book stock from time to time and provide books requested by library users.

The Library open sessions will remain the same as they were when the Library was housed temporarily in the Community Centre. (See below). The Development Trust thank the Community Association for allowing the Library to operate from the Community Centre for several months while the old building was refurbished.

At present members of the Development Trust are ordering additional bookcases, furniture, computer and display facilities to enhance the Library provision and also to provide refreshment facilities for the 'Internet Cafe' and tourist information for visitors.

The County Council is to provide a direct telephone link with County Hall for people to access the 'One Stop Shop' advisory and information service

It is hoped that by Easter 'The Bridge' will be offering all these services.

'The Bridge' will also be available for meetings, courses and exhibitions later in the year.

Why 'The Bridge'? Because the building will eventually provide a link between the parish community and service providers and also offer a range of services to help local people and visitors discover more about the area and enjoy its attractions.

MP



Sonja Bailes and Eileen Charlton, two members of the Development Trust, and part of 'The Bridge' planning team. A third member of the team is behind the camera.

PLANNING FOR THE TOURIST INFORMATION POINT @ THE BRIDGE.

One of the major projects being undertaken by the Development Trust is the promotion of tourism in Haydon Bridge and the Parish. At present the Trust is working on three aspects of this

1. The new village web site listing attractions in the area and accommodation for visitors.
2. Opening a Tourist Information Point at 'The Bridge'
3. Provision of training for the library volunteers, who will also be helping at the Tourist Information Point, and for people in the village/parish who run or work in businesses connected to tourism. (All accommodation providers, shop owners/assistants, publicans etc)

Members of the Trust have had a meeting with major tourist organisations in the area and have gained their support for the Information Point. The North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), NCC, Northumberland Tourism and Hadrian's Wall Heritage, will provide training sessions. All the above organisations and Northumberland National Park will provide information leaflets, and display information. Display Panels for leaflets have been ordered; an advertisement for Haydon Bridge placed in Northumberland Tourist 'Days Out' leaflet and plans are underway for training.

The Tourist Information Point will be open by Easter. More on this in future issues.

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LIBRARY OPENING TIMES.

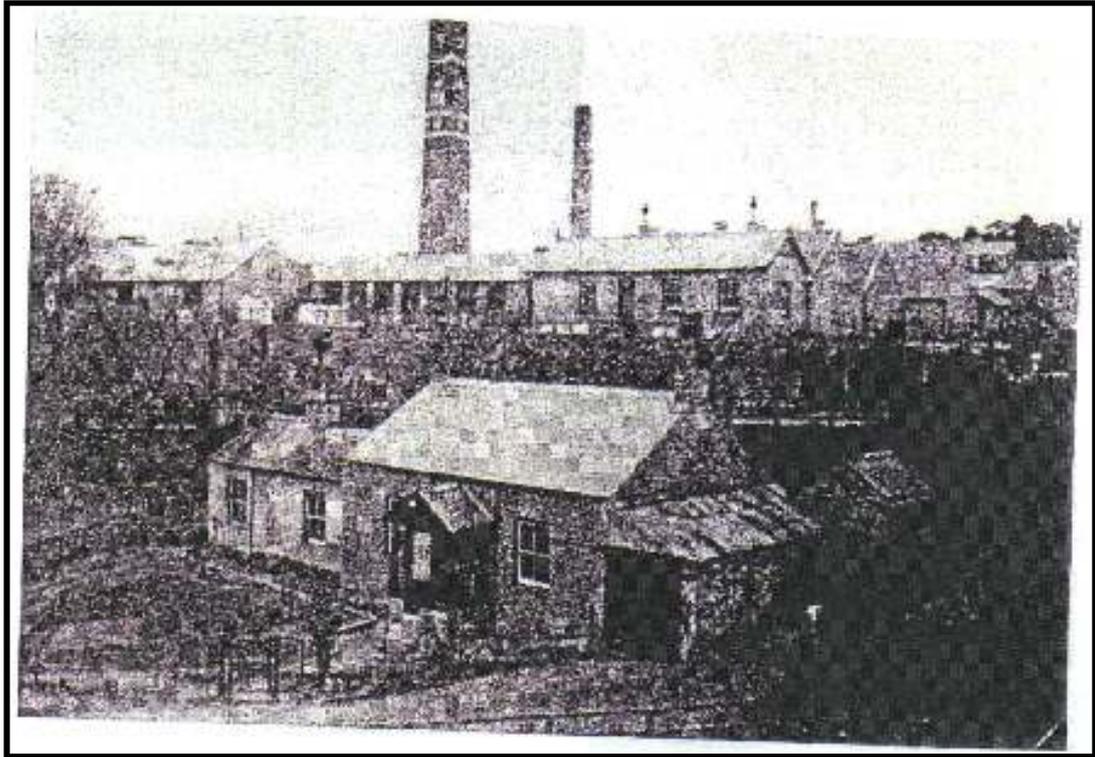
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This month's practice contribution is brought to you by Martin Bell, practice manager at the surgery

An open invitation to all Haydon & Allen Valley patients

The only constant is change, so the saying goes.

That is certainly true for the NHS; given the financial climate and the pending general election, the notion of more change for the NHS, and at a regional and local level, is a great reality. But, do not despair, change offers opportunity, and HAVMED is offering all our patients the opportunity to ensure that the patient's voice is heard. It's all to do with Practice Based Commissioning (PBC for short). Allow Martin Bell, the Practice Manager, and Jean Ford, the practice's representative on the Patient Forum to explain.

JF So, Martin, PBC, another acronym. What is it all about?

MB PBC is a scheme that enables GPs to take control of budgets from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and to become more involved in planning and making decisions about services for patients at a local level. In other words, an opportunity to shape local services for local needs.

JF Sounds good, but how is it actually working in our area?

MB GPs across the Tynedale patch have been co-operating for some time now, meeting under the banner of the West PBC Group (WPBCG, another

acronym, sorry!). Some really good and successful work has been achieved, most notably the creation of GP-led palliative care beds in partnership with Charlotte Straker and Tynedale Hospice at Home, and around care planning.

JF But how do patients get involved?

MB Recently, a Patients Forum was established. This is the group that you attend on behalf of the practice. The idea is simple: health professionals' need to continue to listen to their customers; patients have really good ideas about local services as they use them frequently, so we want patients to speak up.

JF Is this an opportunity for patients to raise issues or concerns about specific GPs or practices?

MB No, can I make this clear. PBC, and the Patients Forum, is a real opportunity for patients to put forward their ideas and suggestions, and to have a collective voice, with regards to the development of services in the locality. If you have specific issues with an individual practice, speak to the Practice Manager.

JF Surely, everything is set in stone and planned years in advance, so what's the point of patients getting involved?

MB Of course, the NHS is a huge infrastructure and good ideas are occurring all the time and, yes, PBC is not a blank cheque for patients to totally redesign local NHS services.

However, let's take a real and practical example.

There's a proposal to build a new emergency hospital near Cramlington. This could be three or four years away but, when it becomes reality, what will be the impact for, say, Hexham General Hospital? We all know the new hospital offers excellent services and is valued by local people, but we have to ensure the hospital remains a focal point for the delivery of locally required services. One way to achieve this is for local GPs and the hospital staff to work even more closely than they already do in developing partnerships to provide top quality health provision for the local population. Another way is for the people of Tynedale, as patients engaging with their local surgery's PBC Patient Forum, to raise and answer questions such as 'What services would you like to see at Hexham General Hospital?' In order to achieve this GPs, hospital staff, patients and other interested parties need to start working more closely together now: those three or four years will soon fly by!

JF I see where you're coming from. But how can patients of Haydon & Allen Valleys Medical Practice become involved?

MB Well, Jean, as part of this PBC Patient Forum process, the idea is to hold two open forum events per year, to be held at the surgery, allowing patients to come along and be heard. For 2010, the two dates for these meetings will be

Tuesday 13th April

Tuesday 14th September

Both meetings will start at 6.30pm and aim to finish around 7.30pm. Naturally enough, we'll ensure tea / coffee (and possibly a cake or two!) are available, and we'll endeavour to publicise some themes or topics beforehand, to provide a loose structure to the meeting, but also allowing for a more 'free-reign' discussion to occur also.

JF Will more information be made available to patients nearer the time?

MB Yes, we will put a further reminder into the Haydon News in April, as well as information in the surgery and on the surgery's website, under the 'Practice News' section.

Our website address is:

www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk

A reminder to all in the eligible groups that Swine flu vaccinations are still available in the practice. Swine flu remains a potentially dangerous illness so we encourage those who need it to have the vaccine.

We have weekly sessions so ask at reception. Because of the way we receive the vaccine we need to vaccinate several people at the same time, so please try to understand if we can only vaccinate you at certain times.

Martin Bell



Meanwhile.

Outside the Haydon Bridge Health Centre work continues on the new extension.

Work has been underway for a few weeks now and the building is beginning to take shape.

The new extension will accommodate a new larger office space, the dispensary and a seminar room for staff meeting/training sessions.

The old office/dispensary areas will be converted into new consultation rooms.

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CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

From

Les Hann

Dear Friends,

It's March and we are in the middle of lent and in the middle of lent we have Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day as it is often called which means cards, flowers, chocolates, dad or children making the lunch or taking everyone out for lunch. It is all about saying thank you for caring within the family.

On Mothering Sunday we give thanks to God for caring, befriending and loving from family, friends the church and all sorts of people because if "mothering" is about caring and so on then we are all involved in "mothering" one another. Then we are a family as a church and as a community.

So thank you for caring.

Haydon Bridge Churches Together have started a new venture – "Mussy Church"

Mussy Church is a once a month time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together, celebrating God together and have fun in church. It's church.... but not as you know it!!

Our first Mussy Church was a great success with twenty children and eleven parents and carers all joining in the fun together, not forgetting the helpers who came along to help us share the joy in creating and in thanking God.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 3.30pm – 5.45pm in the **Methodist Church**.

MARCH 2010



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

The next Messy Church is on 10th March 2010 come along and see for yourself.

Les Hann

Holy Week 2010

Tuesday April 7th
Stations of the Cross St John's 7.30.p.m

April 1st Maundy Thursday
Lord's Supper. St. Cuthbert's 6.30.p.m

April 2nd Good Friday
Methodist Church 11.00.a.m.
St. Cuthbert's 12.00.noon
All Hallows', Henshaw 2 pm
Passion of our Lord. St John's 3.00.p.m

Saturday April 11th
Easter Vigil Mass St John's 7.30.p.m

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

7th March

United Service 10.30am
Trinity, Hexham
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Les Hann

14th March

10.00am Family Service
Mothering Sunday
Marjorie Gazzani
6.00pm Evening Service
Father Leo Pyle

21st March

10.00am Morning Worship
Rev Russell Hilborne
6.00pm Evening Service
Rev Les Hann

28th March (clocks change)

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Praise Evening
Diane Wallace

4th April

Easter Sunday
10.00am Family Service
Joyce Short
6.00pm Easter Praise
Rev Les Hann

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

7th March

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

14th March

*11.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

21st March

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

28th March (clocks change)

Henshaw
10.00am Joint Service
- Palm Sunday

4th April Easter Sunday

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

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SERVICES**

7th March

11.00am BCP Communion

14th March

10.30am Family Communion
Service—Mothering Sunday

21st March

11.00am Communion

28th March (clocks change)

*10.00am Joint
Service at Henshaw*

4th April Easter Sunday

11.00am Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

Next service is Evensong
25th April at 6.00pm



Concert at the Methodist Church

Saturday 24th April 7.00 pm

Return visit of the Derwent Singers

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 5th March

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

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

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

We meet at the Methodist Church on Friday afternoons at 1.50pm during term time.

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

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SATURDAY 13TH MARCH

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MONDAY 5TH APRIL.

-CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY. 1pm-4pm
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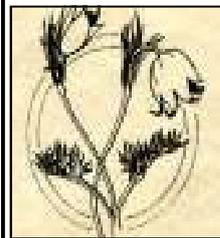
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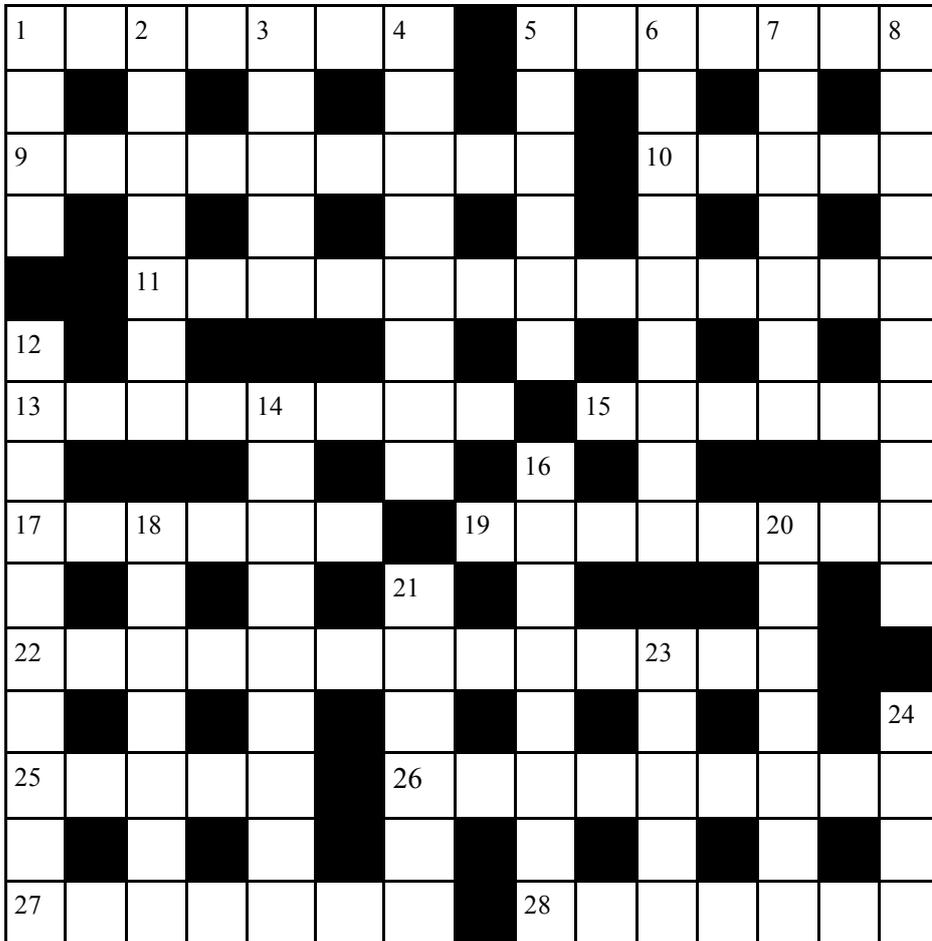
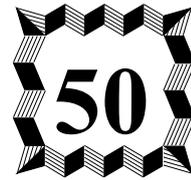
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ACROSS

- 1 Short old queen promises to be cruel. (7)
- 5 Gets rid of French models.(7)
- 9 Pain in the neck, hands, between two rocky hills.(9)
- 10 Defraud pop star.(5)
- 11 Referee! Bury umpire.(13)
- 13 Discharge late queen, Commonwealth of Independent States East.(8)
- 15 An heir aggravated protrusion.(6)
- 17 Part of garden Texan used for fish.(6)
- 19 Joined up and could be part of 10.(8)
- 22 Universal game.(13)
- 25 Acceleration of gravity and precipitation produced by 21, possibly with 18.(5)
- 26 Russian still used as glass.(9)
- 27 Eggs mammal produced for game. (3,4)
- 28 Neb brilliant posy.(7)

SOLUTIONS TO FEBRUARY'S CROSSWORD. (49)

Across

- 1 Cereal
4 Stagnant
9 Reflex
10 Parasite
12 Fraternalised
15 Otter
17 Inoculate
18 Elopement
19 Kraal
20 Materialise
24 Test tube.
25 Tiptop
26 Preached
27 Redcar

Down

- 1 Cornflower
2 Refraction
3 Arête
5 Transporters
6 Grand Turk
7 Acid
8 Then
11 Indigestible
13 Fatalistic
14 Bell pepper
16 Rheumatic
21 Arise
22 Stop
23 Ashe

DOWN

- 1 Examine love? Forbid! (4)
- 2 Motor, shoot weapon.(7)
- 3 Open ended time.(5)
- 4 At rest, I get up to send up.(8)
- 5 Stored around somewhere in the South West.(6)
- 6 Deadly plague I imparted.(9)
- 7 Post on contact with dairy product. (7)
- 8 Lolly-pop.(5,5)
- 12 Late campanologist looks just the same.(4,6)
- 14 Green light for headroom.(9)

16 MP there, meeting relatives relative.(8)

18 Egg price used by 21 to produce 25.(7)

20 Henry fishes town in Kent.(7)

21 Yeoman a long way from French sea.(6)

23 Negative acceptances of retreats.(5)

24 Refuse to accept existence of French, American city.(4)

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